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THE END OF THE WORLD!

by Thomas S Gardner

In the October 1946 issue, Science Illustrated has a two page spread on The Hayden Planetarium's "The End Of The World" program.

Two interesting photographs of the planetarium's audience and lecturer are given. The five photographs of the End Of The World are spectacular, but the inference that the methods noted are complete, is incorrect.

The four ways that the world could become uninhabitable, as given, are: 1) The Sun cooling off, 2) The Sun getting hotter, 3) Asteroid or meteorites striking earth, and 4) The moon cracking up and bombarding earth.

Such obvious ends as the sun becoming a nova, extreme glaxiation, or a chain atomic reaction blowing up the earth, which although unlikely now, is still a strong possibility. All of that and others familiar to stf readers were ignored.

Science Illustrated could have made a good article out of the theme, which Gernsback did in Science & Invention, about 20 years ago. -tsg

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE SHAMER "CAVE" STORIES? THE EDITORS OF FANTASY-TIMES WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

25 ESFA MEMBERS JOIN PHILCON SOCIETY

by Alvin R. Brown

About 30 members were present at the Eastern Science Fiction Association meeting on Oct 6, 1946 held in Newark, New Jersey.

Director Sam Moskowitz called the meeting to order at 3PM. With the Secretary, Jimmy Wheaton, absent, the minutes were read from the Sept. 8, 1946 issue of Fantasy Times. Regular business was conducted and new members were admitted to the ESFA.

R J Gaulin announced he was to take over publication of the A-Men, Official club organ.

James V. Taurasi made a motion that the members of the ESFA who desired to, should subscribe as a body to the Philcon Society. Included in the motion was the provision that those who didn't have the money could borrow the subscription fee from the club Treasury and repay the loan at a future date. The motion was unanimously passed. 25 members joined the Philcon Society and the \$25 will be handed over to Milton A. Rothman of the Philcon Society at the Philly Conference, next week.

Will Sykora led a discussion on the ratings used by the QSFL (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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We welcome Alvin R Brown to our staff as Consulting Editor. -ed

The ESFA & Philcon
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to rate the pro stf magazines.

Joe Kennedy gave a short resume of the stf happenings during the past month.

Thomas S Gardner gave a short talk on Science Happenings of the Past Month in Connection with Stf

James V Taurasi made a motion that the ESFA go on record as being against the Shaver "cave" Mystery. After a lively discussion, the motion was shelved until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. -arb

THE COSMIC REPORTER

Anelia Reynolds Long, old time stf writer, wrote the prize play presented on the Dr. Christian program of October 9, 1946, titled A Loose Nut In The Sewing Machine an off-trail play. -tsg

Alvin R Brown and Bill Stoy are planning to issue an Astounding Index for 1930-1940, with plans to publish the 1940-1945 index to be published in the future. The tentative price is 25¢ and they need 50 pledges before they go ahead and publish it. Send your pledge that you'll buy the index to Alvin R Brown, 139-29 34th Road, Flushing, New York. In close no money, just the promise.

Are you going to the Philly Conference on October 27? If so and you live in New York or the

Newark area, travel to the Conference with the ESFS and the QSFL. Meet them, the QSFL with Will Sykora in charge at the NY Penn. Station at 9:45 and the ESFA with Sam Moskowitz in charge at the Newark Penn Station at 10 A.M. (the same train) Both groups will meet at the Information Booths of the individual stations. The trip to Philly and back will cost about \$4.00. -sm

The second meeting of the Queens Science Fiction League will meet next Sunday, the meeting place not yet known. An interesting program has been arranged. Members and Guests will be informed of the meeting place by mail. -ls

ON THE NEWS STAND

by Herman Tok

THRILLING WONDER STORIES, Dec 1946
A fairly good cover by Bergey with only the hand of the BEM showing and a good contents. TWS has come a long way from its low quality during the war. It's fast becoming the best science-adventure magazine in the field. We recommend Phalid's Fate by Jack Vance, as the best story of the issue. All inside illustrations are by Marchioni and all are good. We rate this magazine a Bplus.

AMAZING STORIES, Dec. 1946. An excellent cover by Hilberth is the only good feature of this magazine. Shaver's junk is still featured and backed by the editor who still gives us a lot of double talk. This and the other features on the Shaver junk leaves all true stf fans with a bad taste in their mouth. We can't rate this mag too low, a D-. -ht

WHY EDITORS GET GRAY HAIR: After waiting all week for the report of the ESFA from Sam Moskowitz, we obtained the report from Al Brown. Then after our front page was already mimeoed & we were typing the 2nd, Sam's report came in via Special Delivery. Thanks a lot, Sam, we really appreciate it. -ed