

operation fantast

supplement.....january, 48

Published by Capt. Kenneth F. Slater, Riverside South Brink, Wisbech, Cambs, on behalf of the Liaison Department of the British Fantasy Library.

Dear FEN,

Belatedly, allow me to wish you a prosperous New Year, with lots of good reading.

This sup contains a few news items, and lots of trading stuff, so you collectors better get out your pens and paper. Just to put you new-comers in the picture, if you want any mag or book advertised by the department itself, please dont send any money with your request for it. If it is still available when your card or letter is received, it will be sent with a priced invoice, and you can pay then. If you have a want list in, you can send money any time, and it will be credited to you, but this system cannot be used for occasional purchases.

I hope that is clear to everyone... I don't seem to have completely recovered from Christmas yet.

Fantastically yours,

Kenneth Slater
Capt.

It is with regret that I record the death of Arthur Machen, whom I am informed died during December. This master of fantasy was well-loved by many Fen, and his loss will leave a gap in the front line of writers which will be hard to fill.

I understand that the next number of FANTASY REVIEW will carry an appreciation of this author, and his works.

FANTASY UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS

I note that the Sydney FUTURIAN Society has been revived. Any Fen interested should write to Vol Molesworth, 160 Beach Street, Coogee, SYDNEY, N.S.W. Australia. All queries will be welcomed. A full report on the operation of the FUTURIAN SOCIETY will be given in O.F. 3 ... I hope.

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CONTACT

Paul A. Doerr, 203 E. State St., Sharon, Th., U.S.A., sends me a postcard, in which he expresses a desire to swap mint-condition U.S. mags for ditto British. S.F. and Fantasy mags, of course. Come on, chums, get crackin.

Ron Holmes 67, Lincolnside Road, Belle Vale, Liverpool (now where have I seen that address before ?) wants FANTASY (Temple Bar) No. 1, and A.S.F. B.R.F.'s. 1939 Nov. and 1941 Aug. Anybody as don't want 'em, or as 'em, writes Ron, yesno ?.

THE FORBIDDEN CROSSES by John Thain. FOR SALE at 15/- inc postage.

This offer is made by Walter J. Horecott, 41 St. Johns, Worcester, who has two mint-condition copies of this book, and is going crossed eyed trying to read both.

BOOK HOPE: I am suprised to find that very few collectors seem to know about a very fine fantasy, written by one of Britain's best authors.

This is 'THE STOLEN MARCH' by Dornford Yates, and it has recently been reprinted by Ward & Lock, at 6/-. Dornford Yates, famous for his 'Chandos' and 'Berry' books, turned in this novel his wonderful descriptive talents to the production of an amusing, and in some cases, serious, fantasy of a place on Earth where the inhabitants refused to accept the gift of logic, and retained their magic.

Four ordinary mortals who venture into this land have some amusing and thrilling adventures; and the story as told by Dornford Yates will keep you in the grip of his personal magic all through the book.

NEW MEMBERS.

My apologies if there are any mistakes in this list, but the check-up I have just made was rather confused by the list you sent me, Ron.

- BRADLEY Miss D. 32 Joyes Street, Clatham, Kent.
- DUELL, A. 24 Scarborough Road, Walker, Newcastle, 6.
- LONEY, H. 31, Cottesbrock Close, Liverpool, 11.
- IRMER, E. 4, Chesholm Road, London, N.16.
- MacDONALD, T. 4, Lismore Street, Carlisle, Scot.
- MEDCALF, P. G. 55, Elmbridge Road, Perry Bar, Birmingham, 22b.
- NODLEMAN, S. 44, Primrose Gardens, Hampstead, London
- S MITH, R. 46d, Lower Stafford St., Wolverhampton.
- WILLIAMS, I. Engineers House, Stanley Road, Worcester.
- YOUNG, A.A. J. 17, Canterbury Rd., Whitstable, Kent.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- INNES, Dr. I. A. 76, Carden Place, Aberdeen.
- GRIMES, F. J. Church Cottage, Winterton-on-Sea, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk.
- WILLIAMS, A. E. o/o Mrs Lord, 2 Walter St. Off Wine St., Abbey Hey, Manchester.

NECROMANCER. A few copies of Necromancer No. 1 Supplement are on hand, if any Fan still want one, please write me, and if your request is received in time, you'll get a copy.

Nigel Lindsay, 311, Babbacombe Road, Torquay, Devon wants the following issues of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION, (U SA) in mint or near-mint condition:

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COMPETITION - No. 1.

In order to encourage members to send in contributions for O.F. I am running a little series of competitions. Rules will be simple.....

1. Each entry must conform to the details of requirements printed.
2. " " " be posted not later than the date stated.
3. An entry from a B.F.L. Member must be accompanied by 6d in stamps or P.O.
4. An entry from a non-BFL receiver of O.F. must be accompanied by 1/- in stamps, etc.
5. Judgement of entries will be made by a committee of of one Fan, one technical adviser, and one ordinary citizen.
6. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1. To the best entry, a sum of not less than 40/-. 2. Four 'runners-up' to receive free any magazine which they may select from the list published in the supplement to O.F. containing the results, or 3/- credit on O.F. Trading Dept.

If sufficient entries are received, the prizes will be increased accordingly, but provided more than five entries are received, the above minimum prizes will be awarded. If less than five, or only five, entries are received, the committee will adjudge the prizes according to the worth of the entries.

The subject matter for the first competition is quoted on the next page.

If you can spare a tanner, please have a try. Don't forget you are as expert on this as the next man... or woman.

operation fantast offers, cont.

ASTONISHING STORIES

Canadian Editions
1942 Jan Mar. 2/10 ea.

CAPTAIN FUTURE

1940 Win. Spr. 3/3 ea.
1941 Spr. 3/3
1942 Win Spr. Fall 3/3 ea.
1943 Spr. Sun. 3/3 ea.
1944 Spr. Sun. 3/3 ea.

AVON FANTASY READER

No. 3 & 4 2/6 ea.

FANTASY BOOK NO 1 2/3

THRILLING WONDER STORIES

1937 Feb 1/9
1940 Apr. Aug 2/6 ea.
1941 Apr ~~Aug~~ Oct Jun 2/6 ea.
1944 Fall (Dem. FO) 2/-
1946 Sun, Fall Dec. 2/6 ea.
1947 Oct. Feb. 1/10 ea.

PLANET STORIES

1942 Fall 2/10
1943 March 2/9
1944 Fall 2/6
1945 Sun Win. 2/6 ea.
1946 Spr. Sun. Fall Win. 2/6 ea.
1947 Sun. Win. 1/9 ea.

SUPERSCIENCE STORIES

1943 Feb. 3/3

WEIRD TALES Canadian

1943 Jan. 2/6
1945 July 2/6
1946 Jan Mar Nov 1/9 ea.
1947 May July 1/6 ea.

WEIRD TALES, U.S.A.

1945 May Nov 2/6 ea.
1946 May Nov 2/6 ea.
1947 Jan Jul Sep. Nov. 1/9 ea.
1948 Jan 1/10

POCKET BOOKS: THE NIGHT LIFE OF THE GODS Thorne Smith 2/6
AVON GHOST READER 2/6
TERROR AT NIGHT (Avon Anthology) 2/6
REBIRTH - McCleary 2/6
THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON H.G. Wells 2/6

I promised a number of members copies of the Pocket Book of STF. This is now in stock, but the list has been mislaid. Please write if you want a copy still. ~~Price 2/6~~ Price 3/-.
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David A McInnes latest address is '1619 Eastern Ave., (Mars Estates) Baltimore, 21, Maryland, U.S.A. (Apt. E.)

DAM is the man who publishes 'NECROMANCER, the fanzine that is issued free to all fen who care to drop DAM a line or two. He is not trying to sell you anything !!!!!
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R.R.F. Bailey, 14 Market Place, Melton Mowbray, Leics. wants the following mags:

UNKNOWN, U.S.A. Editions. All from March 1939 onwards.
B.R.E. 1939, Sept. Nov. 1940 Jan Feb April, May June Aug Sept Nov.
1941, July; 1942, March June; 1944 May.
ASTOUNDING U.S.A. December 1939 to February, 1947, inclusive except Apr. '44, & Jul '45
B.R.E. 1939 Dec. 1940 Jan March. 1941 March May Oct.
He offers as swops TWS 1947, October, December. 1948 February. and PLANET STORIES, Winter 1947, Spring, 1948.
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Your stooge, K.F.S. wants to purchase any good condition copies of Fantasy, post-war, New Worlds, and Outlands. What have you? I still want copies of the BRE UNKNOWN, any vintage, as well. Turn out the box room and see what you have,.....
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WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A CONVENTION FOR THE BRITISH FEN? If so, drop me p.c. or a brief note saying so. More on that subject next supplement.
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All those X's don't mean I love you. I just got tired of dots. I MPORTANT. During the Xmas holiday, I had an accident whilst cycling along with about four files tucked under my arm. Anyone who wrote to me before Xmas, and has not yet received a reply, had best write again, because I am very sorry, but your letter must have been lost.
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Well, I had a lot more adverts and stuff (all buckshee) but I have no more space, so adios until next month. If I have promised to do anything, get anything, say anything for you, and not done so, please see note above, and write and tell me all about it. Don't try any fast ones...I have a good memory, more or less. This does not apply to anything sent after 27th December, 1947. Sorry you've been troubled. Cheers.

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OPERATION FANTAST.

Capt. K. F. Slater,
Riverside, South Brink,
Wisbech, Cambs.

25.1.1948.

Dear Fellow Fen,

This letter is temporary farewell. I have been posted overseas !

As yet I am not certain where I am going, but where-ever it is, OPERATION FANTAST will continue in publication just as soon as I get settled, even if I have to write the rag by hand. If at all possible, the Liaison Department will also be continued, but I fear most of my trading activities will go by the board.

I am arranging for some of you with the biggest want lists to receive my services, but this will be limited, I fear.

However, please keep in touch, all my regular correspondents - the above address will always find me - and I'll give you all the low down as soon as I get re-organised.

Please don't delay in sending in any articles, entries for the competition, or, short stories, or anything else, for fear that they won't get into print, because I can promise you they will.

You will find attached a list of stuff which I have on hand at present, and which, naturally, I want to dispose of. It is being offered at the lowest possible price, and if you want any items, please complete the order form below, and send it in.

Yours in Fantasy (and a flat spin)

Kenneth Slater
Capt.

THESE MAGAZINES AND BOOKS MUST BE CLEARED ! ! ! ! !

One shilling in the pound reduction given on every order over 10/-.

BOOKS: 'S L A N' A.E. Van Vogt. Mint, w/dust cover, 12/-

'BEST SUPERNATURAL STORIES OF H.P. LOVECRAFT' Ex. condition, dust cover damaged. 15/-

POCKET BOOKS, etc. THE METAL MONSTER Merritt. 3/-
 Thorne Smith. THE GLORIOUS POOL, THE PASSIONATE WITCH, TURNABOUT,
 THE BISHOP'S JAEGBERS. at 3/- each. All New.

REBIRTH.....MC, O'LEARY (when all the world forgot everything !!) 2/6

THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON H.G. WELLS 2/6

AVON GHOST READER 2/6

THE GREEN MAN Harold M. Sherman 2/3

THE POCKET BOOK OF SCIENCE FICTION New copy 3/-
 2nd Hand. 2/6

THRILLING WONDER STORIES.
 1946 Fall 2/3.

AMAZING STORIES
 1932 March 2/6
 1934 Nov. 2/6
 1935 Jan Jun Jul Aug
 Dec 2/6 ea.

1936 Apr Jun Aug Oct
 Dec 2/6

1937 Feb Apr Jun Aug
 Dec 2/3

1938 Feb Apr Aug Oct 2/-
 1939 Apr Jul 1/6
 1946 Sept Nov 2/3

ASTONISHING STORIES
 U. S. A.
 1941 Nov. 2/9
 1942 Jun Oct 3/- ea.
 1943 Feb 3/3

WEIRD TALES USA
 1947 Nov 1/9
 1948 Jan Dam. F.C. 1/-
 Canadian
 1943 Jan 2/-
 1945 July 1/6
 1946 Jan Mar Nov 1/3
 1947 May Jul 1/-

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES
 1946 July Sept 2/- ea.
 1947 Mar Jul Sep Oct Nov 1/9

AVON FANTASY READER
 Nos 1, 2, and 4. 2/6 ea.

In all cases, prices are per magazine. 'Each' has not been put in every case in order to save typing, space, etc.

ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION
 U. S. A.
 1936 Jan Nov. 3/3
 1937 Feb Apr. 3/-
 1938 May 2/9
 1939 Jan Feb Mar May
 Jun 2/6
 1947 Mar Apr. May 1/10

UNCANNY TALES
 Canadian.
 1941 July 2/6

FUTURE
 1942 Dec 2/9

SCIENCE FICTION
 1940 Mar 2/9
 1941 Jan Jun Sep 2/9
 1943 Apr 3/-

GENUS FEN having specific wants may still place orders with the department. If you miss an issue of a current magazine we shall be able to get it for you at 1/10. Time taken will be up to six weeks.

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES
 1940 Mar. 2/9
 1944 Sept 2/6
 1946 Apr Jun 2/3
 1947 Jun Aug 1/10
 1948 Feb 1/10

Some fen have not renewed their subs for Fantasy Review. Wassa matter? Don't U like it? If not, write and tell Walt whats wrong.

Next issue of NEURCMANOR will be delayed a month or so yet, DMM informs me.

Announcement: Nigel Lindsay requests that folk sending him queries please enclose stamped and addressed envelope to save postage, and facilitate reply.

BAD NEWS: Ron Holmes may be going into hospital. This may cause a bit of hold-up in things under his control. In any case we all wish him luck (good.)

NOTE: Joyce asks me to say that she won't be able to answer lengthy letters, so please limit communications to essentials.

Mrs DMM has been commissioned to a cover for C.F.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

A.A. Young, 17 Canterbury Road, Whitstable, Kent: WANTS:

Available: Edgar Rice Burroughs: The Gods of Mars,
 Olaf Stapledon: Old Man in New World. 2/- Synthetic Men of Mars,
 AS TOUNDING U.S. ed. 1945 Aug. Sept. 2/6 ea. Master Mind of Mars,
 UNKNOWN U.S.A. Ed. 1940 August,
 ASTOUNDING do. 1945 April, '44 Sept. Aug.

Also wanted... The Incomplete Enchanter I. Sprague De Camp,

Cyril Shute, 19, Lawn Road, STAFFORD, wants:

ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION, U.S.A. Editions 1940, Jan. May. Aug. Sep. Nov. Dec.
 1941, May. Aug. Nov. Dec. 1942, May. Mar. Apr. Dec.

(Please note, Cyril, you did not include a list with your letter, so I have printed your want list as it stands.)

Friend Member Shute also has photographic copies of the original illustrations to 'SKYLARK OF SPACE', as printed in Amazing Stories. Will anybody interested in getting a set for insertion in the book edition, please contact Cyril or myself, and we will see what can be done.

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D.W. EVANS, 1 Oxford St., Weston-super-Mare, still has a large number of early issues of Amazing, Astounding, etc, and other mags, for sale. Let him know your
wants.....

I can offer you 'The Best Supernatural Stories of H.P. Lovecraft', good copy, Dust Jacket slightly damaged, for 14/-. K.F.S.

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R.J. HOOTON, LHM COTTAGE, 138 ASHGATE RD. CHESTERFIELD, wants:

AMAZING 1926, Apr. May. June. July. Aug. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1927 Jan. Feb. Mar. Aug.
 Nov. Dec. 1929 Aug.
 ASTOUNDING 1930, Feb. Jul. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. 1931 Mar. Jun. 1940 Jan. Aug.
 1942 Feb. Dec. 1943, Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr.

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J.B. Colthard, o/o Strachan, 45, Thirlestone Road, Edinburgh, 9, wants:

WONDER STORIES: 1930, Dec. 1931 Apr. Jul to Sept. 1932 Jan Feb. 1938 Apr. Aug.
 1939 Feb. Jan. Aug.

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N. C. Gourlay, 3 Thorntree Dr., DENTON BURN, Newcastle on Tyne, wants:
 Startling Stories, 1940 all except Nov. 1941, 1942 All issues.

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Peter B. Bell, 12 Barfillan Dr. Glasgow, S.W. 2 wants ASF BRE's 1939 Sep. Oct.
 1940 Mar. 1941 Mar. Jun. Jul. Sep. Nov. Dec. 1942 Mar. Aug. 1943 Feb.

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Closing Note: Will everyone who has not sent me a revised want list since the beginning of this year, please do so. Want lists should be on SEPARATE sheets of paper, and should bear name and address at top. Ideal form is as shown below:

ASF, U.S.A.	B. Brown, 'Browndorf' Brown St. Brownville.											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1944	x				x		x	x	x	x		
1945					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

'X' represents issues NOT required.
 This of course applies to extensive lists only. Blank sheets for compilation of lists will be supplied at price of 1d each, or 9d a dozen, but I suggest it is cheaper to buy some squared or 'graph' paper and make your own. A full list of issues of any U.S. mag will be supplied at a rate of 6d per mag for those still in production, or 6d for any two obsolete mags. Information supplied is dates of issue, Vol. and issue Numbers., with space for check marks. Each sheet will be separately typed, either on foolscap or quarto, as desired. K.F.S.

Before I forget, have YOU paid that sub. ?



Miss A. BRARLEY,
32, JONES ST.,
CHATHAM,
KENT.

IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO:
RIVERSIDE, SOUTH BRINK,
WISBECH, CAMBS, ENGLAND.

