



**REPEAT VOWS** — Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCarty renewed their wedding vows, first recited 50 years ago, at a ceremony Jan. 27 officiated by D. J. Mead, pastor of Suburban Heights Baptist Church. A reception followed the ceremony.

### Pair Renews Nuptial Vows

It was a happy occasion on Sunday, Jan. 27, for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCarty when more than 75 friends and relatives attended a wedding ceremony and reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The solemn ceremony in which they renewed their wedding vows was officiated by D. J. Mead, pastor of Suburban Heights Baptist Church. During the ring ceremony, R. J. McCarty gave his bride of 50 years a lovely new ring.

John Probst was soloist for the occasion with Judy Graham accompanying at the piano.

Following the ceremony, the couple received best wishes at a reception given by the women of Suburban Heights Baptist Church.

The L-shaped table was beautifully appointed with a three-tiered cake, golden tapers and a gold money tree. The gold theme was

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## Pagan Roman Feast Early Valentine Day

It's not generally known, but the origins of our lovely and sentimental Valentine's Day can be traced all the way back to a pack of wolves! . . . the four-legged kind, that is.

Researchers for a pen company learned that what is now our heart-holiday was not at first a day to honor the gentle Christian martyr, St. Valentine. Earlier, in pagan Rome, a feast called Lupercalia was held each year in the middle of February to pay homage to the god, Lupercus, who guarded livestock and shepherds from attacks by marauding wolves. During part of the celebration, young Roman warriors drew names of young women from helmets.

A girl who was thus chosen by chance became, for the following year, the sweetheart of the soldier who had picked her name . . . sort of a classical version of going steady.

When Rome became a Christian city, such goings-on were not countenanced by authorities, but the holiday was kept and changed to honor the Christian martyrs, particularly St. Valentine whose birthday fell at that time of year. The drawing also was retained as a part of the celebration, except the names picked by chance were those of saints. For a year following, the religious participant attempted to emulate the life and attributes of the saint whose name he had chosen.

As the centuries passed, the holiday remained a religious one, but it also became a day for bestowing small gifts and mementos on close friends and the girls next door. In medieval England the day took on the aspect of a contest . . . for when two people met, the first to shout, "Tis St. Valentine's Day" was entitled to receive a gift from the other person.

According to research, Valentine's Day cards first appeared at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century. The oldest known card dates from 1710. It was made in Germany and bore the picture of a turtle dove, under which, written in ink, was the message: "Greet my love 1,000 times."

Until the Industrial Revolution, which made possible the mass production of cards, Valentines were an individual creation, with loving messages carefully written with a goose-quill pen. For the less imaginative, pamphlets were available entitled "Polite Valentine Writers." A loving but inarticulate swain would copy out a message appropriate to his romantic situation and to his profession or trade as well.

During the Victorian era in England, Valentines became like the furniture of that period . . . overstuffed, lace, feathers, fringe, waxed leaves and flowers were used to decorate the oft-perfumed cards, and the sentiments expressed therein were . . . as a 10-year-old boy might say . . . just plain mushy. Comic Valentines of that era also were over-extravagant in vulgarity and insults.

By 1900, American card publishers were disgusted with both plushy and tawdry Valentines, and produced simple cards with messages more friendly than romantic. In the Roaring Twenties, Valentines again became decorative, but conforming to the emancipated aura of that decade, the messages were breezy rather than sentimental.

Through all the changes in style and fashion, the pictorial symbols on Valentine cards have remained constant . . . hearts, cupids, cooling birds, lovely ladies, bashful beaux. But today there is no set "style" in Valentines. We can choose the simple, ornate, bantering, intellectual, soulful or the "guess who" variety . . . the perfect Valentine is available.

Yet beyond modern-day multiplicity of cards and sentiments, when we write the name and address on the Valentine chosen for that one "certain" person, we are saying what Valentine senders have been saying (and hoping) down through the centuries. Simply: "Oh, Valentine please be mine!"



**THROUGH THE YEARS** — Drawings depict what researchers on Valentine's Day have found. In pagan Rome, above, young warriors had for their girl for the year, the lady whose name they picked from a helmet. The Victorian era, left, brought sentimental messages on ornately styled Valentines. The modern young man at right has little trouble choosing the proper saying for that "certain" person.

## Soroptimists Aid Projects

**MOUNT SHASTA**—At a regular breakfast meeting, Soroptimist Club of Mount Shasta voted to contribute \$50 to the Dunsmuir Foreign Student program, sponsored by American Field Service, to buy a \$25 bond for the winner of this area's Soroptimist citizenship award and to contribute \$18 to the Hi-teens Club for expenses of a delegate to the Youth Conference held yearly at Astoria.

Donna Krauss reported on her Award of Merit committee's work and announced that she had spoken to the students at McCloud, Bertha Lanthier at Weed and Mount Shasta and Darlene Cheula at Dunsmuir, each explaining the student's eligibility to enter the contest for the \$2,500 Soroptimist grant.

Other committee heads gave their yearly reports and it was announced that Harry Beck, dean and assistant superintendent at College of the Siskiyou would be the guest speaker at the club's next meeting on Feb. 13 at 8:45 a.m. at the Lamplighter. His topic will be "Mental Attitudes Influence Success."

Members are asked to bring a guest to the meeting. The club's new bulletin was distributed and will be mailed to absent members and other Soroptimist affiliations.

**BE GLOVELY**  
Don't let your white leather gloves become too soiled before you send them to the cleaners. Spots that have become ingrained are difficult to remove.

**NEW TWIST**  
When screws or bolts refuse to obey the turn of the wrench, place a few drops of peroxide on them. Let the peroxide soak in for a few minutes, and the screw or bolt will turn easily for you.

**PEARLS—BY THE YARD**  
The simple necklace of cultured pearls is bowing out to bulky, twisted ropes. You can literally buy your pearls by the rope or yard this season.

**TINT HINT**  
A shower curtain that has begun to fade can be given new life. Wash the curtain in your automatic washing machine, then tint it with a packaged tint that doesn't require boiling. Use warm water for rinsing.

**Whose POP CORN?**  
The little string tells you it's Jolly Time—that ever-lovin', easy-eatin' pop corn in the "zip-top" can. Just pull the string—and zip—the can is open. Closes again, too! Always get JOLLY TIME—the easy-eatin' pop corn!

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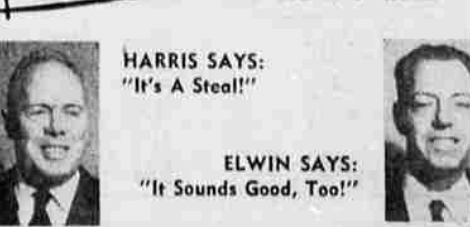


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## FASHIONETTES

Women are asking for head-lugger hats. Women's Wear Daily reports. Typical is one with just a hint of a brim in smooth straw.

Yellow will be a top color in the spring. Also, bright pink, mint green and light blue.

For prom nights, a white cotton eyelet bodice and organdy skirt over gold silk-and-cotton.

## Visitor Is Honored

**FORT ROCK**—Paul Laver has spent 10 days leave here with his grandmother, Mrs. Joe Stitz. She entertained former schoolmates and friends at a buffet supper party at Horse Ranch Lodge.

Laver is a fireman apprentice stationed during the past year at Whidbey Island, Wash. Before reporting to his San Diego base for a four weeks course in movie projector operation he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vera Allison at Sacramento. He will be stationed on Guam following the training period.

Visiting at the Stitz home were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ward and daughter, Marilyn, Mrs. Robert Morehouse and Tom, Bobbie Lee and Kenneth, John Heilmeyer, Wanda Zvir, Jeanne Webber, Geri Judd, Mrs. Freda Thayer and son, Don, and Mrs. Lawrence Rice and Paul Miskamen.

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