

**ROBERT BLOCH AIDS
MILWAUKEE MAYOR**

Robert A. Bloch is literary advisor to Carl Zeidler, who was elected Mayor of Milwaukee on April 2nd. Zeidler defeated Daniel W. Hoan, the Socialist, who has been Mayor for 24 years. Bloch's work as a member of Zeidler's board of strategy contributed not a little to the victory.

FICTIONEERS NEWS

The lineup of the next issue of Super Science Stories is as follows: "The Day of the Comet," by Frederick A. Kummer, Jr., "Trouble Shooter" by Harl Vincent, "Before the Universe" by S. D. Gottesman, "The Timeless Ones" by Harry Walton, "Outlaws on Venus" by John E. Harry, "Sigma Lyra Passes" by Oliver E. Saari, "The Thot Woman" by Ray Cummings, "Europa Enchantment" by Henry Andrew Ackerman. Cover by Morey.

MORE COMIC MAGS!

More Comics have appeared on the local stands. They are Nickel Comics, a five cent book containing "Bulletman," the scientific marvel of the age; Bat Man Comics, a weird science feature; Super-Mystery Comics, introducing "Magno, the Magnetic Man," "Vulcan, the Volcanic Man," and other pseudo-science heroes; and Cyclone Comics, with "Volton, the Human Generator," and a short-short "A Visitor from Space." These seem to be slightly better than average.

**OBSERVATORY IS
ASTRONOMER'S
HONEYMOON NEST**

The newest and highest observatory in the United States will become the honeymoon nest of Walter Orr Roberts, 25, of Boston, Mass., a Harvard graduate, who won the \$1,000 Agassiz scholarship for the study of the sun's corona. Roberts will wed Janet Smock, of Lakehurst, New Jersey, who will accompany him to the research station, a lonely penthouse, 11,000 feet above sea level, at Climax, Colorado. In

Ziff - Davis Pen Names Revealed

This column will be confined to a discussion of the various pen names being used in Amazing Stories and Fantastic Adventures. A few of these names are already known, but most of them have been withheld up to now.

Raymond A. Palmer has a wide variety of house names of his own. Whenever an author has more than one yarn in an issue, or whenever the editor has to fill in with a story written by himself, he uses one of several possible standard pen names used by his particular publishing house, hence the term 'house names.' A few of the definitely known ones are: A. R. Steber, Alexander Blade, and Wallace Wray Quitman. The latter was used by Palmer way back in the days of the Science Fiction Digest. Then there are A. H. Vance, Harvey Emerson, Benson Herbert, and Morris J. Steele, which are more or less definitely known to be Palmer's also. Ray has said that he has to write stories for his own magazines because the professionals no longer are professional — in other words, he cannot get enough acceptable material outside, so he has to get it "inside."

Peter Horn is in reality two authors. Dave Vern (who is also David V. Reed) and John Broome have written under this pseudonym. It has been circulated that Henry Kuttner also writes under this name, but this is erroneous. Here is the real inside story about that yarn in

Alfred J. McKeel reports that he is going to edit a department in the newly published "The Alchemist" to be called "The S. F. Glossary." In it he will list the pronunciation of prominent sfans' names. Send a postal to A. J. McKeel, 1100 E. High St., Jefferson, Mo., listing the pronouncing of your own name and as many names of fellow fans as you know. (ajm)

his studies, Roberts will use the coronagraph, only three of which exist, to measure the gases and the flames which envelop the sun. The instrument was perfected by Dr. Fritz Menzel, of Harvard.

FA written by Peter Horn: Henry Kuttner wrote a yarn and sent it to Ziff-Davis. Vern bought it immediately, but when he took it in to Davis, Davis rejected it. Of course, it was too late as the yarn had been paid for, so Vern rewrote the story entirely, and then sent it back to Davis. This time Davis accepted it, so it was published under the name of Peter Horn. 75,000 copies of FA had Peter Horn's name on the yarn, and 25,000 had Kuttner's. Really Vern wrote the finished yarn.

Next comes John York Cabot, who in reality is David Wright O'Brien, nephew of Farnsworth Wright. Then along comes Miles Shelton — guess who he is. Well, he is none other than Don Wilcox. And under what name do you think Robert Moore Williams writes? He uses the wild name of Russell Storm. Jerry K. Westerfield, (former assistant to Palmer) writes under the name of Jack West. Ed Earl Repp, prominent old-timer, often uses the name Bradner Buckner. And Lieutenant John Pease is in reality Ralph Milne Farley who is in reality Roger Sherman Hoar. Too, it is suspected that Edwin Benson is another of the house names of Ziff-Davis, and Noel Gardner smells strongly of the same. That about tells the tale, a pretty big tale, at that. In fact, it seems that the majority of authors in Amazing and Fantastic are pen names. And God only knows how many more there really are.

**FANTASCIENCE DIGEST
OUT SOON!**

The March-April issue of Fantascience Digest will be out in several days. Here is the line-up:

"Dream's End," an exquisite tale of pure fantasy by Alexander M. Phillips, is the only story in the issue. It is about a dreamer who suddenly finds himself faced with the cold, unromantic facts of life.

"The Art of Purloining a Library Book" supplies science fiction collectors with many unique ways of adding to their collections. It is by the inscrutable Hoy Ping Pong. Julius Unger spins an interesting

**WALTER J. DAUGHERTY
RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR
OF LASFS**

Charlie Hornig writes:-
"At present, there is a slight shake-up in the Los Angeles Science Fiction Society, part of which consists of the resignation of Director Walter J. Daugherty. Further details will appear in a later edition.
"A group of the fans from L. A. visited J. Harvey Haggard in San Bernadino on Sunday, April 7 — going in my antiquated 1927 Nash. Main feature of the trip: a breakdown on highway 66 outside of Pomona — broken piston rod. Tomorrow, Sunday, April 21st, I'm driving Forrie, Morojo, and Yerkie to Santa Barbara to visit a local Esperantist there. Last week I was made the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Esperanto Association of North America."

BLUE RIBBON NEWS

Now working on the August Science Fiction. The June issue should be on sale in a day or two — or maybe a week, but not later than May 10th. The July Future Fiction will follow a month later. Authors to appear in the August Science Fiction will be Thornton Ayre, Wilbur S. Peacock, David C. Cooke, Lloyd Arthur Eshbach, Bob Olsen, Raymond Z. Gallun, and Milton Kaletsky. One or two of these may be under a pen name — titles are not available, due to the fact that several of them might be changed. (cdh)

The fantasy play, "Heavenly Express," ends its 20 performance run on May 4th.

article comparing old and new fandom, titled: "An Old-Timer Returns." Robert W. Lowndes inaugurates the first of a new series 'Ten Years Ago in Science Fiction,' and Fred W. Fischer quotes from his correspondence in "Salvaged Souvenirs," a lengthy fan article. Harry Warner, Jr., and several others, help to round out the issue. In addition to the above, a supplement issue of PSFS NEWS will be bound in, giving the mag a total of 34 large mimeoed pages.

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EDITORIAL

By Will Sykora

Fantasy Fans have long bewailed the fact that there never has been one concerted movement or one especially superior fan publication behind which they could put all their tremendous energies. With, we hope, pardonable pride, attention is hereby respectfully called to the present science fiction weekly newspaper, **FANTASY NEWS**. Judging not by our own standards, but by the many congratulatory letters we have received, the printed format has exceeded the wildest dreams of almost all fantasy fans whom we have had the pleasure to know. Yet, in our glancing over the subscription lists of this newspaper, it is surprising, and disconcerting, how few "top" fans subscribe. One would think, that with a medium such as this, all really active fans would find it impossible to refrain from receiving a copy each week. Is it jealousy that keeps our fellow fans from supporting **FANTASY NEWS** the way they should? We sincerely hope not, because the key-note of FN is service to all sfans, and our motto "Boost Science Fiction" means just that. So, support **FANTASY NEWS** the way it deserves to be supported. Send in your subscriptions today. Advertise your fan mag or other activity. Our ad rates are very low for a printed newspaper. Our circulation is climbing every week and it will pay you well. Climb on the band wagon and **SUPPORT FANTASY NEWS**.

STARDUST OUT MAY 10th!

The next issue of Stardust, sf-fandom's printed semi-pro fan mag will appear on or about May 10th. A very special Convention Number will be published in time for the Chicago Science Fiction Convention — more details will appear in later editions of **FANTASY NEWS**.

FAN MAG REVIEW

by Harry Warner, Jr.

Snide: vol.1.no.1. 40 small hectoed pp., with extremely good illustrations and excellent material — mostly humor. 10 c, from Damon Knight, 803 Columbia St., Hood River, Oregon.

Stf, Stickers, Such-Stuffery: First issue. 8 lithographed pp, consisting wholly of letterheads, stickers, etc., of sfans and authors. Unique and worth a dime. 236½ N. New Hampshire, Hollywood, Calif.

Scienti-Snaps: vol.3.no.2. Another swell issue, with great material by Tanner, Keller, Merritt, de Camp. Beautiful format, 16 large mimeoed pp., for 10 c. 2709 East Second Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Golden Atom: vol.1.no.7. 32 large mimeoed pp., including reprint of an issue of *Outre*. Good material; 15 c from 48 Lewis St., Rochester, New York.

VOICE OF FANDOM

By Our Readers

New Concord, O.: Liked the sample copy. Here is 10c for the next three issues
John Patch

Washington, D. C.: Like the new set-up very much.

G. O. Winston, Jr. Cochituate, Mass.: Please renew my subscription for six weeks. Needless to say, I like your newspaper.

M. F. Bustin New York, N. Y.: All I can say is: FN is a swell little newspaper.

Howard Hackett Wichita Falls, Texas: Your persistence is too much for me! I thought it would be a simple process to stop taking **FANTASY NEWS**, but it seems that I was wrong. Accepting then the inevitable, I am resubscribing and sending thirty cents for the next nine issues starting with number 96.

Edgar Gilbert New York, N. Y.: The April 14th issue of **FANTASY NEWS** is a fine one. So much real interesting news. *Fantastic Novels* will be 20c. *Famous Fantastic Mysteries* went to press with the other information because it was too early to have a final decision.

Mary Gnaedinger Ft. Benning, Ga.: Please accept the enclosed 50c for a subscription to your fan newspaper. Thanks for the sample copy, and best wishes for your continued success from an s.f. fan of the old school.

Sgt. J. Kennelly Decker, Ind.: Congrats on the new printed **FANTASY NEWS**.

Marvis Manning

SCIENTIFILMS

by Mario Racic, Jr.

In the June issue of *Screen Guide* those interested will find two pages of news about the forthcoming fantasy comedy "Turnabout" from the novel of Thorne Smith, author of 'Topper,' 'Nite Life of the Gods,' etc. The story is that of a wife and husband who each considers that the other has the easier side of the marriage. So a bust of Ram, the Egyptian God, comes to life and puts them in each other's bodies. In the cast are John Hubbard and Carole Landis, the latter being starred in the prehistory "One Million B. C."

Movie Story Magazine for June has story and scenes from the Jekyll Hyde-like stfilm, "Black Friday," starring Lugosi and Karloff.

Bob Studley writes:
"I just saw 'One Million B. C.:' here's a review of it:

"The story is about two different prehistoric tribes and how they get together and combine. The picture opens when Tumak (Victor Mature) is driven away from his tribe because he struck his father Akahoba (Lon Chaney, Jr.). He is knocked into the river by a woolly mammoth and floats downstream to the village of the shell people. These people are much more advanced than the rock people. (Tumak's tribe), who depend upon their physical prowess. Tumak learns how to smile and be kind. One day, after killing a great reptile, he steals a spear. When the owner tries to retrieve it, Tumak knocks him unconscious. He is forced to leave the tribe, but a girl, Lloana (Carole Landis) accompanies him. They pass through many dangers before reaching the rock people. His father, Akohoba, whom he formally feared, is now a hopeless cripple, so Tumak becomes the ruler of the tribe, by his strength. Lloana shows the tribe how to plant vegetables. They become sociable for the first time in history, as hitherto the weak all feared the strong.

A volcano erupts, killing many of the rock people. Lloana turns up missing. Later her brother comes and says she has returned to the shell people who are all trapped in a cave menaced by a gigantic hundred foot lizard. Tumak brings his tribe and kills the monster by rolling rocks down upon it. The two tribes then become friendly and settle down in the same cave.

"There is no dialogue in the pic-

ODD ITEMS

by Fantasy News Reporters

Leonard Gipson of Santa, Texas, has sold "Sports in the Year 2000 A. D." to Ziff-Davis. It is his first sale in Stf. He also has three other mss. at other editors. (wss)

The Third Chicago Science Fiction Conference has been held. Mark Reinsberg and Erle Korshak came up to Bloomington to see Bob Tucker and Williard Roberts and many important plans for the Illini Fantasy Fictioneers were made. The stay lasted four days, and on April 30th the two Chi travellers were en route to Fort Wayne to see Shroyer and Dikty. (ek)

The original "Elva," the heroine of Eando Binder's "The Little People," in *Fantastic Adventures*, is the beautiful wife of Ralph Milne Farley. We recently received a photo of Mrs. Farley on Farley's palomino gelding, "Ohio Silver." The horse is cream-colored, with white eyes, and a golden mane and tail. (wss)

Sam Moskowitz, Fantasy News Ace Reporter, has won Honorable Mention in Thrilling Wonder's Amateur Story Contest. Margulies states that Sam's story was the "smoothest" yet written for this contest and would like to see more of his work. (jvt)

The Eberhard Faber Pencil Co., 37 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., will send free on request a portfolio containing 8 beautiful sketches in color, two of them being futuristic cities.

Chicago, Ill.: For Ghuhu's sake, don't hecto FN. I hope this isn't the Huge Surprise. (Walter, how could you! - Ed)

Walter C. Liebscher Hagerstown, Md.: Congratulations on the printed **FANTASY NEWS!**
Harry Warner, Jr.

ture other than a simple prehistoric language."

Local Revivals: At the Park Theatre, 8 Columbus Circle, on May 9th and 10th, "Topper Takes A Trip." "Men with Steel Faces" is playing at the Central Theatre. It appeared about five years ago in serial form. It is about the underground city of Murania (Mu). "The Lost City," with Kane Richmond and William Boyd is at the Harris on 42nd Street.