

Halloween is Different

Halloween has taken on a new meaning. It is still a time for parties, mischief and for "Trick or Treat," but now it is also a time when residents of this rich and fortunate nation are given an opportunity to help the children of under-privileged countries. This is done through the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, an agency devoted to the welfare of children throughout the world. When children bearing UNICEF cartons knock at the door on Halloween with the new Halloween slogan, "The Trick is to Treat", householders are asked to donate coins. The money is used for food and medicine in such countries as India, Mexico, Peru and Nigeria.



With "Spice and Spouse" as the theme, XI Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a Halloween party last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blomquist, 2623 Crater lake avenue. Jack o' lanterns, corn stalks and a black pot holding witches brew decorated the Blomquist's recreation room for the event. Members who helped with party arrangements are (left to right) Mrs. J. Edgar Moir, Mrs. Everett Ballard, Mrs. Blomquist and Mrs. J. B. Austin, social chairman of the chapter.



Medford YMCA was thronged with ghosts and goblins Friday night when the family night committee staged a Halloween party. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Braaten are chairmen of the family night program for this month, and Mrs. Braaten made costumes for the three children. Previewing the party clothes for Photographer Robert Vroman are three-year-old Mary Jo, her brother Bill, who will be 5 on November 11, and big brother Elliott, who is 7. The Braatens live at 901 Park street.



Medford children will join others throughout the United States on Halloween in the annual campaign to collect money for UNICEF. Sue Roberts, shown holding one of the little cartons which children will use for the collection, was one of a group of young people from First Presbyterian church Sunday school who assembled at the church last Saturday to put UNICEF stickers on the cartons. Money collected will be used to buy milk and medicine for children in less fortunate countries.



Harold Soballe, department head in the First Presbyterian Sunday school, and Mrs. C. B. Cordy, teacher of fourth grade children in the Sunday school, were among the adults who supervised the preparation of the UNICEF cartons. Other adults will accompany the children on their Halloween rounds. During preparation for the annual UNICEF collection, it was explained to the children that 1 cent will buy five glasses of milk, 5 cents enough penicillin to cure a child of yaws, and 10 cents will buy enough BCG to protect 10 children from tuberculosis.



Preparation of the UNICEF cartons was serious business for the Presbyterian youngsters of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades who took part in the project. Those who assist with the collection on Halloween will return to the church with their boxes and coins, and in return for their efforts to aid less fortunate children, will be treated at parties given by the church. The UNICEF project in Medford is supervised by the Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association.