

Bewitching Sprites, Spooks, Spirits To Haunt City's Nooks and Crannies

CHILDREN, ADULTS TO JOIN IN FUN

Once again witches, hob goblins, ghosts, eerie spirits, and sprites will reign supreme as they parade around town in search of Hallowe'en treats on October 31. Don't be alarmed, however, because these so-called "spirits of the dead" will actually be "live" children carrying out one of the traditions of All Hallow's Eve.

Trick or treating Brownies of Troop 404 will be even more frightening and ghostly than ever this year. They will stalk the streets attired in hand-made papier mache masks in order to more convincingly convey the Hallowe'en message.

Spooks To Parade

The "Spookiest Parade Ever" is promised by Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm, principal of Hall-dale school. Youngsters will vie for prizes as the PTA members judge the spookiest, best witches, funniest, prettiest, and original costumes at the annual Hallowe'en party. Robert Dugan, chairman, invites everyone from the youngest sprite to the oldest spook to come and see the special surprise show.

Normandale playground is scheduled to hold its annual Hallowe'en carnival on October 31 at 7 p.m. Youngsters in the traditional "scarey" attire will participate in a costume parade, tests of skill and tests of strength.

Bonfires will glow, hordes of croaking witches will serpentine through the park while other merry-makers will converge on flood-lighted outdoor stages to see the vaudeville acts, contests and macabre entertainment.

Carl Steele Hi Jinx

Carl Steele PTA has planned a Hi-Jinx for Hallowe'en at the school preceded by a potluck dinner. Teenagers will dance, fortunes will be read, pennies will be pitched and spooks will be present in a specially constructed spook house. Highlight of the evening will center around the wet sponge booth. Principal K. K. Petrat and vice-principal William Clary have good naturedly volunteered to be the featured attractions—the object being to hit them with a wet sponge.

Saturday Dances

For the parents, many dances have been scheduled by various civic and social groups this Saturday, October 27. Put on your ugliest and most gruesome costume and attend any of the following: (costumes, however, are optional).

MOOSE PARTY

Awards will be presented for the best, funniest, and most original costumes for both adults and children at the annual Torrance Moose lodge Hallowe'en party to be held at the lodge hall, 1744 Carson street, Saturday, October 27, at 9 p.m. Dancing to the music of the Moose orchestra will start at 9 p.m., with the presentation of awards scheduled for 10 p.m. William Griep, chairman of the entertainment committee, revealed that costumes are optional.

ACTIVITIES IN BRIEF

"A Night of Friendly Spirits" will be held Saturday, October 27, sponsored by the Temple Menorah of Redondo Beach at 112 1/2 N. Catalina. Interested individuals may contact Mrs. David Levine, FR 5-7825.

All spooks and city goblins are urged not to forget the Evelyn Carr elementary PTA County Fair tomorrow night, October 26 from 6-9 p.m. at the school. A junior fun zone will

be available for the young ones under six. Older sprites will have ten booths with prizes to keep them occupied. A sidewalk cafe and sweet shop will feature lots of homemade food for everyone.

The last in the teen-age summer dance series sponsored by the recreation department will be held in the Civic auditorium on Saturday, October 27. Octave Bonomo and the Rhythm Warriors will provide the musical background. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the band will play from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Crenshaw PTA held a skating party on Monday, October 22, and are now looking forward to the next activity—a carnival on November 3. Square dancing parents have planned a Hoe-down on November 28.

JAYCETTES SEE FILM AT MEET

Mrs. Charles Herren, president of the Torrance JayCettes, presided at the October meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building and reported on the 1957 Catalina convention committee.

After Mrs. John Mangan led the saluting of the flag and Mrs. Paul Wells read the JC creed, ways and means chairman, Mrs. Mike Goettsch announced a profit from the Hallowe'en dance has been given for the Christmas project. Mrs. Wells also volunteered to be chairman of the committee for the Bulletin ads and Mrs. Goettsch is the new editor of the Bulletin.

Highlight of the evening was the showing of the film of the summer picnic and recent parade by JC Bob Curry who also won the club raffle for the evening.

DRUIDS DO IT . . . BUT HENRY DIDN'T

All Hallow's Eve, or Hallowe'en as it is more commonly called, originated with the ancient Druids of Ireland who believed that spirits of the dead would wander abroad on the evening before All Soul's Day, November 1. So beware of wandering spirits.

On this fateful evening the Irish would go from house to house collecting breadcake, butter, cheese and eggs for the feast of Saman.

Hence the modern practice of trick or treating so prevalent among the young set. Our modern day merry-makers, however, will probably have something a little sweeter in mind when they approach local home owners.

Trick Or Treat

The sixteenth century English were perhaps a little more up to date in this matter. They would go from parish to parish begging and singing for "soul cakes or any good thing to make them merry." The merry-making sometimes got out of hand, as it does today, and King Henry VIII was forced to abolish all superstitious practices such as bell ringing despite protests that the wandering spirits would be offended.

Fortune telling was one of the more exciting and suspenseful parts of ancient Hallowe'en rites. Whereas today we tell fortunes by looking into a crystal ball or a deck of cards, boys and girls at one time told fortune from apple seeds, cabbages and hazel nuts.

Cat Haters Beware

Even the much-abused cat will have his day. That screeching, ominous creature perched on the proverbial witch's broom can change the course of life on Hallowe'en. If it sits quietly beside a person, although the association may be unpleasant to some, peace and prosperity are indicated. A sudden jump into somebody's lap is nothing to scream hysterically about. According to superstition, opportunity awaits. But if this feline creature runs in the opposite direction, good luck has also vanished and a secret will be divulged within a week. Altruophobes (cat haters) in order to keep their well-being, may have to rise to the occasion. This can hardly seem unreasonable considering the fact that 20 cities and 8,000,000 people of Egypt once worshipped the cat as a symbol of security.



GLENDIA HARDCASTLE, fifth grader at Walteria elementary school, with her eerie Hallowe'en gaze, sets the mood for the many P-TA Carnivals and parties scheduled this week and next at the various local schools.

Masks Made By Brownies

On Hallowe'en 17 small forms will parade mysteriously behind 17 hand-made papier mache masks. Disguised as witches, goblins and the like, Brownie troop 404 will try and scare innocent homeowners into giving up the traditional Hallowe'en "treats."

At a recent outing at Torrance park, the troop made individual masks under the direction of Mrs. Edith Dahlen, one of the troop mothers and Mrs. Jean Bryant, troop leader.

The following Brownies are scheduled to participate in the night's activities: Annie Alameda, Lynn Bahaan, Joyce Breaker, Barbara Bryant, Lynette Campazz, Pamela Cantle, Judy Carstenson, Debbie Dahlen, Karen Harding, Victoria Hayes, Jackie Huff, Robin Major, Susanne Meyers, Barbara Olson, Susan Roberts, Laura Young, and Leslie Bergsman.

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Hallowe'en Party Set By School

Torrance Elementary executive board met and scheduled a Hallowe'en carnival for October 31 at the school from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mrs. J. D. Dutton urges all parents and teachers to attend and "join in the fun."

The first ways and means projection of the year—a rag and paper drive—was held on September 27 and 28. First prize went to Mrs. King's room; Mr. Harline's room won second prize; and Mrs. Poole's room came in third. In the lower grades, Miss Gilliland's room won first prize; Mrs. Kratofil's room was second; and third place went to Mrs. Stinson's room.

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Perry School Carnival Calls For Western Garb

"Frontier Days" will come alive as the annual carnival at the Perry School grounds gets underway Saturday, October 27, from 4-8 p.m.

Final plans were made last Tuesday by the PTA under the direction of Mr. Clyde Perkins.

Featured this year will be dancing for the older students, a street car ride for the tiny tots, movies, cake walk, and assorted booths for all. New games for the smaller children have also been added this year. A costume parade will be held at 5 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in each grade.

Parents are encouraged to wear old jeans or at least a neckerchief in order to keep the carnival sheriff happy. However, those parents who fail to comply may still enter into the spirit of the occasion by buying sunbonnets and neckerchiefs at the costume booths.

For all who like to do Christmas shopping early, there will be a nice selection of festive gifts. The apron booth will feature dainty holiday aprons and miniature dolls, while the gift booth will display white elephants, ceramics, and earrings. A country store will offer home made candy, canned goods, jelly and jam. An auction booth will be available for bargain minded parents.

Food booth will serve the following: hot dogs, tacos, pickles, cut pies and cakes, lemonade, coca-cola, coffee and sno-cones.

CARNIVAL PLANNED BY MADRONA PTA

At a recent P-TA board meeting of the Madrona school plans were made for the coming Hallowe'en carnival to be held Friday, October 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the school. Mrs. R. L. Hagenbaugh is chairman of the event. Mrs. A. U. Turner, president, will be in charge of the dinner, and Mmes. H. M. Burrows of the Country store, Harold McGuffin, Dessert shop, and B. G. Bynum, ways and means, are handling the prizes.

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