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FAMOUS FANTASTIC FACTS

By Mary Gnaedinger.

The next big novel scheduled for FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES is A. Merritt's "The Face In the Abyss" which will probably start in the Jun 1940 number. This will be followed by its sequel "The Snake Mother". Merritt's two shorts "Through the Dragon Glass" and "The People Of the Pit" will be published as soon as an issue comes up not containing a chapter of a Merritt serial. "The Ship Of Ishtar" is also a probable yarn for a later date. All Argosy's containing it have sold out!

Possibilities of a FAMOUS FANTASTIC QUARTERLY are very good. This may materialize in the near future to accomodate the large number of long novels available, publication of which make issues of FFM "top-heavy". Also under consideration are the requests to shorten the running time of serials. If this is done, it will necessitate running long serials in three, instead of six parts, and only one serial to an issue.

Novels set for publication soon are "Rebel Soul" by Austin Hall, and "People of the Golden Atom" by Ray Cummings.

The idea of a new fan club broached by Erle Korshak is definitely out. However, Mrs. Gnaedinger welcomes any suggestions for a new type of club unlike the SFL or S-feers, which FFM could run. Mrs. Gnaedinger pointed out that RAILROAD STORIES, which is nothing more than a railroad fan magazine, has a tremendous circulation, and she believes that by appealing to sciencefiction fans and collectors, FFM could really go places. (This, of course, is sweet music in the ears of fans-SM)

A short poem by Larry Farsaci will be in the May 1940 issue, and sometime in the future, a short article on fan clubs by Erle Korshak is scheduled for publication.

FAPA MAILING AND NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MAY 18, 1940. Send in a fan mag to be eligible. (mar)

SAIL TO THE FUTURE WITH 'THE ARGOSY' —

ARGOSY ITEMS by G. W. Post, editor of ARGOSY, as told to Sam Moskowitz.

Otis Adelbert Kline and E. Hoffman Price in collaboration have a new, long novel coming up in ARGOSY. The working title is "Satans Of Saturn", probably subject to change...William Grey Beyer, sensational new ARGOSY find is now working on a third in the "Minions" series. Post is hoping he can call it "Minions Of Mercury". Beyer, incidentally, is a died-in-the-wool railroad man...Eando Binder is now working on a new novel for ARGOSY, the plot of which Post has already O.K.'d...Robert Arthur, Jr., fairly well known sf author, has a quartet of yarns scheduled for early publication in ARGOSY. "If I Make a Wish", "Stamp From Colorado", "The Flying Eye" (dealing with a camera that can take thought-pictures) and others. Titles subject to change. Templeton, popular British fantasy author, who wrote "Nymphs, Professor", and others for ARGOSY, will be back with three or four more short fantasies...Paul Ernst has a particularly interesting science-yarn scheduled under the tentative title of "He Didn't Want Soup", dealing with the adventures of a man dropped into the year 2325, and the odd Coblentz-like type of civilization they have there... This one is due in the June 15th number...ARGOSY's editor is very interested in sciencefiction and fantasy. As far as possible he will try to maintain an average of one fantastic story in every issue. He has promised, as soon as possible, to attend a meeting of the QSFL. The members will be looking forward to meeting him.

ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

SILVER SCREEN has pics from Cyclops. "The Golem" is running at the COS-TELLO, B' way & 159th St, and "The Living Dead" at the HARRIS on Times Square. (wel & bs) PLANET STORIES next cover is a beauty. Two Paul dwgs inside.(bs)

C. A. SMITH IN TALES OF WONDER

Clark Ashton Smith's famous story, "City Of the Singing Flame", and its sequel, "Beyond the Singing Flame", appeared in the tenth issue of TALES OF WONDER on the British stands on Mar 19th. The cover illustrates the yarns, which are published as one story, and has been done by W.J. Roberts.

The most popular story in the ninth issue having been "Men Without Shadows" by Stanton A. Coblenz this author is again represented with "Missionaries Of Mars" which has much the same theme. Coutts Brisbane also appears again with "The Lunar Missile". John Beynon is back with "Worlds to Barter", a story of time-travel, and readers' requests for more interplanetary stories have been granted by the inclusion of "The Man From Earth" by John B. Harris (none other than John Beynon Harris-Ed.)

Search For Ideas continues with readers' vivid conceptions of "War in the Future"; and they will next be invited to submit their notions of what "The World Of Tomorrow" will be like, in view of the wide spread talk of the New World now taking place.

Many letters expressing readers' appreciation of the continuance of TALES OF WONDER, despite the adverse conditions, have been received, and it now seems likely that the magazine will be able to go indefinitely, thanks to the keen interest and support of its enthusiastic followers. (Walter H. Gillings)

NEWARK SFL Cont'd: near Clinton Ave, on Bergen St, Newark, N.J. Time is 7:00 P.M. Election of Officers and organization will take place.

QUEENS SFL IS LARGEST LOCAL FAN CLUB

The QUEENS SCIENCE FICTION LEAGUE is the largest local sf fan society in the world. It meets at Bohemian Hall, Woolsey and Second Aves, Astoria, N.Y. (Take Astoria IRT or BMT subway). Mary Gnaedinger and Mort Weisinger are expected at the next regular meeting on Apr 7th. Meeting starts at 3:00 P.M.

SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racio, Jr.

"Beyond Tomorrow" is the latest fantasy film to be released. This one, by RKO, deals with the spirits of the departed in a sort of "between life and death plane" who must do certain deeds before they can rest in peace. The picture stars Harry Carey, C. Aubrey Smith, and Jean Parker. Special effects in the film were done by Ned Mann, who also did the effects in such sf films as "Things To Come", "Man Who Could Work Miracles", and others.

The May issue of SCREEN GUIDE reproduces several scenes from such sf films as "Dr. Cyclops", "Frankenstein", "Dracula", and "One Million B.C."

The unfinished novel by Dalton Trumbo-"The General To Stay", for which PARAMOUNT paid him \$30,000, gets William Holden, Lynne Overman, and Betty Field for the top roles. The story is unusual and amazing. The leading character is a humble bookkeeper in a small town. One of his ancestors saved the life of Gen ral Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. The bookkeeper discovers one day that his books show a deficit of \$1200. While he is worrying what to do about it, he is visited by the spirit of Jackson, who tells him that the best way out of his difficulty is to tell the authorities. The bookkeeper does-and is arrested for the theft. The spirit of Jackson is furious and comes to the jail accompanied by the ghosts of Jefferson, Lincoln and-of all ghosts-that of Jesse James! They advise him on his defense and give him permission to use their best speeches. He does; he confounds the judge and jury, and is acquitted. But the boy's troubles are not yet over. The Jackson ghost accompanies him on his honeymoon.

The June issue of THRILLING WONDER STORIES prints the full length story of "Dr. Cyclops". LOCAL REVIVALS: "Things To Come" at the PIC, 42nd St, East of B'way, Apr 7th to 10th.

(More movie news under Odd Items.)
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