

APPENDIX C—PART II

BRIEF ON OPERATION OF "MONSTER NIGHTS" BY THE LIONS CLUB OF OTTAWA

History

The first game was held in the Auditorium, Ottawa, on July 4, 1942. Games have been held in the same location each year since. The numbers of games held varied from year to year, as shown on the Summary, from 6 in 1947 to 22 in 1945. The number of games held depended largely on the availability of suitable dates at the Auditorium. During the year ended June 30, 1955, 10 games were held—September 13, 1954, October 13, November 3, December 14 and 15, February 2, 1955, March 1, April 6, May 4 and May 30.

Operation of games

The operation of the "Monster Nights" is in control of a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Club, and is responsible to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee formulates the broad policies for the operation of the games, which is then carried out in detail by the special committee. This committee appoints one or more of its members to the securing of suitable dates for the holding of games, the purchase of prizes and the allotment of other duties required in the operation. Major equipment and supplies, such as ball cages and balls, lap cards, extra and special sheets, etc., are purchased from the Bazaar and Novelty Co., Toronto. Other supplies, such as markers, tickets, etc., are obtained locally.

There follows a brief outline of the operation of our games.

The general admission price is \$1.00 per person. This permits the player to participate in 21 games without further cost. Prizes for these games vary in cost from about \$40 to \$200 per game. Players may buy additional sheets for these 21 games at a cost of 25 cents per sheet.

In addition to the aforementioned 21 games, the players may participate in 5 special games. Special playing sheets are used for these games and are sold to the players at 25 cents per sheet. The cost value of the prizes for these special games run from about \$175 to \$2,200 per game, and include such items as electric washers and driers, television sets, fur coats and jackets, etc. The major prize usually is an automobile.

In the event that there is more than one winner in any game, those players winning play-off on a special sheet handed them for the purpose and the play-off is continued until all but one have been eliminated, the final winner being declared the winner of the prize for that game. Each winner, however, is entitled to a consolation prize, the average cost of which is about \$15, and consists of such items as electric skillets, aluminum folding chairs, luggage sets, bed linen, radios, etc. Consolation winners in the major prize or car game divide the sum of \$250. Consolation prize winners number usually from 200 to 250 and have exceeded 300. Consolation winners for the major prize or automobile usually number from 4 to 6.