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LASFL HOLDS 100TH MEETING

26 stfans showed up

(Special to FN) ONLY a measly 26 turnd out for the 100th meeting of the Los Angeles Leag. Barnes, Binder, Bridbury, Schwartz, Hodgkins, Heinlein, Mororojo, Yerke, Pogo, Dr. Acula & Roy Squires, among those U woud now 7 girlatys. Mororojo & myself apaird in our futuristicostumes wich we wore at the WSFC, & were fotograff by the Philadelfan. Later our Director took a flood-lite foto of the group. POGO reported progress on planning of first issue of her All-Girl fanning, having recently recvd replys from Millie Taurasi, Gertrude Kuslan & Mary Rogers. It is understood an analyzation of Trudy's handwriting will apair in initial number (done by Zhan Dark).

A FEATURE of my meeting at the LASFL is the reading of the minutes, as inimitably prepared & rendered by the good "Tubby"---Secy T Bruce Yerke. Minutes of the previous 2 meetings were read this time, as
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QUEENS SFL TO BEGIN '39-40 SEASON

MOSKOWITZ VISITS HERNIG IN ELIZABETH

(Special to FN) DESPITE the fact that there is little more than a ten cent fare and a fifteen minute ride between Newark and Elizabeth, Moskowitz paid his first visit to that village & amazingly enough, found Hornig home & in the raw (minus his shirt). THERE was little difficulty in locating the street & number & even less in finding Hornig's apartment which is appropriately plastered with enough Esperanto stickers to warn the cockles of Ackerman's heart.

FIRST thing viewed was the first issue of "FUTURE FICTION" scheduled to appear the 20th of August, but still not in the vicinity of Newark (and NY-ed). According to Charlie, this is not the last of the BLUE RIBBON fantasy publications. There is far fr-
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PAUL TO BE AT FIRST MEETING HELD SEPT 10.

(Special to FN) THE Queens SFL will begin ~~this~~ 1939-40 season, with a meeting on Sunday September 10th. Usually the QSFL hold their meetings the first Sunday of the month, but due to the holidays, it was decided to change the date for the 1st meeting to give every member a chance to come down. Expected at the first meeting are PAUL, stf artist delux and the editor of SCIENCE FICTION, Charlie Hornig. Julius Schwartz, now having a good time in Los Angeles will be in with tales of the West Coast fans and the LASFL. THE program committee, met for the first time since last May and drew up a 10 point program for the coming year. THE softball novies taken at the WORLD STF CONVENTION will be shown at this 1st meeting. Come one, Come all. 18

LASFL HOLDS 100 MEETING (continued)

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 wells a ribtickling report on the Annual Outing at the beach. THE FEATURE of the evening, undoubtedly, was the raffling, in conjunction with a stf contest, of the original PAUL cover for P Schuyler Miller's Wonder Story, "The Seeds of Destruction." 3 subsidiary prizes, consisting of the issue of FANTASY MAG dedicated to Wonder, & the 3rd & 4th Ann issues of FM, were offered. The contest consisted of each participant's devising 2 of the tuffest questions tinkupable & passing to his Nabor. Nabors were later able to revenge themselves by reversing the progress & passing 2 of their tuffest back to their tormenter. Dr Acula got top score with 4 out of a possible 4 correct, for which he was awarded 5 free chances on the picture. Lewis of Phila won the Wonder FM & 4th Ann ish, Dr Acula the 3d Ann, & it was perfect that Al Mussen should win the prized PAUL because it was that cover that introduced Al to stf. Pogo managed the raffle, whose proceeds were to go toward the construction (in Southern California) of the Sanitarium for Insane Sciencefictionists (just in case--nothing's hapnd yet--but U never can tell!)

MOST often askt question of the quiz was "Who Is Gordon A Giles". Binder fell down on this one... Biggest luf was accorded Leslyn Heinlein's "Is MORT WEISINGER an actual person or a mass hallucination?" Mort was unable to put in an appearance at either of the meetings held while here....

NEWS: Robt "Life-line" Heinlein is submitting an unique story to Astounding about an 80 yr old fan! That is; in the future; a man who has been a fan from now til 2000, say. Title: either "A Business Transaction" or "Requiem". Bob has also written a bk of the "Looking Backward" type of stf, looking forward 150yrs to the ekononix (yes, he uses ackermanese spelling in the

story!) sex-life etc of the 21st century.
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HORNIG'S VISIT (continued)

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 on a remote possibility of a quarterly appearing very soon under the at banner. PAWING thru the manuscripts Hornig has amassed we find an amazing number of old time names among them. From what we recall he has stories on hand by the following authors and authoress: Leslie F Stone, Bob Olsen, John Russell Fern, Thornton Ayre, Neil R Jones, America Reynolds Long & a number of others. RECENTLY Charlie visited Millheim, Pa, home of the Bizarre Series & Richard Frank & K Russel Miller. The meeting was returned recently when Richard Frank and his family turned up in Elizabeth NJ (and Charlie, nice fellow, didn't tell anyone). Hornig plans a vacation back to Millheim, he likes the sticks. IT WAS also learned that the notorious Fred Shroyer of Los Angeles SPL who has been meandering about the middle west will show in NY, shortly.

HORNIG showed numerous clippings of write-ups he has received in various news journals for his science fiction and Esperantic activities. Discussion of various pro & fan mags was had and a few sodas and then departure.

CONVENTION MAGS REVIEW (continued from issue No. 59)

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METROPOLIS: by the Los Angeles fans, 8 well mineoed pages containing letters and items on the great picture Metropolis.

VAN HOUTEN SAYS: 4 pages printed full of Van Houten.

FANTA VERSE: by Bob Formanek 18 pages of articles and poems, hectoed.

THE FANTASY COLLECTOR by Larry Farson containing a collection of dates on old stf. (continued P.4)

PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE FICTION RATINGS by HARRY WARNER jr

THRILLING WONDER STORIES

OCTOBER 1939

	T15%	c20%	P35%	N40%	TOTAL 100%
PLANET OF INTERNAL NIGHT	4	17	32	36	89
THE ENERGY EATERS	3	17	28	37	85
THE SCOURGE BELOW	2	14	24	34	74
VIA VENUS	3	13	29	38	83
EXPERIMENT WITH DES-TINY	3	16	27	34	80
HADES	2	16	32	34	84
HERO	4	19	33	33	89
total for the entire magazine					<u>85</u>

WEIRD TALES

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WHILE ZOMBIES WALKED	3	15	30	34	82
SPANISH VAMPIRE	3	16	28	37	84
THE DOOR WITHOUT A KEY	4	18	27	38	87
SPAWN OF THE MABELSROM	4	17	30	37	88
COOL AIR	5	18	32	39	94
A NIGHT IN HELL	4	17	33	37	91
GREY GHOULS	2	14	26	34	76
total for the entire magazine					<u>85</u>

UNKNOWN

SEPTEMBER 1939

NONE BUT LUCIFER	5	18	31	36	90
CALIPH OF YAFRI	2	17	28	39	86
DANGER QUICKSAND	3	16	26	34	79
THE COPPERSMITH	3	20	31	35	89
PORTRAIT	3	18	30	36	87
total for the entire magazine					<u>88</u>

(ED NOTE: Rating for STRANGE STORIES had to be left out this week because of lack of room. It will appear next week.)

NEWS FROM TEXAS by Dale Hart

EDGAR Rice Burroughs threatened legal action against the numerous Tarzans floating around the boxing and wrestling circuit. While he was about it, he also sent a complaining telegram to the only authorized Tarzan. To Johnny (Tarzan) Weismuller, performing in a pool at the NY WORLD'S FAIR, he wired: "While I am complaining about the unauthorized use of the name Tarzan in general, I would like to register a lick of some kind in particular about that wh-

ite satin bathing suit you are reported covorting around in. The original, legitimate Tarzan has no business going around looking like an aquatic chorus man while doing the Tarzan yell. Take my advice and trade it on a leather G-string or something."

PARAMOUNT is busy with a secret fantasy! Police are guarding certain sound stages. Properties are carried in under shrouds. Actors are sworn to secrecy. Shooting will continue on a hush-hush basis until Sept 1. A couple of months thereafter you will get your first look at "Dr. Cyclops" (Five characters are re-

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duced to one-fifth their normal size! See them battle cats as big as horses and an alligator as large as a dinosaur!)

CONVENTION MAGS REVIEWED (continued)

STEPHAN by Morajo, spice to get the other guys name in. Come in quite usefull.

THE GRAB BAG: by Ted Dikty, 15 hectoed pages of articles and poems, similar in format to Fanta Verse/
COSMOLOGY: official organ of the first ISA, 1st issue published by them dated 1933 Vol 6 No 1. 16 pages large size printed.

FANAMAG REVIEW

FANTASEER Vol 1 No 2 4 pages, large size hectoed. Good cover by Giunta. interesting material. 5¢ a copy
 Will Grovenon, 18 Maryland Ave, Hemstead, NY.

MY TIME ANNIHILATOR (formerly Scenes of FANTASY) Vol 1 No 1. 8 large size hectoed pages of interesting contents. Editor states that this will be the last issue. Francis J Litz, 703 Brown St, Rochester, NY.

SCIENCE FICTION INDEX No 1, 1926. Contains complete index of science fiction appearing in Amazing for the year 1926. Something like Tucker's year book. 10¢ a copy. 622 Presidio Ave, San Francisco.

ODD ITEMS: From Malcolm Jameson we learn: "Astounding" has just bought an article from me on the subject of "SPACEWAVE TACTICS". Since I was a naval officer for some years, specializing in ordinance and gunnery, I think I am qualified to deal with this subject with some authority.",...The December issue of SCIENCE FICTION will carry a lengthy account of the WORLD STF CON-

VENTION as composed by Hornig. Hornig also announces that the prize contest is entirely decided & winners will be announced shortly
 JJ Fortier, a new fan mag publisher of Oakland Calif, is planning an all-star first issue of his fan mag.

SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racic jr.

Walter Wanger will film Jules Verne's AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS. THIEF OF BAGDAD, Korda's technicolor fantasy will be released in US, at Xmas time.

THE WIZARD OF OZ, is one of the dozen films to be shown at the International Film Festival at Cannes. CLOUDS OVER EUROPE, (known in England as Q.P.M. N.E) will have a sequel, with Ralph Richardson again playing the part of Major Hammond, the secret service man. THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG, starring Boris Karloff, just released "is the weird story of a doctor who can bring the dead back to life!" MGM plans to film Oscar Wille's THE CANTERVILLE GHOST.

Dale Van Every will produce "PHANTOM CITY"(??) for paramount, following DR. CYCLOPS, now in the cutting room.

Here is a interesting fact that I found out recently: Edgar R. Dureroughs has sold the screen rights of THE MONSTER MAN, THE MOON MAID, THE ETERNAL LOVER, CAVE GIRL, THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT, PELLUCIDAR AT THE EARTHS CORE and many others to Sol Lesser, of Principal Productions. This happened about a year or more ago, but, so far none of these have appeared, on the screen. How about it Mr. Lesser?

Revivals: Starting AUG. 30th, the Rialto, NY. will revive a stfilm double feature, namely THE RAVEN & THE MUMMY, both starring Karloff.

THE QUEENS SFL, NY's only STF club starts on September 10, 1939/