

LOVE'S MESSAGES



Valentine, like butterflies,  
Fly north, fly west,  
Seeking each a true heart  
That love has blessed;

Valentines, like sailing birds,  
Fly south, fly east,  
Seeking each a love land  
Where love may feast;

Valentines, like fairy folk,  
Fly high, fly low,  
Seeking choicest gift of earth  
That man may know;

Nothing Sedate About

Valentines of Today

Sedate stanzas whispering guarded-ly of love characterized the early American valentines, as shown in a collection made by the Chicago Historical Society.

The earliest valentine shown is dated 1800, but all before 1850 were hand-made affairs, generally a red heart with a pretty but proper inscription.

Miss Esther Howland began making valentines commercially in 1851, the society points out, and it is from that time on that the lacy, heart-embossed creations date.

Comic valentines appear to have enjoyed a perpetual vogue throughout the years, the society showing many which it describes as "ridiculous, witty and severe."

One of the valentines of the World War period has a picture by John T. McCutcheon, cartoonist, with verse by George Ade. The picture shows a mother who has apparently censored her daughter's mail to a soldier abroad.

Mr. Soldier Man:  
I cannot send what my daughter wrote.  
It might set fire to the darned old boat.



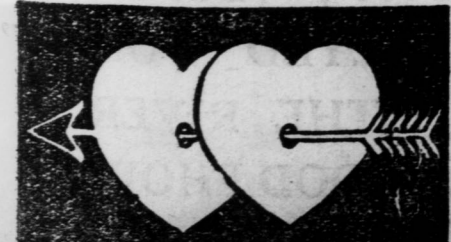
I HAVE CAUGHT YOU, VALENTINE

Valentine Presents

Not so very long ago, in some parts of England valentines were something more than we understand them today. Not only were messages and verse decorated by hearts and darts, sent by post, but on the eve of St. Valentine day it was the custom to leave on the doorstep of friends presents of all kinds.

Sentimental Messages

Sentiment expressed on early valentines prove that the gentlemen then meant the words he inscribed or that breach of promise suits weren't as customary as they are today.



VALENTINE'S DAY



Up from the south at the break of morn,  
Over the snow by the south wind borne,  
Steals like the dawn or a sweet perfume  
Promise of summer with bird and bloom.

Down on the shores of the southern stream  
Wild birds are chanting the deathless theme,  
Voices of black bird, of wren, and dove  
Whistle the song of nest and love.

Come, lone'y heart, put your sorrows away—  
This is the month of St. Valentine's day,  
Why should you pine in your gloom apart—  
No one to love you and call you sweetheart?

Valentine Customs and Superstitions of Old

There were certain superstitions during early times which now seem entirely to have passed away. For instance, if a young girl, on the eve of St. Valentine day, went alone and waited until midnight on the porch of a church, then started for home, scattering hempseed on the way, it was believed she would see her own true love in a winding sheet raking the hempseed behind her.

Another superstition was most interesting. If a young girl got five bay leaves and pinned one on each of the four corners of her pillow, the remaining one to be placed in the center, and if that night her sweetheart appeared in her dreams they would be married before the end of the year.

It is written of one young lady of those times that she confessed, in order to make the charm more potent, to having boiled an egg perfectly hard, removed the yolk, filled the vacant place with salt and, upon going to bed, eaten the entire egg, salt, shell and all, without drinking or speaking to any one after she had finished the eating of it.

But the really, truly way to find out the name of your own true love was to write the name of all your admirers upon bits of paper, roll them up in clay, put them in a vessel of water and the first one to rise to the surface was surely the one.

The practice of sending comic valentines is a much later one. These caricatures which poked fun at people's personal appearance, their clothes and even the work in which they were engaged had their greatest popularity perhaps 40 or 50 years ago.

Meanwhile, the pretty valentines—all hearts, paper lace and cupid—seem to grow finer each year. Beautiful hand-painted cards and painted and beautifully decorated boxes for confectations are sold in great numbers.

COMING EVENT

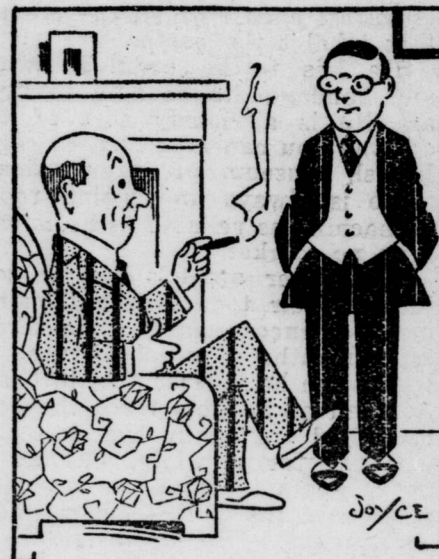


Massa Cupid in Training for His Shooting Match.



"She's quite domesticated. I hear. Knows how to cook and bake and everything."  
"Nothing of the sort. Why, she couldn't even cause a traffic jam."

HAD NEVER TOLD IT



"Don't think I've ever told you this funny story."  
"Is it really humorous?"  
"Yes."  
"Then you have never told it."

A LIGHT BLOW



Judge—You say you struck your husband only a light blow. Where did you hit him and with what?  
Accused Lady—On the head with a lamp, your honor.

GONE WRONG



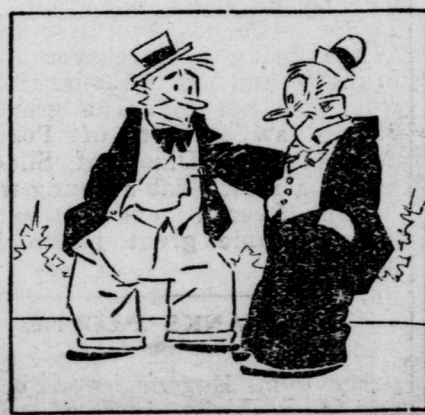
"I see old man Bangs is taking up golf."  
"Well, well, now isn't that too bad and he used to be just as honest and straight as any man could be."

JACK WAS STINGY



"Do you think Jack's cough is due to smoking cigarettes?"  
"He never coughed up one to me."

HOW HE DID IT



Thompson—"She's going to marry you, eh? How did you get her to overlook your past?" Williams—"Easy—with a good present, you know."

FARMERS

TIMELY HINTS ON GROWING CROPS.

Farm News

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FARMERS

STOCK FARMING, POULTRY, ETC.

News of the Week on Chatham County Farms

Mr. Cicero Johnson of the Big Meadows community reports that he has cleaned 6000 pounds of lespezeda seed for farmers in his community this season. Mr. Johnson is one of the pioneer growers of lespezeda in this county. He recently turned 23 acres of lespezeda sod to be planted in corn this spring.

Chatham county farmers have saved approximately 12000 pounds of lespezeda seed this year. This, together with 10,000 pounds of seed ordered by the county agent, makes a total of 22,000 pounds of seed placed in the county this year.

There is available for farmers in the county at the present time, some good seed corn, one year from the Statesville Test Farm. This corn is the Weekly's Improved Variety and Mr. J. K. Crissman of Pittsboro and Prof. P. H. Nance of Bonlee have seed for sale.

Mr. John Mills, prominent farmer in eastern Chatham, is growing Korean lespezeda and Tennessee No. 76 lespezeda in a comparative test this year. Mr. Mills is seeding several acres of each variety side by side, and farmers in his community will have an opportunity of judging the comparative merits of each variety.

As a result of the excellent showing made by the Tennessee No. 76 variety of lespezeda in the county last year, a number of other farmers are seeding it this spring. Some of the farmers who have obtained seed of this variety are C. D. Wilkie, Moncure, J. A. Perry, R. G. Perry, E. H. Andrews, of Pittsboro, RFD 2, and others.

Funerals for scrub sires means new life for dairy farming.

CHATHAM COUNTY FARM CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY Things To Be Done This Month AGRONOMY

Buy fertilizer on a basis of plant food per acre. The cotton plant does not know the meaning of "analysis," "unit," or "ratio."  
Use cotton seed that will make one inch staple so you can see your cotton made into cloth in your local mill. China, India, and Russia can grow 7-8 inch cotton cheaper than you can.  
Sow a few pounds per acre of lespezeda, dallis grass, white Dutch and orchard grass for better pastures.

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

1. Order parts and get machinery ready for the crop year.  
2. Plan to become a two-mule farmer rather than a one-mule farmer.  
3. Use a tractor, if you own one for more profitable work in 1930.  
4. Build broad terraces so you can operate machinery over them.  
5. Sharpen stalk cutter knives to get best results. Most of them are double-edged and can be reversed.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Fed breed sows liberally a well balanced ration and allow them plenty of exercise.  
Remember the high market usually comes in March or April, so feed hogs well now on corn and fish meal and other well balanced rations.  
Give ewes extra care at lambing time, with exercise and abundance of legume hay, and if thin, some grain.  
Feed mules and horses to be in good flesh for plowing time.

DAIRYING

Watch the young calves and yearling heifers for lice, which at this season do the greatest damage to young stock.  
Plan the spring pasture improvement work and remember that any seeding or plowing to be effective must be done in February and March.

Continue to repair fences, clean up the lots and grounds, and white-wash out buildings and fences around the lots.

POULTRY

Mate breeding pens at least two weeks before saving hatching eggs. For best fall layers make sittings of heavy breeds the last half of February.

Gather hatching eggs twice daily, hold at 45 to 50 degrees. Fahrenheit, turn once daily and set within 7 to 10 days.  
Check incubator and make sure everything is in working order.  
Have brooder stove regulated and in operation one or two days before placing chicks in the house.

CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT OF POULTRY

A co-operative shipment of poultry will be made at Pittsboro, Thursday, February 20, provided bids received will justify this leading. Further announcement regarding this shipment and prices will be given later. It is planned to run one of these cars once every three weeks in this county during the next few months.

FARM PHILOSOPHY

In the garden contests the best prizes are the health gained and the wealth saved by more vegetables in the family food supply.

If you are tired of poor prices for farm products grow superior products this year.  
Farmers who use good seed and proper fertilizer this spring will be better able to enjoy a real Thanksgiving on November 27.  
If a pound of butter or a dozen eggs can be produced as cheaply as a pound of cotton why so much cotton and so little butter and eggs.

Comforting winter meditation: "Life abounds in earth's grey shroud, Where summer's head has long been bowed."—Louise Crossland.

THE DOUGH-GIRL

Student—"When I left my last boarding place, the landlady wept."  
Landlady—"Well, I won't I always collect in advance."—Drexler.

SUB ROSA By MIMI

Program for the Busy Girl

THERE are two little lines of worry in the rather pretty forehead of one Amelia and they're growing deeper, day by day. She's a nice kid with a pretty good face on the whole and the two aforementioned lines aren't doing anything for her chances of an external schoolgirl complexion.

But she can't help them. She is in a state of rush, of nervous activity which produces the little frown, and produces with it a certain shortness of temper, and acidity of disposition which are not endearing.

She's actually a busy girl. She works, she has a certain amount to do with taking care of her own clothes—she goes out in the evenings quite a lot, she dances, plays bridge, writes letters to an ever-increasing circle of friends—in short she lives the full busy life of a normal girl.

But she has no pleasure in it. The needless tasks which are part of every-day life pile up in front of her into a big black shadow from which she cannot escape.

Her's is not an easy-going temperament. She does not meet each minute with a serene confidence. She worries in advance of a situation, worries all the way through it about something still further ahead—and wonders why she isn't getting enough out of life.

There's only one cure for the nervous fidgety type who has a certain amount of work to do every day which cannot be avoided—that is to form a program and to stick to it.

The girl who calmly and efficiently does each day what must be done is never faced with gigantic problems all of a sudden. It's the nervous hurried Amelia type which is constantly having nervous breakdowns from over-work.

Amelia rushes through one task, only to pause for a good hard worry over what she's going to do to the old black dress when she gets home. She sits puzzling over this problem and bewailing her lack of money until some precious time has speeded past and she's horrified to discover that she has not even completed the work before her, let alone solved the problem yet waiting for her.

That causes more worry and the work she thereupon proceeds to do is faulty and inaccurate because her mind is too crowded with doubt and worry to permit its working clearly. You see what I mean. That kind of frill little thing must have a program of some sort if she's to keep out of sanitariums the rest of her life.

Otherwise she will spend her days in worrying over what she has to do—and the time will slip past and she will find at the end of the day she has twice as much to do.  
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Moncure News

Mr. B. M. Dickins, who has clerked for Lambeth & Bro. for about two years, has now gone in business with J. R. Ray, who is running the filling station on the highway near Pittsboro Railroad. They have added to the stock of groceries, put in a cafe and meat market. J. R. Gunter, colored, has charge of the meat market for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Farrell of Sanford were guests of Mrs. J. L. Womble Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Cathell of Sanford was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Travis and family of Chapel Hill were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Womble yesterday.

Rev. J. A. Dailey preached a splendid missionary sermon at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock. His text was "Come Over Into Macedonia and Help Us." Then again the evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. J. A. Dailey preached another splendid sermon on "Awake to the Activities of the Church." Good congregations were out to hear both sermons. Rev. J. A. Dailey was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Powers Sunday for dinner and supper.

At 6:30 o'clock p. m. the Junior League met and gave a splendid little program. They now have 20 members and they are taking a great deal of interest in their league work.

At 7 o'clock the senior league met. The president, Miss Camelia Stedman, called the meeting to order. After a short song service, the minutes of the last meeting was read by the secretary, Mr. Lewis Burns. Then the meeting was turned over to the leader, Mr. E. W. Avent, Jr., for the evening. The subject discussed was "Recreation." The following leaguers took part in the program, Mr. E. W. Avent, Jr., Misses Camelia Stedman, Dorothy Lambeth, and Emma Lee Mann. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Stedman.

Mr. C. B. Crutchfield, one of the popular merchants of Moncure, is putting on a sale. See Advertisement in another column. He always has many good bargains for his customers.

Miss Mary Olinger of Sanford spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Moore.

Mr. B. A. Cox of Moncure Rt. 2, died Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. Mr. Cox had been in ill health all winter, so his death was not unexpected. He was a faithful member of Gum Spring Baptist church. He will be buried at Gum Springs tomorrow evening at 2 o'clock. He leaves a wife and five children viz: Mrs. Lelia Belle Riddle of Sanford, Thos. B. Cox and Walter Cox of New York City and Raymond Cox at home.

Moncure Girls' Basket-Ball team played Bonlee Girls' Basket-Ball team last Friday night on Bonlee court. The score was 19 and 57 in favor of Moncure girls.  
Moncure boys lost by the score of 14 and 18.

The next game to be played is scheduled with Biscoe high school next Saturday night.

The following men: W. H. Leagan, W. M. Garmany, R. H. Kirby, W. R. Perry, A. S. Tennant, E. Cooper and W. Perdergraft, representing the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., are in Moncure this week putting in a new line from the highway to the Carolina Power and Light Co.

We are sorry to state that Mr. A. B. Womble was taken very sick last Saturday. The doctor was called so he was rushed to Central Carolina Hospital, Sanford. They think Mr. Womble will have to undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas, Miss Lucy Boone and Mrs. Daisy Lambeth attended an entertainment at Coal Glenn school Monday evening. Miss Catherine Thomas is one of the teachers at this school. Miss Boone was invited to sing at the entertainment and Mrs. Lambeth played her accompaniments.

Bynum News

Mr. Woodrow Riddle of Durham was visiting here Sunday.

Mr. Rufus Johnson of Campbell College was home for the week-end.

Mr. Carl Neal spent the week-end in Durham with his wife, who has been very ill but is now recovering.

Mr. J. M. Durham of Bynum has a new Ford. He was very glad to get rid of the stage coach.

Miss Jessie Lee Johnson and Julia Farrell of Moncure were visiting Miss Lois Smith Saturday night.

Mr. Carnie Abernathy of Melbane was a Bynum visitor Sunday.

Mr. Frank Farrell and Mr. Henry Abernathy spent Sunday in Burlington and Elon with relatives.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. C. W. Neal is worse.

Mr. Floyd Durham spent Sunday in the home of Mr. C. W. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry King spent the week-end in Sanford with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Stearns of Durham were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Riddle Sunday.

Miss Clytie Fouchee spent the week-end in Durham with relatives.

We are glad to know that Mr. Sam Dowd has returned home from Watt's Hospital.

Miss Illa Copeland spent the week-end in Raleigh with relatives.  
Miss Pauline Williams entertained a number of her friends at a candy party Thursday night, February 6. Every one enjoyed being with her.  
There will be an oyster supper at Mr. Ralph Burnett's Saturday night, February 15, for the benefit of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Every one is invited and to bring a pocketful of money.  
Only Stable Foundation  
To make an empire durable, the magistrates must obey the laws, and the people the magistrates.—Solon.