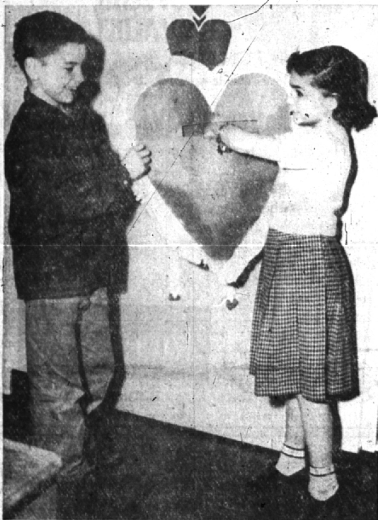


Developing and using one's sense of humor is a tremendous aid and benefit to good living; he or she who can't see humor in much of life, who can't even laugh at himself or herself on occasion, is destined to be less happy.

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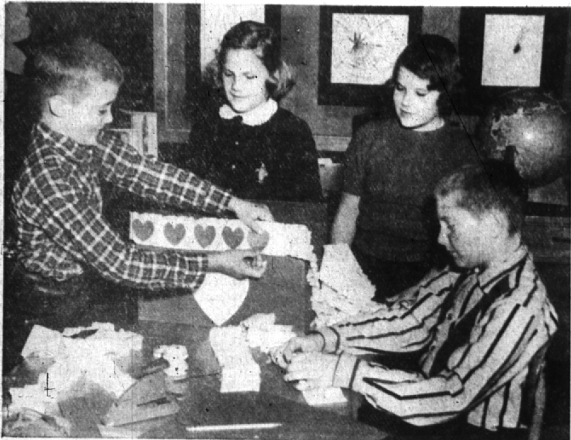


Above
Ceramic articles made by Franklin school second graders will be given to mothers for Valentine gifts. Pictured above are Mike Small (left), Gordie Smith, Karen Jones, Mike Markey, Byron Hanson, Jimmie Starr and Joy Young.

Left
A frilly Valentine box is tried out for size by Marcee Merrill and Jim Scott, Vaughan school fifth graders.



Left
A Valentine mural made by second graders at Lathrup school serves as a background for Valentine makers Susan Chapman (left), Michael Wills and Patty Jennison.



Below
Vaughan fourth graders Michael Martin (left), Diane Hubert, Janet De Vlieg and Peter Maxwell were chosen to make the Valentine box.

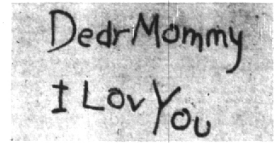
Valentine Thoughts!

Valentine's Day is always a big event in Birmingham area schools and a great deal of preparation precedes that special day.

Lower grades learn certain skills in reading, writing and manual dexterity through the medium of "makin' Valentines".

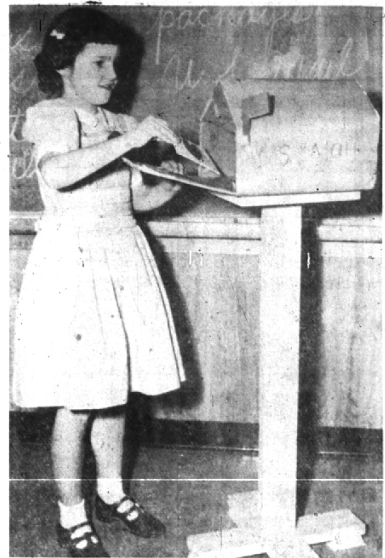
Valentine parties almost always end the school day after valentines have been distributed. To make sure that everyone in the classroom gets some valentines, mothers frequently see to it that her youngster sends a valentine to everyone in the room.

Valentines tucked away in drawers and treasured for years are those made by kindergartners, first and second graders. They say simply—



Above
Tracing hearts are these Lathrup kindergartners Thomas Owen (left), Carol Wagugat, Timmy Smith and Green Collins.

Left
Quarton kindergartners Molly Lawla and Bobby Marks are ready for the usual Valentine party.



A rural mail Valentine box made by a Vaughan school second grade is tried out by classmate Connie Booth.



Wing Lake second graders cutting out hearts with teacher, Miss Beverly Wheeler.



These Valentine favors and place mats made by Vaughan sixth graders will be sent to a hospital where they will brighten some child's food tray. Pictured above are Gerry Knope and Pat Medaris.



Left
"Can't make Valentines without paste," thinks Skipper Gadd, first grader at Wing Lake School. Paste passer-outer is Mrs. Geneva Forslund, first grade teacher and principal.



Right
There's always the gag Valentine. Bill Zabriskie, Quarton sixth grader, got one this time.



Clerks David Wolfe (left), Tim Bergstrom and Bruce Van Geisen wait on customer Rosemary Akerley at the Valentine store. They are second graders at Torry school.