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WEIRD TALES FUTURE LINE-UP

WEIRD TALES for January will hit the stands on November 1st with a horrendous tale of fantastic horror by Allison V. Harding titled "Revelt Of the Trees".

Old stf favorite Edmond Hamilton will have a thriller-chiller in the form of a novelet called "Priestess Of the Labyrinth".

There will be other yarns by Manly Wade Wellman, August Derleth, and other WT favorites.

The current issue which hit the stands on Sep 1 has a real gem by Ray Bradbury titled "The Jar", about a pickled "something" that conjures up horrific thoughts in those observing it. "

"The Bat Is My Brother" by Robert Bloch might be retitled "Vampirism, a Modern Praxis".

The feature yarn of the issue is August Derleth's "The Dweller In Darkness", continuing the Lovecraft tradition of Cthulhu, Nyarlathotep, and other red-hots of the world beyond.

"A Gentlemen From Prague" was disappointing. Instead of being a delightful tale of full of the local color of that ancient European town, it was merely a common short about an accursed gold chain and the retribution its theft brought.

Thorp McClusky has a short called "Dark Mummery", Wellman has another called "The Dead Man's Hand" while artist-author Hannes Bok winds up the issue with a rather clever little yarn titled "The Ghost Punch".

An unusual feature of the ish is the ARKHAM HOUSE ad on Page 6.

SHAW & SCHWARTZ ELECTED FAPA OFFICE

Larry Shaw, Schenectady, N.Y. and A.L. Schwartz, Boston, Mass. are Offical Ed. and Sec'y-Treas. FAPA.

VOICE OF FANDOM by Our Readers.

Jersey City, N.J.: Thank you for the sample copy of your interesting newspaper. I have enclosed my order for eight issues. John Moller.

STANDARD'S NEW HEADLINERS

The Feb 1945 (Winter) number of THRILLING WONDER STORIES will feature Arthur K. Barnes' novel of pioneer space adventure on the Planet Venus titled "Fog Over Venus", about John Buckmaster's offer of a whole planet made habitable by super-science against wildest nature and grasping humans. This long yarn tells of the epic struggle of a world's benefactor who explores unknown regions and invents ingenious ways of making them suitable for human life. It is also a struggle of a humanitarian against the grasping greed of his financial backers.

Fredric Brown will have a novelet of super-scientific slapstick and astronomical absurdities concerning an ad-mad soap-and-scour man who not only makes the well-known welkin ring but changes it around considerably as well. Title is "Pi In the Sky".

Fox B. Holden wins the Amateur Story Contest with his "Stop, Thief" about Private Holden's triflings with time-travel. Sgt Saturn says "its warp is worse than its woof!"

There will be another announcement of the Science Fiction League which was revived in a mild way in the current (November) number.

ODD ITEMS by FANTASY NEWS Reporters

Joe Kennedy has abandoned plans for his proposed fm Vampire. (g lr)

A write-up of Will Sykora's rocket experiments may appear in the next Arcturian. (aot)

On the first list of approved magazines for Army distribution, ASTOUNDING was the only science-fiction mag included. On the second and revised list, AMAZING was included besides. (rc)

Thomas S. Gardner, Ph.D. will have an article on prolonging human life in FANTASY NEWS SURPRISE SEMI-ANNUAL number, out Dec. 17th. (aot)

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 BOOST SCIENCE FICTION

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

This is the fourth in our series of six tri-weekly issues. Our paid subscriptions have tripled since we started and it begins to look more and more as if weekly publication will be started after the sixth number. This will probably be with our SURPRISE SEMI-ANNUAL NUMBER, dated Dec 24, out on Dec 17. At that time, sub prices will advance slightly, so now is the time to subscribe or renew at the old low price. The SEMI-ANNUAL will be included at no extra charge. It will be 10¢ to non-subscribers.

IN THE SERVICE

Aug 26, Somewhere. In France.
 Dear Will;

Received your July 24th letter containing a copy of FANTASY NEWS. By now you no doubt have my answer to your first letter.

Boy, it was good to see FN again! It sure brought to mind all the "good old days" of Fandom. Boy, what headaches! We sure had some good times. Even if we get a bunch together, we'll never have times like we used to.

Yes, I know about the films you mentioned. I still keep my eyes open about stfilms. I may really end up doing something about that hobby of mine, one of these days.

Well, that's all for now, best regards and good luck to you, Frances, and the baby.

Mario
 (Pvt Mario Racic, Jr.)

VOICE OF FANDOM by Our Readers.

Westwood, N.J.: I think you will be making a great mistake if you continue FANTASY NEWS. Gerry dela Ree.

BOOK REVIEW by S/Sgt R. M. Cox.

A new book of weird stories has just hit the market. It is called "The Great Fog" by H.F. Heard. Put out by VANGUARD PRESS at \$2.50.

The stories, eight in all, range from fine to poor. The best by far is "Dromenon", reminiscent of E.A. Poe at his best. It is about strange life in a churchyard.

Another yarn, called "Wingless Victory" is about a penguin civilization and is well-developed.

The title story, "The Great Fog" is probably the best mood piece in the book, which is, on the whole, well worth the price.

BART HOUSE has brought out another paper-bound book (25¢) to match its "Shadow Over Innsmouth". It is "Rebirth" by Thomas Calvert Mc Clary. It is a reprint of a long serial by the same name which created quite a furore some years ago in ASTOUNDING. It is a fine story of its type, in which mankind loses the heritage of civilization and builds it up again in a new and better way.

AVON BOOKS are putting out a paper-bound (25¢) series of the works of A. Merritt. They have already published "Seven Footprints To Satan", "The Moon Pool", and "Creep Shadow, Creep" (originally titled "Creep Shadow" in WEIRD TALES). They have just released "Burn Witch, Burn!". In active preparation is "The Ship Of Ishtar", which should be good news to the fans.

Willy Ley's new book, "Rockets" reviewed last issue may be obtained from the DOUBLEDAY DORAN Book Store, New York, N.Y. at \$3.00.

VOICE OF FANDOM by Our Readers.

Fargo, N.Dak.: Please count me in on the revival of FANTASY NEWS.

Walter Dunkelberger
 Sec'y-Treas. NFFF

Hibbing, Minn.: I enjoyed the latest issue of FANTASY NEWS. Keep it coming. Bob Mastell

Shaw Field, S.C.: I am glad you are once again publishing FANTASY NEWS. S/Sgt Russell Cox

Detroit, Mich.: I'm looking forward to the next FANTASY NEWS. One suggestion:- Leave out the proz. column, since space is so limited. Henry Elsner, Jr., Pres SISFA