

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROUND-UP

Halloween is an occasion with gay costumes and weird superstitions. The original name is Holy Eve. It was called Holy Eve because on Oct. 31 it was the festival of all the saints.

Let's make this a safe Halloween and not destroy anyone's property and only have fun on our trick or treat outings.

The children in Mrs. Whitaker's room have been bringing interesting things to school to study. They have a special table for these things. Some of the things they

have brought are: sea shells, nuts, acorns, pine cones, moss, nests, leaves, cotton, moths, butterflies, and different kinds of rocks. They were happy to welcome a new boy this week from Cleveland, N. C. His name is William Jay Henderson.

Some of the children have had to miss their first day of school because of colds.

The children are getting ready for the Halloween carnival.

**Second Grade.**

We, as Mrs. Margaret Hendon's second grade, are proud of our attendance last month. We had only 13 absences with ten days of perfect attendance.

Charlotte Le Vine, one of our class members, left for Florida to spend the winter. She entertained the class last Wednesday at the drug store with ice cream. We enjoyed Charlotte and will miss her.

Mrs. J. F. Watkins is our carnival queen and Mr. Tom Summey is our king. All the second grades will have a homemade candy booth at the carnival.

**Fifth Grade.**

The devotional program was given by Mrs. Nell Stewart's fifth grade last Friday morning. The class said the first and twenty-third Psalms and sang "Living for Jesus." The piano music was given by Nana Beha and Vivian Stewart. The speaker, Chaplain Hubbard, was introduced by his daughter, Harriet Hubbard. He had a very interesting talk on the Forming of a Habit. A small gift was presented to him by the class.

Each week Mrs. Rice's fifth grade has a class discussion on citizenship and they elect the two best citizens of the week. This week Cecelia Wyrick and Stanley Brown were chosen. Last week Elaine Stafford and James Timmerman were the best citizens.

**Sixth Grade.**

In Miss Pauline Tipton's sixth grade we have recently had a chapel program. It was lots of fun preparing and giving the program. Every member of the class took part.

On Friday Miss Kitchen came to give us an art lesson. It was very interesting to learn from her. She is coming to help us once a week.

We are working hard on electing our representatives. Mr. T. Nesbitt and Mrs. Taft Elliott, as king and queen of the carnival, and appreciate all the votes given us.

Several of our members have been sick, and we miss them. We are glad to welcome back Rachel Rhodes, Harriet Waters, Lawrence Neilon and Bruce Knupp.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stubbs' 6th grade has been writing editorials. We are putting some of them in the paper this week.

**Make Safety a Habit.**

In all schools there are some boys and girls who act smart. They make it some of their business to run and push in line at the water fountain. They also throw rocks and acorns. Please act right and walk down the steps and hall. Do not push at the water fountain. Keep your hands to yourself. Our school would be a much safer and happier place if we would obey the above rules.

By Daphne Jolly.

**Respect for the Right of Others.**

I think the people in this school should take heed to obey the rules more.

Most every pupil forgets to keep them. We should remember this rule. "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You."

By Kelly Caldwell.



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**THINGS TO TALK ABOUT**

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A LOCUST PLAGUE WAS EFFECTIVELY DISPELLED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE EAST RECENTLY. U.S. AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT WERE USED TO SPRAY INSECTICIDE OVER AREAS TEEMING WITH LOCUSTS IN IRAQ AND IRAN.

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**On the Steps.**

On the steps at lunch and recess there is too much running. We could make it a habit to walk up and down the steps if everyone would try. Some of the people run down the steps and push people down or bump into them. This should be stopped because someone may get hurt. I think all of the running could be stopped if everyone tried.

**Games at Recess.**

Do you like to play outside or inside? If you do you will be healthy. After an hour or two in the school room you will get restless to go outside. That is why the recess bell rings at a certain hour. You should go out and play games and get your exercise. Just don't stand around and talk because girls in your room are playing a game you don't like. Ask them to take turns and then they can play your games and others, too. You will feel better when you reach your room.

**Respect for the Rights of Others.**

Most of us forget the rights of people, some of us forget that others have rights, too. We use their things without permission and then get mad when we are told about it. We destroy things which to us appear no good but to them maybe highly treasured.

All of us should learn to respect the rights of others. We need to learn the lesson early in life. If we did there would not be so many unhappy people and much property would be saved. Then too, we should respect their rights in speaking, thinking, and playing. I hope I can do as I have said.

By Elsie Ballen.

**Respect For School Property.**

In all schools there are certain children who disobey rules like running through the halls or throwing rocks and even writing or cutting holes on the walls.

These children may not have training at home and some of them do it for meanness. That is a very bad thing.

How would you feel if some one marked on your wall with a pencil? No, you would not like it. It's the same thing about our school. You would not like to sit in a school room with marks and writings all over the wall. Our school would look better and have a better name if each of us tried to keep it clean.

**How to Improve the Playground.**

We could improve our playground. All the grades could play on their own field. Some grades run all over the playground. If all the children would play in their own field and play together and not throw papers on the playground, we would have a better playground to play on, and it would be neat and clean.

**Broad River Group Hears Mrs. Evans**

The Broad River Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Ray Kirstein. Mrs. Emil Kirstein was associate hostess.

Mrs. John Benedict, club president, opened the meeting and Mrs. Dewey Kirstein gave devotions. She read passages of Women in the scriptures.

Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans gave a helpful demonstration on buying shoes, stressing fitting and care of the shoes.

Twelve members and several visitors were present. Mrs. W. C. Shaver of Asheville and Mrs. Meta Case and Mrs. Morgan of Fairview. Also Miss Bessie Carr of Black Mountain who talked to the members about Red Cross work and asked about interest in classes on home nursing. The next meeting will be held at the Community building.

## New Harmless Stunts Bring Halloween Fun

If you teen-agers are looking for something different for your Halloween party, all you have to do is go back a few centuries and select some of the now nearly forgotten customs and superstitions. Revive any number of these and you'll have a Halloween party that will be one of the events of the year and will be talked about for a long time.

Researchers of the American Peoples Encyclopedia in Chicago have uncovered some of the strange customs which our ancestors generations ago took very seriously. Nobody believes them now, but they can be turned into a gay Halloween affair and result in a lot of fun.

In the old days Halloween was a time for mysterious rites that were to foretell the future. That's what this party is all about.

1. Decorations for your party should be conventional orange and black with silhouettes of witches and cats about the room, corn stalks leaning against the walls and leaves on the floor, if you wish. Costumes are fine, too.

The thing that makes this Halloween party different is not the decorations you use, but the following stunts you introduce:

1. To learn who will marry first.

Bake your Halloween cake in the morning and cover it with orange and black decorations. Buy a cheap metal ring at the 10-cent store and wash and sterilize it in boiling water. Then insert it in the cake, down deep and about half way between the center and the edge. Also take a hazel nut and imbed it in a different part of the cake. Before cutting announce that this Halloween cake was baked by the fairies and that it will foretell the future. The guest who gets the ring will be the first to marry. The guest who gets the nut will marry a widow or a widower.

(This is a custom that goes back centuries to Ireland.)

2. To see what your future husband will look like.

Have whole walnuts ready with names of boys and girls. If you wish, you can draw faces on the shells. Give each girl the walnut with her name on it and let her draw one with a boy's name. She then places the two in the fire—place on the coals. If the walnuts burn just side by side for two minutes, the girl may know that she will marry a boy similar in looks to the one whose name appeared in the fire. If the walnuts separate, she will still be puzzled about her true love. However, she has the next dance with the boy whose name she drew.

(This is also an old Irish tradition for foretelling the future on Halloween goes back to a Roman festival held for the goddess of fruits in November.)

3. Have a number of apples—a few more than there are boys at your party—placed about the kitchen, on ledges, window shelves, stove etc. Announce that each boy has to go out to the kitchen and bring back an apple. While they are gone, quickly let each girl draw a number written on a cabbage leaf. The boys return one by one. A girl's future husband's name will be the same as that of the boy whose order of appearance corresponds to the girl's number. For example, a girl who has number 5 will some day marry a man of the same name as the fifth boy to come back into the room. Of course the boys must share the apples with the girls who claim them by number. Also these couples have the next dance.

(This stunt is based on an old, old Scottish custom. Young women would go to the garden and pull cabbage stalks to hang over the door. Each stalk was numbered according to size. The men were

counted as they entered the house.

4. Now it's the boys' turns to learn the first names of girls they will marry. An ancient custom in Europe had a boy place 9 grains of oats in his mouth and walk about without speaking until he chanced to hear the name of a girl. This would be the name of his future wife. For your party you can use a popular cereal.

Send the boys into another room and blindfold them one by one. When a boy is blindfolded, with 9 oats in his mouth he is escorted into the room where the girls are

he touches a girl, whereupon she must call out her name. When couples are paired they sit down. The girls aren't allowed to move about or dodge the blindfolded young man. The last boy to come in of course gets the only girl remaining, but he must find her according to rule and hear her call out her name. Of course the couples are partners for the next dance. And the oats? The boys eat them.

**WILL CONTRIBUTE TO LUNCH FUND**

The October meeting of Circle 5 of the Methodist church was held Tuesday night, Oct. 20 at the home of Mrs. D. P. Dinwiddie with the chairman, Mrs. Zeb Sawyer, conducting the meeting. The worship service and study were given by Mrs. Elizabeth Brittain, who reviewed the book, "Jeremiah." Plans for a bake sale to be held at Tyson Furniture store on Saturday, Nov. 14, were discussed. Members voted to contribute to the free lunch

at the Western North Carolina sanatorium were also discussed. A sweet course was served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

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