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DR. DAVID H. KELLER TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT ESFA!

"Grand Old Man" of STF Makes First Appearance In Area!

Jan. 17 (CNS) Sam Moskowitz, Director of ESFA, announced officially that David H. Keller, M. D. would be feature speaker at the Feb 2, meeting of The Eastern Science Fiction Society.

David H. Keller, is generally regarded as one of the "Grand Old Men" of science-fiction, making his initial appearance in 1928 with The Revolt Of The Pedestrians in Amazing Stories, and going on to have over 100 stf stories published, which won for him again and again, title of stf's most popular author.

He was 66 years old on Dec. 23, 1946 and retired a Lt. Col. after 28 years of active and inactive duty with the U. S. Army.

As a doctor, his speciality was psychiatry, and because of this his stories reflected an authentic and sympathetic insight on human nature.

Dr. Keller will speak at length on aspects of his long writing career, 1896 to date.

From his own collection, Dr. Keller will bring original illustrations, manuscripts and obscure publications containing his work which will be made available to attendees thru auction; proceeds to pay for club expenses.

Meeting will be held at Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave, Newark New Jersey. Non-members are welcome.

Because of a change in policy, Fantasy-Times is now numbering its pages consecutively within ea. Vol.

PHILCON SOCIETY

Jan 17. (CNS) The following news was received from Milton A. Rothman, Director of the Philcon Society.

William Sykora is now the Philcon Society's New York representative. Sam Moskowitz has declined the position because he thought it was more suited to someone residing in New York.

The Philcon News will be out in a week.

The official position of the PSFS, accepted by vote at the last meeting is: "The PSFS created the Philcon Society for the purpose of putting on the convention."

Fans who wish to take part in the convention program should contact the chairman immediately. The following program items are needed art work of any form for the fan art exhibit; music for the concert either original fan compositions, or music of a fantasy nature performed by a fan; 15-minute talks on writing, collecting, authors, science, fandom, etc.; skits or other entertainment.

NEW U. S. PROZINE

Via Fanews The first new fantasy periodical to appear in the U. S. is the forthcoming Avon Fantasy Reader. It will be bi-monthly, the first issue to appear about Feb. 7 It will have a format similar to Rex Stout's Mystery Monthly.

It will be edited by Donald A. Wollheim and will feature a selection of fantasy and science fic- (continued on page 6, column 1)

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tion from the best material published in the past.

The first issue will feature: Murray Leinster's The Power Planet, August Derleth's The Shattered House, A. Merritt's Woman Of The Wood, Wm. Hope Hodgson's The Voice In The Night, H.R. Wakefield's The Central Figure, H. G. Wells's The Truth About Eyecraft, Lord Dunsany's The Three Infernal Jokes, and C.A. Smith's The Vaults Of Yoh-Vombis.

PRIME PRESS ORGANIZED

Jan. 17 (CNS) Oswald Train informs us that on Dec. 11, 1946 a partnership consisting of Train, Alfred C. Prime, Jim Williams and Bud Waldo was formed with the intention of issuing limited editions of fantasy books. The capital has already been raised and a late model Vari-typer and Multilith have been purchased for direct mail advertising.

The first book off the presses will be Alexander M. Phillips' novel The Mislaidd Charm, originally published in Unknown. Rights have been cleared and this book will shortly go to press.

Second book in line is a yet untitled volume containing the complete Venus Equilateral series by George O. Smith from Astounding Science Fiction. Both of these books, it is hoped, will be ready by June if sufficient paper is available.

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ANOTHER NEW PROZINE FROM BRITAIN
by Joe Kennedy

The first issue of Strange Adventures, new British fantasy pro, appeared in November. In 7"x9 1/2" format and 48 pages, the magazine sells for 2 shillings. Sporting a BEM cover, Strange Adventures #1 contains three stories: Fugitive On Venus by Leslie Halward; Mary Had A Little...? by N. Wesley Firth; and Space Hobo's Diary by Rick Ackman. The publishers and editor have so far remained anonymous.

A companion magazine, Futuristic Stories, is also reported to be out, but no copies of the latter have been received in the U.S. to date.

THE COSMIC REPORTER

The Just Imagine, two page picture department of Real Fact Comics, is on If Man Controlled Gravity, in the current #7 issue. This feature is well drawn and well worth the price of the magazine.

In the January issue of Vadjong Will Sykora writes in his Director's Message that the "Deros" have forced Shaver to move from Barto, Penna, to a suburb of Chicago. Al Brown has received two letters from Shaver, which he will read to the Queens SFL today.

Fantasy-Times can't get anyone to review Amazing Stories. It seems no fan wants to read it.

The Executive Committee of The Queens SFL met at the home of Taurasi, on Jan. 10 and worked on the proposed constitution of the proposed Eastern Club Federation. It was well past 3:00 A.M. when they finished and the results is one of the best constitution of its kind yet written in fandom. If put into effect, it will make the East Coast one of the best organized fandom of the world.

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