

Horror Hollywood-style

Local makeup artists create season's perfect fright spot

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Halloween is upon us and you still haven't found that perfect fright spot? Look no further than the Horror Show.

The Horror Show is a haunted house created by Alamance natives Starr and Dean Jones. These brothers are Hollywood make-up artists and have worked on such

are coming from out of state to see the show. The brothers started working on the house in August and have added another building which includes seven to eight rooms from last year for a total of thirteen rooms plus a walkway. The rooms include a laboratory, mummy room, crypt room, a room for Freddy, and a graveyard.

The Jones brothers had always been fascinated with make-up and special effects, but their first encounter came when as children, they visited the set of the movie, "The Killers Three," which starred Dick Clark.

Since then, they have created a company called Die-Ak-Tion. Starr says this word originated in the 1930s and means a group of artists that join together to create one piece of art. With this company, the brothers do special effects and fashion make-up. They decided to create this haunted house in order to bring some of their talents to their home town. Starr Jones said that friends, high school students, and relatives

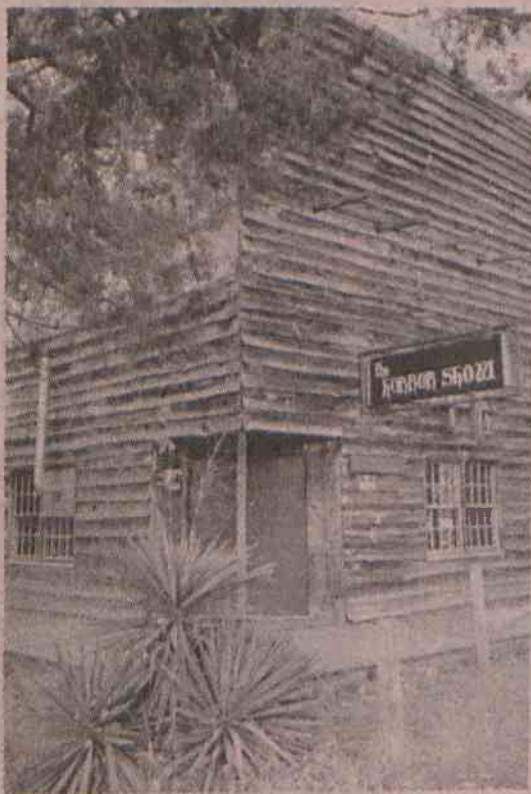
volunteer their services, but the mechanical work is done by them.

Starr says he enjoys the haunted house because it makes people scared, but there is humor incorporated as well. He said, "There are two things you can always count on...people want to be scared and they want to laugh." He added that this is incorporated in the laboratory in which people's brains are transported from one pod to another. Some people get so scared that they have to laugh.

Starr enjoys humor as much as doing make-up effects. He belongs to a comedy group known as the Kidney Stone Cops, which



Cobweb covered illusions surround the mannequin that lies in state in the crypt room.



What terror lurks inside?

projects as "Star Trek the Next Generation" and according to the Oct. 8 edition of the *Times-News*, they have also provided special effects for made-for-television movies such as "Into the Badlands" and "Jack the Bear."

According to a recent "Good Evening Show" appearance the brothers also said they have done work on the "Star Trek VI" movie and fashion make-up as well.

This is the second time the Jones brothers have held the Horror Show. According to the *Times-News*, almost 10,000 people attended last year. This year Starr Jones said that people

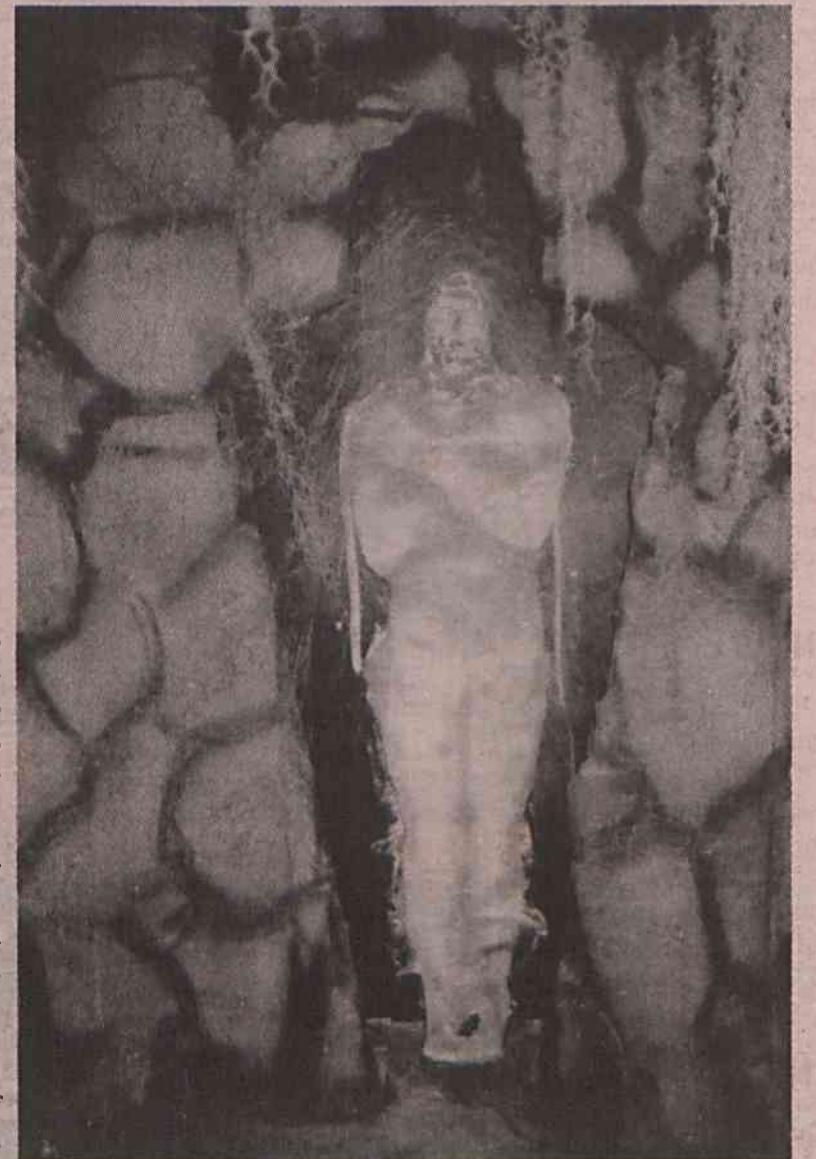
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is based in Santa Monica, Calif.

Even though the house has a lot of mannequins, there are a few living mummies that may wander into your path. According to a *Times-News* article, Dean Jones said, "You won't be able to figure out what's what until it starts moving." He also said that, "What scares people the most is what they can't see."

The Horror Show is located on Bass Mountain Road near Snow Camp. Just take highway I-85 to the Graham/Pittsboro exit 87 South and follow the bright yellow coffin signs that say "The Horror Show". Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children under 12 and \$3.50 for groups of 20 or more. The show is open until Nov. 2 from 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. weekdays and from 7:30 p.m. until midnight during the weekend.



Is he real or not? It's hard to tell in the mummy room.

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