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Trick-or-treeters will be at it again this Halloween and a few safety reminders for their well-being are in line. Be on the alert that some people have a sick sense of

humor when it comes to giving out "goodies" to trick-or-treaters. Stories filtered around last year that fruit with razor blades and drug-contaminated or poisoned



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candy were passed off as "treats." Parents, therefore should give their children strict instructions not to eat anything given to them by strangers until they get home, where the "goody" can be inspected by a parent. It also makes sense for youngsters to stay in familiar territory, for parents to accompany small children, and to avoid the vearing of elaborate, clumsy costumes.

Be sure, also, to walk facing the traffic, preferably with

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Tryon Downs Panthers

Fumbles and costly penalties proved to the East Yancey's downfall Friday night as the Panthers were turned back by Tryon 20-6. The Tigers got on the scoreboard in the first quarter with a 6-yard run by their QB. The Panther defense then settled down for the night but their offense failed to click. The score at half-time was 6-0 but the Panthers took the second half kick off and marched down the field with Burl Huskins going 20 yards for the score. Jeff Bailey kicked the extra point to give the Panthers a 7-6 lead. However penalties and fumbles killed all other Panther drives and Tryon added 2 more TD's to give them a 20-7 win over the Panthers. East Yancey is at home Friday night to host Northwest Ashe High School. The time for this game has been changed to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.

maker by druthers. At this season he finds it much easier to concentrate on cidering than on printing. Fall and the ripening of mountain apple cause his blood to tingle and his hand to itch for the wheel of his 100-year-old cider press. He' catches himself gazing vacant-eyed out his

office window or refocusing his blurred vision over a layout sheet that keeps moving from rectangle to the oval shape of an apple.

Joe Minor, a resident of

Boone, is a printer-a good

one--by trade and a cider-

CIDER-MAKING IS CONTAGIOUS

He claims it's a contagious disease, for a goodly number of his friends have it, too. He offers evidence in the fact that for over 15 years they have been fellow victims of this fall malady. Innocent passersby and sometimes utter strangers also fall prey as they gaze on the physical manifestations of the illness and are drawn irrestistibly into one of its varied phases--the washing and spilling of apples into the hopper, tightening the press wheel to start the flow of juice, straining the sweet liquid into stone crocks, and emptying slatted barrels of pulp and peel into garden

plots as organic fertilizer. This fall the disease has been especially contagious. On a typical weekend a friend will drive by the Minor residence with a car trunk filled with orchard "drops" to

with Rogers Whitener see whether the press is in operation; a church group will bring in a donated tree harvest on a money-making project; a high school club will gather culls to provide sweet cider at the fall dance.

Folk- Ways and Folk-Speech

FRIENDS DO

THEIR SHARE All are welcome. They simply do their share of the operation and leave a small portion of the squeezings as pay, which, often as not, is later divided by the generous Minor with friends, neighbors, and other kibitzers.

Last weekend, for instance, a university home economics club "just couldn't manage a reception without real homemade cider--we'll bring the apples on Saturday.'

They did, indeed, but Joe grinned as he viewed the misshapen assortment of apples, Starks, Winesaps, and Rome Beauties gathered from an orchard unsprayed and unpruned for the last five years. "All I can say from the looks of what you've picked is that the worms are gonna have to look after them-

"CIDER NUTS **ARE ONLOOKERS**

Stations were soon assigned and the cidering began. By the time the first bushel of apples had clattered into the hopper and the first gallon of juice had been pressed, a curious group of onlookers had formed. Soone they were joined by several "cider nuts," Joe's appella-

tion for the leng-term victims of the apple cider bugeo "They've got the cideral disease. Some of them have been coming by each fall for a dozen years, and they can't wait to black up their hands

of SOUTHERN APPALACHIA

with apple juice!" Joe Houser, another native of Boone and one of the designated "nuts" laughed at the remark: "Sure, I'm a cider nut. This must be at least my fifteenth year of cider-making with Joe. And, frankly, it's not really the cider I'm after--it's the

making!" He turned, opened the trunk of his car and revealed the red cargo within: "Hey Joe, these won't even have to be washed--I picked them in a Grade A pasture!" A moment later he had taken over to the press wheel, his eyes lighting up like those of a kid with a

new 10-speed bike. All afternoon and into the evening the cider-making continued until the supply of apples was exhausted. Then, and only then, did the "nuts" and the "near-nuts" turn reluctantly homeward with a farewell, "See you next weekend, Joe."

They will, too, and so will I. My hands are black from apple juice. I've come down with a case of the cider disease!

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the acts violated the rigid state constitution. In order to surmount this hurdle, the 1974 General Assembly voted to submit the necessary constitutional change to the voters of the state.

The issue of bonds to finance industrial facilities would only be permitted in what are classed as "econo-

mically distressed" areas. Yancey County would qualify for inclusion under the act. It is of significance that

almost all the fifty states have already adopted similar legislation permitting the issue of comparable revenue bonds. In the keen competition to attract industry, North Carolina will be handicapped if it fails to adopt the amendment.



and another for your 'off the air' life. Not me. Take this tartan duo. It suits me for a quiet dinner, but it's got just the look like for the show. And its matching belt is a great touch. I figure, if you wear something that looks good on you, you'll look good anywhere... on or off the air."

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'Apple Butter Making'

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