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SCANSION

Science Fiction Weekly Newsletter.

With all due apologies, we return to publication after a fortnight's absence due mainly to this editor's change of address and the subsequent disruption of his work schedule.

A one hour performance by the ARCTURIANS, Sydney's local Science Fiction drama group is announced as part of the 1955 Convention programme. Although the title is not known the item promises to be very entertaining after their enjoyable acts at the last Con. and their present hard rehearsing.

The Convention programme now includes a Short Story contest (3,000 to 8,000 words), the Arcturians play, and a Science-fiction Artwork Exhibition and Contest, all of which promises to make interesting Convention material and presents some opportunities for local talent that have been lacking in previous Cons.

Apparently the Convention Committee found it necessary in their latest Publicity release (14/8/54) to refute some claims that there would be no Convention and I find my memory agrees with the facts in their outline of the position. At the business session of the '54 Con. it was officially moved that the North Shore Futurean Society hold the '55 Con. This they agreed to do and in their first Official Publicity Bulletin (18/6/54) they announced the dates as Saturday and Sunday, March 18th and 19th and their committee of Organizer, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer etc. and then commenced to plan their programme. In the face of this, their recent enthusiastic activity and their announcements of programme details, I for one chose to believe in and plan to enjoy the Fourth Australian Science Fiction Convention in Sydney in 1955 and possibly the 1956 Con. in Melbourne if I can make it.

Although admission to the Bridge Club rooms has been increased to 3/6d. weekly (including supper) with cheaper 10/- tickets to cover one calendar month it seems that cheaper rooms would do more to solve our problems. Any help in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

The Saturday "meeting and eating" problem would seem to be solved, at least temporarily, by the TAIPING (in Hay St., behind the Palladium in George St., Hay-market). The half dozen or so fans free to meet in town on Saturday have been gathering there recently and seem satisfied with it for the time being.

And finally, in answer to a few enquiries, I may be able to publish "Communicado" this week-end.

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Next week's issue by Miss V. Williams.