

STROLLIN' THROUGH SOUTHWEST PARK

Simple Celebration in School Turns Into Big Civic Success

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"Our main objective in presenting the Halloween Hi Jinks at Carl Steele was to keep the youngsters off the street and to give the community a feeling of working and playing together. To make a lot of money was not our goal." Mrs. Jack Erving, PTA president, states. The police department had no difficulty with misbehavior and it appeared that every one in the tremendous crowd enjoyed himself, so one can safely conclude the occasion was successful.

To what degree the success went may be discovered in the statistics. The whole affair started with a potluck supper for which 400 had signed up beforehand. However, 1000 would-be diners went through the line in hopes of sharing the fare served in the cafeteria. A talent show in progress there attracted such attention it was difficult for diners to find seating. Outside a throng of costumed contestants awaited the parade and judging. But there were many who couldn't wait to throw sponges at their available principal, Roland Betrat. This concession sold 80 tickets. One of the rooms was for rock 'n roll devotees who numbered 170. The white elephant items must have been picked up by ardent shoppers who purchased 336 tickets and cleared the booth before closing. The gypsy told 148 fortunes while 408 silhouettes were cut. Fishing was popular with 1033 turns to lower the poles for a prize. The 50 live fish given away to those who could sink a ping pong ball in a fish bowl had found their new owners in an hour with 483 tickets being sold for that purpose. But this takes the cake! The number of tickets purchased for the cake walk was 2222. We know one boy, Bill McArthur, who won three. A total of \$28.05 worth of chills were sold at the spook booth, while those who preferred to be warm consumed \$37.20 in coffee and donuts. Pitching coins into a saucer floating in water isn't easy. Ask someone who bought some of the \$25 worth of tickets sold there. One unusual booth, and most of them were, offered a manicure topped with

sparkles. The young lady who helped here is either a PTA member nor student, Nancy Beresford. Mrs. Erving also wishes to thank those who contributed their time and effort, many without having a personal interest other than community spirit. The Boy Scouts had their tent set up on the grounds. Inside were bean bag and dart games. In a separate room they showed films. The tent sold 710 tickets and the movies 205. There's something about having the Scouts on hand that makes a community function complete. A Curfew Scroll was signed by those over 10 years. It read:

Would you like to earn a dollar?
Then sign the curfew scroll
When the fun is over
It's homeward you must roll.

The names will be selected and phone calls will be made. You must be the to answer. And a dollar will be paid. Quite by coincidence, five boys and five girls were called and each excited scroll signee was able to prime his piggy bank for the next Hi Jinks. We say "Bravo" to all who gave our tract such a full evening.

This is being written at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fields who have gone out for dinner in celebration of Mrs. Fields' birthday. Oops, frosting's getting on these notes. This sitting certainly has its tasty advantages.

The Richard Lawrence's on Beckworth had so many little guests at their sons' Halloween party last Saturday it was hard to tell "witch" was "witch". Trying their skill at bobbing for apples were a number of spooks on the front stoop: Richard and Gordon Clarry, Patty and Terry Porter, and David Dick. Pat Fletcher, Karen and Susan Foley, and Joyce Arnold made bold attempts to pin the tail on the cat. Fasting the pumpkin in a game they enjoyed were Allen Vale, Ronnie Herron and brother Jimmy, Mary Jo and Pamela Atherly, and Ginger and Kathy Patterson. Besides favors they could take home the costumed kiddies sipped orange pineapple punch with their raisin-faceted cakes and orange sherbet.

The junior sized hosts, Michael, Peter, and Mark took in the partying with much pleasure and were sorry when the front door swung open and the contented guests disappeared.

Narrot St. could almost be illuminated its length with candlepower considering all the birthday cakes that have been aglow. This past week found Linda Roberson hovering over a lovely Bo-Peep pastry creation while Tommy and Teri Porter and the Aureli children Wayne, Janice and Susan, and Linda's sister, Katly, watched her huff and puff.

Two doors from the Roberson's, Mike Rustrum observed his seventh birthday, which is a very stodgy way of describing a boy's birthday party. They're the loudest, don't you think? These were the neighborhood pals who helped make it a party: Garry Barthelme, James Hart, Eddie Wilson, Jim and John, Cian, Billy McArthur, Paul Ekberg, Wayne Aureli, Tommy Porter, and Steven and Eddie Foster. The boys say it was really fun.

When Beta Sigma Phi held its masquerade dance at the Club Alondra Saturday night, several Southwest Park people were present. Being a rushee of the group, Mrs. Thane Connell felt impelled to costume and dressed as an old man in a tux. Her neighbor, Mrs. Don Bradford went as an old-fashioned girl. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Powell accompanied the other couples.

Another item from the Connell calendar was the recent visit of Thane's brother, Devener and bride. While here they acquainted themselves with the wonders of Marineland and Disneyland and made a special effort to see Cinerama. The Parkers who haven't done these things are the ones who have had no company from out of town, right? It really is nice to be near these fascinating places. Makes entertaining entertaining.

We're tempted to envy the folks who live close enough to their former homes to go back occasionally. The Pat O'Connell do. Their parents live

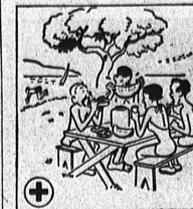
in Brownwood, Tex. a nice distance for a two week vacation. While there Pat had some good fishing in Lake Brownwood. There was plenty of time for all of the relatives to see how little Mickey Lyn isn't very little any more. Pat and Joy took in the state fair at Dallas, and all in all had a very pleasant rest.

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