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## H. G. WELLS DIES

He predicted the Atomic Bomb and the Second World war. ( See column two )

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## PHILLY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD OCT. 27

### 24 ATTEND RECORD

### BREAKING SUMMER MEETING OF ESFA!!

Breaking attendance and membership records for the second time at the August 11, 1946 meeting, The Eastern Science Fiction Association under the Directorship of Sam Moskowitz continued its amazing expansion during the months when most clubs suspend sessions or modify activities. In anticipation of the characteristic summer doldrums the July meeting was planned to be held informally at the home of Ron Maddox. When 19 attendees swamped the Maddox household the meeting reverted to a formal basis and it was decided to rent a hall for the August meeting.

Among the 24 attendees at the August meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Thos S Gardner, Sam Moskowitz, Joe Kennedy, Gerry de la Ree, Jr, Ronald Maddox, George R. Fox, Lloyd Alpaugh, Alex Osheroff, Ron Christenson, Ricky Slavin, Phil Froeder, Martin Silverberg, Charles Lucas, etc.

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The date when the Annual Philadelphia Conference will be resumed has been definitely set at October 27, 1946, the last Sunday in October. The meeting will be held at Grand Fraternity Building, 1626 Arch St., Philadelphia, right around the corner from Pennsylvania Station. The meeting will start at 1:00 P.M. Sharp!! Those who arrive in town beforehand will find fans at the PSFS Clubroom on corner 56th and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, underneath the dentist's office. Chairman of the Conference will be Milton A. Rothman, 2112 N. Franklin St. Philadelphia, 22, Pa., (Phone: REMont 7-5126). A delegation of at least ten members en masse is expected from the Eastern Science Fiction Association of Newark. To miss & Philly Conference is to kick ones self! (sm)

### H. G. WELLS DIES IN LONDON AT THE AGE OF 79

Science Fiction was saddened, last week, by the news of the dead of Herbert G. Wells.

He will always be remembered for his many stf novels, one of which will be reprinted in the next issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries. Who can ever forget his movie, Things To Come!

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Three Handsome girls from Brooklyn turned up in reply to Fox's announcement of club meetings in the last issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries. Two of them became members.

Highlight of the program was a long talk delivered by member Charles Lucas of Bridgeport, Pa. on the Pacificon. It was the first substantial report of the major convention of the year to be heard in the East. Charles Lucas spoke for an hour on the subject, reading in the process a write-up of Milton A. Rothman, on the affair. According to Lucas' views as to the success of the affair varied with the individual. Those who had never attended a major convention before seemed to have had the time of their lives; the older fans presented a more cynical attitude which was resented by some. Rothman's report revealed that attendance of the convention was 110; that Ackerman's collapse was due to Intestinal Flue; that no serious attempt was ever made to abandon the NFFF; that Van Vogt's talk was a flop, the author had attended without notes and kept forgetting and omitting sections of his talk which made it quite incoherent; that "Theodore", oral teller of weird tales, was the most sensational part of the convention.

Thos. S. Gardner again gave a talk on the latest developments of science which paralleled stf. particularly stressing the report that the U.S. Government plans to put a rocket on the moon within the next 18 months.

Sam Moskowitz, utilizing the of Charles Lucas, gave a comparison of the four World Conventions held to-date, pointing out the innovations made by each, and some of the background troubles. He also cited that at the last 3 World Conventions a major party had to either relinquish the

chair or quit the hall because of illness. Mark Reinsberg became ill and had to abandon the chair in Chicago; Olon F Wiggins had to abandon the chair at Denver because of ineptitude and Forrest J Ackerman, a major figure of the Pacificon scarcely completed his Foundation talk, before he collapsed. A striking commentary on the physical and mental strain of putting on a major convention.

Meetings of the ESFA are held the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave. Newark, NJ. Meetings start at 2:00 PM. All invited!

## ON THE NEWS STAND

Astounding Science Fiction, Sept. 1946, arrived last week with a extra good cover by Timmins. The covers of ASF are improving and soon will be the best in the field. The fiction contents is good as usual, but Mr JWC there are too many articles. Two articles should be tops. Interior illustrations are so-so, some good, but too many plain lousy.

Amazing Stories, October 1946, presents an impressive cover by Jones, illustrating a very disappointing story, The Green Man. We found this novel very weak and not worthy of publication in a stf magazine, tho ofcourse better than any "cave" yarn. The only good feature Amazing ever had, was the back cover and this is missing. The "cave" junk is still with Amazing and thus makes the mag unwanted by stf followers. Get rid of it, Bill, get rid of it.

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