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Halloween Finery Best Yet, Declare Judges of Contest

An unusually-large turn-out of youngsters in a thousand-and-one varieties of Halloween costumes marked the eighth annual celebration held here Saturday night. It was adjudged one of the best ever held, and complaints of Halloween vandalism during the evening were at a minimum.

There were but few floats entered. The Junior High School's entry, showing Hitler and Mussolini hanging in effigy, took first prize. Auxiliary firemen entered one of their auxiliary trucks and won second, while third went to the entry of A. W. V. S.

Costume Prizes

Costume prizes were awarded to the following: Elaine Packard, Walter McPhail, Eugene and Elsie Stevens, Bobby Scheel, Marilyn Schier, Granville Dance, Betty Baker, Virginia Darr, Sally Carpenter, Karen Jane Raviolo, Philip Allen, John Wendell, Bill Carlisle, Shan Painter, Tommie Maxwell, Jim Arnold, Bradford Kenpton, Sazie Seiffert, Gretchen Toothaker, Jim Moloney.

Anne Lhotan, Oldrich Lhotan, Gilbert Hall, Mary Elizabeth Saunders, David Saunders, David Dalton, Bill Downey, Anne Sanders, Judy Henderson, Robert Reavy, Mary Reavy, Bill Atkins, Bill Elliott, Mary Anne Sawyer, Dan and Dick Pyle, Billy Dave, Raymond Brant, Sally Buck, Ernestine Winston, Franklin Brisen-dine, Carl Luckenbach, Mary Gravelin, Alan Wright, Shirley Jarvis, Mary Adams, Charles Allison, Ricky Lou Vita, Rita Gouldwin, Peter Plumstead, Joan Allison, Sylvia Kramer, Joanne Kramer, Betty Lane, Annie Wilt, Barbara Carrier, Stuart Shaffer and Marilyn McLaren.

Shirley Jarvis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jarvis, 384 Hen-rick, appeared to be the youngest in the parade. Dressed as a Red Cross nurse, Shirley, who is 21 months old, rode atop a baby buggy pushed by her brother, Donnie, 8 years old.

That Beef Barbecue

That beef barbecue and serving of food on the Hill School grounds, the chief attraction of the beef barbecue. The steer used was fattened on the farm of Willie Bell, originator of the Halloween affair. The task of its preparation went to Stroup, who was working nights and overtime. Fred Bolz, head of the meat department, boned the carcass, rolled it into roasts, and cooked it, while Rollie Reese, store manager, aided by all the men in the store, served it from the big pans, under the general direction of Joseph Stroup.

After the food festivities, there was a show at the high school for the younger children; a junior high dance, and a senior high dance. Charles J. Shain was general chairman.

Prize Donors

According to Charles B. Randall, following are those who donated prizes:

Birmingham National Bank (First Prize); Potter moving company, C. F. Smith Store (West Maple), Labelles, McBride hardware, Peck's, Schettler's Drug Co., Matthew tailor shop, Photographic Shop, Birmingham Hardware, Jack's shoe repair, Ritter's, S. S. Kruse Co.

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Bits of Birmingham

Dr. Claud W. Behn, 268 Fairfax, who was hurt in an auto crash near City on July 3, 1941, lost his \$25,000 lawsuit tried last week at Pontiac. After four days of hearing the case, a jury said there was no cause for action. Dr. Behn, who said he received permanent injuries, sued the driver and owner of a truck, and also one of two drivers involved in the original collision. Four vehicles tangled in the crash.

Another jury was more generous. In the \$50,000 suit brought by Mrs. Heath A. Fitzpatrick, administratrix of her husband's estate, against Harry T. Baker and Stanley Thomas, she won a judgment of \$10,000. Her husband was killed at Franklin and West Maple roads July 21, 1941, while he rode in the trunk of his employer, Thomas Baker was the owner of the other truck involved in the crash. All live in Pontiac.

About 30 are enrolled in a combined typing and office machine course to be taught Tuesday and Thursday nights at Baldwin High School. People who have had some training or who will work hard to make up past lessons may still enter the course by coming to the class tonight at 8:45 pm. (the office machine course is held Thurs. 8:00-10:00). The fee is \$10 for the 10-week course, according to L. H. Brabaker, who will teach at Baldwin.

M. M. Halsted, 1452 Dorchester, has reported the theft of his son's Roadmaster bicycle, taken Sunday from the Episcopal church grounds.

Jack Robinson, of 202 South Center street, Royal Oak, was found parked on High street at 2:40 am Sunday morning, drunk. He paid a \$15 fine in justice. Forbes S. Haxall's court and it is understood that he was fired from his job—that of driving cab for a Detroit concern. He was in the cab when it was involved in an accident that short right-of-way which angles from Hunter boulevard to Maple, near the main Maple crossing.

Mrs. Marian A. Giegge of 610 Chester, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at 4:38 am Saturday after she was found near the bus station in a fainting condition caused by loss of blood. Police said she lost weight in breaking the glass of an automobile window.

In the big civilian defense show Sunday night, several Birmingham folk were noted seated in a box along with Gov. VanWagoner, Mayor Jeffries and Army dignitaries. They were Mrs. Thelma Minton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hunzinger and Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Bird.

Most apartment house owners now allow their tenants to have babies, but his said that the Birmingham Manors on Southford road is different and that many of the tenants are blessed with children. In fact the caretaker has a family of nine.

Last week this column referred to the hope that the WPA would soon get those rolls off Woodward avenue. Ernest W. Seahom probably feels pretty strongly about it for he ruined three tires on the rails at 7:51 am last Friday.

Monday night Herbert J. Quinn, of Birmingham road, driving west on Maple at the Woodward intersection, hit the rails with both front tires and ruined them. Police said that the rails were lighted with five red lanterns and one flare.

Sin makes itself manifest in various forms and places. For example, there were the two small boys who were smoking cigarettes the other day in the basement of a closed gasoline station at Frank and Woodward. What is this town coming to?

Speaking of gas stations—Matthews the tailor at Fuhrer has taken over the former Goodyear station across from the city hall and will move soon.

W. L. Martin, 959 Oakland, will probably have a busy season hunting outfit before the deer season opens. Last week, two pairs of snipe and two pairs of Hudson Bay blankets were on the back porch, and stolen.

John William Berg, 1460 Mary-lan boulevard, was given a ticket last week for violation of a traffic signal and questioned about a notation on his operator's license which stated that it had been suspended.

The matter was raised at the City Commission meeting, Monday and City Manager Robert admitted he had received several complaints. "We hope we can get the WPA to clean it up this week," he said. A shortage of WPA trucks was given as a reason for the delays. This Wanderer said that the WPA was never notified for speed.

Young Richard Adams, who lives on Dorchester, can tell you how it feels to fall into a cold lake at this time of year. He spent the weekend with fellow Boy Scouts at Camp George, and while canoeing, he fell gasping in the water. He escaped without harm.

If you are saving and preparing in cans—an every patriotic consumer is—you need not save oil cans, grease cans, paint cans, conical tin cans of the sort used for beer, and evaporated milk cans. These cannot be cleaned properly for reusing and most of them are not lined with tin. However, office cans and others with labels attached right on the metal are OK.

Fire Chief Vera Griffith issues this plea: "If you care for your family and value your home, be sure you have proper storage of cans of fire, gasoline storage, as well as a fire extinguisher, as well."

Burned-out motors were the cause of two fire department runs during the past week. One was to Frank Stern's accessory store on North Woodward, and the other to W. E. McLane's home, 680 Brookside, where a refrigerator motor went blowy.

Local residents of more than 20 years will recall that Rev. W. C. McKnight once served as minister of the First Presbyterian church, that he has a son, James W. McKnight, who graduated from Birmingham's schools, later the University of Michigan. Word comes that "Jim," an ordained minister since 1924, has just been made pastor of the Vermont, New York, Liberal Church.

This Wanderer hears a prominent Birmingham automotive engineer advised strongly against storing a car and leaving gasoline in the tank. The gas may leave a varnish-like deposit which is hard to remove.

Firemen were also called last week to the R. J. Roach home, 1700 Birmingham boulevard, where, according to the fire department, small boys playing with matches set a bed on fire. The bed was ruined and the upstairs badly smoked.

Juan Franco, of 36 West Wil-som boulevard, was picked up by police at the sewage disposal plant last Thursday. He said he had been robbed of \$8 and thrown from a car. In the parlance of the street, he was "robed."

Henry M. Foley, Jr., of 895 Madison, was awarded his doctorate of philosophy degree in physics at the University of Michigan at the close of the summer session. Just now he is working on secret research for the government.

Rationing stamp No. 9 is good for the purchase of alcohol at your favorite grocery store.

James H. Meagan, 33 year-old dry cleaner whose drunken repudious with Frances Drag, 31, resulted in his car being destroyed, sentenced to serve from 3 1/2 to 15 years in prison. The pair had parked near Franklin and Morgan and his companion fell out of the car and struck her head.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

NOT TOO BIG—NOT TOO SMALL, close in did you say? Why certainly—one near the civic center—\$5500, Adams School area, \$7850 to \$8950 buys automatic heat, softeners, etc. Another in the Parochial school district, \$2400. All these are close to transportation, shops.

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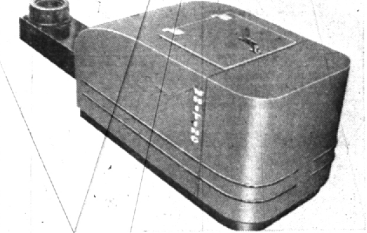
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