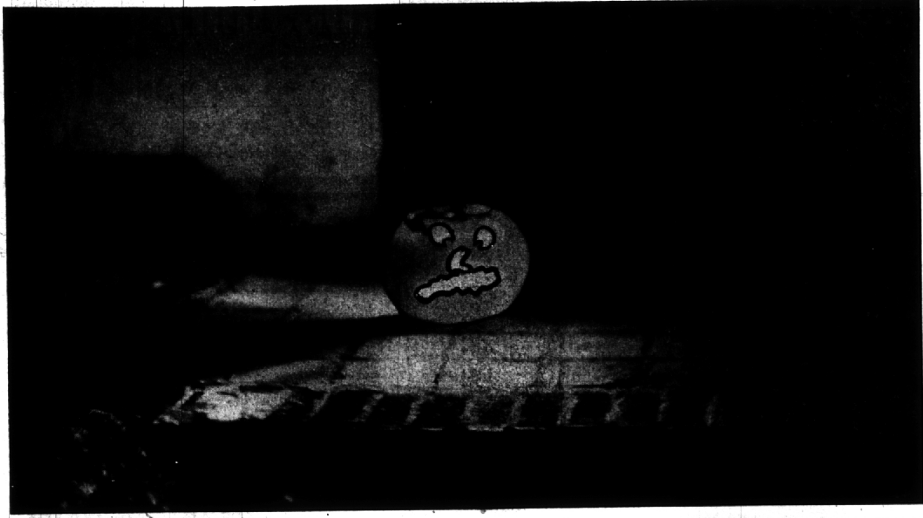


Pumpkinheads with Lighted Faces



Most pumpkins wear big grins like this ...

An ancient custom, which started more than thirteen hundred years ago, will be carried out here again Saturday night as thousands of adults make assorted offerings to thousands of small and assorted spirits of the night.

The observance is Halloween, or Hallow Even, the night before All Spirit's Day when centuries ago, it was believed that spirits—good or bad—were on earth.

THE BOBBING OF APPLES in tubs of water, the ghost stories, the building of bonfires, the cracking of nuts—all these customs today are but relics of pagan ceremonies.

It is a night for young folks to play at being witches, fairies, ghosts, and other make-believe things and people.

It is the night for superstitious adults to "pay off" these spirits—or risk next morning of finding concrete evidence of the spirits' displeasure.



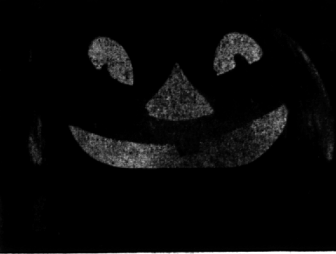
... But some of them expressed their displeasure ...

IT IS THE NIGHT when pumpkins wear faces and decorate porches (above) or windows or doorways.

The pumpkinheads wore many expressions, as The Birmingham Eccentric's camera recorded last year.



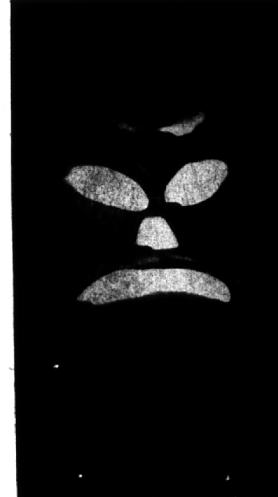
... Some pumpkins bared their teeth—like this fellow ...



... Others smiled at the night from behind picture windows ...



... While yet others watched the goings-on from the front porch step ...



... An occasional pumpkin evidenced his displeasure at the evening's performances ...



... But when all is said and done, all the ghosts, goblins and witches are happy but tired and ready for bed, just like this last sleepy-eyed pumpkinhead.

covetousness, and similar negatives, chisel their lines ... not only upon the face, but equally upon one's entire physical entity. Every unselfish act, tolerance, loving thought, joyousness, and similar positives, also sculpture their lines and contours—happier faces result.

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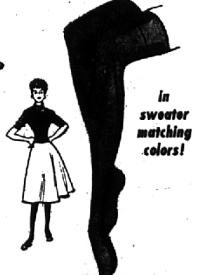
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