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BRISBANE FAN VISITS SYDNEY

On Monday, 26th February, an air mail letter arrived at Futurian Headquarters giving notice that Keith Moxon was to visit Sydney on the 4th and 5th of March, enroute for Melbourne. Instantly messengers were sent to all local Futurians, calling them to a special meeting, which however, was cancelled at the last moment owing to Moxon's boat being overdue. Nevertheless, the editors of OBSERVER went down to the wharf on the morning of the 5th and were able to spend an enjoyable few minutes talking over the possibilities of Australian fandom with the visitor. We found Moxon an extremely interesting fan and quite willing to answer all our numerous enquiries. Below we give several highlights of the interview:-

OBS: Are there any prospects of a Brisbane fan magazine?

OBS (referring to a previous personal letter): We believe you stated that there would be some difficulty in obtaining material. Would you be requiring associates in Sydney to collect items for publication?

MOXON: I don't think they would be necessary. There is plenty of material to be found in and around Brisbane.

OBS: Then you know other fans?

MOXON: Yes. I know of about twenty fans in various parts of Queensland.

OBS: We believe you intend to launch a club. Is that so?

MOXON: Probably! Being as I am at the Y.M.C.A. Will allow me the use of a large room whenever it is required. I know the fans might be interested, so what can prevent it?

OBS: Isn't it strange no other Brisbane fans have heard of our activities? You are our sole link with that city.

MOXON: I doubt if they know of your activities. It was only by chance I noticed your notice in the May, '39 AMAZING.

OBS: While in Melbourne, will you call on Marshall L. MacLennan?

MOXON: I doubt if I will have time. On my return journey through Sydney I would like to attend a meeting of your club if it can be arranged. The boat is extremely irregular in its sailing so it may not be possible.

OBS: When will that be?

MOXON: Sometime about the 20th of this month.

OBS: Well – thank you Keith, and we hope you like our fair city.

EDITORIAL NOTICE

--- (Back Again)

In view of several requests for white paper, in preference to the salmon previously used, we've decided to go back to the colour of our first issue. We await your verdict.

Also, we have received many enquiries as to when we shall increase our size to four pages. In reply, we can only say some definite statement will be made in the near future. Should this occur then we shall probably assume a large format like ULTRA and LUNA. . .

FROM THE RAMBLER: Slight correction to my article in your third issue. I've discovered the F.S.S. Had eight members at the time not nine. The error occurred over Mr. La Costez, who has not yet been elected to membership. (He soon will be --- OBS)

FUTURIAN SOCIETY NEWS

Meeting Number Seven

Held at the home of Ronald B. Levy Meeting No. 7 was one of the best to date. Six members (Ron Levy, WDV, the Russell brothers, Vomoswoth, BFC) were present, whilst two guests, Miss Roma Castellari and Ken Jefferys, were in attendance. Ralph Smith was once again absent – this time because of “some affair with a shark” as he puts it.....

Club business was attended to first and it was decided that the elections for executive positions should be held next meeting. Magazines were then discussed for about ten or fifteen minutes and then Vol M. gave a lecture entitled 'Following Fort'. This lecture will be written into an article and submitted to a fan publication. Following on this lecture was a general discussion on Fort, during which two members were ready to slit one another's throats.....

Castellari's quiz was next and was interrupted towards the end so that members could partake of a little refreshment. For after the quiz a scientific discussion had been arranged, but Bill Veney held the floor for most of the time, having been the only one ready for it.

The worst item of the meeting was the round robin story, which was a big flop. This was to fill in half an hour but developed into a farce upon reaching certain members. Eventually it was dropped and the main item of the meeting was brought to notice.....

This was the election of Miss Roma Castellari and Ken Jefferys to membership. The former was elected unanimously despite the fact that at first there were several slight objections raised. Jefferys was allocated without any trouble.....

However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Ken is going to resign from the Club. This is indeed unfortunate and will set the membership back to nine.....

FSS members please note: The eighth meeting will be held at 10a Sully Street, Randwick on Sunday 17 March, commencing at 2-30pm. Good news comes from Ralph Smith who says he has two probable members, one of whom may be along at the next meeting.

S. O. S.

Can anybody supply me with copies of the Buck Rogers” monthlies (as published by the “New Idea” Numbers 1, 4, 7, and 8?.....BFC

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Futurian OBSERVER:- No 5. Official organ of the FSS. Published fortnightly at 10a Sully Street, Randwick. Edited by William D. Veney and Bert F. Castellari. Price 2d or 5 For OBS' sake will some of you kind readers please pass us any little items of news, gossip, etc that may come your way? We are having a helluva time getting material and we don't intend to fail! If we don't get news then you'll have to get some of those awful leaders we write! Americans please note: OBS will be mailed by every boat going out!

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Vol Molesworth has announced that, for an indefinite period, he will not be editing any publications. A letter informs us LUNA is gone for good and his Library is too expensive. . .still, Vol is asking for material! Unless he is trying to see if another LUNA can be scraped together, we are at a loss to explain his actions. He himself is not sure whether it is the Library, LUNA, or both!

Observer Observes in No. 6

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