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## FORTY ATTEND ESFA MEETING

Jan. 10 (CNS) With a rousing attendance of 40 fans and femmes at the meeting of Sunday, Jan 5, 1947 at Newark, N.J. the healthily prospering ESFA became a strong contender for position of the country's No. 1 science fiction club.

Feature talks were delivered by John Randolph, successful adventure and detective author, who spoke on the aims, ideals and accomplishments of The Author's League, and the relation of its pulp writers group to the stf field as a whole; By George Gordon Clark who was member No. 1 of The Science Fiction League, founder and Director of its 1st Chapter and publisher of its 1st official organ, The Brooklyn Reporter. Clark is returning to the field after 8 years of inactivity and gave a comparison of old and new fandoms and his pleasant reaction to the accomplishments of ESFA.

Don A. Grant, of Providence, R.I. One-time co-owner of the Hadley Book Publishing Company, who was in New Jersey as the guest of Jack Grubel, spoke on the future plans of The Hadley Publishing Company, announcing that The Weapon Makers by A.E. van Vogt was at this moment rolling off the presses; that a 2d edition of The Skylark Of Space by E.E. Smith was waiting only for a new supply of paper.

Joe Kennedy was elected Treasurer, replacing Gerry de la Ree, Jr., delivered an exceptionally good report on The State Of Fandom for December, and the results of his Vampire Poll.

Charles Lucas visiting from Philly detailing the action taken ( continued on page 4, column 1 )

## PHILCON SOCIETY

Jan. 10 (CNS) Mr. Rothman has announced that the officers of the Philcon Society are as follows: Oswald Train, Publicity Director; Robert Madle, Editor; Jim Williams Printing Manager; Alexander M. Phillips, Historian; James Hevelin California representative; and F. J. Ackerman, Big Pond Fund chairman.

At the present moment, the Philcon Society has 90 members and a considerable treasury.

Mr. Rothman has requested that William S. Sykora and Sam Moskowitz be the Philcon Society's New York Representatives.

## FANTASY IN THE THEATER

by Dave Kishi

(p-- play f-- film)

Messrs. Curran, Lewis and Young will present the fantasy, This Gentle Ghost, a play by John Patrick, in San Francisco for four weeks. It will arrive in New York in late February. (p)

After the completion of the Mayberry-Novikov dramatization of Stephen Vincent Benet's book, Johnny Eye and The Fool Killer, an American fable, it will be produced on Broadway. (p)

The negotiations for the producing and presenting of the fantasy play, Alice In Wonderland, are still in progress. The latest development is that Margaret O'Brien may play the leading role.

Artists Alliance has signed Jacques Tourneur to direct the projected film adaption of F. Scott Fitzgerald's Babylon Revisited, scheduled for spring production. ( continued on page 4, column 1 )

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by the ESFS in turning down the idea of an East Coast Federation, stated that the motion was pressed for by only a few individuals. Mr. Lucas further stated that at the time, Oswald Train, Director, was in the hospital undergoing a major operation for Varicose Vains.

On a motion by Alex Osheroff, it was voted unanimously to send a letter to Avon Publications, commending them upon the publication of the Merritt Pocket Books and recommending that they publish a volume of Merritt's shorter works.

ESFA meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave, Newark, New Jersey at 2:00 P.M.

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The Mysterious Traveler, with Maurice Tarplin again in the role of narrator will return to WOR at 7:00. These dramatic programs will present the weird and macabre tales of the supernatural. Bob Arthur and Dave Kogan produce, direct and write the series. -dk

NEWS SERVICE ESTABLISHED

Fantasy-Times and Stefnews have agreed to an exchange of news. The exchange will be through the Cosmic News Service (CNS) in the East handled by Alvin R. Brown and the Foundation News Service (FNS) in the West handled by James Hevelin.

SUPPORT THE PHILCON

ROTHMAN CONFIRMS FANTASY-TIMES

Jan. 10 (CNS) "You hit the nail on the head when you said I was attributing the sponsorship of the Philcon to fandom as a whole instead of to a single club.", says Milton A. Rothman, Director of the Philcon Society, in a letter to the editor.

"To be true, The ESFS did give birth to the Philcon Society, and most of the active officers of the Philcon Society are ESFS members. But from the beginning, the Philcon Society took on independent life....."

"...The most important point is one which I hope you will bring out in Fantasy-Times. My reason for making the statement that the Philcon Society needs no help from anyone is this: The Philcon Society is putting on the convention. All the guys around here are members of the Philcon Society. Therefore it is redundant to form other organizations to help.....If you want to help, do so as a member of the Philcon Society.".....

THE COSMIC REPORTER

A nice little fantasy about a guy that returns after death in the body of a cocker spaniel entitled Mr. MacAfee Returns, in the Jan 11, 1947 Liberty; written by Roy Whittier and well illustrated by Frank Godwin. In the same issue Bombs From The Blue by Roscoe Fleming, an article about meteorites.

New Cities Within Cities, a 11 about the proposed shopping center of Flushing, New York and X City of East Side Manhattan. Science Fiction soon to become science facts, in the Jan. '47 issue of Science Illustrated. A few articles on the Atomic Bomb and a letter by fan Rothman, all in the same issue.

Planet Comics, Mar. issue, is now out. Tarzan and the Devil Ogre, a one shot comic published by Dell, contains all new stuff, no reprint.

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