

OFFERS HALLOWE'EN PARTY SUGGESTIONS

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been blocked off and swept. Here a giant bonfire and red and green fires are lighted and everyone joins in dancing, singing and games. For special features the Witches Caldron scene from Macbeth might be given, or perhaps a little fantasy centering around the Fairy Ring superstitions, or a dance of the fairies and elves.

Suggestions for Floats

Some communities have gone to quite a good deal of work in preparing floats, and the following subjects might well be used. However, if floats are not practical or permissible groups may march through the streets to places of assembly and there pose successively. Subjects of these scenes or floats are—

1. A float of witches with a large Caldron, brewing spells for the occasion. Black cats crowding about them and yawning would be very effective. (Small boys are admirable for this purpose.)
2. A float of ghosts clanking chains, emitting phosphorescent light, etc.
3. A float of scarecrows, bobbing about like jumping jacks.
4. A float of pumpkins, rolling and tossing about as in a strong wind. (Boys are fine for this.)
5. A float of revelers, bobbing for apples—girls and boys, young men and women, ordinary dress, or costumed suitably for the occasion.
6. A float of young people looking into the mirror according to the old tradition.
7. A float of farmers and farmerettes dancing money musk or similar country dances.
8. A float of young people trying to blow out a large candle in the centre, electric bulb white staff to simulate candle.
9. A float of fiddlers, country type, some fiddling and others clapping time. A man doing a jig will be effective.
10. A float of hay, young people arranged as for a hay ride, eating apples and singing.

Other games can be added and various group dances given, such as the Virginia Reel, Captain Jinx, Portland Fancy, and Lancers.

Refreshments

The refreshments for Hallowe'en are pretty commonly known and include apples, popcorn, punch, ginger cookies, grapejuice, cider, and pumpkin pie. Marshmallow and weener roasts are good.

Costumes

Sheets and pillow cases for ghosts, with phosphorus smeared over some of them. Ragged clothes, hay, shucks, etc. for trimming. For witches, black witch hats, or black head covering, showing grey, wispy hair. Corn starch is better for powdering hair than ordinary talcum powder.

Farmers and farmerettes wear over-alls and straw hats. Pumpkins, long black or yellow hose; round yellow stuffed-out body—covering drawn around the neck and knees, with slits for the arms; a pumpkin head with opening for eyes, nose and mouth is simple and effective, or a head-piece of drooping pumpkin leaves will do.

Black cat costumes are made like children's sleeping teddybears, with the feet, and the faces are made of pasteboard, colored black, with places for eyes, nose and mouth, and painted appropriately. Suggestions are all that are necessary. The tails wired so they may be manipulated by the cats will afford much fun. The costumes for the other performers may be anything desired.

Stunts and Games

The following stunts and games are taken from numerous books and bulletins on community recreation, including home entertaining, and the publications of the National Recreation association in New York City.

Some of the most popular stunts are Chamber of Horrors, Luminous Writing, Bluebeard's Wives, and the various apple games such as Shooting for Luck, Apples and Flour, Apple-ten-pins, and also, Game of Fate, Bowls, Game of Three Fates, Fortune Telling, and Ghost stories. Complete information regarding plans for any of these or other stunts in the Hallowe'en program and list of stories and other tableaux appropriate for this occasion, also details regarding the decoration of rooms, booths, or floats may be had at the Community Service office.

192 Hospital Beds

Available to Women

Washington, D. C. — There are now 192 hospital beds available for women veterans in government hospitals, according to a recent check-up by the National Rehabilitation committee of the American Legion. These are located, in varying numbers, at the following hospitals of the Veterans' Administration, the Army and the Soldiers' Home: Castle Point, N. Y.; Hines, Ill.; Fort Bayard, N. M.; Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Livermore, Cal.; Muskogee, Okla.; Oteen, N. C.; Portland, Ore.; San Fernando, Cal.; Whipple, Ariz.; Pala Alto, Cal.; Mt. Alto, Cal.; Washington, D. C.; Wm. Beaumont General hospital, El Paso, Texas, and Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, Colo.

There are a limited number of beds available at the Dayton, Ohio, Soldiers' Home. It is estimated that there are some 40,000 women veterans of the World war who are potentially eligible for hospital treatment and other benefits of the World War Veterans' Act. At the present time 2,643 are receiving compensation from the Veterans' Administration, divided as follows: Army nurses, 2,190; Navy nurses, 111; Yeomanettes, 326; Marinettes, 3, and 13 other women who served in base hospitals overseas.

Mrs. C. F. Wiard, 76 years old, who was born and raised in Waukegan and lived most of her life here, died last week at the home of her son, Charles, in Minneapolis.

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Devises Amplifier of Tremendous Power, Claim

A device which will amplify an electric current 10 quadrillion times was exhibited for the first time by E. S. Darlington, engineer of the vacuum tube engineering department of the General Electric company, Schenectady, as the radio and electrical show of the Electric league opened in Washington, D.C., recently. The device is a low-grid current tube functioning in conjunction with a thyratron tube.

A device which will amplify an remarkable sensitivity of the low-grid current tube, Mr. Darlington utilized the relatively small amount of current generated by rubbing an amber rod with a piece of paper to turn on and off a regular incandescent lamp. A distance of five to 15 feet separated the amber rod from the small box on which the low-grid current tube was mounted. On the front of the box was a meter which indicated plainly and to what degree the tube was being affected

by positive and negative charges obtained by rubbing the rod.

Also connected to the box was another box containing a thyratron tube, and on top of this was mounted an incandescent lamp. Current was supplied to the lamp by the thyratron tube and the minute charge from the amber rod was amplified by the low-grid current tube sufficiently to operate the thyratron and turn the lamp on and off as the charge was negative or positive.

September Water Level Lower Than in August

September water levels of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron were .30 of a foot lower than during August according to figures released in the U. S. lake survey notice to mariners.

Ever since 1860, the September levels of these two lakes have been .20 of a foot lower than for August. Levels of the past month were 2.07 feet lower than the September stage of one year ago.

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