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REVIEW OF THE CURRENT SCIENCE FICTION FAN PUBLICATIONS

ONCE again we have a goodly number of fanzines on hand . . . but first a couple of items:

A new fanzine is in the making, and will gleefully consider your fiction, poetry, articles. Name: **BREVIZINE**. Address: Warren Freiberg, 5018 West 18th Street, Cicero 50, Illinois.

Next, a line from **Hank Moskowitz**: "To those readers . . . who have just lately begun reading science fiction: Are you wondering about this thing called 'fandom?' . . . Young Fandom, a club for new readers . . . will help you get in touch with others of your own age who also read and enjoy this wonderful type of literature . . . Here you will find an infinite field of discussion . . . get into the swing of things! Contact **Rick Sneary**, 2962 Santa Ana Street, South Gate, California."

Next, **Dick Clarkson** of the Baltimore group informs us:

1) That **Orv Mosher III** of 1728 Mayfair, Emporia, Kansas, is still at work on that booklet we mentioned once before: "How to Form a Science-Fiction Fanclub." He needs all the tips, hints suggestions and general dope he can get on the subject. It should be a valuable little gizmo . . . wouldn't you like to have contributed to it? Then do.

2) That **Howard K. Pruyn** is compiling the "first all-inclusive list of fans the world over." He wants your name and address, and any other names and addresses you can give him where he can obtain more n. & a. etc., ad infinitum . . . get it? One thing: for how many hours would such a list be "all-inclusive?"

Next, we are notified that the fanzines we review are, in contradiction of this column's title, not exactly "current." This is true. Not a thing we can do about it. We review 'em soon after we get 'em; two months later the magazine hits the stands. Gestation.

Also, in reply to a number of agonized bleats we've received: this column, **ROTCSFFP**, is a

review of fanzines: the *Frying Pan*, in *TWS*, is *not*. The latter is a fan-slanted column of the chat-type, where we can blow off steam, make with snide comments, and generally inspect the stfield fan and pro.

Speaking of which, we saw a so-called stf show on TV recently which practically made us whoops on the carpet . . . but no space to roast it here. Comes the next *Frying Pan*, however. . . .

To fanzines:

SPACE DIVERSIONS, published under the auspices of the Liverpool Science-Fiction Society, 13-A St. Vincent Street; Liverpool 3, England. Editor: Tom Owens and John Roles. Published bi-monthly. Free to members; price to non-members: two for one b OB (b OB? . . . what does it mean?).

A first issue . . . good production job. Contains stories, articles, departments, the latter mostly concerned with local doings.

THE BULLETIN OF THE CLEVELAND SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, 12701 Shaker Boulevard, Apartment 616, Cleveland 20, Ohio. Editor: Harlan Ellison. Published monthly. 15c per copy; twelve issues and an annish for \$1.50.

Fairly big one . . . varied, sprightly. Worth the price of admission. Editor Ellison states in his accompanying letter that "the Cleveland Public Library, one of the largest in the country, has taken my 'zine for their files because of its high quality."

An achievement . . . congratulations!

A CHECKLIST OF BRITISH SCIENCE AND FANTASY, obtainable from Dale R. Smith, 3744 Oakland Avenue, Minneapolis 7, Minnesota. Produced by Eric Bentcliffe. 25c per copy.

The title is self-explanatory . . . good neat job.

OOPSLA, 761 Oakley Street, Salt Lake City 16, Utah. Editor: Gregg Calkins. Published every sixth Tuesday. Three issues for 30c; \$1.00 per year.

A steady comer . . . good articles, departments; some moderately respectable satire.

We've just got to get the following off our chest:

"Goshwow, geewhiz, ohboy, yea man!"

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FAN-FARE, 119 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, New York. Editor: W. Paul Ganley. Published bi-monthly. 15c per copy; six for 75c

Fandom's all-fiction 'zine . . . wel-l-ll, mostly fiction, anyway. Tolerable to rather good. Verse ditto. Features likewise Mimeographing about as good as you can get. Give it a try if fan-fiction etc. is up your alley.

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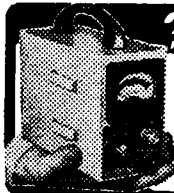
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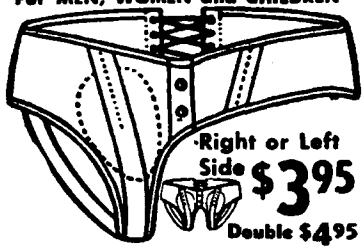
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One of the best all-around fanzines . . . always lively, readable; never schlopped up with "eek, wow, ugh, gurgle, drool, slurp, etc." Articles, fiction, departments. The fiction could be booted out with little loss. Production exceptionally good for a mimeoed 'zine.

Lee's resounding address (above) reminds us of a lurch we had recently with George O. Smith. In discussing a novel he is currently finishing for us, George explained, with a twinkle in each of his three eyes, that the alphabet-like coded military designation in Chapter thus-and-so broke down to mean (roughly): "The Jet-propelled Underwater Carrier-Pigeon Bombing Project."

Was you dere, Riddle?

SHANGRI-LA, 1305 West Ingraham, Los Angeles, California, Editors: Audrey Clinton, Ed M. Clinton, Jr., Eph Konigsberg.

Divided into two sections, backed up upside-down to each other a la C/SFD: the Light Side and the Sober Side. Articles (an interesting one on non-pro rocket societies by Arthur Louis Joquel), reviews, satire, art . . . the only blot is a story by L. Major Reynolds, which geschitucken.

STOPGAP, "a letter, circular or publication," Box 182, Broadway, P. O., Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Editor: Graham B. Stone.

More concise fan-pro stuff from Down Under.

FANTASY-TIMES, 137-03 32nd Avenue, Flushing 54, New York. Editor: James V. Taurasi. Published bi-weekly. 10c per copy; twelve issues for

Newsy and up-to-date . . . Taurasi gets pertinent news items, and usually gets 'em first.

CONFUSION Box 493, Lynn Haven, Florida. Editor: Shelby Vick. Published monthly. 5c per copy; twelve issues for 50c.

Good job . . . equally readable where it is tongue-in-cheek or of serious mien . . . we enjoyed 99 44/100 of it.

VANATIONS, 13906 101a Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Editor: Norman G. Browne. Published bi-monthly.

A starter which leaps immediately into the middle ranks, instead of creeping around on forlorn circles way down *there*.

In other words, not bad . . . not bad at all. Mostly humor, satire, etc. Also a piece on fantasy censorship in Canada which makes us itch to kick somebody's behind off . . . banning the *Arabian Nights* and C. E. S. Wood's *Heavenly Discourse*, indeed! May galloping impetigo attend these nitwits who equate their individual viewpoint

with Truth and Light and hand down dispensations restricting what the rest of us may and may not read, see and hear! The whole business of censorship cries out for standardization on a sound socio-psychological basis—

Are we still on the air?

In connection with which: on p. 4 of VANATIONS is a list of quotes, mostly from TWS and SS, entitled WHAT THE CENSOR MISSED. . . .

Now, we happen to have personally edited every one of those stories from the Thrilling mags, so we must have missed said quotes . . . except that we didn't; we found nothing objectionable in them; we still don't; we're flabbergasted that anyone did.

Such a squawk in the same 'zine with the censorship article . . . tsK. Anyone for schizophrenia? Or—hold on—was you kidding?

Cover of VANATIONS is a photograph . . . rocketship buzzing midwestern city. Good. In fact, all the art in V. is good.

STF TRADER, Box 3, Tyro, Kansas. Editor: K. Martin Carlson. 10c per copy; four for 25c.

Advertisements . . . a goodly number of stf items to swap and sell.

(Personal to collectors: we are in the market for any and all collections of short stories by Maurice Level. Can anyone give us a hand without taking an arm?)

SI-FIC, "A fanzine of the Atomic Age," 512 45th Street, Union City, New Jersey. Editor: Daniel E. MacMurray.

Two sheets of paper, cover and contents respectively . . . the latter being a short nonsensical bit from the fanzine JOKER. We presume the entire effort to be a sort of advance notice, blurb, throwaway for JOKER, which has yet to make its appearance . . . a bid for attention and material.

Quote: "JOKER will cater only to stf cartoons, jokes and short funny stories . . . if you are interested, please write for further information."

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PSFS NEWS, perpetrated by Dave Hammond, Box 89, Runnemede, New Jersey.

More chat on the doings of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society. . . .

Yeah, we *are* kind of mad, Dave . . . to know what's holding up those flowers on ye wench's impressive facade. Thumbtacks?

BREVIZINE, 5018 West 18th Street, Cicero 50, Illinois. Editor: Warren A. Freiberg. Published monthly. 10c per copy; three for 25c.

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doubt that anything is more heartening to the trembling newcomer to the field than contributions of material, subscriptions, et al. We have gathered over this past year that fanzines are rarely financially profitable . . . that more often than not they just break even, or even run at a loss; so it must be (we figure) the interchange that keeps most of 'em in business. Editor A shells out cash and effort and puts to gether his 'zine; Editor B does likewise. Then each subscribes to, and contributes to, the other's 'zine, and, roughly, in the end it all comes out even. Take this to the eighth power, rack up a few exceptions and you have a fair picture of the fan-publishing world. Point is: dig up a little dough for the newcomers . . . 25c, 50c. The cash you cast upon the waters will come back in the shape of new friends, contacts, ideas. It doesn't take much money at all to keep a 'zine going . . . but it'll sure die without it.

We know most of you already do this. The reminder is to those who don't know how it works.

Egoboo? Back-patting society? Intellectual in-breeding? Flight from reality? H'm, we'll leave the evaluations to anyone brave enough to pick up the first stone and heave it.

ADOZINE, 2058 East Atlantic Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania. Editor: W. C. Butts. 10c per copy; 50c per year.

Another bite-sized swapzine . . . still looks a little desperate for material.

Couple of issues ago we mentioned the forthcoming FANTASTIC WORLDS . . . and forgot to give its address. Here, for those who have asked, 'tis:

Ed Ludwig, Editor
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Our gorgeous secretary just brought in another copy of SPACE DIVERSIONS, reviewed earlier in this column . . . which reminds us to remind you that: it isn't necessary to send us two copies of your fanzine, one to TWS, one to SS. In the first place, as we said a while back, TWS doesn't review; in the second place, we wouldn't review the same 'zine twice, even if TWS *did* review.

By the way, we cannot help but notice in the fanzines that SS and TWS are getting the nicest things said about them. This makes Sam and me—to drop that editorial "we" for a moment—real happy.

—JEROME BIXBY.

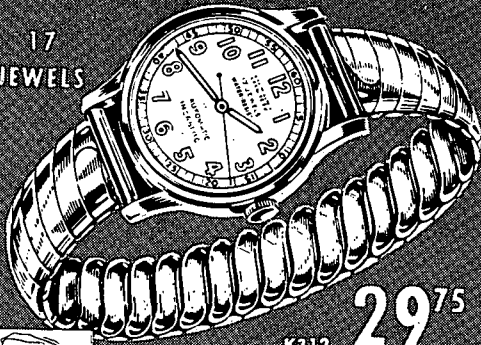
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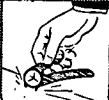
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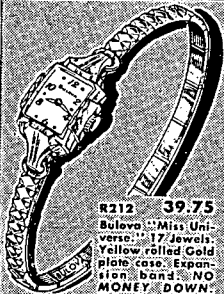
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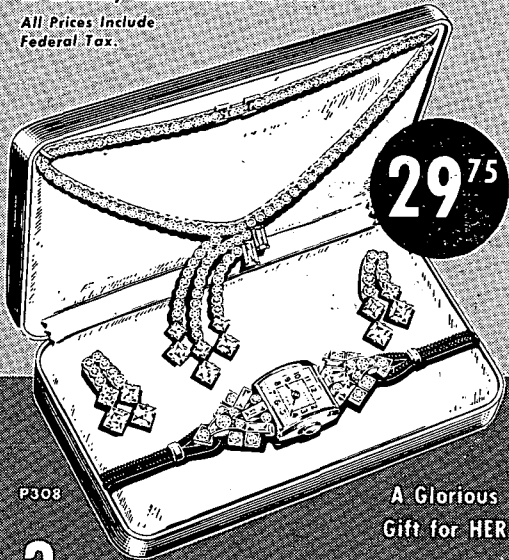
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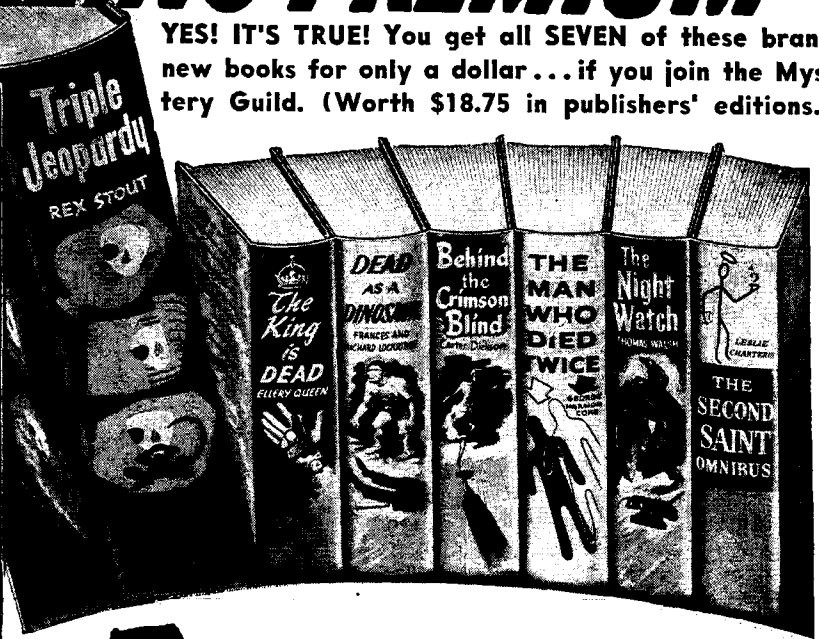
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