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THIRD FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION MAILING

The first of two sections of the above arrived the other day. The old-timers, relatively speaking, present are FANTASY HERALD, No. 2, a neat, 12-page magazine containing three rather interesting articles by Daniel McPhail, Jack Speer and Sam Moskowitz and decorations by John V. Baltadonis, the editor. . . The second of Olen F. Wiggins' GALAXYs is here with good art work by Stiles, Rogers and Dollens and more Bob-and-Koss stuff by Taurasi. . . Then there is #4 of THE F.A.P.A. FAN, by Daw, with the sort of news that will probably go to make up the content of THE FANTASY AMATEUR, on its way. . . The 2d ROCKET, McPhail's contribution, has 4 pages, 2 of news presented in newspaper fashion and 2 of an article, "This Thing Called the FAPA." . . The balance of the bundle is, to say the least, rather odd. There is a mimeographed drawing of what we take to be a future city, by Vodesco. There is a Communistic pamphlet, "The World Gone Mad" which is imprinted: "Distributed by The Committee for the Political Advancement of Science-Fiction." And there is something called "Scientificism magazine extraordinary..." which tells of the death of Forrest J. Scherman (sic) at 4:40 A.M. on Feb 4. Last, but not l. is Robert W. Lowndes' 10-paged STRANGE, with prose and poetry that is too much for our puny intelligence. . . The mailing also included "In Answer to Sam Moskowitz", which was given as a supplement with the latest S. F. FAN, by Donald A. Wohlheim; The Bulletin of the SFL; INTERPLANETARY TALES; and the 3d and 4th SOLOs, all of which have been already reviewed by this column.

BOOKS AND THINGS

This week saw the publication of H. G. Wells' "The Brothers", by Viking; "World Brain", a group of the author's essays, was also supposed to appear, but we haven't seen anything of it. . . "The Tale of the Land of Green Ginger", by Noel Langley, and published at \$2.50 by Morrow, is the story of what happened to Aladdin after he married the princess. . . In the late spring Modern Age Books will reprint William Seabrook's "The Magic Island", true story of Haitian voodoo. The cover of the first issue of Action Comics shows a gentleman barehandedly dashing an auto against a cliff. With begins the Jerome Siegel-Shuster picture story, "Superman", which tells of an otherworld baby who grew up on Earth; endowed with superhuman strength, our hero rights wrongs docsavagishly. There are 13 pages of him in this issue. . . And there are 12 of "Zatara, Master Magician" also in the mag; this Fred Guardineer strip is a direct theft of the Mandrake theme.

MORE OF THE SAME

Dale Hart: "The April 3 issue of the American Weekly begins a s-f serial called 'Ark of Fire', by John Hawkins. The entire front cover is dominated by a magnificent illustration by Virgil Finlay, who has an excellent inside drawing, too. It's a story of the year 1980--and the warped genius who decided to wipe out War, Crime, and Disease by a flood of Solar Flame. (A. Merritt, who edits this, probably had something to do with the serial's appearance.)" (Hawkins' story is further illustrated by historical and biblical paintings showing other world catastrophes, floods, etc. Ed.) . . . Mammoth Comics contains several pages of Alley Oop. . . In the May-June issue of All-American Fiction begins a series of stories by H. Bedford-Jones dealing with the unknown. The first, "The Hand of Glory", features Catherine de Medici. This Week, for April 10, contained an article by Donald E. Keyhoe, called "To Paris by Rocket", illustrated by two photos of rocket models. "There has never been a frontier," says the author, "which man has not dared to cross."

THIS WEEK'S FAN MAGAZINES

excluding the FAPA mailing, number three. First is Walter E. Marconette's very swell little SCIENCE FANTASY MOVIE REVIEW, the first issue (March) of which is devoted to "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs". Contains a synopsis of the picture and other facts regarding it. Illustrated with WEM's impressions of the famous Walt Disney characters. #2 will be devoted to "Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars." This issue available from the editor at 2120 Pershing Blvd., Dayton, O. 5¢.

Next the March NOVAE TERRAE, with the usual articles, and a short story we liked: "When Space Turned Green", by Reg Stevens. Mailed with this issue was the proposed constitution of the Science-Fiction Association.

The 4th IMAGINATIVE FICTION contains many reprints from the earlier, carbon-copied issues of the magazine and, except for Oswald Train's "The Wattizzille of Venus", is a howling (literally) success. The ads and illustrations were delightful.

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One year from the date of the opening of the N.Y. World's Fair, the 30th of this month, there will be a Motorcade, or Super parade, in NYC, headed by a float bearing a huge rocket, a model of Earth and several blondes. . . SCIENTIPHOTO, by Herbert E. Goudket, will be bi-monthly, 25¢ per issue; has been offered and may be accepted as official organ of the Scientific Cinema Club. . . There is a ghost named Uncle Happy who is a character on the Friday Tim & Irene programs. "The Ghost of Benjamin Sweet" is a regular Friday CBS program (8 P.M. EST). Don is a benevolent wrath. . . That terror which was coming is here. He's Gargantua, 8 foot gorilla, property of the Greatest Show on Earth (named after Habelais' hero). . . "The World of 1913 and the World of 1958 speak across the Winds of Time!": so begins the Mutual Broadcasting System program, "Twenty Years Ago -- and Today." . . The Mickey Mouse Theatre (NBC-Red Network, 5:30 P.M. Sunday) is often fantastic. It is at present making use of Snow White's magic mirror to travel thru time. . . Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn go thru the greater part of "Bringing Up Baby" searching for a bone of a Brontosaurus skeleton shown in that RKO picture.

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