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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the DETROIT SCIENCE & FANTASY LEAGUE will be held at the home of Roger Sims, 16880 Fairfield, Fairfield is one block east of Livernois and Rogers house is just about half a block south of Six mile road (McNichols road). The meeting will be held on Friday Sept. 22, 1950 at 8:00 pm. and last about 4 hours or so. In case you are not clear (not Dianetically) on any of the directions give Roger a call at UN 3-6523. muff sed..

PROGRAM: Who knows, we may even have an interesting meeting, especially if you show up. It seems to me that there is a very basic fact that a lot of the members of this club have either forgotten or didn't know in the first place. That is that a person gets out of a thing only what they put into it. I have seen manys the fan that has come to 4 - 5 -or even a dozen meetings of this organization and then start thinking to themselves (What am I getting out of this) and then in stead of doing something to improve the meetings or start constructive work of any kind, they stop coming to meetings and soon fandom is something of the past. In the past year I have seen a lot of potential fans do this very thing. And the trouble is that the people that do this seem to be the very ones that would make the best, constructive, type of fan. Among the people that have done this are Dr. Glen C. Hazen, Norman Kussuth, Murray Simuk, Andre' Weitzenhoffer, Virginia Beebe, W.R. Clack, Clayton P. Weaver, Donald Vetowich, Gerald Gordon, Bruce Davis, Richard Evans, Dick Balch, Mrs. Gloria Braylee, and many others. If these people would come to meetings of the club and try to improve them we would soon have one of the biggest and, most important, one of the best fan clubs in the country.

At the meet there will be a report of the eighth world Science - Fiction convention from the five members of the club that had been to it. There will also be a disscussion of a proposed third annual Halloween party. Also, yours truly, George Young, will have a few goodbyes to say as I think that I will be leaving to join one of Uncle Sammy's forces soon. Will you be there so that I can say goodbye to you.

NOW!

BEN SINGER + JERRY GORDON ANNOUNCE THE

CENTURY

BOOKSTORE

414 W. GRAND RIVER - (DOWNTOWN DETROIT)

SPECIALISTS IN SCIENCE-FICTION

BRING US YOUR WANTS

FOCAL POINT OF FAN GATHERINGS

('HOPE YOU MAKE A GO OF IT.....JACK WOODFORD)

REAL FANS SINGER AND GORDON START BOOKSTORE:

Ben Singer and Gerald Gordon
(Gor), veteran science-fiction

fans have a new project on their hands! A bookshop, no less! Century Bookshop, 414 W. Gd. River (downtown Detroit) is dedicated to the proposition that "it is un-prostitutional not to proposition an un-propositioned prostitute."

It is expected that the new bookshop will be the gathering point for all of Michigan fandom. Already four new fans have been introduced to the club through the store. Since the place will specialize in science fiction, it is hoped that club members will frequent the store and order their wants through Singer and Gordon. The club is considering fixing up the back room to use as a meeting room, a veritable second slant shack!

By the way, Ben and Gor have just written a hill-billy song which they say will be published in the not-too-distant future. The title: "Homely as the Hills."

Singer has just completed an article, tentatively titled "Youth Looks At Bookselling" which Jack Woodford, internationally famous novelist, will attempt to sell. Enthusiastic about the whole idea, Woodford is also going to use his "pull" to get the boys write-ups in local papers.

Gor is continuing his course in Metallurgical Engineering at Wayne University, and will work at the shop after school. Singer likes this idea because "Now I can get some writing done without hearing Gor's disheartening remarks every sentence."

Later on, we hope to get material from Ben on some of the humorous incidents encountered at the place. Meantime, you will have to be content to read his article (will forward info to you when we find out where and when it is published) in order to find out about the adventure with the Greek Prostitute who owned a set of Shakespeares.

NEW PROZINES OUT NOW: Galaxy Science Fiction, Donovan's Brain (Pocket) Marvel Stories (1st pwar ish), and others appearing to fast to keep track of. Books include Behind the Flying Saucers (a really sensational book), The Voyage of the Space Beagle, Big Book of SF, Best SF: 1950. (All available at Century Bookshop)

DIANETICS BESTSELLER: The Detroit Times of September 16th reports that Dianetics, L. Ron Hubbard's new book on the science of mental health, is fifth on the list of best-selling non-fiction. (Available Century Bookshop, \$4)

Club gets new publishing equipment: Because I have been getting it in the neck ever since we got rid of the old hit-it-a-gain-its-still-moving mimeo, on my recommendation, I decided to buy a mimeo for the club. I trust that I will have something left of my \$80.00 investment when I get back from Korea. This bulletin is being published on it.

NEXT CONVENTION: The next or ninth world Science - Fiction Convention will be held in New Orleans, La., sometime next Summer or Fall. Exact date is tentative. Send your buck for convention membership to: Harry Moore, 2703 Camp Street, New Orleans 17, La. Please remember to support your national convention; if you can't go, send a buck and you'll receive valuable convention announcements, a program booklet, and many other valuable items of interest.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY: Remember that magic date of October 31st. That's the date of the club's third annual Hallowe'en party, wherein all the ghosts, ghouls and goons gather. Keep that date open--remember, the characters of this club will come out in their natural garb and psychology. Our day to show our real selves. Costumes will be the order of the day.....

Click, little geiger, click you counter; with an amplifier, you'd sound like a tiger; can't you be kind to your master, click it off a little faster.....

---Old Uranium Prospector's Ballad, circ. 1950

FANZINES: The Science-Fiction Newsletter, This is about the best fanzine I have ever seen. It is published by photo offset method and the contents are always of interest. GOOD. Bob Tucker, Box 260 Bloomington, Ill.

Fantasy Times, just like your daily newspaper, Fantasy Times comes out every two weeks with the latest news of the prozines, fantasy movies, ect. News while it's hot. James V. Taurasi, 137-03 32nd Avenue, Flushing, New York.

Misc. The cover this issue was traced from a comic book called (The Beyond) , Which goes to prove that even comic books have there use, ha. All other artwork this issue was done by a fan who wishes to remain anonymous. (all that egoboo wasted-ed).

You should have seen Ted Sturgeon at the convention playing the guitar and singing west Indian songs with about as authentic a dialect as I have ever heard.

I did not write the article at the top of page 3.

George H. Young, Prexy DSFL

This space is for filler. I'm too tired so draw a picture here or

SOMETHING.

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