



Our Majorettes At Work

Anatomy Of School Spirit



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Monday Is The Big Day For Witches And Ghouls

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HOMEFRONT, U.S.A. (UPI) — Watch for unidentified flying objects zipping through moonlit skies these nights.

They're probably witches flight - testing their brooms. It happens this time every year. The witches are getting ready for halloween.

Goblins, spooks and all the rest add to the trembling and trauma. But these probably are the neighbor's children doing what comes naturally this time of year. If you can be sure, that is.

To protect yourself from evil happenings, put in a supply of treats — edible safe, amusing, sanitary. You spoil the fun if you pass out something educational, germ-laden or otherwise sickening.

Your own goblins, to be on the safe side, should dress warmly, wear costumes that

resist flames, and, for spooking on dark streets, ought to carry a flashlight. Spooks without lights have been mowed down by cars in past halloweens.

That jack o'lantern you put out to let the spooky sorts know you're in the mood for fun should be illuminated with a battery-operated light. No candles, please.

Jack o'lanterns with candles have sent some playful spooks to eternity on a flaming trail in the past. The child's clothing caught fire when child backed into them.

Halloween, according to historians at Crayola, was started by the Celts in 834. The Irish rustics roamed — from house to house seeking butter, eggs, and corn on All Hallows' Eve.

Customs among the youngsters differ from country to

country. In Scotland, young lassies blindfold themselves and pick cabbages from the garden to learn if their future spouses will be young or old, poor or wealthy, and of sweet or sour disposition.

Apple bobbing contests, still much a part of many American halloween parties originally had romantic superstitions connected with them.

The maiden who won the apple slept with it under her pillow. She was supposed to dream of her future husband. Of, if she stood in front of a mirror, combing her locks and chomping the apple, he would appear in the mirror.

In Great Britain, villagers toss nuts into a fire. By the way the nuts burn, it is foretold who will have good luck and who will be married.

Welshmen, meanwhile, gather about hilltop bonfires, wait until they burn down, then — down the hill. The devil catches the last one down!

In some lands peasants wave pitchforks of flaming straw to burn the brooms of careless witches flying nearby.

Young Minister In Tennis Shoes Stoops To Lift The Disadvantaged

DALLAS (UPI) — Carroll Brown is a 29-year-old Methodist minister who has spent the last 10 years in tennis shoes and sweaters. He has been shot at many times (hit once), had his auto tires slashed and windows broken. He has heard about as much profanity as prayer.

Serving as city recreation supervisor and worker at the Methodist Church's Bethlehem Center social agency in low-income areas of Dallas, he was on the streets three nights a week, mixing in pool

halls, taverns, parks and just about anywhere he could find people. He wanted to know them as individuals not as a Sunday morning congregation.

"How can you tell someone that God loves them when they don't have shoes and sufficient food?" he asks.

Training Method
Rev. Brown can scarcely conceal his indignation that somehow people and agencies generally don't understand that training is necessary in any successful effort to help the disadvantaged.

"It is pure folly for churches to send volunteers without proper training to help the needy and poverty-stricken," he said.

"I tell workers that they must be a real person and not try to impose their standards on others," he continued. "It does no good to predetermine a code of ethics. Workers can only go as men and women

concerned with the lives of their fellow men. You just don't impose your own ethics on these people.

"When an untrained person goes out it is a clash of culture — stranger meets stranger."

Rev. Brown now is a director of lay training at Dallas' First Methodist Church. He trains lay persons in working with the underprivileged.

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