

--E. E. Evert, Editor--

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\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT!!!! IMPORTANT!!!! IMPORTANT!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Reader,

-You have no doubt noticed the change in this issue from the last two. This is we wish to state, a sort of "Noble Experiment" we did a lot of work and got out this issue, but we cant give you any more 3page issues unless we get MORE SUBSCRIBERS!

-We think that you will like the 3page style much better than the 4page, let us know what you think, and if you wish us to continue on in the 3page size get your friends to subscribe, renew your own subscription if possible, help us to get more money and you will get more reading (FURTHER: if we get the circulation and money we may come out monthly soon!!). WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU ON THIS PROPOSITION. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

Signed, Edward E. Evert, EDITOR

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This issues story.....

"THE REMARKABLE CASE OF McDUGGALS RIBS"

An unusual fantastic story with a "weird" twist, in contrast with our last story by "Mnname" this story is good, and long. We think that you will like it.

## PART ONE:

McDougall and I have been friends for many years, for every since the Great War to be exact. We had been close friends with becoming confident. He told us nothing of himself and asked me no questions. We belonged to the same clubs and did out plugging around the course together, we dropped in on each other about once a week, it went that far but no futher.

There the matter rested, untill one day after we had came in after a hard round of golf and were taking a nice cool shower---I had finished, but Mac had just came.

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I was giving myself a good rub-down with a towel when I happened to notice how well developed MacDougals legs were, regular trees, if I may wax poetic. However, when I happened to look at his chest---then I saw it. I say, "it" for that was what it was, where Macs fifth rib should be there was a deep, wide, puckered scar, now understand when I say "fifth rib" I mean the fifth rib on both sides! The scar was all of 2½ inches wide, and had a red angry look that reminded one of a newly healed scar. Altho I knew that this scar was old, years and years old.

I guess in my surprise that I must have stared, for I heard Mac say, "Horribelooking mess isnt it?" I could only stammer, "I came by that scar?" continued Mac. "In a very strange way....." He stoped and it was over fifteen minutes before he spoke again, and there was a trace of suppressed excitement in his voice. He says to me, "Drop in tonight early and....." Again he dropped off, but the few words he had said were enough, I was in for a good story that night and I did not aim to miss it.

I was all-a-thrill with anticipation that night when I rang the bell at the door of Macs Rent House. Mac opened the door with a rush that almost brought me in with it, Mac looked funny, he had a strange drawn look on his face and his eyes had small pin-points of fire in them. It reminded me of Witches Fire. I was quickly yanked out of the door and ploped down in a big chair. Mac dropped down in the one opposite, there was a small table between us, and for the first time I noticed the huge Colts Army Auto. that lay on it. Mac saw me look at the gun, the funny look on his face grew and he said, "Well Shep, I'm going to tell you a story tonight, you want believe it, no one would, but if it failes, I still have this" and his hand stroked the blue barrell of the Gun. This was a find time for the story to begin-----

OK WHAT WE FOUND! by Captain NEE.P. North  
an Article & F. Cape Sabine

THE blunder that the editor of one of the foremost science fiction magazines made recently in the reason for this article. This editor condensendingly tried to explain science fiction to new readers. He stated that this type of fiction had been first written by such writers as Poe, Vern, etc., a few writers of not so very many years ago! Now in writing this article for the BULLETIN we have dived deeply in ALL sources of information. And we think that you the readers of the BULLETIN and members of the ISFG will appreciate that we have called to your attention something that the high-ups in science fiction have POINTEDLY overlooked!!

WE BRING BEFORE YOU THE EARLIEST SCIENCE FICTION STORY!

WHERE did we find it?? You would never guess!!!!!! In no other place than, HERBERT GEORGE WELLS, "OUTLINE OF HISTORY" in one of the outstanding works of one of the outstanding writers of fantasy fiction!!!!

WE quote a few lines from Mr. Wells book (page 765)  
-----This Francis Bacon has been called the father of "Experimental Philosophy", but his share in the development of scientific work has been made too much of. He was, says Sir. R. A. Gregory, "Not the founder of; but the apostle of the scientific method". His greatest service to science WAS A FANTASTIC BOOK, "THE NEW ATLANTIS" IN HIS, "NEW ATLANTIS" FRANCIS BACON PLANNED IN SOMEWHAT FANCIFUL LANGUAGE A PALACE OF INVENTION, A GREAT TEMPLE OF SCIENCE, WHERE THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IN ALL ITS BRANCHES WAS TO BE ORGAANIZED ON PRINCIPLES OF HIGHEST EFFICIENCY!!!!

SO may we end with the few words THAT SCIENCE FICTION IS AS OLD IF NOT OLDER THAN MOST MODERN FORMS OF FICTION!!!!!!

MACDOUGALS RIBS-SHEPHERD-Continued from page three.  
---writes showing all around, and the puples and idices running together untill they looked like little beads. There you have the thing that had full charge over me. I say, "thing" for the thing could NOT BE HUMAN! (continued untill:Nov-Dec:issue)



WITH THE MAGAZINES--A DEPARTMENT--CONDUCTED BY "Tat"  
ASTOUNDING--may come out bi-monthly, excellent stories--fine make-up, more pages---smaller price.....  
AMAZING--While the first stf mag, now about the last developments! This publication will have many fine changes soon.

WONDER--Smallest stf mag now selling--Science fiction league being sponsored by WONDER. Keep away from the clubs and run the magazine!

Weird--Here you get your moneys worth--excellent make up--plenty of pages--excellent paintings and illustrations--good collection of stories--however--keep OUT the science fiction!!!!!!  
SCOOPS--Plenty of reading for a small price! Damn good stories and articles! be sure and read this mag. if you can!

THE I.S.F.G. BULLETIN BOARD-----  
LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASH:---SEND IN YOUR REQUESTS FOR STRANGE TALES. STREET AND SMITH PROMISE TO RETURN THE MAGAZINE IF BROUGHT REQUEST IT. WRITE LETTERS NOW!!!

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Friendly Book Shop, 83 4th Avenue, New York City

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An editor of one of the foremost stf magazine had the nerve to say that he personally did not believe in space travel. It was impossible!

Strange things are happening in some stf quarters--we hope to have a very interesting article on this soon.

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I HAVE a large collection of miscellaneous short-novelle--novel--serial--book--magazine forms of stf & fantastic fiction to sell to any one for what they will bring. Write: Wilson Shepherd, Oakman, Alabama.

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SHALL WE GO ON IN THIS FORM OR RETURN TO THE 4PAGE ONE????????? THIS RESTS ENTIRELY WITH YOU, THE READERS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT????????? WE WILL DO OUR PART WILL YOU DO YOURS????? OF SO LET US HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS ETC., ETC. & ETC THAT YOU MAY HAVE. GET US MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS. RENEW YOURS!!!!!!

The International Science Fiction Guild

---and it did! As you Dear Reader have already seen, I am no story teller, much less a writer, so here I will turn the thing over to my friend Mac, after all it is his story, and if possible, merely consider it is his voice coming from my mouth. Let us start:

"As you will remember" began Mac. "I was everthing I was supposed not to be, the family had made their pile and had aquired a polish, just think Shep only a hundred years or so ago my Great-Grand-father was chasing around as a pirate. It was in the blood, and it just happened that it popped out in me. I was 20 when they began that squabble in Europe, and oh, how I wanted to go! But nothing doing Well I waited as long as I could, then I slipped away and worked my way across on a tramp, the French received me with open arms, I had little trouble getting into the army and it wasn't long until I was at the front lines, well everything went along fine, and a nice time was had by all, then the first Americans arrived and I was transferred. I had spent five months with the Frogs, I spent one with the Yanks, the last three weeks of that months were hell, raw and plain, We stayed in the trenches for three weeks, in mud and water to our knees, no change of cloths, no baths, very little food, AND NO RELIEF! When I did get out, the first thing I headed for was clean cloths and a bath, when I pulled my socks off, the skin came with them In a few days I was in the main hospital with a very fine case of double pneumonia, the doctors didn't expect me to live. I didn't want to! However I lay in the soggy mess they called a bed for days, I got no better. Then, one day they came for me, A new doctor had arrived, possibly he could fix me up. He was to have full charge of me, I was placed in a small room by myself. And then I went out like a light, I guess the moving got me for a while, when I came to, I thought I was in hell, for who else but the Devil, was that thing that stood by my bed and looked down at me. Picture him if you can: A tall figure with wide stooped shoulders, raw boned, and with a skin that looked like milk white leather, top this with a stock of white hair, AND I MEAN WHITE! Put two eyes as big as eggs, with the



time in on the readers, over station

listen to the "Gui-  
id" Affairs.

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2418 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, June-----'34  
Received the Bulletin today. Who is the Editor? Have the Editors name on the Bulletin. (See this issue) I liked the short story, have more of this kind please (See: Macs Ribs in this issue). Its to bad the Bulletin can't be published monthly. (We may have something to say on this soon).

I agree with W.W.Woe, that there is something basicly the depression wrong with Amazing Stories. Something should be done, as it is a shame that the oldest stf. magazine should go to the dogs.

While Astounding the high spots, Wonder is doing a little better that it was for a while. I think that the idea of giving us the names of the second hand book dealers who ask to much for their mags. is a swell idea. (What do the rest of you think??) Will close hoping for the day we can get the Bulletin every month.

OLON F. WIGGINS

301 West End Avenue, New York City, June-----'34

(NOTE: we have along letter from Mr. D. A. Wollheim, it is so long that we can only give parts.) Mr. Wollheim sends us a list of "dealers that charge dishonest and exhorbitant prices, and says "I am enclosing a quarterly for a year's subscription to the Bulletin you are bringing out. I don't see how you can do it, but I guess you know what you are about" Mr. Wollheim has given us many valuable suggestions and writes us long and very interesting letters, we wish to thank him for his faith in our ability to bring out the Bulletin. ED

We have also received nice long letters from:---

Cameron Montgomery, Box # 21, Greenville, Miss.

Private Jack G. Haylow, Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, T. H.

Robert E. Tufts, 61 Rathbun Ave, White Plains, N.Y.

Douglass Fischer, 9105 Bryden Ave, Detroit, Mich.

J. Schwartz, 255 E. 188 Street, New York City, N.Y.

J. E. Van Rensburg, 86a Ford Street, Paerview,

Jon'burg, Transvaal, South Africa.

NOTE: IN LETTER WORDS IN ( ) ARE THE EDITORS COMMENTS.

SCDS 'EM ENDS conducted & collected BY

WILLIS W. WOE

Well this time I'll yap a little on our change:- I know that you fellows have noticed it. I only want to say that the Bulletin is now in ABLE hands, and if you'll do your part in helping us to get subscriptions and money we'll try to keep it going up and up. GET BEHIND MR. SHEPHERD AND HELP HIM! That's all I can say...I want to call your attention to the editorial in Astounding concerning that the mag may come out semi-monthly, all you fellows get behind this & we may have it soon. THE EDITOR ALSO SAID THAT IS THERE WERE ENOUGH REQUESTS FOR STRANGE TALES, THAT STREET & SMITH WOULD RETURN IT. NOWS THE TIME TO ACT WRITE LETTERS & LETTERS & LETTERS, WRITE 'EM REGULAR. PUT THE PRESSURE TO BARE. AND WE WILL HAVE STRANGE TALES TO READ AGAIN.

And I have more good news for you!!! Mr. Shepherd gave me an extraction from a letter he has received. This letter is from member D.A. Wollim of N.Y.C. who is one of our most active members. The extraction reads:---Amazing Stories is going to have a change in a few months. I received a letter from the vice president of Teck Pub., requesting my opinion of the new Amazing and criticism of it. I wrote him exactly what I thought, I suggested many changes..... I suggested to him that there was no reason why Amazing could not be identicall the same make-up as Blue Book....in his answering letter he said that they intend to revitalize the publication..... We can look forward to a finer and better Amazing Stories than has been.....well we think that this will be welcomed news to all of you. It was to us!! I hear that Fantasy magazine will start a drive for more subscribers soon, good luck Fantasy, we hope you get 'em.---Argosy shows a fine outlook for the rest of the summer and the fall...Have any of you read SCOOPS the English Stf. magazine. its a wonderful little publication!! Its as good if not better that several of the American stf. mags... Not dry, or boring as most of the English magazines seem to be....mature readers who are interested in collecting should get some of the books now being shad by Falstaff and the Gargoly Presses....Well I'll see you next time....REMEMBER about Strange Tales, and help us to get more subscribers.

WHAT THE BULLETIN IS DOING By Our General Manager  
 Well folks I know that you've had a lot said about  
 our change. As has been already mentioned we strai-  
 ned a point, ever got out the old private reasur-  
 and and got out the BULLETIN in space form this is-  
 sue. How do you like it?? Let us know and if you  
 like it help us to keep it as it is and still gro-  
 wing. We thank you for everything you can and will  
 do!

THE BULL is coming right along. Our membership  
 lists grow steadily as well as our subscription li-  
 sts to the BULLETIN. As you no doubt have already  
 noticed the BULLETIN is in new hands. And while I  
 am at it: The Nov-Dec issue will reach you the la-  
 st day of September as this issue will reach  
 you the last day of July, each issue will be sent  
 out like that hereafter.

OUR membership lists show that we have a fine per-  
 centage of members all over the world. While still  
 the main part are still in the states.

NOW we have come to the time when we can show our  
 strength as an organization! Street & Smith publi-  
 cations promise to return STRANGE TALES if enough  
 readers ask for it. Now's the time for the ISPG to  
 get to work. All of us fellows here are writing.  
 And we want all you members to write. NOT ONE LET-  
 TER BUT LETTERS, LETTERS, LETTERS. Keep on writing  
 them, where the Editor will get them regular. Come  
 on folks lets get STRANGE TALES back on the news-  
 stand. What say???? Okay, lets go!

AND while we're at it, helping magazines. Give  
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 are not a subscriber subscribe! and get your frien-  
 ds to subscribe.

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 THAT the BULLETIN will have some very interesting  
 articles soon by such writers as: Captain North &  
 E. C. Sabine; Wilson Shepherd, E. M. Evert; G. T.  
 Kenviden; we also hope to have soon a VERY inter-  
 esting article by D. A. Holliman. Articles like  
 "Look What We Found" will appear regular. How did  
 you like this one. The departments. Give us you  
 criticisms, suggestions and ideas. Short stories  
 will hereafter only fill an allotted space in the  
 BULLETIN. We have a fine line up of writers. Capt.  
 North's short story, and others. See you next time