

# The Lovely Story Of Valentine's Day

New York (NAPS) Cynical bachelors and little boys aren't the only ones who think Valentine's Day is for the birds - even romantics thought so.

In fact, at one time nearly everyone believed that February 14 was the day most birds mated. And though fact proved fancy false, the day stayed set aside - at least for lovebirds.

Though not exclusively. Lighthearted loafers used Valentine's Day as a peaceful day to sleep. They took no chances that a common belief - that the first person of the opposite sex you saw became your loved one for the year - came true. No heartaches or aggravation for them.

Nor for the women, who like one 18th century lady, "lay in bed and shut my eyes all morning until he came to our house. I would not have seen another man for all the world." It would appear that these ladies made sure that Cupid didn't interfere with their year's selection.

That chance, however, became more and more risky each year, and finally women decided to substitute a safer custom to celebrate the day. In the late 1700s, sweethearts began penning and decorating cards, some so elegant and beautiful, they are virtually museum pieces today.

And since neither mail service nor envelopes existed, "captured" colonists delivered their tokens of love - cards, candy, perfume - in person.

The more well-to-do sent their cards by coach, though they double wrapped and sealed them with wax, so only their beloved could read the message.

Then with the invention of lithographs and woodcuts - a boon to the inartistic competitors, but a burden to the mailman - nearly every-



Centuries ago, young men selected their Valentines from names drawn out of a box. Many believe the mating habits of birds bear a direct relationship to Valentine's Day. Common gifts to sweethearts today are boxes of candy (some shaped like hearts) and beauty preparations, according to researchers of Shulton, Inc., makers of Escapade Colognes for women.

one began sending valentines. Researchers at Shulton have come up with these two amusing facts:

Cards were even tailored to men in specific professions. The undertaker, for instance, could send a card which said, "Let Chloe smile upon her lover. Who will ne'er forsake her; Each day new charms she will discover, In her faithful undertaker."

Or the fruit grower could write his beloved that "Sweeter than an orange grove, is the charming maid I love, No grapes more luscious than your lips."

Lace-edged sentimental valentines also became popular.

Today, in addition to cards, flowers, candy and perfume have become common Valentine's Day gifts. According to department store surveys, items boxed in hearts, or shaped like Cupid also are popular.

Among the most common valentine candies are the tiny sugar hearts with inscriptions like "Be My Valentine" on them, and among the most popular colognes for women are those which combine the provocative with the romantic. Men have found that ul-

tra-feminine scents, such as Escapade, in the purse aerosol - a perfect twentieth century way to express their love.

St. Valentine, however, who lent his name to the holiday, actually had little to do with it. Two Saint Valentines - one a Roman priest and the other a bishop martyred in Rome about 270 - had birthdays February 14, and when the Christians tried to purify the Roman fertility festival Lupercalia, which also came in February, they changed the holiday's name to St. Valentine's day.

Also from the Lupercalian celebrations came the custom of dropping valentines into a box for distribution. At one point in the Lupercalian festival, Romans drew women's names from a box, though authorities are not sure why.

Christians, however, copied the custom, though they substituted the names of saints. Today in classrooms throughout the country, children continue the tradition. Remember "Guess Who" or "Secret Admirer"?

But you probably don't remember a 19th century game called "Progressive Proposals," where young girls at Valentine's Day parties pro-

posed to each boy in the room.

The boys rewarded the offers with either mittens or hands, the latter being an acceptance, the former a rejection. When the game was over the girl with the most hands won a prize, and the girl with the most mittens got - warm hands.

## Moisturize In Winter

Fur hats and coats are snugly warm but they can't help your pretty face when cruel winter winds blow. Protect your skin from winter by wearing a moisturizer underneath your make-up. Deep Magic, by Toni, a silky-light, non-greasy moisturizer guards against dry skin when applied before your make-up base. Add powder, if you wish. Your skin looks and feels down-soft. And if mini skirts are your style, don't forget to protect your knees! To avoid rough, red knees, rub in Deep Magic before you don your high-style boots. It's high fashion to have soft, pretty skin.

## Death

MRS. SUDIE K. MORTON

Franklin - Funeral services for Mrs. Sudie Kearney Morton, 86, who died Tuesday, will be conducted at 2:30 P.M. Thursday at Mount Carmel Christian Church by the Revs. Chip Conyers and W. M. Dameron. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Dazaline Huff of the home, Mrs. Rebecca Wright, Mrs. Maurine Hayes and Mrs. Lee Bert Burchett of Franklin; a son, William Henry Morton, Jr. of Franklin; nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## Franklinton

Mrs. Nita Moore of Franklinton visited Mrs. Tom Burgess last week.

Mr. Carlton Wright, Mrs. Nettie Wright, Mrs. Margie Layton and Miss Hazel Sheadan of Raleigh spent some time with Mrs. Tom Burgess over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Williamson, Jr. are vacationing in Florida this week.

## Engagement Announced



PHOEBE CAROL CHERRY

Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Cherry of Greenville, N. C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Phoebe Carol, of Durham, N. C. to Stuart Carl Rice of Raleigh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rice of Route 1, Castalia, N. C. The wedding is planned for April 4, 1969.

## Film Program

The following film programs will be presented at the Family Counseling and Education Center, 110 Clifton Ave., Louisburg, N. C. during the months of February, March, April and May. These films may be viewed at the center on Wednesdays at 1:15 or 3:30 P.M. or by special arrangement. These films may be borrowed by schools, churches, civic organizations or other special groups during the week in which they are available. Notice that there are several films relating to the problems of drinking and alcoholism. Call 496-4111 for information about these film programs.

Preface to Life (Child rearing-Environment), Feb. 5; To Your Health (Alcoholism - imated), Feb. 12; This Charming Couple (Broken Marriages), Feb. 19; Alcoholism (Alcoholism - Personality), Feb. 26; Boredom at Work (Effect on Family Life), March 5; David: Profile of a problem drinker (Alcohol), March 12; The Teens and Meaning of Adolescence (Teenage problems), March 19; I Am an Alcoholic (Story of A. A.), March 26; The Merry Go Round (Attitudes toward Sex), April 2; How Safe Am I (Drinking-Young People), April 9; To Serve the Mind (Mental Illness-Treatment), April 16; The Mask (Alcoholism-What else?), April 23; The Feeling of Depression (Despondency), April 30; LSD; 25 (Effects of), May 7.

## Church Notices

### St. Paul's Episcopal

Sexagesima Sunday  
Saturday:  
10:30 A.M. Church School  
Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday:  
10:00 A.M. Church School and Bible Classes  
11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon. (Broadcast WYRN)  
Acolyte: Will Yarborough, Bunny Griffin  
Nursery provided in Parish House  
2:00 P.M. St. James, Kittrell  
7:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, here  
Wednesday:  
9:30 A.M. Prayer Group  
5:30 P.M. Canterbury Club  
7:45 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

### Louisburg Baptist

Sunday:  
9:45 Church School, A. J. Dennis, Superintendent  
9:45 - 12:00 Nursery for pre-school children  
11:00 The Church at Worship, The Rev. A. S. Tomlinson, Pastor - Sermon subject, "Marriage Expectations II"  
11:00 Katherine M. Harris Sunbeams  
11:00 Elizabeth W. Bobbitt Sunbeams  
7:30 Advisory Board  
Monday:  
3:30 Junior Girls' Auxiliary  
Tuesday:  
7:30 Seminary Extension Courses  
Wednesday:  
7:30 Senior Choir  
Thursday:  
3:30 Junior Choir  
4:15 Primary Choir

### Louisburg Methodist

Sunday:  
9:45 Church School  
11:00 Worship Service. Sermon: "Punching Holes In The Darkness"  
5:00 Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 Junior - Senior U.Y.M.  
7:00 Evening Bible Study Group Study of I Corinthians  
Monday:  
7:30 Special Session - Official Board  
Tuesday:  
9:00 The Group of Twelve  
3:30 Girl Scouts  
Wednesday:  
4:00 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 Boy Scouts  
7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Thursday:  
4:00 Cherub Choir Rehearsal

### Union View

Sunday:  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School, Mr. Albert Weaver and Vallen Wright, Supt.  
11:00 A.M. Preaching Service, Rev. Glenn G. Short, Pastor  
6:30 P.M. Training Union, Mr. Andrew Pane and Mr. Perry Gordon, Directors  
Wednesday:  
7:30 - 8:30 P.M. Bible Hour, taught by Rev. Short  
Ladies Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at Mrs. Mabel Woodlief's.  
Men's Prayer meeting every Thursday night at Mr. Andrew Pane's.  
Visitation Monday through Friday.

### St. Delight

On February 9, 1969 (the second Sunday) The Joy Bell Gospel singers will sponsor a musical program at the Saint Delight Church at 2:00 o'clock, for the building fund of the church.  
Appearing on the program will be the Silver Tones of Nashville, N. C., The Richardson Family and the Kearney Family of Franklinton, N. C., and many many others.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Free Will Baptist

Sunday:  
9:30 A.M. "The Free will Baptist Hour" WYRN Radio  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning worship, J. Earl Gilliam, Pastor  
7:00 P.M. Evening worship Temporary location, 930 N. Main St., Louisburg, N. C.  
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