

THE PUMPKIN SEED

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HISTORY OF PUMPKIN DAYS

For the benefit of the new citizens that have moved into the realm of Pumpkin Heads, we, the committee feel it our duty to explain the cause for all this commotion about May 2, 1919.

The citizens of Orient, under the leadership of D. G. Wiley, decided that they wanted two or three days each fall for celebration. There was some discussion as to what they should call these days. Since every one grew pumpkins and the most of the people themselves were pumpkin heads, the name "Pumpkin Days" seemed most suitable. This was in the year 1906. These days proved to be such a success that the town took the management of it. People came from nearly every state in the union to them. The town took the management of it in 1907 and had much success until the fall of 1913 when owing to the hard times the Pumpkin Days did not turn out as they thought it should. This was the last year of the town management.

In the spring of 1914, the Orient High School took the advantage, under the leadership of Prof. Applegate, to renew the good old days and thus lay a gold brick up for a needy day in the Booster Fund. The "Pumpkin Festival", as it was now called, met with as much success as it ever had, for the scale it was put on, and was a much looked forward event in the school year until the spring of 1917 when by the request of Prof. Young, it was dropped.

This spring, under the leadership of Miss Tyler, we decided to renew the old days and to celebrate the victory we have just seen in the warring countries. We are giving to the public another chance to help the O.H.S. We are also giving to the public the best Pumpkin Festival that the High School ever presented.

If you think the Orient High School does not have the Pep, Vim, and the Snap to put this through just come and see before you knock to your neighbors. If you think it is impossible just come and we will show you that it is possible for we are to do it this year.