

August Derleth In July WEIRD TALES

WEIRD TALES MAY LINE-UP

In the July issue of WEIRD TALES, August Derleth tells us about "The Watcher From the Sky". Other authors that will appear in the issue are Ray Bradbury, Robert Bloch, Manly Wade Wellman, and Edmond Hamilton. The number will hit the stands on May 1st.

The May issue, out March 1, will have two novelets: "The Man Who Cried 'Wolf!'" by Robert Bloch, and "The Shining Land" by Edmond Hamilton. The former is a story of werewolves whose shaggy shadows, called forth by the Moon, run on all fours. Hamilton's yarn is about an island, seen through a glowing, unearthly haze, floating on the bosom of an ocean that had no islands.

Seven short stories give the reader quantity as well as the world-famed WT quality. Ray Bradbury, who is rapidly taking on Olympian heights, has "The Watchers", a tale about the men who spend lifetimes trying to discover who are the "watchers" and who the "watched".

Harold Lawlor clicks again with "The Legend Of 228", a spine tingling yarn about someone or something "living" on the fourth floor of an old deserted frame house.

August Derleth, whose fine work is surely making a place for him on the right hand of the great H. P. Lovecraft, has a gem called "The Lost Day".

"The Ultimate Paradox" by Thorpe McClusky attempts to
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The NEW 'FANTASY'

By Raymond A. Palmer.

(Mr. Raymond A. Palmer is the Managing Editor of AMAZING STORIES and FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, co-founder of the Science Correspondence Club, past President of the original International Scientific Association, and a former Associate Editor of Science Fiction Digest.)

The greatest thing ever to happen to science fiction has happened, and the "fans" have missed it entirely--because they did not read it! After seven years I gave them something great--and learned it is actually true that they buy the magazine, but do not read it. If they had read it, they would have been forced to write me about it. Not one letter from a fan came in, except a card saying, "The March AMAZING is really quite good." If the writer had actually read the issue, he would have hit the ceiling and written a letter that would have fairly burned the paper.

I am referring to Richard S. Shaver's "I remember Lemur."
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BEG PARDON

COYE NOT ON MAY WEIRD TALES COVER

Lee Brown Coye's eerie witch silhouette will not be used on the May cover of WEIRD TALES. However, Lamont Buchanan writes: "We expect to use the Coye cover you saw plus possibly another one, although advance schedules are not as yet definitely set." And we still say--keep your eye on WEIRD TALES

Conrad H. Ruppert REPORTS

Back in the Spring of 1930, Conrad H. Ruppert won Second Prize of \$50 in Hugo Gernsback's Contest, "What I have done For Science Fiction". The prize was given for originating Science Fiction Week set by Gernsback for the first week in April, the anniversary of the first issue of AMAZING STORIES.

Mr. Ruppert began The Science Fiction Digest in 1932, and was for a time its Editor and Business Manager. He printed and published The Weinbaum Memorial Volume, the first book of its kind in science fiction.

Believing that our readers would be interested in the present status of this past giant among scientificationists, we print the following letter:

Jamaica, N. Y., Jan 1945.
Dear Bill;

As you remarked, a lot of water has flowed over the dam since we last met, and lots of things have happened. I'll bring you up to date, briefly:

Disposed of my printing place in April 1940. Was married in July. Drafted into Uncle Sam's Army in April 1942. Arrived in Ireland in August. Hospitalized in Scotland in September. Shipped back to the States in May 1943. Discharged in June. Since then I've been gradually regaining my health, but have still quite a bit to go. Our little family
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EDITORIAL By Will Sykora.

We regret the long delay between issues, but will make up for this by more frequent publication of the next few numbers.

Our printed format has met with tremendous success and approval. Very few fan mags have ever received Bob Tucker's Report Card with no less than seven X's, namely: "gosh-wow fella", am well satisfied, rush me next issue!, have no complaints, everything is hyper!, subscription worth it, and come again soon". This also typical of all the other comments we have received from all branches of fandom. Thanks, Bob; and thanks, fellas and gals!

We are in 1A, and have applied for voluntary induction. However, FANTASY NEWS will continue publication.

The Semi-Annual is coming along slowly, and will be out sometime next month.

New Beowulf Poll

Gerry de la Ree is taking another poll 75 or more ballots have been mailed. Restrictions have been dropped, but FAPA mags are barred. Results will appear in Sun Spots. Ballot deadline is March 6th.

SASFA Votes On New Policy of Merger

NFFF GIVES APPROVAL!

With the current issue of Black Star, official paper of the Society For the Advancement Of Science Fiction In America, the members are being asked to vote on a new policy advanced by the President, Henry Elsner Jr.

The proposed plans are: 1) A merger with the NFFF. If members wish the Society to remain a general fan organization, they are being asked to approve a combination with the NFFF for reasons of convenience and unity. The Board of Directors of the National Fantasy Fan Federation have already given their approval to the proposed merger, if it goes through.

2) The conversion of the SASFA into a straight science fiction organization. This would entail a new constitution and a membership rearrangement.

The President has announced that he will not accept any office in the new club if it is formed.

As the votes come in, full details will be reported in this newspaper. Harry Warner, Jr. and Will Sykora have been appointed Tellers to count the votes. Ballots mailed after March 14th will not be counted.

- Henry Elsner, Jr., Pres.

FFM LINE-UP

William Hope Hodgson's long novel, "The Boats Of the Glen Carrig", will appear in the June 1945 number of FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. J. S. Bradford authors the other yarn in the issue titled, "Even a Worm". It will reach the newstands on March 21st.

Scientifilms

By Pfc. Mario Racic, Jr.

Several fantasy films have been showing here in France. They are: "I Married a Witch", "Wuthering Heights" and "Gulliver's Travels". The films are in the original English, but some have French titles.

I also have information that Jean Cocteau is starting to make a film here. He has made some surrealist films among them being "The Blood Of a Poet".

Daniel To Publish Fan Album

Thomas R. Daniel, fan of long standing, has collected photographs of fans and fan events for many years. He has yielded to requests at last and will publish the collection under the title, Fantasy Folder. It will have photos, autographs, and thumbnail biographies of well known fans, authors, artists, and editors.

Two Stf Authors Are War Casualties

David Wright O'Brien, nephew of the late Farnsworth Wright, has been missing in action since the middle of December. He was last heard from over Germany. William P. McGivern has been seriously wounded in action in Italy. Both boys were in the Air Corps. Ray Palmer and the rest of the Chicago fans are anxiously watching the mailboxes every day for further news, and hoping it will be good.

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Letters from prominent British fans in the Service.

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WEIRD TALES Line-up

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Emil Petaja, old-time fan, poet, and author, has "The Music Box From Hell", an other-dimensional yarn of hellish vibratory rearrangement.

The Shonokins get in some more of their dirty work in Manly Wade Wellman's latest yarn of his gripping series titled "Blood From A Stone". A grey-gowned figure, a Shonokin, of course, is in the midst of the usual mess, when John Thustone comes through and gives him the boot.

Charles King writes that the last place a fanatic witch-breaker would look for mystic nonsense would be in his own home. But you'll be surprised at what he discovers in "Welcome Home!"

William DeLisle has a poem, "The Witch". Irwin J. Weill beguiles the readers with authentic horror, and the readers dance to the wizardry of The Eyrie WEIRD TALES Club.

The cover painting is by Pete Kullhoff.

**FANTASY NEWS
HEADLINES**

Five Years Ago This Week
Wright's Dismissal Rouses
Public Opinion!

The NEW 'FANDOM' Cont'd. 'ja', which is two thirds 1) the "new" science fiction. 2) not fiction! Fandom has an organization about which they have boasted. Here is something they could have pitched in and helped develop. Now they are too late. Overnight a new "fandom" has sprung up, with a powerful organization, which will get all the credit. All the fans can do now is sit helplessly back and watch the fireworks. For a solid year I warned them of what was coming--but outside of those I told in person on their visits, the warning went unnoticed because it was not read.

The unexpected has happened --proof has come forward in a deluge that Shaver tells the truth. I had hoped my fan friends could help build something they asked for for years--now when it has come, it has built itself; and they are still unaware that Palmer, the guy they said never gave 'em a break, finally did it!

What does all this prove? That the guys who rate AMA- (Continued Next Column.)

ZING point oh oh zero and ASTOUNDING two point oh perfect never read AMAZING--in which case it is obvious that zero is the only possible opinion. Or maybe you DO read AMAZING, and you think Lemuria is another Palmer stunt. If so, I'd like to see your faces when you read the next issue! - Rap.

CONRAD H. RUPPERT

is now three, my wife gave birth to a bouncing baby girl in September 1944.

That's really condensing events, eh? How about you?

I still read ASTOUNDING regularly, and some of the others from time to time. Have seen Julie Schwartz twice during the past few months. Outside of that haven't been in touch with any of the old gang.

I seldom write letters nowadays, what with one thing and another--but, if you answer this short scribble, I guarantee to answer also--but I make no promises as to how long my reply will take in coming.

If you're ever up N.Y. way, I'd sure be glad to have you drop in and say "hello".

S'long - Conny.

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