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MERRITT, LOVECRAFT & KELLER IN POCKET-BOOKS SOON!

by Joe Kennedy

Avon Books have just announced a list of coming publications among which are several outstanding items of fantasy. The Woman of the Wood and Other Stories, the long-awaited collection of A. Merritt's shorter work, should be on the newsstands this month, to sell at 35¢. On April 7, Avon will distribute Stenographer's Hands and Other Stories, a collection by David H. Keller, also 35¢. April 25 will bring a new pocket-book selection of Lovecraft: The Haunter of the Dark (at 25¢). Together with the Avon Fantasy Reader, these projected titles will make Avon one of the most important publishers of fantasy fiction of the day.

Sun Dial Press promises two interesting reprints: Pause to Wonder, the Fischer-Humphries anthology, is scheduled for early March, to sell at \$1.49. Peabody's Mermaid, humorous fantasy by Guy and Constance Jones, will be reprinted at \$1.00 in April.

Tales of the Undead: Vampires and Visitants, collected and illustrated by Elinore Blaisdell, will be published in May by Crowell & Co., \$3.50. The volume will contain 23 tales by Edith Wharton, Washington Irving, Vincent Starrett, and others.

H. F. Heard's new book, Doppelgangers (Vanguard; \$2.75), is

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SPANISH FANTASY

by Donald A. Wollheim

Recently arrived in New York is a fine collection of fantasy stories, published in South America in Spanish. Title of the 330 page book is Antologia de la literatura Fantastica; editors are Jorge Luis Borges, Silvina Ocampo and Adolfo Bioy Casares. Publishers: "Editorial Sudamericana", Buenos Aires, Argentina. Introduction by Casares. Contains work by Max Beerbohm, Jean Cocteau, Lord Dunsany, Chesterton, Olaf Stapledon, Lewis Carroll, Poe, Saki, H. G. Wells, May Sinclair, Franz Kafka and many others. -daw

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THE QUEENS SFL

An informal meeting of the Queens Science Fiction League, attended by about 11 persons, was held at the Director Will Sykora's home on Sunday February 16. Sykora announced that he would try to secure a meeting hall in time for the March meeting. -arb

THE 7th BEOWULF POLL

Gerry de la Ree is conducting his 7th Beowulf Poll in which fans

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a futuristic fantasy in a Brave New World vein. The tale concerns the war between two strange societies: the sub-surface people led by a mysterious character called The Mole, and the upper-world dictatorship. Heard is the author of the Great Fog, sf-fantasy collection.

April will bring Adrift in a Boneyard, by Robert Lewis Taylor (Doubleday; \$2.50), which is billed as a satiric fantasy about the last three families left on Earth.

The Unfortunate Pursey, by Mervyn Wall, will be published this month by Creative Age Press, at \$2.75. This is a chuckle-provoking bit of light fantasy-concerning the adventures of a 10th century Irish monk, supposedly possessed of the devil. The book was published in England by Pilot Press at 8/6 (approx. \$2.25).

In the pocket-edition line, don't pass up The Stephen Vincent Benet Pocket Book, still on sale everywhere. Its full of excellent short fantasies, among the tales being The Devil and Daniel Webster, Johnny Pye and the Fool-Killer, O'Halloran's Luck, Doc Mellhorn and the Pearly Gates, The King of the Cats, and By the Waters of Babylon-----all fantasy. Among the poems are all the famous satiric Nightmares, several of them stf.

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list their favorite stories of 10 authors picked by Gerry. He states that if any fans haven't received a ballot for this poll, a card sent to Gerry de la Ree, 9 Bogert Pl., Westwood, New Jersey, will bring one to them.

THE SHAVER MYSTERY CLUB

In a printed circular, Chester S. Geier, announced the formation of The Shaver Mystery Club to investigate the "Shaver Mystery". Also contemplated is the publication of a printed magazine The Shaver Mystery as a means of presenting the club's arguments.--arb

FANTASY FILMS

Argosy for March presents a 4 page picture article, Handmade Monsters and their Ladies, and shows stills from such fantasy movies as The Mummy's Ghost, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (both John Barrymore and Fredric March versions), The Return of The Vampire, The Mysterious Dr. R., Frankenstein, etc.

Liberty for March 1st, reviews the British fantasy, Stairway to Heaven, with numerous stills from the picture.

FANTASY ITEMS

Bob Stein mentions that he heard over the radio program The Answer Man that John W Campbell uses the name Arthur McCann to write articles under

A. Langley Searles writes that R. George Medhurst, the well-known British fan, was married on January 10th last. Also the New York City fan Frank Moroff was married late last year, and also moved from the Bronx to Brooklyn where he now resides very near Julius Unger.

Cartier fans should pick up the current issue of Doc Savage for some swell pixs by Unknown's artist Edd Cartier. Cartier also illustrates the Shadow stories.

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