

## ADVANCE INFORMATION

Just received—news of OLYMPICON, the 5th Australian Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Melbourne on December 8th and 9th of this year. We are tempted by the thought of a December summer in Melbourne, and the programme itself promises to be a very full one—talks, a debate, a play, displays, a dinner and film shows. Overseas fans will be welcome: the fee is 10/- Australian, 8/- sterling or \$1.00 U.S., which will entitle you to a membership badge, souvenir booklet and Convention Report. Anyone interested should get in touch with R. J. McGubbin, 90 Lilydale Grove, Hawthorn East, Victoria.

Incidentally, for collectors of fan magazines, Australia has a neatly produced journal in *ETHERLINE*—published at 6d. by the Melbourne Science Fiction Group, now up to 64 issues.

### DETAIL

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## CAULDRON

In a hopeful moment we called 1956 the year of opportunity but so far it remains just an idea. Trouble in the printing industry, troubles with the Postmaster General, trouble on the home front with staff shortages, has put a strain on members and on ourselves. Yet the fact is, as we enter our fourth year of publication, membership stands at the highest figure since we began.

Looking at the eighteen volumes that grace the shelves in the tudor mansion we call home, looking at SFBC 1/18 we think—'there's nothing to be ashamed of in that little lot.'

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The next three books bring some fresh names to the club's gallery of authors: Wilson Tucker, whose novel has a rare power, and E. C. Tubb, known to many through his short stories, voted the most popular author of 1955 by the readers of "Nebula" (sf magazine edited by Peter Hamilton of Glasgow), and recently appointed editor of "Authentic."