

WOMEN'S NEWS

RIGHT AROUND HOME

by Shirley

Tomorrow, the last day of October, is Hallowe'en, a night when ghosts, goblins, witches and all sorts of queer creatures will be roaming the streets.

Hallowe'en is one of the oldest festive holidays. Its origin dates back long before the Christian era. The ancient priests of the Druids are often credited with having founded the first harvest festival. This was held on what is now the last day of October, the eve of All Saints' Day on November 1.

Giant fires were lit in honor of the sun god, whose spirit, so they believed, deserved recognition and honor for the important role he played in growing their crops. The ceremony was a solemn, devout religious rite around the roaring flames of the fire.

Centuries later, the Christian church leaders also established a day for service in memory of the saints, which became All Saints' Day.

About the same time as the

Druids were celebrating their harvest festival, the Romans had a similar autumn feast period in honor of Pomona, goddess of the orchard. Autumn flowers, ripe fruit, grain and corn were used as decoration as well as food.

The Britons seemed to have adopted this idea. Today our use of corn stalks, pumpkins, apples, nuts and other products of the harvest is apparently a direct continuation of this old custom.

It was not until the middle ages that ghosts and witches were introduced into the Hallowe'en celebration. This was a period of ignorance and superstition, when the mysterious powers of the great unknown of darkness ran riot. This situation was taken as license for the performance of strange and mischievous antics and pranks by the celebrants.

The pranksters continued their mysterious ghostly deeds until midnight. When the midnight church bells would ring ushering

in the holy day, the Hallowe'en celebrations would cease.

Over the years — yes, over the centuries — the customs of Hallowe'en celebrations have changed from time to time and from place to place. Fads and habits have come and gone — but always the basic traditional intent of the holiday has remained—even though it may not even be known by the celebrants.

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This Hallowe'en, if you have children who are sick in bed or in the house and unable to take part in the evening's festivities, here are a few suggestions which might help entertain them.

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Place Mats—Use large size paper napkins or construction paper. Color or paint Hallowe'en figures on them or if paper is available, let the children cut and paste figures on the place mats.

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Centrepiece—Blow up a long balloon and fasten it securely. Make a small hole in the bottom of a paper plate. Push the tied end of the balloon through the hole on the wrong side of the plate. This enables the balloon to stand. Using white paper or paint, make a face on the balloon, then drape white crepe paper around the balloon to make it look like a ghost. Hide candy kisses under the skirt.

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Candy dishes—Paint paper baking cups orange and decorate as desired.

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Jack O' Lantern Apples—Make a face in a large apple by just cutting off the skin in the right places. Cut the stem end off the apple about half and inch from the top. Very carefully remove the core with a spoon. Fill the apple to overflowing with candy-coated popcorn and set the top of the apple on to look like a hat.

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Popcorn Balls

¾ pound marshmallows
¼ cup butter
16 cups prepared popcorn

Using scissors, cut marshmallows in small pieces and melt with butter in top of double boiler over hot water. Stir well. Place prepared popcorn on large sheet of waxed paper and pour melted marshmallows mixture over it. Mix well and mold into 8 medium-size or 16 small balls. (Dampen hands with water to make shaping easier).

These balls can also be molded around sucker sticks. Add faces with raisins, currants or candied fruit while popcorn is still damp. Paper hats can be added if desired.

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CHANGEABLE WEATHER

Sir Frederic Stupart, former director of the Meteorological Service, once said that "it is doubtful whether any other territory on the face of the globe has a climate as variable in the winter as that of Alberta." Within a few hours the Chinook wind may raise the temperature by as much as 60 degrees.

About 30 per cent. of Canadians are of French origin; of this group 3.5 million live in Quebec.



—Photo by Ron Rupert

OCTOBER 11 VOWS in St. Paul's United Church united Carol Elaine, daughter of Mrs. William A. Cuthbertson and the late Mr. Cuthbertson of Milton, and John James Hoey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hoey of Hornby, in marriage. Rev. J. L. Graham performed the ceremony. They have returned to Milton following a wedding trip to California.

Jehovah's Witnesses Claim Great Expansion Taking Place

Jehovah's Witnesses crowded out the Junior Farmers' Building, Brampton, with an attendance of over 460 on Friday evening, the opening session of their circuit assembly. The theme of the program was "Expanding Our Ministry" and the various talks and demonstrations pointed out practical means of enlarging their Christian activity.

Saturday morning the delegates assembled for service, and again talks and demonstrations were provided to help Jehovah's Witnesses in meeting the public and presenting their literature. Saturday, the discourse on dedication and baptism was given. In the talk, Mr. White mentioned the difference between the scripturally established baptism and the various baptisms indulged in by many of Christendom's religions.

Water Baptism

A record number of 29 symbolized their dedication to Jehovah by water baptism in the ceremony that followed. This is outstanding because two and a half short months ago, there were over 7,000 baptized at the New York World Assembly. This was cited as strong evidence of the great expansion that is taking place within the ranks of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Saturday evening was enthusiastically received by all the delegates. Again the theme "Expanding Our Ministry" was stressed. A comparison of progress of ministerial activity within the circuit was considered and a great increase was noted. There were 576 in attendance at this session.

Sunday morning the delegates reassembled for service. The program outlined the pattern that Christ set in His ministry and the faithfulness required of Jehovah's Witnesses today.

Public Discourse

Climax of the gathering was the public discourse, "The Watch Tower Society in God's Purpose", presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Odeon theatre, Brampton, by V. White, a special Watch Tower representative.

The development of the Watch Tower Society from the 1870's with first headquarters in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to the present organization with headquarters at Brooklyn, N.Y., and branch offices in 84 lands, a missionary training school in New York State, heading preaching and missionary work in 170 lands and islands was outlined by the speaker. The tremendous increase of this group, all members of which are ministers, "is evidence," Mr. White said, "of God's blessing and approval on our work and worship."

The afternoon sessions continued with a talk on "Fight Materialism For our Life", a summation of the Watch Tower magazine, October 1. This was followed by two discourses, "Be Balanced in All Things" and "Fulfilling the Divine Will". The attendance Sunday afternoon was 933.

There were 27 in attendance from Milton.

The Welsh prince Madoc may have visited Canada's east coast in 1170.



For Parents Only

The One-Child Family

by Nancy Cleaver

The one-child family is fairly common in Canada and usually parents are anxious that their only child should not be spoiled. They have heard the old saying: "Only child — lonely child" and they are eager to compensate for the lack of brothers and sisters.

Contrary to the ideas of many people, scientific research has shown that only children are likely to become self-confident, aggressive, and independent. Their security is not threatened by others in the family and this preferred position often produces youngsters who are individualists. But usually they adapt themselves to the demands of others, and are capable of assuming responsibility for leadership in games or enterprises.

Can't Fill Need

A modern father and mother as a rule acknowledge that adult companionship can never fill the child's need for friends his own age. No matter how understanding a mother may be, or how devoted is a father's love, still parents are only parents. They, belonging to the world of grown-ups, are not "Little People!"

The only child, rarely if ever, suffers from neglect, but rather from too much attention. Since birth he has held the centre of the stage. Because there was only one baby in the family, he seemed extra precious. Mother was tempted to be too protective in her attitude to him.

Thus it happens that unless parents guard against the dangers in the only child's environment, they may develop either a "show-off" or a "mother's baby." Neither of these roles is popular with playmates. Nor does it make for happiness.

It's Inevitable

A certain amount of rough and tumble play for school age children, especially boys, is inevitable.

The mother of an only child must not prevent him from climbing trees or riding a bicycle, or doing any of the numerous things a small boy delights to do. If his chums suspect a child is "tied to his mother's apron strings", they will taunt him.

His mother's fears for his personal safety may be catching. She should be just as anxious for his emotional development as his personal safety. If she is too careful and too strict about everything he does, this is bound to produce a feeling of frustration and isolation. This may encourage a sense of inferiority or self-pity, which is far from healthy!

Parents of an only child sometimes question: "Would it be wise to have another child in our family, if necessary, by adoption?" Many families in recent years have discussed how happily their own child and an adopted brother or sister have gotten along. This may be impossible, but there are still practical ways to prevent the only child from being stranded on an island of loneliness.

Make Friends Welcome

He should have many chances to play with other children. His friends should be made welcome in his house. Vacations may provide a camp holiday or the opportunity for a cousin or friend to visit with him. When he is older, likely Cubs or Explorers will enrich his life.

A pet and hobbies are very important to the happiness of an only child. A love of music and reading are two resources for an only child. So is enthusiasm for the outdoors. These are a partial compensation to the child without brothers or sisters. All his spare time should not be spent on TV or listening to the radio or reading the comics.

MORE Recipes FROM SUSAN JACKSON'S SPECIAL FILE

SUSAN'S MEAT LOAF (8 servings)

Two cups fresh bread crumbs; ¼ cup minced onion; ¼ cup minced green pepper; 2 beaten eggs; 2 lbs. beef ground; 2 tablespoons horse radish; 2½ teaspoons salt; 1 teaspoon dry mustard; ¼ cup milk; ¼ cup catsup; ½ cup catsup. Combine ingredients, lightly but well, reserving ½ cup catsup. Shape meat into oval loaf; transfer to baking dish. Spread top with ½ cup catsup. Bake 50 minutes at 400°.

PINEAPPLE-CHEESE-NUT SPREAD (for party sandwiches)

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BURNS Test the temperature of his bath water. Test the temperature of his food. He will swallow what you offer him. Never place his high chair in a busy spot, near a stove or an electric appliance. Use hot water bottles with care and see that they do not leak. Place steam or croup kettle at a safe distance.

POISONING Keep formula ingredients away from other tins and medicines — you might mix something dangerous into his feeding. Read carefully the labels on all medicines and tins — mistakes can be fatal.

DROWNING Never leave him alone in his bath.

SUFFOCATION Hold the baby during his feeding — if left alone he might vomit and inhale the formula. Use a firm crib mattress. Do not use pillows, harness or zipper blankets. Never use ribbons, strings or necklaces around the baby's neck. Never let him play with small objects that he can put in his mouth — he may choke.

Never go to sleep with the baby in your bed. You might roll over and smother him.

NEVER leave him in the care of young children — they are not reliable.

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CAMPBELLVILLE

Returned Missionary Speaks At W.M.S. Fall Thankoffering

The Fall Thankoffering meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of St. David's Church was held in the Church School room on Thursday afternoon of last week when guests were present from Ebenezer, Nassagaweya, Acton, Boston and Kilbride.

Mrs. Greenlees opened the meeting with the call to worship and the hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land." The devotions were taken by Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. W. King. Mrs. Mickie of Boston church sang a beautiful solo.

Mrs. Marr introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Moore Gordon, a returned missionary from Formosa, who gave a very interesting talk on the work in Formosa with special mention of the Rev. James Sutherland, a former minister of this St. David's church. Mr. Sutherland is teaching in the Theological College and getting along well.

Shows Slides

Rev. Gordon then showed some very interesting slides of the people, the country and churches, with the use of a large map being able to show the location of the main places of interest. Miss E. J. McPhail expressed the appreciation of the ladies to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon for their very interesting message, also Mrs. Mickie and to all who had helped to make the meeting so worth while.

The president dedicated the offering. A Thanksgiving hymn closed the meeting with a prayer in the Chinese language and the Benediction.

Despite the dull foggy weather a large number of ladies were present to enjoy the service and the happy fellowship which prevailed during the social period when several old friends were welcomed. Among them were Mrs. C. G. Jones, the wife of the late Rev. C. G. Jones. Mrs. Jones is now living in Acton.

Newman-Smith Vows at Knox

A quiet wedding was solemnized in Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, when Leona Dianne Smith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, Campbellville, was united in marriage to John Walter Newman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman, R.R. 1, Acton.

The Rev. E. Orsborn officiated at the ceremony and the attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Newman, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

The bride was attired in an afternoon frock of powder blue crystal-ette, with pink accessories, while the matron of honor wore a street length dress of beige lace, her accessories also being pink.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents for members of the immediate families. The young couple will live in their new home at R.R. 3, Acton.

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