

## 53 HEAR KELLER TALK

LARGEST CLUB MEETING IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE FICTION

Feb. 6 (CNS) The Eastern Science Fiction Association drew the largest crowd to a club meeting in the 16 year history of science-fiction fandom when they announced Col. David H. Keller, M. D. would be the feature speaker.

The 66 year old Doctor delivered an hour and a half address on "My Writing Career--1896 To Date". The good Doctor held the audience enthralled in what was probably the most brilliant address ever delivered to a science-fiction gathering. Again and again the assembly burst into spontaneous laughter as Dr. Keller released highly original and pertinent shafts of wit. As the enthralling story unfolded it became obvious that Dr. Keller--the man, was the most unusual and fascinating individual ever engaged in the writing of fantasy, H.P. Lovecraft not excluded.

The applause following the talk and the ensuing questioning period was the loudest and longest ever heard at an Eastern science-fiction gathering.

Paul Spencer and Gary Fordyce came from Hartford and New Haven, Conn., expressly to hear Dr. Keller speak. Charles Lucas came in from Bridgeport, Penna. for the occasion. A plethora of Dr.'s were present for the occasion, Dr. Thos. S. Gardner, Dr. A Langley Scarles, Dr. Kenneth Sterling and Dr. David M. Speaker.

Probably the most prominent guest present was Max J. Hertzberg Principal of a Newark High School. Literary editor of the Newark Evening News, nationally known educator, author of dozens of standard school text books. Mr. Hertzberg was very favorably impressed and came to the fore and spoke high praise for the great potential (continued on page 14, column 1)

### Tucker Sells 2nd Novel

Feb. 7 (CNS) Bob Tucker has informed us that Rinehart & Co. have accepted his second mystery novel and have promised early Fall publication. At the moment the book is untitled as the publishers rejected the original title Who Owns You? The plot of the book deals with a murderous girl who uses a pocket-size atomic bomb to wipe out her victims.

### PSFS BANQUET TO BE HELD

Feb. 7 (CNS) The PSFS is to give a banquet Saturday night, Feb. 22, 1947. It will come to \$1.75 per person. It will be held at an Italian Restaurant and all are invited. If interested write to Oswald Train, 3507 N. Sydenham St., Philadelphia, Pa. for details

### PSFS NOMINATES OFFICERS

The following members of the PSFS were nominated for office for the 1947 term: President: Oswald Train and Robert Madle, Vice-President: Al Pepper, Benson Dooling and Jack Bois, Secretary: Jack Agnow, Treasurer: Joan Bogert.

Robert Madle and Jack Agnow have withdrawn from the race there by leaving the race for President (continued on page 14, column 1)

## KELLER AT ESFA

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al for good inherent in science-fiction when written by men of the scientific back ground of Dr. Keller; that its possibilities of interesting young men and women in scientific and literary careers were outstanding. He promised to get the club representation in the local press.

Joe Kennedy spoke on the past month in science-fiction and had available his superb Fantasy Review '46-'47 for distribution. Dr. Thos. Gardner, caught unprepared, launched himself from a standing start to deliver a notable address on the latest scientific achievements paralleling stf.

Donald A. Wollheim spoke on his new bi-monthly pocket periodical, The Avon Fantasy Reader which will sell for 50¢ and feature the most notable works he could obtain permission to reprint.

David H. Keller, M. D. had brought with him 16 rare printings of his stories including, The Sign Of The Burning Hart and the unpublished novel The Gentle Pirate all his French appearances and many of his American limited editions. Though no attempt was made to push the prices too high, good prices were obtained for almost everything. The proceeds of the auction paid all expenses.

The general consensus of opinion was that this meeting was the most successful fan gathering of a non-convention nature ever held.

Alex Osheroff had prepared an initial set of by-laws for the club which were incorporated in the minutes.

Director Sam Moskowitz announced that the semi-annual elections would be held at the next, March 2 1947, meeting.

Dozens of old, Treasured magazines, with Keller stories were brought along by a score of fans who thronged about the beloved Dr. Keller, obtaining his autograph. The fans had not forgotten him.

## ESFA OFFICERS

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uncontested and the naming of a new nominee for the office of Secretary.

## FANTASY IN THE THEATER

by David Kishi

( p-play f-film )

Finian's Rainbow acclaimed as one of the greatest fantasies ever produced on Broadway is now currently playing at the 46th Street Theater. It is strongly a satire on the American economic system and all who appreciate seeing a good play should see this. (p)

The play The Wanhope Building by John Finch may soon serve as The Experimental Theater's initial venture. The script is described as a fantasy, dealing with an inventor of a bomb capable of paralyzing the will of mankind. (p)

Sol Lesser has announced that the new Tarzan picture will be Tarzan and the Lost Kingdom. It will be filmed this June and be distributed early in 1948. Lesser recently finished filming Tarzan and the Huntress and it will be in the theaters in a few months. These two films are the first to be made under a new contract between Lesser and Burroughs. (f)

George Sanders will now play the part in The Ghost and Mrs. Muir which was originally assigned to Richard Ney. (f)

## PRIME PRESS

We have been informed by Oswald Train, one of the members of Prime Press that The Mislead Charm by Alexander M. Phillips, their first book, should be ready by about May. It will be illustrated and decorated by a sensational new artist--new to fantasy that is. His name is Herschel Levit, a Philadelphian and he has done quite a few record album covers for RCA Victor. Those who have seen his work at his stu- ( continued on page 16, column 1 )

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-editor

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(continued from page 14, column 2) did say that he is an excellent artist. Belshazzar's Feast is one of the many album covers he has done. This will be his first appearance in a book. The price of the book will be \$1.75.

Venus Equilateral by George O. Smith is in the state of preparation. Smith is hard at work on a final story, completely original, which will not be published elsewhere. He has already revised the other stories to be used in the book. This volume will probably be out in the Fall.

All communications and orders are to be sent to Prime Press, Box 2019, Middle City Station, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

THE COSMIC REPORTER

by Lane Stannard

Outlands Publications have changed the name of their magazine Outlands to Science-Fantasy. -dk

We read in the local papers recently where they are hard at work designing rocket brakes to stop fast trains quickly, just like we have read in the promags for years only there they stopped spaceships. Just imagine, the now building New York Central locomotive, powered by Atomic Power and equipt with rocket brakes. Yes, the world of tomorrow is with us today.

The Mar-Apr, 1947 (no. 6) issue

of Frankenstein, the humor-fantasy comic magazine is now on the news stands. Vampires, ghosts, etc, all mixed with a good natured, but dull witted Frankenstein, make enjoyable reading. Try a copy, 10¢.

Sleep No More, edited by August Derleth, on sale for 49¢ in a New York book shop.

ON THE NEWS STANDS

by Lane Stannard

A beautiful, reddish, weirdish cover, painted in the modern manner by Boris Dolgov decorates the March 1947 issue of Weird Tales. The best story in the issue is Mr George by Stephen Grendon and second best is Sweets to the Sweets by Robert Bloch. The not as good as years ago Weird Tales still is good reading for those who want weird and good writing. The poetry was above par this issue. We don't care for Weill's page; it seems out of place in such a fine magazine.

Thrilling Wonder Stories again has a super cover by Bergey. That's twice in a row TWS has had extra good covers and no BEMS either. We like them this way. Way of the Gods by Kuttner is extra good, with Quest to Centaurus by George O. Smith, a close second. That Kilroy gag done in stf is very interesting. Lawrence takes top honors for inside illustrations. The boy is good, and rates with Paul, Wesso, Dold and Finlay. Morey's inside pixs bring back the good old days. Morey can be good and he is good in TWS. The Reader's column is much better now that the Sarg. is off the jive. TWS is fast getting back to top place as a science-adventure magazine. -ls

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