

High School News

Magic Festival assembly bonus treat at S.D.S.S.

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Trivia question for S.D.S.S. students: name the most spectacular event you have ever witnessed at your school.

Is it something truly amazing like Craig Thompson's school record rope climb of 3.1 seconds? Is it something humorous like Christmas Assemblies or the Variety Show? Is it something semi-serious, like student/teacher competitions?

Well, no matter what you mention I have a year's worth of egg McMuffins at the cafeteria wagered that says it's no match to Friday, Oct. 30th's Halloween Spirit Day at S.D.S.S.

This past Friday at S.D.S.S. was truly one of those days that goes down in a school's history. Starting with a Costume Spirit Day, people arrived dressed in a variety of quises. Costumes, depicting horror film star Freddie Krueger, Chuckles the Clown, Death and the King and Queen of Hearts were worn with pride. My personal favorite was worn by Grade 9 student Jim Collins, who came complete with red cheeks and maroon tie, dressed as his favorite Grade 13 prefect and Stouffville Tribune columnist, me.

Then, as if costumes weren't enough to excite the student

body, Social Convenor Lori Woolford announced there would be shortened classes, with the remainder of the day devoted to a "surprise" assembly. I'm sure you can imagine how warmly that announcement was received!

The day progressed smoothly, until eventually, it was show time.

There we were, all 800 of us, packed into the gymnasium, eagerly anticipating the Halloween treat student council had in store. As the lights dimmed, the crowd roared when the first professional Magic Show ever to be performed at S.D.S.S. began.

What a beginning. Dancers leaped onto stage and wowed the audience with high-flying style. Next came our emcee, who made us solemnly swear to the magician's oath, revealing nothing of what we would learn. On came magicians, turning rabbits into doves, doves into girls, and girls into men. (Caution: do not attempt this trick at home.) Lastly, the magic show was completed with disappearing ladies and a levitation act. But wait, there's more.

To the delight of staff and students alike, talented ventriloquist Mike Robinson and his "partner" Byron were next on the bill and kept the audience laughing for well over 45 minutes. Byron (who

made eyes at every girl in the audience) and Mike earned a standing ovation as they sang an awe-inspiring "duet" that dropped jaws and evoked cries of encore, encore.

But before we could catch our breath, our emcee was back. Maintaining a hilarious monologue and rapport with the audience, he went on to dazzle us by juggling everything from balls and "razor sharp" bowling pins, to knives and torches, (lit torches, that is.)

The show ended with a fire-eating lady and the performers bid a warm farewell to their dazzled hosts.

Many people may say Halloween is just one of many seasonal celebrations to come, but for staff and students at S.D.S.S. all others will pale in comparison to the incredible entertainment provided by student council. Way to go Lori and crew. This year's Halloween Spirit Day was another job well down.

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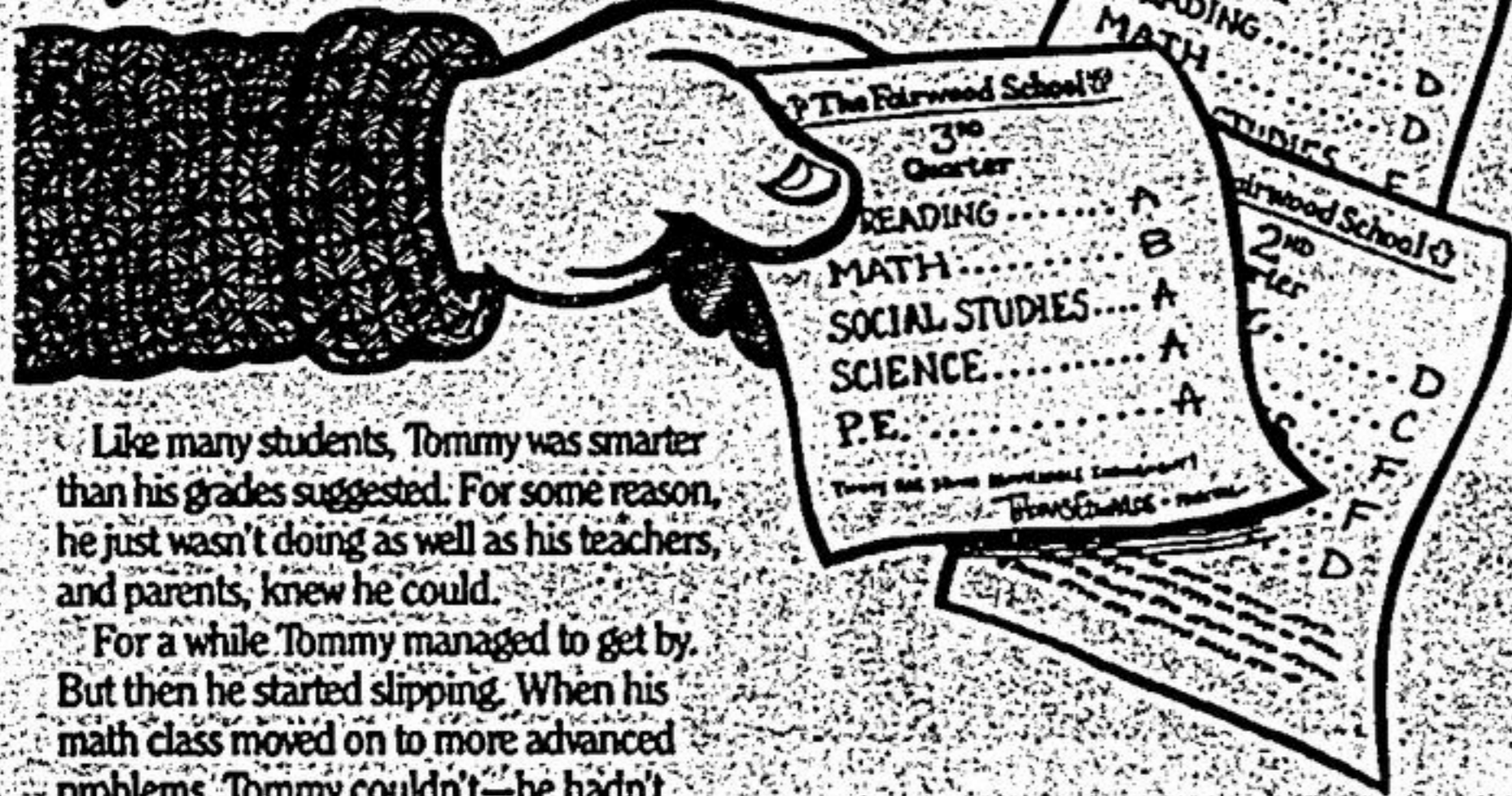
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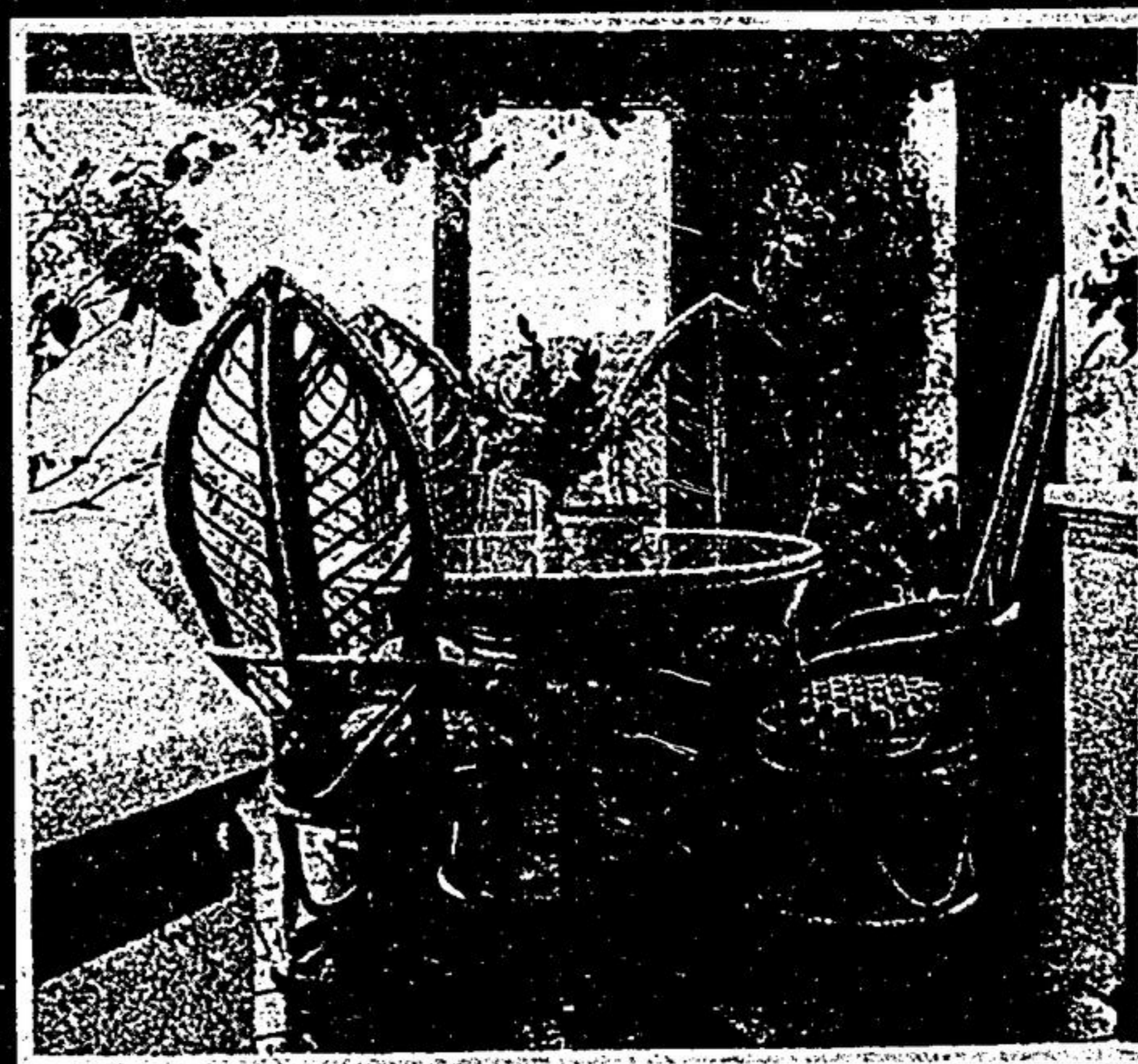
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