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'STAR S-F' FOLDS

NAME TO CONTINUE AS POCKETBOOK SERIES

75 AT LUNACON

by Belle C. Dietz

NEW YORK, 13 April, (CNS) - Seventy-Five fans, authors, artists and editors gathered today at the Second Lunacon Conference held by the local Lunarians. The Conference was held in midtown Manhattan between Noon and 6:00 P.M.

The program featured a panel on "Issac Asimov - The Man - The Writer", which began with the playing of a 15 minute tape from Asimov, who couldn't be down in person. The tape greeted the panel and was in Asimov's usual witty style. The panel, consisting of Sam Moskowitz, as moderator, Dr. Thomas S. Gardner, Robert Silverberg, Henry Moskowitz and Randall Garrett proceeded to dissect Asimov completely and then put him

together again; concluding that he is quite a fascinating character as a man and has made immeasurable contributions to s-f as a writer.

Two sets of London Convention films had their first public showing. One set taken by the Dietzes and one taken by John Victor Peterson. A running commentary was supplied by Belle C. Dietz, who also moderated the Editor's Panel, titled: "What Editors Think Of Fans". The panel, comprised of Larry T. Shaw of Infinity, Hans Stefan Santesson of Fantastic Universe and Algis Budrys of Venture, answered questions on their views as to fans and fan activities directed at them by the moderator.

An unusual feature of the Lunacon was the serving of coffee and home-made muffins to all the attendees without charge, at the (concluded on page 2, column 2)

NEW YORK, 1 May, (CNS) - Star Science Fiction, Ballantine's offering to the pulp s-f field, has folded after only one issue. A combination of extremely poor circulation and bad sales forced the folding after a much delayed first issue. Parts of the U.S. never even saw the first issue.

The name will be continued as a series of pocketbooks issued by Ballantine. Before the magazine was published the name had been used by Ballantine in a series of 3 pocketbooks. Fred Pohl was the editor of both the pocketbooks and the magazine and will continue as editor of the new series.

Issue #1 of the pocketbook came out during 1952, #2 during 1953 and #3 during 1954. (issues 1 & 2 are completely sold out.)

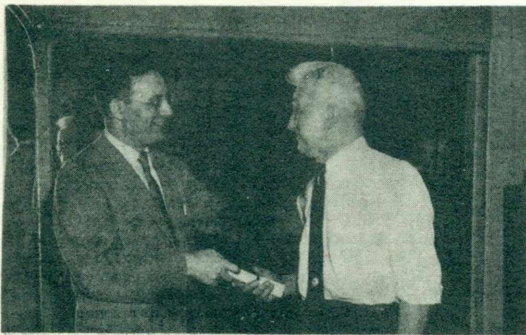
Issue #4 of the Ballantine pocketbook Star Science Fiction will be out by July 1958. In an experiment, Ballantine will try to issue a Star S-F pocketbook every three months.

Issue #4 will include in its contents: THE IMMORTALS by James Gunn, a long novelette of 20000 words; A CROSS OF CENTURIES by Henry Kuttner, a short story; Other short stories: THE ADVENT ON CHANNEL 12 by C. M. Kornbluth, IDIOD STICK by Damon Knight, SPACE-TIME FOR SPRINGERS by Fritz Leiber and stories by Dick Wilson, Edmond Copper and others. The cover is by Powers. This is the same cover that was to have appeared on Star S-F #2, but adapted to pocketbook size. There will be no interiors. The price of the pocketbook: 35¢. All stories will be new.

SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

Coming Up Next In The Pros

● FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION, July 1958: BROTHER CHARLIE (novelet) by Gordon R. Dickson, THE REIGN OF (concluded on page 2, column 3)



Sam Moskowitz (left) hands Frank R. Paul (right) scroll in appreciation of his immeasurable contributions to science-fiction and it's art, at the Lunacon. (Photo courtesy Dr. Christine E. Haycock)

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WANTED: THESE MAGAZINES WERE LOST in recent flood of S-F Times Collection: AMAZING STORIES: March 1930, Dec. 1928, April 1936, Feb. 1936, Dec. 1935, Oct. 1935, Dec. 1934, Nov. 1934. PLANET STORIES: Summer 1944 and Spring 1944. Must be in good condition with full front and back covers. Science-Fiction Times, Inc., P. O. Box 184 Flushing 52, New York.

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THE SCIENCE FICTION RECORD

by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

(Warners, N.Y.) SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGS OUT IN THE U.S. DURING MARCH 1958:

NAME	DATE	PRICE	PAGES	SIZE	ON STANDS	SCHEDULE
Science Fiction Stories	May	35¢	130	Digest	March 6	Monthly
Fantastic Universe S F	May	35¢	128	Digest	March 6	Monthly
Amazing Science Fiction*	Apr	35¢	146	Digest	March 11	Monthly
Venture Science Fiction	May	35¢	130	Digest	March 11	Bi-Monthly
Galaxy Science Fiction**	Apr	35¢	144	Digest	March 18	Monthly
Fantastic*	Apr	35¢	130	Digest	March 20	Monthly
Astounding Science Fiction	Apr	35¢	162	Digest	March 18	Monthly
Fantasy & Science Fiction	May	35¢	130	Digest	March 25	Monthly
Imagination S F	June	35¢	130	Digest	March 26	Bi-Monthly

*see Science-Fiction Times #288.

**This issue appeared about three weeks late in Warners. In fact I purchased the May issue in New York City on March 13th while on a short visit.

During March 1958 9 s/f magazines came out. All 9 were digest-size and cost \$3.15. They contained 1,230 pages.

NOT SCIENCE/FANTASY, BUT OF INTEREST:

Search	Apr	35¢	130	Digest	March 2	Bi-Monthly
Science World	Mar	15¢	32	Slick	March 6	Bi-Weekly
Science Digest	Apr	35¢	98	Digest	March 20	Monthly
Space Journal (Vol 1 #2)	Apr/Spr	50¢	46	Slick	March 25	Quarterly
Fate	May	35¢	130	Digest	March 26	Monthly
Science World	Mar	15¢	32	Slick	March 27	Bi-Weekly

Thompson, 922 Dryden Road, Ithaca, New York.

CORRECTION

In issue #289, we published the wrong address on J.M. Graetz's Ad. The Ad should read as follows: COMPLETE - FIRST 7 VOLUMES OF FANTASTIC UNIVERSE (to June 1957). All good condition. \$15 investment only \$9. J. M. Graetz, 32 Fayette St., Cambridge 39, Mass. (We are sorry for the error. -eds)

75 AT LUNACON

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3 P.M. intermission.

The program closed with a n outstanding showing of science-fantasy cover art. The ideal combination of Sam Moskowitz's extensive collection and Dr. Christine E. Haycock's excellent color slides, plus Moskowitz's wide knowledge of the field made for one of the best illustrated-lectures of cover art ever presented in the field. Dr. Haycock using Moskowitz's collection & under his direction made hundreds of color slides of representative s/f covers extending from before the last issue of Amazing to the present day. Sam lectured as the slides were shown for two hours of interesting climax to a successful Conference.

During the course of the lecture, Frank R. Paul, the "Dean of Science Fiction Illustrators", was presented with a scroll in appreciation of his immeasurable contributions to science-fiction and it's art.

The number after your name on the Mailer is the last issue you have coming to you. RESUBSCRIBE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

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TARQUIN THE TALL by Kit Reed, GIL BRALTR by Jules Verne (translated by I. O. Evans), THE DAY OF THE GREEN VELVET CLOAK by Mildred Clingerman, THE KATY DIALOGUES by Ron Goulart, THE UP-TO-DATE SORCERER by Isaac Asimov, THE SCIENCE STAGE (a dent) by William Morrison, THE EIGHT LAMP by Roy Wickers, THE VANDALS by Stephen Barr, THE BLUE-EYED HORSE by Michael Fessier, THEORY OF ROCKETRY by C. M. Kornbluth, and RECOMMENDED READING: C. M. Kornbluth, A Memorial Bibliography by Anthony Boucher. Cover by Barry Waldman illustrating "The Katy Dialogues".

● GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION, August, 1958. Novella: TO MARRY MEDUSA by Theodore Sturgeon. Novellet: SEVEN DEADLY VIRTUES by Paul Flehr. Short stories: THIRD OFFENSE by Charles Satterfield, THE TROUBLE WITH ELMO by Daniel Keyes, and IN BLACK AND WHITE by J. T. McIntosh. Science Dept: FOR YOUR INFORMATION "How To Get Around On Other Planets" by Willy Ley. Feature: GALAXY'S FIVE STAR SHELF by Floyd C. Gale. Cover by Wood showing not an atomic battlefield but firemen of 2025 A.D. fighting small industrial blasts from a distance of two hundred yards. Two blasts have been checked in mid-explosion and the third will be damped within micro-seconds. Experiments on "clean" bombs in previous century eliminated fallout hazard; all other effects are contained by instantaneous jamming that blanks out heat, radiation, concussion, protecting nearby communities.

ITS "SOUTH GATE IN '58"