

Convention Extra No. 2

WALTER GILLINGS NAMED AS PRESIDENT OF EASTERCON!

PROFESSOR A. M. LOW
GUEST SPEAKER ALSO.

Conventioneers from Everywhere!
Wave of Approval for Cosmos Club
Convention Effort.

Since the first Convention Extra was distributed with "FIDO" and "COSMIC GUTS" two months ago letters of approval for the scheme have poured in. Already it is certain that 1944's Eastercon will be an overwhelming success. Probably this super Convention, planned to take place within the confines of Greater London (partly in the West End and partly at Teddington) will prove to be the greatest British fan gathering ever!

Fans all over the country are already sending their Convention fees to the Organising Secretary. There will be dozens of famous British and overseas fan personalities to meet, dozens of things to do! The convention programme has been extended, and the details are given on Page 2 of this issue of The Convention Extra. Due care has been taken that chances for fraternising & informal meetings are afforded between the programme items. And it must be emphasised again that no single fan, known or unknown, is going to be allowed to feel lost amid the throng, for there will be a live Reception Committee ever alert to see that all the Conventioneers get all the fun there is!

...minent speakers.

In the last issue of the Convention Extra we promised you big news about the Convention speakers. Here it is!

Mr. Walter Gillings, ex-Editor of "Tales of Wonder" and Director of Utopian Publications, Ltd., has agreed to act as Convention President, and will open the Sunday morning session with a Presidential address. And, circumstances, the Guest Speaker at the Convention dinner will be none other than the distinguished Professor A.M. Low. ... how it will run.

Teddington's Cosmos Club, sponsoring this Convention, is sparing no effort to put it over in a big way. It's a big responsibility, but one that the Club is eager and proud to bear. How big a success is to crown those efforts will depend somewhat upon you - but make no mistake, a success it will be! There's more than enough evidence of that fact right now! Are you coming? Have you sent your Convention fees along? (Don't forget, they're returnable if you have to cancel after all, but mean while it is important that they should be sent) It's an event you would really regret having missed if miss it you did. And - this is important - no guarantee can be given to provide accommodation and food for those who have not booked - and who decide to come at the last minute.

News of the proposed activities, the Programme, the fees, the name and address of the Organising Secretary - all are detailed overleaf. The fees include all meals mentioned in the Programme, and are amazingly low. Look at them. Look at the Programme. Then reach for your cheque-book! Special queries will be answered without delay. But send the Soc a stamp when you ask them, will ya?

ART WILLIAMS EDIT'S CONVENTION BOOKLET.

A Souvenir Booklet is to be produced for the occasion of the Easter Convention by Art Williams of 11 Kenbury Street, S.E.5. It will have international circulation and will be a prized memento of a great occasion.

Editor Williams will be pleased to receive "Greetings" ads from individuals and organisations who wish to insert them. Rates (including art decorations to advertiser's taste on quarter-page insertions upwards) are as follows:-

1"X3" (approx.) (e.g., JOE FAN GREET'S THE EASTERCON) 8d

2"X3" 1/3

1/2 page (3 1/2"X3") 1/9

1/2 page (7"X3 1/2 or 3 1/2"X6") 2/9

1 page (7"X6") 5/-

BIG PRICES FORECAST FOR AUCTION ITEMS

The stf. Auction sale which is to be a feature of the Sunday morning session at the Eastercon is expected to be a hugely popular event. Under the auctioneer's hammer wielded by Don Houston, big prices are expected for all the good and rare items put up. All fans with anything scientific to sell should get in touch at once with Don at 52 High Lane, Letchworth Herts., so as to get their items on the published list of lots.

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fan curiosa will be welcomed by him, and a guarantee of return in unharmed condition is given. Give, you brother fans - give!

THE PROGRAMME.

SATURDAY) Assembly, 2p.m.-3p.m.

Waterloo Station, London, outside News Theatre, Platform 1

3p.m. The Charing Cross Road!

5p.m. Tea visit to a Disney show/ informal conferences.

7.30p.m. CONVENTION DINNER

(Professor A.M.Low will speak)

Adjournment.

SUNDAY) 10.30 a.m. Assembly

Dress by the President, Mr.

Walter Gillings.

Auction... Music Recital.

LUNCH.

Film Show (including the amateur CBC Film & silent fantasy films). Guest Speeches.

Debate... Fantasy Drama.

TEA

Fanfun - a light-hearted party.

MONDAY) Informal events farewell party

THE COST.

Full Programme Saturday Apr. 8

to Monday Apr 10 15/-

Sunday only 7/6

Saturday only 7/6

(Inclusive of all meals & entertainments mentioned in the Programme.)

THE ORGANISING SECRETARY.

Send your Convention Fees or enquiries now to-

Dr. J. K. Aiken,

5, Kingfisher Court,

East Molesey,

Surrey

AND THE DATES ARE SATURDAY TO

MONDAY, APRIL 9 - 10, 1944.