

Swiss Brotherhood Sang At Christmas To Banish A Plague

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims. If one of their own members

died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

Marriage Licenses

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For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

POSTMAN'S WORRIES PAY OFF

Washington—A postman noticed a car parked along his route. Thinking it might contain a postal inspector, he kept a close eye on it. Later he heard of a robbery in the area. Remembering the car, and its license number, he told police about it. The clue resulted in the arrest of the robber.

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Land Transfers

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Roscoe Huffman to W. L. Huffman, 2 4-8 acres.

Mrs. Anna Rector to Garman Lee Roberts, 24 acres.

L. C. Shell to L. M. Shell, 2 acres.

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Clyde A. Deal to Era B. Eckard, 3 tracts.

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Grady Clarke to William J. Kincaid, 44-100 of an acre.

Olga Foster Frisard to George E. Bailey, 35-100 of a acre.

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D. M. Shull to John M. Faulkner, 78 1-2 acres.

Harrison Ingle to Alvin Ingle, 2 2-3 acres.

Minnie Yancey to John H. Tallent, 48 acres.

Walter P. Winkler to City of Hickory, 13.82 acres.

G. L. Huffman to Cleveland Lowman, 3 tracts.

Fred C. Raney to D. Bert Seagle, 4 lots.

L. P. Miller to Andy J. Mason, 6 3-4 acres.

Lillie Branch to Delon Bingham, 2 tracts.

Wade Watson to Ned Whisnant, 1 lot.

Tallie Benton to H. K. Phillips, 3 1-5 acres.

M. E. Gwaltney to Mrs. C. S. Gwaltney Draughon, 1 acre.

Walter K. Light to W. Rex Stroud, 2 tracts.

Nora Mae Allen Ray, to H. R. Allen, 59-100 of an acre.

Ervin Harbison to J. W. Childers, 1 9-10 acres.

W. L. Wellman to Donald W. Keaton, 5 1-10 acres.

R. M. Garrison to A. Leon Butler, 145 acres.

E. M. Hairfield to R. M. Garrison, 1 tract.

B. B. Blackwelder to Joseph D. Tucker, 4 1-2 acres.

Mrs. A. Maltba to Hardy McLean, 4-5 of an acre.

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Intern Widows For Own Safety, Author Suggests

Widows would eventually lead happier lives if they were interned for a few months after losing their husbands. It would give the bereaved woman a chance to think things through, says E. L. Moore in the November Journal of Living, and save her from acting too quickly.

Many widows, beset on all sides by advice, by relatives with their hands out, by salesmen and promoters, fritter away money that might have kept them comfortable for years. Others make the mistake of moving in with children or friends, only to find that they would have been far happier adjusting their lives to their new situations without imposing themselves on others.

Since interment is a drastic measure, the Journal of Living article has other suggestions, less severe but equally effective. The essential thing is that a widow take the time to evaluate her position, survey all possibilities and try to make her decisions without too much outside assistance. If she needs financial help, her banker, her lawyer and her widow should burn bridges that she cannot reconstruct. Many a woman who gives up her home on impulse repents it later when she yearns to have familiar things around her.

If at all possible, a trip may be the best answer while she studies her situation. It will give her the time to figure out ways of adjustment and living a life useful to herself, her family and her community.

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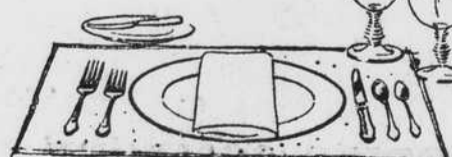
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