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MOREY PAINTS 'COMET' COVER

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JULY "COMET" OUT JUNE FIRST

The July 1941 issue of F. Orlin Tremaine's COMET will hit the N.Y. stands on June 1st carrying the first of a series of yarns by Edward Elmer Smith, Ph.D. and a cover painted by Leo Morey illustrating Manly Wade Wellman feature novelet, "The Devil's Asteroid". As announced earlier this year in FANTASY NEWS, the title of Smith's 9,000 word novelet will be "The Vortex Blaster". Wellman's yarn will have about 10,000 words. The third feature yarn in the issue will be R.R. Winterbotham's 9500 word novelet titled "The Whispering Spheres". Clifford D. Simak and Carl Jacobi, old time sf writers, have collaborated on a 5500 word short which will lead off the short story selection. Frank Belknap Long, regular visitor at the Queens Science Fiction League, will have another 5500 worder called "The Sky Trap". A slightly longer tale (7000 words) will be Leigh Brackett's "A World Is Born". "The Indulgence Of Negu Mah" will be Robert Arthur's contribution to the issue, while Flossie Hardart's "The Beast Of Space" has also won Tremaine's approval. Flossie was a Queens SFL member way back when. Arthur's short will have 4500 words while F.E. Hardart's will contain 4000. Graph Waldeyer, science fiction fan turned pro, has clicked again with a 5000 word short titled "The 4-D Doodler". Two unknown sf fans have rated Editor Tremaine's approval in the Short, (next col.)

QUEENS S F L TO SHOW 'DRACULA'

MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT MAY MEETING, FORMER TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT REJECTED!

At its regular monthly meeting for May, the Queens Science Fiction League approved the showing of "Dracula", weird scientific film starring Bela Lugosi, at its June meeting. The film will be a full length feature, accompanied with appropriate short subjects.

The May meeting was called to order at 3:15 P.M. on Sunday, May 4, at Harmonie Tavern, Broadway near Steinway Street, Astoria, N.Y. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Unger and son Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sykora, Mario Racic, Jr., Sam Moskowitz, Kay Brickman, Bill Groveman, Bob Thompson, (Page 3)

"COMET" LINE-UP Cont'd:

Short Story Department where the editor gives new talent a chance to rise and shine. They are Edmund H. Leftwich, with the 1700 word "The Bell Tone", and Thornton de Ky, with a 1500 worder called "The Ultimate Experiment". "The Spacean", interplanetary newspaper of the future, will dish the usual cosmic dirt, while the readers dish out the common garden variety in the popular "The Rocket Mail" readers' department. Editor Tremaine will have another timely editorial which he has called "The Door To Tomorrow". Paul, Forte, Morey, and Mirando will do the interiors. (Page 3)

Watch the Statement Of Ownership of STIRRING SS for a surprise scoop!

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

By now, everyone knows the answer to the famous mystery of the identity of "Anthony Gilmore". Although no proof is to hand, it is generally believed to be Harry Bates and Desmond Hall, respectively Editor and Associate Editor of the old CLAYTON ASTOUNDING, collaborating in the creation of the famous science fiction character, "Hawk Carse". Some of these yarns were "Four Miles Within", "The Tentacles From Below", and "The Bluff Of the Hawk".

The "scandal", if such it might be called, connected with this mystery was that during the period the stories were written (1931-1933) and before, it was considered unethical in the publishing field for an editor to accept material written by himself or by a member of the publishing or editorial staff of the publication in which the material is to appear. As a matter of fact, it was at that time worth a man's job for him to sell himself or friends on the staff yarns which were supposed to come from the outside. The ethics of the matter is fairly obvious. The staff's job is to make up the book, not write it. But what was considered worse at that time was an editor accepting and paying himself for yarns he had written under a pseudonym. It was a case of the editor taking unfair advantage of the author, who had no connection with the publication and who had to sell his material on merit alone. (next column)

'COSMIC TALES' ISSUES 2 NUMBERS!

COMBINES TEMPORARILY WITH NEW
WITH NEW FANDOM!

The July and August numbers of Jimmy Taurasi's Cosmic Tales have just been issued. Mimeoing is used throughout, and the magazine has a brownish cover. The feature yarn in the July issue is Thos. S. Gardner's "The Man Who Came Back", a weird time travel tale about a would-be suicide. Other yarns in the issue are "The Rocket Car", the first of a series of wacky invention yarns by Lane Starnard. Sam Moskowitz, who seems to be clicking regularly with the pros, has "Water For the Canals Of Mars" with a real O. Henry ending rather rare in a fan yarn. Illustrations are by Giunta and Taurasi, both of whom have had drawings in the pros.

The second instalment of Gardner's three part serial, "The Man Who Came Back", leads off the Aug issue of CT. "Cosmicgraph", a history of the future, by James V

Taurasi is the feature yarn. The first NEW FANDOM department winds up the issue. All members of NEW FANDOM will receive membership certificates, and have their subs filled out with the new Cosmic Tales.

The price is 5¢ per issue, 50¢ a year, from J.V. Taurasi, 137-07 32nd Avenue, Flushing, New York.

EDITORIAL Cont'd:

How times have changed! Now not only is it considered alright for an editor or staff members to write some or all the yarns for an issue of an stf mag, but also it is in a great many cases absolutely essential to the continued existence of some of these mags. As a matter of fact there is evidence to show that the editors of FUTURE FICTION, STIRRING SCIENCE, and COSMIC S-F must write a good deal of the material they publish as an integral part of their jobs. In the case, at least, it is (Page 3)

COMET LINE-UP Cont'd:RAY VAN HOUTEN SELLS FIRST STORY:

Ray Van Houten, publisher, editor, and author of fandom's most unique fan sheet Van Houten Says, has clicked for the first time in a pro mag with his 7500 word short titled "The Legend Of Mars". Says Editor Tremaine the yarn is "very good". Ray is an old timer in fandom having been the managing sec'y of the SFAA, and is the present secretary of NEW FANDOM. "The Legend of Mars" will appear in the August number of COMET.

The feature of COMET'S August issue will be Nat Schanahner's 15,000 word short novel titled, "Vanished Universe". Robert G. Lewis will have a 7300 worder called "The Imaginative Genius". Clifford D. Simak and Carl Jacobi have clicked in rapid order with their 6000 word short "The Cat Had Nine Lives". Tremaine also has under consideration Henry J. Kostkos' "The Kiss Of Death". Kostkos will be remembered as the author who batted 1.000 on acceptances not so long ago. Further details of the August number will appear in our next or following issues.

EDITORIAL Cont'd:

Almost like an author privately publishing his own works at his own expense and then trying to sell them.

To the general science fiction reader, it makes little difference who writes, buys, or sells the yarns. It is the entertainment that counts. Hawk Carse was one of the most popular of all science fiction heroes, and would probably still be so today. To the freelance author, however, it is an entirely different story for he is more or less left out in the cold in favor of the cheaper but steadier staff writer. And even this may operate to the reader's detriment because they conceivably are deprived of the usual refreshingly different work of the independent writer.

QUEENS SFL Cont'd:

Miss Frances Sykora, Pearl Moskowitz, Charles Hidley, Alex Osheroff, Melvin Hendriksen, Fred Claasen.

The minutes of the April 4th meeting were read and accepted. Copies of the treasury report submitted by former Director Hyman Tiger and former Sec'y-Treasurer Scott Feldman were distributed and examined with interest. After due discussion, a motion to accept the report was rejected by a large majority. A motion to appoint a committee to investigate the report with the power to collect all monies due the Queens Chapter, (This committee may also undertake to investigate the money held by Robert W. Lowndes as Secretary-Treasurer of the original Queens SFL, later the Greater N.Y. SFL which was disbanded in 1938 by Leo Margulies.) was carried. The committee consists of Julius Unger, Melvin Hendriksen, Sam Moskowitz, and Mrs. W. Sykora.

A motion for the ejection of gate crashers and other unwelcome visitors was carried without a dissenting vote. The motion states that: "If any member objects to the presence of a visitor, that member shall file a private protest with the chairman, who shall instruct the secretary to inform the visitor in question that his presence at the meeting has been objected to and to request him to leave the hall. If he refuses to leave, he shall be given the alternative of a vote on his admission or ejection to be taken as the immediate next order of business." An amendment to this motion was also carried without a dissenting vote. The amendment states: "If two or more members object to the visitor's presence as a result of this vote, the visitor shall be ejected." It was then suggested that the motion be made part of the by-laws, but since no previous notice had been given of an amendment to the by-laws, it became necessary to suspend the by-laws. This was done by the usual two-thirds vote. The motion was then made (Page Four)

QUEENS SFL Cont'd:

Amendment No. 1 of the Queens SFL by-laws by the required two-thirds vote. Two overwhelming majority votes and two two-thirds votes prove beyond doubt that this motion represents the will of the Queens Science Fiction League. A motion to create a bulletin board and to post this amendment on it was carried.

The following is a condensed copy of Feldman's and Tiger's treasury report:

Debit:

Balance after Nov mtg	\$17.15
Rec'd at Dec mtg	2.15
AJBurks pd at Jan mtg	.10
Total rcts thru Jan	19.40

Credit:

Dec rent	\$ 1.00
Jan rent (larger room)	2.00
Xmas cards, 35 @ 5¢	1.75
Xmas seals	1.65
Xmas card stamps	.70
Dec mtg announcements	.85
Jan mtg announcements	.90
Thumb tacks	.05
loose leaf record book	.20
5 paper refills	.25
4 bxs reinforcements	.20
Typewriter ribbon	.40
App. 250 envelopes, lg. size	.85
App. 1 ream paper	.40
Travelling expenses	1.20
Telephone calls	3.05
Personal invitations	1.66
Personal replies	.53
Other correspondence	.53
Total disbursements thru Jan	18.17
Treasury Balance	1.23
Cash to present Sec'y-Tr.	1.05
Deficit	.18

Sam Moskowitz purchased several fan mags from the club's collection. The remainder will be raffled off at the June meeting.

Charles Hidley, well known contributor to readers' columns and several times prize winner in PLANET'S letter contest, was elected to membership.

After general discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M. at which time several members retired to the bar for a "meeting after the meeting".

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QUEENS SFL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEEMEETS MAY 13 AT HOME OF JULIUS UNGER

Meeting at the home of Julius Unger, prominent science fiction dealer, the Queens Science Fiction League Investigating Committee met to discuss and act on the treasury report submitted by former Director Hyman Tiger, and former Secretary Scott Feldman, which was rejected at the regular meeting of May 4th. Present were Julius Unger, Chairman, Mrs. W. Sykora, Sec'y-Treas. of the Queens SFL, Melvin Hendriksen, Will Sykora, committee members, and Charles Hidley and Kay Brickman, guests. Mrs. Unger served fruit and chocolates.

After due discussion it was decided that definite action be taken to recover a fair proportion of the Queens SFL's property, and to endeavor to obtain a financial settlement without legal means if possible. The Secretary-Treasurer was, however, empowered to use legal means to recover, as a last resort and provide the expense could be kept at a minimum. The committee regretted the necessity to take any such steps, but the attitude of Scott Feldman at interviews during which QSFL representatives went far out their way to be fair made firmer action necessary.

HARRY WALTON ON STAFF OF 'POP. SCIENCE'

Harry Walton, popular member of the Queens SFL, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of POPULAR SCIENCE Monthly. Mr. Walton has sold numerous articles on home mechanics and construction to this and similar magazines. He also has stories coming up in ASTOUNDING, THRILLING WONDER, PLANET, and SUPER SCIENCE stories.

STIRRING SCIENCE STORIES, in its June 1941 number, reprinted Dr. D. H. Keller's "The Moon Artist" from Louis Kuslan's fan magazine Cosmic Tales. "Forbidden Books", posed by Wilfred Owen Morley, was actually by R.W. Lowndes, from a 1937 fan mag.