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First Annual Gathering of Nations American Indians POW WOW

By Evelyn Graves

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 16, 17, and 18, the first annual American Indians Pow-Wow and Festival will be held at the I-59 Flea Market. Thirty different tribes across the United States are expected for the festival. They will be coming from South Dakota, North Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina.

Richard Pridmore, owner of the I-59 Flea Market, is excited about the conclave being held here. He is particularly interested in Indian affairs since his wife and step-daughter are part Indian. John Ross, who led the Trail of Tears, was Richard's wife's grandfather of five generations back. He feels that this is an ideal place for such a gathering because of the history in this area. John Ross' home was inside the house now occupied by Dr. Steve Brewer. John Ross is the one for whom Rossville, Georgia, is named. A house named The John Ross House is a familiar place, as is Ross' Landing in Rossville, that tourists and students on field trips find most interesting as they attempt to learn more about the Indian heritage. Of course, Sequoyah Caverns and DeSoto Falls both have evidenced the fact that Indians have lived in the caves because of Indian relics that have been found in those areas.

Mr. Pridmore has talked with Morris McGee, who is head of the Indian program in DeKalb County Schools. He advises that, of the 7,000 students in the County School System, 1,700 of them are in the Indian program because of their Indian ancestry. The teachers who work in the program rotate from school to school teaching these students.

Friday night, April 16, is set aside for students, free of charge, to attend the Pow-Wow. Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, are for the general public. After the Flea Market closes at the regular time, the Pow-Wow will continue late on Saturday and Sunday evenings. There will be drum contests, arts and crafts demonstrations, Indian storytelling, which will include some history of their tribes. They will be giving away \$5,000.00 for their dance contest. This will include the Men's Traditional, Women's Traditional, Men's Fancy Feather, Women's Fancy Shawl, Men's Grass, Women's Jingle, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Tiny Tot Boys, and Tiny Tot Girls. Dancers will be judged according to various factors such as their dress, dance steps, etc. The Indians will be sleeping in wigwams or teepees and will have concessions of various Indian foods, such as buffalo burgers and fried corn.

Mr. Pridmore became familiar with the various tribes in different states through the Indian dealers who come to the flea market. He welcomes everyone to the festival. The tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. For more information concerning the festival, you may call the I-59 Flea Market at (205) 635-6899; or, in the evenings, you may call Mike Leadford at (615) 267-6562.



DODI KILLIAN AND CHIEF THURMAN OF
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Gospel Music Festival

There will be a Gospel Music Festival at the Edward Mason Park in downtown Mentone on April 17 and 18. On Saturday, April 17, the hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, April 18, the hours are from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Among the groups who will be singing are The Sharps from Fort Payne, The Watsons from Cleveland, Tennessee, The Griffins and Angel Heirs from Collinsville, Alabama. This will be an annual event on the weekend following Easter.

This is not intended to be a competition, but just a time of fellowship and enjoyment of a variety of good gospel music.

All singers throughout the area who would like to participate should contact Dessie Newberry at (205) 634-4232. Spectators should bring lawn chairs so they can be comfortable as they enjoy this event.

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Spring.... a time of Renewal

By Judith Lollik-Andersen

The grass is green, the trees full of buds, the birds are singing, the barn yard is filled with lambs, piglets, and young calves. Jonquils, Daffodils (I never know the difference), Lily of the Valley, Bradford Pear -- all perfume the air. The breezes are cool, the showers are many, and the sun is warm. Yes, spring is a time of rebirth. Here in our mountains we see it more than most. Winter has been sad and drab, and a time of resting. Now the light shines! Spring is a time of gatherings, festivals, and planting. I can hardly wait to pick the fruits of our garden. Enjoy our great outdoors. Come and join our festivities!

Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 11, Easter
Easter sunrise service, 6:30 a.m.
Chester Crow's residence (see article)
Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 16 - 18
Indian Pow Wow Festival
(see article)
Saturday, Sunday April 17 - 18
Gospel Music Festival
(see article)
Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
CPR Class
DeSoto Rescue Squad
Saturday, April 24
"Wheels for Life" Bike-a-thon
Sunday, April 25, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ralph Hammond Homecoming Tea
Woodhaven
Invitation Required (see article)
Saturday, May 1 and May 8
2nd Annual Wildflower Saturday
DeSoto State Park
Thursday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.
National Day of Prayer
Mentone Brow Park
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 14 - 16
Rhododendron Festival

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The Editor's Column

By
JUDITH
LOLLIK-ANDERSEN

As I put this issue of the Groundhog to bed, I was aware of how much each of us notices the changing of seasons and how it changes our lives. In our community, this past winter has brought great losses -- the passing of our dear friends: Jackie Skelton, Geneva Phillips, Alice Davenport, and so many others. Their passing has reminded us of others not that long gone from our midst like Brownie Tuttle. A season is passing and with it time.

One of the reasons my husband and I wanted to live in Valley Head was the wonderful spirit of family, history, and the link to a time in our childhoods and young adulthoods we fondly remembered.

As you read this issue of the Groundhog, I hope you will see the promise and hope I saw as I laid out the articles and stories. Yes, times are changing and we no longer have the time and space we once had. Things are more rushed, places are crowded, our lives are more stressed, but the love, concern, joy, and happiness are still within each of us. Spring is here. Easter is here. There is, indeed, renewal.

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Mays Gulf Petition

I respectfully petition the Alabama Highway Department to allow the DeSoto State Parks Department to re-erect the May's Gulf Marker at Tutwiler Gap on Highway 117 in Mentone. The local landmark was removed earlier at the request of the Alabama Highway Department.

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Mail to: Talmadge Butler, Superintendent
DeSoto State Park
Fort Payne, AL 35967

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Mentone Town Council Meeting

During the March 1st meeting, one of the items on the agenda was the request of MAPA to construct a six-sided gazebo in Mason Park. This request was conditionally approved. Mrs. Dessie Newberry was instructed to return to the Council after submitting the plans to the Zoning Commission. At the regular Zoning Commission Meeting held March 18, the commission met to consider several applications, one of which was the gazebo. The gazebo was discussed in detail, with Robert House, consultant, available to answer any questions. Mr. House said the town owns the property and it would be necessary for the Town Council to approve any development of the park. The Zoning Commission recommended the application be delayed until the Town Council could make a decision.

At a special called Town Council Meeting on Thursday, March 26, the majority of the members on the Town Council rescinded their vote in favor of the gazebo and denied the request.

Zoning Compliances Issued

The Mentone Zoning Commission met March 18. The following certificates of zoning compliance were issued:

- Helen Hill, addition to existing structure;
- Camp Skyline (Susan Hooks), addition to existing structure;
- Charles Flannigan, construction of a new home;
- Little River Hardware (Jon Con-y), addition to existing structure;
- Log Cabin Craft Village (Jack Jones), construction of a craft shop.

If you are planning any new building projects, go by the city hall and pick up a certificate and complete it. This will help keep Mentone the place we all want it to be. Zoning laws make better neighbors.

M.A.P.A.— President's Column

By
PAT SEYMOUR



The mountain is abuzz with rumors that the SNOW will return and soon. The Farmers' Almanac predicts it; the woolly worms are solid black on their stomachs; the fallen snow has stayed on the ground over three days; there were the required number of thunder days in August; etc., etc., etc. If this prediction comes true, I just hope and pray that the Sam Ballards of Menlo take me in again. Let it snow!

April is going to be an exciting month of activity. On April 11, the Easter Sunrise Service is set for 6:30 a.m. on the highest point near Mentone: Lee Crow's land on Cove Road. (Chester and Lucille live there now.) The MAPA Gospel Music Festival is set for April 17-18 in Ed Mason Park, (see separate article for times). This festival is chaired by Dessie Newberry. On that same weekend, April 16, 17, and 18, the Indian nations of America will gather on land behind Hulan's Texaco for craft sales, dancing, and story telling. This event will be directed by Richard Pridmore, owner and operator of the I-59 Flea Market. (See separate article.)

Much heat and very little light has been generated by MAPA's request to erect an open-air gazebo in Ed Mason Park. Since the Zoning Commission, on March 18, informed MAPA that chert and gravel parking spaces would have to be prepared, the project has been tabled by the MAPA Board of Directors. MAPA never planned cutting down trees and expending funds to construct so many parking places.

Contributions for the Isbell marker continue to come in. The stone will be erected on Decoration Day in Little River Church Cemetery.

More than enough names have been gathered by MAPA's petitions to request the re-erection of the May's Gulf marker. Thanks for all those signatures. The State Highway Department will surely respond to our request. DeSoto State Park Superintendent Talmadge Butler has all the petition copies to forward to the State with his cover letter. For those of you who have not responded by signing one of the petitions, and who wish to do so, you may fill out the form set out on this page, and mail it to the address on the form.

MAPA's next meeting is Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kountry Chef. Charlyne O'Rear, a Mentone beauty consultant and owner of the "New Beginnings" dress shop in Valley Head, will present a demonstration make over and conduct a fashion show. Won't y'all join us? Expect a great program, delicious refreshments, and wholesome fellowship. Visitors and members are both invited.



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St. Jude's "Wheels For Life" BIKE-A-THON

St. Jude's Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, founded in 1960, is America's largest childhood cancer research, treatment, and education center. Under the chairmanship of Edna Morgan, on Saturday, April 24, at 9:00 a.m., at a location in this area to be announced, St. Jude's Hospital is sponsoring a "WHEELS FOR LIFE" bike-a-thon for the purpose of raising money on behalf of St. Jude's Hospital. This year's bike-a-thon is dedicated to Ryan Martin, Waxhaw, N.C., a survivor at St. Jude's of several Wilms' tumors.

Every person who participates in the bike-a-thon will receive a prize. Pledges are gotten by the riders, and St. Jude's is offering a T-shirt for riders collecting \$30.00 or more; and a T-shirt and sports bag for riders collecting \$75.00 or more. First prize is a 10-speed bicycle, donated by the Little River Hardware of Mentone. Second prize is \$100.00, donated by Pat Seymour & Associates of Mentone. Other prizes include: money, T-shirts, and sports bags. Adults are welcome to participate in this event. Riders under 18 years of age must have a signed permission slip from their parent or guardian. Mrs. Morgan will be conducting a meeting at the Valley Head High School Auditorium during 7th period on Tuesday, April 13, for students in the 6th through 12 grades. Every child who participates and turns in money will receive a certificate from St. Jude's.

For more information, anyone can call Mrs. Edna Morgan, 634-4431.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The blizzard of 1993 will long be remembered as one of the worst of the century. And it came right at the end of the winter season at a time when least expected. It is so good that we have computers at weather stations that can warn us ahead of time to prepare for these disasters. In the late 1800s, a blizzard hit the northeastern part of the country and people froze trying to reach their homes. There was no way to warn them in advance. But, with all our modern high-tech facilities, we are still at the mercy of the elements, and are subject to primitive ways of survival. Those hurt most were city dwellers with full electric homes. They were left with no heat and no way to prepare food. At least most of us in rural areas have wood burning stoves or fireplaces and can keep warm. Water was a problem to those with wells with electric pumps. My brother, Don, said they used melted snow to flush the bathroom toilet. There are ways!

Kerosene was a coveted product, and folks lined up at service stations to buy this fuel for heaters. The propane gas we have here is good heat. Our old gas heaters in the Hitching Post have been used to heat water, and we have cooked on them by removing the grill from the front.

We stayed at our home in Chattanooga for three days and were without electricity for one day. We cooked on the fire-place, using a cast iron dutch oven to prepare food. I boiled coffee in a boiler placed over the fire, and it was wonderful campfire coffee. The dutch oven has legs so coals can be placed under it, and it has a heavy lid indented so coals can be placed on it. It bakes potatoes, bread, stew or whatever one wants to cook. I made toast in it by lining it with aluminum foil.

A few years ago, Helen Exum of the Chattanooga Free Press wrote recipes for cooking on the fireplace. I believe it was in 1973 when we had a bad ice storm and there was no electricity on Lookout Mountain where she lived for about three weeks. She said her children were sorry when current returned because they had loved burning candles and the romantic atmosphere of the fireplace. Our children were of the same opinion. They loved evenings with candlelight and popping corn in a long-handled popper held over the coals. Many "Good Samaritans" were unsung heroes during this snowstorm that dumped twenty inches officially in Chattanooga, and I believe there were twenty-four inches here in Mentone. We watched television most of the time for two days when an appeal was made to those who had 4-wheel-drive vehicles to call in and volunteer their services to help in emergencies. One lady called and said her son had run many errands of mercy and was not even reimbursed for his gasoline! In times like these, we tend to grow close to others and are eager to extend a helping hand.

The newscasters have said this has been the worst storm of the century, but I remember one in 1939 that was much worse in our section of the country. It might not have covered as broad a territory as this one, but here it was much worse. We had eighteen inches of snow that stayed on the ground three weeks. Some of our neighbors, in the Adamsburg community where we lived then, took us in, or we might not have survived it. They had plenty of wood for the fireplace and plenty of canned food to feed us. I remember the wild birds froze to death, and many of our chickens died. I do not know what the temperature was, but it must have been very cold for the snow to stay on the ground so long.

Certainly, this has been the year for extreme kinds of weather, from hurricanes and earthquakes to floods and blizzards. Maybe next year things will return to normal: winter will be winter and spring will be spring.

We have moved to a new location. Come to see us. We sold our house in the Cootsville area to Tony and Eleanor

Taverino of Atlanta, and have purchased the Lyons house on the brow—five miles from the Hitching Post on the Lookout Mountain Parkway. Don Phillips is painting and papering inside and we should be able to move our furniture in from the big garage in about a week. Moving has been traumatic for me, but we will be happy here when we are settled. We have good neighbors that we know — Bill and Bobby Riedesel and Bill and Dot Cyr. Also Harrell Jenkins is close to us. It is a good location.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Two tried and favorite recipes with my family are featured this month. The first is a soup that is tasty, quick and easy (my favorite kind of cooking). The second is a cookie recipe that my aunt gave me. These are both relatively low fat and high on flavor. I guess I am becoming a believer in the school of thought that says we can have good flavorful foods without adding a lot of fat to our cooking and baking. I have been trying a lot of different foods and have come up with the motto "you win some, lose some, and some the pigs won't eat."

Five-Can Soup - Sue Schwarz

- 1 16-oz can Chicken Broth
- 1 16-oz can Great Northern Beans
- 1 small can chicken
- 1 4-oz can chopped green chilis
- 1 16-oz can stewed tomatoes
- 1 large onion - chopped
- 1 T cooking oil
- 1 t chili powder
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 C water

Saute onion in oil til soft. Add rest of ingredients and simmer 30 minutes. Season to taste.

Margaret's Raisin Bars - Mary Jane Dewitt

- 1 C raisins
- 1 C water
- 1/2 C oil (or 1/4 C oil and 1/4 C applesauce)
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 C sugar
- 1 3/4 C flour
- 1/4 t salt
- 1 t soda
- 1 t cinnamon
- 1 t allspice
- 1 t nutmeg
- 1/2 t cloves
- 1/2 C chopped nuts

Boil water and pour over raisins. Add oil and let sit until lukewarm. Add rest of ingredients, mix well and bake in greased 9" X 13" X 2" pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Let cool and cut into 2" squares. May dust with powdered sugar.

I would like to hear from area cooks and invite you to submit recipes for this column. Please be specific with amounts and containers used. Send your comments or recipes along with your name, address and telephone number where you can be reached to Recipe Corner, c/o Groundhog, P. O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.



The Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Garden Club met Tuesday, March 9, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. The hostesses, Alyce Springer, Bernise Crow, and Helen Hill, provided delicious refreshments, with a St. Patrick's Day motif.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, Ken Thomas, naturalist at DeSoto State Park, presented an interesting and informative slide show program entitled "Legends on the Lookout", a history of our area, accompanied by a cassette tape dialogue explaining each slide.

Under club business, the president, Hope Walker, announced that the club had agreed in December to plant the triangle in the middle of town and dedicate it to the memory of Lillian Blalock.

Due to the death of Jackie Skelton, the treasurer, an official treasurer's report was not available for the meeting.

Linda Brown gave a report on the February Federation Planning meeting. The Federation Luncheon is set for April 24, at 11:30 a.m., at Blacks Restaurant, in Fort Payne. The club is to furnish two small wrapped prizes, as well as to furnish several arrangements for table decorations, to be given away as door prizes.

The president asked Pat Seymour to let the club know about the contact she had from Mary Summerville. Pat said Mary Summerville called and asked if she would accept the Vice Chairmanship of District II, and be in charge of the summer and fall programs for District II. Pat accepted the District II Vice Chairmanship.

Ann Wright gave a report on the special projects, and said that, although the club had voted at the December meeting to do the triangle, she felt it would be too hard to undertake because of the bermuda grass and fire ants, and other reasons. It was decided to do the work in the park by going around the perimeter with some more rhododendrons, azaleas, and other plants. The park would be planted in memory of all deceased members. Several members expressed a desire to make donations to Jackie Skelton's memory and these were accepted.

Dessie Newberry presented a motion for the approval of the construction of a gazebo in the city park, with the MAPA organization funding the materials for the construction of the gazebo, and with the garden club doing the landscaping and planting. After discussion, Betty Stevens made a motion that the matter go back to the town council, before voting on the previous motion. This motion was seconded by Betty Chapman.

The nominating committee comprised of Frances Rosario, Mickey Gough, and Jean McGehee, offered the following roster:

President: Ann Wright
Vice President: Marie Dillenbeck
Recording Secretary: Frances Rosario
Corresponding Secretary: Mable Kirk
Treasurer: Jo Beaubé, who withdrew her nomination. Gerry Disney and Sue Schwarz agreed to work jointly, with Sue Schwarz handling the summer months while Mrs. Disney is working at Nippersink.

Betty Chapman made a motion that the nominations be approved by acclamation, and Helen Hill seconded the motion.

The meeting was closed with the devotion by Jean McGehee. Harol Skelton, husband of Jackie Skelton, had generously offered to let the club read at the meeting, some of the poems written by Jackie. Jean selected two entitled: "The Bonds of Friendship" and "Maturity".

The next meeting will be on April 13, at 2:00 p.m., at Mabel Kirk's Kirkwood Manor. Mabel Kirk, Betty Chapman, and Jo Beaubé will be hostesses.



Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Who should wear them? When and where is it appropriate to wear them?

There was much to do about nothing — as far as this writer is concerned — with all the hoopla over the hat Mrs. Clinton wore on Inaugural Day. Some fashion people were just down right mean about the whole affair. Here's a quote from New York (AP) by Leo Marshall, President of Lenore Marshall, Inc. of Manhattan: "It was a terrible looking hat. No style, no pizzazz, no nothing. It didn't become her. She picked the wrong hat", offered the noted milliner. The looked great on her and was perfectly appropriate for outdoors as well as indoors for the luncheon. It was a beautiful hat, worn with a lovely coat of the same color. I'd have left the funny little scarf at home and pinned a very modern coat pin on the collar instead. Mrs. Gore's hat was large and lovely. Mrs. Gore is a bit taller and of a size to wear a large hat. Her hat was lovely, her outfit was lovely, but her hat and outfit just weren't "lovely" together. Here are some things to remember when in doubt about hats. Hats can be worn to church, weddings, teas, to lunch, out in the garden, to the beach, or to the ballgame — that last one needs a brim or "bill".

Hats should be put on the head from front to back — get out of the "little girl look" of putting your hat on the back of your head. Hats can be worn to lunch — but NEVER to business lunches. NEVER do business in a hat, ladies. Hats are acceptable evening wear as long as it has a veil and the veil is pulled down over the forehead. Hats with veils can be worn during the day, but the veil must be pulled back over the hat. Only brides can wear hats with veils down during the day.

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Personally, I think hats are very romantic and I love wearing them. I hope you do too. If you've never tried or are just out of the habit of wearing hats, go out and try on several until you find one just made for your face shape and size. You'll feel so "dressed up" and look so "chic". Hats are "in" this season. Remember, large (tall, large framed) gals wear large hats and leave the small ones for the small gals.

P.S. I hope Mrs. Clinton does for hats what Mrs. Bush did for pearls! Besides, hats are great for those "bad hair days".

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I COULD FEEL THE TOUCH OF ANGEL WINGS

By Pat Seymour

On Friday, March 12, 1993, my keynote speech in Savannah, Georgia, to all the Chambers of Commerce executives in the state, had gone well at the Savannah Sheraton Resort on Wilmington Island. Now, all I faced was a nine-hour drive back home to Mentone. My secretary, Marie Dillenbeck, had made the trip to assist me with the driving. However, the return home was delayed two hours while Savannah Sheriff's officers removed the limb that had fallen from a tall oak at the Sheraton in a bizarre accident onto the roof of my 1990 Pontiac Sunbird automobile. The limb caved in the top and necessitated a sheriff's accident report. It was 3:00 p.m. by the time I pointed the damaged automobile toward Macon, then Atlanta, where I picked up I-75 North. An uneasy filling swept over me as the snow intensified into a full blown blizzard just out of Atlanta. Barely locating the Summerville exit, with a sigh of relief, I left the interstate. However, by now, the drifts along the secondary roads were piled up some three feet, and visibility was reduced to zero. The temperatures tumbled as we crept through Menlo and started up the mountain to Cloudland. The car "fishtailed" just yards from the Lookout Restaurant, and there was no choice but to return to Menlo. By now, the time was midnight. Streets in the small Georgia town were covered by drifts to a height of four feet. After stopping at the home of Eddie Majors—the only individual who was out at that time of night—I placed a telephone call to Don Ingram of Mentone, asking him if he would be able to make it down the mountain and pick us up in his truck. Don promised he would try, and I told him that we would wait in the car in the parking lot of Lucky's Supermarket and Farmers and Merchants Bank. By 2:00 a.m., it was apparent that Don was not going to be able to make it, and we had no choice but to sleep in the frigid car overnight. Several times during Friday evening, the Menlo night watchman,

Barnard Guffey and David, his grandson, checked on us until they could no longer get through the drifts. We had moved the Sunbird to the front of Hall's Texaco on Hwy 48 so that the car would be somewhat protected by the station's overhang and be visible from the road.

Around daylight, I began to sound the car horn, but there was no response from several four-wheel drive vehicles that passed on Highway 48. Just as I was giving up hope of attracting someone to dig out our car and rescue us, a Chevy Blazer turned toward our snow-encrusted car. Scott Ballard, a 21-year-old college student tumbled us (half frozen) into his truck and took us to Ballard Hardware where his grandfather had a blazing fire built in a turn-of-the-century pot-bellied stove. Scott's two grandfathers, Gene Ballard and Hill Hall, fussed over us while Scott drove to his home where he was to get sandwiches and coffee prepared by his mother, Becky Ballard, a first-grade teaching assistant at Menlo Elementary. Becky and Sam Ballard would not hear of our staying at the hardware store and told Scott to bring us to their home, which he did with great effort. After we were safely at the Ballard home, for the remainder of the time we were in Menlo, Sam and Scott went about Menlo cutting trees, clearing roads, delivering supplies, and providing transportation for others in need.

The warm welcome and hospitality that followed for the rest of our stay in Menlo, all day Saturday and part of Sunday (until about 4:00 p.m.), was filled with great fellowship and fun. Sam cooked on a campstove (with Becky's help), since Menlo's electricity was out. Their daughter, Kathy Ballard, an 11th grade student at Chattooga High School, along with her friend Nicky Wooten, a freshman at Floyd College in Rome, played table games with us and helped pass the long hours. We also talked, at length, with Becky and her mother, Doris, as the hours of white isolation enveloped us.

During the early morning hours of Saturday, March 13, Mike Porter, owner of Lucky's, received a tele-

phone call from Don Ingram who was calling to find out whether we were all right and to let us know that he had been unable to make it down the mountain as the drifts were so high, he could not get his vehicle out. Also, just prior to the telephone service going out in Menlo, my secretary was able to contact the home of Junior King and talked to Erma McAdams, his daughter. Marie asked the Kings please to check on our animals, as we would not be able to get home for two days, and they hadn't eaten since early the previous Thursday.

Late Sunday, Sam Ballard and Mark Ballard, Scott's cousin, who owned a four-wheel drive vehicle, brought us up the mountain and into Mentone to our house. We arrived around 5:00 p.m. Sunday night and were elated finally to be home, even though there was no electricity (all electric home) and no water. The open fireplace served to provide heat and to enable us to cook food for the next two days.

I now believed in modern day angels, for the Ballard family just might have saved our lives! Yes, indeed, there is a new meaning for me in Matt. 25:35: "For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in." There are Christians who talk about their faith, and there are Christians who LIVE their faith! The Ballard family of Menlo are truly followers of our Lord's teachings. May God continue to bless them richly! "Thanks for being there, Ballards." We'll never forget you.

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Drifts blocking roads and driveways...
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Iced trees and a world of black and white...

The Blizzard of 1993 By Evelyn Graves

Despite the fact that there had been numerous predictions on the part of weather experts for days prior to its coming, I was not prepared for what I saw when I peeked out the window of my bedroom at five o'clock on Saturday morning. My first response was breathlessness because of the magnitude and the beauty of the engulfing cloud of white all around us. My next response was to the chill I felt because I realized that our power was off and there was no heat. My third response was of panic when I walked to other parts of the house and looked outside and found that there were five to six-foot snow drifts blocking our three outside exits. I knew there was no way out, and I am claustrophobic! I began to take deep breaths, talk to myself about being calm, breathe a prayer, and think about doing something about the situation. I had brought my mother to our house to spend the night, and our daughter had vacated her trailer the night before and was with us also. I felt relief that we did not have to worry about them because I knew it would have been impossible to walk through the snow to get to them. I waited for nearly an hour before I could make myself pick up the telephone and check for a dial tone, and much to my amazement, there was a clear dial tone and perfect contact. When I discovered this, I was so grateful. I truly felt my prayer had been answered. My anxiety began to subside, and I realized that we would somehow cope with the situation that lay ahead of us.

I am sure that all of you have your own experiences that you can relate, and I am sure that many of them are much more traumatic than those my family experienced. However, through the caring spirit, expertise, and in many cases just plain "grit" on the part of many of Mentone's men, this trauma was lessened to a large degree.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Mentone Fire Department and the DeSoto Rescue Squad, many things were accomplished to combat the paralyzing effects of a natural phenomenon in a remote mountainous area.



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The Storm of



Destruction and downed
The Blackburn's backyard



On Friday evening around nine o'clock, Lloyd and Annette Whitten of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, were enroute to Jasper, Georgia, after having received news of the death of Mrs. Whitten's father. They got as far as Mentone and were stranded until Monday. They stayed in the Mentone Town Hall during that time, along with the local policeman, Johnny Ferguson, and Robert Green who worked in communications, receiving and relaying emergency messages. They were joined by a local couple who were brought in for shelter during the storm. Mayor Max Cash brought mattresses from Camp Skyline for these people to use. Food was brought in to them from time to time. On Monday, Hershell Pruitt and Hobson Kirby in their own separate vehicles, providing backup for each other, drove the Whittens to Calhoun, Georgia, where they were met by Mrs. Whitten's nephew who carried them the rest of the way.

All day on Saturday, volunteers from the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department looked for missing persons and moved families who had no heat in their homes to homes where heat was available. When the blizzard hit on Saturday morning, two volunteers took the Rescue Squad truck and made a treacherous trip all the way to the Georgia state line to see if there were any people stranded on Highway 117. The volunteers pulled vehicles out of ditches and carried people to their own homes or to a warm place to stay. Many families opened their homes to other families during the crisis.

A generator provided by DeSoto Rescue Squad was placed at Ruby's Variety to provide fuel for Fire Department and Rescue Squad vehicles. Jim Roberts kept the generator going, relaying messages, and helped get word to workers who needed help.

The telephone company had its own generator. The Fire Department contacted an official of the telephone company and found out how to keep it going. This is the reason that the telephone service remained in operation.

Several emergency situations arose during the time of the storm disaster. Will Blackburn, three-year-old son of Al and



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Vickie Blackburn, was stricken with a severe, life-threatening asthma attack. Through the diligent work of a Rescue Squad volunteer, he was supplied with a breathing machine which the Blackburns feel saved his life. Inky Foster also was supplied with a breathing machine. Oxygen bottles were secured from EMA for Norman Coots and delivered to him.

After the wind had subsided somewhat, Butch Manifold and Hobson Kirby took their front-end loaders and cleared the road down the mountain in case of medical emergencies. The mountain was completely blocked off and passage was impossible. They plowed through the drifts, one of which was ten feet deep, and made a passage for emergency vehicles.

The Fire Department had communication through the Forestry Division, which was a great advantage.

William Blackburn donated kerosene for the volunteers to take to homes that needed it.

Jimmy Knight was the relay person in the Lake Lahusage community who kept the team informed of the needs there.

After the initial crisis needs were met, volunteers took Rescue Squad generators and boosted freezers, supplied breathing apparatus, and cleared secondary roads. J. P. Nation provided a generator for boosting freezers and other needs.

Bobby Brown, Manager of Operations with Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative, brought a crew of two men on Sunday and began working to restore power to the community. Two men were all that could be spared because of the widespread power outage in the area served by SMEC. All day Saturday it was impossible to do anything because they could not get their vehicles to move through the snow. Also, the fierce wind blew into their faces, and the snow blinded any attempt they made. 55% of the entire SMEC system was off. The crewmen began with restoring the main feeders. Later they restored power where lines were down and trees had fallen. When men became available, a crew of four and then eight men from the Co-op was assigned to the Mentone area, along with help from Joe



Incredible scenes...

Lodge porch at Lookout Mountain Boy's Camp Photo By: John Morrison

Wheeler Co-Op, Tombigbee Co-Op, one man from the Fort Payne system, and a contract crew that had been hired. The girls in the SMEC office manned the telephone 24 hours a day. The men worked from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 14,000 customers were out of power and approximately 60,000 calls were received. Power had been restored to the entire Co-Op area as of Monday. There are still fallen trees to be cleared. One of SMEC's crewmen walked from the top of Tutwiler Gap to DeSoto Falls, which is less than a mile, (but in the prevailing conditions this was quite a feat) at 8 o'clock on Sunday night to turn on the switch that gave back power to a large portion of Mentone. My home was on that circuit, and I personally thank him for that.

I have deliberately avoided an attempt to name all the Rescue Squad and Fire Department volunteers who worked so long and hard under such horrible circumstances to save lives and prevent the situation from becoming more crucial than it already was. It is impossible to name them all and give all credit where it is due, but we are aware of what you have done, and I believe the Town of Mentone will join me in saying, "THANK YOU. YOU ARE THE BEST!"



Incredible beauty...

East Fork of Little River Photo By: John Morrison



A winter wonderland...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following letter was addressed to all of you.

A Golden Thank You to the People of Mentone,

On Friday, March 12, it was snowing in our town of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, when I got a call at 4:00 p.m. that my father had passed away in Jasper, Georgia. We left at 5:00 p.m. The roads were wet and we had planned to take the Interstate to Atlanta, however before we got to Huntsville, the radio said the Interstate was closed. The Henegar Police Department said the route through Mentone was open, and didn't think we would have any problem, however, we didn't quite make it up the mountain to Mentone. Several people pushed us about 1/2 block and we finally got up to the top, but the road was closed and we couldn't get on down. We were stranded. Your policeman, Johnny Ferguson and his fellow officer, Bryan Phillips, carried us to City Hall and said we could stay there. He came back several times that night. We had cheese and crackers to eat, heart broken, and stranded. Your Mayor Mr. Max Cash, checked on us and called to ask if we needed to talk to his minister. Mr. Cash checked back on us several times.

Jim Roberts at Ruby's Variety opened the store and let us buy some food and alcohol to open our frozen car door. Robert Green, the crazy one with the white whiskers who runs around barefooted in the snow and the Rescue Workers worked continuously, day and night, from the time we arrived Friday night until Monday night. We've never seen people hang in there as they did, and I personally don't know how they held up to continue at their pace. We found out that they were trying to raise money for the "Jaws of Life" and we wanted to help them in return, because people who work so hard deserve help, so we left a contribution towards their goal. They brought us mattresses and blankets, as they did other people they brought in.

Hershell Pruitt and Hobson Kirby volunteered to get us down the mountain on Monday to Calhoun where my brother-in-law picked us up, which they did. No where else on earth would you ever find so many nice people in one small town except in Mentone, AL. You knew that, but we didn't, until we were stranded.

Our heart felt thanks goes out to all of you, and we will remember you as long as we both live.

Annette and Lloyd Whitten
Muscle Shoals, AL



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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

Decisions and Events

I got to thinking (dangerous activity) the other day about a small episode in my life that took place perhaps fifteen years ago. A small thing it was; a short conversation aboard an airplane somewhere between Los Angeles and Huntsville.

A very attractive 20-ish young woman, seated next to me, commented that she felt sorry for the flight attendant who had just served us lunch. Now, the flight attendant was a 30+ lady, very vivacious and apparently content with her job, so the comment puzzled me. Being me, I find it difficult to let comments like that go unnoticed. It turned out that the young one thought the job demeaning and servile.

I told the young woman that perhaps the flight attendant had sought the job and really enjoyed it, and that not all people wanted to be stockbrokers, CPAs, electronics engineers, or CEOs. We talked about decisions and how they can have unknown effects on one's life. Immediately out of high school, this young woman had decided on college, several of her close friends had decided on marriage, some had been "forced" into work by circumstances, and all their lives had diverged, maybe never to come together again. Decisions are all made based on your best knowledge at the time. The long range effect of any given decision is always an unknown. All that is certain is that your life will change, maybe for the good (always the hope), but maybe not. Perhaps, the change will be large or, perhaps, unnoticeably small, again, an unknown.

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Certain decisions in life set you on a path from which there is no return. In each person's life, there are such decisions; and what is crucial to one individual may not be for another. Decisions to terminate formal education, marry, have children, change jobs, enter the work force, retire, are in everyone's life. Others may be far more important to any single individual, and no one but that individual knows. But these are decisions over which you can exert some control.

Our conversation ended when the plane landed. We went our separate ways, and the brief encounter became a pleasant memory.

I think what brought this conversation to mind was a series of events which occurred over the past two months. Now, events are "happenings" over which you have no control, they're just there. Nothing you can do or say will change their course. Events differ from decisions in that decisions are under your control...you can do this or not, you can do this or do that. You have some input into the course of life. With events you have no input, you can only respond in some manner. That response is in effect a decision, but it does not abrogate nor enhance the event. After the event, life is changed, never to be the same again. A new pattern of life will emerge, be it vastly different or slightly different, a new norm will be established.

A recent event in my life has change my life forever. Life in Mentone will not be the same, a new norm will be established, a new pattern of life must emerge. I have lost a dear and wonderful friend. I will miss Jackie Skelton, life will not be the same. I have retained a good friend, Harol, and life will go on.

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Hooray! It is officially Spring! That old Lion really did roar—I hope now, he is ready to snore! That old Groundhog who predicted six weeks more of winter, really knew the score—as does this one.

There have been many displaced persons during the blizzard: Geraldine and Howard Hawkins, Martha and Lester Hawkins, and others, spent time with Peggy and Jack Johnston in Valley Head; Doris and Jim Carmichael went to Jackie and Billie Gifford's and then to daughter, Linda Thomas' home in Fort Payne. The Valley Head Baptist Church became a refuge for twelve people, including four foreign exchange students who were stranded at Hulan's Texaco. They were from Spain, Australia, France, and Finland—attending the University of West Virginia. They were on their way to New Orleans for Spring Break. The boy from Australia had never seen snow. Juanita Smith cooked breakfast Sunday morning and Sadie Cooper sent a big pot of soup and cake for lunch. Harry Smith, Wayne Hale, and Brent Haney furnished transportation. The students cleaned the kitchen before they left and were so appreciative. It was a time of neighbors going "all out" to help each other. My grandson, Chris Brown, helped me and sadly ruined a tire getting to me, for he had to run over trees in the driveway, as did Michael Key who came to check on me and lost the cap off his oil pan—I am so sorry about that and I have been unable to reach him to tell him how much I appreciate his concern—and I appreciate, so much, all the calls. It is so good to know that people are concerned and you can have help if you need it—Chris, A.J., and Robert Brown also helped the power company clear the lines. Winford Palmer has been moved from East Ridge Humana Hospital to Parkridge Skilled Nursing Care, where he remains in serious condition. Don Young suffered a heart attack and had triple by-pass surgery at Memorial Hospital. Junior Downer is recovering from a stroke. Ruby Koger has returned home after a stay at B.M.C. DeKalb. We wish for all of these, and others, a complete recovery. Mary Frances Tate has been moved from B.M.C. DeKalb to Mountain Manor.

Teresa and Van Cooper have a baby daughter, Lana Claire, born March 1. She has a brother, Tyler. Angela Chambers, Jan Blansit, Peggy Shrader, Betty Crane, Jean Tilley, Jessie Stalvey, and Joyce Stalvey entertained with a Stork Shower for Sherry Blansit at Valley Head Methodist Church, Friday evening, March 19. That will be a well out-fitted baby—so many nice gifts!

The Valley Head U.M.W. met at the home of Venna Livingston on March 2, with Frances Longshore as co-hostess. Eloise Brown presided and Laura Margaret Allison gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Mary Holleman gave the program, "Difference and Conflict". Others present were Helen White, Vesta Hawkins, Geraldine Hawkins, Virginia Livezy, Adelaide Biddle, Gladola Holleman, and Elizabeth Coleman.

The Sunshine Club met February 25, with Leona Chadwick. Karen Freeman presided and Ruth Pickett gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Others present were Billie Harper, Jewell Palmer, Sue Cooper (who gave the devotion-al), Lilly Bowdin, Geraldine Hawkins, Gladys Stott, Opal Tatum, Bess Bauerle, Evelyn Clark, Gladys Cobble, Vivian

Valley Head Woman's Club to Honor Poet Laureate of Alabama

The Valley Head Woman's Club is having a Homecoming Tea honoring Ralph C. Hammond, Valley Head native and Poet Laureate of Alabama, on Sunday, April 25, 1993 from 2 until 4 o'clock at Woodhaven in Valley Head.

As Poet Laureate of Alabama Mr. Hammond writes poems for special occasions.

Woodhaven, home of Mr. and Mrs. Kaare Lollik-Andersen, is an appropriate setting for the honor, as he played there as a child.

Mr. Hammond writes about laughter, inspiration and people. Always a boy at heart he wrote "Song of Appalachia" about his native region.

Mr. Hammond said his "Churning Time in Appalachia" gives one time to contemplate. He learned about religion at his mother's side and much of his poetry is religious in nature.

In "Weeping in the Wind" Mr.

Hammond remembered his father making a willow muzzle

Stiles, Anna Daniel, and Eloise Brown. We were asked to do our part in the March Clean-up. We made fabric flowers into a bouquet which we took to Evelyn Phillips, who was unable to attend.

Doris and Jim Carmichael have returned from a business trip to Dallas, Texas. While there, they had a visit with Virginia Livezy's daughter, Cheryl Brown. They also visited their Palmer and Ozment cousins in Tyler, Texas. They saw beautiful ranches between Texarkana and Dallas. They came through Hope, Arkansas, but Doris said that the part they saw didn't look very hopeful. They came back thru Tuscaloosa for a short visit with daughter Emmy Rickett's family.

Heart felt sympathy to Geraldine Hawkins and family in the loss of her sister, Stella Tanaska, who died March 17. She resided in Copley, Ohio.

Judy and Bo Hunt came from Rome, Georgia, with dinner and gifts to help Lester Hawkins celebrate his ninety-second birthday.

The Jonquils laid low by the snow, now have perked up and lift up their heads in beauty, hope and faith to greet the Spring. So should we!

for his mule, tying him to a red maple tree and beating him mercilessly to make him obey. Young Ralph wept for Jessie, the mule.



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Mr. Hammond has done research on the Phillip Hamman family and formed the Phillip Hamman Society which meets all over the world.

All who are interested are cordially invited to meet and honor Ralph Hammond with us. For invitations, please contact any

Woman's Club member or call Woodhaven at 635-6438.

Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant

The annual Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant will be held by the Valley Head Band Boosters Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, in the auditorium at Valley Head School beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Pre-school contestants may enter from anywhere in the area. School age contestants must be from Valley Head or Moon Lake schools. Entry fee is \$15 until March 26 and \$20 thereafter. The absolute deadline is April 16. For more information, call 635-6228, 635-6324, or 845-2444.

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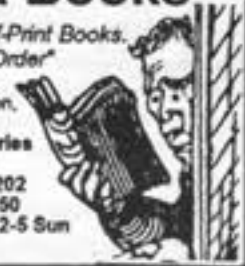
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Mentone Area Preservation Association

The MAPA meeting held on March 2, 1992, was opened with prayer by Edward Disney.

The president explained to those present that one of the items on the treasurer's report was the fund started for the Jim and Willie Isbell marker. Numerous donations have been received since the article by Evelyn Graves appeared in the February issue of the Groundhog. The donations have been set aside in a separate account and the funds will be used to erect a marker for Jim, Willie, and infant Isbell. The marker is to be completed in time for Decoration Day at Little River Cemetery. Grady Rhinehart of Memorials of Distinction in Fort Payne will design the marker meeting MAPA's specifications.

Two quilts made by Lola Mae Blalock have been selected for the drawings during the Rhododendron Festival and Colorfest. The quilt for the Rhododendron Festival drawing is of the Lone Star pattern. The star is turquoise with alternating rows of white, rose and turquoise. (See picture below.)

The Scottish Dancers from Huntsville have been invited to participate in the Rhododendron Festival. Volunteers are needed to help in different areas. Flyers prepared by MAPA member, David Cryer, are being distributed.

The Second Annual Gospel Music Festival is set for April 17 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and April 18, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Mason Park in Mentone. Drawings on a \$100.00 bill, along with another prize, will be held. Dessie Newberry, chairman of the festival, also announced that she had attended the March 1st Mentone Town Council meeting and presented a request on behalf of MAPA to construct a gazebo in Mason Park and that request was conditionally approved. She would also take the proposal before the zoning commission, should the MAPA members vote in favor of the construction of the gazebo. Several price quotations had been received. A motion to approve the construction and authorize \$2000.00 for the project passed unanimously.

Marion Solomon gave a report on Keep America Beautiful, which will be held the second week in April. Marion previously won national recognition for her program, "Pick Up America" at Darlington School, in Rome, Georgia. Marion proposed she contact Moon Lake and Valley Head Schools to educate the students to the point of picking up litter and reporting littering. Litter bags will be provided by MAPA.

Marie Dillenbeck announced that the fee for MAPA to participate in June Jam this year would be \$1,500. Amelia Kirk made a motion that was unanimously approved for MAPA not to participate in June Jam and to concentrate on its own four festivals: Gospel, Rhododendron, Crafts, and October Colorfest.

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and Moon Lake School joint benefit was reported on by Dot Crow. The fire department received \$600.00 and bought walkie talkies. Moon Lake School received \$200.00 and purchased carpet for the kindergarten area and teachers' lounge.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting by MAPA members, Gerry and Ed Disney, Marion and Bob Solomon, and Frances Rosario.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kountry Chef. Hostesses are Mabel Kirk and Dorothy Crow. Charlyne O'Rear, owner of New Beginnings in Valley Head and Consultant for BeautiControl Cosmetics, will be in charge of the program.



LONE STAR QUILT FOR RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN

Do you have your tee shirt yet? The one that has "I survived the blizzard of '93" printed on it. There is one already out but I don't think anyone in Mentone needs it to remember what happened the five days from March 13-17, 1993. Snow 15-20 inches deep, drifts in excess of 5 feet, 35 mile an hour winds, 0 degrees one night, no electricity for all, no water for many, no vehicles could travel on the roads— you name it and we had it. As the days go by, I keep hearing stories of people helping people, sometimes at the risk of life and limb. Did you know that an emergency station was established in the city hall and someone from the DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Volunteer Firefighters and/or the police department was there around the clock? One couple was stranded on Highway #117 and stayed there until they could continue to their destination. At least one young family was brought there because of the lack of heat and food. So many people helped that I can't begin to name them all, but two who helped everyone were Hobson Kirby and Butch Manifold. They cleared many roads and parking lots and even cleared Highway #117 so that traffic could move once again. Thanks guys!! We all benefitted from your actions. Of course I can't forget the great job the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative did in restoring our power as quickly as they did (especially since I am married to one of the employees). Sometimes, their method may not make sense or please everyone, but it does work. The first priority was to restore power to the water systems of all the towns. Robert Lee, who worked in Mentone most of the time, could not get his truck down the road to the falls to trip the fuses to Mentone's water pump and some nice young man (we're not sure who) came along in a high wheelbase truck and car-

National Trust Lends Support to Mentone Heritage Foundation

Mentone's Heritage Foundation, Inc., a non-profit group formed a year ago with the principal purpose of obtaining the 109-year-old Mentone Springs Hotel as a Community/Museum/Tourist Center, was awarded a grant from the Southern Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The announcement was made from Representative Tom Bevill's office on Monday, March 29th. Dr. Bill Berry was author of the grant application.

The matching grant will help to fund an on-site feasibility study by James Thompson of Hickerson Fowles Architects in Nashville. Charles H. Johnson, current title holder of the hotel, has consented to allow the foundation to follow through with this opportunity. Mr. Thompson will meet with both the executive board and the advisory board of the foundation and hold a public workshop before reporting his recommendations.

The funding came from the Services Fund of the 103rd Congress. The National Trust was established in 1949 to aid local groups in preserving buildings and sites on the National Register of Historic Places. The Southern Regional Office is located in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Mentone Town Council has adopted two ordinances strengthening existing zoning laws in order to protect old structures in the town. These go into effect April first and were done at the urging of the foundation and the Alabama Historical Commission, Montgomery, Lawrence Oaks, Director.

ried him down there. I hope he reads this and knows that we all appreciate what he did. Next to be restored is the power to all stores and stations, then the lines that will restore the most homes, and finally those who have a tree on the line or other problems. Some exceptions were made when the concern was a health problem. It was definitely a storm to remember and to tell our grandchildren (and great-grandchildren) about someday. I remember the other "big one" in 1960. We had less snow then but had ice build up on every thing. Many homes in Mentone were out of electricity for three weeks then. Again, thanks to all who helped to make the Storm of '93 a little easier for someone to get through. You are all heroes or heroines in my book.

The Board of Directors of the Fire District met March 18. It was decided to start a fund to purchase a Jaws-of-Life. After all details are completed, I will tell everyone how you can help with this great need. Next meeting will be April 15 at 7 p.m. in the fire hall. Anyone may attend these meetings.

As I write this, a man who is very dear to me and to many others in Mentone, is having serious health problems. Please remember Leroy Schneider when you say your prayers or, if you don't pray, just hold good thoughts for him. He is a valuable asset to this town, he keeps our water "up to snuff" and never makes a big deal of it. He is one of Mentone's finest.

An old saying I haven't heard in years, "Keep it in the middle of the road" may apply now. Hang on, Spring will be here and the trees will bud and the flowers will bloom and the birds will sing and children will go bare-footed, and we will all feel better.

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The Moon Lake Baptist Church Youth enjoyed a retreat held near Ellijay, Georgia, the weekend of March 27-28. Under the leadership of the new Youth Director, Brad VanCleave, there is a strong interest among the young people attending services regularly and becoming involved in the life of the church. The pulpit committee continues to search for a regular pastor. Reverend Bill Jennings is doing a fine job serving as interim pastor.

Plans are being made at the Mentone United Methodist Church for Holy Week services on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 7, 8, and 9, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night will be Preparation. Thursday will be the Lord's Supper, and Friday night will be the Sayings of the Cross. There will be an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m. All children are invited. Mr. Granville Goss donated an outdoor picnic table and placed it on the grounds.

The Valley Head Baptist Church sheltered ten people during the recent snow storm. Four exchange students enroute to New Orleans were stranded in Valley Head and were taken to the church for shelter. Eugene and Juanita Smith, along with Sadie Cooper and others, cooked for them and took care of their needs during this time.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church observed Week of Prayer and Self Denial with a Quiet Day service on March 30, followed by a covered dish dinner. Reverend and Mrs. Jeff Adkins took a short vacation March 26-30. Rev. Arno White preached on that Sunday in the pastor's absence. Reverend Adkins plans a Birthday Breakfast on April 4 for those who have had birthdays in January, February, and March.

It is the consensus among the members of the Mentone Wesleyan Church that they are having the best services they have ever had. They are particularly fond of their new pastor, Reverend Addison. A special Easter service is planned. There will also be a special Veterans Day service in May on the Sunday prior to Veterans Day. All veterans in the morning service will be recognized and honored.

The Mentone Church of God held a four-day revival March 25-28. Reverend Tom Burton from Panama City, Florida, was the evangelist. The chicken dinner on Saturday, March 27, was quite successful.

Easter Sunday at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will include a special service celebrating the resurrection of Christ. There will be an egg hunt at 12 o'clock noon. Everyone is invited to attend. The missionaries who were to have been present the weekend of the snowstorm have been rescheduled for April 18 on Sunday morning for the worship service which begins at 11 a.m. The missionary is Phil Pruitt. His wife Diana and small son will be with him. They will bring their South American musical instruments and will be providing music on these instruments to acquaint the congregation with the type of worship services held in South America. April 25 will be Family Day. Special recognition is being given to families who attend as family units, such as grandparents, parents, and children.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church will observe Communion on Easter Sunday, with Reverend Jerry Davis presiding. Reverend L. A. Smith will be the guest speaker on the third and fourth Sundays in April. Services remain at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. The church welcomes any visitors.

Saturday morning, April 3, will be Church Cleanup Day at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. On Sunday, April 4, Palm Sunday, at 10:30 a.m., there will be an outdoor service of the Procession of the Palms followed by the regular worship service of the Passion of Jesus Christ. On Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Communion Service. On Good Friday, there will be a Remembrance Service, remembering the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. On Easter Sunday, there will be two services - at 9:30 a.m. there will be a children's service, the flowering of the cross. The children will place flowers on the cross. At 10:30 a regular service celebrating the resurrection will be held. Every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m., the Men's Prayer Group meets. At 10 a.m. every Wednesday, there is intercession where the women meet and pray for everybody. In the homes of members, the church is in a series of Saturday night dinners called koinonia. There will be a koinonia on the 17th of April. This is the second in the series. On Sunday evenings, an informal service of prayer and praise is held, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Union Hill Baptist Church Youth Choir participated in the DeKalb Baptist Associational Choir Festival held at First Baptist Church in Fort Payne. Reverend Mack McGinnis of Athens, Tennessee, was guest speaker recently in a Tuesday evening service. Three of the church members have been named among "Fort Payne's heroes" during the snowstorm because of their care and concern for people who had specific needs and they risked their own safety to help them. Butch and Amy Gregg dedicated their baby daughter, Corey Beth, in the Sunday morning service on March 28. UNITY, a singing group from the church, as well as The Youth Choir, have been invited to participate in The Gospel Music Festival to be held in Edward Mason Park in Mentone in April. Plans are being made for several new membership orientation classes to be taught in the near future. The church is beginning to formulate some ideas for enlarging the sanctuary to accommodate the overflowing crowds in the services. Great things are happening, and God continues to bless!

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will sponsor a Community Sunrise Service involving all the churches in the area, at 6:30 a.m., at Chester Crow's residence (formerly the Lee Crow residence) one mile north of Mentone on the hilltop. An appointed committee is putting together the program. As President, Reverend Don Brock will coordinate and preside at the service. The committee will select a speaker for the service. He has not yet been named. All churches are invited. If people want to bring lawn chairs, they may. Other seating will be provided. In case of rain, the service will be moved to the Mentone Revival Center. The Center is just off Highway 117 at Bankhead.

Sponsorship in National Day of Prayer was discussed and approved for the Mentone Park on May 6, at 5:30 p.m. Lynette McCary was appointed chairman. Rain site will be St. Joseph's Episcopal Church or, perhaps, the old hotel.



The Cryer Brothers, David and Mike.

Cryer Brother Woodworks

Begun in January 1993, Cryer Brothers (David and Mike) Woodworks is now in full production atop Lookout Mountain. The spinning wheel specialists operate the newest business in Mentone, and their products are on display at the Kountry Chef Restaurant. Other pieces handcrafted per individual orders include wooden pedestal bowls, quilt racks, and doll rockers. All items are made of 100% red oak, obtained from J. P. Smith in Menlo, Georgia. Every piece is shaped and formed by hand.

The art of creating a half-scale working spinning wheel was learned by Mike Cryer over a six-month period as apprentice to Rick Reeves, Marengo, Iowa. Reeves is the number one spinning wheel artist in the world and specializes in the 1840 Saxony, Germany, replica. Other than the Cryer brothers, there are no other artists who produce the half-scale models. The wheels are made in the finest woodworking tradition passed on from craftsman to craftsman. Priced at \$175.00, and taking two weeks to complete, the spinning wheels can be ordered by calling either David or Mike Cryer at (205) 845-0704.

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8:30 a.m. - Welcome and Orientation - Meet at the Nature Center located next to the Country Store. Parking available in the Picnic Area across the street.

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Wildflower Hikes - Wildflower identification and photography

11:30 a.m. - LUNCH - Wildflower Saturday Buffet.

Lunch at the Lodge - \$5.95 + tax and tip.

1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Wildflower Hikes - Wildflower identification and photography.

Guest field trip leaders are Dot & Bill Threlkeld of the Huntsville Wildflower Society. Paul Franklin, President of the Birmingham Audubon Society.

May 8, 1993

8:30 a.m. - Welcome and Orientation - Meet at the Nature Center located next to the Country Store. Parking available in the Picnic Area across the street.

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Wildflower Hikes - Azalea Cascade Trail and West Fork of Little River.

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Guest field trip leader is Bonnie Todera of Huntsville Wildflower Society.

All hikes and programs are free to the public. For more information, contact Ken Thomas, Naturalist, at DeSoto State Park - 845-0051.

Junior Miss and Miss Chattooga County Beauty Pageant

On Saturday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., at the Chattooga County High School, in Summerville, Georgia, the Junior Miss and Miss Chattooga County Beauty Pageant was held. The theme throughout was "I'll Always Love You," by Whitney Houston. There were 24 Junior Miss Chattooga County contestants, and 23 Miss Chattooga County contestants. A new category was added to the pageant this year: Miss Photogenic. The directors of the pageant were Kay Worsham and Darlene Scoggins. The mistress of ceremonies was Denise Fisher Jones. The sound manager was Steve Scoggins. The escorts were Kyle Duke, Sam Guerra, Cedrick McClintic, and Frank Lay. Entertainment was provided by Nikola Shropshire. The florists who donated flowers to the winners were: Duff's, Money's Flowers, Sara's Flowers, Flowers 'n' Such, Peppers Colonial House, and the Flower Basket.

The winners in each division are as follows:

Miss Chattooga County:

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Junior Miss Chattooga County:

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NATIONAL KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL MONTH

The month of April is National Keep America Beautiful (KAB) month — a time to re-evaluate environmental goals: Reducing, Recycling, Reusing, a month for special and exciting projects participated in by children and adults. Under the leadership of MAPA's Environmental Education Chairman, Marion Solomon, teachers Angie Bell, Joyce Smith, and Linda Lawton will be spearheading local schools involvement in some interesting activities during April. Stay tuned for Kids Saving Earth, and be ready to witness meaningful things happening! Be ready to support them! Read all about it in the May issue of the Groundhog. The fate of our planet is held in the hands of each one of us. Education is the key and KAB is committed to this end.

Trivia Question: If a million people stopped their junk mail, how many trees per year would be saved? (Answer next month.)

DeSoto Rescue Squad CPR Class Announcement for CPR Class:

Since the March CPR class was cancelled because of the storm, the CPR class has been rescheduled for April 20, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. The CPR class is open to the public. The class will meet at the American Legion Building in Mentone. For more information, call the following persons:

Darlene Smith - 634-4736
Mike Kenamer - 634-4484
Bene Green - 635-6424

New Members:

The Rescue Squad would still like to recruit new members. If anyone is interested, please attend one of our meetings held on the first and their Tuesdays of each month. Applications will be available for those who are 18 years or older and wish to join the Rescue Squad. You don't have to be medically trained, you can be trained through the rescue squad.

Cook Book:

The Rescue Squad continues to gather recipes for their cook book fund raiser. Anyone who would like to contribute recipes is most welcome. Please have recipes printed or typed on 3X5 index cards. Include your name, address, and phone number along with any good health tips. Drop your recipes off at The Tiger's Inn, Valley Head or Little River Hardware. Recipes for the cookbook will be chosen by April 15th. The funds will be used toward the purchase of training equipment and to send Rescue Squad members to school for additional training. For more information, call the following persons:

Phyllis McElhaney - 635-6318
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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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