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ART WIDNER'S POLL RESULTS

POLL CLOSES DEC 31ST

LAST CALL TO VOTE!!!

This is the last call to all science fiction readers to vote for their favorite science fiction fan and favorite professional stf artist. These two polls will close on December 31st. The fan mag poll is still open, however, and the closing date for this will be announced in a future issue of this newspaper.

Here is how to vote in these popular polls. Send a post card to Art Widner, Jr., Box 122, Bryantville, Mass. and list in order of your preference those you honestly think should be rated as the ten "top" fans, or ten top fan mags. On the artist poll, vote for your opinion of the best five in each of the following three classes: Cover; interior; all-around. In each poll, first choices receive ten points, (five for artists); seconds receive nine points, and so on down the entire list to number ten, who receives one point.

Leaders among fans can be officers of fan societies; organizers or promoters of fan clubs, conferences, or conventions; publishers or editors of leading fan magazines or anyone at all who, in your own honest opinion, deserves mention for work in the science fiction fan field. Leading fan mags may be chosen for timeliness or interest of content; neatness or beauty of format; editorial policy; or anything at all, which, in your opinion, makes an outstanding amateur fan publication. Leading professional stf artists can only be chosen by the appearance of their(P.3)

WELLS & WELLES GET TOGETHER!!!

FANTASY NEWS URGES ACTION!

H. G. Wells, noted British author of "War Of the Worlds" and other science fiction classics, and Orson Welles who broadcast the "War" so realistically that thousands believed it to be true, met for the first time when their lecture tours converged in San Antonio, Texas.

But not for the last time. As guests of Mayor Maury Maverick, they became so chummy that Wells will stay with Welles when he reaches California.

Welles, who produced-directed-wrote-starred in RKO RADIO'S "Citizen Kane", is now putting finishing touches to the film, and already looking for new worlds to conquer. Hollywood and the science-fiction world wonders whether Wells, who gave him Mars, is going to help him in the search.

FANTASY NEWS, the Science Fiction Weekly Newspaper, is immediately inaugurating a campaign demanding that Wells and Welles get together without delay on the greatest scientific film of all times, one which will have all the power of "Things To Come", and all the snap of "Just Imagine". Postal cards are being sent to every subscriber for forwarding to the two greatest proponents of stf entertainment urging them to begin work immediately on a scientific film that will make world history.

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 SCIENCE FICTION

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

H.G. Wells and Orson Welles have gotten together at last! This news has been the most gratifying we have received in many weeks. If these two cannot cook up a real, gigantic, super-colossal, stupendous, SCIENTIFILM, the thousands of scientifilm fans throughout the country may just as well give up hope of ever seeing a really satisfactory science fiction photoplay.

This newspaper hopes to do its share toward the successful filming of such a motion picture. If only science fiction fans could make themselves heard by these two masters of fantasy!

FANTASY NEWS, which has for years voiced the public opinion of science fiction fans is going to do something about it. With this issue, every subscriber and reader will receive a post card addressed to Hollywood. This post card will carry the following urgent message:

"As a reader of FANTASY NEWS, the science fiction weekly newspaper, and as a steady reader of scientific fiction for _____ years, I respectfully recommend that you, a great science fiction author, and you, a great producer of fantastic plays, get together and produce the greatest scientifilm of all times."

All you have to do is to fill in the number of years you have read science fiction, sign the card, and drop it into the mail box. DON'T FAIL TO MAIL THE CARD. As a collector's item, this card is valueless. It will be far from rare. But as a means to insure the production of the greatest motion picture treat it is priceless!

FANTASY BOOK REVIEW

by Sam Moskowitz.
 "Mr. Tompkins In Wonderland" by G. Gamow (91 pages, 15000 words. Illustrated by John Hookham, appendix. Published by Macmillan, N.Y. \$2.00)

This entertaining little volume goes just one step further than the once-popular thought-variants. Taking advantage of many of our most modern theories of the expanding universe, and the changes that take place in moving objects, (such as an airplane actually being shorter while in flight), this book impresses one as having rolled up in one fascinating story all of Einstein's theories, Ray Cumming's lovable professors in the Tubbyarns, and Jules Verne's masterpieces of scientific prophecy.

Mr. Tompkins is a simple bank clerk who can hardly tell one dimension from another. He has six dreams. Each dream concerns some fantastic ramification of the various abstract concepts of modern physics. In one, he watches a man bicycle past; the cyclist is as flat as a piece of paper, for in this dream world, the tiny changes of size in moving objects are greatly exaggerated.

Another dream deals with the theory that a moving atomic particle such as an electron can never be exactly determined, and may appear to be in several places at the same time. This results in the unusual situation of one tiger multiplying into a whole pack and attacking an elephant upon whose back Mr. Tompkins is riding.

In each dream, Mr. Tompkins is accompanied by a gray-bearded professor, who explains exactly what is happening each time.

(ED. NOTE: Anyone may submit reviews of not over 300 words on any new science, fantasy, or speculative, such as the above. Each reviewer will get the status of a FN Reporter and will receive one of our regular Press Cards.)

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WIDNER'S POLL RESULTS Cont'd: published work.

Here are the results in the top brackets to date:

<u>FANS (103 votes)</u>			
1. Ackerman	.	1	538
2. Tucker	.	.	446
3. Moskowitz	.	.	395
4. Lowndes	.	.	317
5. Warner	.	.	308
6. Wollheim	.	.	236
7. Sykora	.	.	204
8. Taurasi	.	.	158
9. Van Houten	.	.	152
10. Madle	.	.	136

<u>FAN MAGS (37 votes)</u>			
1. Spaceways	.	.	252
2. Sun Spots	.	.	182
3. Stardust	.	.	160
4. Le Zombie	.	.	153
5. Snide	.	.	133
6. FANTASY NEWS	.	.	130
7. Pluto	.	.	128
8. Voice of Imagi-Nation	.	.	119
9. Comet	.	.	106
10. Alchemist	.	.	99

<u>ARTISTS (92 votes)</u>			
<u>Cover</u>			
1. Paul	.	.	273
2. Rogers	.	.	203
3. Finlay	.	.	190
4. Wesso	.	.	118
5. Brown	.	.	94

<u>Interior</u>			
1. Finlay	.	.	287
2. Paul	.	.	226
3. Bok	.	.	123
4. Wesso	.	.	119
5. Dold	.	.	76

<u>All-Around</u>			
1. Finlay	.	.	264
2. Paul	.	.	258
3. Wesso	.	.	130
4. Cartier	.	.	89
5. Bok	.	.	85

VOTE NOW! Fan and fan mag polls open until December 31st only.

PRO MAG REVIEWERS WANTED! Why not review your favorite newstands sci magazine in FANTASY NEWS? There are approximately 22 pro mags featuring scientific fiction (next col.

SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Ratic, Jr.

LOOK for Dec 3 has several scenes from the Walt Disney fantasy sound film, "Fantasia". All stfans are urged to see and hear this unusual combination of stfcartoon and the new fantasound. Because of special equipment needed to show this film, only a few selected theatres in certain sections of the country will be able to show it. For instance, many reproducers are placed all about the theatre. The sounds proceed from one or more at different times and different locations in exact synchronism with the motions and colors of the film. The effect is too weird to be described. A word description of the spectacle would be inadequate, the new art creation must be seen and heard. One of the local film critics has said it is "a picture that seems to come from another world." Don't miss it.

A new Karloff film opens at the RIALTO, locally, on Dec. 26. It is another pseudo-stfic called "The Ape", on a style similar to "The Man Who Lived Again". Karloff is coming to New York to appear in a play titled "Arsenic and Old Lace", a murder mystery.

Spencer Tracy is to star in that remake of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at MGM. This makes three famous film stars who have played this well known double role.

The FIFTH AVE PLAYHOUSE (at 12th St. New York) has been showing for the past three weeks the old and famous stfilm, "The Cabinet Of Dr. Caligari".

BEG PARDON: In the Time Stream in FANTASY NEWS No. 117, it was stated that Julius Unger drove Art Widner to Chicago in a station wagon. The actual facts are that Widner went to the Chicon in his own car, "The Skylark of Woo-Woo", with Singleton and Bell. Unger and Bob Madle of Philadelphia asked for a ride back in Widner's car, and this they did.

(Courtesy Art Widner, Jr.)

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