

HALLOWE'EN SPOOKS

'Haunting Season' Isn't So Much Now, But It Used to Be

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
Washington, Oct. 28 (AP)—The Halloween "haunting season" is upon us.

ONG Planes to Join in Training

Oregon's Air National Guard fighter squadron is among those air units slated to participate in air defense training exercises to be held in the Pacific northwest November 4-14.

Under the command of Maj. Gordon L. Doonittle, the Oregon outfit during both the week-end of November 5-6 and that of November 12-13 will have four F-51 aircraft participating.

Recapture 2 Of 8 Convicts

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 28 (AP)—Two of eight convicts who escaped from the New Castle county workhouse were behind bars again today but their six heavily-armed companions remain at large.

John Henry Minor, 28, Bear Cleve, Fla., and Jesse W. Palmer, 23, Tusculuma, Ala., both Negroes, were captured last night after a wild highway chase which ended when their stolen yellow convertible overturned on U.S. route 40 near North East, Md.

Still clad in their prison garb, the two men leaped unhurt from the damaged car and tried to flee on foot.

Their capture served to intensify the manhunt for their six accomplices in the daring prison break Wednesday night.

Annual Meeting Of Y November 7

The 57th annual meeting of the Salem YMCA has been set for the night of November 7 in the association dining room when John W. Pugh general secretary of the Portland Y will be the principal speaker.

The program will include the election of directors, music by the boys' chorus and an exhibition in tableau form of boys and girls activities of the association.

Directors up for re-election are Paul Acton, Fred Amunson, L. E. Barrick, Tinkham Gilbert, Paul Wallace, Norman Winslow, Dr. R. Lee Wood, Don Young and Robert O. Smith.

The Salem Y's Men, whose monthly meeting falls on November 7 are assisting with the program.

Portlanders Cited
Portland, Oct. 28 (AP)—Mrs. Warren C. Hunter and Aaron M. Frank of Portland were among six people over the nation cited by the national camp fire council yesterday for their work among youth.

Frank, head of Meier and

Palace Theatre advertisement for 'Father Was a Fullback' featuring Fred McMurray and Maureen O'Hara.

Everson Freed On Technicality

Clifford Everson, an employee of the Salem Merchant Patrol, was discharged late Thursday from a felony accusation which charged him with illegally possessing a gun capable of being concealed on the person.

The state in attempting to introduce Everson's record, identified the information only under the name of C. Everson.

District Court Judge Joseph Felton ruled that that insufficient name failed to identify the defendant properly and ordered Everson discharged.

Everson was arrested while on duty for the Salem Merchant Patrol. He was carrying a sidearm at that time. The charge against him was based on an Oregon law which makes it a felony for an ex-convict to possess a firearm capable of being concealed on the person.

The arrest, made last week, was conducted by two members of the Salem police department. His arrest in 1933 for which he served four months at the Oregon state penitentiary for forgery was also made by an officer still a member of the Salem police force.

The record shows that Halloween dates back centuries before the Christian era.

Among the Celts, an ancient people who lived in Britain, there was an important religious order known as Druids. It counted among its card-carriers physicians, wonder workers, and priests.

To celebrate the end of summer, they offered up sacrifices to the pagan gods in celebration of what was known as "Samhain," which meant the end of another season.

The word "Halloween" is supposed to date back many hundreds of years and is shortened from "All Hallows' Eve," or the eve of "All Saints' Day."

In England there was a custom of kindling bonfires on hills-tops on the last night of October—"to ward off the evil spirits."

Down across the years, Halloween traditionally became the spookiest night of the year when witches, hobgoblins, ghosts, and every kind of gnome, spirit, or mischievous imp was on prowl.

A British publishing house late in the 1800's came up with a printed form letter of invitation to Halloween parties. It said, in part:

"Dear Spook:
You are hereby notified to attend a ghost convention on the 31st of October. . . . Come at 8 o'clock and park your troubles at the door. . . . The password is 'fun'. Full ghostly regalia of sheet and pillow case will be given each ghost on arrival."

In America, some of the early spook legends included those of Pennsylvania.

There it was believed that if one went out the front door backward, picked up some grass and wrapped it in paper and put some under a pillow, he or she would dream of certainty in the future.

One unknown American poet went this far: "Turn your boots toward the street, leave your garters on your feet, put your stockings on your head; you'll dream of the one you're going to wed."

Hollywood advertisement for 'Just between us ghosts... IT'S SCARE-OOWIE!' featuring a special Halloween show with prizes.

Egg Prices Drop For Third Day

Eggs continued to plunge downward, Friday, the cuts ranging from 2 to 5 cents in the latest decline, the variation being based on different grades.

Top grades, or premium ones, have taken the most severe cuts, the extra large AA grade being cut five cents in the buying list here Friday morning.

Surplus supplies and demoralizing trends in the big markets have caused the declines here, the local market following Portland trends.

The buying list as given Friday included: extra large AA, 54 cents; large AA, 53 cents; large A, 50-59 cents (prices varying among local firms); medium AA, 40 cents; medium A, 38-45 cents (these prices also varying among local produce firms); pullets, 32-36 cents.

Fires Denfeld, Keeps Vaughan

Oakland, Calif., Oct. 28 (AP)—Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) declared today it was hard for him "to understand personnel policies of an administration that would fire a Denfeld while retaining a Vaughan."

At the same time the California senator, a member of the committee armed services committee, called for the resignation of Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews.

The blast at the administration and the navy secretary followed President Truman's announcement yesterday he had fired Admiral Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations on the advice of Matthews.

Knowland's reference to "a Vaughan" apparently was aimed at the president's military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, who figured recently in a congressional investigation.

The probe was made into alleged claims of certain men that they could obtain government contracts for businessmen because of inside-track friendships in high places.

The removal of Admiral Denfeld by the president at the insistence of Secretary of Navy Francis P. Matthews now makes it imperative, for the good of the service, that the president be free to select a new civilian head of the navy department. Under the circumstances Matthews should now submit his resignation that a new top team can properly function."

County Passes Job Of Roads to City

Acting for the first time under a law of the 1949 legislature which provides that public or dedicated roads within a radius of six miles of the city shall be named by the city zoning commission instead of the county court, that court Friday indefinitely postponed petitions asking that a road south of town have its name changed from Neikerk

Break for Public In Capitol Parking

The public, which sometimes can't park within blocks of the capitol, is going to get a break.

Hollywood advertisement for 'CURSE OF THE CAT PEOPLE' featuring Simone Simon and Kent Smith.

4-H Advisory Group Formed

The Salem 4-H club sponsoring committee became a permanent advisory council at a special meeting just held, reports James Bishop, city 4-H extension agent.

Gene Vandenberg, manager, Elstrom's, was elected chairman; E. Burr Miller, sales manager, Valley Motor company, vice chairman, and James Bishop, city extension agent, secretary.

Seven directors named in addition to the council officers were Ted Medford, district manager, Safeway Stores; Guy N. Hickok, manager, Salem branch, First National bank of Portland; G. F. Chambers, president, Valley Packing company, Salem; David W. Eyre, manager, Ladd and Bush-Salem branch, U.S. National bank of Portland; William L. Phillips, manager, Valley Motor company; Edward Majek, Equitable Life Assurance society and member of Salem school board, and Harry Riches, county extension agent.

The advisory council favored the appointing of a sufficient number of local business, civic, church and educational leaders to act as members-at-large to allow for a well-balanced representation of all phases of city activity. The council will meet again November 29.

Allies Assailed By Vishinsky

Lake Success, Oct. 28 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky charged today the United States and Britain are trying to transform the Balkans into a springboard for strategic action against Russia.

Vishinsky made his charge before the political committee of the United Nations assembly. He insisted the UN must call for the immediate withdrawal of American and British missions from Greece before a solution to the Balkan problem can be found.

Vishinsky vigorously defended Albania and Bulgaria against charges by the UN special committee on the Balkans (UNSCOB) that the two Soviet satellites are primarily to blame for the Balkan troubles. He demanded that UNSCOB be liquidated by the assembly as a step toward a solution of the Balkan problem.

Man Made Flood Polk County Jail

Dallas, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Sheriff T. B. Hooker is still adding up the damage to his office and the Polk county jail from a man-made flood.

It seems one of the prisoners

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Liberty advertisement for 'KARTOON KARNIVAL'.

Want a Job? Call Mrs. Swan

Mrs. Herbert Swan, 2615 North Front street, who has a free employment service for small jobs, reports that the state employment office and the county welfare office are cooperative with her effort.

Mrs. Swan started the service in appreciation of help given herself and husband and their two small children when Mr. Swan was without work and their money had all but vanished.

Publicity given her employment service reached other states and she has a letter from a woman in Wenatchee, Wash., who read about it in the Capital Journal.

Mrs. Swan says about 15 jobs have been cleared through her and she thinks that isn't enough. She would like to hear from others who have small jobs to be done, or from persons who would like to do them. Her phone number is 2-8801.

Open Fraternal Congress Here

A hundred or more delegates to the Oregon Fraternal Congress were here for the opening session Friday morning, and it was evident that the attendance would be considerably increased in the afternoon. About 150 reservations had been made for the evening banquet.

The meeting is being held at VFW hall, 630 Hood street, and the banquet also will be held there.

At the opening session Rev. George Swift gave the invocation and Mayor Robert L. Elstrom welcomed the delegates for the city.

At the afternoon session W. C. Schuppel, board chairman of the Standard Insurance company, spoke on the "Future of Life Insurance." Under the leadership of Rev. W. Schoeller a forum was held with discussion of "The New Man's Viewpoint," and "The Inspector and His Work."

Officers were to be elected. At the evening banquet Governor Douglas McKay and Dr. Robert Hooker of Pacific university will be among the speakers.

Among features of entertainment will be a dance group from Thor lodge, Sons of Norway, and piano music by Wayne Meusey.

Ivan G. Martin of Salem is presiding.

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New Shop Is Opened advertisement for Miss Grace Kauffman.

The Salem Drive-In Theatre advertisement for 'Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, Doris Day'.

Advertisement for 'No Name Ball Room' featuring Claude Bird & Orchestra.

Advertisement for 'White Heat' starring James Cagney and Virginia Mayo.