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## F.S.S. ANNOUNCES DEFINITE PLANS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY.

Last week's issue contained probable details of the big meeting that will be held to celebrate the Futurian Society of Sydney's second birthday. The next meeting of the club, on October 26, was to determine the details. It was hoped that by then Vol Molesworth would be out of hospital, and able to attend.

However, Vol was unable to leave hospital (see story inside) and the meeting had to be held without him. Most of the time was taken up discussing plans for the big meeting, and eventually, after much discussion, all details were worked out except the location, the reason for which will be explained later.

As was predicted, there will be very little, or no business conducted at the meeting. The F.S.S. has organised the meeting with but one idea in view - the celebration of its second anniversary, and the confident entry into its third year of activity.

A large number of fans will be invited. If they all turn up, attendance should exceed that of the second Sydney Conference last Easter. And until it is definitely known how many will come along, location of the meeting cannot be decided. It would be no good crowding an enormous number of fans into a tiny room, nor would it do to distribute a very small number over a lary large area. So the room will be fitted to measure, and a happier group should result.

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BIRTHDAY MEETING..from page 1

Some prospective fans will get their first glimpse of fan activities at the party. This, it is hoped, will be the start of a drive for new fans, which are needed so much when the future of present fans is so unsettled. Also amongst the guests will be old fans who like to "meet the gang" occasionally.

Outstanding feature of the meeting may be the quiz. It is being compounded by all the members, and in the end all questions will be pooled, producing a really colossal questionnaire. It will probably be the biggest ever. Members are also racking their brains trying to think up stiff games, to "keep the party going."

The meeting will be held on November 9, which is the first Sunday after the anniversary of the first meeting, which took place on November 5, 1939.

It should be a big success.

SYDNEYMORE BAD LUCK FOR MOLESWORTH.

Just when Vol Molesworth was ready to leave hospital, an X-ray revealed that an operation on his tonsils was necessary, and he will now be in bed another two or three weeks.

This is bad luck for Vol. Fandom in Sydney has been "waiting" until he was up and about again. But now, with the birthday meeting so near, the F.S.S. must continue their activities. And although we are not sure at the moment, it looks as if Vol will miss the big meeting. So again we ask all fans to write to him, to help pass some of the many hours that will seem so long. His address is C/- Mater Misericordiae Hospital Pacific Highway, Crows Nest, N.S.W.

WAR AFFECTS MORE FANS.

Two more Sydney fans will soon be affected by the war. They are Bruce Sawyer and Eric Russell.

Bruce, who for a long time has been thinking of transferring from the militia to the A.I.F., has now decided, and will go up for examination this week.

Eric Russell received a note at the end of last week, informing him that his medical examination, prior to his call-up, would be on Monday, October 27. There is a group going into camp in December, and he may be amongst these.

We hope to have more details next week.

## POLLS.

No. 3. MAGAZINES.

ASTOUNDING, UNKNOWN STILL TOGETHER

The five extra votes we received this week in our poll for magazines spread out the names a little more but did not separate Astounding and Unknown, which are still together in the lead.

Present positions are:

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| Number of votes received.....9   |          |
| ASTOUNDING, UNKNOWN.....   | 7 points |
| OLD AMAZING.....4  | "        |
| WONDER.....2   | "        |
| ASTONISHING, FAMOUS FANTASTIC<br>MYSTERIES, STARTLING, CAPTAIN<br>FUTURE, NEW AMAZING, SCOOPS,<br>THRILLING WONDER.....1 | "        |

Astounding and Unknown polled three votes out of five this week, and thus lost their chance of a 100% victory. But with only four or five votes to come, and a clear three point lead, it looks as if they will finish at the top of the poll. Whether they will both do it, or be separated, we still do not know.

Amongst the others, old Amazing seems to be the best liked, and in its turn leads by two points from Wonder Stories.

An interesting feature this week was the inclusion of Scoops, England's first sf magazine. Which makes us realise the T.O.W. still has to receive its first vote.

If we receive enough votes this week, we will close the poll in the next issue. Otherwise it will run a week more. And don't forget, when you send in your vote, also send in suggestions for future polls. What polls do you want?

FILMS. MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

It seems that sf films come in waves. They either come all at once, or not at all. We have been without them for a while. Now they are back.

"King of the Zombies" started last Friday at Sydney's Capitol, but we still do not know very much about this film.

"Man made Monster" and "Horror Island" started in Melbourne on the same date.

A VITON?

F.S.S. members Arthur Duncan, Colin Roden, and Graham Stone were startled to see, last Saturday, a strange light in the sky. It was very bright - so big and brilliant that it could not have been a star; then again it seemed too close to be any celestial body.

It remained in the sky for about ten minutes, then flickered, and died out, only to shine forth again. Then it went out altogether, to be replaced by a smaller and less brilliant light closer to the ground.

The time of this happening was about 9.15 to 9.30, on Saturday night. Did anyone else see the light? If so, let us know.

BOOKS, AND MORE BOOKS.

Sydney's Royal Arcade Bookshop has been selling a large number of post-ban books during the past week. Also on sale are some older mags.

By the look of it, someone has sold his collection which included Astonishing, Super Science, Fantastic Adventures, Amazing, Captain Future, Famous Fantastic and others, mostly post-ban. The older stuff included Amazings and Wonders of about 1932, and some quarterlies of the same time.

Needless to say, most Sydney fans are now horribly broke. And they will continue to be in this state till all the magazines are gone. Average price is 1/6.

Owing to a very generous gift, Ultra now possesses an almost-full tube of brown ink, so all book-jackets in the annish will be done in brown.

MORE WAR RELIEF MAGS.

During the week a big parcel of magazines arrived from John Cunningham's war relief Society. These were distributed, some going to Melbourne, and some to Hobart.

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