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GOING IN; COME OUT

Well folks this is our first birthday issue. With this date the Bulletin has passed over its first year of life.

There have been many ups and downs--- but still we go forward. How do you like the make-up of this issue? O. K. ? We would have liked very much to have gone on as we were last issue (April). But we are unable to do so at the present time, our income for the bulletin says NO. But we hope soon that we can turn out to you a nice neat mimeographed magazine.

Another thing I want to say is, that this is my last time to come to you as editor of this magazine. I have made some very favorable connections, and well as always--bread and butter MUST come before pleasure. I have had one great time with you as editor and I want to thank all of you for our very pleasant year together.

I think that this issue will be a fitting closing for me as well as a very nice introduction for our new editor MR. DONALD A. WOLLHEIM, give him your support, Mr. Shepherd will help Mr. Wollheim as managing editor. The Bulletin is going places fellows and I for one, am damn glad to be here to watch it!

Thank you.

Edward E. Evert.

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Bulletin

THE BULLETIN BOARD
Departments of the Terrestrial Fantascience Guild now open to members are as follows:--
INFORMATION, BINDING, PRINTING AND EXCHANGE DEPARTMENTS. Full details will be sent upon request. Information concerning these depts were given in our last issue. When writing for details address our general manager. Persons interested in fantastic fiction that has a snap in it. Stories that waste no words, but pick you up and ~~slam~~ you down, should try ASTONISHING STORIES; a non-profit magazine devoted to the development of fantastic fiction. This magazine has an excellent board of editors, and will with a little help make a wonderful success, see the first issue now out!

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Marvel Tales from start to date:

-The writer of this article has long been interested in the Magazine Marvel Tales. Not so long ago I decided that perhaps the members of the TEG as well as other readers might like to know all about this really interesting magazine and its equally interesting history. Here it is as it was sent to me from William Crawford himself "....the first planned magazine was Unusual Stories. Trouble with a printer and other things, which I don't want to touch on now forced us to change the title to Marvel Tales and to change the proposed format extensively. The first issue of MT was printed on both book paper and news print, although subscribers received the book paper copies. It contained 40 pages, stories by L.A.Eshbach, August W.Derieth, H.P.Lovecraft, and David H. Keller. Size 8x5", price 10¢. The second issue dated July-Aug. was printed on newsprint (as was all subsequent issues); containing stories by Robert M.Howard, Frank B.Long, Wilfred S. Talman, Robert Hyatt, Harl Vincent, and Joe Skidmore. It had 60 pages, price 15¢. The third issue, dated Winter was delayed quite unreasonably by a press break-down. It contained stories by P.S.Miller (the beginning of the TITAN--which has been termed a classic by a number of readers) and Robert Bloch, David H. Keller, L.A.Eshbach and Orris M.Keller (whom I have met personally). The fourth (and big issue) I am sending you. EDS NOTE. As this is written the fourth issue has not yet arrived, it will be reviewed later on in this issue or in the June issue! The third issue had 48 pages.

-The first issue was not illustrated, except for a linoleum block cover design by Eshbach. The 2nd had half page illustrations (metal cuts) for the stories by Long and Howard drawn by Beil Bazoites and R.V.Cortlandt. Skidmore's yard had a full page linoleum block cut, also drawn by Cortlandt. The cover design was linoleum and also drawn by him. NOTE: the first issue had two full page illustrations, one for Lovecraft's story and one for Keller's, both drawn for Guy L. Huey. the third issue had only one illustration aside of the cover, it was for the TITAN and had been used previously in our advertising of Unusual Stories. Huey did both..!" The fourth issue has not yet arrived so this will have to wait until later.

... "I can give you very little information on future development, as I haven't any definite plans (I'm still in the changing mood) but the fifth issue will be size 10x8" instead of the small size of the previous issues. This is done to give me a better break on the newsstands. I can say this: I am full determined despite the lack of support (or rather lack of support I have received) to make Marvel the leading science fiction magazine in some so-distant day---and my chief asset seems to be---stubbornness!! I will let you know future plans as they definitely crystalize..."

-So there fellows is the GHQ on Marvel sales. If you give Crawford your support you will have a magazine that is really YOURS. Trade up like you want it. Watch this magazine for future details.

WILL HERD

TERRESTRIAL FANTASCIENCE GUILD, HISTORY, PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE.

-Come this Sept. 6th, 26 years ago a young fellow had an idea. Nothing unusual in itself, but it spelled the formation of the grandfather of the present TFG. The name of this young fellow was Arnold Evert, the father of our present editor. Mr. Evert, with three of his friends had long hogged the few "impossible stories" that appeared in the old Argosy and All-Story of those days, it had been hard for money was scarce. So with these three friends he set out to organize the IMPOSSIBLE STORY GUILD. Main purpose to pool all money for buying magazines and books. Things progressed, the library grew. New members appeared. Untill in 1914, the membership read 31, and these came from all over the world. England contributed one: N.E.P. North; Italy one: Ivan Napolis (who moved to the U.S. after the war) and Canada one B. Murdock (deceased). All these youngsters ranged around 20 years of age when the U.S. entered the war. Many went. And through all this trying time correspondence was kept up. Friends were made overseas. North became a Captain and three members were killed. The war ended the remainder returned to take up the old treads which had almost been broken. In 1920 the membership numbered 40. A regular and very large correspondence was kept up, concerning the magazines as well as general scientific subjects. Most of the members were then mature fellows, but some of the younger fellows began to green in. It was in 1926, with the appear-

ence that the ISG made a definite re-organization. A convention was held, and it was moved an passed that now as there was something definite to work on that the club should be re-organized. The original members were about all gone leaving the club still at 40. But these 40 had familys, and jobs and live work to do, so it was then that the club came into the present hands. Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Evert, Mr. Woe, Mr. Sabin, and Mr. Nepolis, as well as Mr. Wollheim. In 1928, came the change of name to INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FICTION GUILD, for a while we were satisfied with our organization as it stood, but about a year ago we decided to do at it RIGHT. In this little over a year the Guild has grown asnothing else ever has! Our membership reaches around the world, and not in name only, correspondence is regular, and the membership lists increase with the same regularity. The bulletin was started and grew with the Guild. Reorganization was again made to fit our needs. Issues were brought to a point and all in all the TFG has done lots. But this is only the beginning. We are only finding ourselves. As for the future. Who knows? It is very bright.

EDWARD E EVERT.

ROBOT AGE

(by) LeRoy C. Bashore

-In the Lebanon Daily News, on March 1, 1935, there appeared an article pertaining to robots --both under the Public Forum and the What's Right--What's Wrong column.

-As I am a regular reader of the News, I could not help but notice these two articles, and they interested me considerably.

-Because robots will affect our future civilization. They will affect our future generations, your childern and their childern.

-Our future generations will be affected greatly, both physically and mentally, but more so physically.

-In the robot era, robots will do all of the present mans work, and future man will have an entirely different work, which will no doubt be their hobbies.

-Dr. Harry May, of London University, has perfected a talking robot, which he has named Alpha. It took 18 years and \$117,000 to make this robot. Alpha the robot, can set down, stand up, reply to various questions etc., He can also

fire a revolver. Alpha once sent Dr. May's Assistant to the hospital with a bullet wound.

-Robots will be tireless, invulnerable, immune to gas, germs and fits of temper.

-Some robots, which have already, been invented have been taught to answer telephones, open doors answer questions and to do other helpful tasks. They are put into motion by remote control, usually through photoelectric reaction or by the human voice. According to their internal construction. At present, the photoelectric cell is being used at the Penn'a station in New York City. The doors open automatically upon the approach of a person.

-However, these present invented robots are just a sample of what robots will be and can do in the future.

-The robot era will come, just as sure as television will be perfected in about four years.

Very truly yours, L.B. (LeRoy C. Bashore)
(Reprinted from an article in the Lebanon Daily News, by permission of the writer)

////// ODDS EN ENDS ////

(by) Willis W. Woe-----

-I am happy! Have you guessed why? Well, here is the reason. Here-in-after I can run this dept., as I want to. Orders from HQ. this column was supposed to be a gossip column, but I never liked it that way, and too Mr. Wollheim is much better situated to give you the first hand on everything than I; so hereafter ODDS EN ENDS becomes a column where anything of interest to the reader will be discussed.

-The magazines now trying to publish science fiction are making a horrible do of it. Astonishing Stories is going "radical"; this is OK, if it doesn't go too far. Amazing as per usual is still conservative, both of these magazines can be stood however, but Wonder, ye gods; there's a magazine for you! This magazine has degenerated into the worst sort of childish drivel, except for a bright spot now and then that gets in by Hornig unnoticed. Well young magazines for young editors; and speaking of childish, Wonder's fee change from 25¢ to 15¢ is the top. They tried that once before and failed. Any one with a nose can see that Wonder has slipped and is sliding, and is trying hard to get back up again. Well, they started off wrong. And it will take one heck of a long time to live THAT down.

Another thing of interest that I have noticed is a new wasp, that comes out "often" called the FANTASTIC FICTION NEWS, and edited by a person who calls himself J. WALT DUNDECOFF, or something like that. Well, anyway, dear J. WALT seems to have started out to do something, and the FF News though small should go far. No one, much less me knows where the heck this J WALT lives, and where the paper comes from, it pops up in the mail, first postmarked at one place then at the next. -The SFL, seems to have got as far as it is going to go, and is even now breaking up at the very strongest points; I won't say anything about this only, that if this had been in the right hands and had been handled right it would have done lots of good; Oh well, I should worry.

X///-----W . W . W O E

"SUN-SPOTS" (by) Donald A. Wollheim
-Charles D. Hornig condemns Burroughs' novels yet confesses that he read only two. It's a funny thing, but if you go up to the offices of Wonder and Amazing, Dr. Sloane, though very busy, will offer you a seat and talk for an hour, but Hornig not so busy, will talk, but never offers a seat. P.J. Bartel's story "The Elixir of Progress" will go on the air soon as part of the Chase and Sanborn hour. New books of SF brought out during the last couple of months are: ROAD OF AGES, 13 SECONDS THAT SHOOK THE WORLD, IN A SEALED CAVE, DESTINY'S MAN, GOD'S SECRET, DIAN OF THE LOST LAND AND CUPID NAPOLEON. The latter is a rehash of Slaters Lamasters old Argosy Serial "Lockett of the Moon" The Fantasy Fan has been discontinued. A new weekly newspaper called the Boys' and Girls' Newspaper contains a new sf cartoon called Adventures Among the Planets. It is written by Jac Thall, and drawn by Jack Spencer. It is as poor as Mongo having more impossible worlds. New Fun for March has a sf story of the future called "Hot Gold" by Ken Fitch, who writes Super Police. We note that the cartoon Magic Crystal has definitely developed into time travel. Willy Ley, the German rocket experimenter, is now in the U.S. He gave a lecture in New York recently before a very large crowd illustrating with slides and movies the progress being made in rocketry. He speaks with an accent but that can't be helped as he speaks eight or nine languages fluently. There are a great variety of rocket stamps now in existence. But none as yet have been sanctioned by governments. The ICSC is now experimenting

with rockets with a view towards the first mail carrying rocket flight in the U.S.A. The new Tarzan comic strip is called Tarzan and the Rare Goods. It is a changed version of Tarzan Triumphant. The difference being that the names of the characters have been changed. Instead of the Midianites of the story they are now Canaanites who worship Baal and Alexander the Great. Popular Publications pulled a scoop on Standard magazines when they brought out their new horror magazine called Thrilling Mysteries. Standard was thinking of a magazine of that name. Now they are considering calling it Ten Mystery Thrillers. Mortimer Weislinger expects to have a story in it. It will publish weird fiction. The new Editor of Argosy does not want fantastic or pseudo-scientific stories as much as he used to. From now on only two serials will be used. The stf. angle from that outlook is dark. Milton Kaletsky got into trouble recently. He is editor of the C.C.N.Y. Mercury. But that mag. was found to have degenerated into a sexy mag of the worst caliber. Kaletsky was on the verge of expulsion but was able to prove that it wasn't his fault, so they fired the art editor instead. Kaletsky actually did sign a statement that he was off stf for life. I have it on exceedingly doubtful authority that: the possibilities of a new stf mag by Standard Pub. are very warm. New monthly mags. soon to come out are Dick Tracy; the Saint; and Buck Rogers. The name of O. Henry is Joseph Hatch. The Brooklyn SFL is bringing out its own publication called the Brooklyn Reporter. It's a mimeod. 9 page mag. done almost entirely by G.G.Clark. He is mailing it to every SFL director.

DONALD A. WOLLENHUT

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-IT is with great pleasure that we announce herewith that the way is now open for the FORMATION OF LOCALS OF THE TFG. Complete details will be sent to anyone requesting same. Some details are :- Required two members for each local, before charter granted. Required only one official: A recording and corresponding secretary. ALL YOU MEMBERS WHO WANT TO FORM LOCALS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT, AND ALSO FOR LOCAL WORK AND DISCUSSION, WRITE ME AT ONCE, Wilson St. 1st fl., Oakman, 2nd.

A FEW WORDS-----

-All members and subscribers who read the last issue seemed to like it. Well and good, however that issue cost no less than \$5, for the printing alone, other costs brought the total up to around \$7, now that is not so very much money, but still its a lot, so we can't very well bring out any more issues like that without the money, which at the present we haven't got.

-However, I think that I have a better plan, all of you seem to like the mimeographed mag. So how does this proposal strike you:

-We can afford to bring out for a few months at least a 4 page mimeographed mag; which I think will look very nice and still have plenty of reading matter in it, well what say fellows? I intend to try it next issue anyway and you can see just what is what.

-Next issue Mr. Wollheim takes over the bulletin, and I think that it will get along very nicely under him. Mr. Svert had to drop the editorship on account of work.

Yours,

WILSON SHEPHERD.

LATE NEWS FLASHES!!!!-----

As this issue goes to the printer, our three late flashes were placed on my desk:

Argosy returns to 4 serials late in June, sort of and of here soon, so it seems....The New Service Organisation is organized and passing over its first stage, this organization is the only one of its kind in existence. Offering to other paper, fantasy stories, with illustrations, and fantasy pictures at very low prices. Marvel tales comes out in very large size, huge improvement & Wm. Crawford informs me....We may have a surprise for you in the next bulletin, both in name and make up, watch for this.

The May issue of Astonishing Stories, and the first issue at that, is now on sale. Only a limited number of this issue was printed, numbered. Persons desiring a copy should obtain one at once....we have just seen the first issue of Fantastic Fiction Magazine, somewhat withheld.... The April issue the bulletin is pretty good, a few copies remain at premium prices. All five new copies are very nice.

WTS:all.