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Hi Members !!! Yes ! Look who's here, a bit late to wish you a Merry Easter but dishing you up No. Legs Eleven of Booklist just the same. All my New Years resolutions for quick deliveries of Mags seem to have been broken at some time or other during the past three months, but I must plead extreme pressure of work, and as I don't work to any union scale of 48 hour weeks or suchlike (probably 100 hours is nearer the mark) it has become of late exceedingly difficult for me to find the time that I would like to write you people, post packages etc.

When we get the bundles of mags by post, we store them until the following Sunday, when, on my free afternoon, I have from 3 - 6 p.m. leisure on Sundays; we get them opened, checked up, and see what your missives say, and then go to the library to see if we can find something to suit. Sometimes we can't suit you right away and wait on to see if something turns up during the week following --- which is usually our undoing because that's the time we miss you and forget completely. HOWEVER - if we do get the next lot packed up, we have no-one to send on Monday so they wait till I have the page-boy on - on Tuesday, and they get posted, and you get them Wednesday or Thursday. So here's a request: IF YOU SEND US A PARCEL - send it to arrive before a Sunday, then if you don't get a parcel back by the Friday, just send us a Postcard with your name and address and put " Hi ! " or " What about it ! " or " Still patient ! " or anything like that and we shall be instantly stirred into activity, and see what we can do right away.  
--- OKAY ???

There have been two impromptu gathering of FEN at the Miltons Head recently, and in spite of short notice, I was very pleased to make the acquaintance of members who up till then had just been correspondents and not acquaintances.

I am afraid that Shob-Niggurath let me down over the question of subscriptions; he must have been on one of his Long Sleeps when I called on him, as we have still a large number of outstanding dues. How about it ???

The S.F.S. is going from strength to strength by all accounts, and I am hoping that they will shortly be able to arrange to co-ordinate the B.F. Library into their organization and thus have it centralised within an easy reach of their members so that they can have weekly sessions of meetings and post off mags with a more organised routine. How about it you S.F.S.ians ?

Incidentally, there are some overdrawn Stamp a/cs. among the following initials:- S.N / D.P. / R.C. / L.B. / S.L. / R.G. We have however kept sending mags but the Hellish Himalayan Mi-Go says that in future No-Go !!!

I am pleased to inform interested Members that I am disposing of my personal file of magazines covering the past few months, except for F.F.M. & F.F.N. which I am collecting and lists will be

appended. 10% of all cash received will, of course, go to the Library Funds - which need it. Incidentally, I would again appeal to any member having any of the following spare, to let me know as I only require these to complete my Sets.

WANTED:- Famous Fantastic Mysteries, June 1940 & Sept. 1943,  
& Fantastic Novels, March 1941.

Will anyone having any of the above please let me know.

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NEW MEMBERS:

The B.F.L. bids welcome to the following:-

A.E. Williams, West Lynn, Middleton Road, Manchester, 8.  
D. Evans, 1, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.  
J.W. Donaldson, 46, Eyhurst Ave., Elm Park, Romford,  
Essex.  
T. Cunningham, 48, Rubie Cross, Irvine, Ayrshire.  
Bill Johnson, 67, Percival Road, Feltham, Middlesex.  
Mrs. Helliwell, 16, Smithymoor Lane, Stockbridge,  
Near Sheffield.  
A.E. Prince, 53, Whittaker Lane, Preswick, Lancs.  
D. Pickles, 41, Compton Street, Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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Startling Stories for May, 1949, carries a mention of the B.F.L.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY. Ex C.I.D.:-

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| Amazing Stories, Nov. to October '48. | : Fan Novels, Sep. '48 & Nov. 1948.    |
| Fantastic, to October '48.            | : 1948.                                |
| Startling, November 1948.             | : Weird, November '48 & Jan. 1949.     |
| Astounding, May 1948.                 | : Planet, Summer '48.                  |
| Air Trails, Oct. & Nov. & December.   | : Wonder Stories, August, October '48. |
| Sampler, Winter '48.                  | : F.F.M., December '48.                |

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Incidentally, if any members are also interested in the collecting of "Old Boys Books", i.e: Gems, Magnets, Plucks, Chums, Boys Friends, Scoops, Nelson Lees, Sexton Blakes etc. there is an "Old Boys Book Club" which meets regularly in London, the Secretary being:

Mr. Benjamin C. Whiter,  
706, Lordship Lane,  
Wood Green, London, N.22.

Meetings are held regularly at different spots in London, Wood Green, Greenwich, Dulwich &c.

They have a good idea in connection with their Club in that different members are specialists in a particular sphere or magazine and are expert on say Nelson Lee or Greyfriars Stories,

or St. Jims Stories and so on.

It might be considered by the General Committee of the S.F.S. that the B.F.L. could be split up into its component magazines with a member volunteering to run one section, say " The Astounding Stories Section "; " The Amazing Section "; " The Wonder Section " etc. etc. Each member if not an authority to start with would soon get to know all the mags. in his keeping, and could advise members as to which years stories by particular authors or in a certain series appeared. B.F.L. members would have the addresses of the eight or ten Sectional Librarians and could send direct to each for the particular mags he required. The General catalogue could be made up at H.Q. yearly as desired. To avoid members having too many mags out at one time, members could be issued with either one or else two membership cards which could be sent to the sectional Librarian with their want list and a ninepenny P.O. to cover postage on their parcel. On finishing with a section a S.A.E. could be enclosed when returning the last parcel for return of members card.

Librarians could be notified with a list of members from their E.F.S. Directory, each six months or yearly.

I hope members will consider the suggestion, and write and let me know what they think of it. It would require eight or ten volunteers, and the idea has the additional benefit that not much room is required by each of the Librarians as for example, the Astounding file could fit into a couple of drawers in a chest of drawers, or a trunk (with plenty of room to spare) and assuming that 20 members at the most each week sent for books to the Library as a whole it means that an individual librarian would only send off one or two parcels in a week which would not take more than ten minutes a week. It will give more members a feeling of activity in the interests of Fandom, and even if it were only the PLANET Stories Section with 2 dozen mags to look after, the interest is there, and the Librarian member for Planet Stories would be a mine of information in future years, as well as making new friends among his borrowers in the Fen World.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU FEN !!! HAVE YOU GOT AN EMPTY DRAWER AND TEN MINUTES A WEEK TO SPARE? WHICH MAG WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AFTER AS YOUR PET ???

CHIN CHIN FOR NOW.

YOURS AYE.

JOHN GUNN,  
THE MILTONS HEAD HOTEL,  
NOTTINGHAM.

4. F O R S A L E - LIBRARIAN'S PRIVATE FILES OF

- WONDER STORIES, 1947: June: BOOMERANG CIRCUIT by Murray  
 @ 2/- each. LEINSTER.  
 Post Paid. Aug: DEADLY DUST by Wm. FITZGERALD.  
 10% to BFL. 1948: Apr: The FACELESS MEN by Arthur Less  
 ZAGAT.  
 Oct: The MOON THAT VANISHED  
 by Leight BRACKETT  
 Dec: GHOST PLANET by Murray LEINSTER.  
 1949: Feb: WEAPON SHOPS OF ISHER  
 by A.E. Van VOGT.  
 June: SEA KINGS OF MARS by Leigh BRACKETT  
 Apr: ULTIMATE PLANET by LOOMIS.
- STARTLING 1947: July: KINGDOM OF THE BLIND  
 STORIES, by George O. SMITH  
 @ 2/- each, Sept: LORD OF THE STORM by Keith HAMMOND.  
 P.P. Nov: MAN IN THE IRON CAP  
 10% to BFL. by Murray LEINSTER
- 1948: Mar: ONE OF THE THREE by Wesley LONG.  
 May: MICROSCOPIC GIANTS by Paul ERNST.  
 Sept: WHAT MAD UNIVERSE by Fredric BROWN.  
 Nov: ISOTOPE MEN by Festus PRAGNELL.
- 1949: Jan: TIME AXIS by Henry KUTTNER.  
 Mar: BLACK GALAXY by Murray LEINSTER.
- FANTASTIC 1947: July: GODDESS OF THE GOLDEN FLAME  
 ADVENTURES, by Wm. P. McGIVERN.  
 @ 2/- each, Sep: SECRET OF ELENA'S TOMB  
 P.P. by Karl TANZLRER Von  
 10% to B.F.L. COSEL.
- Oct: WITCH OF THE ANDES  
 by Richard S. SHAVER.  
 Nov: LAMP OF VENGEANCE  
 by Berkely LIVINGSTON.  
 Dec: TOKA FIGHTS THE BIG CATS  
 by J. W. PELKIE.
- 1948: Jan: SECRET OF THE SERPENT by Don WILCOS  
 Feb: SLAVES OF THE WORM  
 by Richard S. SHAVER.  
 Apr: LAIR OF THE GRIMALKIN by G.H. IRWIN  
 May: FORGOTTEN WORLDS by  
 by Lawrence CHANDLER.  
 June: BLACK ARROW by Jamieson WOOD.  
 Aug: MAN FROM YESTERDAY by Lee FRANCIS.  
 Sep: LAVENDER FINE OF DEATH  
 by Don WILCOS.  
 Oct: THIS WAY TO HEAVEN  
 by Harold M. SHERMAN.  
 Nov: DIMENSIONS UNLIMITED  
 by Berkely LIVINGSTON.  
 Dec: OUTLAWS OF CORPUS by Lee FRANCIS.  
 1949: Jan: RETURN OF SINBAD  
 by Chester S. GEIER.

- FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, (Continued)  
@ 2/- each,  
P.P.  
10% to B.F.L.
- 1949: Feb: MAGICIAN OF MISTY DAVE  
by S. M. TENNESHAW.  
Mar: MERMAID OF MARACOT DEEP by A. BLADE  
Apr: WAR OF THE GIANT APES by A. BLADE.
- AMAZING STORIES, 1939: Apr: WORLD WITHOUT WOMEN  
@ 2/- each,  
P.P. by Thornton AYRE.  
1947: June: HIDDEN CITY by Chester E. GEIER.  
1948: Jan: FLIGHT OF THE STARLING  
by Chester E. GEIER.  
Feb: PROMETHEUS 11 by S. J. BYRNE.  
Mar: GODS OF VENUS by Richard S. SHAVER.  
Apr: MONSTER FROM MARS by A. BLADE.  
May: ARMAGEDDON by Craig BROWNING.  
July: MAN FROM AGHARTI by  
by J. & D. de COURCY.  
Aug: STARSHIP FROM SIRIUS  
by Reg. PHILLIPS.  
Sep: TITANS DAUGHTER by  
by Richard S. SHAVER.  
Oct: THE BRAIN by Alexander BLADE.  
Nov: RETURN OF THARN by Howard BROWNE.  
Dec: DAUGHTER OF THE NIGHT by  
by R.S. SHAVER.
- 1949: Jan: DINOSAUR DESTROYER by A. PETTICOLAS  
Feb: INSANE PLANET by Alex. BLADE.  
Mar: CHEMICAL VAMPIRE by Lee FRANCIS.  
Apr: THE MONSTER by S. M. TENNESHAW.  
May: FLAME QUEEN by Gaston DERREAU.
- SUPER SCIENCE,  
@ 3/- each,  
P.P.  
10% to B.F.L.
- 1940: Mar: WORLD REBORN by Thornton AYRES.  
1941: Jan: COLLISION COURSE.  
May: MISSION UNKNOWN by Henry HASSE.  
1942: May: PRISONER OF TIME by Polton CROSS.  
Aug: CHAM OF THE HILLS  
by Charles O. TANNER.  
Nov: WE GUARD THE BLACK PLANET  
by Henry KUTTNER.
- 1943: Feb: THE PERSECUTORS by Cleve CARTMILL.  
1942: Feb: CROSS OF WAR CRUX by Harry WALTON.
- AVON FANTASY  
READER,  
@ 1/6d.
- AVON GHOST  
READER,  
@ 1/6d.
- WINGS ACROSS  
TIME,  
@ 1/6d.
- THE CITY OF THE LIVING DEAD.  
by Frank Edward ARNOLD.



6.  
OTHER EYES WATCHING  
@ 1/6d. by Polton CROSS.
- LURKER AT THE THRESHOLD  
@ 5/- by H.P. LOVECRAFT and August DERLETH.
- SAINTS CHOICE, Vol. 2  
@ 1/6d. by Leslie CHARTERIS.
- Ditto. " " "
- STRANGE AND FANTASTIC STORIES OMNIBUS VOLUME; 762 pages  
@ 10/-.
- PLANET STORIES Fall: 1947: BLACK SILENCE by Emmett McDOWELL.  
@ 3/- each. Winter: 1947: BLACK PRIESTESS OF VARDA  
P.P. by Erik FENNELL.
- UNKNOWN April: 1939: ULTIMATE ADVENTURE  
@ 3/- by L. Ron HUBBARD.  
P.P.
- ASTOUNDINGS 1947: May-July (3) FURY by Lawrence O'Donnell.  
(to be sold in Aug-Oct (3) THE END IS NOT YET  
serial sets by L. Ron HUBBARD  
only) Nov. 1947, Feb. 1948 (4) CHILDREN OF THE LENS  
@ 2/- each. by E. E. SMITH.  
P.P. 1948: Mar-May (3) ...AND SEARCHING MIND  
10% to B.F.L. by J. WILLIAMSON.  
June-Aug (3) DREADEFUL SANCTUARY  
by E. F. RUSSELL.  
Sept: THE CATS PAW by G. O SMITH.  
Oct. 1948, Jan. 1949 (4) THE PLAYERS OF NULL  
by A. E. Van VOGT.  
1949: Feb-Apr. (3) SEETEE by Will STEWART.

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