



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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February 2023

Valentine Display

The Villa Rica Public Library will display the vintage Valentine Cards from the Pearl Lanier Collection for the month of February.

The cards date back to 1918 when Miss. Pearl Lanier was a student. In 1925, Miss. Pearl would become a teacher at the Center Point School in Temple. Some of the cards are from her students to the teacher. The lattice cards in the shape of hearts were hand made by the students.

Germany was the first to begin embossing the images on Valentine cards. Germany also implemented the honeycomb theme cards. Later they would be printed in America.

Richard Cadbury, a candy maker in 1861 England came up with the idea to package small chocolate candies in heart shape boxes. The idea was embraced and would become a world wide trend. The Whitman's Sampler box was released in 1912 in America and went on to become the best selling box of chocolates in the United States.

Presenting roses on Valentine's Day began in the 17th century. The legend has it that the rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Goddess Love because they stood for strong feelings.



Photos R. Blakemore

Surprisingly, jewelry and diamonds specifically as a Valentine's Day gift is a very new idea. It started in the 20th century with DeBeers Jewelry Company who began associating giving diamonds with the act of love.

Not to be out done, Kay Jewelry reminds us that every kiss begins with "k".

It wasn't until the 1980's when we saw mass advertising of diamonds for Valentine's Day. Despite only being a thirty something-year tradition, today diamond jewelry remains a major player for Valentine's day spending.

The Warren P. Sewell Library in Bowdon is presenting the Miss. Madison Turner Valentine Card Collection from the Bowdon Area Historical Society Museum.

The picture below is from Bowdon.



Scanning Project Planned

Eight students from the University of West Georgia will be onsite to help CCHS scan photos and documents.

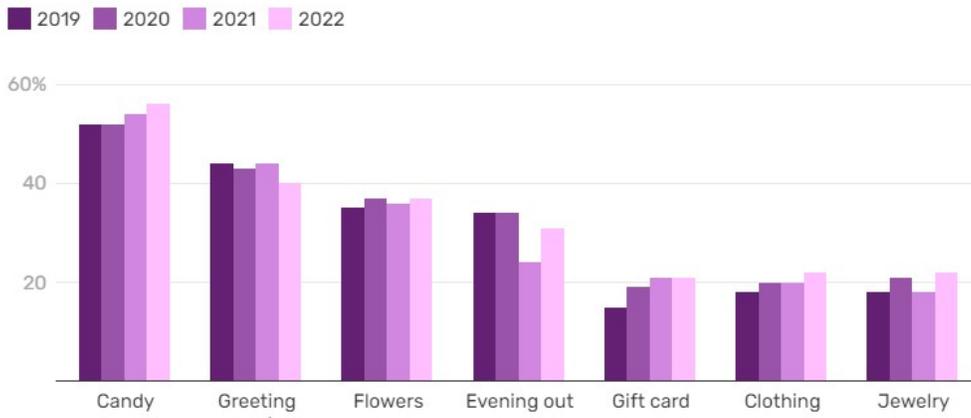
The BIG Event is one of the nation's largest, one-day, student-run service projects where college students come together to thank the residents of their communities. This year's BIG Event will be held on April 15th from 12 pm to 3 pm. There will be community partners tabling to promote their volunteer opportunities from 12 pm to 12:30 pm as students are checking in and signing up for their service projects.

If you would like to assist in the project please email: history@rablakemore.com



John Crosby spends the morning sorting through the hundreds of photos in the Archive Room, preparing them to be scanned. Students from UWG will be onsite to scan photos and documents.

Percent Planning to Gift for Valentine's Day 2022



It is estimated that consumers spent \$23.9 billion in 2022 for Valentine Day gifts.

Bowdon Native Publishes Magazine

Otis Bryant Copeland, PhD. was a member of The Progressive Farmer Company Board of Directors who launched Southern Living magazine 56 years ago. Dr. Copeland was also the first editor of Southern Living. The debut was February 1966.

His career with The Progressive Farmer/ Southern Progress Corporation spanned 25 years. He began as an Assistant Editor of the farm magazine and became a company vice president and Director in 1970. He would retire in 1982.



Active in journalism and civic affairs, Copeland served as president of the Alabama Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalist, and won a national award for programs during his term in office.

Dr. Copeland earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees from the University of Georgia. He was awarded a PhD from the University of Wisconsin. He was for 12 years the State Agricultural Extension Service Editor at the University of Georgia. He became a charter member of the University President's Club, a charter member of the College of Journalism Advisory Committee, and was a visiting professor at the University following his retirement.



He was the author of two books: Memories That Mirror 85 Fortunate Years, and Letters from a Model-T Dad to his Space-Age Sons.

Dr. Copeland who lived in the Birmingham area for 47 years, died Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

He married his high school sweetheart, the former Miss. Dorothy Causey of the Victory community of Bowdon on September 29, 1940. Mrs. Dot Copeland is the daughter of Eugene Causey (born 21 Oct. 1888—died 27 Jan. 1979) and Ada Bartlett (born 13 Jun. 1887 - died 20 Feb. 1984) They have two sons, Barry Copeland and Eugene Copeland.

Dr. O.B. Copeland was the son of Joseph Bryant Copeland (born 17 Feb. 1884 -died 26 Oct. 1958) and Annie Lee Jackson (born 10 Sep. 1884 - died 27 Dec. 1964). His siblings include; brothers, James Millard Copeland and Jimmy Bryant Copeland sisters, Bessie Lee Copeland Nixon, and Reba Celestial Copeland Lancaster.

Dr. O. B. Copeland's ancestral line traces back to Charles McDaniel, the founder of Bowdon College.



Villa Rica Area Historical Society, Inc is hoping to raise \$5,000.00 for the treatment of termites that has consumed the Lott Meeting Hall and our beloved Wicks Tavern Ca. 1830, Wicks was used as a Stagecoach/Tavern in 1830 for the gold miners in the area of Hixtown. This building is the oldest commercial structure in West Georgia and the last remaining structure of Hixtown. The Lott Meeting Hall was built to help raise the funds for the Wicks Tavern and its museum.

<http://fundly.com/wicks-tavern-and-its-gracious-givers>



- 13th Haralson County Historical Society
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 14th Bowdon Area Historical Society
- 17th Villa Rica Historical Society

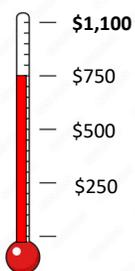
Time To Renew

Membership Renewals for 2023 are now due. Your continued memberships funds the preservation of historic documents, photographs and memorabilia of Carroll County and the programs of the Carroll County Historical Society.

We encourage you to Renew your CCHS Membership soon, as all 2022 memberships expire December 31, 2022. If you have already renewed, thank you very much for your continued support.

Fundraising Opportunity

\$750 Raised



Funds have been raised to purchase the over-head scanners. Fundraising will continue to purchase the Epson Fast Photo scanner.

We will soon be able to offer scanning days for members and the community.





Carroll County Historical Society Membership Application

January thru December 2023

Individual Membership \$30.00 per year

Family Membership \$50.00 per year

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/ST / Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Email address will be used for receiving bulletins, newsletters, and announcements that CCHS will be sending out concerning the Society activities.

Membership Fee Paid _____ In Memory of: _____

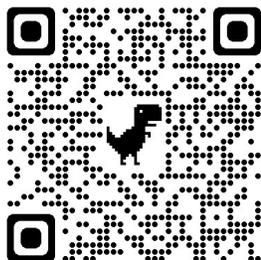
Donation _____ Total Paid _____

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