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At 5:28 pm on Tuesday, October 14, the body of Clayton Kent Moomaw, 18 year old faneditor, letter-writer, CULT member and FAPA waiting-lister, was found in Dogwood Park, some 10 blocks from his home, 6705 Bramble, Cincinnati, Ohio. His wrists and throat were slashed, and Mariemont Police Chief Shanks said a razor blade was found under the body; he apparently took his own life.

Kent left home at 10:00 am Monday to register with the Selective Service System. When he did not return that night, he was reported missing; he was found the next evening by a Cub Scout Den Mother at the base of a steep embankment near the rear of a ballfield.

Stan Skirvin sent us clippings from the CINCINNATI ENQUIRER of October 15, and Don Ford verified that this was, indeed, Kent Moomaw the fan. Both Stan and Don refer to him as a recluse from the active, club-going segment of Cincy fandom, and Don tells the story of how, in 1957, he attempted to get Kent interested in the CFG, only to hear nothing from him until the MidWesCon this June.

Many of Kent's letters in CULTzines and general fanzines, such as the recent VARIOSO, dwelt on the meaning and worth of fandom as a hobby. With this tragedy in mind we can only speculate that behind the typewriter that produced these letters was a fan trying to fill in some big gaps in his emotional life through activity in the amateur fantasy field. It is sad to read of the death of fans through disease and ineffective operations; but it is mind-wrenching to find that one of our number has taken his own life.

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AND THOUGH MY LAW IS FUDGE DEPT: George Nims Raybin (and I hope he's a G&S fan) sends along a copy of his resignation as Legal Officer, etc., of the WSFSInc-- the resignation he read at the South Gate Con--along with a copy of a letter to Dave Kyle, telling him that he is sending a stipulation of substitution (of which we also got a copy) which will allow Dave, as Director of WSFSInc, to put another lawyer in George's place in the suit of WSFSInc v. David A. Kyle. I read all this paperwork and put my head in my hands to see if it would clear up. But thank you, George. Now maybe Dave can get his funds un-attached.

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"EIDON EVERETT, OF TACOMA," says Jack Speer, altho not in caps, "wrote me some time ago for a contribution to a fan-history symposium, for which he also expected material from Allen Glasser and other only slightly less legendary persons; but it's not a new version of the Immortal Storm. It was intended not to cover history from the beginning to the present, but only to bring together whatever we might want to write. I don't know why I don't." ##Eney says that his FANCYCLOPEDIA II is in roughdraft form. We hesitate to predict an actual publishing date, but if you want info from Richard, he lives at 417 Ft. Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Virginia.

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FANDOM'S COOKBOOK is intended to show that New York fans can so produce something besides lawsuits and intrigue, says Ellis Mills. He, Ben Jason and Ruth Kyle, with the gastronomic assistance of chief guinea pig Dave Kyle, are going to put together a volume of fandom's favorite recipes for the Detention. Wanted: Recipes for Drinks, Main Dishes (with or without meat), Salads, Hot Breads and Desserts, Party Suggestions and also hints for bachelors on how to prepare nourishing, tasty meals with not too much money. Fandom's Kitchen, c/o Ruth Kyle, Radio Station WFDN, Potsdam, New York, is not connected with the World Science Fiction Sink or the Weyauwega Washhouse; this is a serious endeavor, the gravity of which is only lessened by our glee that Dave must try everything before it sees print. Send your recipes.

Speaking of the Detention, anyone who wants to get a low membership number (I know for a fact that 74 of them are gone) should send his \$2 to Jim Broderick, 2218 Drexel Street, Detroit 15, Michigan. These people want to put on a wowzer of a world con next Labor Day, and can do it better if you send your money NOW.

BEM #6 (Mal Ashworth and Tom White, 40 Makin St, Tong St, Bradford 4, Yorks, England; last issue). The 5th issue of BEM appeared in September, 1955. Now, a few days more than three years later, we are treated to material by Gregg Calkins, Chris Youd, the Lindsays, Enever, Vin# Clarke, and of course editors Ashwhite and Tomworth. If it hadn't been three and a half years between issues of my first fanzine, I would laugh at them. As it is, I sympathize.... They say on the contents page that anybody who feels he deserves a copy of this issue should write to them. If there are any left, they'll send you/him/her one. It's a good issue of a good fanzine--but this is all. They quit.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Martin Jukovsky	Jerry DeMuth	Robin Wood, rm 102	Bob Stewart
144-07 Sanford Ave	716 Clark St	Beckett Hall	1418 Avenue K
Flushing 55, NY	Evanston, Ill	Davis, California	Huntsville, Texas
Don Thompson, Apt 5F	Art&Trina Castillo	Ray Nelson, c/o Jean Linard	
131 West Park Ave	Box 112, Canyon	24 rue Petit	
State College, Penna	Contra Costa Co, Calif	Vesoul, Haute-Saone, FRANCE	

ON THE ABOVE: Jukovsky used to live there, but moved and wants people to know he moved back; DeMuth says his home address in Franklin Park is always good, but he's going to school in Evanston until June; Wood, Stewart and Thompson are ~~xxx~~ at these addresses for school until June; the Castillos now have a POBox, which note; and Ray Nelson is living, indefinitely, with the Linards--expect some fabulous fmz.

APORRHETA #s3&4 (HFSanderson & Clarkes, 7 Inchmery Road, Catford, London SE6, England; 1/- per issue, or a letter at least once for three issues). More snide remarks about FANAC's unreliability; I wish I could go over them one by one, but it shall stand as just another of our vague and unreliable remarks. News here is that Ron Bennett's convention report will appear serially, in several fanzines; first installment should appear soon in PERIHELION, from Bryan Welham and Barry Hall, 179 Old Road, Clacton-On-Sea, Essex, England. Second installment in AFE. ##Ken Bulmer (Tresco, 204, Wealdmeadow Rd, Catford, London SE6) objects to us lumping all of London or all of Catford fandom together in our nips at the heels of Inchmerydom. London is not a group, he says, since no organized club meets anywhere in London, and London didn't make any remarks about FANAC. He says FANAC has a high reputation and he wishes us success for the future. Sylvia Dees' address, Ken, is c/o Ted White, 2712 No. Charles St. Baltimore 18, Maryland.

THETA #3 (Jack Harness, 547 So. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles 5) and MIMSY #3 (Bjo, Steve and Ernie, 2548 West 12th Street, Los Angeles 6, California); both contain chatty convention reports after the inimitable fashion of the editors and their assorted friends. THETA contains letters from Harness to people, mostly Dave Kyle and FMBusby. MIMSY contains columns and articles by Bloch, Djinn and Bjo.

THE SCI-FI SCENE: IA

by Forrest (Jaded as a Neckbird) Ackerman, 915 So Sherbourne Dr, LosAng 35, Calif.

Seen at the preview of the modern fantasy color-comedy BELL, BOOK AND CANDIE: Kim Novak, Forry Ackerman, Ray Bradbury, Ernie Kovacs, Julian Blaustien (producer of THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL), Eric Ambler, Walt Liebscher and James Stewart.

Forry Ackerman is pushing Trina Castillo as a Playmate for PLAYBOY and for star-part in Larry-Maddock-Corrie Howard script, DEBBIE AND THE DEMON.

Fritz Leiber gave fascinating, erudite extemporaneous speech at IASFS on the sci-fi contributions ("The Star Rover," "The Iron Heel," etc.) of California great, Jack London.

Walt Liebscher arranged for a small group to see a private showing of MARK OF THE VAMPIRE (early MGM weirdie with Bela Lugosi, Lionel Barrymore & Jean Harsholt) with a kinescope of the televersion of THE JET-PROPELLED COUCH on the same program. Among those present were Fritz & Jonquil Leiber, Francine Fitch, 4sj, Bjo, Djinn and Rah Hoffman.

Helen Urban, Larry Maddock and 4sj have made sales to the new national 50¢ periodical, Sex & Censorship. The Ackermaricle, titled BURN WITHIN BURN I, concerns the fantastic art and personality of Rosaleen Norton.

Forry Ackerman wants MIRIAM DYCHES for Christmas (because she looks good in stockings) and TERRY CARR for Easter (because he's a good egg).

Walt Liebscher organized a very successful theater party to see Basil Rathbone & Co in MIDNIGHT AT 8, a dramatization of weird tales by Poe, Collier, Bierce and others. Attendees included Bjo, Larry Ware, Djinn, Rah Hoffman, Barbara Gratz, Al Lewis, Sylvia Hirahara, Bill Ellern, Larry Gurney and fouresjay. An impromptu party was held afterwards at Al Lewis' home.

Hour-long sessions in ESPERANTO, the artificial world-language, have been given prior to IASFS meetings at the request of members. Jill Vuerhard, Larry Ware, Bjo, Djinn, Ernie Wheatley, Zeke Leppin, Barbara Gratz and Ted Johstone are among the "studantoj".

The day he met his wife-to-be (the former Julie Ross, one-time directrix of IASFS), Larry Maddock wrote "Collector's Item." On his birthday, 10 Oct 58, the scifi-cum-sex yarn was published in Sir Knight. It's the lead-off yarn (double page-illo) in vln4 of this 50¢ men's mag.

Forry Ackerman will invite 200-people to his 42d birthday party in November and extend it over three nites.

Thos McGrath, author of Mainstream's dystopian novel "The Gates of Ivory, The Gates of Horn," got divorced.

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PRO NEWS DEPT: Bob Bloch says in a letter to the Gibsons, referring to a letter he got from the "east," "Galaxy is going bimonthly, so is FANTASTIC UNIVERSE; VANGUARD is dead, STAR hasn't shown any signs of life, IF isn't doing well, a couple of the lesser titles are folding or folded." At about the same time, we get a letter from Ted Pauls (1448 Meridene Dr, Balto 12, Md): "FANTASTIC UNIVERSE is now bim; there will be NO Dedember ish. In a coming ish, prolly Jan, of FU, there will be a Solacon report, in the Universe In Books column. Santesson will plug DC's 1960 worldcon bid. John Hitchcock is in New York: Room 5B1, 206 W 92nd Street, NY 25, NY." This is all the space we can spare for dirty pros.

TERRY CARR FOR TAFF is being echoed and re-echoed by Seattle, Cleveland, Washington, Los Angeles and (ahem) Berkeley. But Seattle and Cleveland are co-sponsoring a project to bring John Berry to the Detention next Labor Day, without dipping into the TAFF fund at all; a worthy project, indeed. For info, write to Nick and Noreen Falasca, 5612 Warwick Dr, Parma 29, Ohio, or FM&E Busby, 2852-14th Av W, Seattle 99. Busbies have also produced POLARITY #3, containing conreps by both of them, and two full pages of fan-fotos, including Caughran, Rike, Graham, Carr and Ellik of Berkeley fandom.

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A CON A MONTH FROM ALL OVER: The Falascas report that their Con-A-Month Plan (slogan: fan now and sue later) is in fine form, and rolling along with no stop in sight for many months. A brief re-hash for those who just snuck in under the tent flap: Last Autumn, there were conferences and large parties held in the East in October, November and Christmas--the Octocon, a Thanksgiving party at the Falascas, and a Christmas party. This year, starting in May, you have the Disclave, the MidWesCon, the IllWiscon, the World Con (Aug & Sept), the Octocon II, and, we hope, another Tnxgiving party, and...who knows where it'll stop? At the Octocon II there were Marty Greenberg, Dircie Archer, Marian Mallinger, Ben Taylor, Ed Hamilton, Leigh Brackett, Steve & Virginia Schultheis, Lou Tabakow, Bob Christenberry, Dean McLaughlin, Rog Sims, Mable Reed, Bill Rickhardt, George Young, Jim Broderick, Fred Prophet, Howard DeVore, Earl & Nancy Kemp, Jim O'Meara, Elsie Janda, Ed Bielfeldt, Lewis Grant Jr, Ben Jason, Gene Pallat & the hosts. Can they keep it up until the Detention?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Sally (Dunn) & Roger Brues
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MEL HUNTER, sf artist and formatician, was on the tv show "Tell The Truth," 21 October 1958 (Berkeley date--it was probably a film of an earlier show in NYC). He and another fellow were lying about being an Air Force Captain while the Air Force Captain sat between them. Hunter was not a special guest--just another of the people who are not the people the panel tries to discover. This is the sort of news we expect to see in three-inch headlines on SETimes.

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