

St. Valentine's Day Reveals Long, Turbulent Background

Got Name from Martyr Priest Killed 170 A. D.

St. Valentine's Day hasn't always been a whimsical holiday for the exchanging of light-hearted greetings with friends and sweethearts.

For 14 centuries, the Church fought against the "pagan practices" which marked the Lover's Festival on Feb. 14. Then for 200 years or more, Valentine's Day was a very serious occasion calling forth weeks of painstaking preparations.

Only during the past generation has the modern Valentine developed.

Tradition holds that Valentine's Day derived its name from a young Roman priest beheaded on Feb. 14, 170 A. D., for refusing to renounce his Christianity. In prison he composed a farewell message to his jailer's blind daughter, signing it "From your Valentine."

Actually, Romans had been celebrating that date for years as the feast of Lupercalia, dedicated to the pastoral god Lupercus and to the goddess of love, Juno. The birds of Italy began mating on that day, the oracles observed.

As part of the unbridled merry-making, Roman maidens placed their names in an urn set up in the public square and courageous bachelors were each entitled to one draw to determine their "blind dates" for the coming year.

The Christians denounced these "pagan love lotteries" and set up competing lotteries in which the names of Saints were drawn. In 496 A. D. Pope Gelasius tried a new approach by dedicating Feb. 14 to St. Valentine and naming him Patron Saint of true lovers.

The Church denounced as superstitions many old customs that began to spring up concerning the Feast of True Lovers. The belief that if a girl would eat the white of a hard-boiled egg on St. Valentine's Eve, fasten five bay leaves to her pillow, and then go

to sleep without speaking to anyone, she would certainly dream about her future husband that night.

Written Valentine's appeared in the mid-1400's. At first, to elude vigilant fathers, they were hidden in hollow trees that served as trying places. The quaint love missives were anonymous, often left by a bashful suitor who ran away after he knocked.

Back as late as 1850, each Valentine had to be made by hand. Fitty the poor lover of that time, scissors in hand, surrounded by stacks of colored paper, lace, and bottles of water colors!

On top of this, Valentines became to be considered equivalent to a proposal of marriage. Stern fathers even judged would-be suitors by the quality of their hearts-and-flowers missives and the ornate Spencerian script in which verses had to be hand written.

As custom veered from over-sentimental, however, the light-hearted Valentine was born, and the scissor and pastepot era came to an end. On a typical 1948 Valentine, a demure, golden-haired lass in a blue bonnet expresses the thought:

"I don't know nobody who is one-half as nice as you."

Co. Legion League Rearranges Card

A revised schedule for the Cambria Co. Legion League was released by John (Huck) Salem last week.

Each team is listed for fifteen games. Home floors for each team's third game was determined by the toss of a coin. The schedule:

Feb. 5—Beaverdale at St. Michael, Carrolltown at Loreto, Cresson at Ebensburg.

Feb. 6—Johnstown at Beaverdale, Cresson at Gallitzin.

Feb. 7—Beaverdale at Johnstown, Cresson at St. Michael.

Feb. 8—Beaverdale at Portage, Cresson at Loreto.

Feb. 9—Cresson at St. Michael, Loreto at Portage.

Feb. 11—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 12—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 13—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 14—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 15—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 16—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 17—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 18—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 19—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Feb. 20—Beaverdale at Cresson, Loreto at St. Michael.

Educators Asking State-Wide Taxes To Assist Schools

The Pennsylvania School Directors' Association which convened at Harrisburg last week called for a state wide tax with the proceeds specifically earmarked for school purposes.

A resolution adopted by the group at the close of its annual convention also asked that the revenue from the levy would be allocated on the basis of need. It did not propose the nature of the levy.

Officials said the resolution was aimed at eliminating the newer power of school districts to tax anything not already taxed by the commonwealth.

The statute was enacted by the 1947 legislature to provide school districts and municipalities with authority to raise money for increased costs by means other than real estate levies.

In other resolutions the directors asked for legislation to:

- Creation of \$10,000,000 building fund to supply financial aid to distressed school districts.
- Increase the probationary period in the teacher tenure law to three years, instead of the two years as at present. The extension would bring the period in line with the time now required for certification for teachers.
- Require all motor vehicles to come to a complete stop before passing school districts that are receiving or discharging children.
- The law would require that motorists stop in approaching a bus from either direction.
- Increase state aid to school districts from the present minimum of \$700 and maximum of \$2,200 to a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$3,000 a teaching unit.

Announce Calendar Dates Affecting April 27 Primary

Mar. 6 is Last Date To Register for Vote

The State Bureau of Elections has released the dates that affect the coming primary election.

Feb. 7—Fill out nomination petitions.

Feb. 27—Last day an elector may move from one election district to another in order to be eligible to vote at the primary election.

March 6—Last day to register before primary election.

March 6—Last day to change party enrollment or non-partisan enrollment before the primary election and general election.

March 8—Last day to secure signatures on nomination petitions.

March 8—Last day to file nomination petitions.

March 8—First legal day to secure signatures on nomination petitions nominating independent candidates.

March 8—Last day before primary election on which notices of removal from one election district to another must be received by county boards of elections in cities of the third class and cities of the second class.

March 15—Last day to withdraw after filing nomination petitions for primary election.

March 15—Last day to file objections to nomination petitions.

March 29—Last day before primary election on which notices of removal from election board to another must be received by county boards of elections in cities of the second class.

April 7—Last day to secure signatures on nomination papers.

April 7—Last day to file nomination papers nominating candidates.

April 14—Last day to file objections to nomination papers nominating independent candidates.

April 17—Last day before primary election on which an elector who has, since the time of registration, suffered a physical disability which requires him to have assistance in voting, may personally make application to the county boards of elections in cities of the second class, viz: Pittsburgh; cities of the third class; cities of the second class A and B; and towns and townships, to have such fact entered on his registration card.

April 17—Last day before primary election on which notices of removal within the same election district must be received by county boards of elections in all cities.

April 28—On or before this date the county boards of elections shall deliver the necessary ballots and supplies to the judges of election.

April 27—Primary election. The polls shall remain open continuously between the hours of 7 a. m. and 8 p. m. The Court of Common Pleas to be in session from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. except in judicial districts having one judge, in which case the court shall be in session from 7 a. m. to 12 noon as well as from 2 p. m. to 5:30 p. m., and 7 p. m. to 10 p. m.

April 30—Return board meets at noon to canvass and compute the votes cast at the primary election.



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Recent Deaths

John Stoyka
John Stoyka, aged 67 years, of Colver, died on Sunday afternoon at the Colver Hospital. He was born in Czechoslovakia on April 15, 1880, and had resided in this country for many years. He is survived by his widow and 3 children — Charles, Huntingdon; Mrs. Frank Legana, Colver; Mary at home; and by two brothers, Frank, of Colver, and Charles, of Miami, Fla.

Francis J. Litzinger
Francis John Litzinger, aged 81 years, died at his home on Hastings R. D., on Thursday last of diseases incident to age. He was born April 7, 1866, a son of Bernard and Rosella (Baum) Litzinger. Surviving are the following children: Harry Litzinger, Mrs. Litzinger and Mildred Litzinger; and a sister, Mrs. Alvin Watt.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon at Barnesboro and interment was in East Ridge cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Nolan
Mrs. Mary Nolan, 75, of Barnesboro, died at 6:20 a. m. on Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Shortenacrier. She was a native of Frenchville, and was born, a daughter of John and Victoria (Reno) Varlot, on June 6, 1872. Her husband, Dennis Nolan, died last July 16.

Surviving are these children: Mrs. Shortenacrier, mentioned; Mrs. Marie Hoppel, Bethesda, Md.; Norman, Barnesboro, and Mrs. Louise Doisy, York.

Services were held at 9 a. m. on Monday in St. Edward's Catholic Church, Barnesboro. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Frenchville.

Franklin W. Shaffer
Franklin W. Shaffer, aged 23, died last Friday at the Aspinwall Veterans' Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was a son of Ellis and Margaret (Smith) Shaffer and was a veteran of World War II, having served three years in the 45th Division. He was injured three times.

Surviving are his parents, his widow, the former Mary Jane Garrity, and a daughter, Sharon Lee. He was a brother of Edward, Dick, Jacob, Mrs. LaMarr Shaffer and Mrs. Francis Rosian. He held membership in the Bakerton U. M. W. of A. and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Bakerton Methodist Church, and burial was in the church cemetery. Military rites were in the charge of Fox-Peale Post, American Legion, Carrolltown.

Mrs. Agnes J. Miller
Mrs. Agnes J. (Lantz) Miller, aged 82 years, of Ashville, died at her home there on Wednesday morning of last week of diseases incident to her advanced age.

The deceased was born on September 16, 1865, and had spent practically all of her life in the northern section of Cambria county. Children surviving are Francis C. Miller, Chesapeake Springs; Mrs. Ida Ansmann, Altoona; Michael J. Miller, Centerville; Sister Mary Everludis, Order of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dunsmore; Mrs. Mary Eckerode and Nicholas H. Miller, Loreto; Mrs. Anna Crossman, Carrolltown; Mrs. Ella Adams, Ashville; Mrs. Hulda Storm and Joseph A. Miller, at home.

The deceased leaves fifty grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren. Two children are dead, Mrs. Lucinda Trexler and Margaret Miller.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at nine o'clock in St. Monica's Catholic Church at Chest Springs and interment was made in the church cemetery.

Compares Veteran, Civilian Disability

Medical Rehabilitation Seen As Growing Need

There has been a great deal said about the rehabilitation of the disabled veteran during the past year. The extent of disability among the civilian population is a lot greater.

There were 19,000 amputations in the military service during the last year—but there were 120,000 major amputations among civilians during the same period. Almost 1,500 men were blinded while in military service during the war—but 60,000 civilians lost their sight during this period.

Some 285,000 men were permanently disabled as a result of combat injuries during the war—and 1,250,000 civilians were permanently disabled in the same period.

Actually, there are more than 23,000,000 persons in the United States handicapped to some extent by accident, disease, maladjustment or war.

Among the number of disabled persons in this country are more than 5,000,000 housewives—more than a million of whom are on crutches or in wheel chairs.

The public is becoming aware of the need for rehabilitation and physical medicine for a large number of these physically handicapped.

Rehabilitation is less expensive than continued public assistance. An integral part of medical care is medical rehabilitation.

This is the phase that takes the patient from the bed to the job.

It is the responsibility of the doctor to continue the treatment and supervision of his patient until he has been trained to live and work to the best of his ability.

BARNESBORO MAN WEDS

Miss Jane Elder, Ebensburg, and Frank E. Wood, Jr., Barnesboro, were married Jan. 31, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Elder, in Ebensburg.

The newlyweds will reside in Barnesboro.


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