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MOSKOWITZ REELECTED AS DIRECTOR OF ESFA

At the Sept 1st meeting of The Eastern Science Fiction Association, held at the Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave, Newark, NJ, the 19 attendees re-elected Sam Moskowitz as director for a six month term. Opposing candidates were Alex Osheroff, Geo R Fox and Ricky Slavin.

Gerry de la Ree, Jr. was re-elected to the Treasurer's against candidate Lloyd Alpaugh.

The most bitterly fought for office was the position of Secretary in which Ricky Slavin was opposed by Jimmy Wheaton. Two votes were called and both were ties, a third secret ballot was taken and Wheaton emerged the victor 10 to 8.

Gerry de la Ree agreed to continue publication of the A-Men, bulletin of the ESFA.

Joe Kennedy gave an excellent 20 minute resume of the most important happenings in the stf fan field, the past month; Jimmy Wheaton reviewed the current issue of Planet Stories, story-by-story; Sam Moskowitz spoke on the important fantasy books that had appeared the past month; Lee Mayer, new member and collector of Passaic, NJ, gave a short talk on the newly arrived Robert E Howard Omnibus from Arkham House; Abe Oshinsky informed the membership of events that transpired at a recent Astronomical Society Convention at which strong endorsement of stf was publicly made by leading lights-
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The World of Tomorrow Today! TRIP TO THE MOON & ROCKETS IN COLLIER'S AND WORLD REPORT

Last week, Collier's (Sept 7th issue) put the pro magazines to shame by printing the best science fiction article of the year. Illustrated by one of the best stf artist of the day, A Leydenfrost, G. Edward Pendray tells all about the coming trip to the Moon, in the near future. Fantasy-Times suggest that all fans obtain this issue of Collier's and read this interesting article which gives minute details on such a trip. We suggest that all pro magazine art editors take a good look at these paintings by Leydenfrost and use them as a guide as to what stf covers should look like. We were most interested in a partial reprint of a news clipping, from the July 30th issue of the New York World-Telegram, titled, Get Your Reservations On Rocket To The Moon, and predicting that the US Army would put a rocket on the Moon within 18 months and regular Interplanetary travel within 30 years. This issue of Collier's also includes a short bio and pictures of Pendray and Leydenfrost.

World Report issue of Sept 5th gives us two full pages on rockets, pertaining more or less to the improvements on the German V rockets by the US, Britian and Russia, and on the future push-button war. The world of tomorrow is with us today.

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THE COSMIC REPORTER

John W. Campbell, now editor of Air Trails magazine, has a new associate editor to help with Astounding SCIENCE FICTION. Campbell's book, The Atomic Story will be out from Henry Holt on November 11, 1946. -sm

The Sykoras have called a re-organization meeting of the old Queens Science Fiction League for today, Sept. 8, 1946. The club was originally formed in 1937 and was the keystone in presenting the 1st World Science Fiction Convention in 1939.

Rumors have it that Forrest J Ackerman plans to make the trip across country and attend the Philly Conference on Oct 27, 1946 as a substitute for missing most of the Pacificon. -sm

MOSKOWITZ AND THE ESFA
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including G. Edward Pendray.

Geo Fox suggested that an anthology of the best fan humor be sponsored by the club. After discussion it was decided that a more serious anthology would be more appreciated and Fox was asked to submit further plans at the next meeting.

Meetings of ESFA are held the 1st Sunday of every month, all are invited.

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Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5; Fantasy-Times Nos. 13, 14 & 15. 5 cents a copy while they last. James V. Taurasi, 101-02 Northern Blvd., Corona, New York. -ft2

ON FANS AND FANDOM

by Sam Moskowitz

Science Fiction fan friends learned this week that A. Langley Searles, prominent New York fan and collector would marry within a month.

Tho the announcement did not come as a complete surprize, Searles having been warned consistently that his obsession for Square Dances would end in his being "burnt", friends were saddened despite their congratulations, for Searles had a brilliant fan future.

His collection of magazines was complete down to every Weird Tales, he had 1500 fantasy books of selective quality, sets of many leading fan magazines and innumerable rare fantastic curios. His collection was known to be the finest in the East and possibly in the country.

Fantasy Commentator, his fan publication had established itself as the bible of serious collectors, establishing and maintaining a quality of material hitherto unknown. It had been hoped that he might someday complete his started bibliography of books, the most comprehensive work in this line yet attempted. Recently his fine work had earned him votes as one of the top ten fans in the recent "Boowulf" poll, and at the First Post War Convention in Newark NJ, Searles as a feature-speaker drew favorable comment from the newspapers.

Searles has stated that he will continue Fantasy Commentator and the serious collectors will wait in trepidation to see if he can fulfill that obligation. -sm

ON THE NEWS STAND reviewing Weird Tales and Famous Fantastic Mysteries, crowded out of this issue will appear in the next. For fun and fantasy in the humorous manner, Fantasy-Times suggests Frankenstein Comics No. 4.