

"Good Morrow To You,
My Valentine!"

MANY curious old charms are said to be potent on St. Valentine's eve—all, like most charms ever invented, connected with the procuring of husbands. Ever before surplus woman dawned on the scene, this seems to have been a subject of much anxiety.

Five bay leaves, pinned respectively to the four corners and the center of the pillow, are said to bring certain dreams of the future partner. If the sleeper has gone to bed without eating or speaking.

Another infallible spell was to write the names of admirers on separate pieces of paper, enclose them in clay balls and throw them into water. The one which came to the surface first contained the name of the fated spouse.

It is a sign of great good luck if the swain you favor should be the first man seen on February 14. The modern girl who does not pin her faith entirely to signs and omens, can always practice the ruse of a shrewd maiden of long ago, who, knowing where her heart had gone, lay abed and shut my eyes all the morning till the came, for I would not have seen another man before him for all the world.

She was far-seeing and lucky. But if she had set eyes first on the wrong man, she would have wedded him, so a poet tells us:—

"Last Valentine, the day when birds of kind
Their paramours with mutual chirping
And
Afield I went amid the morning dew
To milk my kine (for so should housewives do)
Three first I spied, and the first swain
We see
In spite of fortune, shall our true love
be."

Some of us wish that a quaint old custom practiced in the time of Peppys was still prevalent—the rule that a man must give a present to the first woman he saw on February 14. Peppys, gay old rascal that he was, much bewailed himself that his own tribute had to be offered to his wife—a proceeding he considered very dull, when there were plenty of pretty young girls at the light-hearted court of Charles II.

Old people still remember the time when valentines were as popular as Christmas cards, and the postman groaned under his load on the morning of the 14th. This is still the case in the United States, but the idea of courtship is no longer much connected with these bright cards.

Nowadays Shakespeare's greeting—"Good morrow, tis St. Valentine's day, All the morning long"

And I a maid at your window,
To be your valentine"
simply reminds us of the passing of a delightful old custom.

Christianity brought the custom of placing each feast day under the patronage of a saint, and so St. Valentine, who never married himself, became the patron saint of lovers.—The Lady's Companion.

mensurer and the best are those grown in the home garden and picked fresh from the vines.

"Strawberries are easily handled and take up little space. A few hundred plants will supply the average family. In eastern Carolina February in the month and in the western section March or April will be soon enough", says Mr. Schmidt.

"Prepare the soil well and set the plants carefully. Use either the hill system or the matted row. In the hill system, plant 12 inches apart in double rows with at least two feet between each two rows. With this system frequent cultivation and hoeing is necessary. In the matted row system, set the plants 18 inches apart in rows three feet apart. Let the first runners grow until the row is about a foot wide then cut off the others.

"Barnyard manure is excellent for strawberries and should be applied before the plants are set. Where manure is not available use an 8-5-5 fertilizer. Much the berries in the fall with straw, pine needles, or coard manure. This will protect the plants from the freezing and thawing of the soil, prevent the berries being splattered by rain and keep the soil moist and cool during fruiting.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

NORTH CAROLINA—Clay County. Office Board of County Commissioners, Feb. 4th, 1924.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of Chapt. 136, Article 17, Sections 234 et seq, and under and by virtue of a resolution of this Board duly adopted on this date, an election is hereby called to be held in the courthouse in Hayesville, Clay County, the usual voting place, on the 18th day of March, 1924, to ascertain the will of the people in Hayesville Township, Clay County, North Carolina, whether there shall be levied in said Hayesville Township a special annual tax of not more than thirty (30) cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property real and personal, in said township, to supplement the Public School Fund which may be apportioned to said township by the County Board of Education of Clay County, said thirty (30) cents levy proposed to include the present levy of 20 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation and in the event same is adopted by the voters in said election not to increase the present levy more than ten (10) cents on the hundred dollar valuation.

Notice is hereby further given that P. O. Scroggs has been appointed Registrar and A. L. Penland and R. R. Alexander, Judges of said election; that a new registration is called for said election and that the registration books shall open on the 15th day of February, 1924, and close on the 8th day of March, 1924, and will be open each Saturday during said period at the courthouse in Hayesville at the usual voting place.

W. C. SMART, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Clay County.

FRED JONES, Clerk Board of County Commissioners.
(27-4t-a&g)

For Your
Valentine Party

"GRACIOUS goodness," said Cupid looking at the calendar, "here I am sitting around and dawdling hours away when it's my busiest time in the whole year." "Jamez," he cried, "bring me that quiver of arrows and the pollax. I've got to get ready for St. Valentine's day!"

And while Cupid is busy getting ready for his annual archery program there are plenty of others who are preparing to receive him, fortifying themselves against his invasion or preparing a titling welcome, as the case may be.

Naturally, nobody wants to take a chance with this skillful archer without plenty of others present to help deflect his flying arrows, so there will be parties, parties, and then more parties.

First, a Valentine party calls for a clever form of invitation. A verse—original if possible—could set forth the wish of the hostess in an appropriate jingle, running something like this: I beg to invite that a gay little sprite, Will stop at my home on St. Valentine's night; Can you meet him at eight, on this special date, I'm expecting you over so please don't be late.

Another invitation might read: On Saint Valentine's Day Will you come to my party? I'll see that you have A welcome right hearty.

The verse can be written on dainty Valentine postcards, or correspondence cards ornamented with Cupids and arrows or with red heart seals.

Another verse may invite the guest in this wise: The Sign-of-the-Heart is pleased to invite Your presence at eight on Saint Valentine's Night; Hear it that are brave and loving and true Will be ready and waiting to welcome you. The password is Love, which alone has the power To gain your admittance to Cupid's tower.

Note paper decorated with Valentine seals could be used for this form of invitation. For a decoration to conform to the first line of the verse, an immense red heart, hung against the glass of the front door would be appropriate.

Old-fashioned valentines, with lace paper and sentimental verses, make appropriate invitations. So do the old comic.

The valentine party rarely takes the form of a masquerade, but the hostess usually plans caps and favors for the guests, to give a festive air to the event.

Almost any crude cap of crepe paper can be made lovely and desirable by adding long tassels or fringe at either side.

Heavy necklaces of cardboard with a ruffle of red crepe paper hung about the neck on a ribbon are effective and easily made.

The jazz bracelet is a novelty consisting of a ribbon to be worn about the wrist, with long red and white crepe paper streamers.

Wolf Creek

The ground hog certainly has sustained his reputation for the first week of his six. Let's hope he will be fooled the other five.

Mrs. Edna Slawson was called to Copperhill last Thursday to nurse the wife of Mr. Joe Collector, an enterprising merchant of Copperhill.

Mr. D. A. Bryant, the alleged slayer of Mr. Adams here a few months ago, returned several days ago and went to Murphy and made bond in the sum of \$3,000.00, we have been informed, for his appearance in court.

Mr. W. A. Slawson is making arrangements to make with his family to Douglasville, Ga., where he expects to make his future home. We regret to see them leave us.

Mr. James Panter, of Lower Belltown, was a pleasant visitor here last week.

Mr. Will Ledford, of Persimmon Creek, passed through our section a few days ago on his way to Copperhill.

Mr. Windham Gaddis, who has been working at Tallulam Falls since Christmas, returned home Sunday.

Some one has set out fire on the farm of Mr. W. E. Ledford last Saturday that burned over a lot of stubble and woodland. This makes two fires that this section has had in the last week.

Mrs. H. M. Ballow spent a portion of last week with her husband at Copper Hill, who is in a hospital there with a broken leg. It is feared that his leg will have to be amputated.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Verner last week a fine girl baby.

Mr. W. C. Ballow of Murphy, is spending a few days here with relatives.

Mr. J. H. Coal of near Copperhill, was a pleasant visitor in our section Sunday.

The Rev. F. R. Carter has been on the sick list for several days.

The Poem in last weeks Schos, People will Talk, certainly was the best, to my mind, that has appeared in many months. It contains counsel that we should all heed.

HOW TO BEAUTIFY
THE HOME GROUND

Raleigh.—There are three important factories in the beautification of any home grounds, says Frank E. McCall, Landscape Architect for the State College and Department of Agriculture. The first of these, says Mr. McCall, is to clean up. This change alone in the general appearance, not only lends a charm but at once brands the inhabitants as people of refinement even though unable for the time being to plant and maintain costly shrubberies and flower gardens.

The second is to plant. With the abundance of available plant materials in the nearby woodlands, every home can have some shrubs as well as evergreen trees of cedar, pine, or as the choicest kinds of shade trees. Some of the broad leaved evergreens can be planted to cut off views of outbuildings. Flowers can be planted with the shrubs and will give abundant color. Gradually as time and money will permit the nursery trees, shrubs and flowers can be added. A green lawn always adds to the charm of a home ground.

The third and last step given by Mr. McCall is to keep up and maintain the plantings. It is a good plant to plant some new trees, shrub or flower each year until the whole planting plan is complete. Then one must remember that plants need care. Not only must they be fed but they must be pruned and oftentimes sprayed to make them grow just like you want them to grow.

Mr. McCall says that the best fertilizer for most shrubs is leaf mould great deal of it. For this reason it is a good plant to plant the shrubs in groups.

These three points were followed by all homeowners in North Carolina the grounds of the various home could be made more attractive and

Mr. J. C. Cook has bought a Ford truck and is doing a thriving business delivering coal for D. S. C&J. Co., at Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Garren visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgess, at Belltown Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Fain was in our section a few days ago inquiring for a cow and calf and a two year old heifer that he was afraid that some one had stolen from a pasture.

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BEYOND THE BLUE.

By Willie K. Johnson.

I have ofttimes read of the prettiest place,
Where the streets are paved with gold,
And my heart leaps and thrills with joy,
When I read: "It's the home of the soul."

I've been told that the pure and blest
Sing beautiful songs on high,
The wander up and down the River of Life,
And never give vent of a sigh.

Its walls, they say, are of Jasper,
And the gates are made of pearl,
'Tis surely the fairest of places,
For a lonesome boy or girl.

I sometime sit alone with my thoughts,
Ever flying to that beautiful place,
And think of that happy time,
When I shall behold my Savior's face.

He'll lead my right through the portals
Of my bright heavenly home,
When my days of wandering are over—
When on earth I've ceased to roam.

I'll sit down with Abraham and Moses,
And all the Prophets of Old,
And listen to the music
While they play upon harps of gold.

Oh, Jesus, Dearest Savior,
I long to fly to thee,
Sit down in that beautiful home,
While you tell your love to me.

It's just across the river—
This place of beauty rare,
And, listen! It seems to me
I hear the angels singing there!

It's just across the border line,
Just beyond the Blue,
We'll sing anthems of praise
When with Life we're through.

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UNION.

Mr. Wells has been passing thru our section surveying land.
Miss Elsie Reese is visiting her sister, Mrs. Keenum, in Tennessee.
Mr. Lillis Floyd is recovering after a long illness.

Rev. J. P. Decker preached an interesting sermon at this place on the Fourth Sunday.
Mr. Ben Reese has returned from Ohio.

There will be a singing and preaching here the 24th. Everybody is cordially invited, especially to help out in the singing.

Mr. A. J. Williamson made a business trip to Murphy last week. Everybody that wants a good church come out and do your part. We are just what we make ourselves, our church, our home, and county are what we make them. If you are working for the Lord come out and show what side you are on. We may stay at home and never go to church and do anything for God, and what will be our reward? "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

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