

BLOOMINGTON NEWS-LETTER

#2 - February 1946 - Tucker, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill. - Not for sale

5) FLASH! (pro-stuff:) New semi-slick fantasy and scific magazine to appear soon. Details scarce and confidential, but mag will follow general format of "Time," title not yet chosen, and quality will be reflected in the fact that yours truly, BT, has sold story to mag. (That last is a joke, gents.) Should appear in three months. --- Second edition of "Rhode Island on Lovecraft" (Grant-Hadley) off presses; Hadley-Krueger announce "Skylark of Space" has been taken away from Baltimore fan-printer for failure to deliver, and placed with Providence professional printer; likewise, Taine's "Time Stream" to be in the mails soonly. --- Acute pulp-paper shortage due to absence of pulp rationing may cause favorite stf mags to disappear for months.

6) Item: Hugo Gernsbach's "christmas card" last month was 36-paged, slick-paper magazine size 5x7 called "Tame" in complete parody of "Time." Dated Xmas, 2045, entire mag was given over to reviewing the past hundred years and climb of the atomic age. Four-color cover shows bald-headed stenographer writing letter with "mindwriter" machine. 29 interior pix show prominent citizens, atomic transformers, artwork, inventions, weapons, schoolrooms, etc. of 2045. Actress with hair is publicized "throwback" because citizens of that time are all baldies. Advertisements display paperless cigarets, radioview wrist watches, 25¢ and 50¢ disposable shirts, and "Airoad Atomicars." Included are reproductions of pages of ancient Electrical Experimenter and Modern Electrics showing article and fiction dealing with radar and A-bomb.

7) Fanzines: Langley Searles and Liebscher to co-edit 1943-44-45 index of fantasy books (see item 2). --- Robinson has delivered the dummy for 1942 Yearbook of pro fiction (item 2). --- Bill Deutsch at work on Uranus; Rick Sneary ditto on second Fanzine Reader's Review; Ron Maddox ditto on first Jupiter. --- Ashley will not publish Nova in 1946, we bet, unless this goads him. --- Van Splawn publishes initial Fantascience Fan, a news sheet. --- Florence (Stephenson) Anderson announces extra-large Scrap-Bag Fantasy for March. --- Will Sam Mason please kick thru with two issues of Count Wacula or refund our money?? --- Fox and Kennedy issue Assorted Musings, a one-shot. --- Pvt. Kenny Bonnell pubs 1st issue of Forlo Kon. --- Dunk has mailed Xmas issue of Fanews Photo Album containing pix of 37 fans.

8) Fan Mirror: No truth to rumor that parents of two-headed babies (3 of them) dwelled in Claude's love-camp. --- Campbell's mutants? --- Phil Schumann at home in Milwaukee; ditto Les Tina in Orlando, Fla. --- Robinson stationed at Shoemaker, Cal. --- Ex-Spaceways co-editor James Avery on navy-newspaper duty in Chicago. --- Sgt Bob Peterson out of army and touring West. --- Tucker fired from advertising job; it seems they caught up with him. --- Radar-to-the-moon news excites populace & some few fans. Come, come, gents, this be small potatoes. Wait for the spaceship the army will launch within next ten years.

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