Leap Year goes 'way back

National Geographic News Service

For liberated American women, the calendar's most sexist holiday is Feb. 29. Not Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, but Leap Year Day, the one that suggests women need an extra edge to get their man.

In fact, unmarried women may feel offended throughout this entire leap year of 1980 by the old legend proclaiming that only for these 12 months do they have the right to pop the question to any eligible man.

Some forthright women admit to artful ways of making the husband-to-be think getting married was all his idea, or admit to suggesting the idea themselves, leap year or not.

And many don't wait for anybody to ask. Last year there were at least 1,137,000 unmarried couples living together in the United States, a 117-percent increase since 1970. So says the Bureau of the Census.

Scotch Made it Law

Wanted or not, the "Leap Year Edge" has had the jump on unmarried men for 692 years, sometimes pouncing on the unwilling with the full weight of the law.

It was in the year 1288 that the Scottish Parliament laid down the law as follows:

"It is statut and ordaint that for ilk yeare known as lepe yeare, ilk maiden ladie of baith highe and lowe estait, shall hae libertie to bespeke ye man she likes."

The same sort of law was passed in France a few years later, and just before Columbus sailed for America, the Italian cities of Genoa and Florence added it to their books.

By 1600 English common law also decreed that "As oft as lepe yeare doth return ye ladyes have ye privilej of making love to ye men, which they doe either liy wordes or by lookes, as to them seemeth proper."

However they popped the question, the ladyes were at least assured they would be taken seriously by the objects of their affection.

"Mulct" or Married

The Scottish law warned: "Gif he refuses to tak her to bee his wyf, he shall bee mulct in the sum of ane hundredity pundis." He could escape being mulct only gif he was already married.

In old England, instead of being penalized ane hundredity pundis, a bachelor could strike a blow for men's liberation with the present of a silk gown. But any mayden ladye of highe estait who accepted payment this way, according to one legend, first had to "show her red petticoats."

In the England of 1860, Queen Victoria warned the bachelor holdouts of Her Majesty's Rifle Corps that if they didn't get married they would be persona non grata. The Queen was said to believe that the stability of married life would improve their marksmanship.

No one knows for sure who first suggested leap year as hunting season on bachelors. Some fables give credit to St. Patrick in the early fifth century when reportedly at least one admiring Irish colleen was awarded a silk gown by a reluctant admiree.

Women apparently laid no special claim to leap year when Julius Caesar invented it about 45 B.C. in the first attempt to straighten out the calendar and keep it in line with the seasons.

Caesar divided the year into 12 months totaling 365 days. However, the earth takes about one-fourth of a day longer than that to orbit the sun. Caesar remedied the situation by adding an extra day to every fourth year, tacking it on the shortest month — February.

Time Out of Whack

But that wasn't quite right either. After 128 years the calendar had eased one day ahead of the actual year. Eventually the calendar got so out of whack with time that, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII tried to straighten things out with a new calendar.

The pope evened things up more accurately by adding the leap year day to century years, but only those divisible by four, such as the year 2000. With the Gregorian calendar, now used throughout the world, it takes 3,300 years to get a day ahead of time.

More recent modifications have narrowed the difference to one day in 20,000 years.

All this may be of little comfort to those with Feb. 29 as a birthday.

There will be 9,036 Americans born this Feb. 29, give or take a birth or two, according to the Natality Branch of the National Center for Health Statistics of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The new February 29th-ers will soon learn what it's like to watch the world pull ahead of them birthday by birthday. Says one son of leap year: "If I didn't celebrate my birthday early, on the 28th, I'd have to tell the kids that Daddy is only 9 years old."

People who get married on Feb. 29, however, may be rewarded by an advantage: They'll only have to buy an anniversary present every fourth year.

Kay's Kitchen

— By Kay Fisher —

Seems last month I spent a lot of time away from home, but I still had this column on my mind. Friends gave me recipes they liked and said I could use them, so will pass on to you. So this week will be a variety of things.

HARDY SOUP
Ruth Beers Bokiage

1 lb. ground beef
1 large can V8 juice
2 cans cream of celery soup
1 cups grated carrots
1 large onion, chopped
Brown meat and onions. Add rest of ingredients. Simmer 40 minutes.
Isn't that simple enough?

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OATMEAL COOKIES
Zee Beers

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1½ cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
3 cups oats
½ cup pecans, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugars. Add eggs, stir until smooth, then add remaining ingredients except oats and pecans. When well mixed add oats and pecans. Shape into long rolls, and roll in wax paper. Keep in refrigerator. When ready to use slice into thin slices and bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Watch closely, maybe less time required depending on your oven. Do not over cook. Rolls of cookie dough may be frozen. So good!

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In answer to the request for Sorghum Molasses Pie, here is a recipe from Mrs. Ernest Sharp.

SORGHUM MOLASSES PIE

1 cup sugar
1 cup sorghum molasses
4 tablespoons flour
4 egg yolks
2½ cups evaporated milk or light cream
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
4 egg whites
8 tablespoons sugar

Mix all ingredients except egg whites and the 8 tablespoons of sugar. Pour into unbaked pastry shell and bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes, then 350 degrees until pie is set. Top with meringue made by beating egg whites until stiff then add 8 tablespoons sugar slowly, beating constantly. Bake at 350 degrees until brown.

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Clip this and file to use while citrus fruits are plentiful.

BERMUDA CITRUS MARMALADE

Take assorted fruit and squeeze out juice. Discard seeds and membrane. Slice rind fairly fine. Soak overnight. Add juice and boil about 40 minutes or until tender.

Measure, then add 1 cup sugar for each cup of fruit, plus one more cup of sugar. Boil 1 to 1½ hours, until it sets, then pour into warm sterilized jars.

Fruits to use are: Navel oranges, limes, grapefruit, Valencia oranges and lemons.

Salon on shoes? This'll fix 'em!

Has winter's slush left white salt stains on your boots and shoes? If not removed, salt used to melt snow and ice on sidewalks and streets can damage footwear fabrics.

To remove the stains, try these timely tips from Jo Ann Hilliker, Extension clothing and textiles specialist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

If salt stains are on smooth or grain leather footwear, use mild handsoap and water. Using a damp cloth and soap, rub the surface gently. Rinse with clear water and dry the leather with a soft, clean cloth. Stuff the shoes with crushed paper and allow them to dry at room temperature. Do not put shoes near a heat source to speed drying.

When shoes are dry, polish or wax them as you normally do. Always polish or wax after washing to restore oils to the leather and prevent cracking or splitting.

Suedes present a more difficult problem. If stains are already on suedes that have not received a coat of protective spray, clean only with special suede cleaning solutions that may be purchased from leather dealers.

Prevention is the best answer to suede staining and spotting problems. Special suede sprays are available. They form a protective shield to prevent spotting and premature soiling. Suede shoes and garments should be treated when new, before they're exposed to soiling and spotting.

Crouchs to head Heart Fund Drive

Joe A. Crouch of 379 West Main Street, Carlisle has been chosen 1980 Easter Seal campaign chairman in Nicholas County.

Named co-chairman was Crouch's son, Joe W. Crouch, also of Carlisle.

Joe A. Crouch has been county chairman since 1961 and his son joined him last year.

Contributions to the annual appeal will be used by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults to provide rehabilitation services for physically handicapped Kentuckians.

Easter Seal centers in Kentucky operated by the society include Hardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington.

The announcement of the appointments was made by state campaign chairman Dr. Harvey Sloane of Louisville.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Odetta Miller fell several weeks ago while visiting her son, Coburn Miller in Winter Park, Fla. After returning home she twisted her back last Tuesday requiring treatment at the Nicholas County Hospital where she remains a patient.

Miss Elizabeth Griffith, freshman at Morehead University, spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Hisel Asbury, and her sister, Mrs. Steve Curtsinger and Mr. Curtsinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Vanlandingham and Jerry have returned home after a visit with her brother, Jim Reeves and family in Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

Clifton Waugh has returned home after a 10-day vacation in Florida. While there he attended the Daytona 500 Auto races.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fisher spent the weekend with their son, Toby Elder, Mrs. Elder and children in Edgewood, Ky.

Mrs. Charles Hopkins who was vacationing in Florida, was called home last week by the illness of her brother, Marion (Bud) Story of Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Story, Carlisle. Mrs. Hopkins is staying with her father while Mrs. Story is in Lexington.

Mrs. Odetta Miller of Carlisle and her granddaughter Mrs. Emily Miller spent Saturday night recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Millward and son Kavanaugh of Lexington. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wills and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Coleman of Paris.

Births

DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Davis, Route 4, Cynthiana, announce the birth of a daughter on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1980 at the Central Baptist Hospital. She weighed six pounds, three ounces, and has been named Kelly Lynn.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Selvage, Nicholas County.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Davis, Bourbon County.

TRUSSELL

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thomas Trussell announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, Feb. 17, 1980 at Mary Chiles Hospital, Mt. Sterling. She weighed seven pounds and five ounces, and has been named Charlotte Michelle.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobbs of Carlisle.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trussell of Carlisle.

Bussell wedding at Christian Church

The wedding of Miss Marita Charlene Bussell to James Ronald Anderson on Saturday, March 1, 1980 at 2 p.m. will take place at the Carlisle Christian Church, not at the Carlisle United Methodist Church as planned. The change is made due to painting problems.

P.T.O. to meet

The Nicholas County Elementary P.T.O. will meet Monday evening, March 3 at 7:30 in the school cafeteria.

Sgt. Isaacs of the Kentucky Department of Transportation, Division of Water Enforcement will present a program on boating safety.

All parents and friends of P.T.O. are urged to attend this informative program.

Storeys observe 39th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Storey observed their 39th wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 17.

They were married by the Rev. C. A. Sweasy. Mr. and Mrs. Storey are the parents of four children, Rondall, Linda, Paula and Gary.

Homemakers meet

The Moorefield Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. James Hamm on Feb. 7 with Mrs. Rusty Lawrence as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by our vice-president, Mrs. Hanson Ellington. The devotional was given by Mrs. Robert Clark. The roll was called answering with your first Valentine gift to whith 10 responded.

Mrs. Ellington called for chairmen reports followed with some announcements by Mrs. Margie Wilson concerning upcoming meetings, urging all to guild to attend. This concluded the business session and Mrs. J.S. Wilson gave a most interesting and informative lesson on the Displaced Homemaker.

Mrs. James Hamm then led us in games. A social hour followed. Our hostesses served delicious refreshments. Gifts were exchanged among Cinderella Sisters.

Our next meeting will be March 6, in the home of Mrs. Dana Lane, with Mrs. Phyllis Ramey as co-hostess.

Awards dinner to be March 6

The Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary and Hospital Volunteer annual awards dinner will be held Thursday evening, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Grass Industries dining room.

The dinner will be pot luck. All members of the Auxiliary, hospital volunteers, hospital board members and those interested in becoming hospital volunteers are invited to attend.

A musical program will follow the dinner.

May Ann Harper is on Dean's List

May Ann Harper, daughter of Mrs. Ann Harper of Carlisle, a student at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 1979.

In order to qualify for Transylvania's Dean's List a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5.

MCC plans program for area nurses

An evening conference for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses focusing on the topic of anesthesia will be presented at Maysville Community College on Monday, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Program Coordinator, Catherine Malone, announces that Robert McCreary, M.D. will instruct the program. Objectives of the workshop will be: 1) to identify the current anesthetic agents; 2) to identify the interactions and side effects of medications required by the patient undergoing anesthesia; and 3) to explain the nursing activities related to the above during preanesthesia, and postanesthesia phases.

This two-hour conference designed to assist registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in care of the patient prior to and recovering from anesthesia will award participants Continuing Education Units. For further information contact the MCC Nursing Department or the college's Community Service office at 606-759-7141.

Test your history IQ on these questions

History quizzes and crossword puzzles are a new feature of the "Bulletin," the bimonthly publication of the Kentucky Historical Society.

"They are designed to encourage the readers to do research on their own, for students to use as educational tools and to draw attention to the significant roles which Kentuckians have played in national politics," said Tom Appleton, assistant editor, publications staff. Appleton noted several examples from recent quizzes:

Q. In 1861 President Lincoln tapped a flamboyant Kentuckian to become minister to Russia, where he dazzled the imperial court with lavish entertainment and eccentric behavior. Who was this man?

A. Cassius M. Clay, Kentucky's famous abolitionist, served as ambassador to Russia for more than six years "only because the Russians tolerated his manifold aberrations," according to one biographer.

Q. In 1864 President Lincoln named what prominent Kentuckian attorney general?

A. His choice was James Speed, the brother of Joshua Speed, Lincoln's close friend and advisor. Speed was devoted to preserving the Union and worked tirelessly to ensure that Kentucky did not secede.

Q. Shortly after his election in 1932, Franklin D. Roosevelt considered appointing this prominent Kentuckian secretary of state, but instead named him ambassador to Britain.

A. Robert Worth Bingham, former mayor of Louisville and owner of the Courier Journal and Louisville Times, served as ambassador to Britain from 1933 until his death in 1937. He was succeeded by Joseph P. Kennedy.

Q. What famous Kentuckian became acting majority leader of the U.S. Senate following the serious heart attack of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson in 1955?

A. His fellow senator and close friend, former Kentucky Governor Earle C. Clements, was named acting majority leader. According to Appleton, many people felt the amount of time he spent with Senate matters may have attributed to his defeat in his 1956 Senate re-election campaign. The Clements remained close friends with the Lyndon Johnsons, and their daughter, Bess Clements Abel served as social secretary to Mrs. Johnson and later to Mrs. Walter Mondale.

Receiving the "Bulletin" is one of many benefits of membership in the Kentucky Historical Society. The "Bulletin" contains news of local societies, information about the state society programs and services, and information about national meetings of history organizations. Throughout the year members are offered substantial discounts on new books and publications, art prints and objects, commemorative coins, and genealogical materials.

Membership in the society costs $10 per year or $100 for life membership. Members also receive the quarterly publications, the "Register" and "Kentucky Ancestors," which contain genealogical information.

For more information about joining the Kentucky Historical Society, contact Col. George Chinn, deputy director, Box H, Frankfort, Ky. 40602, (502)564-3016.

Mrs. Odetta Miller of Carlisle is at home after a visit of two weeks with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Coburn R. Miller and son Michael of Winter Park, Fla. Mrs. Miller received a round trip ticket for Christmas from her son so she could attend the second annual Goldenrod Festival in January of this year.

Mr. Miller organized the first Goldenrod Festival and was named chairman of the festival board. Mrs. Odetta Miller was given a special seat on the reviewing stand as well as a corsage.

There were 60 units in the parade which was seen by 7,000 people despite threatening rain.

Leap Into Spring

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THE GREEN APPLE

Ford's Footnotes

By Senator Ed Ford

One of the most studied issues in the 1978-79 legislative interim was the state's controversial workmen's compensation law.

We have introduced a workmen's compensation bill in the Senate. It is estimated this bill will reduce premiums by about thirty percent (30). This legislation is based on the wage-loss concept.

Public hearings are being held on Senate Bill 145, the Bottle Bill. I am chairing a subcommittee that is conducting these hearings. This is a popular piece of legislation, but the opposition may not have had an adequate opportunity to tell their side of the story. These hearings are serving this purpose. My subcommittee will report back to our apparent committee for further action on this legislation.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill which would create a state office to assist students from rural areas in getting into medical school. This bill was reported out of the Senate Education Committee with a favorable expression. This bill is intended to try to assist those areas where there is a shortage in obtaining a doctor.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural resources Committee, on which I serve, is conducting hearings concerning proposed strip mine regulations. Kentucky is attempting to gain primacy. This would allow strip mine laws to be regulated by the state rather than the federal government.

Hearings are continuing on the milk marketing bill. Some people believe this bill would have an adverse effect on our dairy farmers without a real savings to the consumer. The Farm Bureau has

taken a strong position opposing this legislation. This bill is still in committee, and no action will be taken until the hearings are completed.

The Kentucky State Senate has passed a resolution asking the state not to approve any new hazardous waste dumps until the Legislature determines they would not pose a threat to the people or the environment.

The resolution also asked the state's Department for Natural Resources and environmental Protection to evaluate a proposed Lewis County chemical waste dump in light of problems at the Maxey Flats nuclear waste disposal site which is located near Lewis County.

I have had numerous visitors to the Capitol during this session, and I would like to extend to all an invitation to come and see your legislature in action.

If you have an interest in attending a committee meeting, a public hearing, or a session of the House and Senate, each day's schedule is available the night before after 8 p.m.

If you want to follow the progress of any of the bills, I have listed above, call the toll-free Bill Status Line. That number is 1-800-372-7194.

Seven state officials will receive $38,640

"Friendship is Love without his wings!" — Lord Byron

Seven of Kentucky's elected constitutional officers are entitled to a $38,640 salary for the 1980 calendar year under the "rubber dollar" principle, according to an attorney general's opinion.

Those seven officers are the lieutenant governor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of agriculture, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, and clerk of the Supreme Court.

The "rubber dollar" principle was adopted in 1962 by the old Court of Appeals, now the Supreme Court, to adjust constitutionally limited salaries for state officers according to the advancing consumer price index. The index is based on the purchasing power of the 1949 dollar, said Assistant Deputy Attorney General Charles W. Runyan, author of the opinion.

Under state law, at the beginning of each calendar year, the salaries of the above officers are automatically computed and upgraded to the maximum rubber dollar amount by the Department of Finance, said Runyan.

Other state officer salaries are similarly figured, but the "payment of the maximum rubber dollar is not automatic," Runyan said.

For instance, salaries for the governor, justices and state judges are based on the rubber dollar principle but only can be readjusted by an act of the legislature. Likewise, county judge/executives; county clerks, sheriffs, justices of the peace; county commissioners; coroners; and jailers could receive up to a maximum $24,184 salary for 1980, but "the implementation of the rubber dollar principle will depend upon the fiscal court in setting salaries and the applicable operation of the fee system," said Runyan.

The figures used for the consumer price index are furnished by the U.S. Department of Labor.

William D. Stephens of the state Department of Finance requested the opinion.

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U.S. No. 1 White Potatoes 10 lbs. 99¢

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Broccoli ..... Large Bunch 79¢
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Thompson White Seedless Grapes ..... Lb. $1.39

U.S. Choice Chuck Roast $ Lb. 1.39 (Boneless lb. $1.79)

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Kraft Dinner Mac. & Cheese 7¼ oz. pkg. 3/$1

Ocean Spray Cocktail Juice Quart Btl. 89¢

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Bolt Towels ..... Jumbo Roll (3 Designs) 69¢
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Joan of Arc Whole Kernel Corn ..... 303 can 3/$1.00
Kraft 1000 Island Pour Dressing ..... 8 oz. 59¢
Kraft Italian Low Calorie Dressing ..... 8 oz. 59¢
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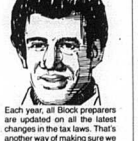

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AAA issues black ice warning

Black ice can be extremely dangerous for motorists and pedestrians this winter, reports the Blue Grass Automobile Club (AAA). This phenomenon is a thin layer of very clear ice which looks exactly like water.

Potential danger occurs as temperatures rise enough to melt snow and ice, and small streams of water flow onto driveways, sidewalks and highways. Black ice forms when the temperature drops quickly and freezes the water. The name comes from being able to see blacktop beneath the clear ice.

Black ice does not occur daily during winter months, and motorists and pedestrians may overlook the potential danger of falling or skidding on what appears to be water. AAA urges everyone to take extra care in extremely cold weather.

The Blue Grass Automobile Club serves 60,000 members in 66 central and eastern Kentucky counties.

The most frequently sung songs in English are "Happy Birthday To You," "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne."

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