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THREE LOCAL CLUBS ACTIVE

IN NEW YORK CITY

Walter R. Cole, Slavin, Gordon New Officers
Of Centaurian League

Walter R. Cole and Riskey Slavin and Alan M. Gordon, all of Brooklyn, were elected President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Centaurian League at a meeting held in the home of Alan Gordon, former acting Treasurer, on Thursday, August 18, in Brooklyn, N.Y. The task of writing a constitution was completed at this meeting when all members present (about 12) ratified it by affixing their signatures to a copy. Future meetings will be devoted to discussing subjects pertaining to the criticism of science fiction as well as to speculative science. Interested fans should address the Secretary at 1626 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

At the meeting, Helena Schwimmer and Marcia John announced that they were forming a new club to be known tentatively as the Bronx Science
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SPECTATOR CHIEF DECLARES HE IS IN FANDOM FOR PERSONAL GLORY AND THE MONEY HE CAN MAKE OUT OF IT.

Lloyd Alpaugh of Somerville, N.J. answered "Yes" at the August meeting of the Queens SFCL when asked by the Director "Are you in fandom because of the personal prestige and the money you can get out of it?" Alpaugh said he came to club meetings to be entertained and not to take part in serious discussions of problems pertaining to science fiction.

SEPTEMBER 12 SET AS DATE OF ONE DAY GATHERING IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN

Sunday, September 12, 1948 from 2:00 to 10:00 P.M. has been set as the date and time for a SCIENCE FICTION CONCLAVE to be held under the auspices of the Queens Science Fiction League as a one day fan gathering for those Eastern fans who could not attend the Torcon on July 3, 4, 5. A fantasy film, "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," will be shown. There will be a full program featuring prominent authors, editors and artists of science fiction magazines, as well as well-known fans. An entertainment is being arranged. A science fiction auction has been planned, and material is now being gathered. A hall seating about 200 people has already been rented. It is located on 42nd Street in the heart of midtown Manhattan.

Printed invitations are being mailed today mainly to fans on the Atlantic Seaboard, although a few courtesy cards will be sent to fan clubs and selected fans east and west of the Mississippi. A souvenir journal is being printed. Deadline for ads, boosters, and pictures is September 3. The journal will sell for 25¢. In accordance with universal fan custom, admission to the Mall will be free. Proceeds of the auction will be used to defray the expenses of the sponsoring club.

The committee consists of Alvin R. Brown, Walter R. Cole, Harry Harrison, Raymond Van Houten, Robert H. Rosen, James V. Taurasi, and Will Sykorak. Inquiries addressed to the committee c/o FANTASY NEWS will be promptly answered.

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BOOST SCIENCE FICTION

EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.
 We again undertake to publish FANTASY NEWS. Many weeks of planning have resulted in our accepting the obligation to publish regularly every week. We recognize that without weekly publication, regular as clockwork, most of the value of a newspaper such as this is lost. A two-page single sheet like this one will be the minimum format. Spare time and amount of advertising will determine whether additional pages will be mined. We hope to have some pleasant surprises in store for our faithful subscribers.
 We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends who have stuck with us. We hope to justify their faith in our little paper and would like to count on their continued support.

NEW YORK CLUBS Continued.
 Fiction League. The first meeting will be held at Miss Schwimmer's home, 1370 College Ave., in the Bronx. The club will be mainly an informal discussion group for younger fans.
 The Queens Science Fiction League, organized in September of 1938, has resumed monthly meetings. Attendance in May was 11, in June it reached 17, 16 attended in July, and a record of 50 for the series was set at the August meeting. The first official meeting for the 1948-1949 season will be held at Volkert's Hall, 28-11 27th Street, Long Island City, on September 19, at 8:00 P.M.

QUEENS SFL WARNS THAT SHAVERISM IS A MENACE TO ORGANIZED FANDOM

At the meeting of the Queens Science Fiction League held on August 15 at Volkert's Hall, Long Island City, and attended by 30 members and guests, the following motion was carried by voice vote:
 "Resolved that the Shaver Mystery and the Shaver Mystery Club of N.Y. are diametrically opposed to the interests of science fiction, that the Queens SFL do everything in its power to oppose this travesty upon the American science fiction reading public, that definite action be taken at the next meeting to implement this motion, and that this decision shall be made public."
 The resolution was moved by Martin Margulies and seconded by Roy van Houten and others. It was carried by a large majority.
 The QSFL Executive Committee is now studying the resolution and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

TUCKER DOES IT AGAIN!

A. Wilson (Bob) Tucker has a new mystery novel just published. It is titled "The Dove" and continues the adventures of "Charles Herne" started in "The Chinese Doll" and renewed in "To Keep or Kill." The new novel has been published by W. B. Reed and Company. It has received favorable comment from Craig Rice, famed mystery writer. Bob is past president of the NEFF and is now a director of the Fantasy Foundation.

Addendum: Martin Margulies is also a member of the S-F Conclave Comm.

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