



NOTES ON THE FIRST MEETING
OF THE
SHOWMAN'S CLUB

Bill Wieler, PRESIDENT

The first annual meeting of the recently formed Showman's Club was held in conjunction with the CFA Annual Meeting held on June 20-21 at the Hotel Deauville, Miami Beach, Florida.

Dean Wieler called the meeting to order on Friday morning, June 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the hour before the Annual Meeting started. He at once turned the meeting over to Miss Celia Heriot, Secretary of the Showman's Club, since the Club owes its being to her foresight and enthusiasm. Miss Heriot called upon Mr. Eberhardt E. LeSchin, Treasurer, who reported a balance of \$101.72. Miss Heriot then called upon the members present who represented the various CFA Regions. The following people reported what they were trying to do in their Regions to further interest in the care and presentation of cats at the many CFA shows held across the country during the course of the year: Mrs. Muriel Slodden, Mrs. Grace Forest, Mr. William Thompson, Mr. Richard Koepp, Mr. Don Thompson. Other representatives were unable to attend.

Some lively discussion followed each of these reports. Oddly enough, as Mr. Friend from Baltimore commented after the meeting, among so many breeders of pedigreed cats, it was refreshing to have the spotlight fall so often on the place of the Household Pet in our various shows. It was obvious from much of the discussion that show-managers and their committees were becoming increasingly aware of the important place that the household pet occupies in the hearts of "the Gate." We cannot and we must not ignore these patrons!

The opening of the Annual C.F.A. meeting brought the first meeting of the Showman's Club to a close in the midst of much interested and interesting talk, and the meeting adjourned until Toronto, 1970, with a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Heriot for her further contribution of self and energy to the cause of the Cat.

The present officers will continue by Constitutional directive until the next Annual CFA Meeting. Membership in the Showman's Club is limited to Show Managers; the annual dues are \$1.00 payable to Eberhardt E. LeSchin, 19 Park Avenue, White Plains, New York 10603, Telephone (914) WH 8- 5170.