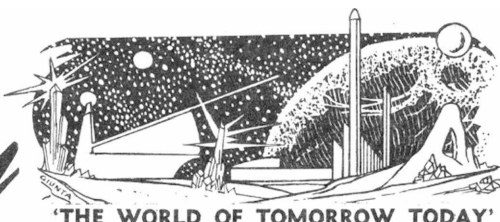


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"Mag Of F & S-F" Monthly In Sept.

Berkeley, Calif. 12 June, (CNS) - The Magazine Of Fantasy & Science Fiction goes monthly with the September 1952 issue, announced Anthony Boucher, co-editor, today. The magazine started as a quarterly with the Fall 1949 issue; stayed quarterly for about a year (4 issues); went bi-monthly with the Dec 1950 issue and has stayed bi-monthly for just under 2 years (11 issues) and is now a monthly. The editors of MOF&SF are Anthony Boucher & J. Francis McComas. Anthony Boucher recently saw his famous book "Rocket To The Morgue" published in a pocket edition by Dell (25¢). This murder mystery has science-fiction writers, editors and fans as characters and should be of interest to all followers of s-f. It first appeared in 1942 under the pen-name of H. H. Holmes. Of special interest is the book's new afterword, surveying the s-f picture since the novel was first written and was especially authored for this edition.

Monsters To Hold Con In NY's "Caravan Hall"

New York, N.Y., 7 June, (CNS) - According to A. Charles Catania, there will be a convention in New York City on July 13, 1952 at the Caravan Hall, site of the FIRST WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION, in 1939, 110 E. 59th Street. Starting time is set at 2PM. Mr. Catania states that Sheldon Deretchin and himself are doing most of the work on the convention and that its sponsored mostly by the NY Chapter of THE LITTLE MONSTERS OF AMERICA. The program so far includes a film from the TV program, "Tales Of Tomorrow" promised for the convention by Ted Sturgeon; Guest speakers, Fletcher Pratt, Ted Sturgeon and Jerry Hixby. A round-robin story panel is planned, plus the usual auction.

"Fantastic" Is Bi-Monthly

(cover photo on page 3)

New York, N. Y., 10 June, (CNS) - The August issue of Amazing Stories carried the announcement that the newest fantasy magazine of the Ziff-Davis chain, Fantastic, will go bi-monthly with its second issue, out early in July. It also states that two color illustrations will be used in the in-

terior. A check with Miss Lila Shaffer brought forth the statement that the magazine had proved so successful with its first issue that it was decided to make it a bi-monthly as soon as possible, and that they were able to with the second issue. Actually, Fantastic, is not the first fantasy magazine to carry two-color interiors; Witch's Tales did it in 1936 and Amazing in the pre-war days.

"Captain Future Annual" This Fall?

Flushing, N.Y., 16 June, (CNS) - A most reliable Fantasy-Times news source revealed today that Standard Magazines is planning to issue, this Fall, a Captain Future Annual, similar in size and price to their Wonder Story Annual. The rumor goes on to say that the issue will contain a Captain Future novel, probably the first, reprinted from Captain Future Magazine, plus a novelette reprinted from Startling and one or two of the "Futuremen" departments of

the C-F magazine. Mr. Sam Mines, science-fiction editor of Standard's s-f magazines gave a "no comment" statement when asked about this report, but in "The Ether Vibrates" of the current (Aug) issue of Startling, Mr. Mines, in answer to a letter, states: ".....Hank Moskowitz makes a trip in at least once a week to plead for Cap. Future. In self-defense I promised to think about getting out an Annual. Hold on now, I only said think!" Our news source insists that its past the thinking stage.

X-Con Plans Rich Man's Ad-Book

Chicago, Ill., 10 June, (CNS) - Announcement was made today by the TENTH ANNIVERSARY WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION committee of the plans they have made for their program booklet.

The booklet will be printed on the highest quality glossy paper stock, and will include such features as a two-color cover and photographs of attending notables.

A jarring note was struck, however, by their schedule of advertising prices in this publication. The non-professional rates are \$18.00 full page, \$9.50 half page, \$6.00 quarter page and

\$2.00 for a booster-ad. Page size will be 8" x 9".

It is doubtful whether more than a few fan publishers and other non-professionals will be able to afford these rates. For example, Fantasy-Times usually takes space in World Convention program booklets, but this year good-will has fought a losing battle with such inflation.

The rates for professionals are \$35.00 full page and \$20.00 half page, and most probably some pro mag and book publishers will advertise. But, the convention committee seems to have lost (concluded on page 4, Column 3)

Cosmic Reporter

by Arthur Jean Cox

From Dick Williams' column in The LA Mirror. May 24th: "I've just had a look at those publicized South American photographs which are suppose to be the best ever made of a flying saucer.

"If the shots are genuine — a contingency which must always be raised in view of the long line of hoaxes — these are indeed sensational photos. They are close and detailed, rather than hazy and far away.

"Printed in an eight-page section of the Brazilian newspaper magazine O Cruzeiro, they show photos of a new type of saucer with no revolving outer rim as heretofore. It is shown hovering, flying and rolling on edge over the sea near Sugarloaf Mountain outside Rio de Janeiro..."

Bela Lugosi who is currently filming "Bela Lugosi Meets The Gorilla Man" is past 70 and still gleaming-eyed and fit as in his horror-picture prime, has been in England for the past two years. He toured the country with a stage production of "Dracula" and made two films. He says he's planning to go back over there after he winds up his current work here.

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Fantasy Forecasts

Coming Next In The Pros

NEW WORLD

New World #16, out in England June 16th contains: the first part of the J. T. McIntosh serial, "The Esp World" art work by Quinn, who will be doing the cover for the September issue, taken from the second part of the serial. Rest of the issue stacks up as follows: "Men Only" by E. G. Tubb, the third in his Martian series; "Finishing Touch" by A. Bertram Chandler; and "Temporal Rift" by George Longdon. "Post Mortem", readers' section was so well-liked in the last issue, that it is now a regular feature. No articles in this issue, but there will be two in the September issue. One of the Fantasy Award adjudication for 1952, and one on the London Convention. Cover is by Clothier from F. G. Mayer's "Man Questing Ended" — the sequel to "Time Was..." back in November last. There's a tie-in on this cover and the previous story cover on #12. (see photo of cover on page 3).

British News

by Michael Corper

Pan Books Ltd, 8 Headfort Place, London, S.W.1, are publishing in the near future, at 2/-, pocket-book size: "Father Malachy's Miracle" by Bruce Marshall, and "Out Of The Silent Planet" by C. S. Lewis, both in June. The first is a story about a priest who, trying to reconvert the world to Christian obedience, causes an Edinburgh dance hall to be raised into the air and land some miles away, with disastrous, but amusing results. The second a novel of adventures on Mars. Pan Books you may recall, some time ago published "The Lost World", "King Solomon's Mines", "8 Tales Of Hoffman", and "8 Tales Of The Supernatural", at the same price.

British Reprints

Startling Stories, BBE, No. 7, is out, with "This Way To Mars" by Gault; "The Masquerade On Dianctropus" by Vance; "Yes, Sir" by Fyfe; "The White Fruit Of Banaldar" by MacDonald; "The Last Story" by Sammlan; & "The Ultimate Empire" by Carter Sprague. Cover by Bergey.

Future Science Fiction, BBE, #4, just out, contains: "Out Of The Atomfire" by Walton & Rooklynn; "Honorable Enemies" by Anderson; "The Awful Weapon" by Coppel; "Mind Of Tomorrow" by del Rey; "Fun Can Last Forever" by J. Harvey Haggard; "A' As In Android" by Lesser; and "The Miniature Menace" by Long. 100pp., including covers. Cover by Leo Morey; interior illus by Pawcette, Finlay, Poulton & Luros. In case someone is interested; the page-numbers from 86 onwards, are larger than the preceeding pages, and rather clumsy.

Aussie-Mag Arrives In US

New York, N. Y., (GNS) - The Australian professional science-fiction magazine, Thrills, Inc. No. 20, arrived in the United States recently containing three stories: "Last Of The Rocketeers" by N. K. Heming; "Maneaters On Mixis" by Wolfe Herscholt, and "Goddess Of Space" by Alan Yates. The magazine is digest size, 34 pages, with a colored cover and black and white interiors. The magazine is published monthly it is undated. The stories are mostly of the space-opera type. It sells for 6d in Australia, and is a collector's item.

Scienti-Books

by Stephen J. Takacs

New s-f books recently published: "Lands Beyond" by L. Sprague de Camp and Willy Ley (non-fiction), Rinehart, N. Y., \$4.75.

"Double Jeopardy" by Fletcher Pratt. Doubleday, \$2.75. Contains two novelettes from Thrilling Wonder Stories. "The Square Cube Law", and title story.

Doubleday announced an "original" novel by Isaac Asimov for August 21st publication: "Currents Of Space". But, since the announcement, astounding has acquired the serial rights, and now the book will not see hard covers until Dec. 29th.....Wilson Tucker has another original s-f novel coming in October: "The Long Loud Silence" (Rinehart).....The collection by C. L. Moore announced as "Judgement Night & Other Stories"; from Gnome Press at \$2.75, has had several more novelettes added to the contents and price has had to be raised to \$3.50 per copy....Another of the so-called "juvenile" series by Robert Heinlein (Scribner's) will be published in September under the title of: "Rolling Stones".....Doubleday's Winter 1952 schedule: "West Of The Sun" by Edgar Pangborn, \$2.75. An original s-f novel.....Doubleday will publish Ray Bradbury's first full length-novel next winter, tentatively titled: "Fire & Bronze".

Send to FAN-VETS, Ray Van Houten, 127 Spring St., Paterson 3, N.J., the names and address of fans in the Armed Forces.

State Of Fandom

by J. Harry Vincent

Willy Ley and L. Sprague de Camp will be the principal speakers at the July 6th meeting of THE EASTERN SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION (Esfa), Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave., Newark 8, N. J. Ley & de Camp's "Lands Beyond" has met such a favorable reception by the public and critics that a second printing of the book has already been ordered.

Henry Moskowitz, Three Bridges, New Jersey, informs us that he is forming "The Captain Future Fan Club". The club's main aim is the return of Captain Future stories by Standard Magazines. He states that he needs 20 members before the club actually organizes. Dues, officers etc will be decided then. Anyone interested should write to Mr. Moskowitz.

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Films, Radio & T.V.

by Lester Mayer, Jr.

THE SCIENTIFILM PARADE

by Forrest J Ackerman

Geo Pal phoned me last week. Dropped over to see him in his Paramount suite, where he told me before doing AFTER WORLDS COLLIDE he will make a technicolor travelog of a trip around the Solar System, adapted from the book that won the first International Fantasy Award: Ley's CONQUEST OF SPACE. Bonestell will, naturally, work in close cooperation on the creation of this special special. And, prior to the Tasficom, Pal will show me a rough-cut of WAR OF THE WORLDS (which will not be completed till December) so that I can give a pre-preview report to fandom at Chicago over Labor (concluded this page, column 3)

Slick Stf.

by Donald E. Ford

Gentry #6 contains: "Brain..Universe...Reality" by John Pfeiffer with illus and pix courtesy of American Museum Of Natural History. An article comparing the evolution of the Brain to the Universe.

"Saucer Reactions" by Robert E. Ginns, Jr. can be found in Life, June 9, 1952. Life's follow up on their Saucer article a few weeks ago. Life took the "reflection & refraction" theory to Dr. Ronald Ives of Cornell. Makes the article by Look (see below) seem a bit silly.

Look, June 17, 1952, "The Truth About Flying Saucers" by Dr. Donald H. Menzel. Life stirred up things with their article a few weeks ago. My criticism of this article is the fact that Dr. Menzel appears to have set out to prove Look's established policy that there are no Saucers. After reading this, I have no respect for Dr. Menzel or Look.

Time, June 9, 1952; Dr. Menzel of the Look article rates 3 pages in Time this week.

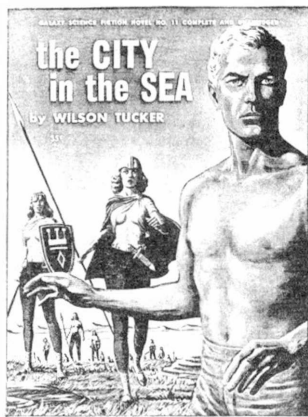
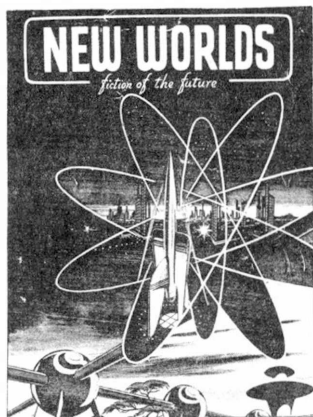
True, July 1952, "Sex, Sadism And Scripture" by Mark Murphy. An article about Mickey Spillane. In high school, Spillane became a devotee of the pulp and was reading s-f among others. After graduating, it says he turned his hand to writing the type of material he'd been reading and partially paid his way through college with his writing. Later on, he wrote for the comics and was writing Captain Marvel, etc. Sounds like he's a fan for some time.

From J. T. Oliver we hear that the May 4th 1952 issue of the Atlantic (Ga) Journal Magazine carried a humorous s-f short, "Forced Landing" by Roger Dee. This is a slick mag with nearly 500,000 circulation.

FANTASY FILMS, RADIO & TV
(concluded from this page, col.2)

Day.....19 ELEVADO STREET is the final title of ATOMIC CITY, nee LOS ALAMOS...Bill James interested in John Scott Campbell's THE SYMBOL AND THE SUBSTANCE (coming up in lg) as a tri-di scientifilm.....SPACE ISLAND will be Universal's entry in the stiff race... And (for the third time) ALRAUNE, drama of the artificial creation of a soulless woman, will be produced in Europe.

Covers In The News



(Top) Back and front cover of Fantasia No.2, see page 1 for details.
(Bottom Left) New Worlds No. 16 cover, see "Fantasy Forecasts" on page 2 for details. (Bottom Right) Cover for Galaxy Science Fiction Novel No. 11, "The City In The Sea" by Wilson (Bob) Tucker.

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S-7 Journal

by Fantasy-Times Reporters

It all started when Galaxy came out with the cover format of having a band on top and left side. Soon Astounding thought this was a good cover design, added a little lettering here and there and adopted it lock, stock and barrel. Gold blew his top, but Astounding continued to use the design. Now, lo and behold, the second issue of Space Science Fiction comes out with the same cover design. To add to the general mess, we find that both current issues of Astounding and Space with a bright yellow band top and left side. Come, Come boys, surely Galaxy's cover design isn't that good — surely your art departments can come up with their own design???

—James V. Taurasi

Walter Winchell states in his daily column recently, "Galaxy Magazine is one of the few new ones catching on..." —Jean Carroll

Leonard Lyons advises in his column that young ladies seeking writing careers should study science as good science-fiction is a sure sale. —Jean Carroll

Burroughs' fans should pick up Dell's Tarzan's Jungle Annual. No. 1, dated 1952, 25¢ is now on all stands. This comic book contains 96 pages of Tarzan comics, a map of Pal-ul-don, Tarzan's Ape-English Dictionary and numerous other items of Tarzaniana. Most of the material is new. The regular Tarzan Comics still comes out monthly containing an interesting mixture of the movie and book Tarzans and features the current movie Tarzan, Lar Barker,

in full colors, on the covers.

—Lane Stannard

WORLD CONVENTION PROGRAM RATES
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sight of the fact that this is a fan convention, and in our opinion should reconsider their schedule of non - professional rates.

—Ray Van Houten

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