

Once Over Lightly

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We worked a little harder for our loot than Yankee youngsters for we were required to sing or dance to earn our one-cent rewards.

THE PENNIES we earned were spent, naturally, at the nearest candy counter and the resultant tummy aches were well worth the price we paid.

Fireworks were an integral part of the day, although curbs have since been placed on their sale. The kids, of course, consider this discrimination just as they do on this side of the oceans on the Fourth of July.

An interesting sidelight on the wearing of costumes is one change in custom that my South African correspondent notes. Years ago we blacked our faces; today, it is the non-white children who go "begging" and they paint their faces white.

The day's climax is the evening bonfire, a truly tremendous one atop which "the Guy" is burned in effigy.

MY FIRST DAY in an American school hap-

pened to coincide with Halloween and I took it for granted that my schoolmates were following ancient British custom, albeit a few days too soon.

Even at the tender age of eight, I was aware that Americans were all slightly crazy and I was not the least bit put out because they introduced a few variations to "our" holiday.

The annual witching was not quite so calmly accepted by my mother whose first acquaintance with a goblin was accompanied by a paper bag filled with flour. It was tossed in the front door by a dear little sprite and landed with explosive force over everything in sight.

Five minutes later, she answered a knock at the back door and stepped into a tub of icy cold water.

SHE WAS READY to depart these shores until a neighbor rang the doorbell.

"Would you send your older boy over tomorrow?" he asked with a twinkle in his eye. "He just hung the lid to our garbage can on the top of the telephone post in front of our house. "He did such a good job of getting it there, I think I'll have him get it down."

Our Americanization had begun.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Advises Being Friendly Before, After Services

To the Editor:

Perhaps this will make "A Reader" feel better about being snubbed in church when she attempted to be friendly with members of the congregation.

The church is a place of worship, and a respectful silence should be observed at all times. Even a friendly "good morning" when multiplied several times by the greetings exchanged among parishioners would violate that observance.

I am sure that if "A Reader" would make her friendly overtures outside the church before or after services, she would receive a gracious response.

ANOTHER READER

U-M to Have Experiments On POGO Shot

The University of Michigan will be represented by two experiments on the POGO (Polar Orbiting Geophysical Observational) satellite when it is launched in late 1963 or early 1964.

The two are a unique mass spectrometer to measure tiny amounts of gases in the upper atmosphere and a radio astronomy package to measure the intensity of low frequency radio waves over the entire Milky Way.

Both experiments have been chosen from a nationwide competition for space on the satellite, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has informed the University.

THE MASS spectrometer measures amounts of gases in the ionosphere on the basis of their atomic or molecular weights. The device chosen for the satellite was successfully adapted for upper atmosphere research by the U-M High Altitude Engineering Laboratory under engineer Edward J. Schaefer.

The U-M instrument is unusually free of error and can also measure both neutral particles and ions (charged particles), uncommon for these devices. The radio astronomy experiment was developed by the U-M's Radio Astronomy Observatory under Prof. Fred T. Haddock. It is to provide a rough map of the intensity of low frequency radio waves throughout the Milky Way.

To attempt the same measurements without using refraction of the radio waves by the ionosphere should require orbiting a conical

Con-Con Gets Approval of Citizens Group

Endorsement of the Michigan Constitutional Convention recommendations for an updated state constitution has been given by the non-partisan Oakland Citizens League, a 25-year-old good government group in Oakland county.

After study and recommendations by a research committee headed by Dr. John Schmidt, the Oakland Citizens League directors unanimously supported the Con document and agreed to work for its adoption at the April, 1963, elections.

The Oakland Citizens League will join with the League of Women Voters and other groups in sponsoring a series of educational meetings about the proposed new constitution throughout Oakland county, Michigan's second most populous county, beginning in early January, 1963.

One of the principal functions of the Oakland Citizens League is the interviewing and rating of candidates of all political parties for county, state and national offices. The ratings of Oakland county candidates running in the November 6 election are contained in the League's Candidates' Bulletin, now available, free of charge, through the League office, 503 Community Bank Building, Pontiac.

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Secretary of State James M. Harv has ordered Michigan's 1963 vehicle license tabs to go on sale today in all 83 counties today.

The tabs, which will have the numeral "63" in white on a green background, are the reverse of green on white 1962 plates which they will validate.

As an economy measure in 1963, the Michigan Department of State began issuing heavier plates which could be utilized for more than one year. This practice saved the state hundreds of thousands of dollars through reduced use of metal

IN ANNOUNCING early license sales, Harv pointed out that the Secretary of State has some leeway in setting the November tab sale at any time between November 1 and the beginning of the calendar year.

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waited until new licenses were available before buying the fall line of cars. This saved an extra transaction fee.

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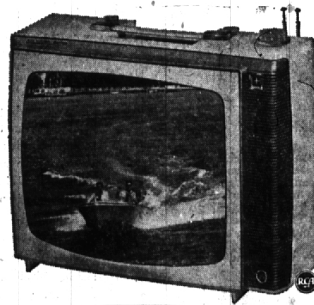
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