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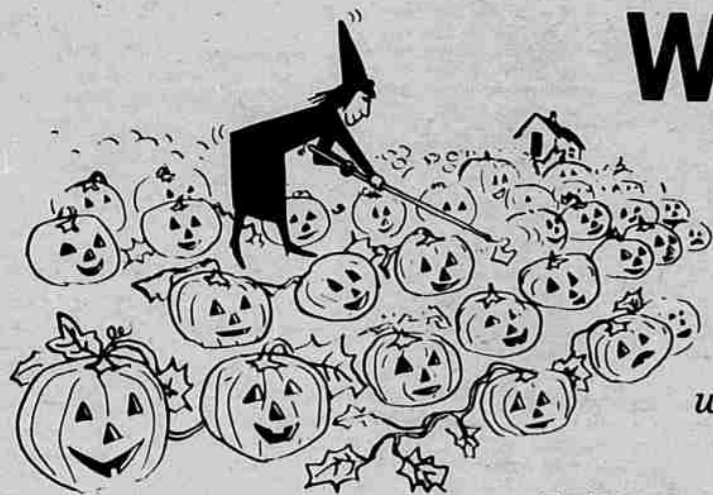
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### Vicks Va-tro-nol NOSE DROPS

AS RATIONAL and intelligent humans, most of us believe that witches, if they ever existed at all, belonged to the superstitious Middle Ages rather than to modern times. But a recent study of newspaper files shows that a number of well-educated persons still believe wholeheartedly in witches and the power of their curses, charms, and magical craft.

For instance, last year a 62-year-old Alabama school principal resigned after admitting to the county school superintendent that she believed in voodoo and had openly discussed it with her pupils.

Earlier this year, a New York City waitress, questioned by reporters about disturbances in the coffeehouse where she worked, replied that she could say nothing about herself at the moment because she was studying to be a witch.

Not long ago in England, the Rev. Montague Summers, an authority on the history of witchcraft, stated, "I know there are witch cults today in hundreds of cities in the British Isles."

It is common knowledge, of course, that in areas where ignorance and superstition are as strong today as they were centuries ago, the witch is still a creature of terror. As the American People's Encyclopedia points out: "Any old woman who lives alone, collects herbs, and is mildly eccentric is likely to be known as a witch." News reports from the Congo recently told how 241 suspected witches and sorcerers had been put to death by fellow tribesmen after mysterious trials.

But to find witchcraft still flourishing in the "civilized world" comes as something of a shock. It's hard to believe, though all of us have probably bumped into such superstition at one time or another in our lives.

In areas of Pennsylvania, for

example, it is common to see barns decorated with hex signs for warding off evil spells and spirits. In Denmark, people still build immense antiwitch bonfires on St. Hans Eve, which comes at the height of summer. According to legend, these fires are built in order to trap and burn any witches flying over the countryside.

ONE OF THE most outspoken believers that witches do exist is Gerald Gardner, anthropologist and director of the Museum of Magic and Witchcraft on the Isle of Man, England. Gardner declares that he has met many witches in his life and that he himself is a member of one of the oldest societies of witches surviving in England.

The real problem in identifying a witch, according to Gardner, is that she isn't necessarily a wrinkled old crone with a tall, pointed hat, brewing malevolent and malodorous spells in an iron cauldron.

No, sir. Your 20th-century witch is more likely to be a suburbanite with a split-level home and creeping crab grass, he maintains.

She and her husband (male witches are called warlocks) might be your next-door neighbor. She leads a quiet, orderly life and is discreet about her magical powers. The last thing she wants is to start another Salem witch panic!

With such power at her fingertips, you'd think the modern witch would be sitting pretty, but she's now faced with a real threat. Witchcraft has always been a family tradition, says Gardner, passed on from parents to children like a favorite recipe. In centuries past, youngsters could be quietly taught the family secrets without interference from the outside world.

But today children are expected to join groups, to be part of the



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# WITCH?



gang. Witches who train their children now live in fear that Junior may blab an incantation in class and permanently ruin the family reputation or, even worse, put a spell on the scoutmaster or math teacher.

Michael Callaway, a writer and artist who has done considerable research on witchcraft, estimates that in the U.S. there are more than 10,000 witches' cults, each with three to 13 members. "These cults are very secretive. The members consider it their religion, and it often takes years before they'll let in a new member."

Before you laugh at people like Callaway or Gardner, consider that people were once equally skeptical about sea monsters. Today we accept them as being giant whales or squid. Maybe the answer to witches is equally simple.

In any event, keep your wits about you if you attend a Halloween party. Some of the spirits surrounding you will be good and some evil. We hope you can spot which is witch!



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