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Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 3, Easter

Monday, April 4; 6 p.m.
Mentone Town Council Meeting
City Hall

Tuesday, April 5; 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef

Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10
Gospel Music Festival
Ed Mason Park, Mentone
(See flyer this page.)

Friday, April 15, Income Taxes Due

Wednesday, April 20, Earth Day

Saturday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mentone Miniaturists will Exhibit
"Hansel & Gretel" in Chattanooga
(See box elsewhere.)

Wednesday, April 27
Professional Secretaries Day

Friday, April 29, Arbor Day

Saturday, April 30
European Style "Spring Festival"
Moon Lake School
(See notice elsewhere.)

Thursday, May 5
National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day

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Mr. Greenhaw speaking to the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association, with his assistant, Lisa Greer, pictured to the right

H. WAYNE GREENHAW SPEAKS AT MENTONE

By Evelyn Graves

Ye Ole Heritage House Restaurant was the setting for a luncheon meeting of the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association, on Thursday, March 24. There were a number of people from Georgia and Tennessee, as well as Alabama, who came for the luncheon and to hear Wayne Greenhaw, director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

Governor Jim Folsom appointed Mr. Greenhaw to this position on May 20, 1993. A career journalist and teacher, Mr. Greenhaw has written extensively about Alabama.

Mr. Greenhaw gave some information about what he has been doing since being appointed Director of Tourism by Governor Folsom. He stated that the governor is attempting through tourism to join hands with other countries. He has recently been in Japan meeting with other tour groups and attempting to influence them to come to our country, and to our state to just see the beautiful mountains and rivers.

Mr. Greenhaw introduced his assistant, Lisa Greer, who has an office in Huntsville, and who assists him in North Alabama. He has another assistant in South Alabama who also travels and publicizes the area as a growing tourism center.

MAPA MEETING

The March MAPA meeting was held on March 1, with president Jack Jones, presiding. There were 17 members and one guest present.

The president introduced Bill Witcraft as a guest and a new member.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the addition of the adopt-a-mile information. The treasurer's report was approved.

In the absence of Wanda Simmons, Festival Chairman, the president announced that the preparations for the Rhododendron Festival are coming along as scheduled. Dessie Newberry gave a report on the Gospel Music Festival scheduled for April 9 and 10, stating that several gospel singing groups had been contacted and would be at the festival.

There being no new business, the president introduced Bill Witcraft, who was the speaker. Mr. Witcraft is the Executive Director of the DeKalb County Tourism Association. Bill talked about the upcoming events for DeKalb County, such as the Home and Garden Show in Rainsville, June Jam, Labor Day's 2nd Annual Southern Mountain Festival.

Under old business, Sherman Gough stated that the Adopt-A-Mile clean up would take place at 9 a.m. on Monday March 31.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

The speaker for the program for the April meeting will be a representative of the Camping Association. Everyone is invited to attend.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Loyal readers, if my column is difficult for you to read this month, it is because my paw is shaking with righteous indignation! This magnificent example of canine beauty has been battered about the buttocks by his owner, William Blackburn (although I bow to NO man!). Yesterday, I dashed--leashless--from the back office (where Pop and I count the take), grabbed me an orange Tootsie Pop, and took my throne rug between the counters. Merely because I was without leash, Pop galloped the length of the store to plummet me about the rear. I was so startled, I dropped my orange Tootsie Pop and took off back to the office, yelping in pain all the way, leaving a trail of moist evidence for Pop to mop up. Serves the brute right, I say. (Now, I feel better having shared this uncalled for cruelty with you, my fans.)

As if the above incident were not enough lack of respect to me, Rob Hammond, of Camp Laney fame, just sneaked in and out again with his oatmeal cake to keep from sharing. What a greedy gut! Just you wait until I'm leashless next time, bugle boy!

Well, at least Charles Flannigan shares his cake with the marvelous one.

That Gail Crider is a love! Come by and see the Easter basket she crawled to the incredible one to present. A lady of pure class, in my flawless judgment!

Poor, overworked Ella Bowman just dragged in from work long enough to grab buns and hamburger meat. She looked so rode-hard-and-put-up-wet, I excused her from tribute.

Bless Justin Boatwright's heart! He trembles so with fear in my awesome presence, he won't even pet me.

What, ho! A dog just rode up in Mindy Jackson's truck. Come on down half boxer mongrel. God's gift to dogdom will tear your ears off and feed them to you. I heard Mindy say your name is (please, spare me) BABYFACE. Get out of here, sissy pants!

Bobby Knowles' girls, Lisa, Belinda, and Amanda, were just treated to ice cream by Dr. Pat, the lady who is so jealous of my writing. (Eat your heart out, lesser journalist.) Do you think any of those female children shared? NO! Do you think the Seymour hotshot bought one for ME, beautiful, muscle-bound canine that I am? NO! Pop says the only reason she has any dough at all is because she never pays her Superette bill.

Ragen Disney crawled forward for a precious moment of bonding with the great one. Mother Kathy kept a respectful distance--as it always should be when in the presence of canine awesomeness.

Fans are making pilgrimages from far off lands to adore me.

Jessica Bell from Ft. Payne and Riley Young from Moon Lake, just paid homage to this magnificent beast.

History was made in Mentone, yesterday. C.W. Bunn fed me my very first piece of beef jerky--EVER. Oh, rapture, oh bliss. Nectar of the gods! Way to go, faithful fan of moi (French, of course).

Only after customers pointed out his greediness did Phil Hurt part with a tiny bit of oatmeal cake today. He said (and I quote): "It'll make you sick, Brutus." I'll show you sick. How'd you like to have those glasses fed to you in pieces, four-eyed Camp DeSoto man?

I'm glad AEA is over, and the kids are beginning to drift back in after school for periods of adoration.

Well, Pop, now that you've beat it all out of me, who's gonna walk you? Like it or not, I guess it'll have to be me. Nobody else is gracious and considerate enough to care that you're doing your "crab" walk. Later, dear fans!

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Barbara Vetzels mother, Dolly Harrison of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, is critically ill with cancer. She has been active in the Eastern Star organization there. Buddy and Barbara Vetzels have returned after spending seven weeks in Tampa this winter with Buddy's daughter, Barbara. Buddy's daughter Sally, from Atlanta, came with grandchildren, Candace, 9; Heather, 6; and Travis, 1, to spend Buddy's birthday with him here in Mentone. The couple plans to remodel their home themselves, constructing a second floor master bedroom and bath. The Vetzels also built their lovely log home with their own hands.

Inez Guffey is the one person in Tigers Inn clever enough to catch Billy Cash, ash-tray bandit. He tried a heist on Inez's table last week, and she tackled him from across the room to pin him. Got her ash tray back, too!

Wendy Manifold has replaced the puppy Penny and Alicia McElhaney lost last month when Tiny died after swallowing a chicken bone. The new pet, Pudgy, is a black chow mix with black spots on his tongue. Wendy, you are a good person!

Deepest sympathy goes to Nancy Rector of Valley Head in the loss of her brother, L.A. "Bucky" Collins, who died March 1, in Montgomery, after an unsuccessful second, heart bypass operation. Burial was at the Pine Level Cemetery. Bucky's mother was the late Geneva Collins; and his brother is Sammy Collins of Valley Head.

On March 7, Ira Johnson suffered a heart attack brought on by suspected food poisoning while alone at her home on Cove Road. Luckily, she was found by the gas man who happened by, and she was taken to a hospital in Gadsden. After extensive treatment in the hospital, Mrs. Johnson is back in Mentone recovering at the home of Paul and Myrtle Johnson.

Ann Wright, President of the Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone, attended the District II Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Board of Directors meeting in Albertville, on March 24, 1994. Ann has assembled socks donated by different mills to use as 250 "ditty bags" for the state convention to be held at Guntersville State Park, June 7, 8, and 9. Dr. Pat Seymour will be the keynote speaker for the banquet on Thursday, June 9.

Erma King had a lovely birthday party for her father, Luther "Junior" King. Guests included at their home on Cove Road on March 15 were Lamar and Cheryl King, Doc King, Nicholas and Eric King, Dr. Pat Seymour, and Marie Dillenbeck. Among June's gifts were two beautiful white dogwood trees for his yard.

Dink Tillman, Kristie Tillman, Clint Phillips, and Ethel Manifold attended the wedding of Ethel's nephew, Eddie C. Porter, to Julie Diane Isenberg, in Chicago, on March 5, 1994. The mother of the groom is Mary Bain Porter, sister of Charlie Bain. The Rev. Larry Schnuhloth officiated at the ceremony at Markham Lutheran Church in Chicago. The reception was held at the Red Derby, a popular Chicago restaurant.

Dorothy Crow gave all her friends in Mentone a real scare in early March, when her '93 4-door, maroon Buick Park Avenue was hit and totaled by a drunken driver at St. Elmo on Highway 11. She was traveling

to Chattanooga, where both her sister, Mary Lee Camp, and husband, Bill, have been quite ill. Dorothy had been sharing the nursing duties with sister, Grace.

Griff Johnson, age 79, passed away of lung disease at Parkridge in Chattanooga on Monday, March 28, 1994. Burial was in Trenton, Georgia. Griff, widely beloved in Mentone, is survived by sisters, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Palmetto, Georgia, and Mrs. Lucy Holtzower, Chattanooga; five nieces; and two nephews.

Kristie Tillman of Valley Head is a contestant in the 1994 Miss Alabama Teen Pageant. Lots of luck, Kristie.

Phyllis Lewis and a group of Sudie Smith's friends from Valley Head gave a lovely baby shower at Sudie's home to honor her new little girl. (See picture elsewhere.) Sudie and husband, Jimmy, have three other children, two boys and a girl.

Buddy and Norma Williams are back home in Mentone after a three-week trip to Hollywood, Florida, and surrounding area. While vacationing, they dropped in on Frances Rosario and her friend, Nick.

Hattie and George Lyde, my next-door neighbors, should be home from several months spent in Florida, their winter home. It sure gets lonesome around here without them. Neighbor Hattie is "bad" to bring over a hot homemade pie or cake. She is one slap down good cook and neighbor. Welcome home, friends!

Speaking of dear, dear friends back in Mentone-Col. George and Hope Walker are back home from (where else?) Florida. George sang, "Were you There?" at the Mentone United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday. That man has a voice that is truly great!

Lynette McCary is back home after a week spent in an art colony in Mexico with friends from Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. El Mansion del Dasque in San Miguel de Allende was the site for the gathering of artists. Lynette's daughter, Lynn McCary Thomas, of New Orleans, was with the group. In September, Lynette and daughter, Edith McHam, of San Diego, plan to hike in Vermont. Meanwhile, husband, Jimmy sits at home (planting peas) with faithful dog companion "CD" (cute dog), a Welch Corgie.

Rev. Don Brock of the Mentone God of Prophecy, officiated at the wedding of Dave Hillard and Donna Bell on March 26 at the Mentone Church of God. Dave, who is in construction, is from Mentone and Donna is from Valley Head, where the couple now lives.

Hali Johnson, daughter of Rev. Ron and Lisa Johnson, will be six-years old on April 1. She is a kindergarten student.

Roberta Cash, wife of Mentone Mayor Max Cash, had knee replacement surgery in Birmingham, on March 20. Roberta is recovering well and moving about on a walker until her knee heals.

Donna Bares, popular Skyline Camp staff member, still needs our prayers. Her father is slowly deteriorating from the effects of cancer.

Our sympathy goes out to Billy Gifford's family in the recent loss of Billy's brother-in-law.

Brother Dave Jinnery, deacon in his church, is in the hospital in Centre, seriously ill with pneumonia.

Annette Hawkins had a big birthday on March 30. She tells me she's "21" and some months.

During AEA, Chad and Breana Williamson, children of Rev. Marlon and Brenda Williamson, visited in Fyffe with their maternal grandmother, Janice Wilks. Their dad is the pastor of the Mentone Revival Center.

Groundhog editor, Evelyn Graves, was honored at a surprise birthday party at Dessie's given by her husband, Jimmy, and daughter, Sandra Gray. Guests were: Kathryn Jones (mother), Jimmy Graves, Sandra, Allen and Katie Gray (grandchildren), and Herman and Mary Ann Jones of Rossville, Georgia. Another party was given by Union Hill Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 29. A huge cake was served to the entire congregation, and Evelyn received many lovely gifts—way to go, boss!

The congregation at the Mentone Wesleyan Church dismissed the evening service on March 20 and joined with the Mt. Carmel Wesleyan Church in Adamsburg

for a great singing. Rev. Randy Addison is pastor of the Mentone Church.

Barbara and Ovie Blalock are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl, Erica Brooke, daughter of Barry and Rhonda Blalock. Catherine Bailey is the great grandmother. Carolyn and Bruce Crain, Menlo, are the maternal grandparents. Bert and Billie Crane are the great grandparents. Flora Jennings, Summerville, Ga., is a great grandmother. Three-year old Brittany Hester is a first cousin.

Rev. Randy Addison and his family vacationed over AEA with wife's parents in Pennsylvania.

Virginia Thompson, of Valley Head, celebrated a birthday on March 25. She was photographed in Shear Designs in Valley Head getting her hair fixed in anticipation of the event. Happy Birthday, Virginia, and many more!

Lola Mae Blalock spent three days in BMC, Ft. Payne, recovering from a respiratory infection. Carpenters had replaced some flooring in her home with treated lumber, and the dust from the work brought on a seige of bronchitis and asthma. Lola Mae, those "heavy eating" friends of yours (led by Clara Cash) were really pigging out while you were laid up!

Edmund Crow was admitted last week at BMC, Ft. Payne for routine tests. His report was excellent. While in BMC, Edmund was visited by brother Floyd, pastor of South Eleventh St. Baptist Church in Gadsden, and brother James from Summerville.

Lt. Col. Michael Parker, wife, Lane, and children, Isabelle, Mike, and Frank, were visiting in Mentone recently. They are going to move back to Alabama in June, after living "all over the world" for 15 years. The family will be moving from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Anniston, Alabama, and are bringing with them their Golden Retriever, "Gideon." While in the Superette they told William, "We love Mentone!"

Judy Weaver, miniaturist featured in the March Groundhog, was discovered by her cousin, Judy Vezzetti, from Madison Wisconsin. (See picture elsewhere.) Newly discovered Judy Vezzetti, only a year's difference in age from Mentone's Judy, will leave April 2 after a week's visit to Mentone. Coincidence: both grandmothers are named Emma; both Judys were taught their first handicrafts (embroidery) by these two grandmothers; both Judys were crafts distributors: one in Texas, one in Wisconsin; Judy Weaver's birthday is the same as Judy Vezzetti's mother. Judy Vezzetti is researching a Krause family history; this is Judy Weaver's family name. The Judys great grandfathers were brothers who came to this country from Germany in 1860.

Sid and Ginny Bosworth's grandson, David Bosworth, who is attending Master's College in Newhall, California, is involved in some intriguing work in what used to be part of the Soviet Union. He and a Christian team are taking the gospel into Kazakhstan. Funds and equipment are needed, a video camera, for instance, even a used one. David wrote to his grandparents, "The Lord has already provided me with most of my financial needs. If He would lead you to give any amount to help meet the balance or provide extra resources for the churches of Kazakhstan, mail a check made out to the Master's College, to the following address:

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Collette and Dale Kerby have moved her mother, Bess Hodges, from Columbus, Nebraska, into their Mentone home. Collette introduced me to Bess in the Ft. Payne Winn Dixie when our buggies all converged at the meat counter. She is a lovely addition to Mentone. Welcome, Bess Hodges!

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BILL RIEDESEL PASSES ON HIS LOVE OF FLYING TO A NEW GENERATION

By Evelyn Graves

When Charles Lindbergh made the first successful solo flight from New York to Paris in 1927, little did he realize what an impact this would have on a little 9-year old Minnesota boy. Willard A. (Bill) Riedesel had already been doing model airplanes; however, when Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic, there was no doubt in Bill's mind what course his life would take. He knew that he would be entering into the interesting world of aviation.

Bill Riedesel received his BS degree in Aviation Maintenance Engineering and his Aircraft and Engine degree in 1938--55 years ago! He holds the following licenses and/or ratings: Designated Aircraft Maintenance Inspector, A & P Mechanic Examiner, Inspection Authorization, Designated Manufacturing Inspection Representative, Accident Prevention Counselor, Pilot Examiner, Commercial Pilot, and Flight Instructor CFII.

His aviation activities include employment with Dart Manufacturing Company at Columbus, Ohio, before World War II. He then moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he spent some time helping with the maintenance of 75 Stearman trainers at a contract school there. His next employment was with Culver Aircraft Company at Wichita, Kansas, where he started as foreman of the sheet metal department and moved up to become second shift superintendent. During this time, the company produced thousands of military aircraft and received at least two Army Navy "E" awards for producing the most pounds of aircraft per man hour expended in the United States. Following the

war, Bill was Fixed Base Operator at Park Rapids, Minnesota, for 30 years. In the 1970s, he designed a new aircraft ski (for which he did all the design work, and static and flight testing) and obtained FAA approval to manufacture and install them. In addition to the operation of the ski manufacturing company, Bill flew seaplanes and did bush flying in Canada. A foremost aviation consultant, he has performed many functions for the Federal Aeronautics Administration--pilot examiner, instrument flight instructor, mechanic examiner, accident prevention specialist, aviation school evaluator, and manufacturing inspection representative. Bill Riedesel has given over 2,000 flight tests through the years since 1950. He still has the records of these student pilots and their scores.

Bill received the first merit award in aviation given in the state of Alabama. There has been one other award since that time.

Bill Riedesel and his first wife, Virginia, moved to Mentone in 1983. They were attracted to this area by the parks and had relatives in Tuscaloosa and Crossville, Tennessee. Virginia Riedesel became seriously ill and died in 1984. During her illness in the Fort Payne hospital, she was attended by Bobbie, a nurse at the hospital, who later became the second Mrs. Riedesel. Bobbie supports Bill in his aviation involvement, as was proven by her birthday gift to him in March of 1986. She presented him with the keys to a Grumman Cheetah (AA-5-A).

Although Bill Riedesel is "retired," he has completed six restorations of antique airplanes in the garage at his

home. His latest project is a flight simulator, which resembles a miniature airplane and which has been placed in the school auditorium at Forest Avenue Elementary School in Fort Payne. Students can climb inside and see what it is like to maneuver a real airplane. The old simulator that had been used in the past was no longer available to the school. Through the Fort Payne Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association and a financial contribution of over \$1,000 by The Heil Company, the project was begun. Butch Layne, an employee of The Heil Company and also brother-in-law to Bill Riedesel, designed and constructed the hydraulics for the simulator. Layne said the cockpit, complete with control panel and throttle, is situated on a hydraulic base. "It has all the functions of a real airplane--giving the effect of flight maneuvers," Layne noted. Stephen Bussman of the local EAA Chapter said "Bill Riedesel constructed the plane and was 'the genius behind the instrument panel.'"

Bussman said the simulator is a black, white, and yellow wood craft that rotates on three axes. "The student pilot is in full control as the aircraft climbs, descends, and turns during climbs and descents. All of the instruments in the instrument panel are coordinated with the movement of the aircraft. An increase in throttle produces an increase in air speed. All the other instruments show turns, climbs, rolls, and banks. Not only is this flight simulator highly functional, it is a work of art. Riedesel and Layne spent over 600 hours building and perfecting it. The simulator serves as proof positive that private industry and the general public can join together to enhance education."





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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Spring was on the way! The days were already warm and beautiful. Then, once again, Nature proved that she is in control and a lady of whims. On the day that I am writing this, tornadoes have touched down in five states, including Alabama. Twenty-one people have been killed in a church in Piedmont, Alabama. Much damage and destruction has occurred on Sand Mountain, just across the valley from Lookout. But the sun will shine tomorrow. The church will be rebuilt, and somehow the people will continue with their lives. The people on Sand Mountain will clean up the debris and repair or rebuild. Humankind has the ability to adapt to any situation. Somewhere deep within the human spirit lies the will to continue with life.

Recently, Bobby and I were in Nashville, Tennessee. He was there on business, but I was free to do what I wanted. One of the things I chose to do was to take a tour of The Hermitage, the homeplace of Andrew Jackson, our seventh president. On this tour, were women from California, Ohio, Kansas, Connecticut, New York, and many other states. Our guide was a Southern lady to the ninth degree. She told everyone that turnip greens would be on the lunch menu and that they should try some. Most of these "Yankee" women had never heard of turnip greens. But they were good sports and did, at least, take some on their plates. Then, at the table, they started to wonder how they were cooked. By then, some of them had determined that I was Southern to the bone. So, one of them nodded to me and stated that I probably knew all the details. You should have seen me explaining how to pick, wash, and cook turnip greens! The odd thing to me was that they eat turnips, and I still don't know what they do with the tops.

Mentone will become a busy place before long. All of the shops will be open full time, the camps will be filled with young people, and there will be more people here this summer than ever before. Mentone's secret has been discovered. I have been as uncomfortable with the idea of tourists filling our streets as anyone could be. But, I believe that change is inevitable. I know that Mentone has changed and will change again. Therefore, I think that we should all become involved with the change and make it happen, not let it happen. Become involved and know what is going on around you. If you don't like the changes, do something, don't just sit and watch it happen!

JOY SENIOR CLUB

The JUST OLDER YOUTH group will meet at 11:00 a.m., on April 15, at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Guest speakers will be Ann Wright and Lynette McCary.

Anyone interested in attending or joining, may call either of the following:

Eran Martin at 634-4230 or
Anne Climer at 634-4187.



I could never say enough good things about the volunteer fire fighters of the Mentone area. Before all the rain started, they were going out almost every day to put out a brush fire. The pumper truck has a broken hose. There is never enough money to buy the needed equipment. (They sometimes use their own money to buy badly-needed items.) They always go to bed knowing that they may be up to fight a major fire before morning. The building is always in need of repairs. New gas heaters are needed before next winter, the old ones do not have pilot lights and are not really safe. A large insurance payment is now due. Can you think of more formidable odds? If you have been intending to send them a donation, now is a great time to do so. Send it to: NLMFPD (or to Fire Department) P.O. Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984.

Next Sunday is Easter. Such a wonderful time in the Christian faith, and such a beautiful time of the year. Enjoy your family and friends and be thankful for life. Happy Easter to all!

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on March 8 at St. Josephs. There were 21 members present. Shirley Hussel presented a beautiful devotional on gardens and God. She selected 6 poets and read a piece of each of their works. William Wordsworth, "The Daffodils," Lord Alfred Tennyson, "Flower in a Crannied Wall," Robert Frost, "Prayer in Spring," Thomas Brown, "My Garden," Carolyn Mason, "Eventide," David Morton, "Cymbal." Mrs. Hussell closed with this thought: "take pleasure and rejoice in God."

Lynette McCary announced that the Adopt-A-Mile pickup was scheduled for Saturday, March 12.

The president announced that the club's memorial for deceased members, Lillian Blalock, Mary Bartlett, Hulda Merkle, Jackie Skelton, and Estelle Watson was ready to mail.

Under new business, several items were mentioned to the members, such as, a Garden Therapy Program given by Pat Seymour, Marie Dillenbeck, and Ann Wright for the Mountain Laurel Garden Club in Fort Payne; Deep South project Second Time Around plants program given at Flowering Dogwood Garden Club and Rainsville Garden Club by President, Ann Wright and Linda Brown; February 15 Federation meeting luncheon; VFW Flower Show; February 21, District II, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., workshop meeting at Gadsden Rec. Center on "How to Apply for Awards," (our president attended); Home and Garden Show March 19 -20, at Rainsville Civic Center; Federated Garden Club Luncheon: April 30, at which time Pat, Marie, and Ann will present the program. State Convention, June 7-10, will be hosted by District II, and the Rhododendron Garden Club is responsible for obtaining 250 pairs of socks for ditty bags.

Pat Seymour, Garden Therapy chairman, presented the program, "Hands-On Garden Therapy." For the program, she brought individual plants to be repotted and given to shut-ins. Each member present used potting soil and pots donated by Blackburn Nursery, and bedding plants brought by Dr. Pat.

The April meeting will be held on April 12 at Betty Chapman's. The Program will be presented by Ann Wright and Linda Brown on the Deep South project-Second Time Around. The hostesses will be Shirley Hussel, Betty Chapman, Lynette McCary, and Hattie Lide.

The president announced that dues are to be paid in April.

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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine Donahue

The March meeting of the Valley Head Woman's Club was held in the parlor of the beautiful St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church. Hostesses were Mrs. George Bauerle, Mrs. H.R. Blackburn, and Mrs. Larry Longshore. A St. Patrick's Day theme was carried out in the refreshments, which were served first to accommodate the speakers.

The subject of the program was "A Better World Through the Mentone Camping Experience." The president, Mrs. Alex Hamilton, presided. One speaker was Mrs. Susan Jones Manning, R.N., Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta, daughter of our own Mrs. James Jones. The other speaker was Dr. William Berry of Moon Lake School.

Rev. Robert Childers, new rector of St. Joseph's, was introduced and welcomed club members.

Mrs. Blackburn gave the devotional based on the observation of Lent. She read Matthew 4:1-11 - Christ was led by the spirit into the wilderness where he fasted 40 days and nights and was tempted by the devil for his physical needs, power and glory. She also read Isaiah 61:11 - As the earth brings forth her bud, so the Lord will cause righteousness to spring forth before all nations.

She said although originally Lent meant spring, it is traditionally the season between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It is a season of penitence and self-denial. Lent is a reminder of the rebirth of nature. The dogwood symbolizes Christ's death on the cross.

Mrs. Blackburn read Peter Marshall's "Good Friday Prayer" wherein he said, "Make this day create in us love and each day a new beginning." She closed by reading "Lent Reminders" by Eloise Brown.

Mrs. Manning worked at Camp Alpine as assistant to Katherine Bailey. It was a great experience in growing up and she received her first kiss from a boy there. At the time, she thought she was working hard, but now realizes she was not. She learned about finances from her work there.

She said campers contribute to the economy of Mentone as there are 13 camps on the mountain. There are 6,725 campers each season and 1,270 people are employed in the camps. The camps put Mentone on the map. Campers come from all over the United States and many foreign countries including France, Germany and Japan. The impact for good on the children is remarkable.

Dr. Berry exhibited a long poster painted by his students showing the camping experience and many small drawings showing their impressions of camp life.

He said he had almost a private camping experience with his cousins, aunts, and uncles at the Berry Patch. They shared the swimming experience with Camp Laney campers just across Little River. He delivered eggs to the camps and remembers vividly the acrid smell of the vegetables in the damp cellars.

In 1974, he went to work for Rob Hammond at Camp Laney. He spent all of his first summer's salary on a 3-piece suit, which he bought in Birmingham.

Dr. Berry said he became a better Berry through his camping experiences. Religious services are a good part of this experience. Marsha Hurt told him that camping was like a ripple on the river, the big one keeps growing and small ones keep forming.

Camping helps create a better world as Mentone and the camps receive a reciprocal enrichment. Camping provides a holistic experience through the scenic beauty and tranquility of the area. It provides educational experience by teaching various skills, team work and cooperation. Camping provides opportunities for learning that translate into outcomes for living.

Dr. Berry concluded by reading a poem, "Children Learn What They Live." The first part of the poem was on negative things and the last part on positive things. Campers sometimes think of negative things first, but always turn to positive things.

Members renewed their Pledge of Membership with new members, Mrs. Peggy Bentley and Mrs. Susan Hooks.

The nominating committee, Mrs. James Jones, chairman, Mrs. John Jones, and Mrs. Kenneth Kirby, presented the slate of officers for 1994-96. They were: president, Mrs. H.R. Blackburn; first vice president, Mrs. John Jones; second vice president, Mrs. M.W. Donahue; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Bauerle; recording secretary, Mrs. Van Cooper; treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Stanley; custodian, Mrs. Edward Disney; parliamentarian, Mrs. B.L. Biddle.

These officers will be installed at the May meeting.

DISTRICT II MEETING

The District II meeting of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs was held at DeSoto State Park Lodge on February 26, 1994, with the Valley Head Woman's Club as hostess.

Guests were greeted and welcomed by the president, Sue Hamilton, Dot Blackburn, Susan Hooks, and Marsha Hurt. Maxine Wright and Flo Kirby registered guests. At the entrance of the main dining room, coffee, orange juice, and goodies were served by Martha Stanley, Bess Bauerle, Evelyn Graves, Susan Hooks, and Marsha Hurt.

The tables were beautifully decorated with native mountain flowers provided by Sue Hamilton, Maxine Wright, and Chris Wright. Favors at each place setting were jars of muscadine jelly made by Sue and Maxine, and lovely little pins of cross cut native wood on which Sue had painted native flora and fauna and DeSoto State Park Lodge.

Debbie Nothdurft, District II Director, presided at the meeting. Sue Hamilton and Tim Haney, assistant superintendent of the park, welcomed the guests. Mr. Haney said it was every man's dream to have a house full of ladies. He gave a brief history of the park. It was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps and has developed to its present state of beauty over the years, now having a lodge, motel rooms, chalets, nature trails, and exhibits.

Marsha Hurt gave the devotional. She said when she was going to be married, she discussed it with her minister; when she was having a baby, she went to a class to learn all about it. She asked her grandmother what she did on those occasions. Grandmother said, "We just did it." So, women just do things that have to be done. She said it was stimulating to be in the room with women of so much creative energy. Women are strong when hearts are happy or broken. Jesus didn't start his ministry until he was baptized and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." In body, soul, life, and death, we belong to God. We should love life every minute staying at the center of God's love, standing tall on our feet, celebrating life with one another.

Debbie Nothdurft conducted a memorial service for members who had died since the last meeting. Velma Hammond led the members in the club Collect.

Debbie introduced the state officers. Madelyn Rowell, president, of Birmingham, remarked on how much alike we all are, yet how different. She told of her experience with Indian members in New Mexico, marveled at the depth of their interest, having the same ideas and thoughts as we. She also told of meeting a woman in the state legislature whom she had taught in camp as a child, but did not remember. Madelyn told her she would have remembered her if she had been bad.

Our own Jane Brooks of Crossville will be installed as state president at the state convention in

Birmingham April 28-May 1. The emphasis of her administration will be on Children's Hospital at UAB.

District II new officers installed were Jane Wright, director, Vera Stuart, Sue Hamilton, Rowena Lyons, and Ramona Wyatt.

The various clubs present gave reports on their activities. May Louise Holleman gave a brief history of the Valley Head Club, which was founded in 1930, with her mother being a charter member. Through the years, it has worked with the communities of Valley Head, Mentone, and Hammondville, from which the members come. Outstanding projects, recently, were the historical marker for the churches of Valley Head, and the Homecoming Tea for Ralph Hammond, poet laureate of Alabama.

Evelyn Graves gave thanks before the luncheon.

The club wishes to publicly thank Mr. Tim Haney and the staff of DeSoto State Park Lodge for the excellent cooperation and service.



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will have a special Easter service on April 3. There will be an Easter egg hunt following the morning worship service. On Sunday, April 10, the church is celebrating Parsonage Family Day. The church will have a spring revival April 15-17. Evangelist John Benning, who is the Alabama Youth Director, will be conducting these services. Rev. Don Brock will be directing a statewide men's retreat April 22-23 at Camp Booth in Green Pond, Alabama. April 24 is Senior Adult Sunday. There will be recognition for senior adults on that day.

There will be a Week of Prayer and Self Denial program at the Valley Head Methodist Church on April 26. The program will be followed by a covered dish lunch. There will be special music at the Easter service, with lilies in the sanctuary in memory of friends and loved ones.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church voted on Sunday, March 27, for Reverend Bill Russell to be the pastor. He has not, at this time, given the church an answer as to whether or not he intends to accept the pastorate. The youth worked during the weekend of March 26-27 at Ponderosa Bible Camp cleaning the grounds and doing other clean up as part of their youth ministry. A three-hour choir practice on the fourth Saturday in each month will begin on April 2.

On Friday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Mentone Church of God will be serving chicken and dressing dinners. The cost per plate is \$4.00, and deliveries will be made, if necessary.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 2, at the home of David and Rachel Lee, from 2-4 p.m. Reverend and Mrs. Addison visited relatives in Pennsylvania recently, and Reverend Edmund Crowe filled the pulpit on March 27 in Reverend Addison's absence. There will be a revival the last week in April with Reverend Rod Addison from West Palm Beach, Florida, doing the preaching.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to join in worship at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L.A. Smith preach alternate Sundays.

The drama team at the Mentone Revival Center will be doing some Easter skits on Easter Sunday at 6 p.m. There will be a singing on April 16 at 6:30 p.m., featuring High Caliber. Mentone Revival Center has a weekly radio broadcast on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. Valley Head WQRX-870AM carries the morning program, and the afternoon service can be heard on Summerville WGTA-950 AM.

The UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church met on Thursday, March 31, to prepare Easter baskets for shut-ins. The regular meeting is Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall.

The program, "Openings," will be presented by Ann Wright. Alyce Springer is the hostess.

A Spiritual Life study is being taught by Reverend David Lett each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. The book being used is *Spiritual Life*, Book One. This is for all ages, and everyone is invited to attend.

The finance committee has decided to centrally heat and air condition the church. Those wishing to make a donation may send it directly to the church at P.O. Box 90, Mentone, AL 35984.

The church continues to need a piano player for the Sunday morning worship services. Please contact Rev. Lett at 634-4881.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is busy with many things. On March 27, a birthday party was given for the pastor's wife, Evelyn Graves, in the fellowship hall. The youth choir sang at Dessie's Kountry Chef during March. They will be singing at Dessie's again on April 19, at 7 p.m., and again on April 29, at 7 p.m. The pastor, Reverend Jimmy Graves, will be preaching a revival at Chavies Baptist Church during that week. The youth choir is invited to sing at a motor show in Rainsville in June. They will be singing at Trinity Methodist Church near Lebanon on April 9. The youth choir is making definite plans for their trip to Washington, DC, in late June. They are now in the process of learning new music for Easter Sunday, as well as for some of the singing engagements they have in the next few weeks. They are making a tape which will go on sale soon.

There will be a breakfast for the high school seniors of the church in late April or early May. The date has not been decided upon.

A white Bible ceremony was presented by the Baptist Young Women recently for newlyweds Jeff and April (Liles) Essinger.

A new study entitled, "Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts" is being taught by Rex Harrison each Sunday evening at 6. On the second Sunday evening of each month, an old-fashioned singing is held at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. for worship and 7 p.m. for Sunday evening worship. Prayer service is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

The Valley Head Baptist Church welcomes Charles Jenkins, their new pastor. He is from Terry, Mississippi. Rev. Jenkins' wife is a registered nurse, and they have two daughters.

A reception honoring interim pastor, James Young, was held Wednesday after church. Rev. Young was presented a watch, and Mrs. James Young received a brooch.

The adult choir at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is continuing to grow under the direction of Marsha Hurt. Lynette McCary is the accompanist on the organ or the piano.

Bible study is led by Rev. Robert Childers at the church each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday covered dish luncheons are held in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

A men's prayer group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. at the Little River Hardware.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will conduct sunrise services at Chester Crow's place at 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning.

The association will meet on Monday, April 11, at 11:30 a.m., at Dessie's Kountry Chef to finalize plans for a baccalaureate service, and also to discuss the National Day of Prayer Services to be held Thursday, May 5 at Brow Park in Mentone.



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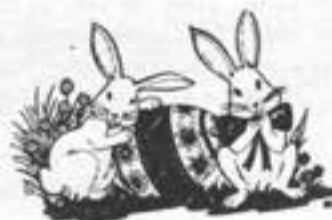
Mrs. Phyllis Sarratt with kindergarteners



Ben Corey, Moon Lake's
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SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves
MOON LAKE



Registration for softball teams, ages 9 and 10, has been completed. It is uncertain at this time who the coach will be for that age group. Registration for ages 11 and 12 is also completed, and Ronald Baggett will be the coach for that team. Thirty-nine students have signed up for T-ball.

Three new students have enrolled, they are :

The Stanford Achievement Test is scheduled for the 4th grade on April 12-15. The Writing Assessment Test is scheduled for 2nd and 5th grades on May 2-6.

Kindergarten registration is April 21 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Mrs. Marsha Hurt has completed work on the school yearbook and has sent it to the publisher. The finished yearbooks should be back by the middle of May and will be on sale at that time for \$9.00 per copy.

Saturday, April 30, will be May Day. There will be a European Style "Spring Festival." See the flyer on this page. There will be all kinds of outdoor activities, races, and special "fun things."

A PTA project is underway to put new playground equipment at the school. On May 15 and May 21, everybody in the community is invited to come and help with this project. Any financial donation toward the playground equipment will be appreciated.

Ms. Cheryl King did a wonderful job with the two-week art program. (See pictures on this page.) This was one of the many things that Mr. Bell had worked on and hoped to accomplish before he retired. He had worked with the Arts Council in trying to get an art teacher for the school, and he appointed Dr. Bill Berry to handle the application for a grant in an attempt to accomplish this.



School chums enjoy swinging



Playground Fun: Emily Tipton, Laura Floyd, Katie Gray, Emmy Corey



Chess Champions:
Thomas Brendle, champion;
Justin Fischer, runner-up

Photos by Marsha Hurt



The Tiger Paw Print Staff

Tiger Paw Print

The following items were taken from the March 1994 issue of the Tiger Paw Print newsletter of Moon Lake School. The staff is: Editor: Jack Corey; Assistant Editor: Ben Corey; Sports Writers: Jennifer Blalock & Peter Hurt; Class reporters: Brandy Jackson (6th), Emily Collins (4th/5th), Tiffany Bare (3rd/4th), Emily Corey & Ashley McSpadden (2nd), Rob Childers & Andrew McCole (1st), and Stuart Hurt (Kindergarten); Comic Artist: Nathan Owen; and Sponsor: Bill Berry.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH— CHARLES BELL

By Ben Corey

Charles Bell came to Moon Lake Elementary School when he was offered the job by the Board of Education. He enjoys Moon Lake because of the community, and he enjoys working with young people.

He directs T-ball and baseball. He likes his class. They have a good sense of humor.

He says the PTA builds things for the school and pays the bills. Mr. Bell likes that.

When he's not at school, he hunts, swims, vacations, hikes, and goes to church with his family.

3rd/4th TALES

By Tiffany Bare

Now, we have only five times tables to go before we have our pizza party.

We have a new boy in our class, too. His name is Jimmy Ballinger.

We have painted a mural. It has a camp painted on it.

We'll all be glad when Spring Break comes!

4th/5th FLASH

By Emily Collins

Joyce Smith's 4th and 5th grade class has finished art class. Everyone loved it! Cheryl King, our art teacher, says she hopes to come back next year.

Volleyball has started. It's great!

DARE is going great.

Everyone is having a great year.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH— JIMMY BALLINGER

By Jack Corey

Jimmy Ballinger is in the 3rd grade and is eight years old. He enjoys riding in trucks, collecting baseball cards, and fishing. He says he likes Dr. Berry and playing kickball.

He dislikes rock music.

BIRTHDAY MEMORY

By Jack Corey

I got the chance a month ago to go to an Indian Pacers game. It was my birthday present.

I had been so excited all weekend, I kept on asking who they were playing.

When I stepped into the main part of the stadium, I was awe-stricken. Never before had I seen so many seats!

The players came onto the court. The game began.

ARTS IN EDUCATION

By Cheryl King

Watercolor, oil pastel, and paper sculpture are some of the art media used by Moon Lake students during the artist-in-residency program. The two-week program exposed participants to art history, art elements, and art careers, as well as afforded them lots of hands-on art experiences with various materials.

Children discussed oceanography and brainstormed things they might find in the ocean prior to creating a crayon-resist ocean scene. They listed parts of a flower and observed and discussed different flowers before drawing and painting flowers. Mr. Bell's sixth grade students learned about scale drawing and produced a huge portrait of Abraham Lincoln for the hallway. Kindergarten, first, and second grades decorated the sidewalk with clowns, flowers, and leprechauns. Third, fourth, and fifth grades studied non-representational artists, Frank Stella and Piet Mondrian. Then, they tried their hands at designing a balanced, non-representational work of art. Each child was involved in the creative process, planning and producing art.

The children learned a lot and seemed to have fun!

KINDERGARTEN GAB

By Stuart Hurt

The kindergarten has studied letters since Labor Day. Now they are finished. Since they are finished, they are creating an alphabet book. They are making letters into animals and other things. Their teacher, Phyllis Sarratt, wants to give a special thank-you to Roma Hope. They have been adding in math.

The kindergarten students like spring because ... "The flowers bloom and it's warmer" (Sarah Hurt) ... "Because I can ride my bike and play" (Hali Johnson) ... "So the trees bloom and the sun comes out" (Scott Blalock).

SPEAKING OF SPORTS

By Jennifer Blalock & Peter Hurt

Baseball is coming up soon. We have a good amount of players. We hope to win a lot.

Volleyball has just started. Our teams are Masked Bandits, Road Warriors, Roll Tide, and War Eagles.

The Masked Bandits are Emily Collins, Jack Corey, Candace Fuller, Peter Hurt, Brandy Johnson, Holly Kitchens, and Nathan Owen.

The Road Warriors are Josh Baker, Thomas Brendle, Amberley Denham, Justin Fischer, Tonya Webb, Jenny Wesley, and Johnnie Wesley.

The Roll Tide team is made of Josh Baggett, Jeffrey Bullock, Davey Goodwin, Alan Hawkins, Adam Prestwood, Jason Sammons, and Stephanie Worthey.

The War Eagle players are Ben Corey, Sheena Crow, Brandy Jackson, Jessica Lee, Buck Strickland, and James Tipton.

2ND GRADE SCOOP

By Ashley McSpadden

Second graders have made leprechauns in art.

In class, we are making decorations for the bulletin board. Here are the things we are making: kites, bees, and flowers.

And we're having fun!

MOON LAKE PICKS ...

CARTOON CONNECTIONS DISCOVERED

By Ben Corey

Moon Lakers' favorite cartoon characters are:

Kindergarten ... Ariel

1st ... (tie) Bugs Bunny, Garfield,

Red Ranger, Rudolph

2nd ... Bart Simpson

3rd ... Bugs Bunny

4th ... (tie) Bugs Bunny, Tasmanian Devil

5th ... Tom & Jerry

These were determined in a recent Tiger Paw Print survey.



Art lessons in the outdoors


Cheryl King, Art Teacher,
and First Grader, Rachel Bryan

Photos by Marsha Hurt

EUROPEAN STYLE "SPRING FESTIVAL" at Moon Lake School Saturday, April 30th.

Moon Lake PTA will have an outdoor spring festival on the school grounds all day Saturday, April 30th.

There will be arts and crafts, art show, olympic-style events for children, May Pole dance, cake walk, parent-teacher softball game, and much more. The New Generation Dancers will perform.

Come early! Enjoy a pancake breakfast. Stay for lunch, and enjoy grilled hotdogs and hamburgers with all the fixings.

The money raised will go into a fund for a much-needed art teacher and for playground equipment. A complete schedule of events will be posted at the MAPA board at the Mentone Post Office, at the City Hall, and several businesses in town.

Moon Lake Alumni will be special guests.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will have a special Easter service on April 3. There will be an Easter egg hunt following the morning worship service. On Sunday, April 10, the church is celebrating Parsonage Family Day. The church will have a spring revival April 15-17. Evangelist John Benning, who is the Alabama Youth Director, will be conducting these services. Rev. Don Brock will be directing a statewide men's retreat April 22-23 at Camp Booth in Green Pond, Alabama. April 24 is Senior Adult Sunday. There will be recognition for senior adults on that day.

There will be a Week of Prayer and Self Denial program at the Valley Head Methodist Church on April 26. The program will be followed by a covered dish lunch. There will be special music at the Easter service, with lilies in the sanctuary in memory of friends and loved ones.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church voted on Sunday, March 27, for Reverend Bill Russell to be the pastor. He has not, at this time, given the church an answer as to whether or not he intends to accept the pastorate. The youth worked during the weekend of March 26-27 at Ponderosa Bible Camp cleaning the grounds and doing other clean up as part of their youth ministry. A three-hour choir practice on the fourth Saturday in each month will begin on April 2.

On Friday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Mentone Church of God will be serving chicken and dressing dinners. The cost per plate is \$4.00, and deliveries will be made, if necessary.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 2, at the home of David and Rachel Lee, from 2-4 p.m. Reverend and Mrs. Addison visited relatives in Pennsylvania recently, and Reverend Edmund Crowe filled the pulpit on March 27 in Reverend Addison's absence. There will be a revival the last week in April with Reverend Rod Addison from West Palm Beach, Florida, doing the preaching.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to join in worship at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L.A. Smith preach alternate Sundays.

The drama team at the Mentone Revival Center will be doing some Easter skits on Easter Sunday at 6 p.m. There will be a singing on April 16 at 6:30 p.m., featuring High Caliber. Mentone Revival Center has a weekly radio broadcast on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. Valley Head WQRX-870AM carries the morning program, and the afternoon service can be heard on Summerville WGTA-950 AM.

The UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church met on Thursday, March 31, to prepare Easter baskets for shut-ins. The regular meeting is Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m., at the Fellowship Hall.

The program, "Openings," will be presented by Ann Wright. Alyce Springer is the hostess.

A Spiritual Life study is being taught by Reverend David Lett each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. The book being used is *Spiritual Life*, Book One. This is for all ages, and everyone is invited to attend.

The finance committee has decided to centrally heat and air condition the church. Those wishing to make a donation may send it directly to the church at P.O. Box 90, Mentone, AL 35984.

The church continues to need a piano player for the Sunday morning worship services. Please contact Rev. Lett at 634-4881.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is busy with many things. On March 27, a birthday party was given for the pastor's wife, Evelyn Graves, in the fellowship hall. The youth choir sang at Dessie's Kountry Chef during March. They will be singing at Dessie's again on April 19, at 7 p.m., and again on April 29, at 7 p.m. The pastor, Reverend Jimmy Graves, will be preaching a revival at Chavies Baptist Church during that week. The youth choir is invited to sing at a motor show in Rainsville in June. They will be singing at Trinity Methodist Church near Lebanon on April 9. The youth choir is making definite plans for their trip to Washington, DC, in late June. They are now in the process of learning new music for Easter Sunday, as well as for some of the singing engagements they have in the next few weeks. They are making a tape which will go on sale soon.

There will be a breakfast for the high school seniors of the church in late April or early May. The date has not been decided upon.

A white Bible ceremony was presented by the Baptist Young Women recently for newlyweds Jeff and April (Liles) Essinger.

A new study entitled, "Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts" is being taught by Rex Harrison each Sunday evening at 6. On the second Sunday evening of each month, an old-fashioned singing is held at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. for worship and 7 p.m. for Sunday evening worship. Prayer service is on Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

The Valley Head Baptist Church welcomes Charles Jenkins, their new pastor. He is from Terry, Mississippi. Rev. Jenkins' wife is a registered nurse, and they have two daughters.

A reception honoring interim pastor, James Young, was held Wednesday after church. Rev. Young was presented a watch, and Mrs. James Young received a brooch.

The adult choir at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is continuing to grow under the direction of Marsha Hurt. Lynette McCary is the accompanist on the organ or the piano.

Bible study is led by Rev. Robert Childers at the church each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday covered dish luncheons are held in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

A men's prayer group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. at the Little River Hardware.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will conduct sunrise services at Chester Crow's place at 7:00 a.m. on Easter morning.

The association will meet on Monday, April 11, at 11:30 a.m., at Dessie's Kountry Chef to finalize plans for a baccalaureate service, and also to discuss the National Day of Prayer Services to be held Thursday, May 5 at Brow Park in Mentone.



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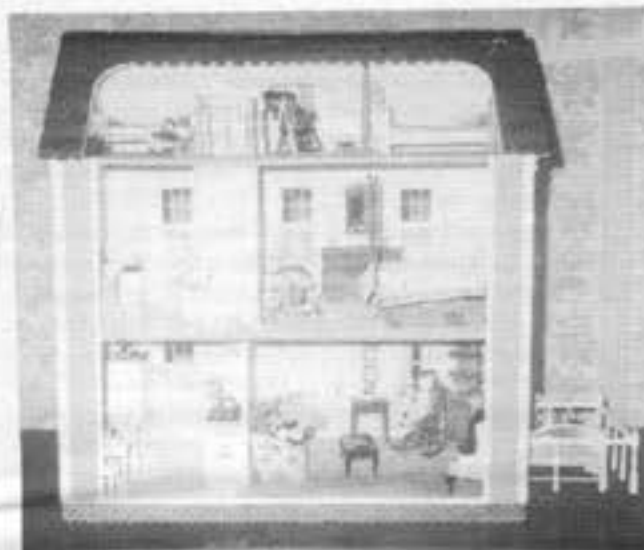
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Front, side, and inside view of one of Grace Howard's many miniature houses she has built and furnished with miniature pieces



Mr. and Mrs. Santa in a completely furnished miniature home



Judy Weaver and distant cousin, Judy Vezzetti, from Madison, Wisconsin



Miniaturists: Grace Howard, Betty Stephens, and Judy Weaver (not pictured, Barbara Nancarrow)

MENTONE'S MINIATURE ART: PART TWO

By Pat Seymour

Four Mentone Craftspeople are exciting the area with their intriguing art form, miniatures. Each has constructed houses, furniture, incidental pieces, and miniature people to inhabit these gazebos, Christmas houses, plantation mansions, gardens, and countless other settings. In the March issue, *The Groundhog* featured the miniatures of Judy Weaver, who, with her husband, Harry, operates Weaver's Craft store located above Lookout Mountain Properties in the Mentone Crafts Village. The other Mentone miniaturists are Betty Stephens, Grace Howard, and Barbara Nancarrow. Judy is an artist and dealer; Grace is a builder and craftsperson, Betty is a collector; and Barbara is an artist, a craftsperson, and a builder.

The April *Groundhog* features several of the homes/rooms built and furnished by Grace Howard. Grace began miniaturizing in 1989, when her doctor diagnosed the pain in her wrist as carpal tunnel syndrome, and her piano playing/quilting/needlework, etc., days were over. Her first miniature efforts were Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Husband Milton cut and built the miniatures needed to begin. (Milton is an artist in his own right, cutting, polishing, and setting beautiful stones.) Milton practices the craft of lapidary.

In miniaturizing, Grace says, "Scratch building costs almost nothing and is the best kind of building. We are creating a piece of art. There is much sharing among our group; pieces, ideas, tools."

Observes Grace, "The trip to the closest group is to Chattanooga each month and is over 50 miles each way. Very inconvenient. The Chattanooga Miniaturists Society, of which we are all members, rebuilt the antique doll house at the Ronald McDonald House.

"We need to have a Mentone group and could have, if only a few men and women would give us a try," commented Grace. "It would be nice to do things for this area and not for Chattanooga." "There are some fine DeKalb County area miniaturists who really should join with us. JoAnne Glover, Menlo; Marjorie Ferguson, Ft. Payne; Emily Brown, Valley Head, are true miniature artists, to name only a few."

Grace's phone is 634-4506.

Betty's phone is 634-4138.

Barbara's phone is 634-4842.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The winter blahs ended for a week for us in February, when we flew to Jamaica for a breath of warm air and sunshine. We flew direct from Atlanta via Private Jet, which was an entirely new airline to us. It was a good flight of only two and a half hours. We were guests at Jamaica Rose, a villa at Montego Bay, owned by our neighbors, Glenn and LaDonna Franklin. Situated on a hill overlooking the fabulous blue-green Caribbean Sea, the place is lovely. It is hard to describe the wonderful, clear aquamarine color. There are ten guest rooms at the villa; but at this particular time, we were the only guests. That was great for us, because we needed a quiet rest time. However, the next few weeks were filled, the manager told us. We were met at the airport in Montego Bay by Mr. Evans Clark, who managed the villa and served as our tour guide and chauffeur. The cook and housekeeper, Winnie and "Peaches" met us at the villa. A nice tray of fresh fruits was served us, then; and later, after we napped, a good dinner. The temperature remained in the 80s every day and was cooler at night. A soft breeze was blowing making for ideal conditions.

The covers were turned back on our bed each evening, and a fresh rose placed in the center. I loved it! I suppose this was a custom in keeping with the name of the villa. The roses were growing in profusion in the courtyard, along with many other tropical plants, such as coconut, bananas, and oranges. We are lovers of fruit, and the fresh ones served us at every meal were nice. I had early morning coffee served to me on the veranda, and again before retiring. Talk about feeling like a queen--this was wonderful! The manager was also our chauffeur and drove us anywhere we wanted to go. We enjoyed seeing the countryside where many exotic tropical trees and plants grew. I never saw so many varieties of fruits growing in one place. The Franklins own a pineapple farm, and other tropical fruits grow there. Many of them can be seen in California and lower Florida, such as mangoes, avocados, and guavas. But there were some different ones, like almonds and cinnamon trees. The almonds were not like ours. They had a thick hull and a very small nut, which was delicious. We had fried plantains served to us, and they were delicious.

We drove to the pineapple farm, which is far up in the mountains. On the way, we stopped at a coffee farm, which was the first we had seen except on television. The plants are about eight feet tall with sweeping branches covered with white blossoms and some ripe berries at the same time. The berries are picked by hand when the green ones turn red. The coffee plant likes shade, so bananas are grown in with the coffee to provide some shade. We saw oranges growing in the

rolling hills. There were thousands of acres of them. Oranges are one of Jamaica's big exports, along with sugar and rum. Of course, we saw sugar plantations. We saw the cacao trees from which comes chocolate. The beans on the tree are attractive and chubby, instead of long ones like I expected. There were fern trees growing trunks and a lush eight feet tall. The Akee fruit is most interesting. When the apple-shaped fruit is green, it is poisonous. It must turn yellow and burst in three places to be eaten safely. It bursts like a cotton boll and shows three large black seeds. The yellow fruit around these seeds is removed, stewed, and eaten. We were served some for breakfast one morning and had to ask what it was. It looked like scrambled eggs and was delicious.

We visited Rose Hall Great House, which is an old, restored plantation mansion and believed by many to be haunted. Of course, that makes for appeal to tourists. The woman who owned it originally had three husbands die mysterious deaths there. Every time, she would say, "yellow fever." She grew up in Haiti and was tutored by a Voodoo woman. She did some strange things. The house was not so striking outside, but the inside was lavish, furnished in beautiful antiques made in the area. Or at least some of them were. There was a desk and a table that was donated by Johnny Cash. The front doors were ten feet tall, made of 4-inch native mahogany. They were most impressive. In the basement, which was a dungeon when the plantation was run by slaves, is now a gift shop. On one wall was a bulletin board, and the first thing I saw was an article by Helen Exum, of the Chattanooga News Free Press, about a Mr. Collins from Ringgold, Ga., who owned and had spent two-and-a-half-million dollars on the house. Small world.

Johnny and June Cash own a beautiful home on property joining Rose Hall. We drove up a long, winding dirt road to get a glimpse of it. We took pictures from a fence surrounding it.

Another beautiful home we saw and toured is Greenwood House. The bougainvillea, hibiscus, and other tropical flowers were a riot of color. The house, is filled with rare and priceless antiques. It was built for the Barretts, cousin of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. It remains in the Barrett family.

Then, we took a trip down the river on a long bamboo raft, which was fun and relaxing after walking a long time.

Homer tried deep sea fishing, but he said he did not even see a fish. He saw many porpoises.

We looked at some places for sale. It would be wonderful to spend winter months where the temperature remains in the 80s, and a soft breeze is blowing to keep it just right. Arthritis did not bother me at all.

We only went out for dinner once, since our meals were included in the package deal. We took our driver to Julia's, which was his suggestion for a good place. It is situated on a high hill overlooking Montego Bay, which was a very pretty setting. The food was excellent.

There are many beautiful woods, and wood carvings are to be had on every corner. The vendors are eager to sell them and will follow you a way to persuade you that theirs is the best. Of course, the lovely baskets are good buys and are hand made.

There is poverty and squalid living conditions, but we did not see anyone who looked unhappy or hungry. They could live off the land, with all the fruits and vegetables growing wild.

Jamaica is an independent country, having formerly been under Spanish rule, and then British. The people speak English, and have a language of their own, which is not written. Queen Elizabeth was to visit Montego Bay the next day after we left. We hope to return next winter before it gets to ten below zero here.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

COMPANION PLANTING -- The mechanisms that cause a plant to repel or attract pests remains largely unverified, and many practices continue to combine folklore and fact. It is used by gardeners to mask or hide crops from pests and produce odors that confuse or deter them; used as traps; and used to act as "nurse plants" that provide breeding grounds for beneficial insects, food source for beneficial insects in search of pests, and create a habitat for beneficial insects.

Some insects are attracted to plants by scent, not color. Common masking or repelling scents are:

Marigold: plant as thickly as possible in veggie gardens. Don't plant the unscented type. French Marigolds offer a second benefit--their roots emit a substance that repels nematodes in the sown area.

Mints: cabbage peats and aphids don't like catnip and the other members of the mint family.

Rue: oils from the leaves of these can give some people a poison-ivy-like rash; however, what annoys people also deters Japanese beetles. Grow rue as a border, or scatter leaf clippings near beetle-infested crops.

Sweet Basil: interplant or scatter leaves in veggie or flower gardens to repel aphids, mosquitoes, and mites. It also acts as a fungicide and slows the growth of milkweed bugs.

Tansy: used as mulch, they may cause cucumber beetles, Japanese beetles, ants, and squash bugs to go elsewhere for a meal; but, it attracts cabbage worms.

Dill: planted with the cucumber vines helps with the cucumber beetles; basil helps control tomato hornworms.

Thyme/tomato/and cabbage: controls flea beetles, cabbage maggots, white cabbage butterflies, and imported cabbage worms.

Catnip/eggplant: deters flea beetles.

Onions/carrots: controls rust flies and some nematodes.

Horseradish/potatoes: repels Colorado beetles.

Radish/Nasturtiums/cucumber: controls cucumber beetles, as well.

Now, all this and other pest garden hints are taken (not verbatim) from Rodale's books, "All-New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening" and "The Experts Book of Garden Hints."

My family and I wish you all a very Happy Easter.



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VALLEY HEAD'S NEW BUSINESS



By Marie Dillenbeck

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Working with Julie is Annette Blalock. Annette previously worked at Kimberly's in Valley Head. They both are graduates of the Gaither Beauty School in Scottsboro. Julie worked at Looks Unlimited and Barbara's in Fort Payne prior to opening her own shop, Shear Designs. Julie also teaches aerobics at the Weight Management Center in Fort Payne on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Shear Designs is open 6 days a week. Services include master cuts, styles, chemical service, manicures or pedicures. Shear Designs offers products such as Scruples, Nexus, and top-of-the line world class L'Oréal hair color. For the month of April, several specials will be offered. During the first week of April, every person receiving a chemical service will receive \$10-\$30 worth of Beauti-Control products free. In April, a drawing will be held weekly for free services, such as shampoo, cut, or style; tanning bed use; and for Beauti-Control products.

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Standing: Julie Ham, stylist; seated: Connie Otinger



Standing: Annette Blalock, stylist;
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By Mike Kenamer

We, the officers and members of DeSoto Rescue Squad, are deeply saddened by the passing of our friend and fellow member, Robert Collins. Robert was a great asset to the squad and had been instrumental in maintaining the trucks and had served on several committees. He was also a trained First Responder and was always willing to respond to a call for help when needed. Regardless the situation, you could always count on Robert to respond and do his part. He will be sorely missed.

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of people, we have obtained the funds needed to purchase a semi-automatic defibrillator. Being just about halfway to our goal, Dr. Pat Seymour asked how much we needed to be able to make the purchase. When told the cost, she produced her checkbook and brought our balance to the amount needed for purchase. We certainly appreciate the generosity of the folks who contributed to this life-saving machine. We expect it to be put into service by June.

The Rescue Squad is currently selling chances on a hand-crafted sailing ship replica to be given away at the Rhododendron Festival May 22. The ship was made by Alabama prisoners and was obtained by David Lett. Don't miss the chance to see this work of art on display at Dessie's Kountry Chef and be sure to take a chance on it. It is certainly a work of art you'd be proud to display.

The Rescue Squad appreciates the opportunity you give us to serve you. On March 10th, we completed our First Responder course, which increases the number of trained personnel available to serve you. Five current members completed the course, and we added five new members during the course. We are pleased to have these new First Responders on board.

Any donations may be sent to DeSoto Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 213, Mentone, AL 35984.

For information, call:

Mike Kenamer, Co-Captain - 1-205-634-4484, or

Jim Gaylord, Co-Captain - 1-205-634-4535.

THANK YOU!!

The family of Robert Collins would like to thank all the community of Valley Head, Mentone, & Hammondville, for the caring, love, and support in the death of my husband and our father. My husband always said that he would die a rich man, and as I saw the whole community pull together to pay him respect, I realized he died a millionaire. There were so many flowers, food, and love that I cannot send out enough thank you cards. Please accept this, THANK YOU, for it comes from our hearts.

From Jewell Collins,
Shirley, Robby, & Joey

FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

DeSoto Rescue Squad, a non-profit organization, will offer for sale by sealed bid a 1966 Dodge Van. This van is operable and is being sold because it was recently replaced by a four-wheel drive vehicle. Bids will be accepted by mail or may be brought to the April 19, 1994, meeting of the DeSoto Rescue Squad. Bids will be opened on April 19, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. Persons desiring to mail a bid should clearly mark it "VAN BID" and mail it to DeSoto Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 213, Mentone, AL 35984. The squad reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. The minimum bid is \$500.00. Payment must be by cash or approved check.



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

AVERAGES

Sue and I are planning a trip to Beaverton, Oregon, to visit daughter Janet and son-in-law Bob Hamilton. Beaverton is a small suburb of Portland on Portland's west boundary. In preparation for that trip, Janet gathered up a bunch of brochures of facts, figures, shopping malls, general data, and things to do and sent them to us. In reading through the facts and figures, I found that the Portland area has an average winter temperature of 36 degrees F, an average summer temperature of 68 degrees F, and annual rainfall of 37.8 inches.

Now, you might say "So, what the heck?" and basically, I agree. What have I learned? That Beaverton is cold and wet—that's the general reputation of that part of the country; however, northeast Alabama has over 50 inches of rain each year (average), and it's not considered "wet." As it turns out, it drizzles in Beaverton for a short while nearly every day, which would, of course, keep things damp and the vegetation lush. Great grape-growing and wine-making country, I understand.

Let's turn now to average temperature in summertime. Average temperature doesn't really tell one what clothes to pack, since 68 degrees F is an average of a great many numbers. For instance, it is the average of 69 and 67, also 98 and 38. Now, those two sets of ranges of temperature to create a numerical average would certainly require vastly different clothing. Average numbers can be very deceiving.

Statisticians love averages, means and medians; and each term has its own very definite meaning and each is different. Differences among the terms are generally lost on the public. However, every school child knows how to get an average...add a column of numbers and divide by the number of numbers in your column.

The term "average," which has a well-known definition, is grossly misused by the press, politicians, and just plain John Q. Public. You hear or read things like "we averaged only 3 or 4 days of sunshine last week," or "on the average, we drove 300 to 400 miles each day on our trip." In each example, leave out the word "average" and each sentence could make sense. As they are, they don't have much meaning, since an average is a single number, not a range of numbers.

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Another thing that has happened is that "average" has taken on a bad or degrading connotation. Everyone must be above average, which, of course, is an impossibility. It's like Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegone in "A Prairie Home Companion," "...where all the men are good looking, all the women are strong, and all the children are above average." In any group of people, there are some who are average and some above and some below. It doesn't matter what you measure about those people; if you compute an average, there will be some above, some below, and some right on it. Measure height, weight, age, knowledge of history or sports or mathematics or poetry, and average your measurements. You will arrive at a single value (not a range), and you'll find some people above, some below, and a few right on the average. Being average is not an insult, it is a fact.

Everyone is, at various times and in various measurable parameters, average. Each is likewise below average and also above average. But, don't tell me that each and every student is above average. That, on the face of it, is an absolute impossibility. It cannot happen! So, the educators of the country need to redefine their grading system to use different words to describe the general ranking of students. The wonderful world of education has really subverted a word that has a legitimate meaning. On the one hand, they teach about "mathematical average;" and, on the other hand, deny the existence of the term by making average grade a demeaning thing and elevating that grade to above average; thereby saying that above average is now average. Strange, strange, strange. (Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!)

Well, so long for another month, from a thoroughly average, above average, below average person. Thanks for your time, see you next month.

*Sir Walter Scott



EASTER JOY

Beauty of earth
proclaims the birth
to life from death;
with ev'ry breath
all nature sings
to Heaven rings
joys's elation
in celebration,—
as all employs
the Easter joys.
So Christians, too,
Your faith renew,
rejuvenate,
and celebrate
the ecstasy
of being free
of death's dark tomb!
Faith now can bloom
from bonds of sod
to home with God.

— Eloise Brown

Easter is

when God washed away our
sins by dying on Mount Calvary
a light of hope
daffodils smiling at your
every move.
the beaming face of a girl
in her new spring dress.
new baby chicks peeping
softly in your ear.
the breeze whispering a
sweet song of life.
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in the pale sunlight.
the flowers at the altar
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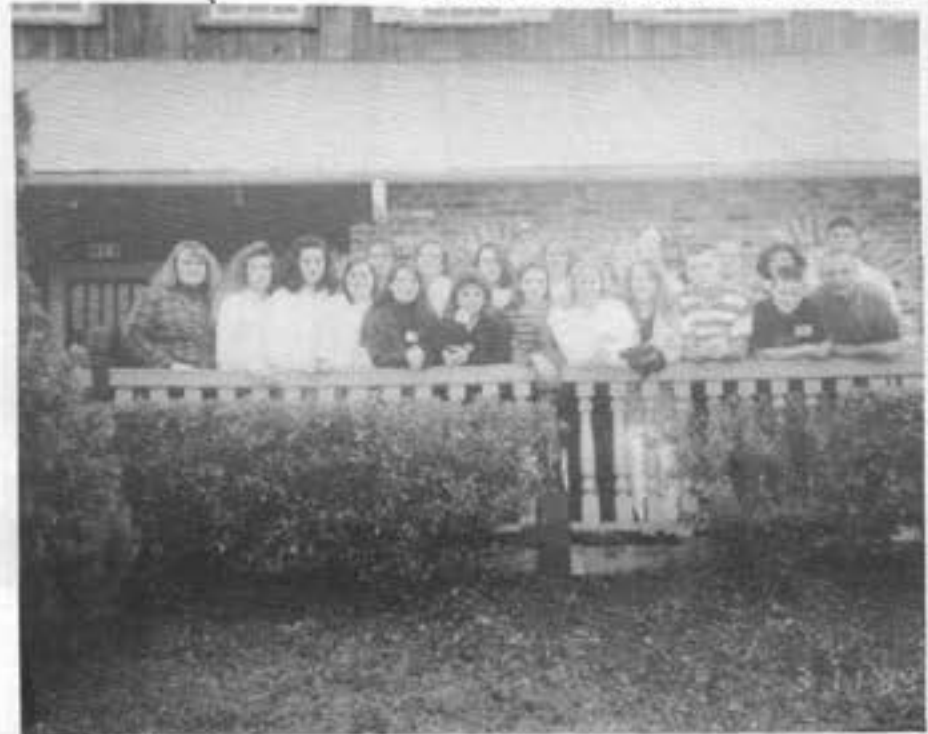
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4-H CLUB NEWS

Moon Lake Helping Hands 4-H Club

By Holly Kitchens, Reporter

The Moon Lake 4-H Club met March 8, 1994, for its March meeting. Emily Collins, club president, called the meeting to order. Jennifer Blalock, Johnnie Wesley, Jana Goss, and Davey Goodwin, club song leaders, led the club in singing, "4-H Spirit." Ben Corey gave the devotional for the group. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and our 4-H Club Pledge were led by our vice-president, Nathan Owen. Our secretary, Holly Kitchens, then read the minutes of our last meeting and took roll call. The meeting was turned over to our 4-H agent, Mrs. Wardrup, who presented a program on "Demonstrations." Mrs. Wardrup talked about the sheets she handed out. She gave a demonstration using a hot glue gun. She stressed the importance of saving the instructions. The local 4-H contests this month were crafts, baked goods, models, and demonstrations. Our local 4-H leader, Mrs. Joyce Smith, was in charge of the contests. 4-H'ers placing first were: Cassie Hooks, Peter Hurt, Johnnie Wesley, Jeffrey Bullock, Holly Kitchens, Leeland Bullock, and James Tipton. Taking second place awards were: Tracy Coots, Emily Collins, David Chaney, Josh Baker, and Jared Fischer. The third place winners were: Nathan Owen, Jana Goss, and Will Shanklin. Our contest judges were Mrs. Juanita Smith and Dr. Bill Berry.



SENIOR BETA CLUB AT VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL

By Sally Sharp

On March 10-11, the Senior Beta Club at Valley Head School attended the State Beta Club Convention in Mobile.

Valley Head Beta Club's secretary, Sally Sharp, placed 2nd in the Scrapbook competition. Another member, William Lee, placed 2nd in the Photography contest.

The club will participate in the Scrapbook competition at the National Beta Club Convention to be held in Nashville this summer.

Other club activities for the 1993-94 school year included: trash pick-up for our Adopt-A-Mile program, Elderly and Toys-for-Tots projects at Christmas time.





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Grandmother Carolyn Beason holding new granddaughter, Morgan Paige Smith

IT'S A GIRL!!!

Jimmy and Sudie Smith of Valley Head announce the birth of their daughter,

MORGAN PAIGE SMITH,
born March 4, 1994.
She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.,
and was 19-1/2 inches long

Proud Grandparents are Carolyn Beason of Valley Head, and Coreen & R. P. Smith of Crossville



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JESSICA EYVETTE BARKLEY will celebrate her fourth birthday on April 3rd; and STEVEN HEATH BARKLEY will celebrate his third birthday on May 3rd.

They live in Mentone, Alabama; and their parents are Steve and Pamela Barkley of Mentone, Alabama. Their proud grandparents are Dude and Mertis Brown of Mentone; Chester and Mattie Lou Barkley of Green Cove Springs, Florida; and Shelby Graves Morgan of Valley Head, Alabama (now deceased). Great Grandparents are Tressie Thomas of Mentone (deceased); and Evelyn Graves Brown of Rising Fawn, Georgia.

Happy Birthday, Jessica and Steven!



Erica Brooke Blalock
March 1, 1994 7 lbs. 8 oz.

IT'S A GIRL!!!

Barry and Rhonda Blalock of Mentone, announce the birth of their daughter,

ERICA BROOKE BLALOCK,
born March 1, 1994. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Proud Grandparents are Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone and Bruce and Carolyn Crain of Menlo, Georgia.

Great Grandparents are Catherine Bailey and (late) Floyd Bailey of Mentone; (late) R.D. & Lillian Blalock of Mentone; Bert & Billie Crain of Menlo; Flora Jennings, Menlo; and (late) J.T. Simpson.

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Where did March go? I asked a nice friend. She replied, "I know, it went with the wind." Now, she's right I fear, and she's not alone. Ere I knew it's here, I found it was gone, sneaked in like a lamb, quiet and mousy; got us in a jam with weather stormy and lousy.

But we are very fortunate and have lots to be thankful for--so far--but many were not that lucky. Cotton Hester's house was damaged by the wind and Opal Tatum's garage was blown down on her truck but did not damage the truck. Lightning struck something here, but all I have found, so far, is a floor lamp that quit. I'll probably find a tree later. It is hard on these tall pines.

We had a fellowship dinner at Valley Head Methodist Church on Sunday, March 20, after the morning worship service. We are proud of our redecorated fellowship room. I hung a certificate of appreciation that I prepared and presented on behalf of the UMW honoring Melinda and Jeff Adkins, Nelda Johnson, and S.B. Stinson, who did the work on the room. We also expressed appreciation to Mary and Ted Holleman and Laura Margaret Allison who, as a committee, selected and had installed new floor covering in the kitchen. All of this was paid out of the building fund.

Virginia Livezy is thrilled that her granddaughter, Katie Coburn and husband, John, and sons, David and William, have moved from Fort Worth, Tx., to Fort Payne. Katie is the daughter of Cheryl and Jerrie Brown of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pickett, from Chattanooga, visited Gladys Cobble, recently.

Robert Hawkins, from Brewton, AL, spent the weekend with his parents, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins.

John and Lucy Ricketts from Tuscaloosa, AL, and Katie Thomas of Fort Payne, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Doris and Jim Carmichael, recently.

Dr. Robert Ringer of Marianna, FL, and Robert McReynolds of Lake City, FL, were recent guests of Ed Ringer. Joyce and Harold Allen, from Centre, were also Ed's recent visitors.

Alan Biddle, of Atlanta, visited his mother, Adelaide Biddle.

Jimmy Reeves, of Athens, AL, and Linda and Bob Hopkins, of Nashville, were recent guests of Jeff and Melinda Adkins. Bob sang a lovely solo at our church service.

The Valley Head UMW met at the home of Frances Longshore March 1. Venna Livingston was co-hostess. Mary Holleman led the program, "Caring For One Another." Others present were Eloise Brown, who presided; Laura Margaret Allison, who gave Secretary-Treasurer's report; Elizabeth Coleman, Geraldine Hawkins, Vesta Hawkins, Velma Hammond, Gladola Holleman, Helen White, and Adelaide Biddle.

The Sunshine Club met at the Western Sizzlin for a luncheon meeting, March 24. The following members were present: Geraldine Hawkins, Jewell Palmer, Gladys Cobble, Lillie Bowden, Bess Bauerle, Ruth Pickett, Dot Blackburn, Sue Cooper, Billie Harper, Evelyn Clark, Anna Daniel, Vernitice, Carmel and Ruby Gifford, Jean Jones, and Eloise Brown.

Betty Bracken came from Chattanooga and Selma McElhaney came from Fort Payne to help Bert Pickett celebrate his birthday. Many more, Bert!!

Dixie and Nell Brown came from Henagar and took me to Jemison, AL, March 12, to a reception at the Victory Baptist Church, honoring Ruby Oaks on her 85th birthday. She will be remembered here as a frequent visitor to her sister, Alba Brown. Patti and Alan Ray also went from here. They showed slides from other family reunions, which is a nice thing to do. Some of them had passed on, and it was good to see them.

It is good to hear that Bill Ellis is doing fine after heart bypass surgery at Rome, Ga.

Congratulations to Ben Mosley, a freshman at Killian Hill Christian School in Lilburn, Ga. He recently participated in the annual Georgia Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Festival and earned a superior rating (#1) for his performance of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata. He was ranked third in the statewide competition in classical piano. Ben is the son of Sue and Sam Mosley, and the grandson of Venna and the late Wade Livingston of Valley Head.

Gladys Cobble, Ruth Pickett, Bess Bauerle, Evelyn Clark, and Anna Daniel, went to Chattanooga, March 29, to the home of Mary Elizabeth Porter, to share the celebration of Addie Hall's 92nd birthday. May this lovely lady have many more healthful, happy years!

Happy spring time to all, and to all a good day!

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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

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11:30 am to 1:00 pm - LUNCH - Special Wildflower Saturday buffet at the Lodge - \$5.95 + tax and tip.

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm - WILDFLOWER HIKES - Go on the second hike from earlier in the morning.

Guest field trip leaders - Dot and Bill Threlkeld of the Huntsville Wildflower Society and Paul Franklin, of the Birmingham Audubon Society.

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