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THE PHILCON "BIG POND FUND"

The Philcon will try to "import" Ted Carnell, editor of the British prozine, New Worlds, as fanbassador from Britian and thus make the 1947 World Science Fiction Convention, truly international. In order to do this, Philcon Director, Rothman, has authorized FJackerman to collect funds for forwarding to DRSmith, Secretary of The British Fantasy Society.

Besides the pleasure of contributing to this fine gesture of international fan friendship, for each dollar you donate, you get one chance at the Big Pond Prize. At the present time this consists of a copy of The Fox Woman by A. Merritt, just published, and the first four books to be published by Fantasy Press. More prizes are to be added later.

In the event the candidate can not come at the last minute and a desirable substitute can not be found, or insufficient funds are raised, all monies will be contributed to The Fantasy Foundation.

England is also gathering contributions.

All monies to The Big Pond Fund should be sent to F.J. Ackerman, 236-1/2 N New Hampshire, Hollywood 4, Calif. AND if you haven't joined the Philcon Society send \$1.00 to Milton A Rothman, 2113 N Franklin St, Phila. 22, Pa.

BAR THE DOORS, weird stories, selected by Alfred Hitchcock and A. Merritt's The Metal Monster, are now on the stands, 25¢ each. -JVT

THE PSFS TURNS DOWN EASTERN CLUB ASSOCIATION IDEA

(Dec 16 via PSFS Bulletin) After much discussion, The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, decided at their Dec. 8th meeting, by a vote of 17-3, to drop out of the proposed Eastern Club Association. The reason given was: "Most members felt that there was little to gain in such an alliance, and felt that we (PSFS) would be better off by maintaining our (PSFS) individuality".

The yet un-named Eastern Club Association is in its preliminary stages, The Eastern Science Fiction Association has a committee working on a proposed constitution and the Queens SFL, at their last meeting (the report of which has been delayed by Xmas mail and will appear in the next issue) also voted a committee to work over the constitution. These two clubs and the PSFS were to have met (via club Officials) in the near future to compare rewritten constitutions and draw up a final draft for presentation to the three clubs.

Fantasy-Times contacted the Officials of the QSFL and ESFA and they stated that they would continue with their plans as before and have not given up hope that their sister club, the PSFS, would join them, in time.

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MEET THE EDITOR

L. Jerome Stanton

Associate Editor, Astounding

Ye Assoc. Ed. is 36 year old bachelor residing in the village of Manhattan, where his wicki-up is surrounded by those of friendly Indians and Democrats. He has been by turns a professional musician, engineer (electronics), Naval and Merchant Marine Radio Officer, athlete, writer and husband, not in any such orderly or unscrampled fashion, and is now turing his professional activities mostly to writing and editorial work, although maintaining leaven of activities in other fields, such as photography, amateur radio, music and pocket pool, an old occupation which once returned him a small but dependable income.

This here same Assoc. Ed. now handles a good deal of the first reading of manuscripts, and correspondence regarding same, which sometimes gets pretty involved. He also serves on the editorial staff of Air Trails, handling manuscripts on subjects which fall within his scientific province, which includes such diverse subjects as psychology, anthropology, physics, sports, photography, hobbing, philosophy and the odds in numerous games of chance.

Not, of course, that the magazine covers all these fields, but if it ever should, well.....

Recent history of this character reads like, like glue in a February freeze, or bees swarming. He rode (?) and swam out the war in the Merchant Marine for three and a half years, came ashore twitching only slightly with torpedo-happiness and put his writing shoulder firmly to the wheel preparing instruction and maintenance manuals for various sonar and radar devices which the O.S.R.D. was foisting on the unsuspecting enemy. After leaving this technological phantasmagoria shortly after the close of hostilities, some time was spent free landing, after which the Character (as he is known in the corner pool hall) was ensnared by the blandishments of a flying squad of Hula girls armed with flagons of okulehao, a drink much favored by natives of the Sandwich Islands, made of Melted lava and sulfuric acid.

-L. Jerome Stanton

ON THE NEWS STANDS

by Alvin R. Brown

The Feb. 1947 issue of Thrilling Wander Stories has one of the finest Bergery covers that has graced a stf magazine. Trouble On Titan, is the best story of the issue and its with joy that we see Tony Quade return. The other stories were all well done and made excellent reading. The art is of course, tops, Finlay has his usual fine work and Morey and Marchioni were pleasant to the eye. This issue rates an A- in our book. (Amazing and Astounding to be reviewed next week) -arb

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