

SPRING MEETING

On Thursday, May 28, Glenn Gregory, First Vice President and Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, and Valdosta Architect, presented a blueprint for the future of the Lowndes County Historical Society and its Museum to assembled trustees and members at an evening meeting at the Museum.

Glenn outlined his goals for the Historical Society and Museum for the next decade. Plans included programs for members and the community, collections management, additional storage and meeting space in the Museum, work on the Museum grounds, including the school bell, and additional parking.

At the end of the meeting, it was revealed that May 28 was also the speaker's birthday. A cake ablaze with candles was rolled out as the gathering sang "Happy Birthday" to a very surprised Glenn Gregory.



Historical Society Members and Trustees convened on May 28 to hear Glenn Gregory's ideas for the Society and its Museum.



GLENN
GREGORY



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
VISION OF
OUR FUTURE
AND MANY
HAPPY
RETURNS!

Glenn's "Blueprint"

Immediate Goals:

- Preserve and improve the Museum and the Society's programs for service to our community.
- Maintain a qualified staff to operate the Museum and work with volunteers.
- Maintain a strong relationship with our city and county governments to ensure continued public funding.
- Demonstrate our value to the community by documenting visits to the Museum by the public and local school children.
- Promote tourism and work closely with the Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- Expand and retain membership.
- Grow our endowment fund and perform grant research to ensure long-term financial stability.
- Expand and upgrade the exhibits and conservation of archives.
- Transfer of documents and photographs to electronic computerized storage.

Into the future:

- **1999-2000**
Upgrade exhibits on main floor.
Plan annex to the Museum.
Design and construct structure for School Bell.
- **2000-2005**
Construct annex to the Museum.
Plan and develop gardens on museum grounds.
Provide additional parking.
- **2006 and beyond**
Continue financial stability.
Consider growth of Valdosta and Lowndes County.
Evaluate programs and facilities in present location.

Albert's Desk

by Albert Pendleton

Personal Mentions of Yesteryear and a Story of a Giant

from

The Valdosta Daily Times

June 1, 1880. "Valdosta could be materially improved in good looks by a general cleaning up of the streets, and a more generous use of paint. If paint is too expensive, whitewash."

April 29, 1882. "Mr. Henry C. Briggs, son of Captain W. H. Briggs, was married last Tuesday evening to Miss Julia, eldest daughter of Captain A. H. Smith, both of Valdosta. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Mr. Kerr, of the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The young couple have the best wishes of our community."

June 13, 1885. "The old Institute building was one of the old landmarks. It has passed away."
Same date. "Our new Institute building will be a daisy when completed."

September 26, 1885. "Work on the new Institute has been resumed and is hoped that it would be ready for occupancy by the first of January, at the farthest."

October 24, 1885. "Elbert Forrest is furnishing the shingles for the Institute and the O'Connell boys will put them on."

July 16, 1887. "We are indebted to Mr. J. T. Roberts for some very fine apples grown on his place in Lowndes County. He certainly knows how to raise apples."

July 30, 1887. "Misses Mary Myddleton, Aleph Smith, Minnie Crawford and Fannie Peeples, of Valdosta, graced the Senate gallery in Atlanta, last Tuesday. The young ladies are having a pleasant time in Gate City."

August 27, 1887. "John T. Roberts says he will put \$500 in water works for Valdosta."

August 6, 1887. "Mr. A. L. Toaler is going to build a small store on Central Avenue, between Palin's blacksmith shop and Hightower's Stable. He will sell saddles, harnesses, whips, etc., and chewing gum to the school children."

November 11, 1899. "The bridge over the river at Troupville will be completed in a few weeks and then the people on the other side can come to Valdosta in all kinds of weather."

November 27, 1900. "Valdosta's new street cars are the latest improved cars and have all of the modern appliances, such as electric bells, double motors, etc."

February 28, 1905. "Misses Susie and Edith Converse and Nora Bryan will leave tomorrow for Washington City to be present at the inauguration of President Roosevelt."

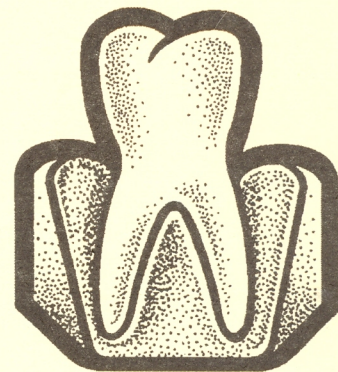
March 7, 1905 "Three or four Valdosta boys were in the military parade at the Roosevelt inauguration last Saturday. They were with the cadets from the Georgia Military Academy and were Albert and Fred Pendleton, Dick Fry and 'Chip' (Albert) Converse."

March 28, 1905. "The South Georgia Syrup Company at 113 Savannah Avenue, is in the market for a large quantity of Georgia Syrup."

February 14, 1905. "The coal wagons are rumbling over the frozen streets this morning with loads of fuel for the citizens."

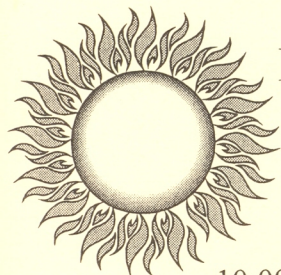
About the Giant with a Toothache

It was November 1906. The visiting circus giant had a gigantic toothache. He went to Dr. Holtzendorff and after many contortions on the doctor's part, two teeth were extracted. The main problem was that the giant could only partially fit in to the chair, large arms and legs were everywhere. All the while the giant's diminutive wife looked on. The dentist later told the story and added that when he told the giant to take the chair, he took him literally, and tried to pull the chair up from its stationary spot!



TGIF, May 22, 1998. In the May Newsletter, we mentioned the railroad car that was named "Valdosta" in February 1943. Just two days ago, Ben Jenkins called from his home on Cumberland Island to tell us that some time ago he had seen this same Valdosta car on a side track in Warm Springs, Georgia, being used as a restaurant. Thanks Ben for the information. Now to get a photograph of it.

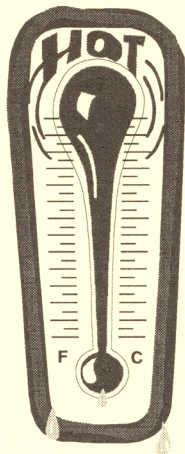
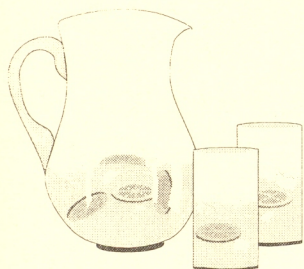
By mail we just heard from Kitty Davis Nolan in Tuscaloosa. She sent a great snapshot of her former home on the corner of Ann and Patterson streets, a Lloyd Greer design. It is handsome. And this was just the same day we had been discussing finding photographs of homes and buildings torn down on Patterson Street - other streets too. Recreate the streets and neighborhoods.



Beat the Heat at Kids Day

June 20th
10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will offer indoor
games, activities, and old
fashioned lemonade!



SOCIETY NEWS

J. Glenn Gregory was the featured speaker at the Spring Meeting. A complete synopsis of this event is on page 1. We appreciate Glenn's vision for the Society and the Museum.

Remember, the Museum is a branch of the Historical Society. Many programs would benefit from Society member participation. Docents and volunteers are encouraged to get involved at the Museum. We are currently working on many projects with the archives. We also have programs for children and adults that members could enhance. Activities often include a short slide presentation and refereeing the scavenger hunt. These are simple tasks that are actually quite fun. Consider the Historical Society Museum when planning your yearly activities. We need you. If you want to volunteer and would like to schedule a time to come in, call Alan Morgan at 247-4780.

**Susie McKey Thomas recently had
knee surgery!**



**We hope you are recuperating nicely
and miss seeing you at the Museum!**

MUSEUM NEWS

The end of the school year proved busy at the Museum. School groups toured almost everyday during the last two weeks of May. Over 350 students from Parker Mathis, Pine Grove, Open Bible, and Faith Christian Academy visited the Museum. Alan Morgan, Museum administrator, entertained groups with his informative slide presentation and refereed the scavenger hunt. He also entertained two groups of Cub Scouts and the Keen Agers group from Lee Street Baptist Church.

Little leagues and other activities lessened our group at Kids Day. We are hoping for a big crowd in June, however, as we are offering a way to beat the heat. Indoor games and activities from previous Kids Days will be available and we will make old fashioned lemonade. Kids Day is open to all children ages 5-10 accompanied by an adult. Adults are welcome to come as well, even if not accompanied by a child! The scavenger hunt offers a different view of the exhibits and is a great deal of fun. We have checkers, jacks, cards, and other board games.

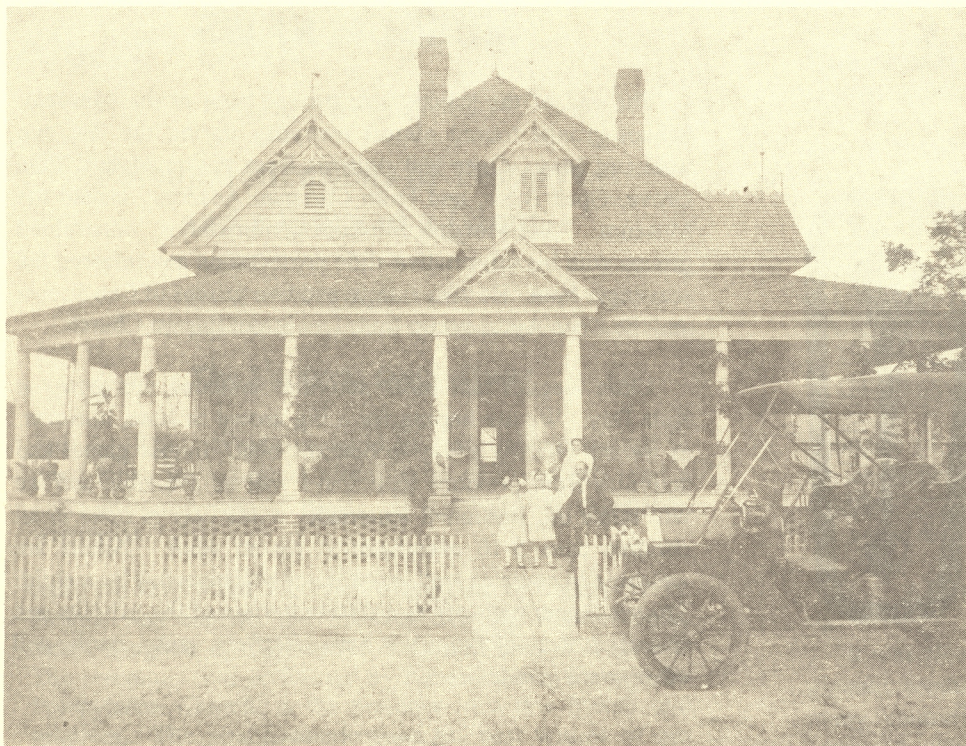


Summer Fun at the Historical Museum

Need to get in from the sun? Kid's getting stir crazy and school's only been out a week? Think about history!

The Lowndes County Historical Society Museum is open Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Special activities for kids of all ages can be arranged with advance notice. Activities include a scavenger hunt and genealogy worksheet. A slide presentation can be arranged with two days notice. For more information and reservations call Alan Morgan at 247-4780.

History can be fun. Come to the Museum and find out a bit about early Lowndes County and Valdosta.



WANTED !

Information on this picture.

Valdosta has many beautiful homes. Unfortunately, others have been torn down. This lovely structure once stood in Valdosta. Does anyone know where it was located and who owned it?

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