

American Churches Try To Rescue Halloween

By LOUIS CASSELS
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America's churches are trying to rescue Halloween from "Paganism."

Although many people nowadays hardly realize the fact, Halloween was originally a religious observance — the vigil of All Saints' Day.

The name "Halloween" is a corruption of "All Hallows Eve," which is what the medieval English called the occasion.

Ancient legend holds that the spirits of the saints return to earth on Halloween. Embroidered by superstitious minds, this legend became the basis for Halloween's association with "Witches and hobgoblins."

Some years ago, churches began working with schools and other community agencies to curb youthful vandalism on Halloween. At first, their efforts were concentrated on sponsoring "wholesome costume parties for youngsters to keep them out of trouble."

Now there is a growing effort in both Catholic and Protestant churches to invest Halloween with a positive religious meaning.

Hundreds of Catholic parishes this year will conduct special worship services on Halloween. Children will come in costumes intended to represent patron saints. For example, St. Cecilia, patron saint of music, might be represented by a girl wearing a Roman robe and carrying a violin.

The Catholic service, to which parents and other adults also are invited, usually includes prayers, a short sermon on the lives of the saints, and a procession of the costumed children.

Observance of this Halloween service has increased rapidly in Catholic parishes in recent years under the

leadership of Msgr. Martin Hellriegel of St. Louis, a noted Catholic liturgist.

Protestant churches throughout the country will emulate an idea which seems to have originated in 1950 with a group of churches in the little town of Lost Nations, Iowa. The churches of Lost Nations got their children to go out on Halloween — instead of asking "treats" for themselves — to collect money for relief of hungry children overseas.

They will also carry a "treat" for those whose doors they approach in the form of application blanks for a free Bible correspondence course. The application entitles the holder to a course in general Bible knowledge which will come through the mail, and may be taken at the recipient's leisure. There is no cost or obligation of any kind connected with the course, and it is given for the purpose of increasing community interest in the study of the Bible.

The Pathfinder organization is sponsored by the church for its youth in the 10 to 16 years of age bracket, and is international in scope. It's purpose is to provide the youth with useful and worthwhile activities. Various crafts are taught the boys and girls with special emphasis on nature study and camp crafts, and Christian devotions is a part of their training. The operation Thursday night will be a part of their program of community service.

The National Council of churches has formally endorsed the idea, and funds collected this Halloween may be turned over to its relief branch, Church World Service, for use in its "share our surplus" program of food distribution in 47 countries.

Some churches, as well as many schools, will arm children with coin boxes and credentials to collect money for the United Nations Children's Fund.

A third program, similar in spirit, is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker). Children dressed as "friendly beggars" collect needles, pins, thimbles and scissors to be made up into sewing kits for mothers of destitute families overseas.

The United Nations Children's Fund program will be carried on in Medford again this year. Schools, service clubs and UN chapter members are cooperating in the plans.

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Trick-Treat Plan Of Pathfinders Will Aid Needy

Boys and girls of the Medford Seventh-day Adventist church's Pathfinder club will ring doorbells Thursday night, October 30, in traditional Halloween manner. Instead of a treat for themselves, however, the youngsters will invite contributions of canned goods which they will use in the preparation of Thanksgiving food baskets for the community's needy families.

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Gardeners Plan Portland Show

Portland—Christmas Splendor, fifth annual Christmas show sponsored by Pioneer, Multnomah and Portland districts of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, will be held in the Hotel Multnomah Rose Bowl December 6 and 7. This year exhibits are open to all members of garden clubs in the Oregon Federation. There are divisions for novice, amateur and advanced amateur.

Interested exhibitors outside the three districts should contact the general chairman, Mrs. Lindsay Mercer, 934 SW Cheltenham street in Portland, for schedules and information. Entries close November 5.

Proceeds from the show will be used for scholarships, national cemetery and other projects of civic or state interest.

Party Announced By Wenonah Club

Wenonah club will sponsor the semi-annual card party at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 30, at Redman hall. Pinochle, bridge and canasta will be played.

Members are asked to invite friends, and all former members are extended an invitation. Cookies and coffee will be available to guests continuously during play.

The club president Mrs. Charles Dooms, telephone SP 3-5005, will give further information.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

7:30 p.m. — Southern Oregon Mushroom club, Clyde Minger residence.

8 p.m. — Eagle Point Elementary Parent Teacher association, grade school auditorium.

8 p.m. — Natural Foods associates, Medford High school, room 30.

8 p.m. — Pythian club, home of Mrs. Arnold Motschenbacher, Old Stage rd.

Wednesdays:
11 a.m. — Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123½ West Main st.
1 p.m. — Home Economics

Chinese Children Win Tourist Hearts, Coins

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor
Hong Kong — UPI — It's the Chinese children who first get to the heart—and pocketbook—of the American tourist in this British crown colony.

The shopkeepers practically haul us off the streets and into their stores, to show and sell us their bargains in clothing, jewelry, cameras, and knick-knacks for the house.

But the children, with their dirty, out-stretched hands, first must be served.

The appeal in their small faces can't be ignored, no matter how often the residents warn that they are tools for the avaricious adults, who organize whole blocks or neighborhoods. They are forced to turn their haul over to these fagans and occasionally are tossed a small coin in return.

"Give, but give through organized charities," one young Chinese woman, the wife of an American resident, warned me. "Otherwise, you're just encouraging the system."

I agreed. We should support the organized charities in any land. But even with the mental picture of the adults profiting on children's need, I still found myself unable to resist the small hands and the looks in their eyes.

Apparently the children have an "underground" operating just as efficiently as any government spy network, in this city of mystery and intrigue.

Because news that strangers with ready change are in town spreads rapidly. My personal charity program began when I got off a ferry between the island and the mainland, where my hotel was located.

"Please, Missy," said a voice beside me, and I looked down. "Please . . ." I just happened to have some change not yet pocketed from my ferry ticket.

From then on, anytime I left my hotel, I had an entourage of small beggars, some seeking coins only, other offering faded flowers or shoes in return. On one morning of shopping I had three shoeshines—not the most expert of jobs, but with each went a wide smile from beneath a bowl haircut.

They tell you, the residents, that the direct giving is wrong, but I didn't see any visitors saying "No." Maybe we were thinking, we have so much; these are children whose home is the street, whose meal is a bowl of rice eaten not at a dining-room table but from a newspaper spread on a sidewalk.

Or maybe we were recalling what he said nearly two thousand years ago: "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not . . . for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Medford Student Is Member of University Choir

Greenville, S.C.—Miss Carol Faye Ellison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellison, 453 Haven street, Medford, has been selected by the Bob Jones University music faculty to sing in a Vesper choir. Miss Ellison, an alto, is a junior majoring in elementary education in the School of Education of Bob Jones university.

One of four choirs appears each Sunday on Vespers, an hour-long, sacred and classical recital of speech and music selections presented in Rodeheaver auditorium on the Bob Jones University campus. The choral selections are performed with piano, pipe organ, or orchestral accompaniment.

Each week, approximately 3,000 persons attend the Vesper program, which is fully staged with stylized scenery and dramatic lighting effects. During performances the choir may be located on a large, scenic staircase or on one of several electrically-operated stage elevators and turntables.

Woman Expert On Computers

United Press International
Chicago — UPI — Phyllis Huggins interprets scientists to scientists.

She is an expert on electronic computers at the Bendix Aviation Corporation, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Huggins helped develop the training program, a virtually untested field, and tells firms which buy or rent the electronic brain how to staff it.

The slender brunette travels more than 12,000 miles a year. Her mother often stays with her two sons, aged 16 and 11, while she checks on who is using the computers, what they are doing and how they do it.

The job, Mrs. Huggins said is ideal for women who "have the preciseness, neatness, imagination and capacity for fine details."

Mrs. Huggins, a technical writer, was hired to rewrite manuals on the computers. Soon she was assigned to organize training classes for customers, and within three years she was accepted as an expert on computers.

She became interested in computers only because "the subject matter was intriguing, and my curiosity got the better of me."

There are approximately 8,000 computers in use now, but Mrs. Huggins said the field is too new to have standardized salaries. She estimated programmers make at least \$600 a month.

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Student Enrolls At Bible School

Los Angeles—Miss Elizabeth Ann Cushman, daughter of William E. Cushman, Trail, Ore., has enrolled in the Missionary Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc. BIOLA, as the fifty-year-old training center is more commonly known, has a student body of more than 800 according to a report issued today by school authorities.

Miss Cushman attended Grant Union High school of Sacramento. Following High school, Miss Cushman attended Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills, Alberta, Canada where she was floor supervisor for two years.

Since attending school, Miss Cushman worked at Daily Vacation Bible school, camp work and hospital work for three months. She is a member of the Trail Community church where she was an assistant Sunday School teacher. Plans for the future include a course of Summer Linguistics, and then jungle camp.

Speakers' Group Tries Experiment

Medford Toastmistress club members tried an experiment in the making of speeches at the last meeting. Speakers were blindfolded, and the talks were made without gestures. Purpose of the experiment was to judge the tone quality and variety of pitch in the voices as an aid to "putting across" an idea.

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Apple Stick-Ups Halloween Treat

New York — UPI — When goblins ring your doorbell on Halloween, treat them to "apple stick-ups."

Melt 2 pounds caramel candy with 4 tablespoons water in top of double boiler. Stir in enough red food coloring to make dip a bright red.

Cover a tray with about 1½ cups ginger snap crumbs (20 cookies). Spear apples with a small pickle or lobster fork, dip them into hot syrup and twirl until surface is completely coated. Set on crumbs, remove fork and insert candy stick. The gingery crumbs add flavor and keep apples from sticking to tray. Makes enough for 12 apples.

Lodge Brings Island Troupe

Medford Elks lodge is completing plans today for the appearance here of Hilo Hattie and her troupe of Hawaiian entertainers. The troupe will make a three-day appearance beginning Thursday, October 30.

To open the festive event, an island "luau" will be served Thursday between 7 and 9 p.m., and will be repeated Friday and Saturday evenings. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m. and the shows are scheduled at 9 and 11:15 p.m.

Hilo Hattie, termed Hawaii's "ambassador of good will" has been known for years as a popular entertainer, and her revue features native songs and dances of the islands. Carlyle Nelson directs the dance group.

The elaborate plans for the event include authentic island decorations for the clubhouse and a committee composed of Ralph Matlack, Ray Huson and James Clark has already started work on these.

Mrs. Frank Little is ticket chairman, and Monte Morris is advertising chairman. William Ruck is the lodge's social chairman for the year.

Members are privileged to take guests, and reservations may be telephoned to Spring 2-6247, or Spring 2-6248.

Treat Trick

Make cones of heavy orange paper. Fill with assorted chocolates and cover with saran wrap. Pile on platter, and keep near the front door for trick-or-treaters.

Slimmer Tebaldi Acclaimed At Metropolitan Opening

By DELOS SMITH
United Press International
New York — UPI — The "war of the prima donnas" has taken a new, dramatic turn—the heavier of the two claimants for recognition as the world's greatest practicing operatic soprano, Italian style, has lost weight.

This was revealed at the opening of the Metropolitan Opera's 75th year Monday night when Renata Tebaldi cut an admirably girlish figure and gave an out-of-this-world musical performance in the name role of the opera, "Tosca." A well-heeled audience applauded her until she and it were limp. It had to be well-heeled; the best seats cost \$40 each.

Record Box Office
The box office shared Miss Tebaldi's triumph. It took in \$86,687 for the single performance, a record for America's oldest and most celebrated opera house. The previous record—for opening night two seasons ago—was \$75,510. Opening night prices are jacked up several times over the regular tariff.

There had been no previous announcement of Miss Tebaldi's slimming and it occasioned much comment. Not that she was ever very heavy when you think of the traditional well-upholstered Italian soprano, but her arch rival for topmost prima donna honors in the world's opera houses, Maria Meneghini Callas, has had a lot of critical acclaim over the past few seasons for her slender, girlish

Ruch Carnival Set For Friday

Ruch — Everything is lined up for the Halloween carnival sponsored by the Ruch Parent Teacher association Friday, October 31, according to Vern Taylor, chairman of the event.

An outdoor costume parade at 7:30 p.m. will start the activities, and prizes will be given for the best costumes. A magician has been booked, and he will entertain in the cafeteria at 7:45 p.m. The main carnival will start at 8:15 p.m. in the gymnasium and will include fortune telling, basketball throw, hoopla and a variety of games and contests.

The decorating committee expect to have their work completed several days in advance, and foods committees are busy soliciting and preparing a variety of refreshments, according to Mr. Taylor. A skit announcing the carnival will appear on television Thursday.

Professor Criticizes Dieting of Mother-to-Be

Pittsburgh — "Restriction of the expectant mother's diet to produce a smaller baby involves the gravest of dangers."

This statement was made here by Dr. Samuel M. Wishik, professor of maternal and child health of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. He was speaking at the "Advances in Human Nutrition" symposium, attended by 375 nutrition scientists and doctors from the U. S. and abroad.

The two-day symposium was sponsored by H. J. Heinz company to mark the opening of the new Heinz Research center.

Dr. Wishik said: "Routine restriction of the pregnant woman to a severe diet can harm the baby. On the other hand, the well-fed mother-to-be may well have an easier time with a larger baby, because both infant and mother are in good physical condition for delivery."

Dr. Wishik said that overweight women do not have a markedly more difficult time in delivery than do underweight women. Further, he said, most women have little difficulty getting back to normal weight, even when they have gained greatly during pregnancy.

Dr. Wishik said research shows that the pregnant woman and her baby do not share nutrients on any fair basis. When there is insufficient nutrition, the mother will "take" the Vitamins, A, E, K, and iodine, and the unborn baby will be starved of these. But the unborn baby will take the iron and Vitamin C, and the mother will lack those nutrients.

"Perhaps it is not true that a pregnant woman must 'eat for two,'" he said. "But she should, however, be 'eating for one and a fraction.'"

He said there is little evidence to support the belief

Auxiliary Members Hold Work Session

Disabled American Veterans' Junior auxiliary held a meeting October 18, at the home of Mrs. Harvey Cassman. One member, Cynthia Simmons, has moved to Grants Pass.

Members made bracelets of walnut shells for a project. Paulette Simmons and Donna Thompson served refreshments.

Next meeting will be held November 15.

WITCH'S HAT

Create a witch's hat for Halloween by making a cone out of orange construction paper, or use cardboard and cover with wrapping paper or paint. Cut a rim out of the same paper and tape to the underside of the hat. Stick toothpicks in the hat, each with a chocolate on the end. Each "trick-or-treater" can pull out a chocolate, toothpick and all.

Charles Cox Here To Visit Family

A valley visitor is Charles Leroy Cox, Jacksonville, Fla., who is visiting his mother, Mrs. Opal Cox, 402 Ross lane; and two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Gemachlich, 527 Effie avenue, and Mrs. Josephine Earrick, 1327 Woodland avenue.

This is the first return trip to the valley in 10 years for Mr. Cox who will leave for Florida Wednesday.



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