

Watch WEIRD TALES Cover For May!

Coye New Artist Ed Hamilton Returns Bradbury Repeats

The May issue of WEIRD TALES will have a unique cover by a new 'find', Lee Brown Coye. The design was taken from Coye's witch silhouette decoration in the FARRAR & RHINEHART edition of August Derleth's collection, "Sleep No More". A dark, witch-like figure is seen silhouetted against a background of lurid red flame with a very weird and eerie effect. Lamont Buchanan is responsible for the new artistic treatment, which was adopted only after careful editorial analysis. The circulation of this number will be watched, and reader reaction through letters will be noted.

The May number will hit the stands on March 1, with a long novelet of spine-tingling horror called "The Man Who Cried 'Wolf!'" by Robert Bloch. Old favorite, Ed Hamilton, returns with "The Shining Land". Other tales are by Ray Bradbury, Harold Lawlor, and Manly Wade Wellman.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We regretfully announce that FANTASY NEWS Semi-Annual will be very late. Designed as a Christmas issue, the cover may look incongruous. We hope the contents will more than make up for the cover being out of season. All but two of the pro editors have articles, as well as other fans and pros. We are sparing no effort to make it worth waiting for. -The Pubs.

FAN FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS EEEvans Relected CLUB ORGAN RENAMED

E. Everett Evans swept the field to be reelected President of the National Fantasy Fan Federation in the recent elections which closed on Dec 14.

The vote was Evans - 68, Raymond Washington, Jr. - 2, Al Ashley - 1, Harry Warner, Jr. - 1. This was all the more remarkable in that all were write in votes.

Of 122 votes sent out, 16 of which went overseas to servifen, 73 were returned. All but one voted for Bob Tucker for Vice President, and all but two voted for Walter Dunkelberger for Secretary-Treasurer. Both were up for reelection and were unopposed.

The contest for Board Of Directors memberships was interesting. Seven candidates were in the field for five posts, one a former president, another a famous fan, and the remainder incumbent directors up for reelection. All but one of the votes returned were for Harry Warner, Jr., who is now Chairman. Arthur L. Widner received 61, Leslie F. Croutch-60, Walter J. Daugherty - 54, Art Sehnert-48. Don Wollheim received 34 votes and Louis R. Chauvenet got 28. Two write-in votes were netted by J. M. Rosenblum and also by Larry Shaw. A write-in vote for Willie Watson was disallowed as he is not a member.

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LeZ Folds With Anniversary Issue!

TO BE FOLLOWED BY
PRINTED BOOKLETS

The Sixth Anniversary issue of LE ZOMBIE will be the sixtieth and last number. It will have eight printed pages in the style of a tabloid newspaper. It will be discontinued for reasons given in the issue itself. There will about 14,000 words of text.

A supplement will follow some weeks later. It will consist of the 1944 Fanzine Yearbook, and an Index Of 1943-44 Imaginative Books. Each will appear as a separate printed booklet, the latter being a compilation, by Walt Liebscher, of most of the weird and science fiction books published in the past two years.

Contents are as follows, subject to last minute changes:

Fiction:

"The Mirrors" by Milton A. Rothman, "The Dreamer" by Eunice Guyy, and "Miracle and Romance" by Lynn Bridges.

Columns:

"As the Wind Listeth" by D. B. Thompson, and "Emergency Flair" by Harry Warner, Jr.

Articles:

"Buffalo Billboard" by Walt Liebscher, "The Ump-tyninth Sianshackson" by E. E. Evans, "Fanzine Finance" by Will Sykora, "FAPA

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Boost Science Fiction

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

This is our first printed issue in over four years. It represents a large expense, as well as the expenditure of a great deal of time and effort. Conrad H. Rupert used to set the type by hand for a couple of dozen pages of the old Science Fiction Digest. We watched him do it many times and thought it was easy. We know better now. We always admired his self-effacing interest in science fiction, but that admiration has turned to deepest respect and appreciation now that we realize the scope of the tremendous job he did for our hobby. We will have more to say about him next issue.

For the present, we wish to inform you readers that although we have "weekly" on our masthead, it may be some time before we can make it every week on the dot. However, no more than three weeks will be allowed to elapse between issues; and as we become more expert compositors and printers, weekly appearance will be assured.

Please let us have your suggestions and criticisms. We need them to help make YOUR science fiction newspaper the leader in the field.

SISFA ELECTIONS

Club Name Changed

ELSNER STILL PRESIDENT

Henry Elsnor, Jr. was reelected President of the Society For the Improvement Of Science Fiction In America by the landslide vote of 19 to 7. Other votes for President were Bill James - 4, Monroe Kuttner - 1, Walter Kessel - 1, Kent Bone - 1.

Joe Kennedy of Dover, N.J. was elected Vice-president with 9 votes. Others were Elsnor - 3, Bob Tucker - 3, Bone - 3, Joseph E. Kennedy of Denver, Colo. - 1, Art Sehnert - 1, and George McManus - 1.

Will Sykora was elected Official editor with 6 votes. Others were James - 5, Kennedy - 3, Bone - 2, Tucker - 2, Ackerman - 1, John W. Campbell, Jr. - 1, McManus - 1, Fred Warth - 1, Al Weinstein - 1.

Eleven members voted to make the annual dues \$1.00, and this is the official amount henceforth. Nine voted for 75 cents, six for 50 cents, and one for 40 cents.

Twenty-one members wanted the name changed, while six were for leaving it as is. Proposed name, Society For the Advancement Of Science Fiction In America, got ten votes; other suggestions were split among another ten.

Thirteen members said the club had helped them get started in fandom, ten said it had not, and four were non-committal.

Readers wishing to join the SASFA should send \$1.00 to Henry Elsnor, Jr., 13618 Cedar Grove Ave., Detroit, 5, Mich.

**Thank You, Friends,
for the Dozens of Nice
Holiday Greetings.**

NFFF ELECTIONS CONT'D:

"The National Fantasy Fan" became the name of the official club organ over the original "Bonfire" by a vote of 54 to 19. Official Tellers were F. Edwin Counts, Walt Liebscher and Earl Kerry.

Readers wishing to join the Federation should send \$1.00 to Walter Unkelberger, 1443 4th Ave. So., Fargo, No. Dak.

LEZ ANNISH CONT'D:

Notes" by Robert W. Lowndes, "Postwar Plans - Interplanetary" by Bob Tucker, "The LASFS" by Francis T. Laney, "The NFFF" by E. Everett Evans, "The SISFA" by Henry Elsnor, Jr., "Nostalgic Fantasy" by Rusty Gray, and untitled by MariBeth Wheeler.

Departments: The LeZ War Department, The Fan Service Department, and minor, humorous fillers.

There will also be a full page of lithographed photos and more photos will be scattered throughout the issue.

It will go to press late this month, to be distributed next month. This will be the last issue. Future publishing plans include bringing out a series of printed pamphlets as outlined in LeZ No. 69.

**FANTASY NEWS
HEADLINES**
Five Years Ago This Week
Rocklynne, Repp, Bond, Selwyn, Cummings in PLANET STORIES' Second Number.

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