

HARRY WARNER TELLS US that Famous Fantastic Mysteries is to turn bi-monthly and the serial, "The Blind Spot" will be cut off in the middle. The reason Munsey Publications is making FFM bi-monthly is that they will issue another bi-monthly magazine! The name of the new magazine is to be Fantastic Novels and will each issue, one long complete story, first of which is to be the "Blind Spot". In all probability the magazines will appear alternately.

GLEANED FROM AMERICAN MAGS

Mid-West Fan News: "The tentative title of a quarterly science fiction magazine soon to be published by Ziff-Davis is "Amazing Stories Quarterly". It will not be the old time quarterly revived however; the format will be the same as that of the monthly; 250 pages of

complete science and fantasy fiction.

"Editor Palmer states: 'The magazine will be slanted to the general pulp readers; and, for that reason I'm afraid the fans won't be exactly satisfied. The idea behind the quarterly is to introduce a whole new group of readers to science fiction, and, in that way to benefit the entire professional stf field, as well as ourselves.'

Science Fiction Weekly:

"Office: 'Astonishing Stories', Neil R. Jones, author of the Gernsback-Sloane days, and originator of the famous "Professor Jameson" stories, returns to science fiction in the fourth issue of "Astonishing Stories" with another of

this series. Story is entitled "The Catmen of Aemt" and has been illustrated by Hannes Bok. For the benefit of those not familiar with Professor Jameson, a brief introduction by the author is made. If this tale goes over with the readers, the series may continue."

More From SFW: "Among the highlights of the day were a deal with Moskowitz and Wilson, whereby Wilson would receive Fantasy News direct each week, in return for a stock of back issues of S-F Newsletter etc. a friendly session between Lowndes and Moskowitz. whereat the first steps in a possible reconciliation between Futurians and New Fandomites were made, groundwork for which was laid by the efforts of Bob Madle and the Philadelphians, and the rather awed silence when Wollheim came in, unaware of what was transpiring."

"OBS" TAKES A POLL:

By this time your readers will have had time to read the series of magazines dated 1939. Right! Well this is the idea behind our poll. We want to know which were the most popular stories of that year; we want to see what the

majority liked best. Will you help? Just list the three stories which appealed to you most on a slip of paper or postcard and send them along to the editors of "OBS". Our next issue will carry progress results whilst our 13th issue shall carry the completed poll. Points are awarded: 3 for the first story listed, 2 for the second, and one for the third. Now jump to it! So far, several fans have cast their votes and the leading story is "Grav Lensman". Note: Owing to the fact that three quarters of "Gray Lensman" appeared in 1939 and the final installment has not been released, it is considered in the poll. Reprints are not included.

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From Vol Molesworth: "This letter is being written at 11.45 p.m., just after the break-up of the tenth meeting and even tho all animosity has been settled, I can't resist the temptation to reply to a few letters in your last ish! To Ronald B. Levy: By who were my unofficial explanations proven groundless? (Futurian Society of Sydney. - OBS.) I wouldn't like to embarrass a certain fan (now) by repeating a phrase used by him one Saturday evening last April. . . To Ralph A. Smith: I deny altering that cut – it was just badly stenciled I guess. Anyway Professor Piccard should please U! And just how can you prove my "Comet" didn't travel 12,000 feet? I remember the furthest your models ever went was 30 feet, and wonder if you are getting greeneyed? And to OBS, for that crack about "Voltaire"! Ta-ta, Frankie and Dave!" (Ouch! - OBS.) "Gnix!" (Both sides having had their say we'll call it a day!)

OBSERVER OBSERVES:

<u>Ultra</u>:- Editor, Eric F. Russell, 274 Edgecliffe Road, Woollahra, NSW. The next issue of this publication is scheduled for August and a fine array of material is forecast. Ralph A. Smith who did such an excellent job for the February issue, is to do the cover besides some interior work. Warwick Hockley, the Victorian fan and editor of the new publication "Austra-Fantasy" has contributed "S-F Comics". Mustchin continues his interesting "Creatures of Imagination" and new author Colin Roden will appear with "The Ant Invasion". Sixpence a copy or 3 for 1/3.

<u>Imaginative Stories</u> is the finally decided title for Keith Moxon's new magazine. The price will be ninepence for the first issue and several issues later Keith hopes to bring this down to sixpence. He states that he may be able to pay authors from the second issue, but,

of course not at pro rates! First issue due in August. Stories have to be of about 5,000 words length and also of fairly high standard. Send subscriptions to J. Keith Moxon, C/- Y.M.C.A. Edwards Street, Brisbane, Q'd., material to Assistant Editor at same address as editorial office of this mag.

<u>Cosmos</u>:- Vol Molesworth edits this mag at his new address, "Del Monte", Kangaroo Pt. Road, Sylvania, NSW. William D. Veney replies to Mick Collins' vitriolic outburst and finally winds up the business of the supposed Veney-Russell feud. Other interesting letters included. Next issue will be released at the next FSS meeting, June 12th. Price 3d.

<u>Austra-Fantasy</u>:- Haven't much information about this magazine as yet, but it appears as though a hitherto unheard of fan, Warwick Hockley, of 138 Domain Road, South Yarra, S.E.1, Melbourne, Victoria, is to issue a new fan venture known already mentioned title. Not sure of the price but we think it is sixpence.

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<u>FILMS</u>:- "Black Friday" starring Boris Karloff and bela Lugosi was recently released at the Capitol Theatre. Also the famous play, Maeterlink's "Bluebird", is soon to be released in Australia.

<u>FUTURIAN SOCIETY JOTTINGS</u>:- Tenth meeting held Wednesday May 15th. New member David R. Evans elected. And Vol Molesworth re-elected. It was decided to issue a club magazine but plans for this were discarded at the eleventh meeting (held Sunday 26th May). S-F Weekly announces that the FSS has been chartered in the Science Fictioneers, but charter, which was suppose to reach us on April 1st has not been received.

<u>Futurian OBSERVER</u>:- (11) Co-Editors Bert F. Castellari & William D. Veney & Associate Editor Ronald B. Levy work on this at 10a Sully Street, Randwick, Sydney, NSW. Single copies – 2d 7 for 1/- or 20 cents. Title cuts are now done by Ralph A. Smith. Yes he did the one for No. 10. A little blah - "First Australian fan mag to have an eleventh issue. Correction – W. Hockley's address is 183 not 138.