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ATLANTIS/CALIF.

The cinemagicians r recreating the Lost Continent at Magnolia Pk., Calif., for fantastic adventure film "Atlantis." With an investment which it is estimated may run as hi as a million dollars, the producers plan a plot identical with that originly announced for "King Kong", when it was called "Creation": Modern men & women, cruising in a submarine, enter an unknown passage which leads them to the sunken world, where they r menaced by Paleozoic creatures existing from 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 yrs ago ! fja

ENGLISH EMULATOR

Imagination! to b reincarnated in a TransAtlantic Twin! As first forecast by Daw in Nell #54, "Aunty" (i.e., NT--Novae Terrae) to die in December, see rebirth in Jan or Feb. '39 as New Worlds, under editorship of EJ "Ted" Carnell, Treas.. the Science-Fiction Assn & Publicity Director the British Interplanetary Society who, "having held her in highest esteem and, ... wishing to have the best fanmag, barring the printed ones, will model the mag on Madge's curves!" Angelenostaff have been invited to continue their regular columns, & all contributors..... during Madge's career r urged to submit material. A special.... account of the LASFL's Annual Xmas Party & election will b..... stratosped to Ted in time to make the New Yr No., which may also feature "The Mathematicon" by HPBraderack - 3d in the Mathe-maticalamitys (Minus & Menace) series by Ray Bradbury. The latter being in the process of plagiarism from certain unpublisht.. issues of Punch. (NB: All mss. to NW must b typt 60 strokes to.. the line, dots being employd where lines fall short as this..... sample illustrates, this system making for simplicity in secur-ing even edges. Adres: 17 Burwash Rd., Plumstead SE18, London/. England.) fja

NOTES FROM THE AIR CITY

Radio: The Lux Radio Theatre will present a dramatization of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Dec. 26. For some inexplicable reason, 'tis said that no studio audience will be allowed. Details as to cast are secret--or are they?... Orson Welles will present as his Christmas program the classic Dickens ghostale, "A Christmas Carol".

Newsstand Jitters: I've not seen it mentioned before, so let it be known that Eerie Mysteries for Nov. 1938 contains a scientific-fictional yarn, "The Carnivorous Bubble", by Lorne Balsley. I quote from the "blurb": "Carnage and bloodshed for a quarter of a century had despoiled the civilized world. Countries were in chaos, men were born only to have their blood spilled by death-dealing weapons. Out of the torment of an agonized world, a new being was spawned---more horrifying than the werewolf, more terrifying than the minotaur."

Fandom: A certain fan is writing an epic novel (at least he thinks it's an epic!) of Mars to be known as "His Excellency, the Ambassador".... Scienti-Snaps will probably change its entire format with the next issue. and may go monthly. Surprized? wem

FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION MAILING FOR DECEMBER, 1938

Old Stand-bys: Fantasy Fiction Telegram, June: The Nucleus, Oct.; The Fantasy Amateur, Dec.; Ramblings #2; Science Fiction Debater, Fall; The Meteor, Fall.

One of Jack Speer's contributions to this mailing is Full Length Articles, #1: "Samuel Clemens, Scientifictionist," consisting of 16 large hectoed pages devoted to extracts from the following of the beloved Mark Twain's fantastic writings: "Tom Sawyer Abroad," "Extract from Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven," "My Platonic Sweetheart" & "The Mysterious Stranger."

Another of Speer's is the first issue of The Science Fiction Forum, dated Nov., which, because of a Connecticut telephone pole, probably will not be continued for some months, if ever. It was to be a FAPAish Voice of the Imagi-nation.

Phantasy Progress (Jan., 1939, Vol. 1, No. 1) is the official organ of the FAPA's (and more particularly Dan McPhail's) National Progressive Party. 4 pages, mimeod.

Newest member Edgar Allan Martin contributes a lilliputian The Contributor (#3, Dec.), a 4-paged, printed magazine consisting of a Christmas wish and two fantastic poems.

Most interesting is S F Check-List, No. 1, dated Oct., compiled by R. D. & F. N. Swisher. Dr & Mrs Swisher have set for themselves the gargantuan (the no doubt fascinating) task of recording in one volume all amateur fantasy fiction ever published. It is large sized & hectoed and has, to date, reached page 16 and has got to the letter I, Imagination! being the alphabetically latest listed. Some will find this list embarrassing, since it mentions all proposed as well as published periodicals.

Also included was an ad for Cosmic Tales & News Letter #50.

COMPETITOR! Or, First Issue of the Week

Weekly #5 (Others past & present: FJA's Stf News, Geo G Clark's Bullitin (sic), Jas V Taurasi's Fantasy News & Nell) is Robert W Lowndes' Le Vombiteur, a Ghu Publication, selling at the same price as NL, and, except that it is hectoed, having the same format. Vol. I, No. 1 is dated December 1. Says Editor Lowndes (who resides at 71 Carroll St., Springdale, Conn.): "This is not a news sheet, tho we won't bar nice fresh zippy news that tumbles our way by any means.- In fact, we will print anything at all...that has...any connection of fantasy, stf, or fandom,...nothing is barred...not even Moskowitz...", which, we think, covers about everything. Latest issue we have to hand is #3, dated Dec. 15.

Science Fiction Critic, Xmas, 1938. Last Issue.

Fantasy News, Dec. 4; New Fandom, Nov.

LATE, BUT VITAL

Rabid fantasticonnoisseurs will haunt their 2d-ähnd shops for a copy of Life for Nov. 14: The issue devotes several pages to addicts' meat & drink, the scientifilm, and the recent Well(e)s - Mars scare. There are scenes from "King Kong," "The Mysterious Island," "Frankenstein," "Mars Attacks the World" & "Things to Come," as well as a reproduction of Sir James Jeans' painting of the end of the world and photos of (George) Orson Welles in make-up as The Shadow, Svengali & Dr Faustus. (There's also a picture of the late Segar's weird lady, Alice the Goon.)

Richard Wilson, Jr.