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Edward Elmer Smith, Ph.D., 1890-1965

A telegram from Alva Rogers just at presstime informed us that Doc Smith, creator of the Lensmen and Skylark stories, and winner of the first First Fandom Hall of Fame Award in 1963, died Tuesday, August 31, at Seaside, Oregon. Born on May 2, 1890, Doc was 75 when he died.

THE TOLKIEN SOCIETY OF AMERICA will meet at 8pm, 11 September, at the home of its founder Dick Plotz (159 Marlborough Rd., Brooklyn). According to the announcement the meeting will include discussion of "the extremely touchy problem of The Silmarillion vs. Ace Books." ++ And Bill Mallardi reports that he plans to publish a booklet of all songs and poems from The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, in order of their appearance, together with a brief explanation of each's situation. The cost will be \$1.25 per copy from him at 214 Mackinaw Ave, Akron 14, O.

THE ARTHUR C. CLARKE-STANLEY KUBRICK FILM previously mentioned is now called "2001: Space Odyssey," and it will be in Cinerama, with a \$5 million budget. ++ Also in the offing is a 5-part Heinlein serial (uncut) in If. ++ Ace Books will release, in October, Andre Norton's Year of the Unicorn, a doubleback by A. Bertram Chandler (The Alternate Martians, Empress of Outer Space) and two old chestnuts: Kuttner's The Time Axis and Flint's The Devolutionist and the Emancipatrix.

THE DEEP SOUTH CON III was held over the weekend of 6-8 August in Birmingham, Alabama, at the Downtowner Motel. There were 19 attendees, and all reports declare it a success. The First Annual Rebel Award ("For Outstanding Services to Southern Fandom") was presented to Al Andrews, and Chapel Hill, N.C. was selected as the site for DSC IV, next year.

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TRICON WINS!

LEIBER, DICKSON, YANDRO TAKE HUGOS

At the Business Session of the 23rd World Science Fiction Convention, Syracuse, N.Y., moved that the rotation plan embodied in the Constitution and Bylaws of the World Science Fiction Society, Uninc., as adopted at the 21st Worldcon [Discon, 1963], be set aside so that Syracuse could be admitted to the bidding. Ben Jason, Chairman of the competing Tricon, accepted, and the con voted unanimously to hear the Syracuse bid. Dave Kyle spoke for Syracuse, seconded by Ron Ellik; Ben Jason spoke for Tricon, seconded by Dick Eney and Ted White. The final vote was Syracuse 49, Tricon 60. See you in Cleveland next year! (A letter from Jay Klein says that the Syracon Committee members will support the duly elected convention; they have no further bones to pick. When Kyle gets back around 1 October, the Syracom will get together and decide about bidding for 1967.)

The Annual Science Fiction Achievement Awards (Hugos) were presented during the banquet by Bob Silverberg. Winners were:

Best Novel - The Wanderer, by Fritz Leiber

Best Short Fiction: "Soldier, Ask Not," by Gordon Dickson

Best Magazine: Analog.

Best Artist: John Schoenherr

Best Publisher: Ballantine

Best Fanzine: YANDRO (the Coulsons)

Best Drama: Dr. Strangelove -- award accepted by the author, Peter George.

The judges for the costume ball were Dona (Mrs. George O.) Smith, Brian Aldiss, Tom Boardman, and Eric Jones. Winners were Tony Walsh ("The Delegate From Jupiter"), Most Monstrous; John & Joni Stopa ("The Elementals"), Most Beautiful; Ian & Betty Peters ("John Carter & Dejah Thoris"), Best Heroic Fantasy -- the Bob Richardson Memorial Award; Karen Anderson ("The Devil She Is"), Best Authentic Fantasy; and Peter Day ("Nicholas van Rijn"), Best Authentic S-F.

The Big Heart Award (E.E. Evans Memorial Award) went to Walter Ernsting of Germany. The Knights of St. Fantony initiated nine more fans into their ranks, including Tom Schlueck, Dick Eney, Ethel Lindsay, Tony Walsh, Ted Carnell, Ken Cheslin, Harry Nadler, and Ken Bulmer.

The total memberships topped 600, with attendance at 320 as of Sunday Morning -- not counting a few freeloaders and those who came in Sunday afternoon or later. Banquet attendance was 150, and could have been more if people had ordered tickets in time.

Our reporter proclaims the Con a hell of a good one, with "lots of old friends, lots of new ones, a sufficiency of pretty girls to chase, a good program and plenty of parties." The high point was generally agreed to be the speech by John Brunner. Ausländer attendees included some from Northern Ireland, The U.S., Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Jugoslavia. Newspaper coverage was fairly good, with items in the Observer Weekend Review and the Sunday Times.

FANGELENO ACTIVITY over the Labor Day Weekend will concentrate either on the NonCon (chez Ellern, 975 N.Oakland, Pasadena, Saturday-Monday) or helping the Trimble's move into their new swimming pool-equipped home (12002 Lorna St, Garden Grove, Calif Phone 714-539-4000.) Visitors are welcome at either activity. (Ellern phone: 213-794-3805.)