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First 50¢ Issue Out This Fall!

NEW YORK, 4 May, (CNS) - John W. Campbell announced today that his magazine, Astounding Science Fiction is going to up its price to 50¢ an issue. It will still be digest-size, but will now contain 194 pages*. Most important of all it will remain on a monthly schedule. The 32 added pages will be of slick paper. Mr. Campbell stated that it will probably be this Fall (about September 1959) before the change can take place.

The delay is caused because Mr. Campbell must have at least two months supply of special articles to fill the slick pages before he can change. It takes time for articles to be written, edited, sent to printers, etc., and you must have enough on hand to insure the readers that they'll be getting good articles month after month. With a two month supply on hand, Mr. Campbell is fairly certain he can obtain enough good-grade articles to keep the magazine well supplied. Of course these slick pages will enable Campbell to publish some mighty interesting pictures.

Of the 32 new pages (slick paper) 16 will always be available to articles and pictures. The 16 others are in the hands of the advertising department, who will try to obtain good paying ads for them. Naturally any pages the ad dept. cannot sell Mr. Campbell will put to good use. At first Mr. Campbell will need two to three articles a month to fill the 32 pages, as Ad getting is not usually that fast a deal.

It is most important that the announcement reads that Astounding will remain monthly even at a 50¢ cover price. Astounding has been a monthly since 1933 when Street & Smith bought the mag from Clayton. It was the only science-fiction magazine to remain monthly during World War II. Almost 26 years as a monthly magazine is a record for a science-fiction mag, and it's not such a bad deal for a non-

science-fiction mag either.

*Astounding will have the same number of pages as Galaxy Magazine. The 196 pages of Galaxy include the third and back covers. Astounding will not count these two covers.

STATE OF FANDOM

by Lane Stnanard

FIRST FANDOM

A new organization has been formed in science-fiction fandom. It is "First Fandom", a fun loving organization, which will attempt to organize the science-fiction and fantasy fans of the First Golden Era; when the readers and fans had to hunt and search for their favorite literature. They will try to bring back to the conventions, and to the publishing field, fans who for various legitimate reasons have had to drop fan activities and have not come back because they feel that they would not know anybody today.

The core or framework of the new organization will be the many fans who never left the field. The organization committee has decided that all fans active before January 1, 1938 eligible to join. This is to keep the organization within its limits for being organized.

The founders are Bob Madle, C. L. Barrett, Don Ford, Lou Tabakow, Dale Tarr and Lynn Hickman. They will run the organization as a Board of Directors until it gets going, and the membership can elect regular officers. Dues are \$1.00 per year and the organization will be non-profit. Dues monies going for the usual necessary running of the club and the club's bulletin. The club bulletin will maintain an up to date roster of members....allowing them to get in touch with old friends they've wanted to contact for years.

Temporary officers chosen by the Board of Directors are: President: Bob Madle, Sec'y-Treas: Don Ford, and Publisher: Lynn Hickman. All interested and who were active way-back-when should get in contact with Don Ford, Box 19-T, RR #2, Loveland, Ohio, and obtain an application blank to join.

We think this is a must for the old-timers, and with a little work could really work itself into a worthwhile science-fiction fandom organization. More power to you old-timers.

THE EASTERN SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Newark, NJ, 5 April, (CNS) - At the monthly meeting of the Eastern Science Fiction Association held today in Newark, New Jersey, Belle Dietz was elected President; Frank Dietz, Vice-President; Walter R. Cole, Secretary; and re-elected was Chris Moskowitz as Treasurer. Retiring President Alex Osheroff was given a vote of thanks for the wonderful programs he had presented during his six-month term.

ESFA recently officially celebrated its 13th Anniversary. Actually the club is older than that. It was reformed as the ESFA in 1946 using an older s-f organization, The A-Men, as a base.

Belle Dietz as President marks the first time the club has ever had a women to head it.

SCIENCE-FICTION BOOK REVIEWS

by Ray Van Houten

THE SCIENCE FICTION NOVEL; Imaginative and Social Criticism, Advent: Publishers, P. O. Box 9228, Chicago 90, Ill., 1959, 160 pp., \$3.50.

Originally delivered as lectures at the University of Chicago, these four papers by Robert A. Heinlein, Cyril Kornbluth, Alfred Bester and Robert Bloch are worthwhile reading for anyone with more than a passing interest in science-fiction.

Basil Davenport's introduction says every important thing about their material

that a reviewer could say.

The point of a book such as this is not that the reader agrees or disagrees with what is said, but that it is set down for all interested persons to read in the first place. Advent is to be commended, I think, on so well continuing their policy of publishing good books about science-fiction rather than succumbing to the thrill of competition and publishing mediocre novels of science-fiction.

One thing I would like to say about this book is that in my opinion it is overpriced. All but a few of the pages are varityped, done, I suspect, by one or more of the Advent partners in order to save composition costs, and the book is printed by offset. The jacket is single color - a pasteup and drafting job.

So while it is a neat, readable and well-executed job, it is nevertheless about the least expensive method of producing a book. Why should not this saving be passed along to the buyer?

SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS - - - - - Coming Up Next In The Pros

FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION, July 1959, Vol. 17, No. 1:

TO FALL A TREE (novelet) by Robert F. Young, Science: BATTLE OF THE EGGHEADS by Isaac Asimov, SNIP, SNIP (verse) by Hilbert Schenek, Jr., AUTHOR, AUTHOR by Avram Davidson, FOR SALE, RESONABLE by Elizabeth Mann Borgess, SPACE BURIAL (verse) by Brian W. Aldiss, Books: FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH by Damon Knight, IMPASSE by Jane Roberts, THE HARLEY HELIX by Lou Tabakow, SUCCESS STORY (short novelet) by H. M. Sycamore, RABBITS TO THE MOON by Raymond E. Banks, FERDINAND FEGHOOT: XVI by Gren-
del Briarton, and THE COLD, COLD BOX by Howard Fast. Cover by Ron Cobb - "Discovery on the Moon".

THE SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB:

The selection for July by the Science Fiction Book Club is NOT IN SOLITUDE by Kenneth F. Gantz, The Publisher's edition sold for \$3.50, Club member's edition is \$1.00.

The August selection is THE ENEMY STARS by Poul Anderson. Publisher's edition \$2.95, Club member's edition is \$1.00.

AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION STORIES, July 1959, Vol. 33, No. 7:

Short novel: COLLISION COURSE by Robert Silverberg. Short stories: IF THE RED SLAYER by Robert Sheckley, READY, AIM, ROBOT by Randall Garrett, DOLL - FRIEND by Robert F. Young, THE END OF THE BEGINNING by Ray Bradbury, THE TRAITOR by Jack Douglas, and ODD BIRD by Shelly Lowenkopf and Jerry J. Williams. Features: THE UNNAMED STARS by Isaac Asimov, EDITORIAL, THE SPECTROSCOPE, ...OR SO YOU SAY, and cover by Albert Nuetzell.

FANTASTIC, July 1959:

Novelets: THE LAST PLEA by Robert Bloch, THE KEY by A Bertram Chandler, and THE 4-SIDED TRIANGLE by William F. Temple (reprinted from November 1939 Amazing). Short stories: THE GIFT by Ray Bradbury, THE FORERUNNER by Arthur Porges, THE KINK-REMOVER by Jack Sharkey, BOTTLE IT UP by Ron Goylart, and 40-26-38 by Robert F. Young.

THE TIME STREAM - - - - - by J. Harry Vincent

The current, June 1959, issue of Fate has an article "Meteorites Attack Long Island" by Jerry Siegel. Jerry Siegel along with partner Joe Shuster originated the popular comic book character Superman (which is science-fiction). Both, before that were science-fiction fans and published two fan mags Science Fiction and Science Fiction Quarterly. Fate now sports interior color inserts and is still Managing

Edited by long time s-f fan and writer Chester S. Geier.

Harry Altshuler informs us: "Bob Sheckley's novelet, A TICKET TO TRANAI, from Galaxy, October 1955 and his Ballantine collection, CITIZEN IN SPACE, has been optioned by Exceslsior Productions for a feature-length film, probably to be made in England.

"If you recall this story, it's a typical Sheckley satire on Utopia, and if the picture comes off anything like the story, it could be our first really adult science-fiction movie."

With Astounding going 50¢ this Fall, we hear of another mag also planning to maybe take the jump to 50¢ sometime in 1960. One of the 35¢ s-f mags in trouble, and may have to skip issues.

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