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## 'SPACE STF', 'ROCKET STORIES' DUE SOON

MANY FROS AND FANS AT ESFA'S 6TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Newark, New Jersey, 2 March, (CNS) - Lester del Rey announced at the Eastern Science Fiction Association's anniversary meeting today that he is the editor of two new scientific-fictional mags soon to hit the market. One, he stated, would be Space Science Fiction, a digest-size, 35¢ bi-monthly, aimed more at the general public than most stf mags; a magazine that will take its place with the best of them. This one should be out April 1st. Del Rey stated that he'd pay top rates for the right story for this magazine. The second, he went on, is a space-opera stf mag called Rocket Stories; a magazine for the somewhat younger reader. One who has just started reading stf, or perhaps, one just out of the comic stage. This mag will also be a bi-monthly, digest-size and 35¢. The rates for this would be somewhat lower than for Space; and tho the stories are more of the adventure and space-opera type, they must (concluded on page 4, column 3)

## WOLLHEIM LEAVES AVON

### Local Stf. Conventions

Flushing, N.Y., 26 Feb., (CNS) - News of numerous "local" science-fiction conventions has been received at the Fantasy-Times office. They are:

#### THE BUFFLOON

The Bufflooon will be held on May 3rd and 4th 1952 in Buffalo, N.Y. The whole affair will be based on informality, sans banquet. Movies will be shown both days, for those interested. FANTASIA is a possibility, also perhaps a couple short films on the V2 rocket from Bell Aircraft. Full information (concluded on page 4, column 1)

On December 5th, Mr. & Mrs. Donald A. Wollheim became the proud parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Rosalind, their first child.

"AVON SCIENCE FICTION READER" AND "AVON FANTASY READER" ARE TEMPORARY SUSPENDED

New York, N.Y., 28 Feb., (CNS) - The Avon Publishing Co. announced today that their science-fiction editor, Donald A. Wollheim, had left them, and that their two fantasy publications, Avon Fantasy Reader and Avon Science Fiction Reader have been temporary suspended. When and if they are to be revived is not known at this time. It was pointed out tho that the magazines were not suspended because Wollheim left them nor did Wollheim leave because they were suspended.

Donald A. Wollheim, an active science-fiction fan from the early days of stf fandom, joined Avon late in 1946 and the first issue of Avon Fantasy Reader came out early in 1947, dated February 1947. It has the honor of being the first postwar stf (concluded on page 3, column 3)

## Easy Way Out of Speech Making — Merwin Picks A Panel.

Standing left: Sam Merwin, Jr.; Seated left to right, M. S. Fyfe; Jerome Bixby, ass't ed. of Standard's stf mags; John Campbell, Jr., ed of Astounding; Lester del Rey, editor of the two new stf mags Space Science Fiction and Rocket Stories; and David A. Kyle, stf artist and author. (CNS Photo, see story on this page for full details.)



## Scienti-Books

by Stephen J. Takacs

Books published during the week of February 25th:

"The Weapon Makers" by A. E. van Vogt, Greenberg, N. Y., \$2.75.  
"Invaders Of Earth", edited by Groff Conklin, Vanguard, \$2.95.  
"The Astounding Science Fiction Anthology", edited by John W. Campbell, Jr., Simon & Shuster, \$3.95.

Simon & Shuster, N. Y., will put out a pocket edition of Philip Wylie's "The Disappearance", 35¢, Cardinal Editions, in late March.

Coming on March 16th, from Lantern Press, N. Y., "Teen-Age Science Fiction Stories", edited by A. L. Furman, \$2.50. An anthology for the teen-age fan.

### ROBERT E. HOWARD'S CONAN

by Lane Stannard

One of the most detailed programs of presenting a fantasy character is being prepared by Gnome Press in presenting to the public, in hard covers, Conan, one of Weird Tales' most successful series of science-fantasy stories.

At present there are 6 books planned in this series, the first "Conan, The Conqueror" has been out for some time, while the second to be published, "The Sword Of Conan" is expected out shortly. Actually the way the books are published is not the order they should be in the series.

The 1st book of the series is, "The Coming Of Conan", this will be the 5th book published; the 2nd book is, "Conan, The Barbarian", it will be the 4th book published; the 3rd is "The Sword Of Conan", out shortly; the 4th is "King Conan", the 3rd book to be published; the 5th is "Conan The Conqueror", which has been out for quite a while; the 6th in the series will actually be the 6th published. Much details and research is going on to correct and bring up to date the "map" of the Hyborean Age, and the history of this "age", which Mr. Greenberg assures me is an easy task, as all the details are right in the stories and the pieces just fall into place. These books will con-

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## Australian Stf.

by Vol Molesworth

### FIRST AUSSIE STF CONVENTION

The First Australian Stf Convention will be held on Saturday, 22 March, in Sydney. Organized by the Futurian Society of Sydney, it will open at 10 a.m. with a n informal get-together. A business session will occupy the afternoon, and in the evening there will be a formal dinner and films, lasting until 10 p.m.

Social activities will be held on the Sunday, and on Monday night there will be an open meeting of the Futurians. A special souvenir program booklet, with booster ads, is being prepared.

The convention will climax a crescendo of activity over the past six months, during which a large number of new fans have come to light all over Australia, many of whom are quite enthusiastic. Membership in the Australian S-F Society (corresponding to America's NFFF) has risen to nearly seventy.

### FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY

The Futurian Society Of Sydney continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month. It now has 17 members, and meetings are well-attended and keenly debated. The incumbent executive panel was re-elected at the January meeting: Director, Vol Molesworth; Vice-Director, Wm. D. Vanev; Secretary Arthur Haddon; and Treasurer, Mick Solntseff.

In February, a farewell dinner was given in honor of Stirling Macoboy, who has left for America to study television.

### AUSTRALIAN FANTASY FOUNDATION

The Australian Fantasy Foundation is flourishing. It is an organization set up, with seven trustees, to house and lend out a library of books and magazines to fans in this stf-hungry land. It has about 250 mags and 100 books, which includes the books donated by the Convention. Librarian is Ian Driscoll.

### PUBLISHING

Graham B. Stone is bringing out a monthly, 8 pp. romanced fan-mag entitled "Stopgap". Arthur Haddon has brought out the first issue of his 12pp. printed "Telepath", and in January appeared the third issue of Nick Solntseff's printed 20 pp. "Woomera".

The prozine "THRILLS, INC.", (concluded on column 3)

## Cosmic Reporter

by Arthur Jean Cox

The liberal radio commentator, Elmer Davis, put in a plug for Alfred Bester's Galaxy serial, "The Demolished Man", a few days ago on his daily broadcast. He was interested in the little rhyme in the story, "Tension, apprehension and dissension have begun...." Should be of interest to a political commentator!

The January-February issue of the British magazine, Lilliput (circulated in the U.S.), reprints with much fanfare Algernon Blackwood's "The Wendigo".

According to science-fiction writer Kris Neville a new magazine is going to appear in this field soon. It will be edited by Chester Whitehorn, former editor of Planet Stories, and will publish only short-stories; Neville has just sold a novelette, 8000 words to The Magazine Of Fantasy And Science Fiction entitled "It Pays To Advertise", which, I'm told, is pretty good. Neville is collecting quite a group of admirers from the local fan population.

"Reduce To Clear". That's a sign often seen in department stores about out-dated goods; but it's phraseology reminds us, quite intentionally, of another subject: The resurrected Hubbard Dianetic Center here in Los Angeles, now run by the van Vogts, is offering four-week courses in dianetics for \$15.00! Quite a comedown from the \$500-a-month courses they used to find it feasible to offer.

Help the fan in the US Armed Forces overseas; donate \$1 to The FAN-VETS. Send to JES.V. Taurasi, Commander, 137-03 32nd Avenue, Flushing 54, New York.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWS

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continues to appear. Latest issue is No. 19, pocket-size, 34pp. containing "Operation Space Freeze" by Wolfe Herscholt, "Life Line On Luna" by N. K. Heming, and "Levitiation Unlimited" by Mike Jersey.

An interesting piece of info that has come to light is that no less than 1200 copies of the BRB "ASP" are circulated in the Sydney area alone! This means that there are many more regular readers of stf. than we have known about.

To be released in April by Futurian Press will be "Let There Be Monsters" by Vol Molesworth.

## Slick Stf.

by Donald E. Ford

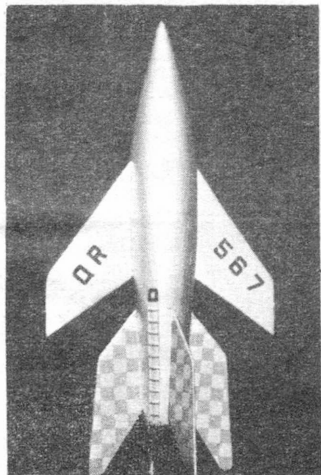
Scen, March 1952, contains "First Flight Around The Moon" by Emile C. Schurmacher, illo by Leo Rachow. The lead article in this issue. It attempts to give a factual account of a flight from an outer station to the moon & back. It is a long article & has nice illustrations. It is the type of article that fans like to show to their friends outside of fandom.

"The new Moon" by Lord Dunsany appears in Esquire, March 1952. A Jorkens tale about a man who wanted to blow up the Urals to create a new moon, to be named after him. Nice twist to the ending.

True, March 1952, has "Man Against The Void" by James L. H. Polk; illo by Louis Glanzman. An article about the Air Force's Department of Space Medicine. True send a correspondent to Randolph Field to talk to the Habers & associates. This is a nice article concerning the problems man will encounter in Space. Most of it is material already covered in SPACE MEDICINE; but it is well done and is a serious article.

### Space Flyer

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(Upper Left) June Cover of Startling Stories by Bergsey; (Upper Right) Summer Cover of Fantastic Story Magazine by Alex Schomburg; (Lower Left) June Cover of Amazing Stories by Walter Popp; (Lower Right) June Cover of Fantastic Adventures by Walter Popp.

## Fantasy Forecasts

Coming Next In The Pros

### Famous Fantastic Mysteries

The August issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries will contain: "The White Wolf", a short novel by Franklin Gregory, reprinted from the book published by Random House in 1941. Cover from this novel will be by Lawrence. Also in this issue will be "The Green Splotches" by T. S. Stripling, reprinted from an early Argosy.

### Fantasy Forecast Notes

Coming up in Fantastic Story is "A Million Years To Conquer" by Henry Kuttner, reprinted from the November 1940 Startling Stories.

For lovers of POGO....Life, Feb. 18, 1952, has illustrations by Walt Kelly of the GLOBS. It's a story of evolution for children.

### WOLFHOLM LEAVES AVON

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mag to be published in the United States and the first 35¢ stf mag. A little over a year ago Wolholm edited two pulp stf mags for Avon Out Of This World Adventures and 10 Story Fantasy. OOTWA lasted two issues, while 10 Story lasted one issue. On the heels of the failure of these two pulps, Avon put out the first issue of Avon Science Fiction Reader, a mag similar in all respects to Avon Fantasy Reader.

The last issues of Avon Fantasy Reader (#18) and Avon Science Fiction Reader (#3) are still on the newsstands.

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## LOCAL STF CONVENTIONS

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can be had from: J. M. Fillinger, Jr., 148 Landon Street, Buffalo 8 New York.

## THE SOUTHWESTERCON

This is an annual "local" convention of the west coast. This year the San Diego Science Fantasy Society is handling it. This is also a two day affair, June 28th and 29th, at the U.S. Grant Hotel. Planned for the convention are: Guest Of Honor, the one and only Ray Bradbury. Such stf personalities as Tony Boucher, Kris Neville, Richard Matheson, KE Evans, L. Major Reynolds, Cleve Cartmill, Robert Heinlein, Fredric Brown, Stuart Palmer, A. E. van Vogt, Henry Kuttner, C. L. Moore and many others, plan to be there. An art exhibit of fan and pro art will be held, plus a preview of a new stf movie. For more information, write to Florence Nelson, 3522 Union, San Diego, Calif.

## THIRD ANNUAL MIDWEST CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Midwest Conference will be held on May 10 & 11 1952 at Beatley's Hotel, Indian Lake, Ohio. Expected there are: Basil Wells, Bob Tucker, Charlie

Tanner, Lou Tabakow, Julian May, Betsy Curtis, P. Schuyler Miller, Bea Mahaffey, Lloyd Eshbach, Marty Greenberg, Dave Kyle and Ted Dikty, plus many many others. Special auto "caravans" are going there from Columbus, Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Toronto, and Atlanta. As at last year's Conference, the whole Hotel has been taken over for the Conference. Information may be obtained from Donald E. Ford, 129 Maple Ave., Sharonville Ohio.

## SECOND ANNUAL FAN-VET CONVENTION

The Second Annual Fan-Vet Convention will be held on April 20th 1952 at Werdermann's Hall, 3rd Avenue and E. 16th Street, New York City; doors will open at 1 PM. Expected there are Sam Mines & Jerry Bixby of TWS and Startling; Mary Gnaedinger of Famous Fantastic Mysteries; Mrs. H. L. Gold for Galaxy; Daniel Keyes of Marvel Science Fiction; Howard Bromme, Miss Shaffer & Leo Summers of Amazing and Fantastic; Mort Weisinger of Superman and co-editor of TWS and many many more pro editors, authors, artists and fans. Program calls for talks by important stf personalities, movies and a giant auction. Profits from the auction to be used by the FANTASY VETERANS ASSOCIATION to supply pro and fan magazines to fans in the Armed Forces overseas for 1952-53. All interested in stf are invited. For information on the Fan-Vet Convention write to: Ray Van Houten, Convention Chairman, 127 Spring Street, Paterson 3, New Jersey. Donations for and information of the FANTASY VETERANS ASSOCIATION should be sent to Secretary Charles Lee Riddle, FNCA, USN, Box 463, Church Street Station, New York 8, New York.

## SCIENCE-BOOKS

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tain all the Conan stories that were published in Weird Tales, plus the three recently found. After the six books have been published, a new author will be assigned the task of continuing the series. With the care and research Gnome Press is giving the series, it should be one of the most popular in the current boom of hard cover stf books.

## TWO NEW STF MAGAZINES COMING

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still be well written and good science-fiction.

About 60 pros and fans attended this anniversary meeting of the Esfa. The other speakers besides del Rey were: Thomas S. Gardner who took Willy Ley's place & spoke on "Men Versus Bugs"; Sam Marvin, Jr. who called Jerry Bixby Fyfe, Dave Kyle, del Rey and Campbell to the stand to form a panel, and then proceeded to ask them ten questions mostly about their own stories which most of them couldn't answer; Sprague de Camp, who gave some stf news-notes and asked for information on certain items; and John W. Campbell, Jr.

Director of the Esfa and MC at the gathering was Sam Moskowitz.

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