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Hallowe'en Poems by A7 Pupils

Why We Observe Hallowe'en?

By CARRIE ANNA DONAHUE

The name of the Autumn celebration means, "holy eve." This name represents a pagan festival of Autumn. The games and pranks of the children and stories by the fireside are relics of pagan days. Before Christian times, the Romans celebrated the festival of Pomona the goddess of gardens about the Hallowe'en season, but no one knows exactly how Hallowe'en originated.

Why Bring That Up?

By LEILA COMBS

"Do you remember on Hallowe'en,
When you put a tick-tack on somebody's screen?
And grandmother said,
'At home you must stay.'
But when night came you stole away?"
"Yes, but why bring that up?"

"Oh, don't you remember the night you played ghost,
And hung a lantern on somebody's post?
And a man came out and you looked pale.
For when he caught you he took you to jail?"
"Yes, but why bring that up?"

"But this Hallowe'en you don't look so brave,
'Cause last Hallowe'en you went thro' that old cave.
Where all the spooks and witches bid,
And you ran out there; yes, you did.
And don't you remember what grandmother said?
That all timid boys must run straight to bed.
And when it gets dark, home you must run
While I'm out having heaps of fun?"
"Yes, but why bring that up?"

The Fun of Hallowe'en

By MARGARET MACLEOD

On the night of Hallowe'en
When the goblins can be seen,
And the bats come swishing down
With a whirring sound,
Our hearts begin to quake,
And our knees begin to shake.
Then we hear the mournful sound
Of a weary howling hound;
But that's the fun of Hallowe'en.

The Thrills of Hallowe'en

By CARRIE ANNA DONAHUE

Hallowe'en is drawing near
When all things are dark and drear.
And the black owl hoots a song
Of ghosts and goblins all night long.

You're sure to see a pumpkin roun'
With smiling face and flaming crown.
They're sure to be on doorstep and fence,
And when children see them they run for defense.
Put these together on Hallowe'en eve,
A night full of thrills and glee you'll receive.

How to Act on Hallowe'en

By LOIS SANDERSON

It soon will be Hallowe'en,
Some boys, I'm afraid, act too mean.
Some girls, too,
But that's nothing new.
Don't act like a smarty,
Or you might spoil the party.
Bob for apples and dress like a ghost,
And go put a pumpkin on somebody's post,
For it is Hallowe'en.

Hallowe'en

By THELMA LOCKHART and LORAINE ROELOFS

On the night of Hallowe'en
Many pumpkins can be seen,
With the black cats on the ground
And with weird bats all around.

In the air a host of witches
Chase the children with their switches,
But shadows of the weary ghost
Frighten timid folks the most.

Hallowe'en Night

By MARY PECKHAM

On Hallowe'en night
When the witches take flight
And the ghosts are drifting around,
It's a horrible sight
When the skeletons fight
And the cats are sitting around:
On the ground.

The Happy Holiday

By RACHAEL HUDDLESTON

Hallowe'en is drawing near,
And oh, so many things to fear!
Ghosts and goblins and witches drear,
Swishing by to scream in your ear.

Jolly parties and costumes gay
Make you look like a beautiful jay,
Apples red, tho' skies are gray,
Make a happy holiday.

The Old Woman's Black Cat

By ROBERTA HALE

On Hallowe'en, the grease on tracks,
Bats, black cats, and those creepy tick-tacks—
Everything is so still and calm
When all of a sudden, off goes the alarm.
"Now what could that be?" said the poor old woman
As she grabbed her cloak of old gray woolen.
As she looked around
In a leap and a bound,
Down jumped a black cat;
Now what do you think of that?

Many Useful Articles Produced in Woodshop

By CHARLES KISSINGER, A9

As we near the open door of the woodshop we hear the familiar noise of laboring machines.

Such as jointer, the four lathes, the circular saw, and the band saw.

As we enter we see that all the machines are run by the boys.

We see boys busy as bees working on different things and whistling as they work.

Here at one bench a boy is making a foot stool and here at another is a boy making a surf board.

At a third we see a boy making a six foot model of a Lockheed Vega monoplane and after a few questions, we find out he is a member of the Aviation club, which they have at the high school.

Here at one bench off in a corner is a boy making a model yacht which he has hopes of entering in the Los Angeles Herald model yacht contests.

Here to our left is a door and upon further investigation we find it to lead into the painting or finishing room with its peculiar odors of varnishes and stains.

We also see the finished products of the woodshop here, such as surf boards, end tables, foot stools, tables and lamp stands.

It certainly is a fine lot of work for a lot of high school boys.

Come and visit our shops when you have some spare time and see all this for yourself.

34 Ben Franklins Enrolled to Study This Ancient Craft

By DORIS WOOD

The print shop of the Torrance High School is under the direction of Mr. H. B. Andrews. He has thirty-four students enrolled in classes. The students do all the printing required, such as hall passes, office summons, programs, posters for games, part of the school paper, etc.

The foreman of the class is Robert Nourse, and the secretary is Ellen Stanley. The students are printing a school hand book compiled by student body officers and the office. They have set this book all by hand.

The students are mostly beginners. There are a few who have had a semester or more.

We have a small place to work in, but it serves our need until we can get in more commodious quarters.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Gathered and Written by High School Students

The Girls' Club gave a dance last Friday evening at the Recreation Hall. There were about two hundred people present. Prizes were given for the best costumes. About a hundred dollars was made on the dance, after all expenses were paid.

October 25, 1929, Mr. and Mrs. Miles and three children drove from Longmont, Colorado to Los Angeles. As Mr. Miles is employed in the Columbia Steel, they will make their home in Torrance, and their children will attend the Torrance schools.

October 26, 1929, an eight pound baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rush of Portola avenue. Mr. Rush has decided to name the baby Mary Louise after its mother. Mrs. Rush and the baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huddleston and family enjoyed the weekend at their ranch at Escondido, California. They had as a guest, Miss Mary Peckham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor and daughters, Alice and Ruth, spent Sunday, Oct. 27, in Hollywood, visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lingo and family.

The Firemen's Ball is going to be held Nov. 16. Let's have everybody there and help support the firemen. It is going to be held in the Recreation Hall.

On Thursday, October 31, there will be a football game on the high school field, between the 7th and 8th grades. You are cordially invited to come.

Misses Thelma and Melvin Lockhart have moved from their home at McKinley Inn, to 1551 Post avenue, where they will live with their grandmother, Mrs. Lockhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Baker and son, from Alhambra, California, were out to visit Mr. and Mrs. John T. Richardson, Sunday, October 20. They reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eby had a delightful time as they visited the bay cities last Sunday.

Reverend A. J. Boelter, state superintendent of the Evangelical Church, made a short business call from Los Angeles to Torrance, on Friday.

Mr. Henry Berg, a wonderful baritone who has been singing in grand opera, sang at the Christian church last Sunday evening. He is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Haggard of Torrance.

Mrs. T. D. Grant of 1211 Cota avenue, has been taken to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Pinney, because of illness. Mrs. Grant, who has lived in Torrance for five years, is gradually becoming weaker. She was taken to Los Angeles so that she could be more easily cared for.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and son, enjoyed a day at Pasadena, visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Upshow and family.

Mrs. C. Bronchwell and Mrs. Arnold Talbot and daughter Bernice, came to visit Mrs. D. G. Godard, Wednesday, October 23, 1929. Their home is in Clinton, Ohio, but they are now residing in South Gate, Calif.

Mrs. Gay McDonner has as her guest, Mrs. Vanpaten of Santa Ana.

Mrs. E. E. Ford had as her guests last Thursday evening, Mrs. Sype and daughter, Miss Ethel Kenney.

Mrs. J. Haworth had as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Becker of Compton, for dinner on Friday evening.

Warren Raynes was guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. W. Osbrank, at a card party in Los Angeles, Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. Paul Eby received a telegram, October 23, from La-Grande, Oregon. It stated that her aunt, Mrs. Helen V. Gould had passed away.

Mrs. Mary F. Peer returned October 26, 1929, to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bowen, 1327 Cota avenue. She has been visiting in Colorado, Ohio, and Nebraska, where her sons and relatives live.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church held a very successful food sale on Saturday, October 26, at the Quality Market on Redondo boulevard.

Among those attending the convocation at Saint Augustine Episcopal church at Santa Monica on Tuesday, October 29, 1929, were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milburn and Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Kelley.

There will be a choir practice Thursday, October 31, 1929, at Christ Episcopal church at 7:30 P. M. A. H. Deeks is in charge.

Mrs. Mead Johnson of San Luis Obispo came to Torrance Sunday evening to spend a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bush, Mr. Leo J. Bush and Mrs. S. W. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bay and family enjoyed a long trip to Yucaipa, Sunday, October 28th, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Emile Anderson and family. Later in the day they went to Yucaipa City to see an apple show there. More than three hundred people were enjoying the afternoon viewing the luscious fruit.

Miss Katherine Roberts of Walteria spent Friday and Saturday with Elizabeth Burdick.

Miss Dorothy Brod of Los Angeles spent the weekend with Miss Hermine Oetken of 1001 Sartori street.

Miss Margaret Shell spent Sunday, October 27, with her mother, Mrs. Mary Theriot, at Santa Fe Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ford were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Gardena, Saturday night.

A very delightful gathering was held Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Norma Rappaport, 1724 Gramercy avenue, to listen to the broadcast of the U. S. C.-Stanford game from Palo Alto. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the game. Those present were Misses Betty Jane Ripple, Rita Lister, Jean Smith, and the hostess, Norma Rappaport.

Mrs. McCarthy of Canada is visiting Torrance for two or three weeks. She came out here to see her son, Eddie McCarthy. She is staying with the Mullin family, and is returning to Canada in a few days.

The Girl Scouts will have a Hallowe'en party, Friday, November 1 at Rachel Huddleston's house. They are going to wear costumes, and are expecting to have a good time. Miss Millerd has charge of the Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCuish have returned from a trip touring the United States and Canada which extended over the time of six months. Mr. McCuish, known as Mac, has taken over the Clark Service Station, on Carson street.

The Girls' Friendly Society held its regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1929. A good time was had by all. After the dinner Mrs. Minnie Brooks showed the girls how to make baskets out of pine needles.

Right Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens, bishop of the diocese of Los Angeles, has postponed his visit to Christ Episcopal church from November 10 to December 8, as he has been called east to a meeting of the house of bishops to elect a presiding bishop to take the place of Bishop Murray who died a few weeks ago. A class for the instruction for confirmation meets every Sunday morning at 9:30.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Grothman and son have just returned from their tour of the east. They are accompanied by Mrs. Grothman's parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kracht, Helen and Esther Kracht, of St. Louis, Missouri. The Grothmans have been showing the St. Louis visitors their beautiful California, and this Sunday will spend the day at Malibu Beach.

Ethel Ward visited a friend in Los Angeles on Saturday. They had lunch at Coffee Dan's and then enjoyed a show at Lowe's State theatre.

Miss Mildred Bell, former Torrance High School student, and now in training for a nurse at the California Lutheran Hospital in Los Angeles, was home Sunday, October 29th, for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bell on Marcelina avenue. Miss Bell declares that she enjoys her work a great deal and feels that she will make a success of it.

Miss Rosemary Guyan motored to Ventura Sunday with friends.

Mrs. George Reynolds, who was formerly a resident of Torrance, visited her Torrance friends last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Reynolds and her son George, a former T. H. S. Student, are now living in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and their son Lee, of 1015 Portola avenue Torrance arrived home last week after a week's visit in San Diego. They went by train and came home on a Standard Air Liner which made the trip more exciting. They reported a very pleasant trip.

DIES AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Mother of Mrs. Otto on Portola Taken Sunday After Short Illness

Mrs. Lena Burton, 71 years of age, passed away Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Abbie Otto at 1027 Portola avenue, where she had made her home for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Burton was suffering from a stroke which she had a few days prior to her death.

Funeral services were held from the Mormon church at Adams and Grand in Los Angeles this morning.

Besides Mrs. Otto, Mrs. Burton is survived by three other daughters and a son, Mrs. T. S. Lee of 1027 Portola, Mrs. Hortense Doepke of Los Angeles, Mrs. H. M. Hormer of Springfield, Utah and Austin G. Burton of Shreveport, Louisiana.

High School Gives First Mystery Play

Oh-h-h-h, O-w-w-w!
Crash!!!

What's that? Nothing! Just the senior class practicing their play which is to be given Friday, December 13th. What could be more appropriate for a mystery play than Friday, the 13th?

The play is sure to be a great success for every senior and also the faculty is "Putting a shoulder to the wheel" and boosting.

Name—The Thirteenth Chair.

Characters

Mr. Crosby—Ralph Dougherty.
Mrs. Crosby—Muriel Bell.
Will Crosby—Clarence Carpenter.
Helen O'Neil—Mary Hinman.
Edward Wales—Stanley Creighton.
Phillip Mason—Rudolph Huber.
Mr. Trent—Chas. Faulkner.
Mrs. Trent—Dorothy Winchester.
Mary Eastwood—Dorothy Hansen.
Grace Standish—Loma Kizer.
Howard Standish—Richard Fullman.
Rosalie LaGrange—Ethel Slye.
Pollock—Parke Montague.
Donahue—John Young.
Dunn—William Barnes.
Doolan—Paul Lessing.

The plot resolves about a spiritualistic scene.

The seance is a fake, as is discovered. The medium is to play on the superstitions of the guests, and, if possible, to make one of them confess their guilt of a murder committed some time before.

Wales, who has "framed" the seance, is very interested in the murder, having been a close friend of Spencer Lee, the man who was murdered.

During the seance a scream, then a groan is heard. When the lights are lighted, Wales' body is discovered on the floor, stabbed in the back as Spencer Lee was killed. Inspector Donahue is called to find the murderer.

Come see the methods used by our modern Sherlock Holmes and also find the murderer.

Press Association Gives School Annual a High Rating

By STANLEY CREIGHTON

An interview with the sponsor of our high school yearbook shows it to have obtained a second class honor rating.

Our "Torch," entered in the national inter-scholastic Press Association contest, made the high score of 798 points out of a possible 1000. Both our principal, Mr. Wood and the sponsor, Miss Burnham, think this a very good rating, for this is only the fourth year we have published an annual, and we are a small school.

Miss Burnham was notified that we had an excellent average in many departments, such as theme, art work, printing and engraving, seniors' album and finances. In fact, finances were rated as 100%.

The high school feels proud of this record, but wishes to better it if possible. Improvement will only be possible, of course, by the continued co-operation of Torrance merchants and friends of the school.

Junior High Class in Electricity

By CORNELIUS PEET

The junior high electricity classes have now enrolled forty pupils. They all like it fine and soon will be good electricians. The boys have shop one period a day. First they studied safety rules. Then they made a buzzer and motor and now are working on house wiring. Before they have finished they will have studied about wiring of electrical fixtures, repairing fuses and broken wires, and electro-chemistry, as well as many other elements of electricity.

MacCuish Buys Allen Service on Carson St.

John J. MacCuish who has been shop foreman for the past four years in a local garage has entered business for himself, having purchased the Allen's Service Station at 1403 Carson street. The new business name will be Mac's Service Station and as mentioned in an interview Mr. MacCuish will, in addition to dispensing oils and gasoline to motorists conduct and operate a garage where the best of workmanship will be given on all makes of cars. Mr. MacCuish has lived in Torrance for the past seven years and is well known to many residents here. A slogan adopted in his new business is, "Phone anytime for SERVICE."

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