

NO. 5 PLANET LINE-UP!

HEADLINERS WRITE MAJORITY OF YARNS.

BINDER AND CUMMINGS FEATURED!

EXCLUSIVE: Here is the advance line-up for the Winter 1940 issue of **PLANET STORIES**, Volume 1, Number 5:

"One Thousand Miles Below" by Eando Binder. (A Novel)

"Phantom Of the Seven Stars" by Ray Cummings. (Novelet)

"Twilight of the Tenth World" by Thornton Ayre. (Novelet)

"The Castaway" by George Danzell. (Short Story)

"Atom of Death" by Ross Rocklyn. (Short Story)

"Beyond Light" by Nelson S. Bond. (Short Story)

"Exit From Asteroid 60" by D. L. James. (Short Story)

"The Stellar Legion" by Leigh Brackett. (Short Story)

Readers of **FANTASY NEWS** are welcome to contribute reviews of these stories for publication in this newspaper. For each of these reviews your subscription will be extended or you will get a new subscription at the rate of one cent per column-inch of your article.

SCIENCE FICTION BROADCAST BY STFAI!

Abe Oshinsky, popular member of the Queens Science Fiction League, spoke a few words over the radio concerning his hobby of science fiction. The broadcast was at the invitation of the World's Fair Reporter. Further efforts are being made by Mr. Oshinsky to present a longer talk on some other program.

YOUR FRIENDS WOULD LIKE FANTASY NEWS

STRANGER CLUB ELECTS!

ART WIDNER, JR. RE-ELECTED DIRECTOR

Meeting at the MIT Grad House in Cambridge, in Earl Singleton's apartments, on Sunday afternoon, October 13th, The Stranger Club unanimously re-elected Art Widner, Jr as Director, and Earl Singleton as Treasurer. Fred Weiner was unanimously elected Secretary.

Members present were Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Swisher, Frances Nevada Swisher II, (youngest fan club member in the world!) John W. Bell, a new member, Alfred F. Lopez, Ralph Smith, Fred Weiner, Earl Singleton and Art Widner Jr.

The meeting did not get under way late as usual, on account of his regular thirty-mile journey, and while waiting, everybody was immersed in the No. 4 issue of **Fanfare**, the club organ, which was fresh from one of Mass. Tech's direct-process hektos that morning.

After the elections were held, a discussion went on about making it convenient for out-of-state fans to attend. It was decided that the club should hold bi-weekly meetings during the winter, which would offer more dates for out-of-state fans to choose from in making their visits. Accordingly, the next meeting was fixed for Oct 27, at the Graduate House of the Massachusetts Institute Of Technology in Cambridge. It was also decided that meetings should alternate-business and informal.

The Stranger Club takes this opportunity to cordially (Page 2)

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

ATTENTION STAFAN CLUBS!!!

You are all cordially invited to use the columns of this newspaper to report your activities and the minutes of your meetings. Although some of the professional magazines have fan societies in their columns, a great many times they are crowded for room so that minutes of club meetings are necessarily omitted and often never see print at all.

For the convenience of all stafan societies and as an added service to our readers all club news sent in will be printed. It is the purpose of FANTASY NEWS to show that science fiction fans are active, and the proof of this activity is in the doings of the various clubs, conferences, and conventions.

We respectfully urge each club to appoint its secretary as a reporter or publicity director. Let us know the name and address of this officer. We will send him or her a printed FANTASY NEWS PRESS CARD, and full instructions for reporting publicity and other news items.

By cooperating with us in this way, science fiction fan clubs will insure the publication of all their activities all the time, and need not depend for publicity upon the professional magazines, whose space is so often extremely limited.

STREET & SMITH have put on sale the cover painting for the 1st & 2 volumes of ASTOUNDING. The first has already been purchased by Forrest J Ackerman for \$10.00.

THE STRANGER CLUB Cont'd: invite any fan who can possibly make it, to attend the following meeting to be held on Sunday, Nov 10. The next after that will be Nov 24. Lou Kuslan of West Haven, Conn. has promised to attend on the 10th, and we would like to make this a real minor interstate convention, if possible.

Following this, Art Widner read the material submitted for publication in the 5th issue of Fanfare. Material by Donn Brazier, 4sj Ackerman, Oliver Davis, Joe Gilbert, and L.R. Chauvenet was accepted, and one article was shelved for further discussion at another time. Damon Knight's illustration for the cover was examined and enthusiastically approved. The material was read with the authors' names undisclosed, thereby insuring impartial judgment on its merits only.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 o'clock for supper, and informal discussion was held after.

AROUND TOWN by Jimmy Taurasi.

The Jan issue (next) of FANTASTIC NOVELS will have Ralph Milne Farley's "Radio Beasts", another of his famous "Radio" series. Frank R. Paul is doing three full page interiors as well as two half page decorations. He also will have a two page spread. The cover has been painted by Virgil Finlay. Mr. Paul's counsel is the unofficial guide followed in the art work for this magazine and for FAMOUS FANTASTIC NOVELS.

Paul has done a cover for FUTURE FICTION and for the next issue of SCIENCE FICTION. There will not be a girl on the next FF cover, which will be purely a mechanical picture. It will be out next month.

Paul has finished his series of "Denizens Of the Universe" for AMAZING STORIES. He is now doing a series of "Cities of the Universe" suggested by your reporter. He has had "A City Of Mars" already published, and has finished "A City Of Venus".

The cover of the second issue of COMET will also be done by Mr. Paul, whose popularity is great.