

SCANSION.

SCIENCE FICTION NEWSHEET.

Sydney fandom welcomed back Bill Veney last Thursday night with dinner at the Taiping and a gabfest at the Clubroom, Post Office Chambers. Bill, one of Sydney's former fan leaders is down from Queensland on business and expects to be around for two weeks.

Fandom in Queensland is now at the 41 mark and Bill reports regular meetings of the City dwellers with frequent country visitation.

Bill reports that a prominent Brisbane man, a newcomer to the SAF ranks, wrote to a well known Sydney sider for information. The reply from this national organiser was read at a Brisbane meeting and did not receive favourable reception. Seems he told the business man that there was no fan club in Qld. because there were no known fans.

Back from U.S.A. is (Bill) Stirling Macoboy after a successful trip. We do not know how long he will be here but he is very, very busy. Please do not try and contact him, he knows us all and when time permits he'll get in touch with us.

Attendance at the Chambers last Thursday was higher than average, no less than 23 fans being present.

It is becoming obvious that the fans are capturing the real spirit behind these meetings, they are realising that the common interest is SAF but that the meetings are for the purpose of allowing their other interests to entertain others.

We have in the one room, groups of fans pursuing music, chess, modelling, engineering and electronics quite apart from the activities of the library and Book Agency.

The loose threads of Convention organising are coming into pattern and before long the Committee will be speeding up activities which will not cease until after the big date in 1955.

What! ! you did not know there was going to be a Convention in 1955. My friend I urge you to read circulars more carefully. I realise that you have been led astray by a circular headed "No Convention in 1955"; reading carefully you will notice that this was written by a private individual on behalf of an organisation mentioned in the context. That organisation has nothing to do with the Post Office Chambers Clubroom nor the group staging the Convention in 1955.

As we say that circular was deliberately vague and entirely misleading.

Official Convention Bulletin will be released periodically and full information may be obtained by writing to the Secretary, Box 56, Redfern.

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