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HODGE-PODGE

Boris Karloff appeared as guest artist on the Rudy Vallee show May 5. He acted the part of Death in a skit called "Danse Macabre", inspired by the musical composition of the same name. Charles Camille Saint-Saëns was a character in the playlet. . . . Metropolitan readers may hear the WPA version of Jules Verne's "From the Earth to the Moon" each Thursday at 8 PM over WHN. The radio serial is dissimilar from the original in that the space travelers actually land on our lunar neighbor.

Mr Disney's Snow White has now displaced Mr Carroll's Alice as a vehicle for political lampoonery. This is evident in the book, "My Goodness! Said the Princess", by De Witt Carson (Kinsey, \$1). The tale is concerned with the adventures of a Princess Pitiful and seven gnomes called Bull by the Tail, Hoppy, Skipper, Meaney, Dopey, Hot Dog and Two-Gun Eddy. . . . The Columbia picture, "Flight into Nowhere", starring Jack Holt, tells of an aviator who crashes in South American jungle and is rescued by a tribe of forgotten Incas. . . . Ye Olde Books Collector confided in us that he'll soon do a series on old books telling of future wars which (wars, not books) have fizzled. . . Mae West recently asserted that "Snow White" would've been twice as popular had she played the title role. . . . Daniel C. Burford's THE SCIE TIFCTIONIST may be issued, after all.

RFD

Mario Racic, Jr., of 22-32 33d St., Astoria, L.I., N. Y., writes: "Here is some news(?) for your letter. Buster (Flash Gordon) Crabbe appeared on the Mon. May 2d program of 'For Men Only', on same program Karloff appeared a few weeks ago. . . . A TRIP TO MARS IS NOW A REALITY. All you have to do is buy a ticket at any RR Sta. and you'll easily get to Mars (Pa.). Or, if you prefer, you may go to any of these other places: Juno, Mercury, Tarzan, Venus, Era (Texas). If you don't like these places you can go to Hercules (Mo.), Neptune (Minn.), Moonlake (Cal.), Polaris (Ariz.), also a very strange place called Ackermanville (Pa.). (Do you think he owns it?) By the way, I have for sale individual fotos of many New York fans, if anyone is interested."

Telepathically, from Jack Speer: "Don't overlook Neptune, N.J."
Louis Kuslan, renewing his subscription, writes: "SFNL has im-

proved recently, but can still stand a little more, as can almost everything else. Did you run out of printed letterheads? They really look very nice and you should keep them up." (We have several hundred more of the letterheads that graced NL #21 and, should the majority of the readers wish it, we'll use them exclusively. May we hear from you?)

THE REVIEWING STAND

Since we haven't seen it reviewed anywhere else, we'll do the needful on the March issue of AMATEUR SCIENCE STORIES. This number, according to the forward, is to be the last, at least for some time. 18 legal-size pages contain two stories by Arthur C. Clarke: "How We Went to Mars" and "Retreat from Earth". Eric C. Williams penned "My First Space-Ship". All three stories are excellent, and the first and last are highly hilarious.

From Fraser Mills, British Columbia, comes the 2d---and last---issue of Nils Frome's SUPRAMUNDANE STORIES. It is painstakingly duplicated, with a hectographed cover and pictorial section by, we believe, Sam Moskowitz. The contents are of the best, including work by H. P. Lovecraft, Clark Ashton Smith, J. Harvey Haggard, Duane W. Rimel and Frome himself.

CONTEST THE SECOND

Readers were in favor, tho not overwhelmingly, of another contest, so: Ten questions this time. Winners will be those who answer most correctly; five in 3-issue renewals to the NL. Questions, as you will see, will be from what some consider childish all over the place. En garde!

1. Who conceived Erewhon? Who conceived Erewhon?
2. What is the name of Satan's brother?
3. Give the full titles of 5 Big Little Books of sfal content.
4. Name 4 fantastic professional magazines that are no more.
5. Who played Tarzan on the screen for the first time?
6. Name 5 characters from "Lost Horizon" (book or movie, not both)
7. What was Forrest J Ackerman's middle name before obliteration?
8. Mention 12 artists whose work has appeared in s-f magazines.
9. Who played the role of Frankenstein in the movie of that name?
10. What is Buck Rogers' current first name?

The fact that the winner of our last contest was the only entrant should encourage you. Perhaps you'll be the only one this time---in which case you'll walk off with all 15 prizes! Entries must be postmarked not later than May 20, 1938.

HELPING-HAND CORNER

We are glad of the opportunity to oblige Ken. G. Chapman, Executive Secretary of the Science-Fiction Association, who asks that we make note of the change of the address of the headquarters of the S-FA to 59a, Tremaine Road, London, E. 20, England.

AUSTIN DOBSON: THE PARADOX OF TIME

"Time goes, you say? Ah no!

Alas, Time stays, we go."

VOICES FROM THE PAST (Conned from The SCIENCE FICTION DIGEST)

Daniel McPhail, Oklahoma City, was first in the race to become number 1 member of the Jules Verne Prize Club. . . "An eminent statistician declares we are likely to have another depression in 1955. What a relief. For awhile, I feared it was going to be the same one!" . . .

Richard Wilson, Jr.