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Please note-- The CPASF denies knowledge of the identity of the scoundrels who removed a CPASF poster from Committee H.Q. and glued it up on the fence of Bohemian Hall Sunday morning the day the QSFL met there. The poster, a large one, contained an appeal to stf fans not to ignore the events of today and concluded with the words: "The CPASF shows the way forward to a positive science-fiction." Liberal award may be offered for the names of the miscreants. cpasf

FANTASY IN THE NEWS

Writes Daw: "That suit I mentioned several weeks ago--you must now surely know from Le Vombiteur, which jumped the news--is that of Barlow vs Wandrei, Loveman, et al." (With regard to the rights in the H. P. Lovecraft memorial volume.)...Featured in the March Blue Book is a fantastic short novel by Robert Mill: "Our War of 1939". Also in this issue is H. Bedford-Jones' 5th story in the series, "Trumpets from Oblivion",: "Amazon Woman", which cops the cover...Now being made in Hollywood: "Wings of Tomorrow". Stf?... 'Tis said that Boris Karloff will star in a shocker entitled "Witches' Sabbath"... Johnny Weissmuller will go to Florida for the filming of the swimming scenes in "Tarzan in Exile" because the California waters, at this time of the year, are cold & muddy...An Indian (British variety) magician named Clifford is making the rounds of N. Y.'s RKO theaters giving "Midnite Speck Shows", wherein he duplicates the feats of mediums & mystics. Supplementing him on each program is a showing of the 1932 Majestic scientifilm (the title is misleading): "The Vampire Bat", which stars Lionel Atwill, Fay Wray & Melvyn Douglas.. "The Vampire Bat", at the writing, is double-billing with "TransAtlantic Tunnel" at a 42d St. grind-house.

ALL THE HIGHLANDS NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

In spite of my long-cherished declaration that when I projected a fanmag it would appear, The Fantasy Triangle has been postponed until after the Convention; maybe until Fall...The Houston Post, in connection with the premiere showing of "Topper Takes a Trip", sponsored two Topper contests. Prizes were money & a pedigreed puppy... Again I advise fans to start following the exploits of Wings Winfair in those free Gulf Funny Weeklies...Lone Star Pubs hasn't been able to hector mags for the FAPA, altho Percy & I have had the deluxe double-surfaced affair for months. The cursed thing won't work for us...From afar but via Highlands: Disney will withdraw his "Snow White" from the country's theaters on April 29. The unprecedented plan of taking a film out of circulation while it is still making money was announced because Disney does not want the cartoon opera to wind up in the nickel & dime showhouses. But, within a year, it will be reissued as a major production. It will not be withdrawn from foreign countries, however. dh

FANTASY-FILM FAVORITES

Mario Racio, Jr., whose column, "Scientifilms", appears weekly in Fantasy-News, lists the following as his favorite fantascience motion pictures: "Things to Come", "Doctor X", "Le Sang d'Un Poete", "King Kong" & "The Eternal Mask".

Pic for Feb. 7 carried three pages on the new ghostale movie, "Topper Takes a Trip"... "The Man Who Could Work Miracles" was to have been presented on Star Theater (UES) with Charles Ruggles in the title role, but H. G. Wells said "NO". It seems that he still remembers a certain young man named Orson Welles!...M. Brundage, Weird Tales cover artist for years, will be seen once more on a magazine--the April Golden Fleece...And, speaking of Golden Fleece, that magazine has recently printed several prehistoric yarns. In the latest issue will be found "Graah, Fciler of Destiny", by Pansey E. Black.

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FURTHER FANTASY

Walt Disney has just purchased "The Sword-in the Stone" for full-length cartoon production. It deals with the adventures of King Arthur and his legendary knights. And Paramount has been making "Knights of the Round Table" at its studios. Both are expected to feature Merlin and his wonderful magic...Leo Robins & Ralph Rainger will do the musical score for Max Fleishman's "Gulliver's Travels", a Para feature-length cartoon being made in the company's Miami workshop. They're priming Henry Hull to fill Lon Chaney's shoes as Hollywood horror man--which will no doubt mean scientifilms galore...Ralph Milne Farley (and his pretty secretary) recently dropped in on Bob Tucker and left with a year's subscription to D'Journal...Lone Star Pubs' Gibberings #1, which was to be an occasional mailing companion to Nell, died in birth. Only a score or so copies of the single-sheeter were run off before the Hart-Wilkinson hecto collapsed...Irene, the phoney Russian Countess in "Idiot's Delight"--in the person of Norma Shearer--appears on the cover of Life for Feb. 13. Within a 4-page picture-story is to be found.

THE FANMAG MART

Scienti-Snaps, Feb, V2#1. With its First Anniversary Issue Walter E. Marcocnette's Express Publication changes its format from a small-sized hectographed to a large-sized mimeographed magazine. Articles & stories in the current issue are by Robert D. Swisher, Ph. D., Nils H. Frome, Jim Avery, Henry Haskel Hunter & the editor. Illustrations--largely of beauteous damsels--are by Frome & wem, two of them hectoed inserts. The mimeoing is the best we've seen in a fanmag. Address Marcocnette at 2120 Pershing Blvd, Dayton, O. 10¢

Fantascience Digest, Jan-Feb, V2#2. This, the first mimeographed issue of FD, is a 100% improvement over previous, hectographed, issues. The 26-page number maintains the magazine's usual high standard of fiction & articles. Available at 15¢ the copy from Robert A. Madle, 333 E. Belgrade St, Phila, Pa.

Futurian News, Feb 6, V1#4. Now available to non-members of The Futurian Society of New York @ 5¢ from ed. John B. Michel, 280 St John's Pl, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fantasy-News, Feb 5, V2#7.

Le Vombiteur, Feb 11, V2#1.

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News itaaro rare & far-between; yet a visit to the offices of JWCampbell Jr has resulted in a certain amount of information, the most interesting of which being the news that the new Unknown will probably be a market for verse. (At least, so to me, of the SFPoetsGuild.) Also, that Ike Asimov, standby of the Futurians, has retailed an ms to Astounding (en passant, to Science Fiction too, giving himself a batting average of .300). And also a few details of art-work nature, which will be dealt with in a future column. Out of space; but watch the next column for an expose of the pernicious publishing habits of a Philly fan & the details of the new 5-handed checker game, played by 4 people just invented by J. Gillsp & yrs try.

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