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LOWNDES MAY EDIT A HORROR MAGAZINE THIS FALL

NEW YORK, 16 April, (CNS) - Robert W.
Lowndes, one time editor of SCIENCE FICTION STORIES and now editor of EXPLORING
THE UNKNOWN is seriously thinking of editing a pure Horror magazine. His publisher and himself are going over the
plans now and if they feel it stands a
chance of success, they start publication sometimes this Fall. The publisher
will be Health Knowledge, Inc., publisher of EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN.

Mr. Lowndes stated that if the mag goes thru it will be digest size, sell for 50¢ a copy, and will probably be published quarterly after a few test issues. It will probably contain 128 pages. He plans to pay l¢ a word on schedule. That is you'll get paid when the material is scheduled for the issue, which usually means shortly before publication.

He will gladly look over any material you care to send him. He wants pure horror stories. Science or fantasy may be a part of it, but it is not necessary and will not be a factor of the sale. He set as one example of seftype horror as "The Fly" by George Langelann. Sex, if necessary to the story, can be included but "no eroticism" please. Horror stories and only horror steries

MISS TARRANT RETURNS TO "ANALOG"

NEW YORK, 17 April, (CNS), -Miss. Tarrant assistant editor of ANALOG, returned to work today for the first time since she sufford a slight heart attack last winter.

She has fully recovered from her illness and is once more at the import—ant position of seeing that ANALOG gets out on time each month. She has been with ASTOUNDING/ANALOG for over twenty years and is the "king" pin in putting out the "Hugo" winning science-fiction magazine. John W. Campbell himself stated at the time of her illness that it took five persons to replace her.

We are mos+ happy +ha+ she has fully recovered and wish her a long and happy life wi+hin and wi+hou+ ANALOG. "Glad to have you back".

ories is what he's after. All stories now sent in will be accepted if suited only if the magazine is published. Bob plans to use new and reprint stories.

All material, etc., should be sent to Robert W. Lowndes, Health Knowledge, Inc., 150 Lafayette Street, New York 13, New York.

Boh stated that he plans no interior art work and that the cover will - continued on page 2 -

SCIENCE/FANTASY PAPERBACKS OUT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1962:

TITLE AND AUTHOR . NUMBER PAGES PRICE PUBLISHED BY
PREFERRED RISK by Edson McCann R114 190 40¢ Dell Books
THE ALLEY GOD by Philip Jose Farmer F588 175 50¢ Ballantine Books.
NINE HCRRORS AND A DRIAM by Joseph Pagne 587 121 35¢ Rallantine Books
THE SPACE EGG by Russ Winterbothem 252 140 35¢ Monarch Books
CONJURE WIFE by Fritz Leiber F621 176 50¢ Berkley Medallion
During March 1962, five science/fantasy paperbacks came out costing \$2.10 and containing a total of 803 pages.

MORE BURROUGHS REPRINTS COMING

NEW YORK, 19 April, (CNS) - Canaveral Press announced +oday additions to +heir Burroughs! reprint list to be published between May & December of As already announced for May, there will be 3 books: "A Fighting Man of Mars", "Monster Men", and "Moon Men". For August the revised list calls for "At the Earth's Core", "The Land That Time Forgot", "Pellucidar", and "Tanar of Pellucidar". For October, they plan to reprint "Apache Devil", "Cave Girl", "Mad King", "Pirates of Venus", and "The Tarzan-Twins". For November: "The Eternal Lover", "Gods of Mars", "The Mucker", "The Cutlaw of Torn", and "Tarzan and The Lost Empire". And for December: "The Girl From Hollywood", "Jungle Girl", "Tarzan a; the Earth's Core", and "The War Chief",

That's 21 volumes of out of print Burroughs' volumes, all in the same type binding, all hard cover, each illustrated by Mahlon Blaine, dust wrappers, etc. each sells for \$2.75. The address of the publisher is 63 4th ave., New York 3. New York.

ADVERTISE IN "SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES"

THE SCIENCE FICTION PAPERBACK REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1962

The information missing in the February report for "Om, The Secret of Abhor Valley" by Talbot Mundy is: 392 pages and sells for \$1.65. The book has no number.

During February 1962, 26 science fantasy paperbacks came out. They contained a total of 17,199 pages and cost a total of \$15.95.

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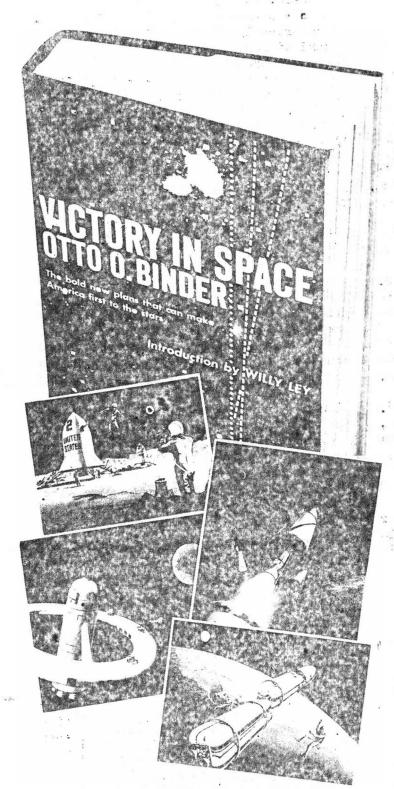
have a conserative design on the style of "The Saint" and "Ellery Queen", with perhaps a few small cuts.

SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS Coming Up Next In The Pros

AMAZING STORIES -- June 1962

Novelets: THUNDER IN SPACE by Lester del Rey, and THE COUNCIL OF DRCMES (a classic reprint) by W. K. Sonnemann. Short Stories: THE WARRIORS by Tom Purdom, -continued on page 5 -

BOOKS IN REVIEW



by Herman Von Tokken

VICTORY IN SPACE by Otto O. Binder, 211 pages, published by Walker and Company, 75 East 55th Street, New York 22, N.T., \$6.90.

O++o Binder, once one of +he leading authors of science-fiction, now the editor of the only "layman" magazine on space SPACE WORLD, has brough+ ou+ what is to us the most important book on the current space race. This book +old in +he simple language of +he non-scien+is+, gives us +he his+oryof what's happened up to now and why, and what's more what will probably happen in the future of our race with Russia on who will win the race to the moon and beyond. Aided with numerous pic+ures, drawings, and char+s is explains all the hardware the U.S. and Russia has and what's now being developed in what will be mankind's mos+ daring exploration - that of outerspace, the moon, and the plane+s. Wri++en in +he same basic s+yle that made him famous as a sciencefiction author, Otto Binder has given us a complete understanding of what was science-fic+ion yes+erday and is fac+ +oday. With an excellent introduction by our own Willy Ley, book is a must for all science-fiction readers who are not only interes+ed in seeing how +heir favori+e literature actually turned out, but also for the "common language" account of the most important "dd vance step" of mankind. \$6.00 is a rather high price, bu + +his book is well worth it. Recommended.

While you're at it, I'd suggest that you pick up Binder's outstanding magazine SPACE WORLD each issue, and keep up with the background and complete details of the background and foreground of today's space travel.

3 MARTIAN NOVELS by Edgar Rice Burroughs 499 pages, published by Dover Publications, Inc., 180 Varick Street, New York, 14, New York. (Paperback) T39 - \$1.75.

In one of the finest bargains of the year, Dover has taken three of Edgar Rice Burroughs! novels, "Thuvia, Maid of Mazs", "The Chessmen of Mars", and "The Master Mind of Mars", and has reprinted +hem in an excellent paperback of 499 pages for only \$1.75. Needless + o say that the three novels, published complete, are among the best of Burroughs' Martian series, long out of print. The volume is printed on very good paper in good clear +ype and is regular book size. In fact it is produced so that those who do desire can have it bound into a regular volume. On e of the outstanding features of the volume is that 16 illustrations by the great J. Allen St. John from the first editions are reprinted. These illustrations are part of the enjoyment of the novels. Usually these appeared only in the first edition of the novels, the later reprint editions reprinting only one. These illustrations themselves are collector's items. Reprinted also is "A Glossary of Names and Terms used in the Martian Books". This first appeared as part of "Thuvia, Maid of Mars". This has been the first chance I've had to reread these Burroughs! Martian novels and they still hold, for me, . +he high romance and adventure that made them so interesting when I first read them years ago. For Burroughs fans and collectors this volume is a MUST. For the few who haven't read them before, a new adventure awaits you. Recommended.

Books to be reviewed should be sent to SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES, 18-36 129th Street, College Point 56, New York.

MOTION PICTURES, STAGE & TV by Ken Beale

THE BEST OF 61
(In Two Parts - Part II)

Fan+asy films las+ year were dominated

by imports. Seven of the year's eleven pictures in this category were from abroad, although two were made by an American firm.

Of those I managed to see, The Wonders of Aladdin was about the best:fast, fantastic, funny. I hastily add that I have hot seen Bergman's The Devil's Eye, which probably belongs in first place. Wizard of Bagdad and Thief of Bagdad were two more pseudo-oriental entries, neither of any great distiction. Thenev came up with two: 101 Dalmatians, a cartoon, and Babes in Toyland, live-action. Both were pleasant but not really tap-notch.

Three more foreign pictures were Macario, A Midsummer Night's Dream (both previously mention here) and The Man Who Wagged His Tail (featuring Peter Ustinov as a were-canine). Also released: The Flight That Disappeared.

In the Borderline category, the avant-garde Sand Castle had a puppet dream-sequence and The Man in the Moon kidded about space flight. Hammer's Scream of Fear was a fine suspense story with horror overtones. And I finally caught up with a 1960 film, Jean Remoir's Picnic on the Grass, to discover that it was set in the near future and contained some satire on politics and science in what was almost an s-f vein.

On television the outstanding programs were <u>Thriller</u> and the new Disney show. <u>Twilight Zone</u> plugged along unpredictably, and there were other minor items, including re-runs of older shows.

NOTES TO THE EDITOR by Our Readers

1104 Mulvey Avenue, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba, Canada. February 26+h, 1962

Dear Sirs:

.... A friend send me a copy of your First December 1961 issue which contains Mr. Edmund R. Meskys' review of "Fantasy Classification System". The author of the work is Alastair Cameron, whose name was not mentioned. Copies are obtainable from me, and in fact some orders

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THE SCIENCE-FICTION MAGAZINE RECORD by Lane Stannard

SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGAZINES ON THE UNITED STATES NEWSSTANDS DURING MARCH 1962:

 NAME
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 FAGES DATE ON STANDS SCHEDULE

 Fantasy & Science Fic+ion*
 Apr. 400 Diges+ 130 March 1, 1963 Mon+hly

 Amazing Stories
 Apr. 300 Diges+ 146 March 7, 1932 Mon+hly

 Analog
 Apr. 500 Diges+ 178 March 14, 1962 Mon+hly

 If
 May 350 Diges+ 130 March 15, 1962 Bi-Mon+hly

 Fantastic
 Apr. 350 Diges+ 130 March 22, 1962 Mon+hly

 *Firs+ issue edited by Avram Davidson.

During the month of March 1962, five science/fantasy magazines came out containing a total of 714 pages and costing \$1.95.

BRITISH SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGAZINES OUT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH 1962:

New Worlds Science Fiction 50¢ Diges: 128 March 1, 1962 Monthly Science Fiction Adventures Martapr. 50¢ Diges: 112 March 6, 1962 Bi-Monthly During the month of March two British science/fantasy magazines came out in the US, containing a total of 240 pages and costing \$1.00

NOTES TO THE EDITOR - Cont. from page 4-

have reached me as a result of the review, for which I thank you and Mr. Meckys. Please note, however, the correct spelling of my street address, which is shown at the top of this letter.

Best wishes for your continued success.

Yours very +ruly, Chester D. Cuthbert

San Francisco 17, Calif. March 31, 1962

Gen+lemen:

..... Why not step down printing to once a month, and cut out such extranceous material as "Science Fiction Forecasts" — space wasters, and publish, in each issue, some relevant article from a fan magazine.

Cordielly, Lester Anderson

(We still feel that a twice-a month newspaper is needed in science-fiction, and will continue as such for the time being, hoping that outside conditions does not delay us in the future. We very seldon reprint material. except in cases where we feel the material will be of interest to our readers. BUT, we will welcome any article (keep it short) relevant to science-fiction that any of our

readers may care to submit to us. New material of this type we are always pleased to publish. Our forecasts of the pros are wanted by a great number of our readers. Thank you for your interest.

-editor)

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and PASSPORT TO ETERNITY by J. G. Ballard. S.F Profile: THE SAINTLY HERESY OF CLIFFORD D. SIMAK by Sam Moskowitz. Fact EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL LIFE: AN ASTRONOMER'S THEORY by Ben Bova, Feetures: EDITORIAL, THROUGH TEME A N D SPACE WITH BENEDICT BREADERUIT: IV by Grandall Barretton, THE SPECTROSCOPE, and ... OR SO YOU SAY, Cover by Alex Schomburg.

FANTASTIC - June 1962

Novelets: THE STAR FISHERMAN by Robert
F. Young, and THE PAST MASTER (fantasy classic) by Robert Bloch. Short Stories:
ENDED by David R. Bunch, and RAIN, RAIN,
GO AWAY by James A. Cox. Serial: SHIELD by Poul Anderson (Part 2 of 2 parts).
Features: EDITORIAL. Cover by George Barr illustrating "Star Fisherman".

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