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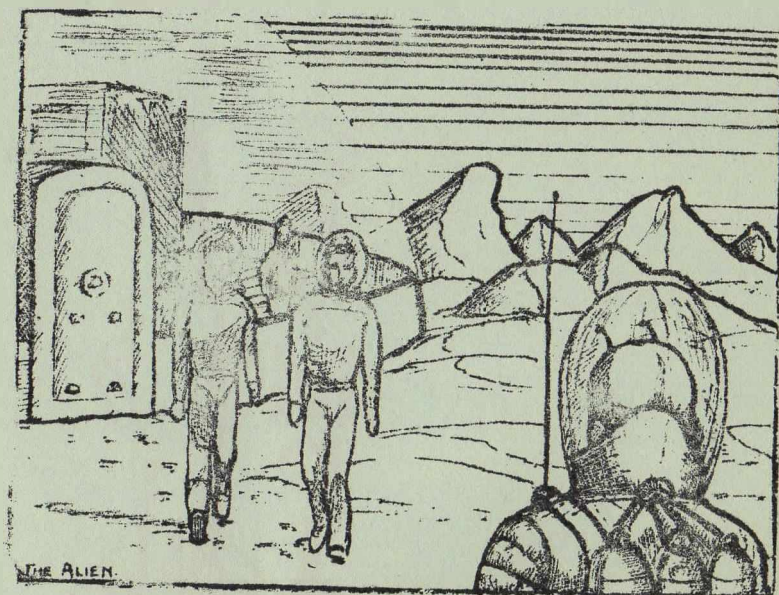
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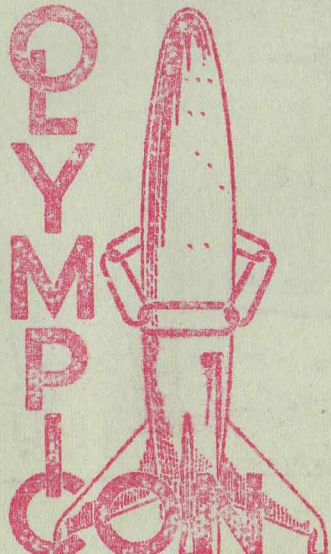
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It's a long time since you've had to endure anything like this, but certain utterances warrant it. But it's mainly for overseas consumption.

In a fanzine titled ANTIPODES, emanating from Leo (sorry, Lee - what is this, an alias ?) J. Harding, it is stated that I am busting a gut to finish ETHERLINE in 100 issues. This I categorically deny. If I were trying to finish it I would certainly step the production rate up, not slow it down as has been the case over the past few months.

In another paragraph is the statement 'the significant statistic that ETHERLINE has been losing money for the past 20 odd issues, though why is a minor mystery'. For the information of Mr. Harding, and anyone else who is interested, ETHERLINE has been losing money for the past 75 issues, and I guess it will be losing it for the next 75. On the other hand, AFPA has been losing LESS over the past couple of years.

He attributes this to 'mishandling'. I would like details, please.

Lack of go Ahead is another phrase tossed lightly into the 'article'. Compare this issue with issue 1 and issue 30. If there is not a vast difference, I'll eat this typewriter.

On re-reading the screed, I seem to detect a note of wishful thinking. Or is it pique ?



AUTHOR STORY LISTING




Number THIRTY FIVE

J. T. McINTOSH

Compiled By
Donald H. Tuck

Next Author :
F. G. Rayer

This British author has become notable by virtue of his THE ESP WORLDS in NEW WORLDS, and ONE.... series in FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION.

Although his real name is James Murdock MacGregor, he prefers the above for his works which, when first used, was written M'Intosh.

BOOKS

B1 BORN LEADER (Doubleday: N.Y. 1954 221 \$ 2.95)(Doubleday: Toronto \$ 3.25)(Museum: London 1955 190 9/6)

- B2 FITTEST, THE (Doubleday: N.Y. 1955 192 \$ 2.95)
B3 ONE IN 300 (Doubleday: N.Y. 1954 223 \$ 2.95)(Museum: London 1956 192 10/6)
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B4 WORLD OUT OF MIND (Doubleday: N.Y. 1953 222 \$ 2.75)(D'day Book Club 1953)(Museum: London 1955 192 9/6)

POCKET BOOKS

- P1 ONE IN 300 (Ace D113: N.Y. 1955 222 35c); with 'The Transposed Man' by D.V. Swain
P2 WORLD OUT OF MIND (Permabook M-3027: N.Y. 1956 166 25c)

STORIES

All under M'Intosh or McIntosh
except ¹ J. M. MacGregor (own name)

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| 1. Beggars All.nv | MF Apr'53, SY ≠ 7 |
| 2. Bias.nv | ASF May'54 |
| 3. Big Hop, The. sr2 | ACF May'55 |
| Bliss of Solitude, The | see Hallucination Orbit |
| 4. Bluebird World.nv | NW Jun'55 |
| 5. Born Leader.n | B1 |
| 6. Broken Record, The.s | NW Sep'52 ¹ , FU Aug/Sep'53 |
| | AB21 |
| 7. Divine Right.nv | NSF Feb'54 |
| 8. ESP World, The.sr3 | NW Jul'52 |
| 9. Eleventh commandment.nv | MF May'55 |
| 10. Escape me Never.nv | Ft Mar/Apr'53 |
| 11. First Lady.nv | GS Jun'53, AB22 |
| 12. Fittest, The.n | B2 |
| 13. Five into Four.nv | SY ≠ 10 |
| 14. Hallucination Orbit.nv | GS Jan'52, 'The Bliss of Solitude' AG2, AS8 |
| | NSF Dec'55 |
| 15. Happier Eden, The.nv | |

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| 16. Katahut Said No.s | GS Apr'52 |
| 17. Lady and the Bull, The. sr2 | ACF Nov'55 |
| 18. Live Forever.nv | SY # 11 |
| 19. Machine Made.s | NW Sum'51, AN7 |
| 20. Made in U.S.A. nv | GS Apr'53, AC3 |
| 21. Man Who Cried 'Sheep', The.s | MF Sep'55 |
| 22. Men Like Mules.nv | GS Feb'54 |
| 23. Mind Alone.n | GS Aug'53 |
| 24. One in a Thousand.nv | MF Jan'54, B3, P1 |
| 25. One in Three Hundred.nv | MF Feb'53, MFA # 2, AB20, B3, P1 |
| 26. One Too Many.nv | MF Sep'54, B3, P1, MFA # 8 |
| 27. Open House .nv | GS Feb'55 |
| 28. Outpost Zero.nv | SuS Aug'51 |
| 29. Play Back.s | GS Dec'54 |
| 30. Relay Race.s | NW Apr'54 |
| 31. Reluctant Colonist, The.nv | PS Jan'51 |
| 32. Safety Margin.s | PS Jan'51 |
| 33. Sanctuary, Of Ulla !.s | PS Sep'51 |
| 34. Selection.nv | MF Jan'55 |
| 35. Soloman, The.nv | NW Feb'56 |
| 36. Spy.nv | GS Oct'54 |
| 37. Stitch in Time.s | SY Aut'52 |
| 38. Talents.nv | MF Oct'52 |
| 39. Then There Were Two.s | SY Win'51/52 |
| 40. Tradition. nv | OW Apr'52 |
| 41. Venus Mission.nv | PS Jul'51 |
| 42. Volunteers, The.nv | SY Apr'53 |
| 43. War's Great Organ.s | NSF Sep'53 |
| 44. Way Home, The.nv | NW Aug'55 |
| 45. When Aliens Meet.s | NW Win'51 |
| 46. World Out of Mind.n | B4, P2 |
| 47. World That Changed, The.s | NW Mar'52 |

MAGAZINE

Reviews

Astounding

SCIENCE FICTION

BRE July 1956 2/9

The cover by Freas illustrates Hein - lein's new serial, DOUBLE STAR. After reading the first instalment it is easy to see why Heinlein is at the top of the heap.

THE LAST THOUSAND MILES by Dean McLaughlin is a first rate rocket story. In CLERICAL ERROR by Mark Clifton, the only way the psychiatrist can effect a cure is to have himself committed.

SILENT BROTHER by Paul Janvier is a true brother - one who will do anything for his kin.

Rog Rhein's CHAINS OF COMMAND has a flavour of thiometaline. Christopher Anvil's THE PRISONER concerns an unusual, very unusual, captive.

A very good issue.

Tony Santos.

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C U IN DECEMBER

Authentic

SCIENCE FICTION No. 70 2/9

The cover, by E. L. Blandford, could be titled 'Survivor', and is fair. The lead story THE BIG SECRET (Ken Wainwright) is a good study of the results of secrecy on Moonbase personnel. THE HIDDEN POWER (H. P. Stratford) just goes to show that an insect has no real chance against a man - and I seem to have met Shaklane before, somewhere. LOGICAL EXAMINATION (W. E. Bentley) is a fair story in which a man gets what he has committed murder for - and then doesn't want it!

A. M. St. Clair has a nice little vignette called LUNAR BRIDGE - do you scare easily? LIKE A DIAMOND by A. Beecham is a new twist on the space platform - strictly a tear - jerker. Chad Oliver produces the little man that WAS there in LET ME LIVE IN A HOUSE. It's quite up to his usual standard.

Robert Presslie, in PILGRIM'S ALL discusses an aspect of deja-vu quite neatly. Only two articles this time -- Ted Tubb is really getting the mag out of the text book rut.

A better issue.

Jack Keating.

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Fantasy and Science Fiction

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As always with F&SF, there are no bad stories. All that can be said against some is that they are too familiar to the sf fan. One such is ONE TOO MANY by J. T. McIntosh.

It appeared in the US edition a couple of years back and the book was released in Melbourne only a couple of months ago.

A little gem from 'Punch' is H. F. Ellis' SPACE CRIME CONTINUUM which introduces Philip Strong, detective. BRAVE NEW WORD by J. Francis McComas gives us the birth of the capitalistic system.

Peter Phillips' FIRST MAN IN THE MOON is not happy. PRONE by Mack Reynolds is an amusing piece of nonsense as is PROFESSOR SCHLUCKER'S FALLACY by Robert Abernathy.

William Morrison's THERE OUGHT TO BE A LORE is the weakest story in the issue, but is still fair.

Jack Finney's THERE IS A TIDE is a ghost story with a difference - a difference which rather makes you think.

A good issue.

Tony Santos.

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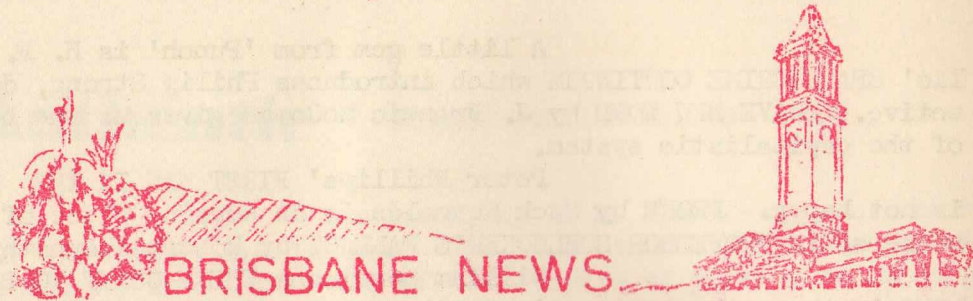
August 1956. 1/6.

In this issue, predestination and free will are discussed by a panel of seven. Japan has Saucer trouble (upsets the tea ceremony, no doubt - sorry, I can't help being facetious over Saucers), Psychic Research, Astrology and the vanishing bookmakers, the Miracle Man of Tyana and one or two facets of Time. Oh yes, Sir Laurence Olivier's horoscope suggests that his film venture with M. Monroe should be successful. I hope he is not outpointed!

Roger McHugh.

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5th AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION MELBOURNE



Present on August 2nd., in the august presence of host and hostess George and Betty Tafe (someone will get killed for that pun) was Iris Girvan, Frank Bryning, Fred Drennan, Paul Hoskin and Ken Quinlem, plus two most welcome new members, John Gaffey and Ken Kemp who were corralled by Betty at the Mount Grayatt show while doing some professional photography.

John showed surprise and delight at finding other crackpots (ie. fans) in existence.

Ken Kemp is apparently the possessor of wild talents that would make Paul Breen green.

To show they were both in form, photos of the Group and of some magazine front covers were taken.

Frank turned up in a brand new Velox sedan, but seems afraid to wear it out, as he was seen less than a week later, in a beaten up Holden.

Still no sign of Jack Adams, who is reported to be lecturing at the Tech. college.

Betty recovered sufficiently from a Frankenstein monster-like throttling to serve some jaw-breaking nougat and excellent savouries.

In defiance of Einstein, Paul Hoskins demonstrated in his usual breezy manner how easy it is to cross galaxies.

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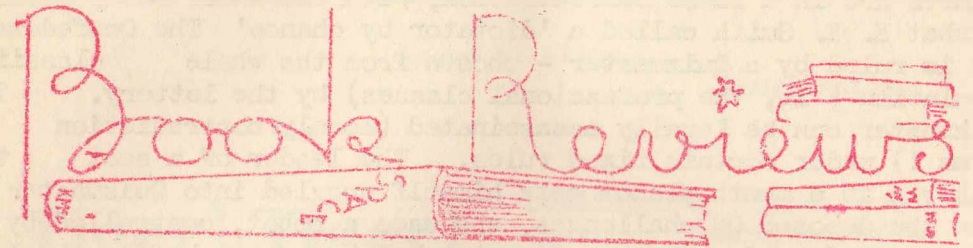
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UP JENKINS ! by Ronald Hingley, published by Longmans Green, at 15/6. Available from McGills.

This is classed as a novel on the dust jacket, but it is really a brilliant satirical fantasy. England has had a civil (?uncivil?) war, and is now, like Ireland, in two sections, North and South, with an iron curtain between.

Old Trafford is still a Test venue. The South has Thought police, concentration camps, purges, et al. The story deals with the bewildered adventures of a young school teacher, Peter Gosling, who is seduced by the wife of the Chief of Security Guardians, and how he becomes a propaganda hero, much to his own dismay.

The book lampoons many recognizable types of public men and affairs, even to a burlesque Test match. I enjoyed it immensely, for its talented reversal of approach to the 1984 theme. There is much blood spilt, by implication only, so the blood-and-bash enthusiast will be disappointed.

However, for those who appreciate political satire, this is a must.

Bob McCubbin

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WORLD OF CHANCE by Philip K. Dick, published by Rich & Cowan, at 15/6, available from McGills.

This story was titled SOLAR LOTTERY in an edition issued in America, and deals with a future when the nine

planets are in a loose Confederation, with the whole setup governed by what E. E. Smith called a 'dictator by chance'. The Confederation is ruled by a Quizmaster - chosen from the whole classified population (ie, the professional classes) by the lottery. The Quizmaster can be legally assassinated (lovely contradiction of terms!) under certain fixed rules. The leader of a sect that believes in a tenth planet gets himself juggled into Quizmaster, then the deposed QM challenges, and uses a robot, controlled by a team of minds under another director-by-chance, to baffle the telepathic guards, in the hope of destroying Cartwright with its built-in bomb.

Meanwhile, Ted Bentley, a technician, has decided that the chance elections are not so fortuitous after all, and tries to buck the system, only to find that he has become one of the minds controlling the robot assassin.

Cartwright gets a rocket ship away to search for the tenth planet - which really exists! Pardon me if the above seems a trifle disjointed - but the novel's first few chapters are the same way. Either PKD decided that the average reader could bridge the gaps, or chunks have been left out in this edition.

The book needs reading at least twice, and each later reading is more enjoyable.

Recommended.

Bob McCubbin.

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THE AGE OF THE TAIL by H. Allen Smith, published by Arthur Barker, at 15/6, from McGills.

As a writer on zany topics, Smith has no equal, and I anticipated that this book, whilst being not strictly fantasy, would contain some of the famed Smith Wit.

Unfortunately, I was sadly disappointed, and the humour assays out at a mild smile each dozen pages.

The book is written as a monograph on the reappearance of the human tail. From September 22, 1957, all children are born with functioning tails. Smith records this aspect of humanity from the TV show, WHOSE TAIL IS THIS? to WHITHER THE NEW

MEMBER. He eventually leaves the reader in a state of bored exhaustion.

Leave it alone.

Tony Santos.

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Tiger! Tiger!

BY ALFRED BESTER

Published by Sidgwick and Jackson, London, at 15/6.
 Available from McGills.

Although this novel has some resemblances to THE DEMOLISHED MAN (faceless man becomes flaming man - the same insane urge to accomplish ignoble revenge - frustrated telepaths and fascinating printed patterns of mental processes), the story moves at hectic pace from Go to Whoa. Gully Foyle is the unwitting possessor of two secrets vital to Earth in the Outer Vs Inner Planets war.

He knows the location of the only supply of PyreE, an atomic explosive detonated by psychokinesis, and he can teleport through space and time.

He prefers force to finesse, with both events and women, but his ways of obtaining his revenge on the person who left him to die in space are radically changed by Jiz whom he contacts in the deep subterranean prison under the Pyrenees.

The story is like Phineas Fogg's train, at such a speed that obvious gaps in the logic are hurdled off - effortlessly. For example, how does Foyle cash in on 20 million credits worth of platinum - then buy a four ringed circus?

How does Jiz survive when he abandons her in space? However, these are minor flaws in the best and most action-packed novel I've read for years. It's better than THE DEMOLISHED MAN, and should be in the possession of every fan.

Bob McCubbin



My, but we have had a packed house these last two meetings. First, there was the Annual general meeting. Balance sheets were presented and accepted without query. Election of officers was a highlight of the evening. Members nominated were unopposed. The Committee now in office:

CHAIRMAN : Lyall Mason, an eloquent speaker.

VICE PRESIDENT: Norm Kent, is not courting after all, but working quite often on meeting nights.

TREASURER: Robin Kemp, also holds the post of Librarian.

SECRETARY: Joyce Joyce, no, this is not a printers error !

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Bob Simons, a smoker of foul pipes.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN: Joyce Joyce. Without Joyce, we would not be able to operate.

Hal Nicholson, who had been an able worker before the Army shipped him overseas, has been made an honorary member of the ASFS. It does not sound much ' had been an able worker' until the man hours are counted and remembered how fast they flew.

J. Brookes and F. Rogan announced their engagement with an invitation to trot along and view the ring.

The second grand gathering was the ASFL birthday anniversary. We had a short meeting, just long enough to give the new committee practice. The engagement of Dennis Walsh, who has just returned from Queensland, and Miss K. Lyons was announced.

There was a discussion (or gloating) upon the number of items collected during the past three years. The library started off with 183 items, and now has expanded to 2113. Crazy suggestions have been forwarded about rubber walls, to expand with

the library books. The suggestion is not very practical, because we would have to maintain an internal pressure greater than external air pressure. Our funds will not permit the installation of air-locks or the issuing of pressure suits.

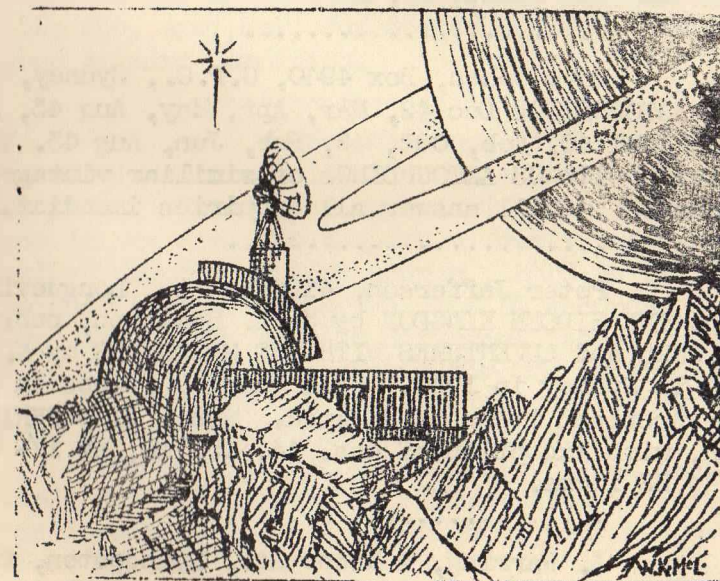
Mrs. Joyce has relented and music was played until supper time, which was sumptuous and plentiful. In the centre of the table was the birthday cake, adorned with one rocket-ship, four spacemen and three candles. The candles were lit and then blown out, but no one sang a birthday song.

Later, after the two bottles per head had been drank, members straggled off home.

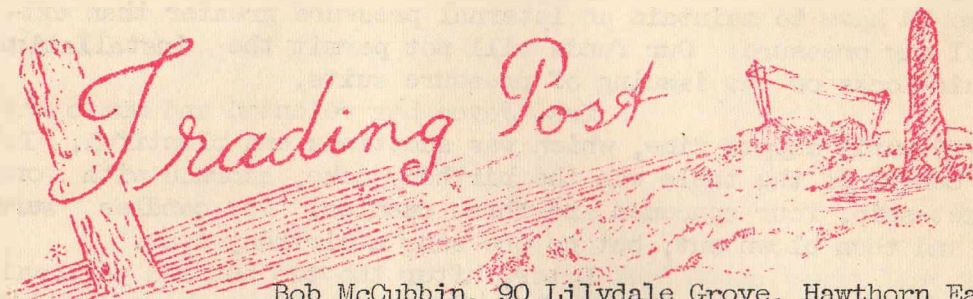
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By Keith McLelland
From ETHERLINE No.46



Bob McCubbin, 90 Lilydale Grove, Hawthorn East Vic, (WB3735) wants: AVON FANTASY READER Nos. 1,2,3; COSMOS No. 1; FANTASTIC ADVENTURES (BRE) Nos. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18; FANTASTIC NOVELS Nos. 1 & 2; FUTURE (BRE) Nos. 8 & 12; FUTURISTIC SCIENCE STORIES No. 9; GALAXY NOVEL No. 24; ORBIT (USA) Nos. 1 & 3; SCIENCE FICTION MONTHLY (Aust) No. 9

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Peter Jefferson, 41 Mary St., Longueville, NSW wants copies of THE HIDDEN KINGDOM by M. L. Hamilton, published in Melbourne in 1932, and ADVENTURES WITH THE MERMAINDS by M. C. Davies, published in Sydney in 1930. Will pay top prices in cash or will trade for American items if desired. Wants also THRILLS in good condition, with exception of Nos. 14, 15, 16; at 1/- copy at least, or trade US items.

A. Warring, 4 Keane St., Launceston, Tasmania, wants BRE GALAXY 2, NEBULA 1, 2, 4, 6, 7. NEW WORLDS 4 to 21, 31, 33 and 34. BRE IF 6, SCIENCE FANTASY 1 to 7.

Mr. J. W. Schmidt, 8 Fyffe St., Reservoir Vic, wants NEW WORLDS 31, 36.

Peter Jefferson, 41 Mary St., Longueville, NSW wants THRILLS 1 to 10, (up to 1/3 each), and 13, 17 and 23 at up to 1/- each. UNKNOWN (BRE) any at up to 3/- each if in top condition. ASTOUNDING (BRE) Apr 47, Jan, Dec 47, Mar, May, Jul 46, and any 45 or earlier at up to 3/- each.

BLINDED THEY FLY (Molesworth), LET THERE BE MONSTERS (Molesworth), ZERO EQUALS NOTHING (Stone & Williams). NEW WORLDS 1,2,3, at 7/6 each maximum for top condition.

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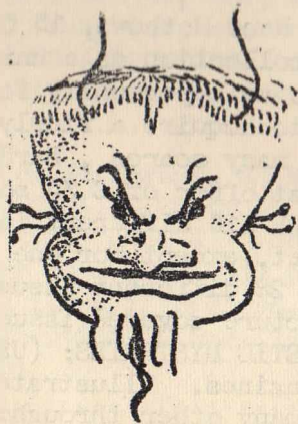
Two dozen assorted magazines - UNIVERSE, GALAXY NOVELS, F&SF, NEW WORLDS etc.

Large bundle of fanzines

POCKETBOOKS : Children of Wonder (Tenn); Uncle Pogo So-So Stories
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arke), New Tales of Space & Time (Healey), At Close of Eve (Scot)
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