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## BIRTHDAY MEETING DRAWS NEAR. SAWYER, MOLESWORTH IN DOUBT.

With less than a week to go to the second birthday meeting of the F.S.S., there is still some doubt as to who will be present.

Some of the guests invited by the club will not know until later in the week whether they will be able to come or not. Other arrangements interfere, and as yet they are not certain of attending the meeting.

Two F.S.S. members are also uncertain as to whether they will be able to come. These are Bruce Sawyer and Vol Molesworth.

Although Bruce has not said anything definite, it seems that he will be going into camp at Greta on November 10. Hence Sunday, 9th November will be his last day before camp, and consequently he will probably not be able to find time for the meeting. Bruce has not attended any meeting for a long time, and it is not likely that the birthday affair will attract him more than the others.

Vol Molesworth, who last week said that there was little chance of his being able to come, now hopes to be out of hospital before the ninth. He is not quite sure yet, but if all goes well Vol's face (and the rest of him) will be amongst those present.

No other members are going ahead with their plans as the meeting draws close. The quiz is being prepared and may be bigger than was originally intended, though members are finding it a little hard to think of some good out-of-the-ordinary questions. Other preparations are being made, to make the meeting a little better. We hope to print details of the meeting next week.

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POLLS.No.3..MAGAZINES.FINAL VOTES PUT ASTOUNDING IN FRONT.

During the week we received five extra votes in our poll for magazines. This brought the total up to 14, which enabled us to close the poll on time, with a record number of votes.

Astounding and Unknown retained their lead, then one of the last votes put Astounding one point ahead. Final positions are:-

Total number of votes.....	14
ASTOUNDING.....	9 points
UNKNOWN.....	8 "
OLD AMAZING.....	5 "
NEW AMAZING, CAP.FUTURE, WONDER.....	3 "
F.F.M., STARTLING, T.W.S., WEIRD.....	2 "
ASTONISHING, SCOOPS.....	1 "

These are the final positions. Street and Smith have scored a big win, although neither Astounding nor Unknown maintained the high percentage the first few votes seemed to indicate.

Old Amazing remained a safe third, keeping its two points lead over the others. New Amazing and Captain Future both gained, finishing fourth with Wonder Stories.

Only addition this week was Weird Tales, which got two votes, putting it ahead of Scoops and Astonishing.

POLL No.4...PRO EDITORS.

One of the suggestions we had regarding polls we ought to hold was a poll on pro-editors. This seemed to fit in very nicely after the magazine contest, so we chose it as our next subject.

Before you vote there is a word of advice that you should heed. The poll is to find the most popular editor, not the best. For, while he is not extremely well liked amongst fans, it cannot be denied that Ray Palmer is a very good editor. To dig Amazing out of the scrap heap, and build up its circulation to fifty or sixty thousand, is not an easy job. But Palmer did it, though fans in general did not like his method.

So send in your five favourite editors. They will receive one vote each.

Certain conditions, both financial and otherwise, have caused a shuffle of Reporter's editors. Eric F. Russell has resigned, and Vol Molesworth has taken his place. Colin Roden is still co-editor.

At the present moment, Eric has Ultra's anniversary issue on his hands, and several other things. Hence the reason for his resignation. Vol Molesworth, out of action for a while, and uncertain as to when Cosmos will appear, has filled the gap, much to the relief (financial) of the other editor. You may not realise it, but putting out Reporter is quite a costly process. Style and format will be unchanged.

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#### FANDOM AT RANDOM.

##### VOL MOLESWORTH'S PROGRESS.

From the front page of this issue you will learn that Vol Molesworth hopes to be out of hospital some time this week. Details are not there, however.

Last Monday, Vol underwent an operation on his tonsils. Fans visiting him on Sunday found that if all went well, he would be out on November 3.

Naturally, after the operation, his throat was sore and he has been existing on milk and eggflips for the past week. Also (yes, it's true) he was unable to talk very much.

Actually, he was not at his best. An operation is not a nice thing to have, and coming only a week or two after his previous one, it was not very pleasant. Now, however, he seems to be on the road to recovery, and all fandom hopes to see him on his feet again.

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#### FAKS AND THE WAR.

We have more details this week on the effect of the war on Australian fandom.

Bruce Sawyer is to go into camp this month, which means that he will again be out of action, as far as fandom is concerned. To quote Bruce: "I am going to fight for the future of the world, not talk about it"

Ken Williams will also be going into camp this year, probably in December. Eric Russell, who was examined last week, will not be called up.

Various other members of the fan group will be in the military spotlight shortly, and we will try and give you the details as they happen.

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BOOKS

Royal Arcade Bookstall, which last week displayed an enormous quantity of post ban stuff, is almost back to normal again by now. Fans eagerly snapped up the more tender pieces, even forgetting to object at the prices charged. Actually, the magazines were not very dear, in comparison with those of other states. In Melbourne, some old Clayton Astoundings, in terrible conditions, were offered at 2/- each, while prices at times have reached 3/6.

March 1941 Reprint Astounding is on sale in Hobart. Sydney fans are wondering how Roger's cover, which was exceedingly smooth, was reproduced. It will not be long before they know.

Selling in Sydney at the moment is a fifty page book, called "Death Comes to the Fuehrer", which is a fantasy story of a super television set that enables Hitler to see the people he has killed. We will not review the book. It should be on sale in all States shortly.

Arthur Duncan and Eric Russell, editors of Spaceward and Ultra, respectively, assure us that both mags will be out this month.

BITS.

Surprise! General reaction to Sydney's latest sci film, "King of the Zombies", was favourable.

Five fairly rare Amazing Quarterlies were picked up by Eric Russell during the week.

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