

Just a feeble cry, this time. We've been bearing down so hard trying to bring out "Sinisterra" that we've only got breath left for a faint wail... We are happy to say, though, that what we've already got lined up looks pretty darn good, Yessirree, pr-ec-ty darn good! In fact, we are so far along that you plutocrats that can afford to pay for it in advance can safely send in your quarters and start watching the Postman.

The news from the outlying colonies contains the echoes of wedding bells from Tacoma -- too bad, boys, one of our femme fan snapped up! On Feb. 18 the city of Tacoma became suddenly enriched by the creation of a Mrs. Robert Allen (who ought to be just about home from her honeymoon by now). Lets hope this means we have two fan where only one existed before! Closer to home the panorama of life unfolds itself in the rumor that our last year's bride and groom are air-minded and I don't mean only space ships!

From Firlands Sanitarium comes an offer straight from the heart of a true fan, I quote verbatim! "If someone will promise to keep me supplied with Amazing, Fantastic, Astounding, Weird, and any others they may have, I'll let them have what I've stored up, and will promise to return any they bring me. My roommate has started reading STF lately (I gave him an old copy of Weird, & and he fell like a ton of bricks for STF. Now reads all he can get.) and he and I will read them and return them. All it would cost whoever would do this is either gas or bus fare to bring them out, and they'd get quite a supply of back issues. Doesn't that sound fair?" So here's an unparalleled chance for Wally, and I say its a darn generous offer particularly for some nuccomer to the cult to catch up on back numbers at no greater cost than just passing the current issues on to the hospital for a month or two after you've finished reading them. Fill up the back end of the old jalopy and drive out to Bed 35, Ward 55S, Firlands Sanitarium, 1704 East 150th, Seattle 55, Wash. and the first guy that gets there will probably make quite a haul (to say nothing of meeting a new friend.)

Clark Crutch from Richland writes in about OPERATION FANTAST which maybe you folks know about, but I didn't. He says, "I suppose that you have heard of (Ken Slater's) OPERATION FANTAST. They are offering British books for the American pro-nags. Since my magazines are taking up a lot of valuable room in my two-bedroom house I decided to get rid of them and build up my hard cover library at the same time. Ken is really offering a good deal to interested persons here." Maybe some of the rest of us could do ourselves a profitable housecleaning job, huh, Clark? I could use some more information on it in case anybody asks....

Boy, word sure does get around! I got a letter from a fan in Brooklyn wanting to know if anybody out here "would have issues (WEIRD TILLS) going all the way back to 1923-24 but if you should have and would be will to part with any, I'd be willing to pay around \$5.00 per issues for the ones required. The main item is the May 1923 issues and the others are the Mar & Apr. '23, May & Nov. 1924 issues. ...an also in the market for Strange Tales magazine issued around 1932-33 and Thrill Book, which was published in 1919 by Street and Smith," and he adds "P.S. If you know of anyone who has any old Argosy or All-Story Mags, I'd appreciate knowing that too." Sounds like a right-minded fan, even if he is a farriner from Brooklyn. Anybody interested can write to John Nitka, 486 Kosciusko St., Brooklyn 21, New York.

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I wish to enter a subscription for the first issue of Sinisterra and enclosed please find twenty-five cents (\$.25) for the first issue.

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Say, did you notice that two of our club members landed in the Eyrie (Weird Tales to you folks, if any, that don't know what the Eyrie is) in the May 1950 issue? We've got some pen-happy people in our club, and your liable to find fellow members in all the magazines if you look hard enough. (Maybe we'll even find you!) And speaking of pen-happy people, let me take time now to thank those "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" that sent in something to cover the postage with their letters. For that matter, thanks for the letters. Period! With or without prepaid postage. We are always glad to hear from our out-of-town conferes. Especially we enjoy getting potential material for "Sinisterra," so if you have any literary leanings (no matter how much you've tried to stifle them) send in your effusions and we will gladly give it the once over. You'd be surprised how often the story a fellow thinks can't possibly be any good turns out to be doggone good (and, alas, how oft the other way around, too!!) Let us hear no more of that familiar comment "Why, I could have written it just as good or better than that trash!" Either hold your tongue or write

NOTICE

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That Norwescon pass is really an eye-opener -- that is, if you are wearing your smoked glasses....if you incautiously aren't -- /hoooh! You'll be blinded for a week! No kidding, send in your buck, that pass alone is worth it (to say nothing about those chillor-dillers Ralph Rayburn Phillips is slipping in extra.

Even if you don't think that you can make it to Portland next September, don't miss out on all the fun...

The dollar goes to

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Box 8517
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P.S. That Portland gang is really smart...if you're a boy they have a pretty girl write you the 'thank you' note, and if you're a girl they let one of the boys do it

NOTICE OF THE NEXT MEETING

(No puns or verses will be found here this time. Mrs. Carr has been effectively stifled - the still fighting - by a combine composed of the great intellects of the organization!)

Alderson Fry announces that on the program for the next meeting (Tuesday, Mar. 14, 8:00 o'clock in the Medical Library) will be a showing of the famous firm classic THE LOST WORLD (Come and see what De Mille missed in Samson & Delilah). This is a real adventure fantasy taken from ... Conan Doyle's famous novel of the same name.

One of our Members, Mrs. Jones would like to announce that at the Yosler Housing Project Gym on Friday from 4-6, 7-10 will be held a hobby show. Under her direction the club has entered a display showing fantasy collecting as a hobby. Admission is FREE and many other unusual and different types of hobbies will be on display.

A new science-fiction magazine is now on the stands entitled FUTURE-combined with Science Fiction. The first new issue of it is dated May-June.

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