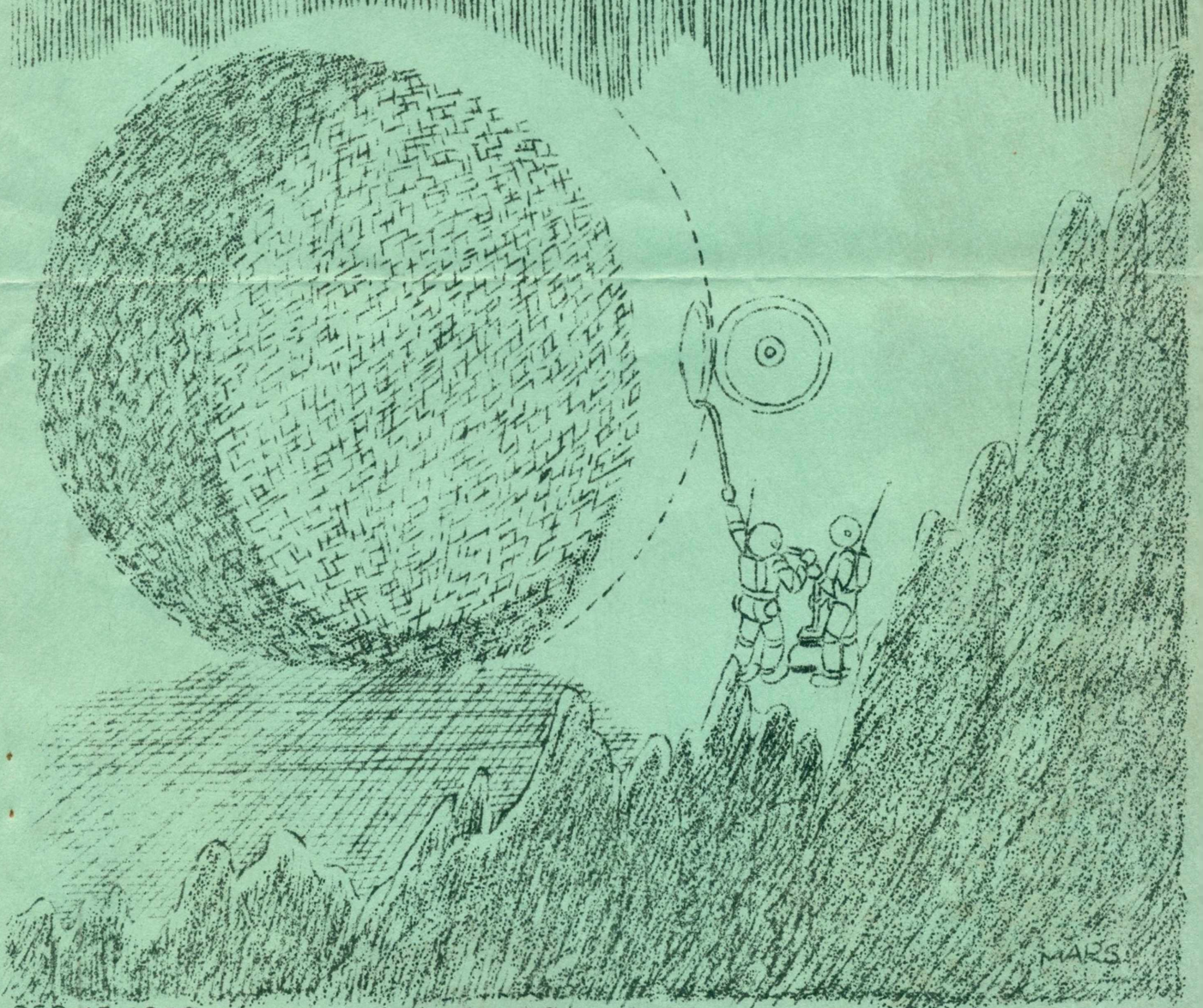


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NFFF Election Results

Dale Tarr Reelected As President

MOOREHEAD, Minn., Dec. 6 (CNS) The results of the recent elections of the "National Fantasy Fan Federation" was announced today by K. Martin Carlson. Of the 300 members only 184 returned their ballots. Dale Tarr, who ran unopposed for the President position, received 154 votes. Twelve fans ran for five Director positions. Rick Sneary received 121 votes and became Chairman of the Directors. The other 4 Director posts were won by D.C. Richardson with 114; Ray C. Higgs with 109; Art Rapp with 89 and Ed Cox with 82 votes. Seven fans lost the election for the Director posts. They were Len Moffatt with 78 votes; Eva Clevenger (only female running) with 69; James V. Taurasi with 65; Harry B. Moore with 57; Don Ford with 49; Joe Schaumberger with 38; and Sam McCoy with 15 votes. The Board of Directors have appointed W. Leslie Hudson as Secretary-Treasurer of the "NFFF" and K. Martin Carlson as "Welcome Committee" Chairman.

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LOS CUENTOS FANTASTICOS

Nos 7 & 8 NOW OUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (CNS) From Mexico today arrived the 7th and 8th issues of the Mexican Science-fiction magazine, "Los Cuentos Fantásticos".

The 7th issue was dated 1st October 1948 and reprinted the cover from the August 1948 "Thrilling Wonder Stories" and stories by William Tenn, Frank Lillie Pollock, Ray Bradbury and H. G. Wells, most of which are reprinted from American sf magazines.

Issue No. 8 reprints the October 1948 "Amazing Stories" cover and contains stories by William F. Temple, Harold Lawlor, Robert W. Chambers and Robert E. Howard, again most have been reprinted from American sf magazines. This issue is dated 2nd October 1948.

Each of these issues contain 50 pages, trim edges, pulp size and are printed in Spanish. They sell for 90 centavos a copy. -jvt

STF FANS TO HOLD MIDWEST CONVENTION

DETROIT, Michigan, Dec. (CNS) "The Michigan Science - Fantasy Society" is sponsoring the "Second Semi-Annual Postwar Midwest Convention", to be known as the "DECON", on December 28th and 29th. All fans and interested parties who can make it are invited.

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Support the Convention

CAMPBELL TALKES TO VAN VOGT OVER HAM RADIO

CAMPBELL LECTURE AT LOS ALAMOS
SLATED

by Arthur Jean Cox

A. E. van Vogt who has never met John W. Campbell, Jr., talked with him Saturday, November 27th, by radio. The well-known editor of "Astounding SCIENCE FICTION" is a "ham" radio operator. Several weeks ago, van Vogt received a call from a science-fiction radio man in Long Beach, California, that he had Campbell on the air, but van Vogt was unable to get there. On the 27th, another ham, (a non-fan), got in touch with Campbell and called van Vogt over (presumably under Campbell's instruction) to his home in West Los Angeles.

Van Vogt was a little dismayed when he found that talking by wireless in this fashion wasn't quite the same affair as talking by long-distance telephone. In a telephone conversation, you can interrupt the other person or interject any thought that occurs to you at the moment, but by amateur radio you have to wait until the other fellow finishes talking and then says, "Over?", before you can communicate also. By that time, you've forgotten a few things you intended saying. So, not quite as much information got back and forth as might be expected.

One bit of interesting information did get over, though, and that is that Campbell may be out to the West Coast, sometime. He'll be in Chicago in a couple of weeks and from there he may

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The Cosmic Reporter

edited by Lane Stannard

Joe Schaumburger, active fan from New York, reports that he has found the U. S. Army--a paradise for stf fans. At Fort Sill, where he is undergoing "basic training", he has found that the "Service Club Library" contains copies of "The King In Yellow" and "The Outsider". -ls

John W. Campbell, Jr., has an article in the current issue of "PIC", entitled, "We Are Not Alone", in which he tries to prove -- using the newer theories of cosmology and the newer biologies -- that thousands of other planets must be inhabited by plant, animal, and intelligent, human beings. Beautifully illustrated by Chesley Bonestell. -ajc

The third cartoon strip of "Tommy Tomorrow" is in the current, Feb., 1949, issue of "ACTION COMICS". This is well-drawn and good stf and is written by a well-known stf author.

Chesley Bonestell has a beautiful cover on the current issue of "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN" showing the sun as seen from the surface of Mercury. -ajc

The Jan-Feb issue of "TARZAN" featuring the cartoon story "In The Valley of the Monsters", is now out. Illustrated by Jesse Marsh, it is regular comic book format and follows the movie picture characters rather than the books. 10¢ a copy. -ls

In the November 27th issue of the "SATURDAY EVENING POST", a fantasy short, "The Haunted Meadow" appeared. -ajc

"PIC" published by Street and Smith, in which numerous science fiction and scientific articles have appeared in the past, has been dropped, so that Street & Smith can use the paper to change one of their slick magazines from quarterly to bi-monthly. -ajc

L. Ron Hubbard has written Forrest J Ackerman from New York that "LIFE" magazine will soon have a spread on science-fiction. What the attitude of the magazine will be to the subject is not known -- they might give it a favorable coverage or it might be a position, in some form, of the "Zap! Zap!" story which appeared in a Canadian newspaper covering the Torcon. -ajc

Starting after the first of the year, there will be a series of lectures on science fiction given in several of the libraries in Los Angeles. Speakers will be Forrest J Ackerman and A. E. van Vogt. -ajc

The current (December 1948) issue of "ARGOSY" contains a four-page illustrated article entitled, "How To Survive An Atomic War". -ajc

Did you know that there was an article on 'Ackermanese' a few weeks ago in "WRITERS' MARKETS AND METHODS". It was written at the request of associate editor, G. Gordon Dewey, by Weaver Wright. A series of advertisements for the "Palmer Institute of Writing", featuring an "interview" with A. E. van Vogt, who took a writing course from that institute, have appeared in that magazine and elsewhere. -ajc

Popular Publications is re-

viving or starting six pulp magazines including "SUPER SCIENCE". "SUPER SCIENCE" is the only science-fiction magazine in the bunch. -jvt & ajc

Don't worry too much about the recent reduction of the pages of "THRILLING WONDER STORIES" from 180 to 160. A recent check up of other 25¢ magazines published by Standard Magazines show that they too have been reduced to 160 pages. With this information on hand, expect that the next and future issues of "STARTLING STORIES" will also be reduced to 160 pages. -ls

There's a science-fiction cartoon in the current issue of "WRITERS' MARKETS AND METHODS". The scene: The editorial office of "MOON STORIES". An editor is looking over his desk at an author -- an individual strangely formed and garmented -- and asking, "How do you manage to get such realism into your stories?"

Join the Convention Committee, and help make the coming 1949 "World Science Fiction Convention" the biggest, best and most-enjoyable convention to date. Membership is only \$1.00. Write to Donald E. Ford, 129 Maple Ave Sharonville, Ohio. ft4

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Fantasy Films Radio & Television

by Lester Mayer, Jr.

The Edward Bellamy social-ogical fantasy, "Looking Backward", was broadcast over WJZ on Sunday, Nov. 21, as one of their "Favorite Story" series.

Thanksgiving evening the CBS program, "Suspense", presented child actress Margaret O'Brien in a radio adaptation of Ray Bradbury's story, "The Screaming Woman".

On Dec. 2, the CBS program, "Suspense", presented a very well-acted, well-written borderlin fantasy, "The Hands Of Mr. Ottermole". It was based on a story by Thomas Burke, author of the famous "Linehouse Nights". I've been told that this story was once made into movie with Claude Rains.

The Robert Nathan fantasy, "Portrait Of Jenny", should be opening in New York just about the time this issue of "FANTASY-TIMES" is mailed out. It stars Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotton.

Danny Kaye will make "Hercules Jones" as his next picture. Don't be fooled, though, because it won't be concerned with the mythological hero of Greece. Plot is about a weakling who is mistaken for a killer, and the consequences that follow.

Glenn Ford is playing in "The Return Of October", Columbia Pictures. Plot is about a racehorse named "October" which is believed to be inhabited by the spirit of Uncle Willie. Whose uncle Willie is, I don't know.

There is a very interesting letter from Vernall Coriell of Manito, Ill., in the "Letters & Pictures" column of "LOCK", Dec. 7 issue. A few weeks back I reported that Lex Barker was the tenth actor to portray Tarzan on the screen. Coriell claims that he is the eleventh. A Chinaman played the tenth screen Tarzan! Before World War II, a film company in Shanghai filmed "Adventures Of Chinese Tarzan". Peng Fei played the part of Tarzan.

The following very interesting bit of news is taken from the Nov. 27 column of Louella O. Parsons:

"Edgar Rice Burroughs..... is going to write and narrate a short subject called "The Legend Of Tarzan", in which he will tell the entire story of how he came to write the yarn that made him and Johnny Weissmuller famous.

"Clips showing Weissmuller, Lex Barker and other Tarzans will be used, and the deal was made with Sol Lesser, who plans to use it as a sort of exploitation of his Tarzan series."

Cost of this short will be about \$50,000, but it will be distributed free to civic organizations.

Johnny Weissmuller, ex-Tarzan, is appearing in the first of a series of pictures based on the comic character, Jungle Jim and he is starting work very soon on another picture to be called "King, King Of The Jungle", which will be similar to the Tarzan pictures.

Another French fantasy playing in New York City for a very long time is Jean Cocteau's "Blood Of A Poet".

"Blanche Fury", the British film, is based on a novel by Joseph Shearing. Shearing is real-
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World of Tomorrow Today

by Ray Van Houten

A coming vogue which will grow as the air age progresses is the "Fly-In" theatre, one of which is now in operation at the Monmouth County (N. J.) Airport. Planes as well as autos are accommodated. Jeeps tow the movie - bound planes to their spots in the audience.

Now rated as the deadliest weapon now extant --- at least that the public has been told about --- is a gadget called the "Atomic Duster". It's a robot plane, powered with a ram-jet engine in which the heat is supplied by an atomic pile. The exhaust is thus rendered radioactive and dangerous to life.

The plane's course is pre-set to home on the target area and then to weave an intricate pattern over the enemy area so as to thoroughly "dust" it and kill the inhabitants. Since the speed of the plane is high, and its small size makes radar ineffective against it, there is almost no defense against it.

Now commercially available is a new plastic flooring compound called "Corkstone". Its manufacturers claim that it is easy to apply and is durable. It is a magnesium oxychloride composition.

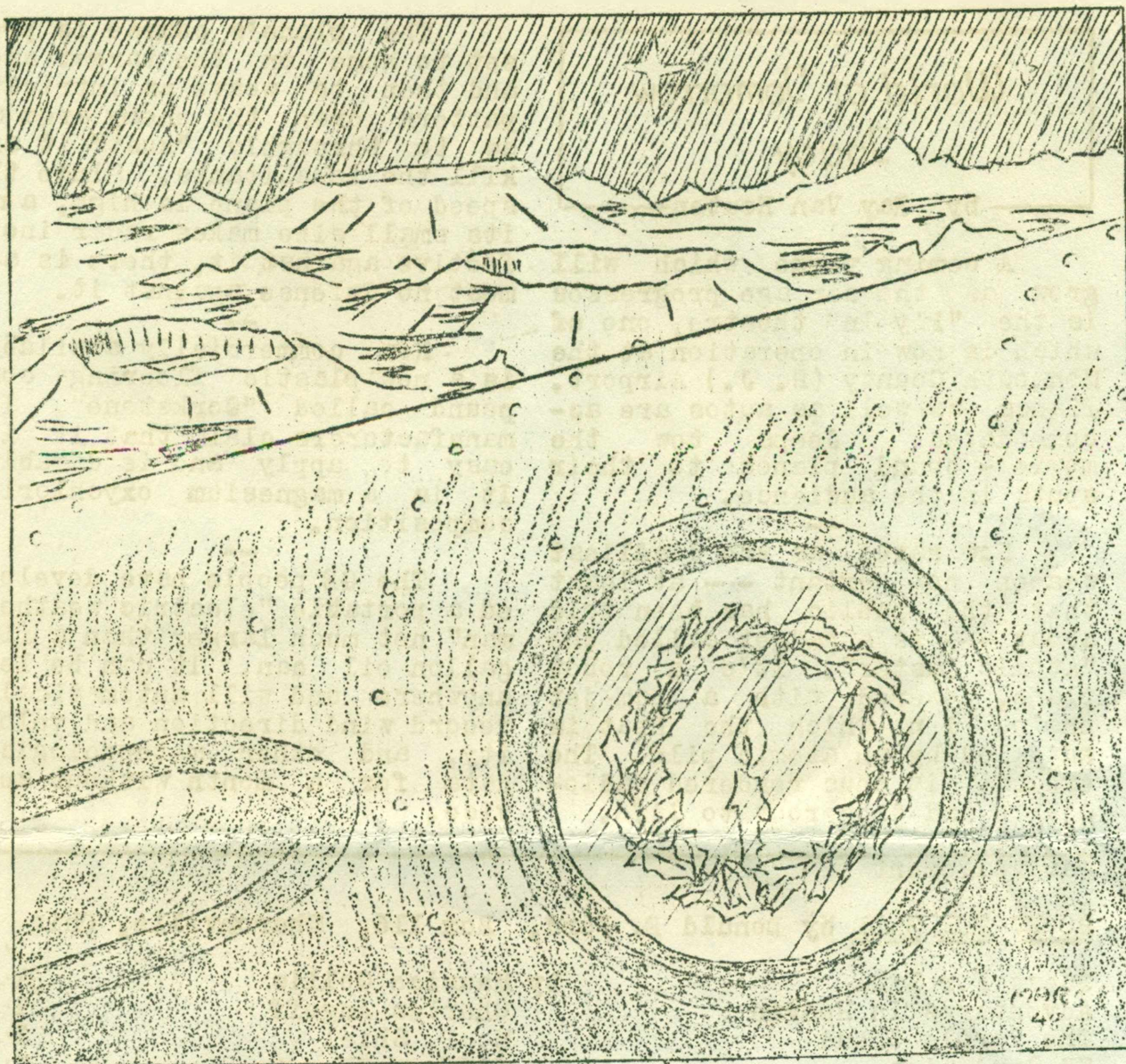
The GE people have developed a portable "electric weather-man" not much larger than a five gallon oil can. It can be left anywhere and will automatically record wind direction and velocity, and other meteorological data for a month without service.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the editors, reporters & artists of:

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Fantasy Book Notes

—by J. Russell Mars—

Keller fans will be glad to know that his latest book is in the mails. It's "The Solitary Hunters and The Abyss" two stories in one book. Published by New Era Publishing Co., 235 E. Thompson St., Philadelphia 25, Pa. \$3.

Mr. Stephen J. Takacs who runs Stephen's Book Service, 135 Oak St., Brooklyn 22, N. Y. is sending out his "List #12". A card will get you a copy.

The Gnome Press, 421 Claremont Parkway, N. Y. 57, N. Y. is delivering its first selection, "The Garnelian Cube" by Fletcher Pratt and L. Sprague de Camp, at \$3. This company operates like the Book Of The Month Club. For details, write to Mr. Martin Greenberg at the above address.

Two books to be published soon by different companies will be illustrated by Virgil Finlay.

"Genius Loci" by Clark A. Smith is now ready from Arkham House at \$3.

Jonathan Swifts famous story "Gulliver's Travels" is now to be had from World Publishing Co. for \$1.25.

The Fall 1948 "Fantasy Commentator" is ready from Mr. A Langley Searles.

From their new location the New Collector's Group has ready "Some Chinese Ghosts" by Lafcadio Hearn. Six stories in a \$2 limited edition of 500. Address is 1182 Quitman St., Denver 12, Colorado.

Pocket Books has issued the

Mark Twain classic "A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthurs Court" for 25¢. Number 497.

Bob Michael of the Werewolf Bookshop makes an unusual offer in his latest catalog: "If...you see a price lower than mine in any fantasy catalog or listing anywhere, on any book or any mag you want to buy, order it from me, at 5% below that store's listed price, and enclose that list page". Fair enough? Address is 1508 Riverside Dr., Verona, Pa.

The "Readers' Service Book Club", 119 E. San Fernando St., San Jose 21, Calif. is sending its latest catalog (number 119) to its customers.

The Fantasy Publishing Co. has purchased the rights to Ralph Milne Farley's story "The Omnibus Of Time". To be published in the future.

Did you know that A. E. Van Vogt has written a mystery story but has not been able to sell it because it's too complicated?

FANTASY FILMS RADIO & TELEVISION (Continued from Page Four)

ly Marjorie Bowen, authoress of many fantasies.

Peter Lorre is making a PA tour in the large movie theaters His act (or part of it) consisting of a recitation of Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart".

Returning to the stage of the New York City Center (131 W. 55th St.) after a triumphant European tour, is "The Medium", a play about a spiritualist. It began a four - week stay on the evening of Dec. 7.

That classic ghost story, "Wuthering Heights", was recently presented over the Television Theatre, Station WNET, Channel Four.

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HAM RADIO

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get to Los Alamos where he in-
tends to give a lecture. If he
gets that far, he'll stop in at
Los Angeles to see van Vogt and
his other writers residing in
this locality.

If any science-fiction fans
are "hams", they might find the
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meter set and comes on the air
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