

**HORROR CHARACTERS DEPLORED**

**'Bogey Men' Called Bad In Small Fry's Entertainment**

By JOHN ROSENBERG  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York (AP)—Alfred Wallace, producer of children's plays, believes the "bogey man" should be eliminated from entertainment for small fry.

He advocated that such class-ics as "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Cinderella" be banned for young audiences because "they feature a 'horror' type of villain."

"The villain who makes children scream with fear has no place in their entertainment," he said. "Children are extremely impressionable and have vivid imaginations. Many villain parts in plays for youngsters create a fear of the dark and the unknown and stimulate bad dreams."

He said some parts warp a child's attitude toward the aged and persons who are not perfect physically.

"In many plays, elderly women are depicted as witches," he explained. "They kill little children and even cook them and devour them, according to the story."

"That's not a very healthy psychological diet for a child. This type of character often causes a child to identify all elderly women with witches." Wallace, supervisor of Wallace Puppet Productions, said he

has been giving children's shows for 12 years and has several troupes touring the United States, Canada and South America the year round.

"I've discovered that children learn the so-called 'moral' of stories much better by laughing at their characters," he added. "It is absolutely unnecessary to frighten them."

"Naturally, the element of conflict has to be present in every story. But why make a deformed person, a person with an impediment in speech, or one who is ugly the villain of the piece?"

He said villainy could be portrayed without scaring children and still be effective "from the lesson standpoint."

"Selfishness, untruthfulness, uncleanness and stupidity can, and should be substituted for the usual type of villainy," he said.

Wallace said he thought the five best plays for children were:

"Uncle Remus" dramatizations "Raggedy Ann," "Peter and the Wolf," "Tubby the Tuba," "Toddle, the Railroad Train."

**Church Has Picnic**

Hopewell — The Hopewell United Brethren church observed Father's Day with a special sermon and singing followed by a basket dinner served in the Williamson state park in Wheatland district.

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**First Commencement At Vocation School**

Klamath Falls, June 22 (AP)—Oregon Technical Institute, the state's vocational school here, holds its first annual commencement exercise Friday.

The graduation program in the evening will conclude a day of open house for visitors at the school, which occupies the sprawling wartime marine barracks plant.

Dr. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, will be the commencement speaker. Diplomas will be hand-

ed out by Oscar Paulson, head of the state department of vocational education.

Winston Purvine, OTI director said that 223 graduates will be honored. Of the number, 208 are veterans.

**VFW Open Convention**  
Coos Bay, June 22 (AP)—The state Veterans of Foreign Wars opened their annual convention here today. It will continue through Saturday. About 900 delegates are expected before the close.

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