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DEDICATION

This issue of The Science Fiction News Letter is dedicated to that grandest fantasy of all time: Santa Claus.

VIA REINDEER EXPRESS

Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was chosen by the National Board of Review's Committee on Exceptional Photoplays as one of the ten best English-language pictures of 1938. The semi-fantasy, "Three Comrades," was another of the ten... There are four ghosts in Elmer Rice's play, "American Landscape," which opened on B'way Dec. 3... "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" (altho it has departed from the daily comic pages) will return to the airwaves on April 1, as a transcribed program, over 80 stations... "Did you hear of the Frankenstein and Dracula song?" asks Jean E. Larsen. "It's 'Two Creepy People.'"... H. G. Wells' "The Future of the Jews" (non-fiction) is in Liberty for Dec. 24... Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," as done by MGM with the same title, starring Reginald Owen, will open in N. Y. Dec. 22 at Radio City Music Hall; and the English version, "Scrooge," with Maurice Evans (who is currently starring in "Hamlet" in its entirety), will return the same day to the Apollo, on 42 St.... "Wonder World" is not a Monogram picture, as previously announced. It's being made by Grand National... Fandom's rah-rah boy from Alabama, David A. Kyle, will be in New York for the Christmas holidays. Our thanks to Dave for designing our Xmas card, which you'll be seeing shortly... Columbia's new picture, "Flight to Fame," starring Charles Farrell, can claim to be a scientifiilm: its plot revolves around an electric death-ray machine... Wally Marconette has ordered his mimeo & promises great things, for one of which see

THE TELEVIEW,

a new bi-weekly publication, is planned by W. E. Marconette. All types of material relating to fantasy and scientifiilm will be used. The first issue will appear in the very near future. It will be mimeographed and sell for 5¢ or six for 25¢.

SHARE THE WEALTH

With this issue we inaugurate Nell's Grab-Bag, or The Something-Else-for-Nothing Dep't, or whatever you choose to call it. Recently we had occasion to visit Mr Frederik Pohl (who, with John B. Michel, now keeps house at 280 St John's Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.), who, upon a remuneration too slight to be mentioned, turned over to us a stack six or seven inches thick of fanmags and kindred amateur fantasy publications. We have slyly extracted those of the hundreds that had not yet turned up in our files; the rest will be distributed to the News Letter's faithful followers in the following manner: Beginning immediately, you will find in the envelope--- the biggish brown one--- enclosing Wilson's Weekly What-is-it another fan item, which might well be any one of these, all of which are being distributed: The Polymorphaneucleated Leucocyte (organ of the IAOPUMUMFSTFPUSA, Unltd.), Robot, Grotesque, The Science Fiction

Bard, Amateur Fantasy Writer's Guide, Program of the 2d SF Convention, The Rebel and similar such. When the week comes that you no longer find an enclosure you may take it that our stock of duplicates is exhausted.

Which is our way of saying "Merry Christmas!"

"THE CARTOON IS AMERICA'S ONLY ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION TO ART..."

We have been expecting our comicommentator (or, if that has a "degratory"---as Mr Moskowitz would say---sound, our commentator on comics), Robert G. Thompson, to remark upon the incredible widge now rampant in Harry J. Tuthill's "The Bungle Family." This strangely-garbed being is perhaps two feet tall, named Zocie and possessed of weird powers & supernormal strength, and is capable of lifting a huge safe with little effort.... Other comics in our papers tending scientificationally are "Ben Webster's Career" (pills that stimulate animal growth), "Skyroads" (invasion of Philadelphia, et al., by another power), "Big Chief Wahoo" (Time-Reverser), "Brick Bradford" (lost city), "Bes'n Hal, Sea Scout" (lost city), "Thimble Theatre" (demons), "Myra North, Special Nurse" (super-cannon) and "Redmen" ("...land of the Deamon People, a weird country that time forgot.")

AMATEUR PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

The Science Fiction Fan, Oct.

Galaxy, Dec. (Privately mailed; was to've been in FAPA mailing)

Le Vombiteur, Dec. 22

PSFS News, Nov. 22

Spaceways, Jan., 1939

The Science Fiction Scout, Jan., 1939

Fantasy-News, Dec. 11, & Fantasy News, Dec. 18

Fantascience Digest, Nov.-Dec. (30-page First Anniversary Issue)

Novae Terrae, Dec.

"The Rubaiyat of a Science-Fiction Fan," by S. Youd, 4-page pamphlet of poetry mailed with Novae Terrae.

"We Take Our Stand," a declaration distributed by The Science Fiction Committee Against Fascism (Forrest J Ackerman, Daniel McPhail, Milton A. Rothman, Olon F. Wiggins & Donald A. Wollheim), one copy of which is being enclosed for those who've not received them thru other channels.

Science-Fiction Service Catalogues: of Books of Science & Imagination & of Publications. Quote from Book Catalogue, page 3: "...we hope to be able to issue in the near future a publication dealing in the most comprehensive manner with scientifiction, fantasy-fiction, weird fiction and science."

DEP'T OF THE DOUBLE ENTENTE

On one of his Town Hall broadcasts of last season, Fred Allen spoke of Jack Benny's ancestor, one prehistoric Gog Benny, who was an author who chipped his works into huge blocks of stone. "Even his light fiction," cracked Allen. "weighed 70 or 80 tons."

NEXT WEEK

A bone-chilling true horror story. Same time! Same station!

Richard Wilson, Jr.