

BLOOMINGTON NEWS-LETTER

#3 - March 1946 - Bob Tucker, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill. - Priceless

- 9) Lemuria stuff: Chicago's Sandy Kadet reports following appeared in Chi Daily News after radar-to-moon story broke: "Interstellar radar communication new? Not to a Wheaton radio engineer & a Chicago publishing executive ((guess who?)) who are inclined to think it may be 60,000 years old. G-R-, the radio man, picked up signals from a star with a sheetmetal radar reflector set up in Wheaton 8 yrs ago. He thot at first they were from cosmic rays . . . but Ray Palmer, Z-D Amz-S editor, who read his findings, claimed R-'s equipment would not detect cosmic rays. Hence they must be radar waves . . . and since then R- has kept his reflector beamed on the star and gets signals periodically. Palmer claims there is some evidence ((here it comes, folks)) ancient civilizations had discovered radar and used it thru space.
- 10) Pro stuff: New semi-slick promag forecast in item 5 is not the C.A. Brandt promag recently mentioned by Speer and others. Name not selected but under consideration are Fantasy, Science & Fantasy, Galactic Tales, Incredible Tales. *** Life Mag for March 4 has four pages in color depicting rocket flight to the moon and return.
- 11) Fanzine stuff: Following fmz received since last issue: Bixel Factfinder from Chas. Burbee; Grotesque #2 and Ergerzerp #20 from Ron Christensen; Atres Artes #1 from Harold Cheney Jr; Black Flames #1 from Virginia Daugherty; Scientifictionist #3 from Henry Elsner Jr; Light (March) from Les Croutch; Forlo Kon #2 from Pvt Ken Bonnell; Jupiter #1 and 2B Or Not 2B? from Ron Maddox; Sun Spots #27 from Gerry de la Ree; Facts in the Case from Fran Laney; Speculations #1 from Geo. Fox; The Star Rover #4 from Van Splawn; AMen #2 from RJ Gaulin; British Fantasy Socy Bulletin #24 from D.R. Smith; Rosebud #5 from Mari Beth Wheeler; Fantasy Review from Joe Kennedy; The Acolyte #13 from Laney and Russell; Fan World #2 from Dale Tarr; Winter FAPA Mailing from Jack Speer; several issues each of Speer's Stefnews and Dunkleberger's Fanews. Lotta paper there, men.
- 12) Book stuff: Buffalo Book's first one, "Time Stream" is out; as is stf-bargain from Crown Publishers, NYC, entitled "The Best in Science Fiction" at \$3 each. ** Bodley Bookshop, NYC rarebk dealer, asking \$4 a copy for Buffalo's "Rhode Island on Lovecraft." **** Buffalo Co. schedule calls for EE Smith's "Skylark of Space" next, to be followed by Van Vogt's "Weapon Makers," then back to a Taine tome. Added to their tenative 1947 schedule is Geo. O. Smith's AST novel, "Nomad," and an anthology of fiction, non-fiction, humor and poetry, all to be taken from fanzines exclusively. Tucker editing.
- 13) Fan Mirror: Mari Beth Wheeler promoted to Sl/c. **** It is now Captain Dorothy Les Tina, on terminal leave from WAC. *** Chicago fan gathering shaping up for April 6-7, looking to revival Windy City club. *** EE Evans continues advertisement in Writers Digest for persons needing intimate advice.

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