

# Playground spook show hard on a weak heart

While Dracula trooped around the bier which held an entrancing vampire who looked suspiciously like his wife, Frankenstein tromped around at his most menacing. Children screamed and broke into tears in horror at apparitions which appeared.

A guillotine victim, her head hanging loosely on the other side of the blade, a hanging victim strung from the rafters, a mummy, wrapped in linen, ghoulishly lay in a corner. Torture victims were strewn over the floor and the Wolfman peered through the gloom with talons sharpened for unwary visitors.

The Friday night horror movie?

No, just the playground Spook House at the community centre Thursday night.

Playground leader Don (Bucky) Price touched his leaders with the magic wand of the bad fairy and ended up with the weirdest set of characters ever assembled in the community centre in one night. He played the lead as Dracula the fiendish and dredged up the rest of the cast from Fairy Lake.

Eighty-one children passed through the portals which helped to swell the playground bank by another \$8.10, since it took only one thin dime to enter the chamber of horrors.

Dozens of other children clutched their dimes and appalled by the din emanating from the gloom refused to enter.

Shrieks of horror tore the humid air. Dracula's wife sat up in her coffin.

The hanged man danced on the end of his rope while the torture victims rolled on the floor over green paint and gore to the accompaniment of horrid laughter.

At the door controlling the flow of traffic through the most lucrative and ghoulish of any

horror yet devised by the summer playground, stood senior leader Jo Marie Marchmont calmly accepting admissions in a miniature coffin replete with clutching hand and



ELLEN WISSENZ, an usherette at the playground Spook House, was tendered the honor of holding the head of the guillotine victim who turned out to be Sharon Ellerby in disguise. Odd thing about the decapitation was the Quick Quaker Oats sign where the neck was severed. — (Staff Photo)

sit up corpse. Ushering the victims into the gruesome chamber were Ellen Wissenz and Cathy Dunn.

Besides Dracula who turned out to be Don Price in disguise, there was Mary Frances Marcoux as his charming wife, Larry Quinn, it turned out, was the Wolfman. Jeff Cooper the dancer at the end of the rope. Tim Coles was Frankenstein. Dolores Jordan a mummy straight from the tomb.

Susan McGilloway hung around with a big meat hook through her middle. David Lee had a sword coming in one end of his stomach and emerging at the back. Mary Ann Freuler was covered with gore and wounds. Victim of the guillotine who lost her head at the crucial moment was Sharon Ellerby.

Only one adult, a brave mother, traversed the chamber with horror.

Acton manager Harold Townsley closed the doors after an hour of horror while the characters oozed out of the cement blocks and resumed their normal occupations.



RELAXING AFTER they frightened most of the children who dared to venture into the horror chamber are members of the playground staff. Kneeling is Dracula (Don Price) while his wife (Mary Frances Marcoux) lies in the bier. Left to right are Wolfman (Larry Quinn), hanging man Jeff Cooper, mummy Dolores Jordan, Frankenstein Tim Coles, sword pierced David Lee, torture victims Mary Ann Freuler and Susan McGilloway. — (Staff Photo)



ACTON FIREFIGHTERS were summoned Sunday evening to a fire at the corner of the fourth line, Nassagaweya, and the Eden Mills road but could do little to save a blazing cottage. The small frame building was a complete loss. The building was a mass of flame when firefighters

arrived shortly after 10.30 p.m. Mario Giacomini, Toronto, left the summer home about 7.30 that evening and returned to find it burned down. The Giacomini spent weekends at the home. — (Staff Photo)

## Prominent lawyer was born here

David Bertram Goodman, a prominent lawyer who was born in Acton, died Saturday, August 2 after a year long illness. He was 75 years of age.

He graduated from the University of Toronto and Osgoode hall law school and was called to the bar in 1917.

His son, Edwin Goodman, is former national campaign director of the Progressive-Conservative party. He was buried in Toronto Monday August 4.

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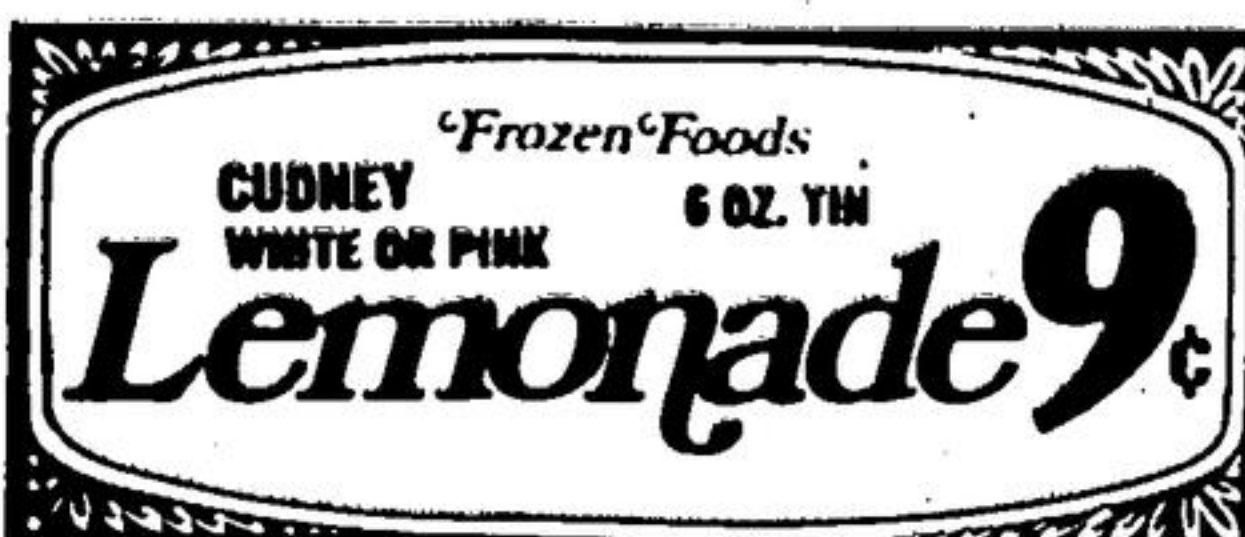
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