



The Roundup

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Today—This week's stint, and last week's, too, were written under difficulties, sort of forced labor. But some goon has said, "the show must go on," and from somewhere popped up, "that deadline must be made." And so we hacks have to carry on for dear old Alma Mater...



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hat... One of the nicest things (if any part of it can be nice) about being sick is, it gives you a chance to check up on your friends—and you find you have more than you thought you had. Arthur Godfrey advises me (via radio) to do my Christmas shopping early...

the Old West, was a versatile man. In a long colorful career he worked as a lawman, gunfighter, gambler, writer and newspaper columnist. He was a close friend of Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt. An interesting fact about the Old West: In emergencies or when haste was imperative, a newly-elected marshal or sheriff was sometimes given a gold coin as a badge when a real badge was not immediately available.

IT'S HALLOWEEN

Roasting marshmallows over a bonfire, bobbing for apples in a tub of water, trick-or-treatin' at the neighbor's house and hoping you won't be asked for the "pay"—a dance, song or poem—for the treat.

All this is Halloween, a once-a-year occasion when Johnny and Mary can fill their paper sacks with a collection of goodies even the heartiest of appetites can barely dent.

Halloween... a night when bedtime is moved back an hour (or two, if you protest enough), a night when small spooks slither through the streets of Pumpkin Center, Calif., Skull Creek, Colo., and Treat, Ark. — and most places in between.

The originators of the observance of All Saints Day probably never realized how the eve would be marked in the 20th Century.

And for sure, they never realized the dangers of Halloween hijinks.

The holiday, the National Safety Council points out, can be full of fun for youngsters if a few simple precautions are followed.

No one wants a repetition of the tragedy in Seattle, Wash., when a youngster's Halloween mask slipped, blinding his view of an onrushing auto.

How can parents make this October 31 safe from Halloween hazards?

By buying their children light-colored costumes, for one, the Council says. They're easier to see at night.

For another, by making sure the outfits aren't tripping hazards and that they are flame-proof.

Other tips: 1. Masks are dangerous because they restrict vision. They're also hot and scratchy, so kids will welcome a painted false face. A little rouge, eyebrow pencil and moustache stick can make children miniature ghosts, goblins, pirates or clowns—but with the added safety factor of allowing them to see danger in time to avoid it.

2. Use a flashlight instead of a candle in jack-o'-lanterns. 3. Remind children that on Halloween, as during the rest of the year, safety precautions should be observed. No dashing from between parked cars, no playing in streets, no crossing streets without first looking both ways. 4. To make doubly sure motorists can see costumed children, put reflectorized tape or bands on their outfits. A Cleveland, Ohio, radio station came up with a novel idea that drew praise from parents everywhere—a reflectorized paper pumpkin for pasting on trick-or-treat bags. The pumpkin gave off a yellow glow in auto headlights.

- Further, grownups can help make October 31 accident-free, the Council says, if they will: 1. Light porches so trick-or-treaters won't trip in the dark. 2. Watch out for disguised dangers in the streets—logs, barrels or piles of leaves, for example—that may conceal pranksters. 3. Tie white strips of cloth on wires or ropes surrounding newly planted trees. 4. Take indoors any objects that may tempt vandals and be turned into safety hazards. In this category are barrels, trash cans, lawn mowers and bicycles. 5. If, despite your precautions, your car windows get soaped, take time out before driving to clean them.



ATOMIC BLAST churns the Nevada desert and rises skyward as "Priscilla" shot of Operation Plumbbob, the current series of atomic tests, hurls tremendous forces against a new "ghost town" of shelter structures built as possible prototypes for future blast-resistant buildings and shelters in the more vital target areas. (NYO Lookout Mountain Lab Photo)

55,000,000 People In U. S. Infected By T. B. Germs

The National Tuberculosis Association has within the last few days released figures that every citizen of this country should stop to consider.

According to estimates based on skin tests, the report said 55,000,000 persons in the United States are already infected with the tubercle bacillus.

This does not mean that all of them will come down with tuberculosis. It does mean, however, the association said, that about 5 per cent of that number will probably have active tuberculosis in their life time if the development of the disease continues at the present rate.

The report said that B.C.G., the most widely accepted vaccine, cannot be used to prevent these cases because the vaccine is not given to persons already infected with the germ. It could, however, be given to all persons who have been exposed to tuberculosis to an extraordinary degree but are not yet infected.

Dramatic advances in the treatment of tuberculosis in recent years have brought the tuberculosis death rate in 1956 (last year) to the lowest point recorded—eight deaths for every 100,000 persons in this country.

That is a tremendous decline in the last four years. The association said the eradication program now boils down to just a few things. Finding the

cases of tuberculosis, caring for the patients, increasing human resistance by vaccines, educating the public and continued and untiring research.

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Most of the autumn antics, the Council agrees, are good for laughs. But many can lead to accidents. "Have fun, but don't let your guard down," it advises.

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