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## MISS FRANCES SYKORA ENGAGED TO MR. MARIO RACIC, JR., STFILM EDITOR!

Miss Frances Sykora and Mr. Mario Racic, Jr. have announced their engagement. The announcement came as a surprise as it was not expected until March 2nd, Miss Sykora's birthday. Frances is the sister of Will Sykora, editor of FANTASY NEWS, and Mario is our popular SCIENTIFILMS Editor. The wedding date has not yet been set.

## ORGANIZATION OF OHIO GROUP PUT OFF

The organization of the new Ohio Fantasy Association has been postponed according to an announcement received from Joe Lewandowski. Activities will however be resumed in June. Publication of The Ohio Fan has also been suspended for the time being.

Interested Ohio fans should contact J.L. Lewandowski at Rm. 102 Kohler Hall, B- College, Berea, O, and enclose a stamp for membership form.

## COSMIC TALES OUT BEFORE MARCH 30TH

"Several pages of Cosmic Tales have already been mimeographed" says James V. Taurasi in an interview today. A full page illustration by artist Frank R. Paul is in preparation. A feature of the issue will be the yarn "Requiem", a story of a mother's love for her son, a scientifiction fan, away at war, a poignant fan story in the well know Moskowitz manner. A hitherto unpublished Lovecraft yarn is another promised treat. Inside illustrations are by Johnny Giunta and Taurasi.

## PROS REPRINT MORE FAN MAG MATERIAL!

### UNCANNY TALES CHANGES TITLE!

UNCANNY STORIES, new title for UNCANNY TALES, a RED CIRCLE Publication, has started again from volume 1, number 1, cut out most of the sex, and is now a straight fantasy magazine featuring material ranging from straight science fiction to weird, with various grades of science-fantasy in between. The April issue contains material by Ray Cummings, Frederic Arnold Kummer, Jr., R. DeWitt Miller, Denis Flimmer, Wayne D. Overholser, and David H. Keller, M.D. Dr. Keller's yarn, "Speed Will Be My Bride", is reprinted from the fan mag Scientisnaps, where it appeared as a two part serial in the April and Summer, 1940 issues of that magazine under the title of "The Chestnut Mare".

The second issue of STIRRING SCIENCE STORIES appears more than two weeks ahead of schedule. The story "The Other" by Robert W. Lowndes in the current number appeared originally in the June, 1940 issue of Paul Freehafer's fan mag, Polaris. The poem by Damon Knight, "The Fishers", is reprinted from the Sep 1940 issue of Spaceways. "The Rocket Of 1955", short-short in the same issue accredited to Cecil Corwin would seem to be the work of Richard Wilson, Jr. "The Doll Master" by Paul Dennis Lavond is written under a pseudonym which disguises the work of Fred Pohl, editor of ASTONISHING STORIES. "The Wind From the River", a poem credited to Robert Morrison, would appear to be the work of Robert W. Lowndes. The latter three authors are all members of the Futurian Society of N.Y. as is the editor, Mr. Wellheim.

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

We wish to apologize to our subscribers for the lateness of this issue of FANTASY NEWS. Our typewriter went on strike shortly after our last issue was published, necessitating a complete overhaul and repair job. Luckily, Mrs. Sykora had a typewriter of her own, a standard Remington of ancient vintage which was used in the emergency but was very slow. We have our regular Underwood now on the job again, and hope to catch up very shortly. We wish to thank you all for your indulgence and patience.

PRO MAG REVIEW by Edwin L. Hoag.

Either by sheer accident or by better planning, Mr. John W. Campbell, Jr., editor of UNKNOWN, has in the latest issue done what he should have more than a year ago---balanced the contents. Nearly all of UNKNOWN'S novels, even some of the best, have been largely overdrawn, some to the point of becoming ridiculous. The contents page has never been correctly balanced except by accident, with the notable exception of this number.

When a person pays twenty cents for a magazine, opens to the contents page, finds one very long novel, one chapter of a serial, two short stories, and a poem, he's not getting very much variety. And just suppose he is a new reader, a new reader who doesn't like the long novel, --and can't read the serial because it is the last part and he hasn't even read the first, (next column)

FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Wanner, Jr.  
 Zeus: vol. 1, no. 2(a) 8 hectoed pp, colored cover and material by Australian fans. 6¢ from K. Noel Dwyer, 10 Manning St, Bondi Junction, Sydney, Australia.  
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 Futurian Observer: nos. 22, 23, 24, and an "extra". Each two mimeod pp of gossip, deep intrigue, and horrific scandal. 7 for 20¢ from 10a Sully St, Randwick, Sydney, Aus.

PRO MAG REVIEW Cont'd: What has he left? Just two shorts and a poem, and even if he likes them, he is bound to feel a little done.

First class entertainment in the current number include "The Crossroads" by L. Ron Hubbard, "Shottle Bop" by Theodore Sturgeon, "Doubled and Redoubled" by Malcolm Jameson, "Carillon of Skulls" by Philip James, and "Oscar" by Cleve Cartmill. And there are others in the issue I haven't had time to read. This simply proves that UNKNOWN'S forte is in the shorter length yarns and not in the single long novel.

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