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FORRY ACKERMAN IS RECOVERING from a heart blockage which damaged a ventricle. Just before Tricon, Forry started feeling short of breath, and went in for some tests. Nothing conclusive was learned, and Forry was allowed to go to the con. Further tests indicated he might have had a walking coronary (a mild heart attack), and he was told to go to the hospital, but he begged off because of the week-long Open House he had already scheduled and sent out announcements for. He was allowed to stay at home, being up for the four hours of the Open House each evening, but supposed to be in bed the rest of the day. After the Open House, he did go to Midway Hospital for the better part of a week, where the actual damage was declared to be a heart blockage, damaging the ventricle and killing the nerve that controls the pulse rate. He is now recuperating at home, on a strict diet (1000 calories a day, no oils of any kind) and avoiding exertion. Forry is under the care of Dr. Henstell, father of Bruce Henstell (active in fandom 1959-62).

ACE BOOKS FOR DECEMBER will include Utopia Minus X, by Rex Gordon, Invaders From the Infinite, by John W. Campbell, and the double-backed Time to Live (John Rackham)/The Man Without a Planet (Lin Carter). There is also the first of "a new science fiction series by Larry Maddock." The series is "Agent of T.E.R.R.A.," and #1 is "The Flying Saucer Gambit." T.E.R.R.A. fights the "sinister forces of Empire!" I know Ace is making money on their U.N.C.L.E. books, but this is ridiculous! Bleh!

THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY celebrated its 32nd Anniversary in October, with Guest Speaker Ray Bradbury and a packed meeting room. Bradbury (a LASFS alumnus from the 40's) spoke on the shooting of the movie "Fahrenheit 451" and on his future writing and dramatic plans. He also played the taped narration he had done for the U.S. Pavilion at the NY World's Fair. The 8th Annual Evans-Freehafer Award for service to LASFS was presented to Bruce Pelz, and a new award was inaugurated with the presentation of the first annual "Forry" award, for service to the SF field, to Ray Bradbury.

BOSKONE III, a local Boston convention held Oct. 1-3, had a total attendance of 68. It was considered successful in its two aims: to build up Boston fanac and to raise money for the Boston in '70 publicity push. To counter one of the objections raised against Boston as a worldcon bidder -- lack of conventioning experience among the committee -- the regional and local Boskones will be chaired on a rotating basis by members of the committee, so that everyone will have been Chairman of at least one by the time the '70 bid comes up. Boskone III was chaired by Erwin "Filthy Pierre" Strauss, and Boskone IV, scheduled for 1 April 1967, will be Chaired by the Galvin brothers.

RON ELLIK, LOCAL SQUIRREL-ABOUT-TOWN, having had his ego inflated to a new record by the appearance of his book The Worlds of E.E. Smith, invaded the offices of a local newspaper in Orange County, Calif., and palmed off a theatre review on them for space filler. He is now their Theatre Reviewer (and occasionally their Music Reviewer), with frequent publication, free tickets, and paid transportation to the productions he reviews. He now wears a 15-Gallon hat. It is denied that he has tried to badger Advent: Publishers into doing a collection of his reviews as a book.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF GERFANDOM, which was to have been held in Vienna in 1967, will instead be held in Berlin, August 4-7. Foreign visitors are welcome. For information, contact Reinhard Horschberger, 1 Berlin 12, Schlueterstrasse 49.

TED JOHNSTONE, LOCAL THRUSH AGENT (not to be confused with David McDaniel, author of "Man From U.U.N.C.L.E." Books; confused them separately, please) is collaborating on a novel with H.L. Gold. Forry Ackerman, who engineered the deal, will agent the novel for the usual 10%.

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FRED LERNER, currently in training as a U.S. Army cannon-fodder at Ft. Dix, N.J., qualified as Expert Rifleman, to the amazement of all -- especially of Fred Lerner.

THE LASFS HALLOWEEN PARTY was quieter this year, in spite of the "theme": Come As Some Other LASFSian. At least there were no shots through the walls, as happened at last year's Halloween Party, held at the same place. There weren't even any brawls as a result of the theme. There were only two duplications of characters (? Jack Harnesses, 2 Jane Ellerns). Prizes went to: Len Bailes as Ted Johnstone (Most Authentic - Male); Helen Smith as Hilda Hoffman (Most Authentic - Female -- in spite of the fact that she hadn't come as Hilda, but as J.G. Newkom, the judges decided she looked like Hilda and awarded the prize anyway); Hilda Hoffman as the IASFS itself - The Snake Pit of Fandom (complete with 2 live snakes) (Most Humorous); Bruce Pelz as Gretchen Schwenn (Most Insulting); Dian Pelz as Katya Hulan (Judges' Choice, Most Sexy); and Frank Coe as Bruce Pelz (Judges' Choice, Most Disgusting). This theme will be retired for about five years, to give the LASFS time to assimilate more members worth impersonating. (Judges: Dave Fox, Fred Patten, Don Fitch.)

THE LUNARIANS' ELECTION of 15 October returned incumbents Frank Dietz and Walt Cole to their respective posts as President and Secretary. Robin White and Marsha Brown ran for Treasurer on platforms of disinterest, and Robin won by one vote. Ted White and Al Schuster were elected to the Membership Committee, and Charlie Brown was again appointed Chairman of the Lunacon. // Bill Ellern resigned as Treasurer of the LASFS for personal reasons, and, in the election held for his replacement, Chuch Crayne beat Earl Thompson 15 to 12.

APAc: The 77th SAPS Mailing Has 483 pages, with almost half of it -- 231 pages -- sent in by John Foyster. 2 members were dropped, but the waiting-list, currently 23 people, moves mostly by dropping waitlisters for late- and non-reply. // TAPA [Technological Amateur Press Assn.] is open to anyone interested. The 9th distribution is scheduled for 18 November, and every other Friday following. Participants should send 30 copies of a 1+ page contribution, together with a self-addressed 9x12 envelope and 20¢ in postage to Mike Ward, 116 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass. 02142. TAPA 6 ran to 33 pages. // Apparently some of the newer small APAs are beginning to fold. APA L seems to have weathered the storm of crepe-hangers that hit it right after Tricon, but the Stobcler mailing is a couple months late, InterAPA is buried somewhere under Dwain Kaiser, and little has been heard from APA 45 or TAPS of late, let alone Marvel APA or Monster APA. // The Cult, however, is not only still alive, it seems to have fissioned as a result of a hoax roster. The Real Cult goes nastily but merrily on under the OAship of Scotty Tapscott, but Cult-II may have formed under the self-appointed OAship of Jim Sanders. Joiner types can write these worthies for info.