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NEW FANDOM MAILED TODAY

GOES MONTHLY NEXT ISSUE:

The sixth issue of "New Fandom" the official club magazine of NEW FANDOM, the science fiction general organization, was mailed today after a delay of nearly six months. The issue is worth waiting for. The line-up is as follows:

"So You Won't Talk", an editorial by Sam Moskowitz; "The Press", a reprint from TIME; a complete report of THE WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION; WSFC Attendance List; Convention Expense Account; Welcome Address by Sam Moskowitz; "Science Fiction and NEW FANDOM" by Will Sykora; "Science Fiction, the Spirit of Youth" by Frank R. Paul; After-Dinner Speech by Willy Ley; "Science and Science Fiction" by Will Sykora; "My Day" by Juan de los Gringos; Convention Mag Review; "So They Say", members' department; Science Fiction Auction Catalog; Why "NEW FANDOM" Is Late", an apology; Cover by Taurasi, screened by Racio and Sykora.

Next issue will appear on or about February 5th, and will feature Thos. S. Gardner's "Critique Of Science Fiction" (In two parts) probably the greatest fan article ever written. Also to appear are the prize in the "After the 1939 Convention---What?" contest, "Readers Vs Fans" by Charles D. Hornig, "It's the Editors' Fault" by Richard I. Meyer, "By-Products" by Malcolm Jameson, the members' department, and other features of special interest to the active and not so active sfan. Sam Moskowitz Managing Secretary, 603 So. 11th St Newark, N.J. will answer all inquiries addressed to him.

WEIRD TALES GOES BI-MONTHLY

MEASURE IS ONLY TEMPORARY

WEIRD TALES, fantasy fiction's most unique magazine, will assume bi-monthly publication with its very next issue. This is an attempt to boost circulation, which did not rise as expected with the drop in price to 15¢. It is hoped that by appearing once every two months, the circulation will be boosted so that monthly publication may be resumed.

The next issue will be out in March instead of February as originally planned. Proofs of the cover had already been received and were returned to the printer so that the dating could be changed.

WEIRD TALES has gone bi-monthly only twice in its long career when it first became a monthly many years ago. It went bi-monthly for three issues in 1931, and again about a year ago it went bi-monthly but only for one issue.

WEIRD TALES has printed many of the classics of H.P. Lovecraft, H. Warner Munn, Robert E. Howard, including a great many stories that have made science fiction literature. It is to be hoped that monthly publication will be resumed in the very near future.

OUT THIS WEEK by Will Sykora.

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES hit the stands Jan. 3 with Otto Binder's new yarn, "Son Of the Stars", which overshadows the old-time classics with which it appears. STARTLING STORIES appeared on Jan. 4th with an excellent array of yarns and a really great set of fan dep'ts.

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BEST SCIENCE FICTION NOT POLITICS

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

In this issue of FANTASY NEWS the fact that "New Fandom" has been mailed is featured. This is because NEW FANDOM is science fiction's general organization and should be supported by every science fiction group whether amateur or professional. This support is warranted because NEW FANDOM'S purpose is to advance science fiction. It recognizes the general public as potential stf readers, and it recognizes every stf reader as a potential fan. It therefore behooves every science fiction organization, publication, or convention to support NEW FANDOM to the utmost.

Since progressive fan activities such as NEW FANDOM, the Chicago World Science Fiction Convention and various fan mags, require and deserve support, more time should be devoted to their advancement and much less time should be devoted to the publication of personal libel and slander against prominent stf personalities.

The editor of this paper feels that everything he has done in fandom in the past is perfectly justified because everything he has done and accomplished he sincerely believes has been in the best interests of and for the progress of science fiction fandom. He will continue to work for the best in stfandom and will advance it in the best ways he knows how; and he faithfully promises that he will never knowingly support any group which thrives on the slander of others nor will he ever himself indulge in such slander, for he hopes that petty fan squabbles will cease so that constructive efforts will succeed.

FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.

GOLDEN ATOM: Vol. 1, no. 3. 20 mimeod pp. Featuring notes on old fantasy stories; colored covers. A dime, 57 Lyndhurst St. Rochester, NY.

LE ZOMBIE: Vol. 2, no. 8, first anniversary issue. Calendar to start off the New Year right. 6 vari-colored; lg, mimeod pp of chatter. Worth it at 3 for 10¢, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill. (hw)

VANJONG: Vol. 1, no. 3, 2 lg, mimeod pp. Official organ of Queens SFL. Interesting news notes about the members and the chapter. Send 3¢ stamp care this paper.

FANFARE: Vol. 1, no. 1, 20 lg, mimeod pp. A new fan mag that is very promising. Mat'l by Moskowitz, Frome Warner, Tucker, Fong, & Kerr. 10¢ from Francis V. Faro, 125 W. 6th St. Sc Boston, Mass.

THE SCIENCE FICTION COLLECTOR: Sp.-Oc. '39, 36 sm, hectcd pp. Back up among leaders. Duncan harasses fan world, Infernal Wonderer back, 10¢ from John V. Baltadonis, 1700 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, Penna. (sm)

SCIENTIFICOMICS by Sam Moskowitz.

SCIENCE COMICS is the name of one of the latest stfcomic mags. It adheres to its title with such strips as "Elector", "Cosmic Carson", "Perisphere Payne", "DR. Doom", etc.

MIRACLE COMICS, featuring strictly stfal, interplanetary invasion, lost city, and other themes is the second all stfcomic mag this week.

ROCKET COMICS Will appear on the stands soon. THE BLUE BEETLE is a reprint comic mag; slightly stfal.

WILL SYKORA OFFERS \$25.00 — REWARD

On Dec. 26, 1939 the editor of this newspaper received a smutty "Christmas" card with the very vile remark "Here is something else to screw your friends with" written on it. The card was postmarked "Brooklyn, N.Y.-4-Dec 24, 1939 10:30 P.M. \$25.00 cash reward will be paid to the person or persons who will prove the identity of the sender of this card. Write % Fantasy News.

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE by Richard Davidson. AROUND TOWN by Jimmy Taurasi.

Milton Kaletsky, one of science fiction's real old timers, has turned to writing science fiction again. (He's had stories published in ASTOUNDING, AMAZING, and WONDER) FANTASTIC ADVENTURES has accepted "Too Good Is No Good", a humorous story of a baseball pitcher who had tremendous will power. AMAZING STORIES will print his "A Little Bug Shall Lead Them", a satire describing what happened when insects demanded the right to vote...Incidentally, Kaletsky had a story problem recently on the radio program, "Author, Author!"...And has it been pointed out that Mort Weisinger stumped the experts with a question on "Information, Please"?...Jerry K. Westerfield has an interesting article on science fiction in the Jan. 1940 WRITERS' DIGEST. Although he's listed in the article as assistant editor of AMAZING and FANTASTIC ADVENTURES he is no longer connected with these magazines...Eando Binder's new novel is titled "Five Steps To Tomorrow" and will follow Wellman's "Twice In Time" in STARTLING STORIES. By the way, don't peek at the ending of "Twice In Time" before you read it. It carries a tremendous surprise ending!...Wellman's next yarn in THRILLING WONDER will be "And There Was No Paradise".... Stanley Weinbaum's sister, Helen, has sold WEIRD TALES "Valley Of the Undead"... Another of the new stories to appear in FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES is "Pegasus", by Henry Kuttner...There was quite a gathering of fantasy celebrities at Kenneth Sterling's place December 29th. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth Wright, Mort Weisinger, Charles D. Hornig, Otto Binder, Henry Kuttner, Mr. and Mrs. Harl Vincent, Frank Belknap Long, Julius Schwartz, and Rita Jameson.

In latest FANTASY NEWS: Jack Binder's eye injury was only temporary. It's O.K. now.

BEG PARDON: August Lenniger is Nelson Bond's agent, not Otis Adelbert Kline; as reported in a recent issue of FANTASY NEWS.

BE A FANTASY NEWS REPORTER!!!!!!!!!!

Finlay has two drawings in the Feb. 1940 UNKNOWN FANTASY FICTION illustrating "The Wisdom Of an Ass" by Ali Hassan. These are his first and last for UNKNOWN, nor will he do any for ASTOUNDING. He will not have any illustrations in SCIENCE FICTION or FUTURE FICTION, either, as announced by Hornig a while ago...Charlie, by the way, is hard at work over the proofs of the Mar. issues of SCIENCE and FUTURE FICTION, and states that both mags will be distributed around the 15th of Jan. Both look very good.

STREET & SMITH COMICS, once called ASTOUNDING COMICS, will finally appear as SHADOW COMICS, and will feature a super comic of "The Shadow" plus "Iron Muro", the Astounding Man, taken from Campbell's "The Mightiest Machine"; Nick Carter, Doc Savage, et.

M. Isip has done the cover for the Mar issue of UNKNOWN, which is fairly good, tho not nearly as good as Cartier's superfine drawings.

Campbell states that there will probably be colored illustrations in ASTOUNDING, every time the mag carries a colored advertisement in the mag. Your reporter would like to see Wesso do one of these, as well as see the return of Dold to ASTOUNDING'S fold.

Derwin Lesser (guess who) has a cartoon coming up in H. Gernsback's new cartoon mag.

Charlie Hornig will advertise his proposed QUARTERLY in the Mar issues of SCIENCE and FUTURE FICTION and if the response is not enough, the idea will be dropped for good. Support a SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY by sending 35¢ to Blue Ribbon Pubs. Money refunded if mag is dropped.

SCIENTIRADIO by Millie Taurasi.

Arch Oboler's fantasy play Jan. 6th concerned a man who was haunted by the soul of a man he killed for money. Edmund MacDonald, who played the main part, will soon be seen in the Karloff-Lugosi film "Black Friday" originally called "Friday, the 13th".

TELL YOUR CORRESPONDENTS TO SUBSCRIBE TO FANTASY NEWS, largest circulation of any other fan mag, giving stf news while it is still hot.

THE TIME STREAM by Sam Moskowitz.

It is not generally known that Leo Margulies of STANDARD PUBLICATIONS has had a copy of "The Blind Spot" on hand for the past few yrs had seriously been considering publishing it in book form!...A circular recently received proclaims the fact that William H. Crawford, publisher of the old "Marvel Tales" and numerous other ventures has received his Visionary Publishing Co., and announces the publication of "The Titan" by P. Schuyler Miller, and "The Shadow Over Innsmouth" by H.P. Lovecraft in book form. J. Chapman Miske of Cleveland, Ohio is Crawford's contact man...The only classic fantasy novel that Argosy has printed in the past few years has been William Gray Beyers "Minions Of the Moon". Its sequel, "Minions Of Mars" starts in the Jan 13, 1940 issue of ARGOSY (now out) and will run into five parts...We wonder if W.G.B. could be the pen name of Will H. Gray who wrote "The Star Of Dead Love" in the old Gernsback AMAZING...Tom Wright, recently active fan of California plans a new fan mag "The Comet" presumably to be hectographed...J.J. Fortier announces that he is seriously considering bringing "Scientifan" at even more frequent intervals than the present bi-monthly rate. This would be quite a feat considering the mag contains over 40 large size pages...Free copies of "The Comet" and a six-line ad will be given to all contributors to the new mag... "Scientifan" is the name of a new mag by Tom Hoguet and Bob Studley now out. Material by Mort Weisinger, Moskowitz, Duncan, Korshak & Unger, Van Houten, Frome, Thompson, Burns, Hamling, Warner, and other prominent sfans, and introduces the art work of Bob Studley to the fan world. Vadjong, official organ of the BSFL is again appearing regularly.

ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

Lou Kuslan, active fan, was written up in The Campus, U. Of Conn. College newspaper, about his sfal activities. He is planning to visit Edgar A. Martin, another well-known fan (Cont'd. next col.)

SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racio, Jr.

"The Magic Bullet" has succeeded "Magic Bullets" as the title of WARNER BROS' forthcoming screen story of the career of Dr. Paul Ehrlich, the distinguished scientist. This is the new Edward G. Robinson picture which is scheduled for release in February.

Recently we came across the Sep. 1921 issue of SHADOWLAND MAGAZINE containing an article called "The Invisible Symphony", which deals with fantasy films. Several scenes from "The Mountain Cat", starring Pola Negri, which is semi-futuristic; and "Genuine", a cubistic expressionistic film on the style of "Dr. Caligari". At the same time we came across an issue of MOTION PICTURE, June 1927, containing a brief review and still from "Metropolis" and also a scene from the A. Conan Doyle prehistoric film, "The Lost World". (mr)

The Feb. 1940 issue of MOVIE STORY contains a preview of Maurice Maeterlinck's immortal "Bluebird", with many scenes from the film starring Shirely Temple.

"Remember", starring Robert Taylor and Greer Garson is a fantasy along the lines of "Topper", which features the use of a drug which blots out all past memory. (sm)

REVIVALS: "Berkely Square," fantasy film with Heather Angel and Leslie Howard at the Alden, Broadway and 67th St, N.Y.C. Jan. 11, 12, 13....."Ghost Goes West", 1936 fantasy comedy, with Robert Donat and Jean Parker at the 8th Street Playhaus, Jan. 11, 12..... "Tepper Takes a Trip" 1939 fantasy film with Roland (man who could work miracles) Young, at the Sutton Cinema, 57th St. between 2nd & 3rd Aves. N.Y.C. Jan. 11, 12.

Bluebird opens at HOLLYWOOD THEATRE, NY, Jan 19, for two days.

ODD ITEMS: who lives about 20 miles from the school. (lk)

Cumming's book, "Tarrano, the Conqueror", may be obtained from BLUE RIBBON BOOKS, Inc. A bargain! (wol)

Stardust, Hamling's new fan mag is now out. A beautifully printed job. Only a few issues left. (wh) More about this mag in our next