

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.) — Civic groups and the cops have taken a lot of the temper out of our young on Halloween night. Parties are held to keep the kids out of mischief. A lot of churches hold hoedowns, give the little ones a heavy full of goodies each and send them off to ring door bells in the good name of charity.

In my day we played "trick or treat" first, then we went around destroying property, running off with farm wagons—10 kids pulling and 10 others pushing.

We pushed over out-houses; once, in my memory, it was occupied by the chief of police. Trouble developed.

The Start
Halloween is a cut-down version of "All Hallows' Even." That is the evening before "All Hallows' Day," or "All Saint's Day." Pope Gregory III in the eighth century dedicated a chapel in the Vatican Basilica to all saints, known and unknown, and set Nov. 1 as their festival.

Kids today, of course, still go up, cut the legs off Dad's old pants and prowl their neighborhoods. And if they hide behind false faces, they are doing what

history dictates. Man has been running around in false faces since history started to be recorded. For ceremonial dances, worship, on the stage, and in the grim business of pitting man against man in fighting wars.

In Africa, as well as Alaska and parts of the United States where Indians live, men still depend on masks to invoke the spirits. Or "scare them away."

Square Heads for Squaws
Some Indians of the Southwest have masks made to fit over the skull and down around the shoulders. Round heads for the braves; square heads for the squaws. No offense to the lady Indians intended.

Mothers in some countries have been known to wear face covers to make the young fry behave and take on their nourishment.

Headpieces worn in some early Greek plays sometimes had hidden megaphones inside. The idea was to amplify the emotions of the actor, as well as his voice.

This added up to show the folks who bought cheap seats in the bleachers or the outfield whether the actor was trying to emote, simulate sorrow, joy or if he was plain mad at somebody.

The masks our little kids wear don't scare anybody. And if the church doesn't supply them with lollipops, the good American family has a few morsels to give away. Pennies and nickels, too. If charity benefits, that's fine. If they leave the soap off my car windows, that's very fine.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Charles Howard Walden, overload \$53.
Melvin J. Bean, overload, \$117.
Francis Louis Keeney, overload, \$51.
Billy Melven Morris, overweight, \$10.
Alvah Pearl Hubbard, passing with insufficient clearance, \$10.
Charles Otis Strawn, truck speeding, \$15.
Robert Ray Talbot, overload, \$61.
Francis Irvin Cheney, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Raymond F. Holman, shooting from public highway, \$30.
Lorenzo Gale Johnson, defective stop light, \$10, bail forfeited.
Archie Elwood Person, failure to dim lights, \$10, bail forfeited.
Myron Deering Andrew, failure to tag deer properly, \$30.
Jared Lee Black, improperly changing lanes on highway, \$7.50.
Kenneth Lockhart, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Ronald Bernard Harding, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Bob Gene Harp, reckless driving, \$30.
Gary Dean Fisen, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.
Jerry Marilyn Yost, violation of basic rule, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Flora Wimer Stewart vs. Philip T. Stewart, divorce decree.
Keith B. Van Horn vs. Mary Jane Van Horn, divorce decree.
Louis Knudsen vs. Shirley Knudsen, divorce decree.
Betty Lou Stevens vs. Garry Marvin Stevens, divorce decree.
Bobbie Arlene Kinkade vs. Jack Oliver Kinkade, divorce decree.
Jean Singleton vs. Wilbur F. Singleton, divorce complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Verl Dale Searcy, route 3, box 342, Klamath Falls, and Ruth Maudslene Marshall, route 1, box 302, Talent.
Donald Frederick Mang, 1337 Sprin. st., Medford, and Mary Jane McCarty, 441 North Grape st., Medford.

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Wednesday, October 24, 1956

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Soviet Observers View Kentucky Race

Louisville, Ky. — (U.P.) — Three Soviet Russian guests of the State Department, in this country to observe a United States election campaign, arrive today for a first hand look at politics Kentucky style — which often baffles even Kentuckians.

After their arrival from Washington this afternoon, the

Russians were scheduled for a formal welcome at the office of Louisville Mayor Andrew Broaddus and lunch at the exclusive Pendennis Club with city officials.

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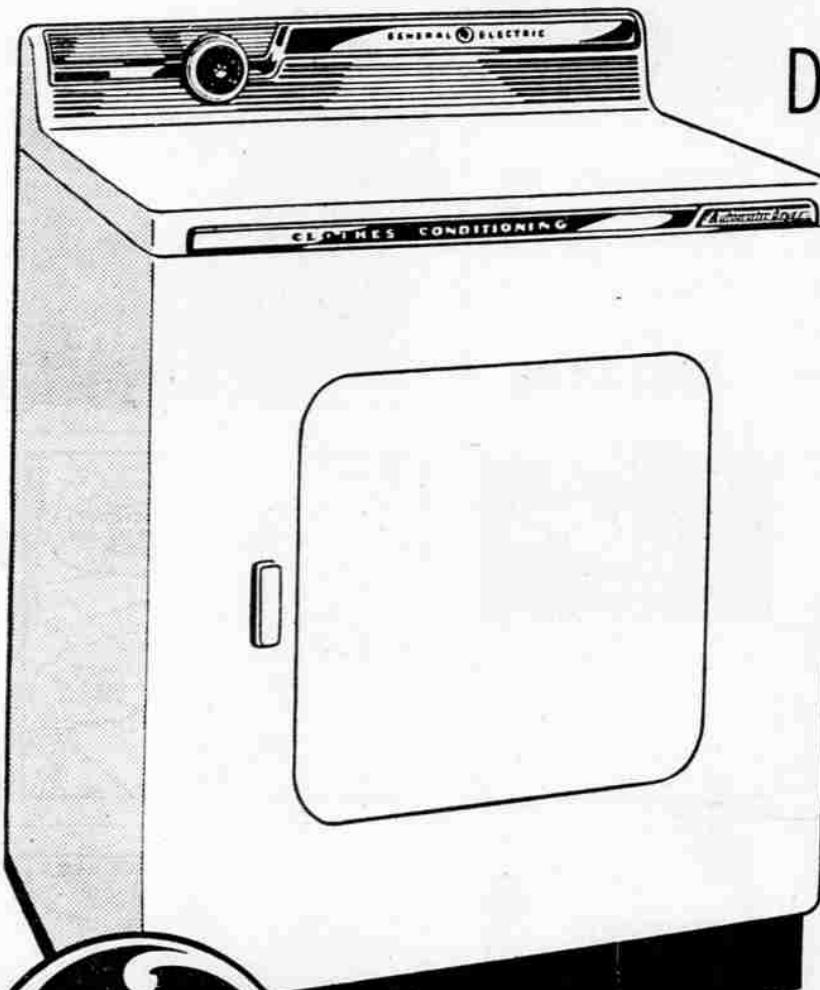
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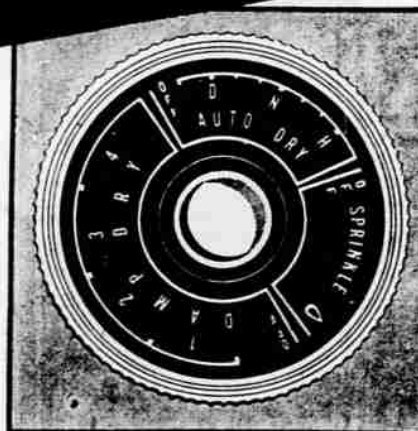
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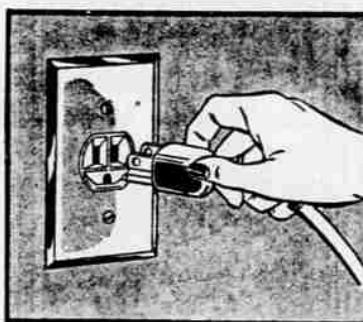


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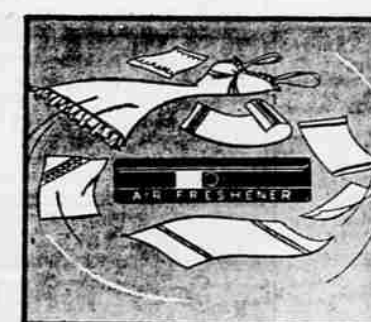


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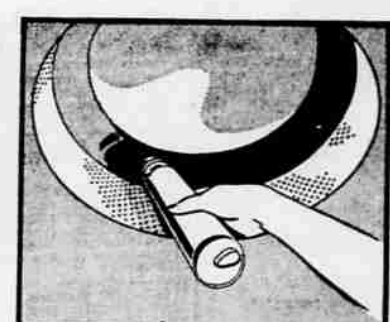
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