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This months issue contains the cover and two stories from the Australian edition PLANET STORIES 9. Cover is slightly off color reproduction.

GOLDEN APPLES OF THE SUN by Ray Bradbury I still don't know why they had to go. SLAY RIDE by Winston Marks - a rather interesting use of a little known scientific fact. Fair. SLAVES OF VENUS by Edwin James - so now we're aborigines fighting a war so that we can get over our will to win .

SCIENCE FICTION SCENE has reviews of four books we saw about 6 months or more ago. Some speculation upon the future of the automobile. It's a pity that the publishers chose a well known story as the Bradbury item, otherwise the issue is not bad.

> Jack Keating

Science-Fantasy

No. 19. 2/9

Cover by Quinn is as usual an excellent job. Wish I had the original.

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AUSTRALIA!

THE CLIMBING WAVE by Marion Bradley - the return of the first star ship after 300 years finds the earth is at last fully civilized. Good illo by Quinn.

THE UNHARMONIUS WORD by A. Bertram Chardler, scrabble with a devilish twist. Fair. WHEN GABRIEL... by John Brunner - he played like an angel on the trumpet. STAIR TRICK by Mildred Clingerman - he went down stairs through the solid concrete but one day he didn't come back. Fair.

TOO PERFECT by E. R. James - his story was just that. TILES by Mike Nevard - closed time cycle murder. Fair BREATHING SPACE by Alan Guthrie - automation with a difference- ET difference. Fair.

THE COFFEE POT by Joseph Slotkin - . . they didn't find out till too late that the coffee pot . was Aladdin's lamp. Fair.

This issue was very good, in that they re

all readable.

Jack Keating

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An Emsh cover shows some very nasty critters. It illustrates Murray Leinster's EXPLORATION TEAM. The team is somewhat unusual.

Algis Budrys points out some unexpected results of a tragedy in space in MAN IN THE SKY. MINOR INCREDIENT by Eric Frank Russell is not so minor but it is not up to Russells best.

In Herbert L. Copper's A NICE LITTLE NICHE, the niche may be undignified but it is certainly uncomfortable for men.

Heinlein's DOUBLE STAR has developed a good

plot and characterisation and ranks with any of his best.

A good issue.

Tony Santos



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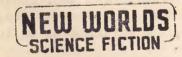
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Cover by a new artist Tocchet. Wyman Guinn's VOLPA poses a question. How would Frankenstein have felt if the monster had forgiven him. NAME YOUR SYMPTOM by Jim Harmon proves the old saw that any one who goes to a psychiatrist needs his head examined. The poorest story in the issue is A COFFIN FOR JACOB by Edward Ludwig. This is an example of the 'hot shot pilot needed to fly jewels out of Burma' plot moved ahead 50 or so years and out to the asteroid belt.

Arthur Selling's ONE ACROSS is literally a puzzle story, but is as usual with the author, good. The conclusion of SLAVE SHIP by Frederik Pohl is rather disappointing -- not the usual polished work to be expected from Pohl.

Tony Santos

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No. 49 2/9

Cover by Quinn illustrates the idea of a surgery in space, or anywhere. Is good.

Lead story by Les Perri is about the Martians who make themselves THE UNTOUCHABLES. Fair.

Brian W. Aldiss' has a new idea in Psychlops - childbirth assisted by telepathy. So so.



ANTIPODES No. 2. From Leo J. Harding, 510 Drummond St., Carlton, Victoria, bi-monthly, 3 issues for 3/-.

Twenty six foolscap pages, mimeoed, with a rather insipid cover by King. May I Quote page 11, the third line of the 'Focus' review at this juncture - "Why must farmag editors have two names....?" And then you sign the reviews LEE, Leo!!!!!!!!

The editorial is cut from the standard fustion. I am glad to see that ANTIPODES agrees wholeheartedly (although at greater length) with my comments on Graham Stone's column in SCIENCE FICTION MONTHLY, as published in ETHERLINE 73. I don't know why the Prophet of Doom piece on page 5 - neither the Melbourne Group nor ETHERLINE are likely to collapse after the OLYMPICON. We expect to be jaded yes, but not dead! ETHERLINE will continue in its present style until No. 100, then we envisage some changes - but the name will continue, and many of the features too, indefinitely! This statement may correct some ideas in other states, and remember, ETHERLINE is a registered name, and infringement is leaving one open to be sued!

Don Tuck writes on his HANDBOOK, but holds out little hope of a new issue in the forseeable future. Leo and Dick Jenssen collaborate (?) in producing a Harding Fan life, Part one. only in this issue. The facts are correct in the main, but I'm afraid some of the humor (?) could give unfortunate impressions to people who are unacquainted with the persons named. The writers are even taking a risk of being misjudged themselves.

I was rather apprehensive after an essay of mine was printed in ETHERLINE - I was expecting a writ for libel for making the remark Leo quotes - and I hope none of the habitues of a certain coffee lounge read ANTIPODES - even at the risk of lowering circulation !

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All in all, ANTIPODES, in spite of a mild attack of typos, is well produced and readable. Leo: seems to have learned a little moderation since PERHAPS and WASTEBASKET Keep improving Leo, and you may yet carve a niche in the fannish Hall of Fame.

Bob McCubbin

INSIDE and Science Fiction Advertiser No. 14. Sub 10/- to John Gregor, 73 Esplanade, Cairns, Q'land.

A very nice cover and a photolithoed layout, but still my two gripes - contents table hidden on inside back cover and the issue practically full of Lovecraft - persist.

Why so much time and effort should be

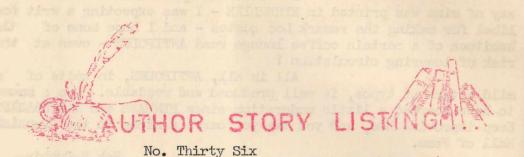
wasted on such a nebulous writer, I'll never know! Two articles for, one against, take exactly half the issue. Oh yes, why waste space with such collegiate 'poetry' from Randall Garrett? Lin Carter does a damfine job with his reviews - why does he waste his time on Lovecraft's imaginary bibliography?

While my liver is still bad, the solid blocks of type on pages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 37 are hard on the eyes and the mind. Space may be valuable, but not many people will bother to decipher material arranged like that.

Paragraph it pullease!

Bo b McCubbin.

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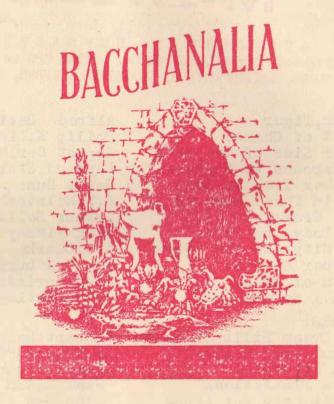
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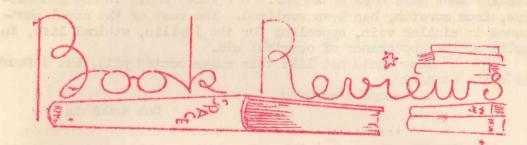
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LARGE

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Dawn in Andromeda

This book has a fine symbolic cover in purple and black, and the contents are equally symbolic. It opens with a discussion between God and Mother Nature on the value of Homo Sapiens. God decides to maroon five naked couples on a planet of the Andromeda system, stripped of their memories and any artifacts, but retaining all their knowledge. Two demagogues appear also, but come to sticky ends - one in quicksand, other with a boulder on his head.

However, th y make their first bowstrings from his guts - one of the odd crudities in the story. The ten battle from scratch to make soap, clothes, crockery, cutlery and all the other necessities of civilized life.

Then, in the next generation, two of the male children exhibit cruelty and a form of religion. When they perform a blood sacrifice, the elders send all the boys off, by boat, to search for certain needed chemicals, while the girls become nubile. By this time, the community have reached the technical level of the thermionic valve, and in 20 years, God's

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thought that Homo Saps could build a 7 valve radio in one generation, from scratch, has been realised. The rest of the novel continues in similar vein, appealing for the idyllic, ethical life, in spite of the appearance of original sin.

Many would not like this sugar coated pill, but I found

it quite readable.

Recommended reading.

Bob McCubbin

THE CITY AND THE STARS by Arthur C. Clarke, published by Frederik Muller and obtainable from McGills at 17/-.

When Arthur was in Melbourne, he told us he was dis -satisfied with his earliest novel, AGAINST THE FALL OF NIGHT, and this is the re-written version. Briefly, Diaspar is now believed, by Diasparans, to be the only city on Earth. It is completely enclosed, and has been for 500 million years. The people are all of genius level, but are confirmed agoraphobiacs, living in cycles of a thousand years at a time, and then being re-incarnated by the machines which run the City.

The hero, Alvin, is the only man in Diaspar who is not a re-incarnation, is not an agoraphobe, and wants to get out of the city. With the help of Khedron the Jester, he discovers the ancient inter-city railways, and against the wish of his tutor, Jeserac. leaves his own city and discovers Lys, another city with a totally dissimilar civilization - open air dwellers, relying on them selves rather than machines. Hilvar of Lys takes him on a hiking trip, when they find an ancient polyp in an ancient fortress.

Mivin has a robot attached to him for duty, one left with the polyp by a wandering Master from the system of the Seven Suns. This system is pictured on the symbolic dust jacket. Alvin forces the two cities to cooperate, then explores the mystery of the Seven Suns.

This is written in Clarke's usual thoughtful ' style , and well repays the reader.

Highly recommended.

Bob McCubbin

THE INVESTIGATOR by Reuben Ship, illustrated by Ronal Searle, published by Sidgwick & Jackson, and available from McGills at 10/9.

BOOK REVIEWS

This is satire at its best and most amus ing. The Investigator, with the aid of cronies, investigates the set up Up There, from the Chief down to poor little Otto Shmink, who becomes a celebrity until his deportation Down There.

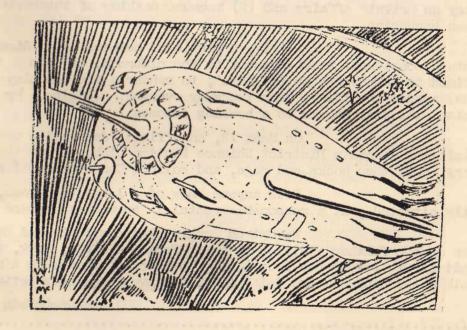
The climax is most satisfactory to all concerned, with the exception of our 'hero'.

Marjorie Santos.

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No. 2



By Keith McLelland From ETHERLINE No. 26

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MELBOURNE GROUP REPORT

It's a long time since any news of local fanactivities has been published, mainly because (1) I have been too busy on private affairs and (2) because nothing of interest has been happening.

Lately, a gaggle of members has disappeared into a convienent room adjacent to the clubroom, or even further afield to McCubbin's or Williams', to rehearse the Con play or discuss scenery building, each Thursday evening. Judging by their noise, the play should be a howling success!

On Sept 12, an official delegation went up to visit the Mountain District Science Fiction Club, to see their library, sell them books and mags, and collect Con subscriptions.

Does anyone know of a large club room, centrally situated, at a reasonable rental? We want to expand!

we extend congratulations to Za and Don Latimer on the further addition to their family - a boy, Kirk, weight - want for it! - 10 lbs 1 oz! The Latimers do things in a big way. Both mother and son are doing fine, and even Don looks better!

Bob McCubbin

DON'T FORGET DECEMBER !!!!!!!

Global Roundupa

The new Sam Merwin edited SATELLITE SCIENCE FICTION contains, in issue No. 1, THE ICONOCLASTIC KOALA by Dal Stivens, and No. 2 will contain FOOR, HUNGRY PEOPLE by F. Bryning. It is obvious that Leo Margulies is the publisher!

Upcoming in a future ASTOUNDING .will be a two part serial by James Blish, GET OUT OF MY SKY, his 1st.

A. E. Van Vogt returns to the list of active writers with a new novel, THE GREAT JUDGE. Good to r see him back.

George Pal has formed GALAXY PICTURES INC., and plans to film the H.G. Wells' story THE TIME MACHINE, scripted by David Duncan, and directed by Byron Haskin, who did the same job on WAR OF THE WORLDS. More SF films will be on future schedule.

Bel Air Productions are rushing production on VOODOO ISLAND and RETURN OF THE CAT GODDESS, after a hefty return from the initial horror pic, THE BLACK SLEEP.

Company is on the lookout for more of the genre. Production has been completed on PHAROAH'S CURSE, the second in the horror cycle.

Everyone seems to agree that FORBIDD-EN PLANET is the top SF film yet made, and members of the Melb ourne Group will be able to see for themselves at a special preview arranged by MGM next week.

Leon Stone - IJC antipodes

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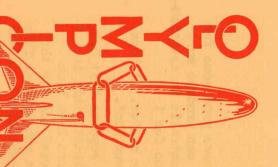
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We apologise for the delay in between this and the last PR, but we've been working! I'm happy to amounce that registrations have now reached 84. Registered members from 32 to 68 appear hereunder: apologise for the delay in between this

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led us to expect, and yet to come are 18 members of the Mountain Distri Fiction Club. The breakdown of the 68 already published is as follows: This is a much better figure that the la 18 members of the Mountain District Science the last PR

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into belated action. The fact that a registrations than the state with the ing to say the least. Surely that is I certainly hope these figures prod some fen country across the Pacific can produce more largest fan community in Australia is astonish-carrying sectional feuds too far !

One lone fan from U.K. is a member. K. receives the 'World Convention'. I hope

everyone remembers this if and when U.K.

has been neglected on the publicity side of things. To say

The addition, ETHERLINE has carried ads for the property of t you send out next year. ridiculous. All the BNF's and pro authors, as well as the prozines have been receiving each PR as it appears. In addition, ETHERLINE has carried ads for the Bon for the past 18 months. It would appear that the prods dealt out several PR's ago hurt a bit ! Never mind fellows, I'll do the same with the publicity material There have been roundabout reports that U.K. this is

to be presented, this has now been lengthened from the original hour to two half hours, and should prove to be one of the highlights of the Convention. this has now been lengthened Ament PR 6, which carried details of the play agthened from the original hour to two-and-a-

are wandering around with a far away look on the i 'time warps' and similar things. Don't miss it! Rehearsals are well under way, and odd bods look on the faces, burbling about 'star tanks'

delivery, the closing date of ads in the Souvenir booklet have been extended to 1st. November. But don't leave it too late. Size has been curtailed, and the issue is two-thirds full already. and strilar things. Due to our finding a printer with a better the Souvenir booklet have been extended to

The films have been booked, and I'm sure the will be eagerly anticipated. Titles will be announced in the Booklet, but I'll lyou know this much: One of them was one of the best SF films made, yet was shown very little, while the other is possibly the best fantasy ever made. and I'm sure they clet, but I'll let

from publishers , film producers, and editors alike, with only authors and artists lagging a bit. He asks that any author and/or artist who would consider loaning or donating samples of their work to contact him at : 4 Myrtle Grove, Preston, Vic. at an Australian convention. Organizer Mervyn Binns has received tremendous response The displays promise to be the best ever seen

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