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THE VISASCREEN

Edmond Hamilton has sold another serial to WEIRD TALES, "Twilight of the Gods" - - - WEIRD has accepted Manly Wade Wellman's "Witch Cat" - - - Dr. David H Keller will reappear in STRANGE STORIES with "The Toad God" - - - Thornton Ayre has won the first \$50 AMAZING STORIES bonus for his "World without Women" - - - Frances Garfield in the current WEIRD is really Mrs. Manly Wade Wellman - - - Nelson S Bond has sold a serial of about 40,000 words to AMAZING, dealing with the lost continent. His title for the story is "Sons of the Deluge", but Palmer may change it before it sees print. - - - Bond has also sold a yarn, which he calls "Lighthouse Ho" to ASTOUNDING - - - HUGO GERNSBACH in his magazine RADIO & TELEVISION, runs a "Martian newspaper" called THE MARTAIN FLASH. This newspaper takes up about 1 and half page of the magazine and deals with Martian radio & television. It is interesting to note that his Martians and that of Paul's (on back cover of FANTASTIC ADVENTURES) look almost alike. Long nose, huge ears etc etc. - - -

CONVENTION FACTS

Bob Formanek is issuing a special convention magazine and will probably attend the convention. - - Auction! One of the chief means of raising money to pay for the WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION will be by auctioning off various scienti-

fictional items at the convention. ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION has already offered to contribute a number of originals toward the auction, in addition to a specially autographed copy of ASTOUNDING. If any fan has some scientificfictional item lying around, which is of no use to him, why not contact Sam Moskowitz and voluntarily offer the item for auction at the WORLD ATF CONVENTION, the proceeds to go only toward paying for the convention. It would be a grand gesture, and all such contributions, unless the contributor wishes to remain anonymous, will be acknowledged thru this column.

OVERFLOW by Sam Moskowitz

"Battle in the Dawn", that excellent novellette of prehistoric people which appeared in the January, 1939 issue of AMAZING STORIES was originally scheduled for ARGOSY. Manly Wade Wellman, the author, outlined the plot to the editors of ARGOSY and they approved it. However, after he had written it up they rejected the yarn and Wellman sold it to AMAZING STORIES. We think ARGOSY passed up a damn fine story. Survey of 20 or more local newstands showed that the sales of the March 1939 ASTOUNDING took a tremendous drop. A few places which ordinarily get four copies a month have crossed the mag off their lists altogether. In fact so many New Jersey newstands dropped the magazine that your columnist had to visit more than 8 newstands, all of which used to keep ASTOUNDING before [TURN TO PAGE 2]

W O N D E R F A C T S

In every issue of THRILLING WONDER STORIES starting with the June issue you'll find a complete novel published in supplement form. You already know that the JUNE issue will contain Weinbaum's super novel DAWN OF FLAME, this will be followed with RACE AROUND THE MOON by Otis Adelbert Kline - - - - - ROMAN HOLIDAY by a new author, will be the beginning of a new series for WONDER. The story deals with two persons who go back in time to ancient Rome, and try to give the Romans a little of our modern knowledge, what happens is a riot. It was suggested from the IF series of JACK BINDER, and promises to be quite good. Remember the VIA series? Well, they're back again, this time with a new planet, VENUS, to explore. Some of the old crew that went to Mars will again appear in this story, which, if you haven't as yet guessed, will be titled, VIA VENUS. To appear in a coming issue of WONDER. jvt

I T E M S by John Giunta

Companion magazine of the OCTOPUS has appeared named THE SCORPION. After reading it tho, I find that it is really THE OCTOPUS. It features the same characters as THE OCTOPUS, but has a different villain, somewhat more human than the Octopus. At least the new mag, THE SCORPION is titled Vol. 1 - No. 1 and it is scientifiction. jg

Overflow [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1]

he could beg, borrow or steal a copy of the April, 1939 issue. We are at a loss to understand this. Maybe UNKNOWN has something to do

with it?? It may interest fans to know the effort necessary to obtain "METROPOLIS", which is to be shown at the WORLD STF CONVENTION. Will Sykora started in search of the film way back when he formed the SCIENTI-CINEMA CLUB; when the club was discontinued Sykora formed a club called THE SCIENTIFILM-MAKERS with the chief idea in mind, of obtaining METROPOLIS. Six months prior to THE FIRST NATIONAL STF CONVENTION work was started to obtain the film, and after meshing thru mountains of red tape (the most disconcerting of which was the remark made by one man that all copies of METROPOLIS had been destroyed) the result is that after a year and a half of effort, Mario Riccio, Jr., and Will Sykora finally found METROPOLIS, the greatest scientific film ever made. Sykora says that it deserves every bit of the fame it has received - - - - -

Thos S Gardner has compiled an enormous mass of stf fan magazines, and he is arranging to have them filmed on Microfilm, so that they won't eventually move him out of house and home. - - - - -

The 2nd in THE LAST FAN volume was ready for distribution weeks ago, but its mailing date has been continually delayed due to the fact that the editor has not had time to mimeograph it. It will positively go out with the next issue of FANTASY-NEWS, and will appear more regularly hereafter. A copy of this supplement will probably find its way into the FAPA, with, plus, a little trimmings and special added pages - - - - -

IMPORTANT if you are a member of NEW FANDOM and have not as yet received the 3rd issue of NEW FANDOM, write a postal to SAM MOSKOWITZ, 603 So. 11th Street, Newark, New Jersey, immediately. The 4th issue will be in the mails early April.

TO THE WORLD STF CONVENTION ON JULY SECOND AND SEE "METROPOLIS" - -

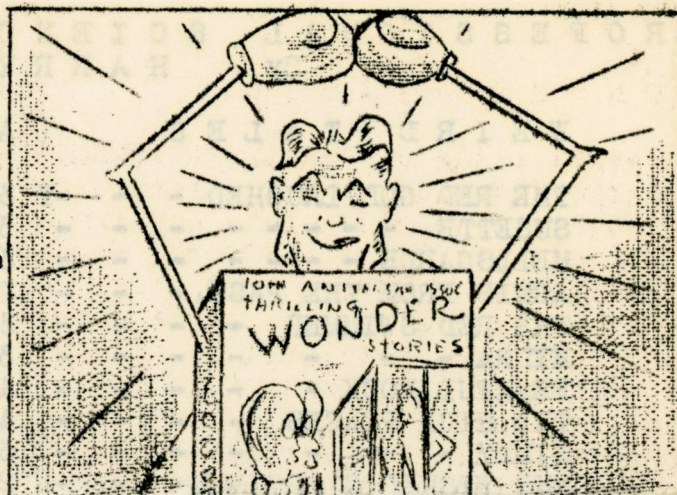
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On page six you'll find a notice informing our readers that we are opening the pages of FANTASY-NEWS to regular advertisement. We would like to give our readers a little inside dope on this new innovation. When FANTASY-NEWS was started it was only two large size pages in size and had a comparatively small circulation. In the last eight months our circulation has increased, and in keeping with this we have been improving the paper to the limit of our ability. Compare regular editions of FANTASY-NEWS to other fan weeklies and you'll realize that it is remarkably large, entirely out of proportion in size to the trifling subscription rate. Regardless of how large our circulation gets, our present format is close to the limit of our weekly income. There remains only one way to improve our paper still further, and that is by receiving paid advertisements. That is why we have opened our pages to advertising. The editors insure the advertisers of a good, large market, and guarantee results. We would appreciate the cooperation of our readers in responding to ads, and if you have anything to sell, to advertise in FANTASY-NEWS. We feel that the extremely low advertising rates are within reach of all, and we especially urge you to take advantage of our ridiculously low follow-up rates. We need this added income if FANTASY-NEWS is to grow into the really fine mold we have set for it



TEN YEARS OLD

With it's June-1939 issue-THRILLING WONDER STORIES celebrates it's 10th Anniversary. Ten years of stf large size, small size, 25¢, 15¢, AIR WONDER-SCIENCE WONDER--WONDER THRILLING WONDER, changes - changes, but always interesting and always containing the best departments of any stf magazines. WONDER has always been a pet of mine, I yelled like the devil, when it changed hands and Mort Weisinger was made "ye editor", but Mort has learned what the readers want and is slowly improving WONDER into a really worthwhile stf magazine. If reports are correct, WONDER's tenth anniversary issue should be a real joy to the stf fan. It contains the greatest line up of authors ever gotten together in a single issue of any stf magazine. Also the fans will be glad to hear that hereafter WONDER will publish a complete novel in every issue, in supplement form (small type) as they are doing with Weinbaum's novel in the June issue.

Only one thing we have against WONDER and that is the covers. They are way below par. You should do something about that, Mort. WONDER deserves better, way better, covers.

•The Editor

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE-FICTION RATINGS

By HARRY WARNER jr

WEIRD TALES (April 1939)

THE RED GOD LAUGHED	-	-	-T	3%	C	16%	P	30%	N	32%	Total	81%
SUSETTE	-	-	-	3		15		18		37		73
HELLSGARDE	-	-	-	3		18		30		39		90
ARMIS FROM THE PAST	-	-	-	2		10		12		30		54
THE RED SWIMMER	-	-	-	3		14		29		36		82
HYDRA	-	-	-	3		16		30		36		85
FEARFUL ROCK	-	-	-	4		17		28		35		84
THE HIGH PLACES	-	-	-	4		15		31		30		80
MIMMY	-	-	-	3		17		25		34		79
THE WICKED CLERGYMAN	-	-	-	2		16		28		37		83
SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN	-	-	-	2		12		18		36		68
THE CURSE OF YIG	-	-	-	1		17		31		35		84
total for the entire magazine												74%

MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES (April - May '39)

TOMORROW	-	-	-	4		19		30		38		91%
NEWSCAST	-	-	-	2		8		20		35		65
total for the entire magazine												89%

(title T; characterization C; plot P; narration N)

FAN MAG REVIEW

by Louis Kuslan

NEW WORLDS: Volume 1 - Number 1
March 1939. 14 large size pages,
well mimeographed pages. This mag-
azine was formerly NOVAE TERRAE.
The cover illustration, done on
light green paper is excellently
drawn by Turner. There is an ed-
itorial which promises nothing def-
inite for the future. Frank Edward
Arnold contributes, "Is Weinbaum
Over-Rated?", the eleventh-eight
already, and tiring beside. There's
been too much on this same subject.
A pretty fair story by John Victor
Peterson, "Empyrean Rendezvous" -
An excellent article by Thornton
Ayre, "Concerning Webwork" remem-
bering some of his shots on sf and
sfal plots for stories - - - -
News Notes - - - - - The Forum, a

READER'S COLUMN - - - Edited by
Ted Carnell, 17 Burwash Road, Pl-
umstead, London, S.E.23. 4d or 8d

CORRECTIONS

to last week's FANTASY-NEWS

Bob Tucker's magazine, INVISIBLE
STORIES is not given free with
the May D'JOURNAL. It is given
free to any f.m. that sends him a
3 cent stamp.

John V. Baltadonis writes that the
23rd issue of THE SCIENCE FICTION
COLLECTOR will not be the 3rd ann-
iversary issue, but that the 25th
issue will be. The 23 & 24 issues
will be regular size, while the
anniversary 25th issue will be a-
round 40 pages.

READ FANTASY-NEWS AND GET ALL NEWS

RADIO NOTES by Walter Sullivan

Arch Oboler who formerly wrote the plays for "LIGHTS OUT" begins a new series of plays this week, in which his imagination will be given full rein. Unlike his "LIGHTS OUT" productions, the series will cover the broader scope of plays, of the fantastic and of the imagination, in which emotional conflict will predominate. The series starts Saturday, March 25th, at 10 o'clock, in New York, over WEAJ (NBC)..... "THE SHADOW OF DR. FU MANCHU", can be heard over KDKA Pittsburg, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 10:30 P.M. From what I heard, it seems that some group of people in Tibet, is trying to subjugate the world.....The play presented on "LIGHTS OUT" this week, was "THE WANDERING EGYPTIAN". It concerned with the curse of an Egyptian tomb which was kept alive for 3300 yrs by an immortal Egyptian. When the tomb was opened he killed all the members of the expedition who did, it, and finally caused a war which destroyed the world, thereby avenging Egypt.....

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SCIENTIFILMS.....By Mario Racio

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer will remake the Jules Verne story "20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA"....We had a silent version of this some time ago..... "LOTTE NELL 'OMBRA" (Battles in the Shadow), an Italian film, just arrived in NYC...concerns with a scientist who discovers a "super-explosive".....ORSON (the Martians are coming) WELLES, will make his movie debut in "THE MONSTER"..... The A. Conan Doyle weirdrama, "THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES", with Basil Rathbone, now at the Roxy, NY REVIVALS: The Russian fantasy "THE NEW GULLIVER", at the Apollo, 42nd St. NY, one week, starting Mar. 30th

S C I E N T I F I L M

C O N T E S T #2-----

"Send in, the names of films that BELA LUGOSI appeared in. Both STF and ordinary films." The highest correct list, will receive as first prize: TWO EXCELLENT STILLS FROM THE GREAT STFILM "METROPOLIS" - - Second Prize.: 10 issues of FANTASY NEWS....Third Prize.: 5 issues of FANTASY-NEWS...CONTEST CLOSING ON APRIL 22nd, 1939.....

At almost any big 5¢ & 10¢ store you can now pick up MARVELS OF THE UNIVERSE, a booklet containing 32 large size pages of photos of the different planets etc.

Abe Oshinsky is now working on plans to issue an Astronomy magazine for his club which he plans to organize. The magazine will probably be mimeographed. More details on this as it develops,

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