

# FANTASY-TIMES

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WE ARE SORRY, (Yes we are) but this issue of Fantasy-Times is late. Being away this weekend and unable to obtain stencils on our return, we were unable to get it out to you on time; this leaving us no time to prepare the Sept 29th issue; so the next issue will be the October 6th issue. Thank you. The Editor

## SCIENTIBOOKS

by Joe Kennedy

The biggest fantasy bargain in many a month has just appeared on newsstands everywhere. This is The Avon Ghost Reader, a 25¢ pocket-size anthology of a dozen well-chosen tales by authors whose names have become by-words for fantasy collectors. Heading the contents page is The Dunwich Horror by H.P. Lovecraft (the fifth time the story has been reprinted since the appearance of The Outsider and Others) The item which makes this pocket book a must is A. Merritt's excellent short, Thought the Dragon Glass. Other inclusions: The Panelled Room by August Derleth, The Fireplace by Henry S. Whitehead, The Haunted Doll's House by M.R. James, The Squaw by Bram Stoker (the latter tale, a crude attempt at satire, is probably the weakest in the book), wingless Victory by H.F. Heard, Naked Lady by Mindret Lord, The curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Bottle Party by John Collier, By The Waters of Babylon by Stephen Vincent Benet, and The Salamander by William Seabrook. All in all, an entertaining selection, despite the rather obvious reliance on previous anthologies of weird and stf, for several of the inclusions.

Mr Adam by Pat Frank (J.B.)  
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## PALMER ANSWERS HARPER'S!

Raymond A. Palmer has replied to W. S. Baring-Gould's article in Harper's! The return address on the letter-head is Ziff-Davis Publications and RAP' is listed as Assistant editor of Ziff-Davis' whole chain. Though the letter is slightly incoherent it is scheduled to appear in Harper's readers department along with a reply by Baring-Gould. Was the Palmer insanity a hoax?? If so would any man spread such a rumor about himself? What is Hamling's part in this mess?

## THE COSMIC REPORTER

Ray Van Houten-Taurasi's anti Palmer articles in the overseas Fantasy-Times got Ziff-Davis so sore that they cancelled a full page ad in the Pacificon Booklet and refused to send original illustrations for the auction! When the fans at the Pacificon discussed the incident they decided that they agreed with Van Houten-Taurasi's sentiments.

Julius Unger has dropped Fantasy Fiction Field. Two printed issues printed by Sykora have been returned to Sykora by Unger FFF was established in 1940 with Taurasi as the first editor. Many fans took turns since then to publish it for Unger. The last editor was Sam Moskowitz. Fantasy-Times offered to take over FFF, but Unger refused stating that he might want to put it out again in the future. Now, he

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**Scientibooks**

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Lippincott Co., (\$2.50) is a new novel which reportedly satirizes atomic energy jitters. It seems that the explosion of an atomic plant wipes out the State of Mississippi, and causes radiations which render all the men in the world sterile----except one, a shy retiring individual who suddenly finds himself the most sought-after commodity on earth. Sounds like an amusing bit of off-trail stf.... -jk

**ON THE NEWS STAND**

—by Herman Tok—

**AMAZING STORIES**, November 1946. The "cave" Hoax is on again with more double-talk by the editor. Give us the proof you say you have, editor, or get rid of these "cave" stories. The return of the by-line "Extravagant Fiction Today Cold Fact Tomorrow" is the biggest laugh of the year. As if those "cave" stories could ever be "cold facts". Ha, ha, ha. We rate this issue a "D".

**STARTLING STORIES**, Fall 1946. Captain Future returns with a fairly good story; this time by fanly Wade Wellman. We like Capt Future, so we enjoyed this issue. Short stories are good. Reader's Column is human again, with the Sgt on the wagon. Review of The Fan Mags; tops as usual. Cover is fair. We rate this issue a B plus.

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claims, he has no time. Disposition of the printed issues is not known at present.

Samuel Loveman and George O. Smith are scheduled to speak at the Philly Conference, according to Rothman.

Carmela Taurasi, stfan and weird story writer was married today to Arthur Marceau.

Arthur is a up-and-coming fantasy artist plans to study art and break into the stf pulps. They will live at 137-07 32nd Ave, Flushing, N.Y., once t h e home of Fantasy-Times.

**On The News Stand**

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**FANTASTIC ADVENTURES**, Nov. 1946  
An excellent cover by St. John Hanling's short novel, Shadow Of The Sphinx is not bad at all. The other stories are fair. Where is the reader's column, editor? We rate this issue a B-.

**WEIRD TALES**, November 1946. A very good fantasy cover by Dolgov. Weird Tales is still the top in fantasy. This issue carries on with good yarns and good illustrations. We'd like to see WT come out monthly. We rate this issue an A. -ht

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