

**Celebrating
17 Years
in Print**

THE

GROUNDHOG

•Mentone • Valley Head •Hammondville •Cloudland •Menlo

**Provided FREE
Since 1982
By M.A.P.A.**

Volume 17, No. 9

"Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

September 1999

Mrs. Catherine Brown Bailey, an inspiration to all who know her

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Catherine Agnes Brown was born in Mentone on June 21, 1910. She was the first child born to parents, Charles Roscoe Brown (03/22/1884 - 03/08/58) and Ethel Agnes Hamman Brown (09/22/1885 - 10/15/67). Her other siblings are Charles Raymond (10/21/11 -), Carrie Ruth [Kirby] (11/27/15 -), Gerald Hamman (11/27/17 - 08/25/44), Cecil Carlton (10/26/19 -), and Sarah Belle [Harris] (10/08/22 -).

Her grandparents were George Wallace Hamman (6/8/1857 - 4/23/1906) and Ida Belle Davenport Hamman (10/12/1860 - 01/04/1940). They had five children: Ethel Agnes [Brown] (9/22/1885 - 10/15/1967), Paul Henry (12/02/1887 - 02/02/1979), Carrie Eula (03/07/1892 - 01/12/1980), Ida Belle (1894 died as an infant), Reed Davenport (07/04/1896 - 05/08/1964), and Ruby Belle [Hammond] (03/07/1898 - 02/17/1990).

Catherine said that her grandparents moved from Umatilla, FL, to Dalton, GA, because of her grandmother's health. Later, they moved to a place in the woods near Cloudland. Her grandmother got better after moving to the mountain. They bought property in Mentone on what is Cutler Avenue. Her grandfather built several houses along the road and rented them to summer visitors from Birmingham and elsewhere.

Great grandparents were Orville J. Davenport (06/28/1815 - 05/01/1875) and Mary Caroline Allman (02/02/1830 - 01/24/1900). They had four children: Ida Belle (10/12/1862 - 01/04/1940), Nelson Allman (11/27/1862 - 10/03/1935), Henry Randolph (06/07/1864 - 05/28/1927), and Seaborn (05/02/1866 - 11/7/1905).

Great, great grandparents were Mary Thomas (03/31/1789 - 05/17/1849) and Joseph Davenport (06/02/1789 - 02/22/1876). They were married 04/16/1812. Joseph Davenport was born in Virginia, moved to Tennessee, 1812-1816, and to DeKalb County, Alabama, in 1839. He served in the War of 1812, with Jackson's forces in the Battle of



Catherine Bailey and F.S. Bailey, holding daughter, Barbara.

Photo taken in 1937

New Orleans and in the Indian Wars with Jackson's forces in the Battle of Horse Shoe Bend. He is buried in the family cemetery on his homestead (now known as the Stuart Place) Little Wills Valley, just north of the Letitia Beason (McFarlane) place in NE Fort Payne, AL.

Catherine and her siblings attended school in Valley Head. She said, "I was five years old and went to school, but couldn't be enrolled because of my age. When I went to school, they sent me on to another grade." There weren't any school buses. She said, "We didn't think anything of walking down and up the mountain to school. We took a shortcut down the mountain and came out to the school house which was located up the road from the Winston Place, and then walked back up the

mountain." She said, later on, when she and her husband were running the store, students didn't want to walk, and if they missed the bus, they tried to go back home. Her sister, Carrie Ruth, wouldn't let her son get away with walking back home instead of walking from the store on Hwy 117 to where the Moon Lake Elementary School is located.

Catherine was promoted to skip the 6th grade, but her aunt who was a teacher said "No, you would miss something in English and other subjects, and you wouldn't get some basic things."

The old school in Valley Head burned during the spring of Catherine's 9th grade, and the students were given a choice to take the test at Fort Payne to pass to the next grade or not take the test and stay in the same grade the next year. Catherine chose to take the test and be promoted to the 10th grade. There were no school buses when she had to go to Fort Payne for the 10th grade. They were living in Valley Head at the time. A man had a truck in which he put benches, and his son drove the children to school in Fort Payne. After the new school was built in Valley Head, she attended the 11th and 12th grades (1925 - 1927), and graduated in May 1927, at the age of 16. Her 17th birthday was June of that year. While in school, she played basketball. The Al-Ti-Cerian was the first yearbook for the new school in Valley Head. Catherine wrote the class history for the 1927 yearbook. Under Catherine's picture, the notation for ambition was: "To aspire to noble things." "Her words are her ways. She succeeds in all she plays."

Catherine said there was no electricity during her

Continued to pages 10 and 11.

**To Subscribe to the Groundhog.
See Page 2.**

SUBSCRIBERS: Please note your mailing label. If the words, "Subscription Expired" appears, please renew as soon as possible, as there will be no other notice. Thank you.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Sept. 6, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
 - Tuesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
 - Monday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m. (Second Monday) Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- NOTE: This is a change from the first Monday regular meeting night.

- Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- COLORFEST, October 15, 16, 17 sponsored by Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA)

Standard Mail (A)
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 1
Mentone, AL 35984

CAR-R-SORT
Postal Customer
Mentone, AL 35984

THE GROUNDHOG

P.O. Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984



Published monthly by the Mentone Area Preservation Association, MAPA was first conceived on Groundhog Day, 1982, and organized April 6, 1982, for the purpose of preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment, and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, and is chartered as a non-profit organization by the State of Alabama.

THE GROUNDHOG STAFF

Editor.....Evelyn Graves
Associate Editor/ typesetter.....Marie Dillenbeck
Contributing Editors.....Ruby Brock, Linda Brown, Eloise Brown, Madeleine Bullock, Marilyn Campbell, Bernise Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Dowe Foreman, Evelyn Graves, Phil Harris, Lisa Moore, Sue Schwarz, Jennifer Smith, Laura Catherine

MAPA OFFICERS

President.....Marilyn Mathews
Vice President.....Dot Crow
Secretary.....Marie S. Dillenbeck
Treasurer.....Dessie Newberry
Parliamentarian.....Homer Crow
Member-At-Large.....Rovene Truett
Member-At-Large.....Betty Bain

In case of errors in advertisements, The Groundhog assumes liability only for the actual space that is incorrect in the advertisement. Call Evelyn Graves at 634-4390 for advertising.

Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and of reasonable length.

The deadline for all material for The Groundhog is the **15TH DAY OF THE MONTH** preceding publication. The Groundhog is due out by the end of each month.

--PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 1999

September 16 December 16

All meetings are held in the town
public meeting room at 4 p.m.
and are open to the public.

Use this form to subscribe to
The Groundhog

Name: _____
Address: _____

City, _____ State, _____ Zip _____



Have The Groundhog delivered to your mailbox! Give The Groundhog for a birthday present or as a special gift for someone you love. If gift, give name and complete address of recipient. Renew your own subscription. Still just \$10/year. Send your check payable to:

MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION (MAPA)
P.O. BOX 50, MENTONE, AL 35984

Your membership/subscription is tax deductible.



Whew!! The 450-mile long-yard sale is behind us, and we can move on to other projects. More about that a little later.

At our August 3rd meeting, we had six visitors: Jim and Gail Gaylord and their granddaughter, Jennifer; Sandy and James Johnson and Eve Ellish (also known as White Feather). Sandy, James and Eve joined MAPA, and we are delighted to have them. Jim and Gail were our guest speakers, and they shared mementos of their recent trip to the Holy Land. They were fortunate enough to have a professional photographer in their group who produced a wonderful video and made it available to them. Their personal comments made it even more vivid to us. They brought lots of snapshots, carvings of olive wood, and maps to share with us. It was a very inspiring presentation, and we want Jim and Gail to know how much we appreciate their taking time to share it with us.

Lots of people were disappointed that we were unable to have the Rhododendron Festival last May. We hope everyone will be pleased to know that we have decided to have a festival on Memorial Day weekend. It will be called Mountain Craft Fair, and we hope to feature crafts, which are native to this area. We want to have as many artists as possible who will demonstrate their craft at the same time they are selling their wares. We have not made final plans--we need to devote our attention to the Colorfest first (set for the weekend of

MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

October 15, 15, 17). If you would be willing to participate, as an artist or as a volunteer, please contact a member of MAPA, or call 634-4041 or 1-888-340-3381.

And now to our yard sale. We had a very successful booth because we had the cooperation of lots of people. Dessie Newberry served as chairman, Huey Mathews was co-chairman, and I know they will express their appreciation, but I would like to take this opportunity to add my own thanks. It is unfortunate that I do not have a list of everyone who donated items to be sold, so I could thank each of you personally in this column. To you, I would like to say a collective "Thank You!" After all, you can't have a yard sale without something to sell. You also have to have someone in the booth to sell the items. We had a great group helping with that - Jim and Penny Lyday, Karl Yatooma, Homer Crowe, Dorothy Crow, Rod Hildreth, Page Cunningham, George and Hope Walker, Marie McKinley, Mona McCurdy, Mae Hilburn, Phyllis Canull, and Pat Smith. Huey and I enjoyed working with each of you and appreciate the time you gave to help us. It was a pleasure to work with each of you and to meet some of you for the first time. Thank you again for your help!

If you are not a member of MAPA and would like to join, or would like to visit, we invite you to attend our next meeting. It will be held on September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Dessie's Kountry Chef. We look forward to seeing you then.



Mapa booth on Thursday, August 19, during the 450-mile yard sale. Mapa members, Karl Yatooma on the left and Homer Crow on the right, both seated, were manning the booth at the time of this photo.

Mentone Town Council Notes

At the August 9, 1999, meeting, council members, Linda Brown, John Corry, Dick Keefer, James Johnson, and Jean McGehee, along with Mayor Max Cash, listened to requests for installation of light poles for Troop 106 Scout Hut, as well as installation of additional lights along Ala. Hwy 117. Also discussed was the pending water projects, i.e., completion of the CDBG project by requesting ADECA to allow the town to further the water line on Ala. Hwy 117, and the ARC project to install an eight-inch line from Tutwiler Gap to Cutler Avenue. Other matters included updating the water ordinance and the privilege license ordinance, and replacing the copier in the town hall.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR SEPTEMBER

The September town council meeting has been changed from the 1st Monday (September 4), to the 2nd Monday (September 9). It will meet at the regular time, 7 PM.

The Groundhog Advertising Rates

Full Page	\$305.00
1/2 Page	\$205.00
1/3 Page	\$145.00
1/4 Page	\$110.00
1/6 Page	\$ 60.00
1/9 Page	\$ 40.00
Business Card Size	\$ 25.00
Classified Ads (minimum of 3 lines)	\$ 1.00 per line
Set up charges	
Photos: \$5.00 initial shot	
No charge if the ad is camera-ready	
Changes: \$2.50 up depending on the extent of the change	
We will negotiate prices for a long-term contract on ads.	

A NEW CROP FOR FALL GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

I felt a little sad the evening that I noticed the 'long shadows' that the early evening sun was casting. It told me that fall was on the way, and in a way, I will miss the thought that every time I need to do some yard work, I would go to the door with dread, thinking of the humidity, and the sweat streaming down profusely, and remembering that once again, I forgot to take a wet towel to drape over my neck to be used to mop up all the liquid that I did not realize was in my body.

With the onset of this wonderful weather, it is once again time for some heavy garden work, like extending the flower beds, deciding what to purchase and plant this year. I am going to make sure that I find some plants that do not need too much care, as old age pains and such are making themselves a home in my body.

For some winter color, try planting some deciduous shrubs and trees such as *Hollies* (Wal-Mart has a good sale on now for such plants), and remember to get a male and female to produce berries—but only the females bear the berries (typical!). Most hollies do best in moist, well-drained, slightly acidic soils. Plant them in the sun or partial shade, but Southern lore/myth says to plant them in the front yard to ward off 'haints, haunts and ghosts'.

Nandina or *Heavenly Bamboo* is another beautiful shrub, displaying brilliant fall foliage and bright red berries in the winter. It prefers moist soils, but tolerates ordinary ones. Plant them in the sun or partial shade. It is known as a tough plant, often surviving years of neglect. Remove a few of the older canes each year to promote bushy growth, but compact cultivars require no pruning. All are pest-free.

Sweet Bay Magnolia is also a semi-evergreen and has fragrant flowers. It grows to a height of 60', and it likes wet locations and shade.

This year, my *trumpet vine* has made seed pods, and I have finally been successful in propagating new vines from the pruning. It was all a matter of timing!—only in the spring before the vines bloom. This spring, I will also propagate some *Confederate Jasmine*. It has the most heavenly scented clusters of tiny, creamy white blooms all over the vines that sprawl all over a wall or trellis.

This year has seen a few new fruits and vegetables, some very weird looking and sounding varieties. The winner of the weird bunch was the *Brocco-flower*, which they say gives new life to cauliflower, even if it pales when cooked. *Broccolino*, a brand of asparagus-broccoli hybrid, is delicate and refined. Then, there is the yellow kiwi, which is super sweet, and a *pluot*, a plum-apricot mix, and the *Doughnut peach*, shaped like a doughnut, but does not have enough juice. People are not too keen on the *yellow watermelon* either, for the simple reason that it does not seem to be the right color! Then there is the *lemon cucumber*, which is reported to be seedy, and the *zebra tomato*, which is an heirloom variety and considered to be 'medicinal'.

This year, I was unable to find any *Stripy* or *German Tomato* plants. They sold out quite rapidly, and the stores did not get in another shipment. So, we did without it, and missed it for those sandwiches.

The EPA has set new restrictions for two pesticides that are widely used on fruits and vegetables. The uses of *methyl parathion* is banned, including its application on apples and other fruits, and *azinphos-methyl* will be restricted. The action stems from concerns that the pesticides can cause nervous system damage, especially in young children.

The EPA has reviewed 3,000 U.S. pesticides for harmful residue in fruits, vegetables, playgrounds (treated lumber has arsenic in it), drinking water, and household uses. Some 6,000 other products await action.

Congress ordered the review in 1996 to protect the health of pre-school children, but farm and chemical groups have accused the EPA of failing to gather enough scientific data before deciding whether a pesticide is harmful. More than 150 bi-partisan members of Congress—most representing farmers, worried about losing cheap and effective pesticides. EPA Administrator Carol Browner was to announce new limits on two pesticides commonly used on apples, peaches, wheat, rice and cotton, as both chemicals are classified as *ORGANOPHOSPHATES*, and were developed from World War II research into nerve gas weapons.

Methyl parathion, better known by its commercial name of *PENNCAP-M*, will be banned by the EPA beginning in 2000 for fruits and other foods, but farmers will still be allowed to use it on cotton and wheat, where food processing reduces the health risk. The use of *azinphos methyl*, sold as *GUTHION*, will be limited. Farmers will have to stop using *GUTHION* at least 21 days before harvest, compared to the 14 day cut-off.

The agency is also expected to begin requiring pesticide makers to test for the effects of neurotoxins on children's developing brains and nervous systems.

UPDATES: *Ebola* - A plant long chewed, brewed for tea, and applied as a balm by West Africans has proven lethal in lab tests on the Ebola virus. Twigs of the *Garcinia kola* tree is usually offered as chewing sticks to guests visiting Nigeria, especially by the Igbo tribes. Dr. Maurice Iwu presented the findings to the International Botanical Congress in St. Louis. Iwu's team, the *Silver Spring, Md. based Bioresources and Development Conservation Programme* has used *Garcinia kola* since 1989 in yellow fever and influenza trials. In the most current tests, compounds distilled from the plant's seeds halted replication of the Ebola virus without killing the host cells. If it works in primate trials, says Dr. Iwu, (a Nigerian from a family of traditional healers), it will be a very significant discovery, because these compounds are non-toxic, and it is a cash crop, the plant could become an economic boon for African farmers as well. Those are the only known side effects!

Prime Realty

401 N. Commerce Street
Summerville, Georgia 30747

Willie McGraw, GA/Ala.
706/857-3888 Home

706/857-5980 (O)
706/857-5970 (F)

C.S. Baker, GA/ALA.
706/859-9241 Pager
706/638-2044 Home
State Gen. Appraiser
HUD 203K consultant



LAURAWOOD - On the Brow - Wonderful view - Private location - 95% complete 2400+ sq. ft. 2 story, 1st fl. 2 Br. 1 Bath. Living rm w/mtn Stone FP. Kitchen/Dining Comb. both leading to large screened in porch overlooking the valley. 2nd fl. - 2 Br. 1 Bath, storage. Basement will finish to suit.



CLOUDLAND - "In the Park" - wonderful view of mountain home, 2400+ sq. ft. First floor - master suite w/bath, great room w/mtn stone fireplace opening to full porch. Second floor - 2 Br. full bath, full porch, original pine floors. Good view, well landscaped. Priced to sell - \$79,900 (No. G-16)



MENLO - Bell Street 1900+ sq. ft. Completely remodeled - formal living room, master suite with bath - 2 additional bedrooms, full bath - Kitchen with new cabinets and built-ins. Room carpet over hardwoods - Partial Basement - 1 Acre. \$110,000.00



MRS. ROBBIE GREEN ESTATE - once in a lifetime opportunity. Approx. 2+ acres - 1500 sq. ft. Original Mountain Home features Sun Room, Living room with stone fireplace, Dining Room, 3 Bedrooms, hardwood floors, kitchen, 1 bath - much, much more - Located at the intersection of Hwy 48 and 157. Potential. Potential with the best location on the mountain. Reduced to \$89,000.

EAST BROW - SCENIC VIEW LOTS All our lots offer unobstructed views - watch the sun and moon rise in elegance.

• **Outlook Properties** - Hwy 157 - Cloudland; Lot 10 - 1.28 acres - 150 ft. of brow - \$27,500. Restricted with easy access to Hwy. 157. Great view of valley and surrounding mountains.

• **Hwy 157** - 10 acres back to State property on two sides. \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

• **Hwy 157** - 3 AC, 200 ft of Brow. Easy Access. \$47,500. Breathtaking view.

• **Mountain River Estates** - Hwy 117 Mentone - Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre riverfront tracts starting at \$27,500.00. 4 to 15 acre min. stream tracts starting at \$10,000.

• **31.5 acres on Hwy. 48 near Menlo**. Creek, pasture, and planted pines.

• **Cooper Ridge** - Terloga Creek traverses northern boundary of this 92+ acre tract of rolling hills with beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. Private entrance, county water available. \$2400 per acre. No subdividing. (No. G-44)

• **Cloudland** - 1175 - State Line Road, T-1 - 18 AC; open to wooded - road frontage; T-2 - 44+ AC - small lake open to wooded - Some frontage on Hwy 117. \$2000 per acre.

• **Lake Lahausage** - T-1 - 7.8 AC with lake frontage; T-2 - 6 AC with lake frontage.



GET AWAY FROM IT ALL - 80+ acres - Panoramic view from 1800 sq. ft. Mountain Home and full basement. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, much more, private and secluded - Chattooga County - \$210,000.00



CLOUDLAND-ON THE BROW - Post card quality. This lovely home offers brick and wood construction. 1282 sq. ft., hardwood floors, built-in paneling w/built-in cabinets & book shelves. Full room w/fireplace. 2 BR, 2 baths, kitchen, year-around sun room overlooking the valley, garage, patio. Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. \$165,000. (No. G-19)



CLOUDLAND - Golf Course Road, original mountain home, offers sun room/kitchen, dining rm./great room overlooking patio, 3 BR, 1 bath, breezeway, utility rm., guest cottage/game rm.; also on property M/H with 2 BR, kitchen, living rm., 1 bath, large lot 150x400. Cloudland water & well. \$89,000. (No. G-22)

PRISTINE HIGH IN THE CLOUDS - Gadsden Avenue/Cloudland. You have always admired it. You have imagined yourself living there in its quiet serenity. PRIME is proud to offer this beautiful brick rancher with 2.5+ acres of majestic beauty. Home features living room, kitchen, den w/brick fireplace, two bedrooms, 1-1/2 bath, sun room, utility room, 2 car garage, outbuilding, central heat/air, gas back-up. Cloudland water system. Additional 7+ acres available. Convenient to park and restaurant. (No. 27)

Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Continue to keep the following on your prayer lists: Mae Shigley, Kathryn Jones and Herman Jones, Rev. Dennis Mays, Arline Fowler.

The Mentone Inn reopened August 16. See write up on page 6.

Al Blackburn prepared for the 450-mile yard sale by opening his Blackburn's Country Store Ala. Hwy 117. See picture on page 9.

Happy anniversary to George and Ruth Porter of Oakland, MD, who will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sept. 17. We wish you many more years. The Porters are the parents of Sue Schwarz of Mentone.

Sue and Bill Schwarz are renovating their Mentone home for a permanent residence. All their friends are looking forward to the completion of work at their home.

Maureen Brewer entertained guests at her Mentone home this past week. The Bobos live in the Huntsville area.

Benny Goss, Mentone Postmaster, received his 30-year pin recently. Look for a photo in the next issue. Congratulations, Benny!

Happy belated birthday to Miss Sharon Dowiat. Sharon is the daughter of Roger and Judy Dowiat of Fort Payne and the Granddaughter of Ms. Annie Young of Blake, and Ms. Ginny Dowiat of Mentone. Sharon is also an investigative reporter on Huntsville's Channel 31 News.

Kerstin Formhals (Lisa Moore's daughter from Germany) called recently to let everyone know that she misses us all very much and is ready to come back. She is planning a visit during the spring of 2000.

Congratulations to Jonathon Dean and Slade Carden. Both boys got their drivers license in August.

Austin, Preslie, and Suzan Gifford caught a bug recently and had to visit the doctor. They are all much better now.

Laura Pullen and Beth Moore recently met up at the Emergency Room at BMC DeKalb. The two bumped into each other while waiting to see the ER doctor. Laura had a bad case of infected throat, while they weren't really sure what was wrong with Beth. Beth found out what was wrong with her about 4 days and 3 doctors later when she was diagnosed with viral meningitis. After riding in an ambulance to Birmingham and staying in the hospital for a couple of days, Beth was finally on the road to recovery. She is thankful for all the prayers from everyone and wants everyone to know that she loves them all.

Mrs. Sandra Boehringer was the recipient of a baby shower on Saturday, August 7th. She received many nice gifts for Lukas Johannes.

Austin and Preslie Gifford visited Beth Moore and Christopher Black on August 7th. They all swam and napped and had a wonderful time. Christopher has good news, he is now POTTY TRAINED!!!!

Valley Head Police Chief Ken Busby had surgery recently. Ken had kidney stones, and, after he returned home, he became ill again. He had an infection in his arm and had to return to the hospital. He is doing great now.

The exchange students for the 1999/2000 school year have arrived. We hope to have a photo of all the students for you in the next issue of The Groundhog.

Pam Dean is a new Tupperware sales lady in the area so give her a call if you need any new Tupperware.

Virginia Hatfield celebrated her 16th birthday on August 15th.

Congratulations to young weather artist, Stanford Carson, 10, of Valley Head School (8/12); Samantha Blansit, 9, of Mentone (8/19); Justin Grider, 9, of Valley Head (8/20), whose drawings appeared in the Times-Journal in August.

My mother, Dorothy Shelden, is visiting me in Mentone until September 8th. Last weekend, we went to visit her great grandchildren in Springfield, VA. Sarah Lauro is six, and Kristen is 3. Their parents are John and Lorelei Lauro. Also, Lorelei's twin, Lani, came to visit. We had a great time and

took lots of pictures for mom's photo scrapbook. This next weekend, we will be going to Gulfport, MS, to visit other great grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine, Jolee, and Robert Brown. We are looking forward to the visit and more pictures.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Leonard Keith, Sr., 76, Mentone, 8/13
- Mrs. Ruth Eugene Couch, 76, Sulphur Springs, 8/16
- Jeffrey Dale Poff, 33, Mentone, 8/21

Congratulations to the following students at Northeast Alabama Community College: Holly Day of Mentone, who made the President's List; Patricia Blansit of Mentone, who made the Dean's List.

Myra Mills, teacher at Moon Lake Elementary, attended a five-day Teachers' Conservation Workshop at the Auburn Conference Center. It was a special course of study this summer covering Alabama's forests and the forest products industry, the state's largest.

Peter Atkins, a 1977 graduate of Valley Head High School, was recently named senior noncommissioned officer of the month. He is an Air Force Master Sergeant. Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments. He is a combat engineering flight superintendent assigned to the 320th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron in Saudi Arabia. He is the son of Olin L. and Natalie J. Atkins of Valley Head. His wife, Suzette, is the daughter of Wayne and Shirley Hulan of Fort Payne.

Belated birthday wishes to Gene Paulsen, whose birthday was August 4.

Happy September Birthdays/Anniversaries to: •1- Bernice Crow, Matt Croxton, Connie Bell, Suzanne Woodall, Treva Lindsey, Bob Baty; •2- Gail Chambers (Mrs. Kenneth); •3- Dorna Hutcheson, Kerstin Formhals (17); •4- Johnny Ferguson, Vince Carden, Marketta Crane; •5- Christal Edmondson, Allen Scott, Trenton Green, Halie Westbrooks, Joey Combs; •7- Angela Stalvey, Mrs. A.J. Lindsey; •8- Adele Phillips, Mary Crowe; •10- Mickey Gough, Pam Blevens Ogle, Landon Allen; •11- Matt Williams, Calvin & Marie Blansit (anniv); •13- Calvin Blansit; •16- Skippie Mathis, James Bradshaw; •17- Lynette Tolbert, Angie Carden, John & Mary Chambers, (anniv); •18- Jimmy Owen; •19- R.B. Blalock; •21-Jorene Nelms; •23- Dot Crow; •24- Adriana Miranda, Paula Cooper, Tab Westbrook; •25- Amy Harrison, Gail Bell, Scott Kyle, Nicole Stott; •26- Kenny Busby; •27- Ruby Brock; Scott Baty, Alfie Chambers, Jack and Jacob Meadows; •29- Rusty Chambers, Allison Williams(4); •30- Ethan Lewis, Harvard Hester, Dillon Lewis.

With school back in session, everyone needs to looking out for the children on their way to and from school, and also for buses carrying children as the children are getting on and off the buses.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day Holiday!



Jamie Blalock

Jamie Blalock is an elementary teacher at Ider. She earned a degree in health and physical education from Berry College. Mrs. Blalock lives in Mentone with her husband, Heath Blalock, and is the daughter of Jimmy and Adele Phillips of Valley Head.



Joyce Mead

Joyce Mead teaches at Valley Head and Ider. She earned a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State University. Ms. Mead lives in Fyffe and is the daughter of Amaryllis Fletcher of Fyffe.

Valley Head School News

By Lisa Moore

The Valley Head Band would like to thank everyone who helped with the COKE fundraiser. Many drinks were sold to help raise money for the band.

The open house for the new band room was held on Sunday, August 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Land were there to see the new band room, along with Mr. and Mrs. Talley and other band students and parents.

Congratulations to Tammy Cooper. She is the new 3rd grade teacher at Valley Head. Tammy is a graduate of Valley Head High School and it is great to see her teaching there.

Students at Valley Head were sad to hear that Mrs. Melba Woods would not be returning at Valley Head School this year. Melba has decided to work full time elsewhere. BUT...they were very excited when they heard who her replacement would be. Mrs. Merle Stokes was transferred from the lunchroom to the office to do Melba's job. We wish both ladies lots of luck at their new jobs and hope they enjoy them.

The Valley Head PTO would like to thank Steve Hawkins for the great job he did on installing the carpet on the steps of the school. It looks wonderful. The new doors installed in the school also look great.

The Valley Head Band is ready to start the new school year out in the new band room. As we have mentioned before, the large amount of space is wonderful. Band camp this year was much easier and more convenient for everyone. Thanks again to all who have helped with this project.

REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1999.



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Preferred Realty, LLC

L M P R

6090 Highway 117, South
P.O. Box 44
Lookout Mountain Parkway
Mentone, Alabama 35984

Angela J. Wood
Owner and AL/GA Broker

Office: (256) 634-4672

Home: (256) 634-4169

1-888-256-1276

Cell: (256) 997-8138

Fax: (256) 634-4702

Website - WWW.DeKalbRealestateGuide.com/LMPR



(1) **ONE AND ONLY LITTLE RIVER CANYON.** 3 to 5 acre tracts overlooking Canyon, some with Waterfalls. Property adjoins Wild Life Management Land. Many tracts to choose from and all on Private gate access. Point and Bluff sections now available. Very Secluded. \$25,000 to \$40,000. Appointment ONLY.



(2) **50 ACRES** Along Lookout Mtn. Mentone. Fenced pasture land, established 2 barns, 3 outbuildings. SPRING year-around creek. The property is surrounded by huge oaks. Access from Bankhead Rd. 1175. Opportunity for one of the prettiest spots on Lookout awaits. \$175,000.



(3) **THREE STATES CAN BE SEEN** from these Tracts located on the West Brow, in Dade County, Ga. Minutes from Chattanooga. (1) 13 acres \$70,000; (2) 18 acres \$70,000. Hwy 189, Lookout Mtn. Parkway.



(4) **ADORABLE FURNISHED COTTAGE.** MENTONE. 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Fine Floors, Rock Fireplace, 2 wooded lots. Just bring your overnight bag, and stay awhile. Located on Hwy 117, Downtown Mentone. \$79,500.



(5) **EAST BROW CLOUDLAND, GA.** What a view from these 2 to 3 acre lots located off Hwy 157 North. Rock formations, wooded, private with 100 to 250 ft. of breath-taking edge of the world view. Starting at \$32,000. Owner financing.



(6) **WONDERFUL OL FARMHOUSE** with 4 acres, garden area, two outbuildings, on paved road, Mentone. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen for canning and a cellar for storing. \$59,500.



(7) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY.** 100x300 ft lots on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic. \$10,000 each. **ALSO AVAILABLE:** 3 acre tracts-EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER, secluded, with natural deep swimming hole and rapids. Wild and Scenic beauty surrounds you. \$30,000 each.



(8) **WALKING DISTANCE TO MENTONE.** Adorable 2 Bedroom Cottage, CHA, New Carpet and Vinyl. Large Deck, Rock Patio, on two lots, located on S. Cool St. (Huckleberry Lane) \$62,900.



(9) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre tracts on the middle Fork of Little River. Located off Lookout Mountain Parkway, 4 miles from downtown Mentone and 2 miles from the Ga. line. River front tracts starting at \$27,500, and 4-15 acre wooded stream tracts.



(10) **PICTURE YOURSELF ON THE COVERED PORCHES,** overlooking the large pond stocked with fish, small creek lined with perennial beds, and immaculate 2 Bdrm 2 Bath cedar home with CHA, large open living and kitchen, with all updated appliances. All this, plus 8 acres of pasture, woods, and garden area with fruit trees. \$143,500.



(11) **ADIRONDACK STYLE (1800'S) LOG LODGE** sitting on 2 private acres in downtown Mentone. Complete with Dog Trot separating the Kitchen with Fireplace and Living Area with Fireplace. Unique 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Screened Breezeways, and Porches. Wood Floors, and Tin Roof. Separate Guest Cottage. City Water, along with Hand pump Well. Step back in time with this One-of-a-kind FURNISHED HOME. \$225,000.



(12) **50 ACRES, LOCATED IN CLOUDLAND, GA.** Great Farm with 20x40 Barn, Large Workshop, 3 outbuildings, Garage, 4 wells, year around spring, 3 garden areas, Grape Arbors, Approx. 5 acres cleared. Beautiful Hardwoods. 12x70 Mobile Home with Rock Foundation. Many more amenities. \$165,000. Show by APPT. Only.



(13) **INDIAN TRAILS** over 3 acre tracts on the highest point on the Brow overlooking North Fort Payne valley, to the Cumberland Plateau. City water available, access to and overlooking private lakes. Private access. Off Citadel Rock Rd. Restrictive covenants. \$35,000 each.



OTHER PROPERTIES

(18) **WEEKEND/WEEKLY RENTALS,** available on the Brow and Downtown Mentone. 1,2,3 Bdrm \$85.00 and \$125.00 nightly. Call for more info, Angela Wood.

(19) **COUNTY ROAD 633, WOODED TRACTS** from 10 acres and up, ranging \$2,000 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner Financing to qualified buyers.

(20) **OAKWOOD ESTATES** - 3 plus acre wooded and Pasture tracts available. Located in Mentone, County Road 106. Restricted Covenants. For permanent or Vacation Residential Homes. \$12,500 each.

(21) **ALPINE AREA, RIVERSIDE DR., 2 WEST FORK** Riverview lots, city water available. Access to deep water for canoeing. \$45,000.

(22) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUBDIVISION.** Wooded lots starting at \$8,500. Lakeside (2 left) and pasture lots (2 left) starting at \$12,500. Mentone area, County Road 106. Common areas for hiking and fishing. Restrictive covenants. Owner financing available.

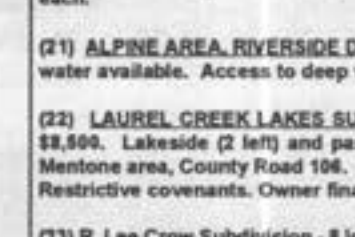
(23) **R. Lee Crow Subdivision** - 8 lots (approx. 4 acres) UNRESTRICTED, with Lake frontage. \$16,000.



(14) **WEST BROW MENTONE.** Over 3 acres located on DeSoto Parkway, minutes from Mentone and DeSoto State Park. City water available. \$90,000.



(15) **HIGHWAY 117S MENTONE,** Older Home, Large Live-in Bdrm, Bath with Walk-in Shower, 36x24 Living Room, Central heat, Two rooms in Basement, Detached Garage, City Water. Over 1 acre with Spring. \$43,000.



TOO MANY PROPERTIES TO LIST THEM ALL.

If L.M.P.R. doesn't have it,

L.M.P.R. will find what you're looking for.

L.M.P.R. is licensed in Georgia, as well as Alabama. L.M.P.R. covers more of Lookout Mountain, to offer a wider range to choose from.

Want to sell or looking to buy that special place in the mountains?

Call Angela J. Wood. Multi-state Broker.



(16) **MAGNIFICENT VIEW** - from this TOPSIDER home on the West Brow. The eight-sided design offers 2 sleeping areas, and open living, kitchen, with abundance of windows. Large deck, for enjoying the Sunsets. A MUST SEE. \$153,000.



(17) **THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER.** 75 acres M/L, available with access from Paved Road, and County Water. Over 600 ft. of River, 3 springs, wet weather cascading water fall. Also, part of the Historical Dinky Line Railway. \$248,000.



Bed 'n Breakfast



Replenishing the spirit since 1927.

For Reservations, Call
(256) 634-4836 or (800) 455-7470
or write P.O. Box 290 Mentone, AL 35984

Ms. Daisy, Innkeeper

Come and enjoy peaceful Southern
hospitality and nature at its best.

Mentone Inn Reopens

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

After a nine month period, the Mentone Inn reopened on August 16, under new owners, Michael and Sarah Campbell, from Hoover, Ala. Their new hostess is Daisy Anne Elliott from Pintlala, near Montgomery, AL.

Daisy said she had seen an advertisement on Frazier FC TV with Jamie Hendrix Collins talking about the movie, "Southern Heart" that was filmed in Mentone. Daisy went to the theater and saw the film, and went back two additional times, taking her sister June Brown with her the second time. She also had read an issue of *Prime Time Alabama* that had a picture and feature on Mountain Laurel Inn with Sara Wilcox and her dog Baxter. Further looking into the Mentone possibilities, Daisy and her sister talked to some friends who came to Mentone. Daisy sent a request to the DeKalb County Tourist Association for a packet of information on Mentone, and within two days of her request, she received the information.

Daisy has been in health care for 23 years at different levels: marketing, social activities, supervision in other areas of health care. She believes that nothing happens by chance. She called the Mentone Inn to see if she could spend a weekend in Mentone. Daisy reached Mike and Sarah, and they

told her they were closed and were looking for an innkeeper. Daisy said, "I could be your person." The pieces all fit together—it was meant to be, she said. Daisy said, "I'm serious, now." So, she came up on Memorial Day weekend, and looked the area over and talked with her sister, June Brown. Then she agreed to take the job at the Mentone Inn.

There will be a 3 p.m. high tea time to coincide with check in time from 3 to 4 p.m. Breakfast is the only meal that will be served. They will be open year round. Miss Daisy said she dreamed of opening a tea room 40 years ago. All ideas just seemed to "click in" between Mike, Sarah, and Daisy.

After giving 30 days notice, Ms. Daisy came to start her new job as innkeeper. Her sister, June, was with her during the week prior to the opening, and she will be coming up from time to time to help out. Ms. Daisy has two daughters, whose husbands are in the military. She is the proud grandmother to five grandchildren.

Ms. Daisy said she is looking forward to living in Mentone and being the innkeeper at the Mentone Inn.

A framed poster for the movie, "Southern Heart" can be seen at the Mentone Inn.

MOUNTAIN MAMAS ARTISTS

By Barbara Lieu

This month we'd like to highlight our stained glass artist Ross Robertson. A woodworker for 20 years, she's been working in stained glass for 5 years. Her goal is to incorporate the two art forms in her work. We have some small-to-medium size pieces of hers, priced from \$25 to \$45. We also have some of her 3-dimensional butterflies and hummingbirds that are very unusual. And we have colorful glass boxes, some with designs etched into their lids. Etching work also appears on her hanging disks, some of which are holiday designs.

Ross lives in South Carolina on the coast and spends lots of time in, on, and with the water, there. Her work is the latest addition to Mountain Mamas collection of hand crafted art.

Mountain Mamas is open Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Noon to 6 PM, Georgia time, and is located in Cloudland, GA, just 10 minutes from Mentone.



**MOUNTAIN MAMAS
POTTERY STUDIO
& CRAFTS**

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS PRESENTING POTTERY,
JEWELRY, WEAVING, SCULPTURE, CANDLES, & FABRIC ART
1/2 mile east of state line on AL 117/GA 48
OPEN: Friday-Sunday, Noon-6 p.m. (Ga. time)
706-862-6481

BURT FUNERAL HOME

50 Years of Continuous Service
First Funeral Home in DeKalb County
to offer pre-need services

R.J. Burt, Jr. - Owner

Fort Payne
845-3232

Valley Head
635-6247

FOR SALE: Broyhill sofa & love seat \$200;
washer & dryer \$60 (washer needs repair)
CALL 635-0953.

ENJOY THE COLORS OF FALL!

"60 years continuous service by the same family"

BROWN'S CLEANING & LAUNDRY

"An old company with new ideas"

Uniform Rental • Dust Control • Vase Storage for Furs
& Woolens • Drapery Cleaning with Machine Decorator Fold • Suede,
Leather & Fur Cleaning • Fire Restoration & Odor Removal • Wedding
Gown Preservation • Alterations • Linen Rental • Pillow Cleaning

817 Gault Ave. N. 845-3241

Full Laundry Service

a "rustic touch of class"

Mountain Laurel Inn

(formerly Blossom Hill Bed & Breakfast)

Innkeeper: Sarah Wilcox

For Reservations, Call (256) 634-4673 or (800) 889-4244
or write P.O. Box 443, Mentone, AL 35984

We Buy Standing Timber

Menlo Lumber & Pallet Company, Inc.

Highway 48

Menlo, Georgia 30731

(706) 862-2131



Laura Harmony Tso i Gaya Lovechio

Laura Harmony Tso i Gaya Lovechio, born July 7, to Dane and Laura Catherine "Moon" Lovechio of Mentone. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 22 inches long. Laura is a family name and means victory. Harmony is her gift to the world. Tso i Gaya is Cherokee for 3 rivers, for the 3 forks of the Little River she will grow up around. She has a sister, Summer Rane, who lives in Washington. Her grandparents Johnny and Jean Lovechio, as well as Robert "Bob" and Nancy Bonnett, live in Birmingham.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING: STRESS

By Laura Katherine AKA Moon

I have had much time to think since the birth of my beautiful baby girl July 7th. My thoughts led me to write this article about stress. It is one of the most common ailments. Therefore, I have already done a lot of research concerning stress. It can be triggered by poor nutrition, a happy or sad event, etc. There are herbs that can help. The main solution is within each person.

Stress is a factor in 80% of all illnesses according to *Prescription for Nutritional Healing* by James & Phyllis Balch. Physical ailments, such as headaches, backaches, stomach aches, and the common cold, to more serious problems, such as high blood pressure, heart attacks, and cancer, can be linked to stress. When a person stresses the adrenaline, blood pressure and heart rate increase. Stress causes tension in the muscles and a negative reaction in the blood and every organ in the body. Stress inhibits disease fighting white blood cells, which is damaging to the immune system. The body metabolizes protein, fats, and carbohydrates to produce energy to deal with stress, which causes more nutrients to be lost the more you stress. The body becomes deficient of nutrients and unable to replace efficiently because nutrients are not absorbed well during stress.

"Stress is any reaction to physical, mental, or emotional stimulus that upsets the body's natural balance," according to *Prescription for Nutritional Healing*. A nutritional deficiency alone can cause stress, which eventually will cause a chain reaction to happen, in which the mind and emotions are affected and vice versa. The anticipation of starting a new job, disliking your job, life changes of having a new baby, lack of money, unexpected changes, or problems arising, traffic, a loss, a lack of communication, etc., can cause stress. The question is how much will you allow stress to damage your physical and mental well being. People do have a choice to control stress instead of allowing it to control them.

The first step to controlling stress and, in turn, your health, is being aware when your body is under stress and being concerned about the damage you are causing to yourself. The second step is taking the initiative to make sure you have the proper nutrition to combat stress. Vitamins, such as B-complex, which helps maintain proper functioning of the nervous system, are essential. The next step to controlling stress is perception. Life is a series of events that are positive and negative. If you spend all your time worrying or stressing on the negative, then you will miss and be unable to enjoy the positive. If you concentrate on what you see as good and positive,

then you will eventually be able to resolve what you see as negative in your life.

Some people have a chemical imbalance that makes it extremely difficult to control the stress or depression. There are herbs growing on this mountain to help. Wild camomile looks like the domestic camomile, which has lacy leaves and little 1/4-to-1/2-inch white flowers with yellow centers. It would be best to see the plant at a nursery before trying to find the plant in the wild if you cannot identify the plant, since there are other plants that have a similar description. I find that camomile relaxes me and gives me relief long enough to gain a better perception of my situation. (Caution should be taken in inducing camomile if you are allergic to ragweed.) Another beneficial herb is catnip, which is the wild version of catnip. This herb also is very relaxing and will help you sleep. Nighttime at home is the best time to induce this herb, since it can cause drowsiness. Last, but not least, St. John's Wort is a very beneficial herb to ingest to help maintain a mental balance. (Caution should be taken because St. John's can make you prone to sunburn.)

All of these herbs are at herb stores, loose or pre-packaged, as well as Wal-Mart, and some of your local groceries. Other helpful herbs for stress at the herb stores are Kava Kava and Valerian. Valerian will induce sleep so it should never be taken far away from a bed.

A tincture of any of these herbs will have the quickest results. I prefer to drink a tea—sometimes a few cups a day, but some people have difficulty acquiring a taste for herb teas. A bit of honey in your tea may make it more enjoyable. If the tea is not pre-packaged, then steep a teaspoon full to a cup of boiling water. I generally let my tea steep until it has cooled enough not to burn my tongue—at least 10-15 minutes. You may also find relaxing herbs in capsule form or try some aromatherapy with pure lavender oil.

Relaxing herbs are not a cure to life's problems. They are only a life preserver to help you maintain a healthy state of mind and body. Concentrate on the positive aspects of your life, because stress can be contagious and affect everyone around you. Therefore, stress is not only damaging to you, but also the people you love.

As always, consult a health care provider before trying to treat any serious health conditions. You should always use caution when dealing with your health.

Words to live by: Perception is the key to end misery.



Garden Tips from Cheryl & David Baker at The Shed

Here are some tips for September:

- 1) Should have already prepared the ground for ornamental cabbage and kale.
- 2) Cut perennials back and mulch them really good.
- 3) Pull up your spring and summer annuals; put them in the compost pile.
- 4) Cut your herbs, hang them to dry or paper sack them.
- 5) Turn your dirt, add new top soil, potting soil, pro-mix or soil conditioner.
- 6) Get your container pots ready for ornamental cabbage, kale, mums & pansies with potting soil.
- 7) Get your pond ready for this fall with the right chemicals and fertilizers.
- 8) Change out pond and pump filters and clean them really good.
- 9) Start your landscaping ideas off to a fresh start with new shrubs and trees.
- 10) Talk to your landscaping designers on new ideas for the fall and spring.

September is here. It's time to think about the fall. Fall is such a pretty time in Mentone—the leaves are changing and people are getting ready to put out fall decorations. We must remember that this is 1999. Let's make this fall beautiful. There are several things going on for the next two months in Mentone. Here is a list of events in our area to help you out.

Upcoming Events at The Shed

- 1) 3rd week of Sept: ornamental kale & cabbage sale
- 2) 1st & 2nd weeks of Oct.: Chrysanthemums—several colors to pick from. Mum sale.
- 3) 2nd & 3rd weeks of Oct.: Look at the pumpkins (ornamental pumpkins and gourds). There will be several varieties of regular pumpkins and gourds.
- 4) 2nd & 3rd weeks of Oct. Fall festival sale: scarecrows, flags, all sorts of fall goodies.

Other events in the area

- 3rd weekend in Oct. (October 15-18) Colorfest in Mentone, sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA). Come out and enjoy yourself. There will be lots of fun and activities. Merchants in Mentone and the surrounding area will also be participating by having their shops open. Stop in and say hello and get to know them.
- PTO Harvest Festival for Moon Lake Elementary School. It's time to help our children and school raise some funds. With your help, this event can be as successful as the many previous years, and our children will benefit from your generosity.

The Shed would like to say it was a wonderful year and nice summer. We thank all who have given us ideas and have helped us to expand. The Shed is still growing. Some additions will be added in the fall. New arrangements are being made for the front of the store, as well as the inside. The Christmas Store is in process. It will be one of the latest our Co. is doing. So, don't forget about your Christmas decorations, all accessories, gifts, Christmas wreaths, Christmas trees, house plants, and poinsettias for Christmas at The Shed. For fireworks customers—more space is being made. You will be surprised at New Years. Oh ya! One more thing, the fireworks display was a blast. Everyone who came out had a whole lot of fun. There was a lot of talk about how The Shed lit up the sky that night. We thank everyone for participating. We will do it again, maybe, on New Year's Eve—after all, it is the year 2000! Date to be announced later on the firework display for New Year's Eve. So, don't forget about all that is happening in your own community. We have lots of wonderful people here. So keep it going and growing.

For making our dreams come true, we give special thanks to:

The Groundhog staff	Dr. Brewer: Steve & Faye
MAPA: Mr. & Mrs. Crow,	Moon Lake Elementary: Bill Berry
Corinne and friends	Brewers Plant Farm: Randy Brewer
The Dish Inc.: Terrance & Joe	Mid Western: Rap & J. Rodriguez
Concerts/Promotions: Alex Cooley	Bama Green: Tony & Staff
Attorneys: Terry Hutcheson	Water Creations: Rick, Al & Steve
Bobby Lee Cook	Mary's Green House: Mary & Staff
The Windward House: Anne Hyatt	Glass Farm Nursery:
Bernard & Jan: Truman	Peggy & Pee-Wee
Bob & Carolyn Gold	Springdale Aquatic Nursery: Tish
Nellie Croley & Jesse Crow	Valley Green: David & Staff
Norma & Richard Baker	

DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs Meet!

What Exactly Is the organization called DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs? How does it touch your life when you are not even sure what it is?

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs met at Shoney's Restaurant in Fort Payne for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 1999. President Ann Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with fifteen members present representing seven of the eight member clubs. Secretary Linda Brown made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Treasurer Ann Houston gave the financial reports and filed the same for audit.

President Wright reminded all the clubs that their dues of \$1.00 per member are now due and should be paid. She also made inquiries as to the procedure that should be followed to obtain a reporter to submit articles on federation activities (excluding the flower show) to the local newspapers on behalf of the organization. After a quick check of the federation's by-laws, it was ascertained that there was no provision in place to cover such an eventuality. After some discussion of the matter, by common consent of all present, President Wright was given the authority to appoint someone of her choosing to the position of reporter.

The Third Annual "Every Light A Prayer For Peace" Program was discussed. That is scheduled to take place at the DeKalb County Library the afternoon of Sunday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m. Christina Vincent will polish the arrangements for that and send out final plans to all the clubs involved. That is a very meaningful ceremony, so everybody is encouraged to attend.

The VFW Flower Show was discussed by Reita Grant, General Flower Show Chairman. The dates for that are October 4-9, 1999; and it will be held as part of the VFW Agricultural Fair at the Fair Grounds in Fort Payne. Mrs. Grant introduced Staging Committee Chairman, Karen Swift, who then related many of her ideas for the staging process and announced work days for August 17, 24, 31, and September 7, 14, 21, and 28 beginning at 3 p.m.

President Wright then informed everyone of the plans for a Flower Show Workshop to be held at Promenade Hall in Valley Head on Friday, September 10, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. The workshop will be conducted by Roseanne Kaylor of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Annette Standberry of Cleveland, Tennessee. Each club will contribute \$25 for the cost of the workshop. This should prove very educational, and all federation members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 9, 1999, at Western Sizzlin Restaurant in Fort Payne.

By now, you, the reader, are wondering about just exactly what is the organization called the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs? And how does it even remotely touch your life when you do not grow flowers or are not even an adult?

First, the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs consist of all the garden clubs in DeKalb and Cherokee Counties, and there are eight of them—Azalea Garden Club of Fort Payne (Mrs. Aubie Mae Dean, President), Flowering Dogwood Garden Club of Henagar (Reita Grant, President), Fort Payne Garden Club of Fort Payne (Karen Swift, President), Ider

Garden Club of Ider (Lori Stubbs, President), Rainsville Garden Club of Rainsville (Ann Houston, President), Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone (Dallyne Jones, President), Kaolin Garden Club of Valley Head (Marty Smith, President) and Cedar Bluff Garden Club of Cedar Bluff (Barbara Cavin, President).

Now, for the part that touches your life when you are not even grown up and certainly do not grow flowers. The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs are the people, who encourage and reward school ground improvements and put on the flower show at the VFW Agricultural Fair each autumn in Fort Payne.

You, the reader, like everybody else, walk through and think that the ladies grow and display beautiful flowers, but that is of no real interest to you. On the contrary, that is most certainly of interest to you purely because, for years now, the local fair has been named the best in the entire state of Alabama, and that is due in large part to the fact that the flower show is so wonderful. There are official people who keep count of which fair is the best in the state every year, and that distinction has gone to the VFW Agricultural Fair in Fort Payne so many times in a row that the good people who keep up with that sort of thing have long since run out of fingers for counting and are well on their way to depleting their supply of toes. The truth is that you have a truly good thing in the fair here, and you do not necessarily recognize that fact because you are so used to seeing it, and you take the high quality of it for granted. Have you ever been to any of the others fairs that take place in surrounding areas? Maybe you should attend those, and then you would realize what high standards the fair here in Fort Payne really demands from all its exhibitors in general and the flower show in particular.

The world in which we all live and teaching children to be environmentally accountable for their place in it are very important to all garden club members, and each club in the organization has its own projects to promote the awareness of the environment on behalf of the children in their respective communities and schools. The federation as a whole has sponsored the instigation of separate categories for youth in the flower show at the fair so that people, who are less than eighteen years of age, now compete against each other as opposed to adults and the public at large many of whom have much more experience with gardening in general than the youngsters do. That action alone proves that the ladies of the federation are interested in young people and their increasing place in the world of gardening and growing things. Youngsters have long since been encouraged to plant and submit their specimens for judging at the fair every year, and this policy is proudly continuing.

Mrs. Ann Wright is the President of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs, and she comes from the ranks of the Rhododendron Garden Club at Mentone. There is an hierarchy in the federation whereby ladies work their way up to being president; and Mrs. Wright has, as the saying goes, "certainly paid her dues." For two years, she was the person in charge of seeing to it that every single part of the flower show was in its proper place and shown to its best advantage. The paper work

for that job alone is a full time occupation in itself without all the grueling physical labor that goes with it. Mrs. Barbara Blalock did the most recent two year tenure as Flower Show Chairman for the DeKalb Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs.

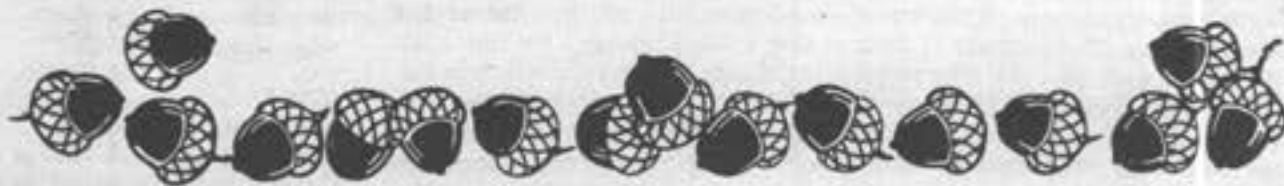
The building has to be cleaned before and after the flower show, and that in itself takes on the proportions of a major undertaking. Carpentry has to be completed—usually by drafted husbands—and painted by anybody and everybody who is available. Humility in varying degrees is learned from the reaching, squatting, bending, stooping, and general rolling about on the floor that are done in the name of accomplishing all of that dusting, cleaning, painting, and other forms of physical exertion. The bottles in the risers that display horticultural specimens have to be freshly filled each time before the depositing of the individual stems of the beautiful flowers people bring in for the horticultural exhibits, and, then, those bottles must be emptied again and left clean when the fair has been concluded. The specimens and floral designs have to be registered, and all of that has to be checked and checked again to make absolutely sure that all of it—every single entry—has been placed in the proper location according to the book so that everything will be ready when the judges arrive for the actual evaluation procedures involved in the competition.

That morning of the actual evaluation process is when the difficult part begins. The lady, who has been in charge of all the working, sweating, and paper shuffling that goes into a flower show suddenly has to appear the morning of the actual competition looking as fresh a spring flower and quite like she just stepped out of a magazine fashion plate never even having heard tell of either physical labor or the perspiration associated therewith for that matter.

The success of the flower show is at the mercy of the weather regardless of how much work has gone into it ahead of time. In an especially dry season, there is a justified fear that no one will actually have anything to show when the time comes. Then, when registration day finally arrives for the public at large to have their specimens on hand and their names written in the official book, the rain that everybody has been praying for all the summer sees fit to arrive all at once and threatens to drown one and all not to mention the damage it does pounding the flowers that the ladies have guarded so closely for weeks and dampening everybody's spirits. Therefore, patience is a very definite requirement for being in charge of the flower show. President Wright has as the saying goes been there and done that, so she has indeed paid her dues.

Having seen Mrs. Ann Wright work so very hard on her way to the top job in the organization, the ladies of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs know only too well that they have a good worker in their current president. Reita Grant holds the position of First Vice-President. Barbara Blalock is Second Vice-President. Linda Brown is Secretary. Ann Houston is Treasurer.

This year Mrs. Reita Grant of the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club is the one in charge of the flower show, and she has her team of chosen people to whom she has delegated the jobs that need to be done to help her have a successful exhibition. You will hear more from them later.



NIPPERSINK LODGE

On Lookout Mountain at DeSoto Falls
P.O. Box 172
Mentone, Alabama 35984
(256) 634-3610
Advance Reservations Required

The White Elephant



Antiques Galleries

Judy and Louis Pierce
(256) 634-4529

OPEN M, Wed-Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun: 1-5
Tues - closed
Antiques, Collectibles, & Uniques
Dealers welcome - space available.



Enjoy a fine dining experience on the brow of Lookout Mountain
You'll love the sunsets and good food at Cragmere.
Friday-Saturday 5-9 p.m. DeSoto Parkway - Mentone
For reservations, call Bonnie at
256/845-2209 or 256/634-4677



Blackburn's Country Store officially opened on August 19, the first day of the 450 mile yard sale. The family (Al, Vickie, Alex and Wil) is standing on the steps to the store. In the background on the porch can be seen the rocking chairs that are for sale, and also for sitting in at the store. Fresh produce (vegetables and fruits), drinks, snack foods, and many other items can be found, along with all your landscaping and nursery needs.



Lessons in nature at Little River

Field School offers number of classes

Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Field School includes several sessions.

Trees and Shrubs of Little River Canyon

Spend the afternoon learning about the woody plants that flourish in the forest.

DeSoto State Park Nature Center

Aug. 28

1-4 p.m.

\$3 per person

Medicinal Plants of Little River Canyon

Join local expert Francine Hutchinson in an afternoon of learning past and present medicinal uses of plants including a light hike to seek out some of these medicinal marvels.

DeSoto State Park

Sept. 4

1-4 p.m.

\$3 per person

Civil War Iron Production

This all-day event includes tours of several area iron furnaces and lessons in the history theory and practice behind Civil War-era iron production. Also included is a chance to make a small quantity of iron using local raw materials and a mini-blast furnace.

place to be announced

Sept. 11

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$10 per person

Introduction to Technical Rock Climbing

This class introduces basic rock climbing techniques including knot tying, belaying, rappelling and top-roped climbing.

Sand Rock, Ala.

Sept. 25-26

times to be announced

\$75 per person

For more information or to preregister, please call Lesley Spaulding at (256) 782-5697 or e-mail lrc@jsucc.jsu.edu.



Wil Blackburn and his water garden that he built on his own. He is planning to follow in his dad's footsteps.



Builder's Supply Company, Inc.

Concrete Blocks

Building Materials

Roof & Floor Trusses

Fort Payne

611 Godfrey Ave. S.

845-1451

Sylvania

Highway #75

638-2244

Dogwood Haven, Inc.

An Assisted Living Facility for Senior Citizens



Brenda Pendergrass
Administrator

741 Houston Loop Rd. W
Fort Payne, AL 35967

205-845-0211

Serving

Individual investors since 1871



VICKY C. KIRBY

INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
816A Gault Ave. N.
P.O. Box 680705
Fort Payne, AL 35966-1806
256-845-2810
1-800-258-6064

Stocks
Mutual funds
Bonds
Government securities

CDs
Money market funds
IRAs
Tax-free bonds

...and much more!
Call or stop by today!

Member SIPC

DAVID G. BROUWER

INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE

201 Grand Avenue N.
P.O. Box 167
Fort Payne, AL 35967

256-845-4360
1-800-800-6973



Edward Jones

Catherine Brown Bai



Gerald, Catherine, and Barbara at the November 12, 1995, reception at the Mentone Town Hall.



Catherine Brown Bailey

Catherine Bailey, we salute and honor you,
With homage and tribute long overdue,
For years of service in so many ways—
That merit much appreciation and praise—
Recording and dispensing your town's activities
Assisting with many community festivities,
Handling your church's finances faithfully and well,
Teaching others how to live and reach Heaven to dwell,
Cheerful and willing through "thick and thin,"
Striving always for success and victory to win,
You have furnished food for body and for soul,
And achieved a worthwhile life as your goal.
You have won neither fortune nor worldly fame,
To all who know you, you have earned love and acclaim,
The ultimate achievement of a life well-spent,
That brings real happiness and a mind content,
May precious memories bless you forever more,
And be commended with "Well done" as your
consummate score!

—Eloise Brown

Written by Eloise Brown and read at the November 12, 1995, reception at the Mentone Town Hall, honoring Mrs. Bailey for her 19 years of service to the town of Mentone as the Town Clerk. Catherine Brown Bailey officially retired January 31, 1996.

(The above photo was taken at the reception.)

school days. Electricity came to the mountain in the 1930s.

Following her graduation from Valley Head School, Catherine attended Valdosta, GA, College. Catherine married Floyd Sanford Bailey on January 19, 1936. They had two children: Barbara Alice [Blalock], who was born on 1/18/37, and Gerald Wayne, who was born 11/22/40.

Barbara married William Overton (Ovie) Blalock on 12/19/53, and they had five children: James Overton on 7/7/54; Charles Lesley on 11/27/56; Raymond Floyd on 7/18/60; Barbara Catherine (Barbie) [Hester] on 7/11/64; and Barry Paul on 7/20/67.

Gerald married Willeva White, and they had one child: Sherry Ann on 4/15/64. Gerald is presently married to Phyllis Flarity Bailey.

Catherine and her husband owned and operated Bailey's Texaco station for 30 years from 1940 to 1970. Mr. Bailey died in 1968, and Catherine ran the store for another two years. The store was located in Mentone on Alabama Hwy 117. It is still standing, but is a residence now at 5351 Alabama Hwy 117.

From 1955 to 1959, during the time she and her husband were running Bailey's Texaco, she taught 5th and 6th grades, then the 6th and 7th grades at the school in Menlo, Ga. She also did substitute teaching at different schools. Due to her husband's ill health, Catherine had to give up teaching.

One year, while the store was in operation, Catherine took a course at the University of Chattanooga. She wanted to learn something new.

Catherine has 17 great grandchildren: William Duane, Brian Michael, and Kerry Alicia, children of

James
Adam
Blalo
Jenni
Betty
Raym
Britt
Bar
Jenni
Brook
Rhon
Zach
Taylo
She
Cade,
Mrs
asked
Cath
Mento
For
clerk
begin
and th
Febru
of 86.
with h
A li
vice
Mento
Cath
havin
many
On
Mrs. C
of the



Catherine and F.S. Bailey on their way to Cleveland, TN, to see sister, Sarah Harris. (Barbara said she believed she was taking the picture sometime in the early 1950s.)



Carrie Ruth Kirby, cousin from Florida, unable to attend.

ey, an inspiration to all who know her

(Continued from page 1)

Jimmy) and Gayla Walden Blalock; Eddie, and Brandi Manning, children of Jimmy Shannon Leah, Lauren Ashley, and Nicole, children of Charles Lesley and Carden Blalock; Mark Adam, child of Floyd and Rebecca McKenzie Blalock; Nicole and Brandon Tyler, children of (Barbie) Catherine and Jimmy Hester; and Barry children of Jimmy Hester; Erica and Dustin Paul, children of Barry Paul and Crane Blalock; Brian Dewayne and Cole, children of Sherry Ann and DeWayne

is one great, great grandchild, William, son of William Duane and Kelli Blalock.

Eloise Temple called Catherine in 1972 and asked her to come work for Camp Skyline. She was the head dietitian at Camp Skyline from 1972 to 1976.

For 20 years, from 1976 to 1996, she was the town clerk in Mentone. She worked under three mayors, starting with Sam Barrett, then Rob Hammond, and present mayor, Max Cash. She worked until 1996, when she officially retired at the age of 89. Mayor Cash said, "I really enjoyed working with her as the city clerk."

A long Methodist, Catherine believes in serving others. She served as treasurer of the United Methodist Church for 36 years. She continues to teach a Sunday School Class, having taught for over 50 years. She has inspired her faithfulness to God and His teachings. On November 12, 1995, a reception honoring Catherine Bailey was held at the meeting room in the town hall. It was hosted by her friends and

family. One of her friends, Eloise Brown, wrote a poem, entitled "Catherine Brown Bailey." It was read at her reception and printed in the December 1995 issue of *The Groundhog* and also appeared in *The Times-Journal*. It is being reprinted in her honor.

When asked what she liked most about being the town clerk, Catherine said, "Being able to meet the people. A lot of people were so nice, I just enjoyed them." Commenting on her different job situations, she said, "I tried anything that came along." Catherine was never afraid of work and was willing to try something new. The statement in the 1927 yearbook, *Al-Ti-Cerian* says it all: "Her words are her ways. She succeeds in all she plays." Miss Catherine Brown Bailey has succeeded in all that she set out to accomplish, and more. At age 89, she is, indeed, a remarkable and marvelous woman. Her legacy will live on forever.

Thank you, Catherine Brown Bailey, for all that you have contributed to those you taught, to those whose lives you have touched in any way, and for those lives you will touch in the future. God has surely blessed you all of these years. You have aspired to noble things, as it said in the 1927 *Al-Ti-Cerian* yearbook.

(Note: The history of the Family of Orville and Caroline Davenport, as set out in this article, was derived from notes gathered from many sources by Linda Brown. On a page attached to the information, it states: "None, except grave-stones, are from public records, therefore, they may or may not be accurate. ... If anyone who reads this has any information to add or any corrections, please write to Linda Brown, PO Box 175, Mentone, AL 35984.)



Catherine at her 89th Birthday party held at the home of Barbara and Ovie Blalock, with family members present.



Raymond Brown, Sarah Harris, Mary Murdock Gilbreath (1st), Carlton, and Catherine Bailey. (Brother Gerald Hamman was also present at the reunion held at the home of Barbara and Ovie Blalock in 1995.



Winston Place

National Register of Historical Places

Bed & Breakfast

P.O. Box 165
Valley Head, Alabama 35989
(256) 635-6381
1-888-4WINSTON
FAX: 256-635-6381
E-mail www.virtualcities.com
Write or call for rates
and for reservations.

Open to Public CLOUDMONT RESORT

SADDLE ROCK GOLF COURSE

"It's cooler Swingin' on Lookout Mountain!"

"9 hole executive course, 18 tees

atop Lookout Mountain!"

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK - 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Carts and Clubs Available

Mountain Chalets & River Lodges with Kitchens

Call (256) 634-4344

Enjoy the spring with us. Hiking, rhododendron and mountain laurel trails,
fishing, golf, accommodations.



SHADY GROVE DUDE RANCH HORSEBACK RIDING STABLES

Group accommodations atop Lookout Mountain

(256) 634-4344

50th Anniversary



Johnny and Katherine Wright

Open House for Johnny and Katherine Wright
(Dessie Newberry's sister and husband)
will be held at:

Oakhill Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
September 12, 1999, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Given by their daughters,
Linda Mann of Lafayette, GA,
and Judy Hawthorne of Fort Payne, AL.
Everyone is invited, **'PLEASE NO GIFTS.'**

If you have old or new pictures you would like
to contribute, or pleasant, funny or interesting
memories about either or both of them, please
write them down and bring them to the
celebration to go in the scrapbook.
Linda and Judy are putting together for them.
Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

Thanks, Linda and Judy.



VALLEY GOLF DRIVING RANGE



Monday - Saturday 9:00am until Dark
Sunday 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Joe & Lillian Pickett Phone: 635-0082
3173 County Rd 611 • Valley Head AL 35989



Louise and Charles Hammonds

Please join our family on this joyous occasion
when our parents
Louise and Charles Hammonds
celebrate 50 years of marriage
at Valley Head Baptist Church
Sunday, the twelfth of September
Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
from two until four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Hammonds Family

Your love is a treasured gift,
we request no other.

Hardy Realty & Development Company

1609 Martha Berry Blvd. • PO Box 51•
Rome, GA 30162-0051

On the Brow - Cloudland
Wonderful view from this 2 br, 2 ba,
home. Large great room with cathedral ceiling.
Skylights and stone fireplace. Kitchen with good
cabinet space, dishwasher, and stove. Tri-level deck.
6.87 acres. Louise Duck, agent, 706-291-7539.
Hardy Realty & Dev. 706-291-4231. www.hardyrealty.com

WILSON FUNERAL HOME

3801 Gault Ave. N.
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

24-hour Obituary Information Line
(256) 997-9867

Christening of



John Robert Brown

John Robert Brown, son of Michelle and Robert
Donald ("Cub") Brown, of Valley Head, was chris-
tened July 25 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic
Church, with Father Blazak officiating. Mary
Grace Schilleci, his maternal grandmother, came
from Birmingham, as did his Aunt Diane Mosley
and his cousins, Jeremy and Mary Alice Mosley,
who served as his godparents. His brother, Billy,
and his paternal grandparents, Emily and R. Barry
("Bear") Brown and great grandmother, Eloise
Brown, from Valley Head, also attended.
Afterwards, everyone went to the DeSoto State
Park dining room for dinner.



FOODLAND

202 GREENHILL BLVD.
FT. PAYNE, AL 35967

WE'RE OPEN
7 A.M. - MIDNIGHT
7 DAYS A WEEK

WE ACCEPT 
• WIC VOUCHERS • FOOD STAMPS
• QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED
• NONE SOLD TO DEALERS

845-1970



WE FEATURE ALL YOUR FAVORITE
• MEAT DEPT.
• BUTCHERING AND OUTDOORS
• FISH DEPT.
• FRESH SEAFOOD
• FRESH BAKERY
• FRESH FRUITS
• SPECIALTY & DIET FOODS



September days are hazy days and sometimes sadly lazy days. A lull after a busy Summer for many people.

Robin Hulan, Cathy Carson and Christine Brooks took lunch to Morgan's Drug Store, on August 16, to help Donald Morgan celebrate his birthday. They also took a red velvet birthday cake. They were joined by Donald's wife, Edna, and son, Coley. They also took plates of lunch to Dr. Coleman and Elizabeth.

Adelaide Biddle went with her daughter, Mary Lou and David Carmichael and children, Josh, Kellie, and Missy on a good trip to San Diego, CA, for five days and to a couple of cities in Mexico. They went to the San Diego Zoo and to Coronado to the Del Hotel and beach. They had also spent three days at Jekyll Island the first of July.

Juanita and Eugene Smith have an exchange student staying with them. His name is Jakub Josef Gajowniczek. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, and is from Norway. He is attending Valley Head High School and playing football.

Howard Carson and Ed Ringer represented Mentone American Legion Post 215 in a visit to Tut Fann Veterans' Home at Huntsville on Aug. 19. They visited with Milford Jones from DeKalb County.

August 17, Ed Ringer and J.M. Tatum attended the American Legion meeting hosted by Guntersville Legion Post 8 at Guntersville. Speakers were Alabama Dept. Commander, J.T. Gore, and Ray White, Alabama's National Executive Committee man.

It's good to hear that Beth Moore is home and able to attend school after being ill in Montclair Hospital. She is the daughter of Lisa Moore and Van Moore.

Adelaide Biddle spent several days recently with her son Allen Biddle and his wife, Lisa, in Birmingham.

Christine and Walter Brooks enjoyed a good weekend visit with their granddaughter, Rebecca Hilbert, at Hokes Bluff.

The Valley Head Methodist Church enjoyed a program of special music, Aug. 15, by Barry Kay, and a covered dish luncheon after the morning worship service.

Evelyn Clark spent a few days with her son, Loy Clark, and his wife, Margaret, in Birmingham, recently.

Mildred Ladd, ill in a Gadsden hospital, is now in rehab in Chattanooga. We hope for her and all who are ill a complete recovery.

S.B. Stinson is ill and hopefully recovering.

Laura Margaret Allison is recovering from her second broken hip.

Christine Brooks took a day off to visit people in Fort Payne who were not well, including 92-year old Aunt Martha Brooks, Patsy Duncan, and Irene Tolbert.

Glad to report that Venna Livingston is making a good recovery after breaking a hip. She is now able to drive and go. She is fortunate to have a nice brother, Woodrow

Young, who visits her often from Gadsden and comes bearing gifts and helping hands—even sprayed her shrubbery.

Mona Cartee and son, Sam, from Tuscaloosa, spent the weekend with her parents, Mildred and Thomas Lackey. They really enjoy that cute, little 2-1/2 year old grandson, Sam. Remember Mildred's father, Cecil Freeman, in your prayers, as he is battling cancer.

The Youth Group from Walnut Grove Baptist Church enjoyed a great time on a trip to Dollywood at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Dr. Charles Jenkins, Lynn, and children, Denee and Cherie, and Lynn's sister, Leila, and others from Valley Head Baptist Church, including Ruth and Bert Pickett, Louise Hammond, Sadie Cooper, Eugene and Juanita Smith, Peggy Bentley, and Jane Galloway, went to Townsend, TN, and saw the Passion Play. They were joined by Juanita Smith's brother and his wife, Aubrey and Vonda Elam, from Brent, AL. On the way back, they toured Mayfield's Dairy plant at Athens, TN, and found it very interesting. They enjoyed the trip very much.

Congratulations and best wishes to Abby Holleman and Eric Ward who were married in Jamaica on Aug. 10. Attending were Abby's parents, Bill and Becky Holleman, and her sister, Amy, Michael Helms, Michael La Mar Ward, Eric's sister, Jill, and Aunt Mary from Camden, S.C. They will live in Tuscaloosa.

Stella Pierce and her uncle, J.P. Thornberry, left on Aug. 12, for a twelve-day tour of Italy. They will be visiting Rome, Florence, Pisa, Bologna, and Venice. They had a small setback when their luggage didn't arrive on time, but all worked out great for a memorable trip.

Remember Lora Dell Perkins in your prayers, as she is undergoing radiation treatments.

Mary Louise Holleman is recuperating from heart surgery.

Mozelle Crow suffered a painful injury to her arm in a fall while out walking.

There has been so much sickness and tragedy—hopefully, cooler weather and September showers will bring better days.

It helps a lot to receive news items by mail and phone. Please call me or write your news. Your

School Days

School days are here once more
They open wide each door
To knowledge, rare and free,
Which means mental security.

Priceless and precious gift
To enlighten and lift
Above mere existence
To perfect subsistence.

Gift—not given—but earned
With each fact that is learned
A new world to reveal
Treasure—no one can steal.

Worth more each passing year,
To make the way more clear,
If only each dear youth,
Could realize this truth,

And use all precious time
To make the brain sublime,
Then each school day would bless
Real achievement with success.

School days are happy days,
Concentration of learning ways,
Each opportunity fully heeded
To fulfill your living need.

—Eloise Brown

September Showers

September showers
Remember flowers
They grow in the Spring.

With shattering speed
They're scattering seed
With blowing, free fling.

With fierce and quick thrust,
They pierce and nick crust,
Of ev'ry seed pod.

They pound them down deep,
Then round up a heap
Of very neat sod.

There they leave them sleep
Neither grieve nor weep
No dirge do they sing.

September showers
Remember flowers
Emerge in the Spring.

—Eloise Brown

HATFIELD'S ANTIQUES AND MORE

About 13 miles from Mentone
North on I-59, Exit 239, Sulphur Springs, AL
Open Tues, Wed., Fri. Sat -10:30-5:00
Sunday 1-5; Closed Monday & Thursday

256-635-0962

10% off selected items with this ad.

Mentone Springs Hotel

(256) 634-4040

Home of

CALDWELL'S RESTAURANT

Sundays 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(Try our Sunday morning breakfast buffet!)

Cloudland Trade Center

ONE Stop Shopping

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri-Sat. 7 a.m.-Midnight-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

706-862-2711

- Sub Sandwiches
- Pizza
- Exxon Gas
- Fresh Bar-B-Que
- and Ice Cold Beverages
- Deli Meats and Cheeses
- Groceries
- Kerosene

- Plumbing & Electrical Supplies
- Well Pumps
- Water Filter Systems
- Propane Bottles Filled
- Videos
- Building Hardware
- Tools

Family Chiropractic Care

Dr. Steven L. McGee
Chiropractor

Appointments, Walk-ins,
Emergencies are Always Welcome!

Open Monday through Saturday
Approved Insurance Accepted

1913 Godfrey Avenue N.E., Fort Payne, AL 35967

(256) 845-2819



MORGAN
DRUGS

Donald R. Morgan

Valley Head
635-6812

PRESCRIPTIONS

Master Gardener Panel answers questions from Rhododendron Garden Club members

By Christina Wise



Home of Jo and George Beaubé in Mentone, where the garden club met for its August 10th meeting

In the absence of President Dallyne Jones, Vice President Mickey Gough called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. The meeting took place in the home of Jo and George Beaubé, which provided an elegant and comfortably cool venue. The Beaubé residence is a lovely country home on Lookout Mountain, which seems as though it has been taken directly from the pages of *Southern Living Magazine* and placed between the large fish-stocked lake in front and the crest of the mountain behind.

The devotional was given by Phyllis Canull, who also led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The hostesses were Jo Beaubé, Eleanor Teverino, and Alyce Springer, and these ladies had prepared a sumptuous buffet. Pasta salad accompanied triple stuffed ham and cheese sandwiches with a selection of relishes and congealed salad. The dessert table would have been a credit to any five-star hotel and offered Mississippi mud pie, carrot cake, millionaire brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

Vice President Gough introduced the only guest present: Dorothy Shelden, mother of Marie Dillenbeck. Mrs. Shelden's home is in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The program consisted of a panel of master gardeners who had agreed to put themselves on the spot and answer questions from the floor. The experts were Emma Jordan and Kristie Rastall from Ft. Payne and Tom Roark of Mentone. The panel fielded a myriad of questions with humor and a great deal of gardening acumen.

Emma Jordan distributed a lot of handouts that she picked up from the Alabama Cooperative

Extension Office in Fort Payne. She said it was a practice she developed from years as a school teacher.

Tom Roark amused the club members when asked about plants that are easy to grow in this area by inquiring if we would exclude Kudzu from the category! Mr. Roark went on to discuss a flower native to Lookout Mountain, but yet not seen too commonly. He advocated its propagation and undertook to supply club members with seeds in the fall. The plant is called *Helianthus Longifolius*; it has a pleasant foliage through early summer, but does not flower until September. Mr. Roark explained that it is a sunflower which provides a wonderful show of color towards autumn. It can be found growing on the sandstone rocks along Little River Canyon. This flower has no common name and so the Rhododendron Club may just name it the Little River Sunflower.

Kristie Rastall answered several questions with aplomb. She announced that the Alabama Cooperative Extension System has established a telephone hot line where master gardeners are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to answer home and gardening related questions. This service will run until Oct. 31, 1999, and will start again in the Spring of 2000. The phone number is 1-888-574-2451.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Under old business, Shirley Hussell reported that the tentative date for the preparation and planning of the garden area at the junction of County Road 89 and Tutwiler

Gap is Aug. 23. The Rhododendron Garden Club is in a joint venture with Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative on this project. A postponement on this date may be required if a continued lack of rainfall renders the ground too difficult to work.

It was announced that a litter pick up on the Rhododendron Garden Club's adopt-a-mile on Alabama Hwy 117, from the Mentone Post Office to the Leonard Shigley house, had been arranged for Aug. 17 by Flo Kirby. Volunteers will assemble at 7 a.m.

Under new business, Ann Wright spoke about the upcoming 1999 VFW Flower Show, in Ft. Payne, scheduled for October. Mrs. Wright encouraged members to register individual entries by calling Reita Grant at 638-4194. She also reminded everyone of the work days for the show. Rovene Truett is in charge of the design and arrangement of entry for the Rhododendron Garden Club.

The treasurer's report was given by Peggy Roark, and the final item on the agenda was the drawing of the door prize. The lucky winner was Marjorie Gray. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 12:30 p.m. at Nippersink Lodge. Hostesses are Gerry Disney, Mary Ellen Fielder, and Mickey Gough. Roll call is to name your favorite rose. Jan Wilkinson, past president and master gardener, is the speaker and her topic is English Country Gardens.

THE CITIZENS BANK OF VALLEY HEAD

*Large Enough to Serve You—
Small Enough to Know You!*

Valley Head 635-6292

Ider 657-5122

Member FDIC



The Lookout Restaurant

"Atop Lookout Mountain"
CLOUDLAND, GEORGIA

(706) 862-2515

Reservations Necessary Friday and Saturday

UGF SETS \$330,000 GOAL FOR THE 1999-2000 CAMPAIGN

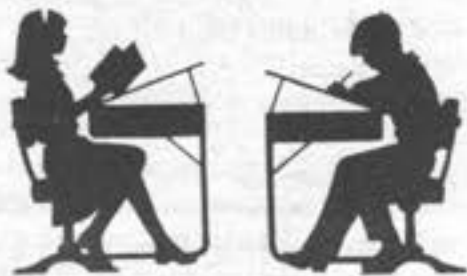
When the UGF campaign kicks off in mid-September, volunteers will be looking at a goal of \$330,000. Campaign General Chairman, Jonnie Justice, says she's looking forward to another successful fundraising campaign, and says she and last year's volunteers "must have done something right," since she was asked to once again chair this fall's campaign.

Other campaign volunteers recruited to date include: Jeff Williams, Campaign Treasurer; Bill Mitchell, Cornerstone Club Chairman; Bob Proia, President's Club Chairman; Bill Jordan, Two Hundred Plus Chairman; Doris Hobbs and Sara Graves, Campaign Awareness Co-chairmen; Scott Bateman and Steve Eberhart, Employee Participation Co-chairmen. Division Chairmen are: Linda Sterling, Industrial Division; Pam Gibson, Commercial Division; Jim Houston, Professional & Special Gifts Division; Jackie Pettit, Public Service Division; and Virginia Wright, Town & County Division. Team Chairmen include: Linda Sterling, Wilma Leath, Lisa Obenlander, Deborah Key, Larry Hancock, Olivia Mauney, Anna Lowman, Teresa Freeman, Sue Wills, Randolph Bell, and Michael Gullledge.

UGF Campaign Staff includes: Campaign Director, Barbara Turner, Campaign Secretary, Debra Dawson, and Campaign Assistant, Ann Houston.

Ms. Turner said the theme for this year's campaign will be, "Into A New Generation of Caring." She said, "While last year's theme, '40 Years of Caring', was chosen to celebrate the organization's past, this year's theme was chosen to symbolize the future--to take the organization 'into a new generation of caring.'"

The contributions raised in this fall's campaign will help to fund 12 local agencies during the year 2000. These agencies provide year-round programs and services that help to strengthen families and the community, promote health and safety, provide shelter and security, develop and encourage youth, and assist the elderly.



MENTONE DELI AND GRILL

(formerly known as Reilly's Deli)

New owners Derek & Brandi Johnson

New hours: open 6 days a week

Closed on Wednesday

11 a.m. serving lunch

(evening hours subject to change)

Dining area opening soon.

GRAND OPENING SPECIAL

Buy any burger or sub
and get 2nd one half price

Call-in orders welcome.
Phone: 256-634-3656

Everyone has inner beauty

Lisa Scott recently returned from the Carole Lyden Smith Academy of Design in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where she attended a private finishing school for three days in July. While at the school, she learned to design free form styles.

The designing methods begin with a personal consultation with the client, followed by an art sketch of the facial structure. The hair is then designed to the blueprint of the face.

Everyone has an inner beauty given to us by God," Lisa says. That beauty can also be seen on the outside, by bringing out a person's most beautiful features and accenting them with a hair design.

Lisa's training also included a creative awareness art class, as well as free form cutting techniques. The third day was business where Lisa learned that a win/win situation with the client was the only way to go.

"The Academy, the only finishing school in the United States that is based on Christian theory, was highly motivational and my priorities were certainly challenged," she says.

A designer is a person who has mastered each skill and technique to produce a special effect, and then takes his or her creative imagination and designs a feeling that fits that person's needs.

A new sculpting tool was introduced called the Helix™ shear that actually cuts spiral direction, volume and texture into the hair. The design is low maintenance, easy to keep, and is totally original to fit the client's face.

You can call Lisa at Clydell's Beauty Shop, 634-3595, for an appointment.

REILLY'S DELI & GRILL

wishes to thank everyone for their support and friendship while we were on the hill.

Brandi and Derek Johnson will be taking over on September 1st. We hope you all give them the same loyal support and friendship.

Thank you, Dan and Mary

EARLY FALL SAVINGS

12.99

Tuff Grip Men's Leather Palm Gloves

4.99

10-FL. x 25-FL. Plastic Sheeting

6.99

Scall Primer

5.99

Premium Fall Winterizer

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN YOUR FALL PROJECTS

29.99

Shell-Help System 4

9.99

Elms

42.99

6-Gal. 2.0 HP Wet/Dry Vac

7.99

30-in. Poly Leaf Rake

5.99

Work Light With Plastic Safety Cage

2.99

Multiple Outlet Strip

Little River Hardware
5190 AL HWY 117, Mentone AL 35984
256-634-4757 • 1-800-634-4787 • FAX: 256-634-4105



Logan Chambers

Logan Chambers celebrated his 10th birthday on July 23rd. He celebrated with friends and family with a party and two trips to Florida. Shown here holding one of the catches from deep sea fishing.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. A change in the pastoral appointments will take place August 1, 1999. Rev. Charles Flannigan will be accepting this position. Rev. Butch Tanner would like to express his appreciation to the people of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy and to the many other people of Mentone who have made his appointment such a wonderful experience.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM and morning worship at 11 AM each Sunday. The Youth Choir meets at 5 PM on Sunday under the direction of David and Marcia Tucker. Discipleship Training is also at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM on Sunday. Youth Fellowship is after Evening Worship on the third Sunday of each month. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Adult Prayer Service is held and Youth Bible Studies and Children's Choir meet. July 26th - 30th from 6 PM-9PM is Vacation Bible School. The theme is Mount Extreme and promises to be an exciting Bible study. We are looking forward to a busy and fun summer at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Come and join us.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday, and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, 112 First Street, SW, Fort Payne, invites you to attend Sunday Worship at 8 AM, School at 9 AM, & Tuesday Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the **Presbyterian Church** worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.



The Don Murphy Family (all 12 of them)

L/R: (Back row) Judy, Jenny Leigh, Bethany, Anna Kate, Bonnie, David, Don, (front row) Daniel, Laura, Sarah, Mary, and Emily

The family was at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone, AL.

This singing group travels and sings together.

We, at St. Joseph's, thank the Murphys for sharing their time and song with us.

(Photo taken while caroling Dec. 21, 1998)

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to visit with us each Saturday morning. We are currently having services in the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Song Service & Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00 - 12:00. Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer meeting 6:30-7:30 PM. We've been having lots of outdoor picnics after services each week. Drop by and eat and fellowship with us. All are invited.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is committed to being a Bible teaching community church where all peoples of all races, social standing and diverse church backgrounds are welcomed and loved. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Youth Ministry Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM; Bible Study Wednesday 7 PM.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. The church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church services begin at 10 AM EST and 6 PM. Wednesday services are at 7 PM. Pastor James Braddy invites you to attend all of our services and a special invitation is extended to everyone to join our Saturday night singings. We always have a wonderful fellowship dinner at 6 PM followed by singing at 7 PM EST. Come with an open heart and you will certainly receive a blessing! We are a small country church with a big country welcome! We are located 2 miles behind the Lookout Restaurant in Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun., Tues. and Wed. nights. A "Super Saturday" event - a mini-Vacation Bible School with a circus theme, is planned for one Saturday each month. A prayer and praise service one Sunday night each month. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Tucker invites everyone to attend. On the fifth Sunday, August 29, there will be a covered dish lunch. Everyone is invited.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.



Moon Lake School News

By Evelyn Graves

Dr. Bill Berry expresses appreciation to the PTO, the community, and the DeKalb County Board of Education for their contributions toward the gym improvement project. The gym floor is now partially installed and will be completely installed after the new entrance is completed.

Past President of the PTO, Lyle Nicely, nurtured the project through the summer and continued to oversee the work on the new gym entrance, which will feature two new restrooms, a new concession stand, and a storage closet for PE equipment. The project will also include a sidewalk extending from the present sidewalk down the hill to the front door of the gym.

We welcome three new staff members this year. New 5th grade teacher, Lynne Wagner, comes to us after having taught at Adamsburg School for 8 years. Two new aides are also employed in the school: Jennifer Hale Gorham, a former Moon Lake student, who recently earned her degree in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State University; and the other aide is Sheila Lacy who had worked in various positions in schools during the past few years.

School will be out on Monday, September 6, in commemoration of Labor Day.

The first PTO meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30 pm., in the school cafeteria.

School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 17.



Southern Properties

845-6000

302 Gault Ave. S., Fort Payne

Agency, Inc.

e-mail Southern Properties at: soprop@peop.tds.net

Visit our web site at: www.dekalbrealestateguide.com/southern



(1) Over 1600 sq. ft. of Living Space. This house offers 2 bdrm, 2 bath, large kitchen with island and breakfast nook. Also features pine paneling, great closet space, a detached garage and storage shed all on 2 acres. \$64,900.



(2) OVER 100 YEAR OLD FARMHOUSE - offering 5 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, large eat-in kitchen, wraparound porch and 3 out buildings. All on 18 acres with creek, pasture and woods \$89,000.



(3) CHECK YOUR OPTIONS in this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home featuring living room, dining room, 2 dens, sunroom overlooking L-shaped in-ground pool and 3 car garage with storage room, and fenced yard. Attractively priced at \$150,000.



(4) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of elite brow front property. \$249,900.



(5) OWNERS ARE ANXIOUS TO SELL. A magical moment happens when you enter this wonderful 4-year-old log home close to DeSoto State Park. Secluded in the woods, you can enjoy the large porches, the pine floors, solid wood walls, high ceilings with spacious loft room, and beautiful landscaping. A perfect get-away location, but only minutes from town. Enter today. \$159,500.



(6) PARADISE FOUND—Privately situated on 26 acres, this rustic home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a beautiful in-ground pool, rock fireplace, screened porches, large basement, a three-car garage with spacious garage apartment, and gorgeous landscaping. Close to Little River Canyon—the property has a creek running through it and plenty of places for hiking and enjoying nature. \$175,000.



(7) SECLUSION JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths - mountain stone fireplace - CHIA - 1.9 acres of woods, wonderful rock formations. \$137,500.



(8) COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES ON HWY 117. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, sunroom, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$65,000.



(9) LAKE ON THE BROW - Panoramic view of the valley and at one point Lake Weiss. Three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath custom built home with stacked rock foundation and fireplace with inside wood storage. Pella windows, corian counter tops and sink, skylights, track and recessed lighting, professional landscaping...too many extras to list. Call today for all the details. \$368,500.



(10) COUNTRY SOPHISTICATION! One look is all it will take for you to fall in love with this custom built home in the mountains. Only 4 years old with 3 BR, 2 baths, CH&A, 2 car garage, deck, built-in appliances, custom made cabinets and much more! Call today. Only \$125,000.



(11) EVERYTHING YOU COULD WANT IN A MOUNTAIN HOME! You'll fall in love with this house at first sight. Beautiful pine floors, Mountain rock fireplace, screened sleeping porch, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat and air, and lighted decks going all the way down to the river. Don't miss your chance! \$175,000.



(12) COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN MENTONE Great location, building offers 6 rooms, a kitchen, bath and glassed-in porch with plenty of room for parking. \$75,000.



(13) ALMOST NEW CHALET -2 bdrms -2 baths detached garage - cable, just minutes from Valley Head School. \$83,500.

OTHER LISTINGS

(14) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL available. 3 bdrms and 2 baths will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

(15) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling-heavily wooded-with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.

(16) MAKE THE MOVE TO MENTONE! Building lot on DeSoto Parkway - 200 feet of road frontage. \$10,000.

(17) LAKE ON BROW - two great building lots. Over 1 acre Lake lot \$37,500, 1.4 acre Brow lot \$45,000.

(18) TWO - 3/4 ACRE BROW LOTS just minutes from DeSoto State Park. \$40,000 each.

(19) CANYON VIEW FOREST - 3/4 acre lot on the rim of Little River Canyon - Creek and Waterfall on property. \$34,500.

(20) 1.75+ ACRES IN WEST FORK SUBDIVISION. \$29,500.

(21) WEST FORK SUBDIVISION - Over 3 acres in West Fork Subdivision. This property is wooded and has a spring. Lightly restricted. \$15,000.

(22) BROW PROPERTY - 2.64 +/- acres on the West Brow of Lookout Mountain. Located less than one mile from downtown Mentone. \$45,000.

•Southern Properties has buyers looking for building lots, brow property, River property, farms and acreage.
•If you are considering selling your property in DeKalb County, please call us today.

Susan Collins Residence - 634-4695, Broker, GRI - CRS

Sara Quinn Residence - 845-1881, Broker, GRI - CRS

We are in the last days of summer. It goes by so fast and we will soon wish we had some of these warm days back with us. It hurts to give up our fresh wonderful vegetables from the garden. They have been good and plentiful this summer, but drought and heat have depleted them.

The Teverinos have been so good to share with us their bumper crop of luscious blueberries. Homer and I picked (and ate!) to our heart's content. We picked five gallons in a short time and could hardly tell where we had picked. I made jam from some of them and put several packages in the freezer. We take them from the freezer and eat them with our cereal just like they are. They thaw very quickly. They are wonderful in muffins and pancakes also and especially good in ice cream.

Penny Lyday has made very good crisp cucumber pickles we have had the pleasure of sharing. They can make a beans-and-potato meal come alive with flavor and texture.

Apples are going to be plentiful from the looks of trees I have observed in some people's yards. Some years, they just produce better and this seems to be the year when all fruits have done well. They are delicious dried and made into fried pies or the stack-apple cake like my grandmother and mother made. I can do the pies, but have not been able to make the cake like they did. Mother would make one of the cakes for Christmas every year, with about twelve layers—very thin ones like a torte. And was it ever good!

The Shenandoah Valley in Virginia would be a very beautiful place to visit in September. We drove through it one year and enjoyed bright shiny red apples on each side of the road for miles. They made everything, it seemed, from apples—good apple cider, apple sauce, apple butter, even apple candy. They made beads from the seeds. I'm getting nostalgic about this trip and would like to return, and of course the wonderful Virginia ham is great to go with these apple delectables.

Phyllis Canall brought us some good fresh okra, tomatoes, and pumpkin from her and Fred's garden. They did their good deed of the month. Our tomatoes had succumbed to heat and drought and these goodies were really appreciated. We have attended several reunions this summer, each one different and enjoyable. We went to Sand Springs Baptist Church in Big



Texas Valley, near Rome, Ga., where we go every year on the fourth Sunday in July. My dad, his parents and grandparents are buried in the little cemetery there. There is a path to the big spring back of the church, and this property was deeded to the church by my great grandfather Cooper. The spring just seems to boil up with white sand in it. I never saw anything like it. Of course the water is clear and pure. It is nice to see my Cooper cousins there each year. One cousin, Clara Mae Green, was present this year, and I had not seen her since I was a child.

We attended the Blalock reunion at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head as guests of Jim and Penny Lyday. Jim's mother was a Blalock (Mrs. Edith Lyday who retired from teaching at Moon Lake School and then made and sold some of the most beautiful quilts I have ever seen.) She was featured on the front of *The Groundhog* a few years ago. Her sisters, Edna and Stella Crow, also quilted exceptionally beautiful quilts and sometimes the three of them would work together on them.

The children of Joe and Martha Claire Blalock furnished good music. All of them are talented like their father. Joe could play any stringed instrument he picked up and do it well. Elizabeth (Jones) Romans played guitar with them. She and her brothers, Colquitt and Lovejoy, used to play with Joe a few years ago. Joe, Colquitt, and Lovejoy are no longer with us, but it is wonderful to see the family carry on the tradition of musical talent. We had fun.

The food was a covered dish affair, but some of them must have brought several dishes because this table was "groaning."

I know you have heard the term that the table was so loaded with food it was called a "groaning board."

Karen Wright and her little daughters, Paige and Brooke, did a clogging exposition that was delightful. The least one, Brooke, was doing all the steps and really enjoying it.

We were happy to see Lucille (Crow) Helms from Alexandria, Va. She is the daughter of Roy and Edna (Blalock) Crow. Lucille went to school with us at Moon Lake—many years ago. And she looks much younger than I, but I know we are near the same age. Her niece and nephew, children of Curtis Crow (deceased) were there. And Floyd Crow, son of Joe and Stella (Blalock) was there and gave some information of family history. He has worked on the lineage of Crows and Blalocks. So Homer had relatives there on the Crow side. The last part of the program was led by Jim Lyday, which was gospel singing. Barry and Coy Crow played music for the singing.

The heat continued in August with a brief shower, occasionally, to give us some relief. When it's warm at Mentone, you know it's hot at other places.

Many people are busy getting ready for the big yard sale, including MAPA. We clean out closets at home and hope someone will pay a small amount for it. "One person's junk is another person's treasure."

I awoke recently from a nightmare about the huge eighteen wheeler trucks that seem like monsters that have invaded our little mountain town. They come zooming through at a dangerous speed without regard to speed limit signs. Our tourists are amazed that big trucks come through on a road not suitable for heavy traffic. Our bridges are not wide enough to accommodate them and they create a hazard. I just pray that we can appeal to our state highway commissioner and get them routed another way.

Please remember my brother, Don Castleberry, in your prayers. He has had chemo and radium treatments for a cancerous tumor in his throat. He is sure it is dissolved but he has no appetite and continues to lose weight. He will have another check-up this week, and maybe he can get something to whet his appetite.

Schools are in session. Please drive carefully and observe all traffic signs.

Stop by & chat with Bernise at CROW'S NEST ANTIQUES

Antiques,
collectibles,
glassware, books

(256) 634-4548



Hoted Best Cook DeKalb County 1995 & 1997
Dessie Newberry P.O. Box 425 Mentone, AL 35984
10am - 8pm Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat. * Open Sunday 11am - 2pm

dish

Mentone's
TeaRoom Cafe

(256) 634-3669

Friday-Sunday
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday Nights
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Located in
The Hitching Post



WoodMaster's Gift Gallery

New shipment of Dept 56
Villages, Christmas Ornaments, Snow Village and
two (2) new...Storybook Village and Elf Land
(where the elves go when they get off work)

New shipment of Cairn Studio's Tom Clark
Knomes, Tim Wolfe animals

Bride and Groom Registry
Custom-Made Childrens Rocking Horses
"Just The Right Shoe" collectibles

Dreamsicles—new shipment + large selection
Crystal, Pewterware, & Lace Tablecloths

Anheuser-Bush Steins + Clydesdale Collection
Model Ships and sailboats of all sizes
Coca-Cola collectibles

"A Gift for Everyone ... at WoodMaster's"
Lay-Away Now for Christmas!!!

322 Gault Avenue, NW, Down Town Fort Payne
Phone: 256-845-2367

F First Federal Bank

Fort Payne 845-1077 Rainsville 638-6342 Ider 637-6255

"We're more than Bankers,
"We're your neighbors and friends"



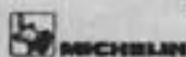
BRIDGESTONE

BFGoodrich

Westmoreland Tire Co.

301 South Gault Ave.
Fort Payne, AL 35967

(256)-845-5656
1-800-443-9149



SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Auto Racing: Bobby Labonte won the Pepsi 400 at the Michigan Speedway. Dale Jarrett finished fourth and continues to lead the NASCAR points championship rather comfortably. Mark Martin, Labonte, Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart round out the top five. How 'bout rookie driver Tony Stewart, a career best third place finish.

Pro Football: The defending Super Bowl champs are without the retired John Elway. He will be missed, as Denver eyes another title with Bubby Brister. The New York Jets are ready to challenge the Broncos for AFC supremacy.

Minnesota was shocked last year by Atlanta in the NFC title game. The Vikings are loaded and ready. Keep an eye on Green Bay and Tampa Bay. They are better than expected.

Pro Baseball: Atlanta is in a heated race for the National League eastern division crown with the New York Mets. The Braves have struggled through injuries and continue to play well. You know, it's kind of fun to see the Braves in a divisional race. Watching the scoreboard to see how the Mets do, is something new. I really like this Braves team. They have guts!

College Football: Tennessee is set to defend its 1998 national title. The Vols are solid on both sides of the ball and have a healthy Jamal Lewis. Florida State, Penn State, Arizona, Texas A&M, and others are eager to topple the Volunteers. The difference could be at quarterback. Consistency is a must.

Alabama's woes continue. Just when you think the Tide is rising, controversy holds them back. The Mike Dubose story brings turmoil to the Capstone. Alabama better improve leaps and bounds, (that means lots of wins), or the university may be searching for a new coach. Image is everything when it comes to Alabama football.

Auburn went through the same kind of mess with Terry Bowden. Tommy Tuberville is on the plains and things are looking up for Auburn. Let's kick it off, and see if Alabama and Auburn can return to respectability or sink like the Titanic.

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

The 1999 prep football season is already here. Summer has flown by and now it's time to tie it up. Every DeKalb County team has the youth and inexperience problem. Even the most experienced teams: Sylvania, Plainview, and Geraldine have lots of question marks. Teams in the area are a little down this year, but that makes for some high scoring, exciting football.

Here is a look at the areas that involve local teams and how they may shape up.

1A Area 14: Collinsville has made the playoffs five years in a row. The Panthers have to contend with an improved Cedar Bluff in '99. Gaylesville, well, they are just Gaylesville.

1. Cedar Bluff 2. Collinsville 3. Gaylesville

2A Area 13: Sand Rock traditionally is the strongest team in this area. The Wildcats return senior quarterback Lucas McMichen, and have three easy wins to start the season. The area championship may be decided at West End on October 8th. Geraldine is a dark horse to win the area. Cleveland brings up the rear in a tough area.

1. West End 2. Sand Rock 3. Geraldine
4. Cleveland

2A Area 14: Fyffe has enjoyed great success under Paul Benefield, 16-6 in two seasons. Bad news is the Red Devils are rebuilding, the good news is so is the rest of the area. Section returns the most players. Ider and Valley Head have few in numbers, but are big in heart.

1. Section 2. Fyffe 3. Valley Head 4. Ider

3A Area 10: Crossville returns good skill folks, yet lacks in the offensive and defensive lines. Ashville is tough and Litchfield is talented. Sardis and Saint Clair County had terrible years in '98.

1. Ashville 2. Litchfield 3. Crossville
4. Sardis 5. St. Clair County

3A Area 16: This area is going to be competitive. The team that finishes last may be just as good as the team that finishes first. New Hope returns 2000 yard rusher T.J. Sullivan. Plainview is always a force to be reckoned with. Sylvania returns lots of experience with 14 starters. NSM is playoff tested and returns a solid group. Pisgah eyes a playoff spot after winning one game last year.

1. Sylvania 2. New Hope 3. Plainview
4. Pisgah 5. NSM

5A Area 15: Buckhorn returns a solid group of seniors and Hazel Green returns star quarterback Jeff Norman. J.O. Johnson has speed and may be a factor for the area title. Fort Payne, Scottsboro, and North Jackson are rebuilding.

1. Buckhorn 2. J.O. Johnson 3. Hazel Green
4. North Jackson 5. Scottsboro 6. Fort Payne

Coach Jerry Brown begins his third season as coach of the **Valley Head Tigers**. The Tigers are low in numbers, though the attitude seems to be good. Looking at the schedule, I see two instances where the Tigers are out-manned (Sylvania and Sand Rock). The rest of the schedule has good possibilities. Circle the Fyffe game on September 3rd--that is the key game. The Devils are beatable, and Valley Head needs an early area win. First up, Sylvania this weekend. Good Luck, Tigers!

CBS came in second place in the men silver softball league at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. Mentone finished 7-9 in the men's bronze league.

The 1999 Pee-Wee Football Tigers open up the season at home against Ider on Saturday, August 28. All home games begin with the 9-10 year olds at 10 a.m. The 11-12 year olds will follow. Here are the names of players, coaches, and cheerleaders for the Pee-Wee Tigers.

9-10 year old team

Coaches: Jeff Bain, Shane Grider, Dustin Dobbins

Players: Jacob Bain, Jeff Bain, J.J. Coulter, Alan Crider, Cory Dobbins, Justin Grider, Tommy Grisham, Griff Hall, Nick Johnson, Chris Moss, Landon Poe, Coty Powell, Joe Scott, Will Sparks, Matt Turner, Jeremy Underwood, Daniel Williams, and Dalla Gregory.

11-12 year old team

Coaches: Jason Gregory

Players: Seth Boman, Stanford Carson, Trae Carpenter, Adam Knowles, Tyler Perea, Chris Richardson, Cody Wilson, Taylor Verdor, Kevin Jeffries, Johnny Ferguson, Nick Floyd, Aaron Grisham, Nathan Renfro, Tylor Harrison, Justen Hill, Kyle Hicks, and Josh Obenlander.

Cheerleaders

Sponsors: Tina Gregory and Ginger Cash

A-Team: Kasie Hicks, Tiffany Beard, Amber Carrier, Captain Amber White, Co-Captain Amanda Carson,

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

By Jim McCray

The membership of the DeSoto Rescue Squad had dropped to six people and with that kind of staffing, it is difficult to respond to calls. Cloudland, GA., has grown in membership to 16 members, now. They have become the Tri-County Fire Rescue Service. DeSoto Rescue Squad has a mutual agreement with Cloudland, whereby they work together to respond to calls. Tri-County Fire Rescue Service consists of the NW Section of Chattooga Co., GA; NE Section of DeKalb Co., AL; and the NE Section of Cherokee Co., AL. Tri-County recently purchased a fire truck. Jim McCray is a paramedic from GA, who moved to Mentone and is now a member of the DeSoto Rescue Squad. The Tri-County will be going through a firefighter program, first responder courses, and emergency medical response courses. Working together, Tri-County will respond to calls. DeSoto Rescue Squad has a rescue vehicle and a first responder vehicle.

DeSoto Rescue Squad is a non-profit, all volunteer emergency medical response unit. Your support is greatly appreciated. For emergencies, please dial 911.

Richard Douthat - Capt. - 634-4813

Jennifer Smith - 1st Lieu. - 634-4577

Lisa Scott - Sec/Treas - 634-4207

Jim McCray - 634-
0207



Heather Daniel, Beth Taylor, Brandi Hawkins, Zoy Evatt, Ariana Beard, and Heather Dulancy.

B-Team: Aubrey Cash, Amber Matthews, Jessica McKenzie, Marjorie Harper, Heather Richardson, Megan Gregory, Nicole Carson, Captain Jessica Templeton, Co-Captain Patti Grider, Danielle Johnson, Alexis Hatfield, and Kelsey Kemp.

Pee Wee Football Schedule

Aug. 28	Ider	H
Sept. 4	Section	A
Sept. 11	Sylvania	A
Sept. 18	Geraldine	H
Sept. 25	Fyffe	H
Oct. 2	Pisgah	H
Oct. 9	NSM	A

Good Luck Pee Wee Tigers! Thanks to Jason and Tina Gregory for the Pee Wee football and cheerleader information. Well that does it for another month. God Bless!



Photo of the N. Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department building on Thursday, August 19, during the 450-mile yard sale. At that time, they had received donations in the amount of \$21,525 toward their New Fire Truck Fund. There is still a need for more donations to reach the \$50,000 goal.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

This know also, that in the last days per-
ilous times shall come. For men shall be
lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters,
proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy.

2 Tim 3:1-2

You only have to turn on the T.V. or pick up the
newspaper to see all these things going on today.
Parents crying because the children they love so
much do not respect them. You also see men that
care little about others. All they think about is their
own selves--unthankful and unholy. I think this will
tell us we are living in the last days. Wake up, dear
ones, and make yourself ready. That's what is
important--being ready.



Walker County
**STATION 18
FIRE & RESCUE**
Invites you to an
OPEN HOUSE

HWY 157 AND
FLARITY ROAD
AUGUST 28TH
11AM - 3PM

FUN STUFF FOR THE KIDS!
FREE HOTDOGS
AND DRINKS
MUSIC AND
SAFETY INFORMATION

GROUNDHOG PUBLICATION NOTICE.

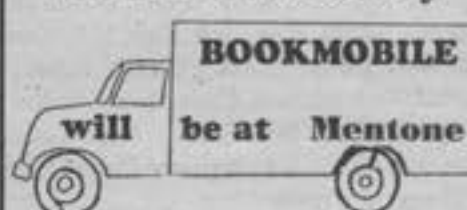
The OCTOBER issue of *The Groundhog* will be
published on the last Thursday of September,
September 30.

Those submitting photos, please get them to us by
the 18th of September.

September issue due date for articles is
September 15-20.

Thank you.

The DeKalb County



will be at Mentone
on Wednesdays
from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- September 1, 15, & 29
- October 13 & 27
- November 10 & 14
- December 8 & *
- January 2000 12 & 26

*(Christmas Vacation)

POW WOW

Sequoyah Caves
September 17, 18, 19
Head Man: Tony Walkingstick
Head Lady: Lisa Kirschner
Host Drum: Wagon Burners
Guest Drum: Bull Run
Flute Player: Johnny Wildcat
Singer: Wolf
Adults: \$5.00
Children 2-12: \$2.00
Senior Citizens (65+;
and Disabled): FREE

My Precious Friend,

I am sending you this letter by way of one of my
Disciples. I just wanted to let you know how much I love
and care about you and how I greatly desire to become a
meaningful part of your life.

This morning when you awoke, I was already there
with you in the light of my beautiful sunshine that filled
your room. I was hoping you would say good morning
to me. You didn't. So, I thought maybe it was just a lit-
tle too early in the day for you to notice me.

Again, I tried to get your attention when you stepped
out of your door. I kissed your face with a soft, gentle
breeze. I breathed upon you my fragrant sweet breath
scented with flowers. Then, I gave you a love song
through the birds in the trees. You just walked right past
me.

Later on in the day, I watched over you as you were
talking with some of your friends. Oh, how I wished you
would talk with me, also. I waited and waited, but you
just went along your way.

This afternoon, I sent you a refreshing shower and
glistened to you from each rain drop. I even shouted to
you a time or two with thunder trying to get your atten-
tion. Then, I painted you a lovely rainbow in the mist of
my fluffy white clouds. I just knew you would see me
then, but you were unaware of my presence.

This evening, to close your day, I sent you a beautiful
sunset. After that, I winked at you a thousand times
through my stars hoping you would see me and wink
back. You never did.

Tonight, when you went to bed, I spilled moonlight
upon your face to let you know that I was there with you.
I was hoping you would talk to me a little while before
you went to sleep. You never said a word. It hurt me
deeply. However, I continued to watch over you all
through the night thinking that, maybe, you would say
hello to me in the morning.

Each and every day, I have revealed myself to you in
many strange and wondrous ways, hoping you would
accept me as your Shepherd. For I am the only one who
can supply you with all your needs. My love for you is
deeper than the deepest ocean and bigger than the great
blue sky. I have so very much to give to you and also
share with you. Please let me hear from you soon.

Your loving friend forever,
JESUS

—Submitted by Christine Brooks