

## PLANS COLLAPSE FOR BRITISH "NEW WORLDS"

According to advices received by cablegram and letter from our English informants, Ted Carnell's proposed science-fiction venture, *New Worlds*, has collapsed. According to a news report printed in *John Bull* for March 16, 1940, the man behind *World Says, Ltd.*, publishers of the magazine, has been exposed as a swindler.

Following is the line-up for the July *Amazing Stories* (with the possibility that some of the titles may be changed): "When the Gods Make War," by A.R. Steber (house written by R. A. Palmer), "Adam Link, Champion Athlete" by Eando Binder, "The Moon eater" by Malcolm Jameson, "Mirrors of Madness" by Don Wilcox, "Stolen from Luna" by Thornton Ayre, and "Homer Higginbottom's Hypnotray" by Milton Kaletsky.

For some time now several celebrities in the science-fiction field have been holding weekly gatherings in a New York Restaurant. Regular attendants are Manly Wade Wellman, Otto Binder, Raymond Z. Galun, Henry Kuttner, H. L. Gold, Dave Vern, Malcolm Jameson, Vida Jameson, and Julius Schwartz. Guests have included Mort Weisinger, Jack Schiff (editor *Strange Stories*, etc.), Jim Mooney, Hannes Bok, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore Williams, Jack Williamson, Edmond Hamilton, and Charles D. Hornig. Discussions cover every conceivable subject, but the talk most frequently turns to science-fiction where many of the stories of the above authors now appearing in the magazines were plotted and discussed at the table.

Planet *Stories* has taken Eando Binder's "The Mental Invasion," Thornton Ayre's "Experiment's End" and "Genesis Returns," and "Strange Journey" by John Russell Fearn. Edmond Hamilton's "Martian Treasure-Trap" will appear in one of the Ziff-Davis magazines. "The Crypt Opens" in the next

## NEWARK SFL A SUCCESS!

TEN PRESENT AT FIRST MEETING  
PLANS LAID TO SOLIDIFY JERSEY FANDOM

The first meeting of the Newark SFL has been eminently successful from all viewpoints, thanks to the work of Sam Moskowitz and the invaluable aid of Mr. Wasserman, progressive playground Director of Bergen Street School, Newark, N. J. Mr. Wasserman arranged for a fine meeting room to be had free of charge and rendered many other valuable services for the asking.

Ten were present at the first meeting, despite the fact that the issue of *Fantasy News* containing notice of the meeting was sent out too late to be effective. John Victor Peterson and Sam Moskowitz, of Newark, Dick Crain from Weehawken, Allen Moss from E. Rutherford, Raymond Van Houten from Paterson, Geraux de le Ree, Jr., Roy Plotkin, and Roderick Graetz, organizers of the Soloroid Club of Westwood, N. J., and Bob Studley and Tom Hoguet, visitors from New York, Norman Holtaway and John J. Weir sent last minute notices stating that they couldn't make the first meeting but would absolutely be present at the second.

Sam Moskowitz, as the member present with the lowest SFL number, directed the elections, results of which were as follows: Director, Sam Moskowitz; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard B. Crain; Official Editor, Allen Moss. The elections were held under the provision that they be in effect only for 3 meetings, at which time a new election will be held.

Plans laid to have the Newark SFL act as a base for activities which aimed at the formation of a united New Jersey fan group of at least fifty active fans.

The "Scientifiction Scout," title changed of the "Fantasy Scout," was adopted as the official organ of the club. It will be published monthly, two large size pages, and edited by Allen Moss.

Dues were set at 10 cents a meeting. *Super Science Stories* is authored by Helen Weinbaum, who is coming along nicely in the fantasy fiction field.

ing, meetings to be held month. the third Thursday of every month, at Bergen Street School, on Bergen Street, near Clinton Avenue, Newark, N. J.

It was decided that a talk on some subject related to science-fiction would be given at each meeting — the first talk, scheduled for the second meeting, will be given by John Victor Peterson.

A professional magazine will be reviewed each month and the rating sent to the editorial offices of that magazine. First magazine to be reviewed will be the new small size *Fantastic Adventures*.

At every meeting all members will cough up the price of a fan magazine and subscriptions will be sent en masse. In this manner some worthy fan mags can be helped substantially and a fan mag will be available for review each month.

Only New Jersey members of the SFL may become members of the Newark Chapter. In this way there will be no interference with the recruiting activities of the Queens SFL, toward which a policy of cooperation will be adopted. All Newark SFL members are urged to attend meetings of both chapters.

Provision will be made for occasional visits to Westwood, N.J., to attend Chapter meetings there.

Anyone, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, etc., is invited to attend as many meetings as he wishes. Honorary membership may be issued in such cases.

Bob Studley is having membership cards printed.

The first meeting of the Newark SFL proved to be greatly enjoyable, and a delightful air of informality and goodfellowship prevailed.

The meeting after the meeting was held at the home of Sam Moskowitz.

Contact Secretary Richard B. Crain, of 1734 Willow Ave., Weehawken, N.J., for any information relative to the chapter.

Edgar Allan's Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher" was broadcast over WHBI (Newark) April 15th, at 8:30.

## STARDUST

Number 3 issue of *Stardust* features:

"Three Eras," by Willy Ley. A long, illustrated article on the problems, hazards, and possibilities of space-flight. This unique article covers the three eras of Astronomy in detail, explaining all the known facts and theories. Willy Ley is at his best!

"The Crystal of Death" by Jack Williamson is a unique piece of weird fantasy. It tells of a lost world in the heart of a cup-shaped mountain — and the horror that lay hidden there for countless centuries, waiting for some unlucky traveller. A party of men found this spot of terror, and what happened then, provides — *Crystal of Death!*

"The Cycle of Age" by Robert Moore Williams is a story of the year 4000 A.D. It is a story that every national leader should read. Mr. Williams shows us the futility of war and the terrible things that must follow. This story is recommended highly. There are only 3 characters in it—but the story that is built around them is positively unusual.

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"It's the Strain" by Charles R. Tanner is a satiric commentary on science-fiction by an old-timer of fantasy authorship — set in a unique piece of poetry. By all means, read this!

The cover is by a new find in the art field of fantasy, H. M. Jenkinson, Jr. Too, Mr. Jenkinson does a beautiful interior for Jack Williamson's story. It is a combination Virgil Finlay and Paul epic. We predict that this new artist will go far.

Plus all the regular departments, etc. All in the third gala issue of *Stardust*, the magazine *Unique!*



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## Boost Science Fiction

### EDITORIAL

By Will Sykora

Surprise! Surprise! Here it is, the first printed issue of Fantasy News. The reasons for this change of format are two-fold. The first is to give our readers better service, and a paper that is easier and more pleasant to read, and second to save us time in putting it out. We hope by this move to eliminate all further mailing delays and to get this paper into your hands as soon after the regular publication date as is possible.

The four columns per page are the same size as regular daily newspaper format. We have figured that there are approximately 400 words per column, making a total for the entire issue of approximately 3200 words. Our old format gave only about 200 words per column, and since a four page issue only contained 8 columns, the resulting wordage was only about 1600. The printed issue should, therefore, contain almost double the wordage of the old mimeographed numbers. The single sheet is easier for you to handle, and it is a simple matter for us to fold it and place it in the envelope. No stapling, no collating, no checking page numbers, everything of the utmost convenience, is the result.

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By Harry Warner, Jr.

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Science Fiction Weekly: vol.1.no.8. News and comments: 4 large mimeod pp. 3 for 10 cents. Also included: Looking Ahead, vol.1.no.4. Convention mainly. 2574 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Scientia: vol.1.no.2. Good fan stuff, mimeod. A dime, from Tom Hoguet, 3671 Broadway, New York, N. Y. (hw)

Fantasmagoria: Issue no.4, finally revived. Exquisite hekto drawings by Baltadonis. Excellent material by Wellman, Kuttner, Haggard, Heald, C. A. Smith. Terrible hectoing. 5 cents from John J. Weir, 318 Main St., South Amboy, N. J.

Sun-Spots: Club organ of Westwood Chapter of Solaroid Club. Issues no. 3 and 4. Hectoede. 5 cents from Roderick Graetz, 31 Bogart Pl., Westwood, N.J. (sm)

Midwest Fan News and Views: vol. 1.no.5. Name changed from just Midwest Fan News, and new editor now Mark Reinsberg 'stead of Dick Meyer. 4 pp of Chicago fan news. 5 cents from 3156 Cambridge Ave., Chicago, Ill. (wss)

Editor Gillings of Tales of Wonder has received the okay to go ahead preparing issue No. 11.

Leslie C. Peltier, noted amateur astronomer and discoverer of 7 new comets, earned money for his first telescope by selling 900 quarts of strawberries. (fs)

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## VOICE OF FANDOM

By Our Readers

Chicago, Ill: You are welcome to my subscription to Fantasy News: I have found it quite interesting. My only complaint is that it is all too short. Milt. Latzer

Latonia, Ky: Sorry I did not have it (FN - Ed.) before this.

Miss C. Allen  
Boston, Mass: Received your sample copy of Fantasy News and that it quite interesting. Enclosed please find 10 cents for three issues, and keep up the good work. I have read science-fiction for only about a year and a half, and I have collected all the worthwhile tales together. You would be surprised at the large percentage which Eando Binder has had published. Ferederick Weiner

Richmond Hill, N. Y.: Wish you and your paper the best of luck.

Walter Nemunis  
Columbus O.: Mimeographing is fine. I do not see how you do it. (How do you like the printed format, Tom? - Will) I am still waiting for my copy of "The Feminine Fan."

Tom Gardner  
Roanoke, Va.: I'll let you know if anything unusual crops up. Meanwhile, my continued wishes for the success of your most interesting fan sheet. Nelson S. Bond

Rochester, N. Y.: My own person-

## ANNOUNCING

The Visionary Publishing Company has undertaken the publication of P. Schuyler Miller's "The Titan." This volume is intended as the first of a series of both original and reprint novels. However, if that plan is to become a reality, the support of each and every fan is needed — is indispensable, in fact.

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## ASTOUNDING FACTS

By Jimmy Taurasi

The September Astounding Science Fiction will have a cover illustrating an article, which will probably be drawn by Rogers. "Coventry" is the title to a sequel to "If This Goes On" by Robert A. Heinlein. This will appear in a future issue. "Blow-ups Happen" is another tale by Heinlein coming up soon.

The American Rocket Society of Staten Island has a full schedule already worked out for interplanetary navigation, with the Moon to be used as a refueling station.

al opinion of all this feuding is that it certainly is getting no one anywhere, and is creating a lot of bad feeling. I do not see anything constructive about it. My suggestion is simply to ignore the instigators, except for every so often pointing out the good qualities that exist even in their neck of the woods as if with awe. There is no one so bad, you know, that he does not also possess good qualities. I would be sure of recognizing the good side about them, even if it be nothing more than a desire which is belied in their actions, and may be nothing more than a mask. Larry Farsaci

## "THE TITAN"

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