

Agriculturally Speaking

Children Need Maximum Protection At Hallowe'en

By L. B. HARDAGE Extension Chairman

Give "maxi" protection to the "mini" set when readying the youngsters for Hallowe'en fun, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) advises all parents.

There is no "midi"—not half-way point—when it comes to fire safety at Hallowe'en time, says NFPA. Here are some life-saving tips from the international fire safety organization that parents should keep in mind when planning costumes and their parties:

1. Be sure ready-made costumes, masks, wigs and beards carry a "flameproof" label. 2. For home-made costumes, stay away from flimsy materials and outfits with yards and yards of material in baggy sleeves and billowing skirts. A touch of flame can start them burning.

3. Children should never carry a pumpkin lighted by a wax candle. Don't set a candle-lighted pumpkin on a doorstep where it could be brushed by children's costumes. Don't use them indoors, either, in places where they could set fire to

curtains or table decorations. 4. Clothing - even sturdy dungarees - can burn. So be sure children understand they must stay away from any open flame - Bonfires and burning leaves outdoors, fireplaces and stoves indoors, and things like lighted matches and cigarette lighters.

For traffic safety and general accident prevention, NFPA advises, costumes should be short enough so children won't trip on them, and light enough in color to make them clearly visible to motorists. Masks shouldn't interfere with children's vision. Safest is the "natural" mask of cosmetic make-up or charcoal applied directly to the skin.

Finally, cautions NFPA, smaller children should be in the charge of and in sight of a responsible older person at all times during their trick-or-treat rounds.

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Richard Mahone Burnley, Jr., white, of Hopewell, Va., to Roxanne Leavitt of Hopewell, Va.

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Congressman

L. H. FOUNTAIN

Reports

TO THE PEOPLE



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Racial balance in the public schools—or put it another way - whether or not there is power to assign and bus students to a particular school on account of race-changing school assignment zones, and neighborhood schools were the issues before the United States Supreme Court last week when the busing cases from Charlotte, N. C., Clark County, Ga., and Mobile, Ala. finally reached the nation's highest tribunal.

I sat in the Supreme Court room for the better part of two days seeing and listening for myself during this first basic reexamination by the Supreme Court of school desegregation and forced integration problems since its 1954 ruling outlawing all state imposed segregated school systems. The decision in these cases as to just how much further the courts can and will go in implementing that Brown decision could have a far-reaching impact on every public school system in the country.

The amicus curiae or friend of the Court brief, which a number of us here in the Congress filed with the Supreme Court in the Charlotte case, concentrates on the legislative intent of the Congress when it placed in Title IV, Section 401 (b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the following language: " 'Desegregation' means the assignment of students to public schools and within such schools without regard to their race, color, religion, or national origin, but 'desegregation' shall not mean the assignment of students to public schools in order to overcome racial imbalance."

Our legal brief points out how the lower Federal courts have distorted the plain meaning of the law by assigning children to certain schools on a racial balance basis. This brief is now a part of the Supreme Court record and will, I sincerely hope, be carefully read and studied by each of the nine Justices.

In view of the outrageous extremes to which some Federal Judges have gone, I was pleasantly surprised when the Justices displayed such an active interest and concern—not only as to the actual facts but also as to how far their powers extend under the "equal

protection" clause of the 14th Amendment.

As an attorney, I know the hazard of trying to predict a Judge's position by the tone of his questions. Often he serves as the devil's advocate in a controversy to get the facts and hear all arguments.

However, the oldest member of the Court at 84, Justice Hugo L. Black, long an ardent opponent of public school segregation, and discrimination in any form because of race, asked many searching questions and made a number of comments indicating sharp disagreement with those lawyers who argued that the neighborhood school concept is a mere "fiction" or "more sophisticated type of evasion."

Justice Black disagreed with such assertions when he said: "I think there is something to the concept of neighborhood schools." "What I am interested in" and have been "from the first case" in 1954 Justice Black said, "is plain discrimination on account of race. We should correct that, but it disturbs me," he continued, to go beyond that and "try to challenge the whole arrangements and living practices of people all over the nation. You want to haul people miles and miles and miles in order to get an equal ratio in schools." Justice Black continued. With emphasis, he said, "It is a pretty big job to assign us, isn't it?—to try to re-arrange areas in the United States where people have congregated. How can you re-arrange the whole country?"

I hope each Justice will note the significance of the questions posed by Justice Black.

As our legal brief pointed out, "a vast reservoir of racial good will still exists. The opportunity to move ahead thus remains. If reason rules, progress will be great. But, if it does not, then a harsh night of disharmony, disruption, and discord will descend upon our land as a new era of Reconstruction—this time judicially imposed—rends the nation assunder once again.

If this comes to pass, who can seriously argue that the cause of education for Black Americans, or for that matter, for any American, will be advanced?"



Members of the Warrenton Junior Garden Club, which is conducting an anti-litter campaign, shows correct way to collect leaves. In the upper picture leaves are being placed in bag instead of being piled on street, and in lower picture dust pan is being used to get up remnant of pile of leaves. Members participating are, left to right: Top picture—Mrs. Pete Burrows, Mrs. C. W. Currin, Mrs. Julius Banzet, III, Mrs. Joe Gilbert and Mrs. Claude Bottom; bottom picture—Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Gilbert.



Constables Hold

Meal At Haw River

The North Carolina Constable Association held its convention at Haw River on Sunday, Oct. 18, with most of the counties well represented. A barbecued lunch was served.

H. P. (Chub) Sewell of Carthage was the main speaker with a number of other speakers making brief remarks.

Warren County was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cobb.

BOYD ENROLLED

Darryl L. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boyd of Route 1, Macon, is enrolled at Valparaiso Technical Institute, Valparaiso, Ind., as a first semester student in the Department of Electronic Technology.

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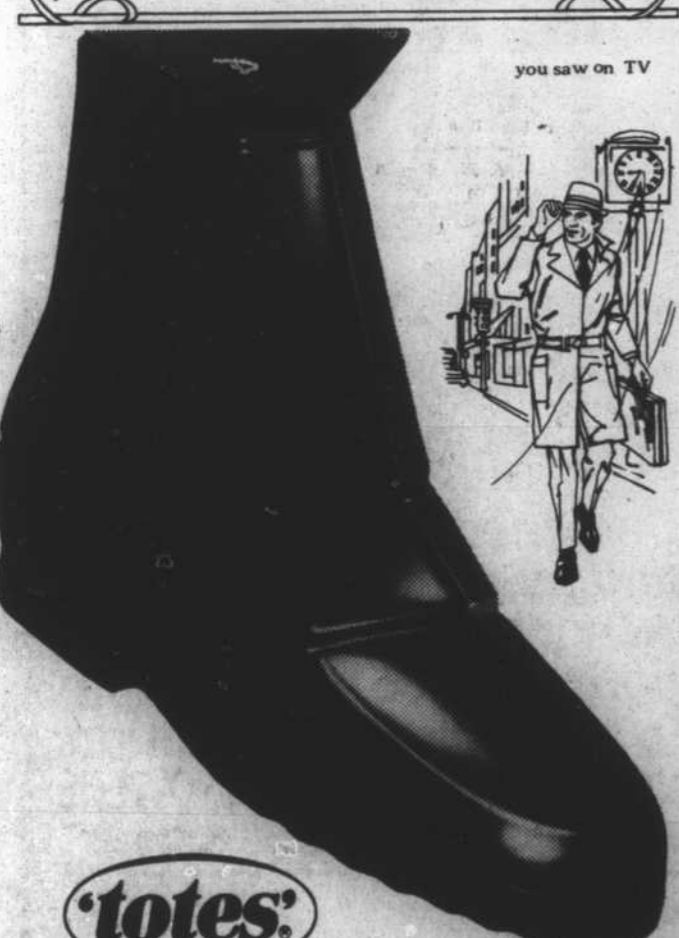
Song Service To Be

Held At Mt. Pleasant

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist Sunday School will sponsor a song service at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at Drewry on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 6 p. m., C. C. Paschall, chairman of the publicity committee, announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Groups to be featured are: Shiloh Kittrell Gospel Chorus of Kittrell, Brother Joseph Silver of Brinkleyville, Brother James Martin and the Harmonettes of Henderston and the Burwell Singers of Kittrell.

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Vance Truck Responds To Gin Fire Call Here

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The company was summoned after fire broke out in a note bin at Warren Cotton and Fertilizer Company but Warrenton firemen were able to contain the blaze without heavy damage.

According to a spokesman for the ginning company, the fire was confined largely to the bin, which had some damage, to cotton in the bin and one other bale. Damage was estimated at

around \$100.

The fire is believed to have originated from a small piece of rock in the cotton being ginned. A company official explained that a grit or piece of metal striking the saw blades of the gin sometimes resulted in a fire.

It was explained that one reason Warrenton put out the alarm for volunteers in area cities was that the Warren Rural Fire Department was out on another call at the time of the blaze. Coming back into town from the other call, however, they and the Warrenton department were able to contain the fire with little difficulty.

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