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HOW TO USE YOUR PHONE BOOK

The other day, having nothing better to do, we hauled out the Manhattan telephone directory and made a list of the scientific-sounding individuals and firms therein. Here are the results:

There were no Rockets, Spaces, or Saturns; neither were there any Pasts. There was, however, a Mr. Frederick C. Passe, who, oddly enough, is a funeral director. The only Pluto was the one that manufactures mineral water. There were two Futures, one of which is the Future Book Shop, where we have purchased a few s-f books; the other was The Future, a publication, which we shall have to look into. There was one Futurity Press. There were 4 Jupiters and 6 Mars', including S. Mars, who deals in military supplies. Six Times were listed, including Time, Inc., who are not, however, aeronauticians---merely publishers. There were 13 Neptunes, 15 Mercurys and 25 Venus'. Any number of Toppers were to be found, but no Cosmo.

There were, heaven help us, 123 Ackermans!

MIRACLE

New York papers for Sunday, Jan. 16, contained the following ad: "Tomorrow night at 8:40 'Father Malachy's Miracle' with Al Shean, will be spirited from the St. James to the Guild Theatre where it will settle down and no miracle to it at all." And with the removal a few lines of the play were omitted, making it acceptable in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Almost immediately, however, it was respirited back to the St. James. Reason: talk of a broken contract and pickets.

THRU THE MAIL

New York City, Jan. 17, 1938. Jack Gillespie: "Here is an item I would like you to insert in the next News Letter: At the house of Chester Fein on Saturday, Jan. 29, the first meeting of the 'Fantasy Circle' (name subject to change) was held. It was attended by a group

of New York weird fiction fans. A play by Cyril Kornbluth was presented (the text of which will appear in the next issue of Weird and Fantasy Fiction). Sound effects, costumes and scenery were included. Then under an eerie red light two stories were read, written by David Charney and Cyril Kornbluth respectively." (Mr. G. must think we're as gullible as we look. Today, as we type this, it is only Jan. 23. Or does our informant happen to be a seer?) "Also for the FAPA is THE ANTI-TIME TRAVELER. For the Amusement of Thompson. It will see only one issue as the rival organization the temponautical society has been disbanded and the same for Temponautation. (Taurasi talked him out of both.) The issue will contain a gloating editorial and reports from the New York Chapter and the Queens chapter."

Flushing, N. Y., 1/18/38. James V. Taurasi: "Here is something for the next NEWS-LETTER. AMAZING STORIES has been sold to Ziff-Davis Publishing Company. Who will continue publishing it. I will send you more details as I get them."

LOFRE

On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Rudy Vallee program presented Peter Lorre and Lila Lee in "The Cameraman", the story of a photographer whose instrument took pictures of people as they would appear any given number of years in the future.

ROCKETPORT

Grover Whalen, president of the New York World Fair 1939, Inc., announced this week that a feature of the fair will be an intricate working model of an interplanetary rocketport of the future. The rocket display will be the climax of a display representing the story of transportation from the dawn of history to the present. Raymond Loewy is the designer.

MISCELLANEOUS

John V. Baltadonis will be in New York City for a week beginning Jan. 26 in order to see the showing of "The Lost World". Robert A. Madle may also come. . . This latter personage accuses us of being Ye Olde Booke Collector. He is quite positive that he is correct. We're not. . . Dale Hart tells us the Arday serial was originally called "Garson Napier of Venus." The title was shortened for publication purposes. . . Maxwell Anderson's time-traveling play, "The Star-Wagon", has been sold to Selznick International, who will make a motion picture from it. The production will star Janet Gaynor and will more than likely be in Technicolor. . . Robert G. Thompson is toying with something called TALES OF TIME AND OTHER DIMENSIONS. . . Jack Sillespie is putting out HACKNEYED TALES for the FAPA, poor people, while the Fantasy Circle will contribute a magazine tentatively titled THE FANTASEER. "The Fantaseer" was once a Baltadonis news column in the old COLLECTOR.

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