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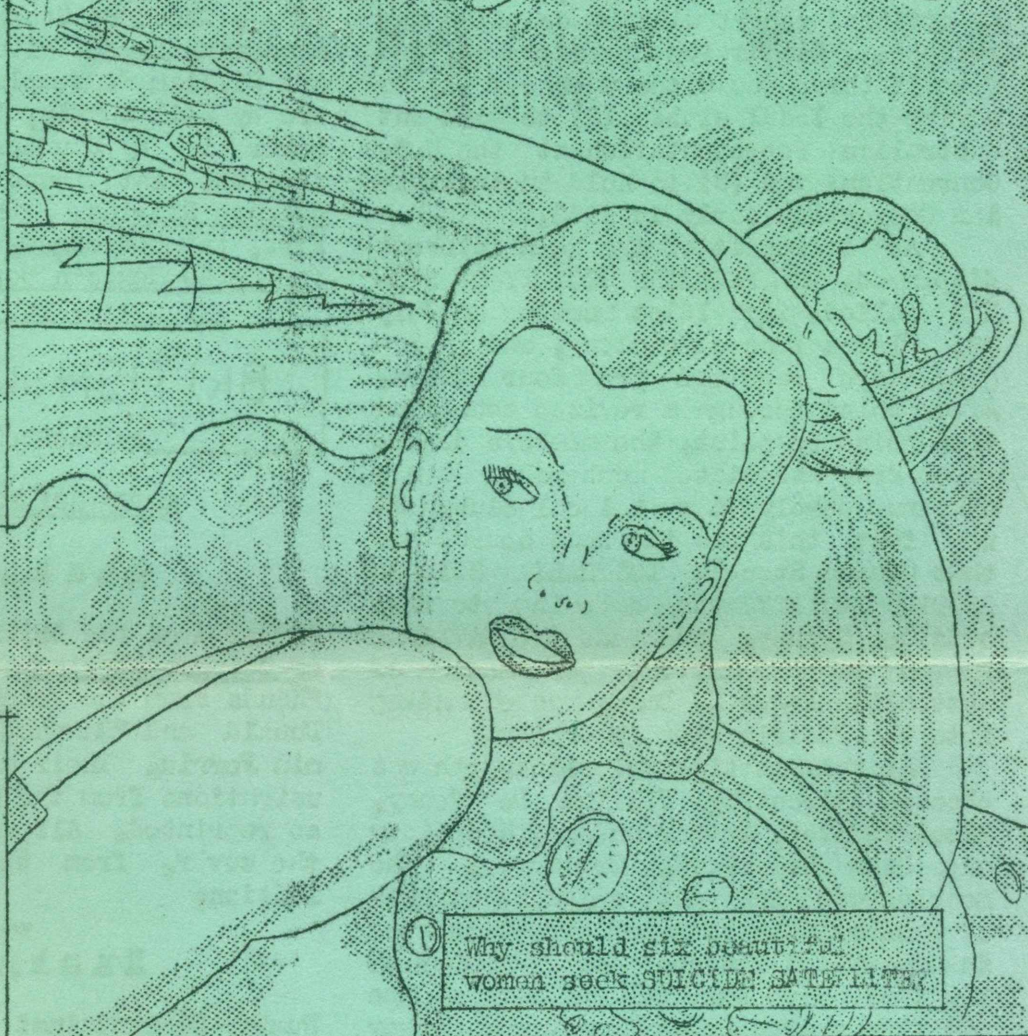
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Australian Fandom Revived

by Vol Molesworth

SYDNEY, Australia, 3 Aug. (CNS) - After nearly twelve months' inactivity, during which the FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY held not a single meeting, the FOURTH SYDNEY SCIENCE FICTION CONFERENCE was held on July 7. It was attended by fifteen fans, including Jack Murtagh from New Zealand and George Dovaston from England. William D. Veney occupied the Chair and Eric F. Russell took shorthand notes, from which an official report will be compiled and reneued. Discussion was vigorous, and from it three decisions emerged: (1) to revive the local club; (2) to work out Australian representation at the U.S. Convention; and (3) to hold an Australian Convention early in 1952.

As a result of the keen interest displayed, THE FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY called its 161st meeting on July 30. Eleven fans came along, and apologies were received from four others. After going through a revised constitution point by point, the members decided to drop associate membership and continue purely as a local club. It was felt this was the best course now that Graham Stone's AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY was catering to fans outside Sydney, and that the NATIONAL FANTASY FAN FEDERATION, per medium of Westralian Roger N. Dard, was expanding into the Pacific area generally.

At this meeting Vol Molesworth was elected Director, William D. Veney, Vice-Director, Arthur Haddon, Secretary and Nick Solntseff, Treasurer. The meeting was the most splendid example of enthusiastic teamwork ever witnessed in Australian fandom. As a member of new fans have emerged, and many of the old fans seemed to have acquired monkey glands, it augurs well for the future of the local club.

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AUGUST ISSUE OF "Los Cuentos Fantásticos" IS OUT

FLUSHING, N. Y., 24 August, (CNS) - The latest, August 1951, issue of Mexico's sf magazine, Los Cuentos Fantásticos arrived in the United States today. As usual the magazine is of interest to all readers of science-fiction. This issue contains stories by E. Everett Evans, Theodore Sturgeon and Forrest J Ackerman, Bryce Walton, Fletcher Pratt, and William F. Temple. Illustrations are by Neil Austin, Bok and Estes. The cover is by Saunders and is reprinted from the 1st issue (1938) of Marvel Science Stories. The magazine is pulp size, trimmed edges, 50 pages and sells for \$1.20 Mexican per issue.

BRITISH REPRINTS

by Michael Corper

SUPER SCIENCE STORIES

N u m b e r _ _ 4

Number 4 of the British Edition of Super Science Stories contains two stories "Hands From The Void" by John D. MacDonald and "Rampart Of Fear" by Benjamin Forris. Their original inside illustrations from the USA Edition are also reprinted. All reprinted, including the cover, from the January 1951 USA Edition.

N u m b e r _ _ 5

Number 5, contains: "The Death Star" by Holden, "The Last Dark" by Gilman, "High Flight" by Kath. MacLean, "Eternal
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NEW BRITISH STF PRO MAG OUT OCTOBER

--Ackerman Fantasy Agency Report

LOS ANGELES, Calif., 23 Aug. (AFAR) - October will see the launching in England, by a major periodical publisher, of a quarter-million copy stf periodical selling at 9d (probably 15¢ USA). Heinlein c o p s the cover with "It's Great To Be Back". An old-time US fan, under the pseudonym of Don Sawson, has made his first sale with "Flowers Of Desire". Ray Bradbury will be represented with "The Pedestrian". Van Vogt will appear in an early issue with perhaps "The Great Judge" or "Frozen Tracks". Scienti-sport stories will appear frequently, "Jumping Jack" by Alden Lorraine being set for the introductory number. "Wing Ball" and "The Educated Pill" are future possibilities by Bob Olsen. Humorous yarns will be used regularly, "Inspiration Juice" by Hal Amas, "Blurb" by E. Everett Evans and "A Martian Oddity" by Oscar Tweel being under consideration in this department. "Hermann" by August Derleth has been bought. There will be more Hoinlein, and scripts are now being read for issues 3 & 4 by Neville, Wolheim, Wolf, Major Reynolds, Hubbard, Grinnell, Weaver & Rosco Wright, Joe Gibson, Chas. Willard Diffin and leading English authors. FJ Ackerman is supplying fotos and blogs on a number of the writers.

A S I M O V I S A P A P A

On August 20th, Mrs. Gertrude Asimov presented Isaac Asimov with a 5 lbs, 4 oz baby boy, David.

Isaac Asimov's latest book, just out, is Foundation, the first of three scheduled volumes.

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SECOND FAN-VET CONVENTION SET FOR APRIL 20, 1952

PATERSON, N.J., 25 August, (FVNS) - The 1952 Convention of THE FANTASY VETERANS ASSOCIATION will be held on Sunday, 20th April, in the same spot as the 1951 Convention, Werdermann's Hall, 3rd Ave. and East 16th Street, New York City.

No definite plans as to a program have as yet been laid, but it is expected that this Second Annual Convention will be a more ambitious endeavor than was the first.

Barring the unforeseeable, there will be a first-rate fantasy film, an auction, and one or two prominent speakers, plus other events of interest.

Readers of Fantasy-Times are invited to send suggestions regarding the program to Fan-Vet Secretary, Ray Van Houten, 127 Spring Street, Paterson 3, New Jersey.

DERLETH REPRINTED IN AUSTRALIA

The Whitman Press, of Australia, has reprinted "Mischief In The Lane" by August Derleth, in a 48 page, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " booklet.

-Vol Molesworth

THINGS GET AROUND

LOS ANGELES, Calif., 23 Aug., (AFAR) - Sir! Magazine in its Sept. issue reprints "The Thing" by LA fan-pro L. Major Reynolds from its June '49 number. Story was re-sold to ill-fated Fantasy (continued on page 7)

FANTASY FILMS, RADIO & TV

by Lester Mayer, Jr

As far as I know, it is absolutely unprecedented that two pictures, both taken from the same book and both with the same title, should have their American premieres in the same town only two days apart.

The pictures are, of course, Disney's and Bunin's versions of Lewis Carroll's immortal classic, "Alice In Wonderland".

The major difference is that the Disney film is all-animated, while Bunin's is half live action and half puppet. Possibly the Disney "Alice" shows a little more imagination, too.

The balance will most likely swing in Disney's favor for two reasons: people almost always go to see Disney pictures; and the Bunin "Alice" is foreign-made, and such films have a hard time getting booked into American theatres.

The subject matter of both pictures is similar, and each adheres to the book quite closely, with the edge going to Bunin. You'll find practically all the Carroll creations in both pictures: the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, the March Hare, White Rabbit, Queen of Spades, etc. Both are in color. Because of booking difficulties, those of you who live outside of metropolitan areas will probably get to see only the Disney film.

Incidentally, Pocket Books has just released "Alice In Wonderland", which also includes "Through The Looking Glass" and three other Carroll works, illustrated with all of the famous Sir John Tenniel drawings, at 25¢.

After many years, Lon Chaney, Jr., will again star in a horror picture. It's to be called "Bride Of The Gorilla", an original screenplay by Curt Siodmak, who will also direct. Siodmak is famous for his "Donovan's Brain" and "F.P.-1 Does Not Reply".

Outside of admitting that it is a deep jungle chiller, Curt's keeping the real horrors of the plot secret.

Here's how the new Abbott & Costello film, "Jack And The Beanstalk" will shape up. Lou will still be the comic, falling in and out of scrapes. Bud plays an avaricious town butcher who goes with Jack to the giant's castle, to seize the hen that lays golden eggs.

Like "The Wizard Of Oz", the movie will begin and end in black and white. The color sequence starts when Lou, reading the fairy-tale to a neighbor's child, falls asleep and dreams the story.

"Two On The Aisle" is the name of a revue which recently opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre, N.Y. Bert Lahr is the star. One of the sketches is a burlesque of the current stage which has hit the entertainment field --- Lahr, as Captain Universe, Commander of the Space Brigade, invades the planet Venus. The critics ate it up.

Coming without any fanfare whatsoever, a new fantasy program began on radio. It is called simply "Ghost Stories".

The program originates in Toronto and is heard Monday evenings, 9:30 p.m. EDT, on ABC.

"U - I will do "Sally And St. Ann", a fantasy about a young girl and the statue of a saint that comes to life. James O'Hanlon wrote it, and will direct.

"ASTOUNDING" AND THE NEW 35¢ PRICE

NEW YORK, N. Y., 7 August, (CNS) - A statement to "FANTASY-TIMES" regarding ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION's increase in price was released today by Arthur P. Lawler, Vice-President of Street & Smith Publications, Inc.

Taking exception to something "intimated" in an article on the subject in our 2nd July issue, Mr. Lawler said:

"A comparison of the August, 1951, issue of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION with its competitors clearly indicates that from the viewpoint of pages it offers more than the other science-fiction magazines. As yet, Mr. Campbell has not had a chance to really utilize the slick paper insert section but in the future he expects to make use of this section for the reproduction of half-tones and other illustrations which will definitely make the magazine more readable. In addition, we have increased the weight of the cover stock to enable us to better reproduce the series of outstanding covers which Mr. Campbell has planned."

SCIENTIBOOKS

by Stephen J. Takacs

The autographing party that was to be held at Stephen's Book Service, with Mr. Isaac Asimov present to sign copies of his new book "Foundation", has been cancelled. Due to the fact that Mrs. Asimov is expecting right around the time the autographing party was to be held, Mr. Asimov is unable to come to New York. (See page 3).

Just published: "World Of Wonders" edited by Fletcher Pratt. A new science-fiction anthology. Price: \$3.95.

Books published during the week of

FANTASY FORECASTS

"What's Coming Next In The Pro Mags"

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES

The December 1951 issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries will be on the newsstands September 19, 1951. It will contain the novel, "The Gray Mahatma" by Talbot Mundy which cops the Lawrence cover and have Finlay interiors. Four short stories are in the issue: "—And He Built A Crooked House" by Robert Heinlein, illo by Lawrence; "The Book" by Margaret Quim, illo Lawrence; "Pickman's Model" by H. P. Lovecraft, illo Bok; and "He didn't Want Soup" by Paul Ernst, illo Fawcotte. Two poems complete the issue: "On The Rim Of Space" by Stanton A. Coblentz, illustrated by Bok; and "The Spirit Boats" by Minna Irving, illustrated by Finlay.

OTHER WORLDS

Tentatively scheduled for the December issue of Other Worlds are: Part 2 of "I Flew In A Flying Saucer", illo by Terry; "The Big Dealer" by William Bailey, illo by Joe Tillotson; Part 1 of "Act Of God" by Richard Ashby; illo by Bill Terry; "Tahon - Lam's Vengeance" by R. Bloch, illo by George Faraco and the usual features, maybe some short shorts or articles, and a somewhat revised format.

August 27th 1951:

- 1) "Bullard of The Space Patrol" by Malcolm Jameson. \$2.50. A collection of the "Commander Bullard" stories from Astounding Science Fiction.
- 2) "Wine of The Dreamers" by John D. MacDonald. \$2.75.
- 3) "The Machine God Laughs" by Postus Pragnell. \$1.50.
- 4) "When The Birds Fly South" by Stanton A. Coblentz. (2nd Edition) \$1.49.
- 5) "The Memoirs of Solar Pons" by August W. Dorloth. \$3. (Myeroff & Moran).
- 6) "Foundation" by Isaac Asimov. \$2.75.

SCIENCE & FANTASY BOOKS FOR SALE

Gerry de la Ree, 277 Howland Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey

BAILEY, J. O. -- Pilgrims Thru Space & Time, mint., d/w	\$1.95
BINDER, Eando -- Lords Of Creation, mint, d/w	1.80
BURROUGHS, E. R. -- Warlords Of Mars, Maid Of Mars, A Princess Of Mars, Gods Of Mars, Chessmen Of Mars, All G. & D. Editions	each.. .75
CROSS, John K. -- The Other Passenger, good, d/w50
DERLETH, August -- Someone In The Dark, fine, d/w	10.00
Something Near, mint, d/w	4.00
ENGLAND, George Allan -- Darkness & Dawn, good	5.50
GIBBONS, Floyd -- The Red Napoleon, good, d/w	1.25
HEALY - McCOMAS -- Adventure In Space & Time, good, d/w	2.00
HODGSON, W. H. -- House On The Borderland, mint, d/w	3.25
HUBBARD, L. Ron -- Final Blackout, mint, d/w	2.95
Death's Deputy, good, d/w	1.25
KARLOFF, Boris -- Tales Of Terror, good, d/w70
KELLER, David H. -- Life Everlasting, fine, d/w	2.00
The Solitary Hunters & The Abyss, mint	2.00
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Hounds Of The Tindalos, fair, d/w	1.50
LOVECRAFT, H. P. -- Something About Cats, mint, d/w	3.00
Marginalia, fine	4.50
Weird Shadow Over Innsmouth, pocketbook50
The Dunwich Horror, pocketbook50
Great Horror Stories, pocketbook25
MARGULIES - FRIEND -- From Off This World, mint, d/w	2.00
MERRITT, A. -- The Ship Of Ishtar, mint, d/w (Memorial Edition, illus. by Finlay)	2.00
SMITH, Clark Ashton -- Lost Worlds, fine, d/w	7.00
Double Shadow & Other Fantasies	4.50
SMITH, E. E. -- Skylark Of Space, 1st ed., fine, d/w	4.50
SEAPLEDON, Olaf -- Odd John, 1st American Ed., fine	3.00
STURGEON, Theo. -- Without Sorcery, mint, d/w	2.00
TOOKER, Richard -- Day Of The Brown Horde, good	1.00
VAN VOGT, A. E. -- Book Of Ptath, fine, d/w	2.25
VERNE, Jules -- Mysterious Island, fine, d/w40
Lighthouse At The End Of The World, fine40
20,000 Leagues Under The Sea40
WRIGHT, S. F. -- Deluge, 1st ed., good75
Island Of Capt. Sparrow, 1st, good	1.75

Most of the above books, with the exception of a few that have become scarce collector's items since going out of print, have been reduced well below list price. In most cases I have only one copy for sale, so it's first come, first served.

For complete list of back issue magazines for sale, drop me a post card today.

AUSTRALIAN FAN ACTIVITIES REVIVED

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The F. F. S. library, you will remember, was transferred in June of last year to an independent trust, and as the name of the F. S. S. will now reappear in fan circles, a move is under way to rename the trust. My suggestion is "AUSTRALIAN FANTASY FOUNDATION", and some decision will be reached at the Library Trust meeting scheduled for August 9th.

FUTURIAN SOCIETY meetings will be held monthly, the next late in August. A special board room has been hired in the city, complete with round oak table, plush leather seats, etc.

BRITISH REPRINTS

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"Earthling" by Kubilius, "The Unfinished" by Frank Bellmap Long, and "Destiny Deferred" by Farrell. Again the USA illustrations for the stories have been reprinted. In this issue, Taurasi's "Fandom's Corner" has been partly reprinted. Cover and all the above are reprinted from the April 1951 USA Edition.

STARTLING STORIES

The British Edition of Startling Stories, Number 5, is out, featuring "The Seed From Space" by Pratt. Only one story, reprinted from the May 1951 USA Edition, as is the Bergoy Cover.

(The above are all published by Pemberton's, contain 66 pages, trimmed edges, and are regular pulp size. They sell for 1/- a copy.)

WEIRD TALES

The 10th issue of the British Edition of Weird Tales is out in England. This edition is the same as the March 1951 USA Edition, except for some British Ads.

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THINGS GET AROUND

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Stories which was discontinued before using it. So far 7¢ a word has been collected for this yarn, which was first published in LASFS' cluborgan, Shangri-La. Same tale is also being considered for American Anthology, English prozine reprint, and translation for La Vie Frantastique.

FOR SALE: A very slightly used minoo; almost new. It's a Speed-O-Print Model "L". Will throw in two or three packages of stencils, ink, inking brush, cleaning brush, correction fluid, etc. Cost us \$79.25, will sell to some fan group for \$50.00. Bea Mahaffey, Clark Publishing Co., 1144 Ashland Ave., Evanston, Illinois.

"THRILLS" NO. 13 OUT IN USA

NO. 14 OUT IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian science-fiction magazine Thrills Incorporated, #13 arrived in the United States last week. The first digest size issue contains three stories: "Transportation Machine" by Roc Hampton; "Suicide Satellite" by Paul Valdez and "Jet Jetsan" by Ace Carter. The magazine contains 54 pages, very small type and a hard to read printing job. Cover has improved quite a bit, interior illustrations are fair. New price for the magazine is 8d.

Vol Molesworth reports that issue number 14 is already out in Australia. He states: "Thrills, Inc. No. 14 is out in Sydney, small sized, priced 8d. The usual brassiered female is piloting a nonfunctional rocket while a goggle-helmeted character triggers a raygun at another non-functional rocket on the cover. Contents: "Maurauders From Mars" by Rick Harte; "Genie From Jupiter" by Alan Yates; "Planet Of Eternal Mists" by Ace Carter. 34 pages, better printed."

NEW SEMI-FANTASY MAG OUT IN SEPTEMBER

The Mysterious Traveler will be a new semi-fantasy pro mag that will see its first issue on the stands in September. It will be edited by Robert Arthur, who has had stf yarns published in Argosy, Astounding, Unknown, Weird Tales and Thrilling Wonder Stories, and who is

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The Cosmic Reporter

by Arthur Jean Cox

The Los Angeles Branch of the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation closed down completely not so long ago, I'm informed. There was even an auction in which all the foundation's belongings were sold. However, I'm assured that dianetics is still going great. A popular, new technique has been developed which might be called the high-pressure flash-answer method. Some five offices have opened in the area using this particular form of processing.

"Iceworld" by Hal Clement, coming up as a serial in Astounding sounds good; nine months is too long a period to go without a serial novel. I feel — the novels in Astounding during the past few years have been so undistinguished that one can't but sympathize with the general readership if there's been a drop in their popularity. After "Iceworld", I suppose we'll have the new Eric Frank Russell novel, "It May Be Loaded".

All books mentioned in "SCIENTIBOOKS" CAN BE OBTAINED AT STEPHEN'S BOOK SERVICE, 45 4th Av., New York 3, New York.

the writer of "The Mysterious Traveler" radio program. The magazine will be the same size, format as Suspense and will be published quarterly. It will feature fantasy, weird, off-trail and detective stories, but no stf. —sm



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