Collier’s 1952-54  Man Will Conquer Space Soon! (1952-54)
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We continue reprinting this superlative series of space articles on the following pages. Collier’s used eight issues of the weekly magazine from 1952 to 1954 to publish these articles. We are on schedule as we work to use eight consecutive issues of Horizons to reprint Man Will Conquer Space Soon! This is our fourth installment.

This February 28, 1953 issue of Collier’s used the front cover, a paragraph about the cover on its table of contents page (That paragraph is presented on the next page.), and nine consecutive pages (no advertisements) in the middle pages of that issue. We follow roughly that same format in this issue.

Scott Lowther keeps our copies of all of the scanned pages we need to reprint this entire series of two years (1952 to 1954) and about 89 pages. Scott allowed us to use his five issues of Collier’s, the original magazines. John Sisson...

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Above: Man Will Conquer Space Soon!, a series of articles from 1952 to 1954, from the weekly magazine Collier’s. Source for most of the table: Wikipedia, Man Will Conquer Space Soon!, an article first written by John Sisson.
(Continued from page 54) Scott (Dreams of Space blog) scanned two of his copies for Horizons, and Ron Miller (Black Cat Studios) scanned one of his copies for Horizons.

Once all of the required scanned pages were in Scott’s possession, he cleaned up the scans where required. That was a big job.

Every two months our Horizons team publishes another issue, knowing that for eight consecutive issues, we have this excellent content from 1952 to 1954 for Horizons. It is not often the volunteer team of AIAA Houston Section takes on such a long term project.

In addition to the Horizons team noted on page two of every issue, we have our Horizons Collier’s team to thank, as noted on the prior page. They contribute most of our advertising for now, and we thank them again for that.

The Collier’s series in eight issues of that magazine presented a spectacular first issue, followed by two issues titled Man on the Moon, three issues titled Man’s Survival in Space, an issue titled The Baby Space Station, and finally an issue titled Can We Get to Mars? / Is There Life on Mars? It was tempting to present all three issues titled Man’s Survival in Space in this issue of Horizons, shortening time span for this all volunteer task. For now, we stay on course, with eight consecutive issues of Horizons devoted to reprinting the contents of those eight issues of Collier’s.

Once we complete our reprint series in this manner, we can reprint the entire Collier’s series in a single publication, another ambitious volunteer project already in work.

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The Cover

The first man to enter space will wear an outfit like the Navy pressure suit on this week’s cover. In fact, he could wear that one: it’s a real space suit, fully equipped for rocket travel. The cover picture, and the two others made for this issue of Collier’s by photographer Ralph Royle, are the first ever permitted of the new space uniform. For the story of the suit—and all the related problems of Man’s Survival in Space—read Picking the Men, page 42.

Issue 3 of 8: The cover image is not related to Man Will Conquer Space Soon!

Issue 5 of 8: The cover image is not related to Man Will Conquer Space Soon!

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