

Pair Honored On Birthdays

COBURG—Mr. and Mrs. John Hulsebus were guests of honor at a birthday dinner party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newingham at their home recently. Two large birthday cakes decorated with the date and given name of each honored guest, were served. One was baked by Mrs. Newingham and the other by Mrs. Marion Fields. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hulsebus, of Coburg; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fields, Mrs. Pete Newingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newingham, their daughters, Shirley and Donna, and son, Larry, of Eugene; and the host and hostess and their daughter, Kathy, and two sons, Eddie and Lester, of Coburg.

District Leaders Visit Florence Post, Auxiliary

FLORENCE—Francis M. Yost, American Legion and Auxiliary were visited officially by District 3 Comm. James Murphy of Junction City and District 3 President Mrs. Frank Walters of Albany. Tentative plans were laid for the annual Legion birthday dinner party, March 18. Mrs. Herbert Welshons will lead the Americanism program at the next meeting of the organizations.

BPW Board Meets Here, Completes Convention Plans

At the Board meeting of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Eugene Saturday and Sunday, matters in relation to the national biennial convention which will be held in Boston in June were considered. The sessions were conducted in the Eugene Hotel, Mrs.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

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Seven Saints Named Valentine But Thursday Honors Only One

For a century and more, sentimental Valentines have helped to record the romantic trends of a people.

Valentine's Day had its beginning, not in America, but in Rome. Actually, there were seven Saints Valentine, but history gives the honor for the naming of the day to a young Roman priest who was beheaded in 270 A.D. for refusing to renounce Christianity. While in prison he wrote a farewell message to his jailer's blind daughter and signed it, "From Your Valentine."

The origin of the Valentine custom takes on a lighter aspect when we consider early activities in ancient Rome. The birds, observed ancient oracles, began building their nests along about Feb. 14.

And along about then, love lotteries were established, and on the idea of February, in a modern-day counterpart of the "Blind Date," Roman bachelors drew the names of Roman bachelor-girls from an urn set up in the public square. The lass whose name he

drew was the lad's Valentine for the coming year.

Just as the "Blind Date" may be traced to early Valentine customs, so may the origin of the "Secret Pal" idea be found when, during the Middle Ages, unsigned Valentines were hidden in hollow trees.

It is a lengthy transition from the Middle Ages to America in the year 1840. In the intervening years the popularity of Valentine-sending in England and Germany progressed from handmade Valentines, ornately decorated, to printed Valentines which appeared about 1800.

But it was not until 1840 that Valentines were published in America, and it remained for a young college girl, Esther Howland, to set the romantic idea rolling.

Miss Howland, one of the first students at Mt. Holyoke College, found an English Valentine in her father's stationery store in Worcester, Mass., and decided to copy it for publication. Everybody knows what happens in a Leap Year, and since 1840 was a Leap Year — one can but guess as to how many 1840 males were surprised with Valentines.

This year's Valentines bear in mind that 1952 is also a Leap Year, and some of the greeting card ideas practically "pop the question." One Valentine is illustrated with two light bulbs. The verse suggests:

"As one bulb said to the other— 'Let's go out together!'"

However, Leap Year or not, it looks as if the ages-old custom of St. Valentine's Day is here to stay for a long, long time.

WRC Names New Committees for Year

This year's committees for the Woman's Relief Corps were named at the recent meeting attended by 35 members. They are as follows:

Auditing, Mrs. S. T. Rouse, chairman, Mrs. Minda Slatery, and Mrs. Ivan Parks; Executive, Mrs. F. M. Moorefield, Mrs. Anna Cross, Mrs. Leah Redding, Mrs. Permelia Murray, and Mrs. Marjorie Bingham; Child Welfare, Mrs. John Grandahl, Mrs. George Peterson, and Mrs. Rose Thompson.

Veterans hospital committee, Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mrs. Herman Luken and Mrs. Robert Nesbitt; Red Cross, Mrs. C. T. Bresler, Mrs. Sam Bergstrom and Mrs. Ella Bray.

Mrs. Davis was put in charge of the civil defense committee, with members to be appointed by her later. Mrs. Luken will head the membership committee and Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Cross were appointed to the entertainment committee.

Springfield Lutherans Area Workshop Set

The Women's Missionary Federation of Springfield Lutheran Church will be hosts to a Workshop at the church, 1542 East 1 Street, Monday. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the session will be dismissed by 3 p.m. Groups participating will be from Springfield, Santa Clara, Eugene and Spencer Creek Lutheran churches.

Mrs. K. G. Egersten of Portland will be the guest speaker. Mrs. James Phillips, president of the Willamette Circuit, will be in charge of the officer's group and will also preside over the question box.

Luncheon will be served at the church at noon. There will be a nursery for small children. All women from these churches are invited to attend the Workshop, whether or not they are members of any specific group.

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Foresters Set Ball

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Mrs. Hunt Elected

Mrs. Charles Hunt was elected president of Past Matrons Club, Willamette Court, Order of Amaranth, at the recent meeting of members.

Mrs. Lyman Palmer was chosen vice president, and Mrs. Alex McKinzie, secretary, for this year.

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