

# Good Grief, It Was Scary!

By ED and JOAN COFFEY

Ithaca—Into the gymnasium at Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca on Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, trooped a seemingly endless throng of visitors from ages past, goblins, spooks, and even poltergeists.

One might have passed it off as Halloween dress-up, but how did you explain those grown people who strangely resembled Raggedy Ann, Lucy (of Peanuts fame), and the hunchback of Notre Dame?

Perhaps some of the old "parent-teacher" ghosts explained it best themselves. You are never too old to enjoy yourself, commented one, and it may also help to bridge the "generation gap." Whatever the motives, the final result was fun for all who attended the Home and School Association's annual Halloween Party.

Feature activity was a costume contest directed by Tom Tobin, association president, with Father David Mura, alias Figpen (also of Peanuts fame), and two unnamed local Courier-Journal correspondents acting as judges. After a parade of all the contestants past the admiring eyes of their parents and friends, and then past the critical gaze of the judges, the difficult decision of choosing winners was reached.

In the Grades 1-3 class, winners were Matt and Chris Rossi as "Two Peas in a Pod", most original; Martin Paul, funniest; and Carmen Rosetti, scariest. Scariest in the Grades 4-6 group was Perry Mies, while



Ithaca junior high prize winners at Immaculate Conception's Halloween party are Frank Raponi, judged most original, and Claire Patterson, right, scariest.

Christine Samoje was judged funniest, and Larry Cornish, as the anti-pollution owl, most original. Among the older children in Grades 7-8, honors went to Claire Patterson as scariest,

Kathy Tobin and Margaret Perry as funniest, and Frank Raponi as most original for his portrayal of Carole Burnett in her charwoman role. In the special judging for courageous parents and teachers, a narrow victory went to Nancy Snyder.

Following the judging, the entire assembly of spooks, young and old, with and without costumes, joined in several lusty choruses of tunes from the Great Pumpkin Songbook of Peanuts. The evening was concluded with refreshments of cider and donuts.

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## On the Line



If you have insomnia, you've probably seen George Mackay Twigg-Porter on the Late, Late Show. He played the young crippled boy in "Of Human Bondage," starring Leslie Howard and Bette Davis. He was a clear-eyed kid in "David Copperfield," with Freddie Bartholomew. He was in "Oliver Twist," with Dickie Moore; "The Invisible Man," with Claude Rains, and made the grade in a couple of Ronald Colman films.

Twigg-Porter must have been one of the youngest actors ever to quit the business in disgust. When he was 13, he and his actress mother, Renee Shearing, and several other members of the British family—all Presbyterians—accepted an invitation from a friend to attend a series of talks given by a Paulist Father. The missionary's message deeply moved the young man. "I must become a priest," he told his mother, and he turned his back on what he felt was the wickedness of the film capital.

He is now Father George Twigg-Porter, S.J. and his life is a bit more interesting and harder to believe than his screen roles. His code call on

## Talent Show In Dryden

Dryden—An amateur talent show is being sponsored by the Holy Cross Parish at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Dryden High School Auditorium.

Auditions are planned at the high school Monday, Nov. 8. Children will try out between 7 and 8:30 p.m. and adult auditions will be from 9 to 11 p.m. Television appearances are planned for the first place winners. Anyone wishing further information may call Mrs. Mary Valentinelli, 844-6672.

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## Ithaca Area Notes

Rushville—The young people of ST. MARY'S Church are planning a roller-skating party for early November. Anyone interested should contact Ed Pero, Steve Riefsteck, Karen Kindelberger, or Mary Marks.

Rushville—A parish harvest dinner is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Nov. 20, immediately following the 5:30 Mass.

Ithaca—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Parish has publicized the need for community people to "adopt" a Willard patient. This means remembering them during the year with a card, a gift or a visit. Please

call Mrs. Herbert Carlin, 273-7078, or the Mental Health Association office, 273-9250, if you are interested.

Ithaca—Lansing School for Girls is looking for families who would be willing to share their holiday dinner—Thanksgiving and/or Christmas—with two of the girls. Those interested are asked to phone the school.

Ithaca—World Community Day will be noted Friday, Nov. 5, at 1:30 p.m. An ecumenical prayer service will be held at the First Baptist Church, Dewitt Park. Prof. David Ludington will be the guest speaker.

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