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Mystery Writer Elected Head of Authors League



Rex T. Stout

The Authors League of America elected Rex T. Stout, mystery story writer and lecturer, as its president at a membership meeting yesterday in the Barbizon Plaza Hotel. Mr. Stout, who succeeds Oscar Hammerstein 2d, is the creator of the character Nero Wolfe, super-detective. He lives in Brewster, N. Y.

John Hersey, vice president of the league and author of "A Bell for Adano" and "The Wall," presided at the meeting, which was not open to reporters. After the meeting he said that no other officers had been elected because of a pending amendment to the league's constitution providing for two vice presidents.

John Schulman, an attorney for the Authors League, made a report on information he had gathered here and abroad concerning proposed changes in international copyright laws.