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## "THIS WEEK" BOOSTS SCIENCE-FICTION

28 April (NNS) The April 27th issue of This Week Magazine, (with the Sunday Herald-Tribune in New York) carried Science on a Spree, a fantasy-boosting article, by Leslie Lieber. The article characterizes Campbell as the most outstanding man in the pro ranks, and altho all five of the straight science-fiction magazines are mentioned, it gives Astounding SCIENCE FICTION the biggest plug. Lieber's two-page feature on science-fiction concerns itself primarily with the prophetic phase of stf, pointing out some of the accurate predictions pulp stf has made and mentioning the now-famous visit to Campbell of Manhattan Project secret service agents. "Science fiction magazines....have nothing in common with comic books," says Lieber. "...All gadgetry and machinery must be scientifically plausible." Fandom also gets a plug in the article: "...There are approximately 250,000 devotees of stf in the United States. They probably constitute the most scientifically-hep reading public in magazine history....They travel hundreds of miles to attend annual conventions..." Lieber's article, the biggest plug stf and fandom have received since Little Superman, What Now? (Harper's, Sept. 1946), is illustrated with cuts from Air Wonder, Amazing and (continued on page 51, column 1d

## PHILCON NEWS

CARNELL MAY NOT MAKE PHILCON

E. E. Smith May Attend Philcon

30 April (CNS) Milton A. Rothman, director of the Philcon Society announces that in the event Ted Carnell cannot make the "Big Pond" trip to attend the 5th World Science Fiction Convention this year, the money in the Big Pond Fund will be held for the next convention.

Rothman goes on to say that at the present moment, due to difficulties in getting passage, and also due to the ridiculously-small amount of money in the Fund it is unlikely that Carnell will be at the Philcon.

This news about the Big Pond Fund, Mr. Rothman informs us, will supersede what is said in the 2nd issue of the Philcon News, soon to appear.

The latest member of the Philcon Society is Edward E. Smith, who says that he will be at the convention if no last-minute difficulties arise.

The 5th World Science Fiction Convention (The Philcon) will be held in Philadelphia on Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1st 1947. You can help make it a success by joining the Philcon Society. Just send a Dollar, for membership, to: Milton A. Rothman, 2113 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia 22, Penna.

Fantasy-Times and Tympany have agreed to exchange news: F-T thru (CNS) and Tympany thru (NNS).

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"A Cosmic Publication"

## EDITORIAL

ESFA IS ONE YEAR OLD

by James V. Taurasi

editor of Fantasy-Times

The Eastern Science Fiction Association will celebrate their First Anniversary with their April meeting, today. This club meeting in Newark, New Jersey has become in one year one of the largest local sf organization in the United States. Starting out with few members, it now has over 40, including some of the best known fans in the East.

It has done some very excellent work the past year. It obtained over 30 members for the Philcon Society, to help the coming conventions and numerous good write-ups in the Newark papers.

Many well-known authors and editors have attended their meetings and found them enjoyable as well as instructive.

Fantasy-Times extends good wishes and many happy returns of the day.

## On Fans &amp; Fandom

The three co-editors of Fantasy-Times, James V. Taurasi, Sam Moskowitz and Ray Van Houten, will

meet for the first time in four years, today, at the Eastern Science Fiction Association meeting.

The last time they were able to get together was in the Summer of 1943. Then, Moskowitz was a Private in the Tank Destroyers, Van Houten was a Sgt in the Army-Transportation Corps., and about to go overseas, while Taurasi was a Cpl. in the Army Engineers and editing two Army magazines. They met at Ft. Hamilton in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1944, Taurasi went overseas and left Fantasy-Times in the hands of Moskowitz, who had been discharged from the Army.

As luck would have it, Van Houten and Taurasi met again in 1945, when they discovered that they were stationed in the same building. They published the Continental Edition of Fantasy-Times, in Le Harve, France, weekly for over four months.

Taurasi left France in November of 1945, leaving Van Houten about to get out of the Army, but to remain overseas as a Civilian employee of the US Army.

Ray Van Houten married Betty Alline in Cardiff, South Wales, on October 21, 1946, and spent a honeymoon in Paris, France.

Now Ray Van Houten has returned to the US and the three fans will meet for the first time in four years, together, at the ESFA meeting.

A Wedding Announcement arrived from Germany, this week, announcing the marriage of Gordon Merlin Kull, co-editor of the new printed fan magazine, Vortex, to Eva Marie Weiss, formerly of Danzig.

The pair are to arrive in New York sometime in June. They plan to drive to San Francisco by Jeep and visit fans and fan clubs on the way. It will be sort of a Vortex "good will tour". They will take in meetings of the ESFA and PSEPS, if possible.

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## The PSFS

The April 27th meeting of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society featured a talk entitled "An Appreciation of Semantics" by Alexander M. Phillips. Following this a lively discussion on Aristotelian and non-aristotelian logic ensued, carried on mainly by Benson Dooling, Lex Phillips, Andre Weitzenhoffer and Milton A. Rothman. Upon adjournment, the members retired to the back room for refreshments. -mar

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Astounding showing prophetic-trends in those mags, and with pics of "Space Expert" Campbell and of Dr. Herman Muller, Nobel prize winner, with his nose buried in the April 1939 Astounding.

### The Cosmic Reporter

edited by Lane Stannard

The Murder of the USA by Will F. Jenkins has just come out in pocket-book form, published by Handi-Book Mystery, and selling for 20¢. This book was judged as one of the best stf novel of 1946, when it appeared in Argosy as a two part serial, all publishers insist on calling it a "new kind of murder mystery". The fly-leaf of the pocket-book states: "Will F. Jenkins has turned his pen to the problem of atomic war, has presented the probable defenses, and at the same time has created one of the most dramatic and exciting detective yarns ever written." The many of these handi-book mysteries are out, The Murder of the USA is reprinted complete. -ls

The new book, Man Against Myth, by Barrows Dunham, devotes a chapter to Korzybski and null-A..... but for the purpose of raking it over the coals. -mar

## Correction

Our Science Editor, Thomas S. Gardner, writes to correct our report of the speech he made at the April meeting of the Eastern Science Fiction Association, which was reported in our April 20th issue.

He writes: "Two statements are very incorrect. As one approaches the speed of light, not exceed, the time rate changes, and a few minutes very close to the speed of light in a ship would correspond to a very long period of time on the earth. The change of rate can be calculated by a modified Lorentz-Fitzgerald equation, and it has been verified experimentally. The new serum to go on the market is not my work. My work was in the field of nutrients, not serums. -tsg

### On The Newsstand

Reviewed by Lane Stannard

Lee Brown Coye's weirdish cover for the July Weird Tales is the best we've seen in many a moon. It illustrates WT's new department, Weirdisms which is very good. Ray Bradbury's little yarn is our choice for the best in this issue. Weird Tales is on the down grade, tho still good. John Giunta's many drawings in this issue are excellent. Isn't it about time Giunta did another cover, editor?

The June issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries comes thru with a fairly good novel, The People of the Ruins by Edward Shanks, well illustrated by Lawrence Finlay's cover, tho colorful, lacks fantasy. It could go on a detective magazine with mighty few changes. He can do better. FFM still has the best Readers' Column of them all. We'd like to see Paul return to FFM, editor. -ls

# RHODE ISLAND ON LOVECRAFT

Edited by Thomas P. Hadley and Donald Grant

A thick booklet, composed of five articles on H. P. Lovecraft written entirely by people of his home town, Providence, RI. by Wilfred Townley Scott, editor (literary) of the Providence Journal, Dorothy C. Walter, who knew Benefit St., Mrs. Clifford Eddy, frequent hostess to H.P.L., Marian Barner, friend of his Aunt, Mrs. Gamwell, and May V. Dana, proprietress of the book shop frequented by H.P.L. Many of these people had an unparalleled opportunity to observe H.P.L. You will learn many little-known facts about the fine author of "The Dunwich Horror". For this booklet, complete with photos of H.P.L. (unpublished hitherto), and leatherette style cover, send:

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