

One of life's greatest blessings is the right, and the ability to lapse into a sort of spiritual calmness that enables one to achieve mental peace. This state of mind is attainable to those who prepare themselves for it . . . it does not come from worship of gold.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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7350 Halloweeners Entertained At City Merchants' Annual Party

1850 Older Students Attend School Parties Police Report Minimum of Mischief in City

PHOTO STORY By JULIE CANDIER

Birmingham high school's band struck up the march, and 5500 colorfully costumed youngsters followed them down Maple avenue Halloween night. The big parade and party sponsored by the city's merchants led Birmingham again to a trouble-free Halloween.

Birmingham police said a minimum of mischief was reported on the traditional night for trouble, as a total of 7350 potential pranksters were entertained at the parade and separate parties for junior high and high school students.

Paraders consumed over 5,000 hot dogs at the end of their march. They drank four and a half barrels of cider, and gobbled up 6,000 doughnuts.

"They were all fed in 45 minutes," said Halloween party co-chairman Rollie Reese, who checked his watch as the first and last hot dogs were passed out.

The neat trick of feeding 5,000 youngsters in 45 minutes was accomplished by food lines chairman

Ross Wagner, Birmingham high school principal, with the assistance of PTA and service club volunteers. The busy principal used a battery-operated megaphone as he called the signals which kept the seven food lines moving.

Barnum junior high school students did not participate in the parade, but attended a party at the school, 700 strong. Their party accounted for another 925 hot dogs, courtesy of local merchants. At Birmingham Community House, 350 Derby junior high school ninth graders danced, while 400 seventh and eighth graders from the same school gathered for a party at the school's cafeteria.

Another 400 of the merchant's guests danced at Birmingham high school.

Later on that night, all was quiet after the 7350 party-goers were back home in bed, and the 360 volunteers who made the event a success congratulated themselves on a job well done.

And over at the police station, the desk sergeant heaved a sigh of relief.



YOUNG KATIE McGUIRE, dressed as a penguin, had one of the best views of the Halloween paraders from the shoulders of her tall father, James. The two were snapped as they waited for the starting signal with other Quinnton school marchers.



EVEN MANY OF the young parade watchers donned their Halloween costumes before taking their place along the curb to view the annual spectacle.



HEADING UP the columns from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs school were these young marchers who lined up in front of the old Hill school.



"ADOPTED" by the Chrysler kiltie band members who marched with the paraders, Scotswoman Mary Mason, of Holy Name school, tries her hand at the drums, courtesy of one of the band members.

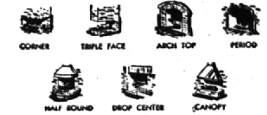
TWO PANDA BEARS enjoy their hot dogs and doughnuts in a secluded corner alongside the Birmingham theatre ticket office.



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NOVEMBER NEEDLING

We sort of diddled around last week and didn't give you very much work to do. But, this is a new month with some chores and some exciting possibilities.

Roses should be tackled after a good hard freeze. Hybrid Tea and Hybrid Perpetuals, shrubs and hardy climbers will Winter well if covered up 6" or 8 inches with soil and covered loosely with leaves.

Tea Roses should be killed in a bit to shed water and covered with MARSH HAY.

Standard Roses are the hardest. Dig away soil from one side (not exposing the roots), lay canes in trench and cover with soil. (This does not apply to hardy climbers.)

Severe pruning of roses is a Spring job but at this time branches should be shortened. Be sure also to remove all stalks and leaves and BURN them.

Put BONE MEAL around all perennial and annual beds, new shrubs and trees. Try at least 1 to 2 trowels full (if you have only one trowel, use 1 to 2 trowelful) per each OLD plant.

Continue to plant LILIES. We have a few REGAL, RUBRUM and CENTIFOLIUM.

When Chrysanthemums are through flowering cut them down to 2 or 3 inches.

Plant (start) PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS about November 14th for bloom on Christmas Day. If this doesn't work, they will bloom just before or just afterwards.

DON'T mulch beds generally until ground is frozen 1" to 2" deep. BUT—get it now while we have it so you'll have it. MARSH HAY, STRAW, PEAT MOSS.

You can use oak, hickory or beech leaves.

The flavor of parsnips is improved by leaving them in the ground until Spring. (We recommend the Spring of 1961.)

All garden vegetation except stalks and leaves of roses, peonies, delphinium, etc., should be put on the compost pile and activated with ACTIVE.

(21 to 40 feet of SNOW FENCE at 35c a foot makes a fine container for the leaves.)

Early covering applies to STRAWBERRIES. Use MARSH HAY or PEAT MOSS or other good weed-free material.

Cut suckers from LILACS and put DRICONURE or DRIED CATTLE MANURE over the roots but not close to the stems.

Wrap newly planted shade trees with TREE WRAP to prevent sunscald and other new shrubs and trees to prevent rabbit chewing.

Soak newly planted rhododendrums and evergreens (with water, of course).

Be sure grass is not over 1 1/2" tall when it stops growing.

In a more formal way we wish to mention we are not simply an informal encyclopedia—encyclo—ensyk—x—dictionary of "things to do". We have other reasons for existing.

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