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## ESFA AGAINST SHAVER STORIES 21-4

The Dec. 1st, 1946 meeting of The Eastern Science Fiction Association was highlighted by the reading of a five paged, closely typed letter from W. Lawrence Hamling, Associate editor of Amazing Stories relative to the Palmer-Shaver situation. Hamling revealed that the insanity report on Palmer had been a hoax spread deliberately by him and Palmer for the "laughs"; that Palmer had been responsible for the Time writeup of the Nyxon in 1939 that the fans were all kinds of mean things for persecuting Palmer despite his heroic efforts in their behalf. After hearing the letter, the ESFA, which had previously thrown out discussion of the Shaver matter without action, on a motion suggested by James V. Taurasi and phrased by Ricky Slavin, voted 21-to-4 to go on record as opposed to the presentation of the Shaver stories as fact instead of fiction.

Robert J. Gaulin received the approval of the club and financial and literary support for his plans to edit a quarterly full-size fan magazine for the club, in addition to the regular bulletin. He will convert his regular publication Galaxy to this purpose.

Renold Maddox announced that the forthcoming photo-offset publication of the best photos in fandom would be dedicated to Sam Moskowitz for his many worthwhile activities in the field.

Sam Moskowitz gave a talk, backed by facts, that the ESFA had the largest per membership atten- (continued on Page 2, Column 1)

### THE COMIC REPORTER by Frances Sykora

Some of the favorite sons of Street and Smith's Science Fiction return to the fold. The Mar. 1947 issue will be garbed by the first post-war Rogers cover plus Jack Williamson's first story since the war, The Equalizer. L. Ron Hubbard is also expected to return to work for Street And Smith in the near future.

John W. Campbell's article, The Bikini Balance Sheet, appeared in the December, 1946 issue of Air Trails.

The new name for Air Trails is Air Trails and Science Frontiers.

Because of the paper shortage Unknown Worlds will be quite a while in appearing IF it ever returns to the stands.

Doc Savage will change its name with the Mar. 1947 issue to Doc Savage, Scientific Detective. While the body of the magazine is to be straight mystery, Doc will concentrate on the scientific aspect of the atomic age. It will be digest size, with varnished covers.

Fanews announced the death of Otis Adelbert Kline on Oct. 21, 1946 in their Nov. 22, 1946 issue

### PROPOSED ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION GOES INTO COMMITTEE

A constitution for a proposed Association of all Eastern Sea-board Science Fiction Clubs has gone to committees of the PSFS & ESFA for recommendation to their (continued on Page 2, Column 1)

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ESFA DECEMBER FIRST MEETING

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dance and activity of any science fiction club ever formed.

A committee composed of Sam Moskowitz, Alex Osheroff, Ronald Maddox and Richard Witter volunteered to study and work over the proposed constitution of the yet un-named East Coast Club Association.

Joe Kennedy gave his usual excellent monthly report of fan activities and announced that his new Fantasy-Review would be ready in six weeks.

Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at the Slovak Sokol Hall, 2:00 P.M., Newark, New Jersey.

EAST COAST CLUB ASSOCIATION

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respective organizations for approval. The Queens SFL will vote to appoint a committee to study the proposed constitution today. The proposed name for the Organization is The Congress of Eastern Science Fiction Organizations

THE WORLD OF TOMORROW TODAY

The Army's new rocket ship, The XS-1, recently made its maiden flight. Released from a B-29 the XS-1 hit on all four of its cylinders and reached a speed of 350 mph at an altitude of 36,000 feet. The rocket is expected to reach a speed of 1500 mph when it is really out for a

speed test. It is powered by a alcohol-liquid oxygen engine. It is the only manned rocket that actually looks like the stf predictions of the appearance of a rocket ship. -arb

FANTASY IN THE THEATER

BY David Kishi

(p-play -f-film)

The musical fantasy, The Wizard of Oz, an adaptation of the Metro screen version, will open here in New York in February. (p)

Barnaby and Mr. O'Malley, the Jerome Chodorov play which was fashioned from the Crockett Johnson fantasy comic strip, will not be presented this season. Instead it will be presented in late Sept. 1947. (p)

The Peace-maker, a farce-fantasy by Kurt Unkelbach, launched the seventh season of the American Negro Theater. The plot has to do with the discovery of a chemical solution which, upon evaporation, makes those that breathe it peaceful. (p)

Seymour Nebenzal will start to produce the fantasy, Atlantis, which is from the French novel by Pierre Benoit about the legendary lost continent. The Benoit work was first published in America in 1920 under the title, Atlantida. This production for United Artists will star Joan Pierre Lumont and Maria Montez. (f)

The following fantasies are currently playing: Blithe Spirit, (f); Cockeyed Miracle, (F); Face of Marble, (F); Fantasia, (F); & Harvey, (p). -dk

ON THE NEWS STAND, reviewing TWS and Amazing, crowded out of this issue will appear in the next.

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