



Opening event of the Ruch carnival is always a costume parade for the children with prizes for the winners. Pictured above are the three second place winners who were (left to right) Linnie Sample dressed as a cave man, Bonita Hard costumed as Little Bo Peep and Linda Wells dressed as an Indian squaw.



Among the school patrons at the carnival were Floyd Ober (at left) and Robert Webb, school board member and carnival chairman. Little Jay Ober's entranced look was caused by the news camera with its flashing bulbs. All three wore bright carnival hats which were handed out at the ticket booth.



Many of the children in the costume parade wore masks, resulting in many fearsome effects. Although their schoolmates couldn't recognize them, the first-place prize winners pictured here are Brian Waldeyer as a witch, Jerry Meyers as an Indian and Fritzie Ramsey turned into a wolf, or maybe a lion.



The ticket table was piled high with prizes which were given away during the evening. Ticket sellers were (seated, at left) Mrs. Robert Webb and Mrs. Vern Taylor, and among the carnival patrons were (at left) Mrs. David Cooper and Mrs. Loren Cooper. Prizes included a live turkey which from time to time startled the carnival crowd with a loud noise which sounded like a dog barking.

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Halloween Carnival

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The Halloween season is also school carnival time in Jackson county. Teachers and parents have found that a gay, noisy carnival is the ideal form of entertainment for the fun-loving youngsters at Halloween, and also an excellent way in which to raise money.

Ruch Parent-Teacher association sponsored a carnival last Saturday night which not only provided an evening of fun but added substantially to the fund being raised to buy chairs for the new building to be used as gymnasium and auditorium by the school.

Principal Boyd Gibson reported later that \$383 had been realized by the carnival and this, added to the fund raised by "named" chairs, brought the total to \$588. In addition to chairs, the PTA and school officials hope to erect a temporary stage in time for a Christmas play.

(Brainerd photos)



A Ruch PTA member dreamed up the clever idea of selling chairs to parents and other interested citizens. The chairs are lettered with the purchaser's name and are to be used by the buyer when he attends school functions. Lee Wells brought along paint and brushes and spent the evening lettering chair backs—some patrons bought two or three during the carnival.



Three well-known residents of the Ruch district served as judges for the children's costume parade, and found the selection a bit difficult. The judges were W. L. Green, Mrs. Lee Port (center) and Miss Mollie Ray. The judges made notes while the children marched along an improved ramp made from benches, and after the prizes had been awarded, expressed the hope that "no one will be mad at us." Like all carnival goers, the three judges wore the giddy crepe paper hats which are part of the fun.



One of the most popular carnival attractions is always the fish pond. Children paid their pennies and hooked wooden fish which held numbers corresponding to the numbered prizes piled on the shelves at the back of the booth. Operating the fish pond were Mrs. Lee Meyers (behind fish pole) and Mrs. William H. Ziegler, photographed with outstretched arm. Mrs. Buford Wells was the third booth worker. Mrs. Ziegler, who at one time was on the news staff of The Mail Tribune, is publicity director for Ruch PTA.