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Convention — Bulletin!

New York, N.Y., 7 April — Arthur P. Lawler, vice-president of Street & Smith, Isaac Asimov, popular author, Thomas S. Gardner, well-known fan and scientist, and John Viorer Peterson, author of the pre WW II era, all not previously announced as attendees at the Second Annual Convention of THE FANTASY VETERANS ASSOCIATION, have each signified intentions of being present at that event.

Other personalities expected to be there, but from whom no definite word has been received, are Sam Merwin, Jr., F. Orlin Tremaine, Scott Meredith, top-flight literary agent, and Hugo Gernsback.

Max Weisinger, who had originally planned to attend, has informed the convention committee that he will be unable to do so because of an overseas trip on assignment for a series of articles for the slicks.

AUCTION MATERIAL!

Among the collector's items already on hand to be auctioned off to the highest bidders are: cover paintings by Howard V. Brown (TWS), Lawrence (May AS), Swiatek & Krupa (AS Nov 51), R. G. Jones (AS Dec 51), Malcolm Smith (OW Apr 52), Summers & Valigorsky (FA Mar 52) and the cover of the current "MARVEL" by Ames, which includes a rare item giving an insight into how covers are selected for the S-F mags.

FAN-VET member Sam Meskowitz, well-known fan and author, and the original science-fiction auctioneer, will be chief auctioneer.

A special feature of the auction will be the awarding of the choicest items we have to the

lucky winners in a drawing for a door prize! First prize will be a large, beautiful painting in full color, never published, by that top favorite of s-f illustrating, Edd Cartier! Second prize will be a large interior illo by Steele Savage, intended for FFM's "Brood Of The Witch Queen" but never used because of that mag's change to an illo-less format. Third prize will be the winner's choice of any other interior black-and-white there, and there will be some beauties by Finlay, Cartier, Lawrence, Summers, Vestal, Emsch and many others.

Tickets may be bought at the hall for a small sum, giving every attendee a chance to possess an item which he might otherwise have to pass up due to the high price.

A possibility --- the deal is cooking! --- is the putting up for auction of at least one of the priceless Frank R. Paul covers from the Gernsback era!

There will be, this year, a

much better selection of rare old mags and some books, many of the mags dated 1940 and earlier. You may be able to fill that discouraging hole in your collection at your own price!

FILM PROGRAM SCHEDULED

In addition to the short sound film, "Mars", tentatively scheduled for the film program is a series of rare old silents; seldom seen and hard to obtain, which are being lent to FAN-VETS by member Forry Ackerman.

Another possibility is the showing of a kinescope of one of the better T-V programs of science-fiction, many of which were adapted from famous magazine stories.

This will be the biggest s-f event of the entire year in the NY area, an event which any fan will be sorry to have missed. So if you haven't already done so, send the return coupon or a postcard to RAY VAN HOUTEN, 127 Spring St., Paterson 3, N J, and say, "I expect to attend!"

MANY THANKS, GANG!

The sincere thanks of THE FANTASY VETERANS ASSOCIATION and, by proxy, that of all overseas fans, are hereby tendered to the following:

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The Second Fan-Vet Convention will be held on Sunday April 20th at 1pm at Werdman's Hall, 3rd Ave. & E. 16th St., New York, New York.

Convention Fund:

EASTERN SCIENCE - FICTION ASSN, \$10.

Upper NY State fan, \$5.

Secy Chas. Lee Riddle, \$5.

Forrest J Ackerman, \$3.

Pfc Richard F. Hargrave, \$2.

Ethel M. David, Mike Fogaris, Wm Rall, Thos. S. Gardner, "Journal of S-F" (Edw Wood, ed.), \$1 each.

John Ring, 50¢.

Magazines, Books, etc.

Wm F. Benthake (a careful!), Jean Carrol, Gerry de la Ree, Mrs. Coral Smith, M. Shute, Walter Deneka, SHASTA Publishers.

(If my memory has failed me, and someone is left out, please forgive. We thank you nonetheless sincerely - RVH).

Donations for the Convention Fund are still badly needed, especially if received before 20th April, so that the money can be used to defray those necessary pre-convention expenses which would otherwise have to be advanced out of the pockets of the FAN-VET officers and the Convention Committee. Send a buck, or whatever you can, to Comdr James V. Taurasi, 137-03 32nd Ave., Flushing 54, N. Y. That Nolacon flim-flam really gave us lumps this year; and not lumps in the pocketbook, either!

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