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Valentine's Day

by Pat Ludden

Jimmy hurried out of bed and quickly dressed. He must not be late for school, today of all days. He ate his breakfast, put on his coat and rubbers and took one more quick glance at the calendar to make sure this was the day. Yes, it was February 14th! Then picking up a paper bag on the table he hurried out the door and down the street to school.

Jimmy arrived at school a few minutes early and used the time to drop his Valentines one by one into the big square box on the teacher's desk. He counted them once more, making sure they were all there.

The morning classes went slow but the afternoon classes went even slower, even tho each class was shortened. Every now and then he glanced at the box and saw fancy white hearts floating in a sea of red crepe paper.

At last the final spelling word had been pronounced and corrected and books were shoved into overcrowded desks to be forgotten.

Miss Brown smiled and reached for the box. A chorus of whispers filled the room and they discussed the matter of who would be chosen "postman." Jimmy secretly hoped it would be he, for it was a grand feeling to pick the multi-colored cards out of the box and hand them to their receivers. His chance was slight though, since he had been chosen "postman" at Christmas. After the class decided the "postman" should be a boy, Tommy Atkins was chosen.

Names were called over and over again. Jimmy's desk was crowned with the greetings and cards were exchanged for their neighbor's approval.

When at last the box was empty and the last envelope opened, Miss Brown said that she would tell a Valentine story about how the tradition began.

Jimmy settled back and the story began . . . .

Many years ago in ancient Rome there was a bishop named Saint Valentine. Now the Saint had a different faith than most Romans and was believed a traitor, so high officials put him to death as a martyr of the church. This was during the reign of the Emperor Claudius II. Now St Valentine had many followers and to remember him, it became the customs for the young people to meet on the eve of February 14 for festivals. Boys' and girls' names were put in different containers. Then the boys drew a girl's name and the girls drew a boy's name. Thus each person had a Valentine. This tradition is still alive today, altho in many different forms.

It was time to go home and Jimmy gathered his Valentines and started along the old familiar streets. He was looking forward to supper time when he might present his parents with the heart-shaped box of candy bought with his precious hoard of nickles and dimes. This was truly the spirit of Valentine's Day.

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He: "A wagon maker who had been dumb for a number of years picked up a hub and spoke."

She: "Yes, and a blind carpenter on the same day reached out for a plane and saw; a deaf sheep ranchman went out with his dog and herd; a noseless fisherman caught a barrel of herring and smelt."

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The ant has a reputation for being industrious. Yet all we have ever seen were on a picnic.

Andover Cagers Beat Richburg For Title

Coach Bob Ingerson's Andover Central School Panthers came thru in their crucial game with Richburg Central, winning 32-22 to take their section of the Class C county title and earned the right to meet the winner of the other section of Class C for the county title later this month. The game was played on the Richburg court last Thursday night.

Andover led at the quarter 7-5 and held a 14-11 lead at half time. Both teams had their best quarter in the third period and Andover held their opponents to a lone field goal in the final period.

Andover used but five men and they certainly played great ball, to take the title with Phillipson tieing up Allen the leader scorer of the Richburg five and coming thru with 16 points, plus eight by McCormick. The line-up:

Andover	field	foul	ttl
McCormick, f	4	0	8
Howland, f	0	0	0
Phillipson, c	6	4	16
Behn, g	1	1	3
Dunham, g	2	1	5
Totals	13	6	32

Richburg	field	foul	ttl.
Feeley, f	3	2	8
Gibbon, f	0	2	2
Herring, f	0	0	0
Allen, c	1	2	4
Lewis, g	0	0	0
Coyle, g	4	0	8
Totals	8	6	22

J. V.'s Lose to Richburg 14-12

The Andover J. V.'s lost a very close and well played game to the Richburg Junior Varsity the same night.

The boys played a very good game but were not able to sink a basket to tie the score in the final minutes of the game. K. Lynch, star of the Junior Varsity, was high scorer with four points and R. Smith was close behind with three points.

High scorer for Richburg was Skiver and Jones with five points each. This was the final game and the boys so far this season have a very good record with only three games taken from them, one by Wellsville and two games by Richburg.

We wish all the boys a much better chance next season, with all wins and no defeats. EG

Freshman Party

The Freshman Class of ACS held a skating party at Sloan's rink in Wellsville, February 8th. Since each member of the class had the privilege of inviting a guest, a total of 45 Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors rode on the bus which was driven by Harold Lehman.

All reported a good time and a desire for an encore later in the year.

The guests to the skating party were: Edith Freeland, Pat Joyce, Kenneth Nye, Paul Kilbane, Francis Horan, Jim and Ray Smith, Jerry Lynch, Phyllis Nye, Betty Smith, Lois Ordway, Lois Honegger, Betty Howland, Lawrence Monroe, Essie Temple, Dickie Ellis, Francis Green and Aquinas Lynch.

Faculty guests were Miss Munley, Miss Butler and Mrs. McFadden. ACS

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Home Economics News

Home Ec. — The girls are starting to study food preparation and they are making muffins, baking powder biscuits, cakes, pies and yeast rolls.

Home Ec. 1.—The girls are finishing up a nutrition course. They are making cream sauces, preparing vegetables and baking.

Seventh Grade — They are going to make skirts after they finish studying the sewing machine and learn fundamental sewing tips.

Eighth Grade—The girls are going to make tailored blouses with collars for which they are going to use patterns for the first time.

Boys Home Ec. — They are studying food values and counting their calories. They are also planning menus and recently made macaroni and cheese and Spanish rice which they used as the main part of their lunch. The rest of the meal was food purchased from the cafeteria.

Home Ec. 7.—The girls have finished unit on use of family income and have started work on a new one, "Family as a Consumer." The girls have made special requests to do food preparations which will be next on the list. MED

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A successful war experiment may result in canned ham and eggs soon appearing on the market.

Bulletin Boards

As I came into the school this morning I noticed a very attractive scene of junks of Oriental slants by Ella Mae Clair in the showcase by the office. The A. C.S. art class has a different picture there every week, by one of its talented students. Also, the library can show a decorative bulletin board. A white background with red and white trimmings around the edges and a series of Valentine "hearts" in the center. A cover of Irving Stone's "Immortal Wife," is in the direct center. Red hearts with gold writing on them surround it, with the following books mentioned: Green Dolphin Street, by Elizabeth Goudge; Gone With the Wind, by Margaret Mitchell; Showboat, by Edna Ferber; Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte and Mr. Lincoln's Wife, by Anne Colver.

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A Winning Editorial

The editorial on World Peace, sent in a month previous to this date by Patricia Temple, was listed under honorable mention in the January 1946 issue of the "Quill and Scroll," a magazine sent to our Hi Herald adviser, Mrs. McFadden. Since the magazine contains information about school newspaper activities all over the United States, schools from the whole Union participated in this editorial contest and Patricia was listed seventh under a grouping of the Eastern States.

Her editorial was titled "We Give Thanks For a World at Peace," and I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating her on this accomplishment. HE

Senior Interview

I'm sure you've all seen that nearly snow-white blond around ACS. That's right. It's Genevieve Loucks. She was born in North Bingham, Pa., on October 18th, 1928; that's right again—she's 17 now and has a lot of favorites. Here they are:

Food: Spaghetti and meat balls.
Color: Royal blue.
Book: "All This and Heaven Too."
Author: James Hilton.
Actress: Ingrid Bergman.
Actor: Robert Walker.
Movie: "It's a Pleasure."
Sport: Basketball.
Subject: English.

After she is graduated Genevieve plans to become a nurse and I'm sure we all wish her the best of luck. DVC

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Let's Improve Our School Spirit

It seems the spirit of ACS is dropping a bit. What can we do to improve upon it? What is the cause and where is its basis? — These are the most prominent questions concerning our school spirit.

In my opinion, the cause is more or less tending toward a lack of manners and courtesy of the students among themselves and toward the faculty. Just a few minutes ago, out in the hall, I was coming to my English class and saw one of my girl friends reaching toward the fountain for a drink. Evidently, Johnny was much more thirsty as he jumped in ahead of Mary, gulped several swallows and ran on his way, leaving Mary quite stunned. I sighed to myself, "Well, the age of chivalry is past, certainly." But that wasn't all I thought of the incident. I walked into the classroom with Mary and asked her what she thought about it and her reply was: "I don't know why they do it. I've seen it happen time and again. They just don't seem to want to find time for courtesy."

If Johnny had held the fountain for Mary, I'm sure he would have felt better because he must have noticed what he did and felt just a little "sheepish" over it.

There are many other little things that matter so much. Some of these are shutting another's locker when his back is turned; pushing aside schoolmates in a grand rush to get downstairs, and, last but not least, using profane language loudly and fluently in the halls and classrooms.

Politeness and courtesy to the faculty matters more than one thinks. I don't think we've been too impolite to our faculty members, but may I add strongly that this point definitely can be improved upon. Arguing is part of the classroom conversation for better learning and understanding, but talking back is not arguing in the correct classroom manner. Even if you are positive you didn't commit the crime you are being blamed for, just let it blow over (unless the punishment coming is too full or runs past a "bawling out") because the teacher very rarely makes a mistake in picking out the cause of the trouble.

The same applies to your lessons. Don't sit there and argue a point unless you've your book there and the page where your point can be proven. Your teacher is there to instruct you and she knows what she's teaching.

Let's all try to co-operate in the idea expressed here. I'm sure it is specifically stated, so let's start right now! EH

CHIT-CHAT

How's Mary coming with her waltzing, Vic? We know it's harder waltzing on skates than doing it the regular way, but then, you're a pretty good teacher so she ought to learn quick.

Lois Jean Matison's boy friend really has it bad. Wes got out of bed the first time in a week just so he could keep their date at the rink Saturday night.

Pat Joyce really had a good time skating Friday night. If you don't believe us, just ask her. She has a dozen black and blue marks to prove it.

The game at Richburg was really something last Thursday night, wasn't it, kids? But we must say, the goings on afterwards weren't so nice. We all should be ashamed of ourselves.

We wonder if Jo Ann Theetge will really go to the Prom in Wellsville, Friday night. We hear a lot of talk about it, but after the fight she had with Ray Sunday night—well, we begin to have some doubts.

Genevieve Green gets called to the telephone quite often, it seems. Boy, those wires must be hot half the time with "Pete" calling long distance so often.

Did Sherm make you feel bad Sunday, Pat Ludden? You really shouldn't worry about it because, after all, he is just a man, and what more can you expect?

We hear Helen Yannie is also going to the Prom Friday night, but she doesn't know who she's going with yet. What's the matter, Helen, can't you make up your mind which invitation to accept, or are you having a blind date? PG-LW

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GRADE NEWS

Miss Catherine Recktenwald's first grade celebrated Valentine's Day with a Valentine party.

Mrs. Laura Hall's first grade had a Valentine box and party in honor of Valentine's Day. Barbara DuBois and Mary Teresa McAndrew are back in school after being absent with the whooping cough. Shirley Vickers celebrated her birthday last week.

Mrs. Marie Alvord's first grade pupils had a Valentine box and party. They have started a new reading book entitled "Our Friends."

Mrs. Dolores Bennett's second grade made a post office and used it in connection with Valentine distribution at the Valentine party. The students took Civil Service exams to determine by the highest marks who were to be the postmaster, clerks and mail carriers.

Miss Hilda Vars' second grade enjoyed a Valentine party in honor of the day. Marilyn Harris and Nancy Hulin are absent.

Miss Rita Elliott's third grade had perfect attendance several days last week. They had a Valentine box and party. Their Victory stamp total is now $71.60.

Mrs. Carolyn Helmer's third and fourth grade had a Valentine box today. Shirley and Barbara Ordway went to get glasses last Friday. Carol Harris is absent with the grippe and Betty Ann Kemp has the chickenpox. The fourth grade is starting a unit on the Navajo Indians in Social Studies.

Miss Ruby Jordan's fifth grade displays an attractive bulletin on Washington, Lincoln and Valentine's Day. They have started work on fractions in arithmetic. Beth Whitaker has purchased another bond, making their Victory stamp total now $143.60. They had a Valentine box and party.

Miss Ruth Baker's fourth grade enjoyed a Valentine party and box. They display an attractive

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