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## MOON LAKE SCHOOL--THE EARLY YEARS

By Ernest Smith



Moon Lake School 1929 - the second year in the new school.)

No attempt was made to identify the students due to the poor quality of the photograph. The two teachers can be seen between the columns on the left side of the porch. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams. This was their first year to teach at Moon Lake School.

Photo courtesy of Ernest Smith

Moon Lake School, located in Mentone, Alabama, had its beginning in 1911. The first schoolhouse was a large two-story frame, erected on land donated by Mr. Ed Mason. The first enrollments consisted of those who had previously attended short summer schools, held in various churches.

By 1939, New Union School, which had replaced several smaller schools in that area, would be consolidated with Moon Lake.

In November of 1927, the Moon Lake Schoolhouse burned. I believe the school year was

finished out in the Baptist Church nearby. In 1928, the debris was cleared away and a new two-room schoolhouse was built. This is the nucleus of the present building. By 1931, my first school year, a third room had been built on the north end. In 1934, grades 3 and 4 were moved to the Baptist Church due to overcrowding, brought about by increased enrollment in all grades. During this school year, the Baptist Church burned and these two grades were then moved to the Wesleyan Church. Sometime later that school year, a fourth room was completed on the south end of the schoolhouse and

the third and fourth grades were moved to this new room. The present building now consists of these four classrooms and a lunchroom.

Moon Lake School has always had a "Can-Do" spirit. It has survived a burn-out, the great depression with short terms, and the threat of closure for consolidation, and still it flourishes.

This school continues to grow, both by enrollment and in excellence. It is the pride of the Mentone Community, which continues to provide enthusiastic support for it.

All schools should be supported by their respective districts and encouraged to excel, at all cost, in order to prepare our young people to meet the challenges of a future that is evermore demanding. Note: Some dates may be off by a year or so, either way. Memories do seem to grow dim over a period of more than sixty years.

### SCHOOL DAY MEMORIES OF NETTIE SMITH OF MENTONE, ALABAMA (Age Ninety Five And A Half)

"My first school was at New Union in 1908. This school was located about five miles south of Mentone, off County Road 165, near the River Park Community. This was a six weeks subscription school taught during the summer. My teacher was Miss Mary Stogsdell.

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#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Saturday, March 29, 2 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mason Park, Mentone (See notice on Page 23.)
- Sunday, March 30, Easter, Annual Easter Sunrise Services at Lee Crow Property in Mentone at 7 a.m. North DeKalb Ministerial Association (See notice elsewhere.)
- Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Sunday, April 6, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- Monday, April 7, 6 p.m., Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Secretaries Day, Wednesday, April 23
- Saturday, April 26, Annual Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant, Valley Head (See notice on Page 15.)
- Sunday, May 2, 2-4 p.m. Open House for new Mentone Community House (See notice on Page 6.)
- May 16, 17, 18, Rhododendron Festival (See notice on Page 2 and 23.)

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An expression of thanks is extended to everyone who was so kind during the sickness and recent death of Libby McNutt. Thank you for the flowers, the visits, cards, and anything else you may have done to make this experience easier for us.

The Millard McNutt Family

## MAPA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bernise Crow

We are beginning to work hard to be prepared for the tourist season here in Mentone. All the summer camps are preparing for the youngsters who enjoy our mild summers. We who are merchants try to spruce up a bit and add a little to our stock, plant some flowers, and maybe do a little painting.

Dorma Hutcheson and Doreen Waters will again be working with me to get ready for the Rhododendron Queen contest, which will be May 10, at 8:00 P.M. at the Hitching Post. This is great fun, but it requires a great deal of planning and work. Again this year we ask for volunteers to do some of these things. We have the Leadership scholarship to Northeast State Community College for the queen, along with the \$100 and other prizes. There will be three runners-up which we call princesses. Each of them will receive \$50 and gift certificates. We do require that all winners ride in the parade that Jack Jones directs at 2:00 P.M. on the seventeenth, which is the first day of the festival.

Chuck Peters is doing a great job of advertising for us and we should have a record crowd for the festival. Penny Lyday is chairperson of the festival and she does an excellent job of coordinating everything. We expect to have a wonderful time.

Am pleased that Mayor Max Cash has written a letter to our road commissioner, Tony Camp, and has sent copies to Senator Lowell Barron, and Representative Ralph Burke, telling them about our problem with heavy transfer trucks traveling Highway 117 which is a narrow road with very narrow bridges. It has been one of my pet peeves for a long time. It is dangerous to try to cross the road at Hotel Square. The trucks come zooming through the town driving too fast and causing problems. I do hope our elected officials will stop the trucks from using this route as there certainly are alternate routes that are safer for them and us.



## MAPA MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on March 4, at 7 p.m. The upcoming Rhododendron Festival was discussed.

Susan Cheronos, Director of Nature's Classroom, along with Carolyn Thompson, activities director, presented a video of the experiential education experiences that the offer for groups of all types. Susan explained that Nature's Classroom utilized the Camp Saddle Rock facilities in Mentone during the winter months.

Nature's Classroom offers such exercises as field groups, team and trust building exercises, hiking adventures, and song writing to create an exceptional hands-on learning process. School groups from all over come to take advantage of their program. Ms. Cheronos invited the members to come and see for themselves.

Following the speaker, refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday of April, April 1, at 7 p.m., at the Kountry Chef. It is an open meeting and anyone can attend, and they will be welcome. Put this date on your calendar and come meet with us.

## MAPA BIRTHDAYS

Robert Daniel — April 1

Frances Rosario Blix - 15

Lydia Speed — April 19

Olive Jones — April 25



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## "Thank You"

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were so good and kind in our time of sorrow with the loss of our mother, Louise Worthey. Thank you also for your help and prayers. Your kindness and support were greatly appreciated.

The family of Louise Worthey



## SPORTS AFIELD

By  
PHIL HARRIS



### SPORTS ON THE SCENE

The Fyffe Lady Devils are the 2-A champions once again. Coach Mike Cochran's squad breezed past Louisville and Hazlewood to make four state titles in a row. They won 31 straight games, as well as the DeKalb County Area and Regional titles. The region tournament in Jacksonville and the state tournament in Birmingham are just like home to Fyffe. Congratulations! Let's see if they can make it five in a row.

The Valley Head Lady Tigers, started the season with great promise. Bobby Holloway and crew started the season at 11-4, and then inconsistency plagued them the rest of the way. The Tigers did manage to get to the finals of the county tournament before bowing to Fyffe.

Valley Head never could get on a roll and were upset by Cedar Bluff in the area tournament. They ended the season at 16-13. Nikki Smith and Heather Jackson finished their careers at Valley Head. These two were a big part in some very good Tiger teams. Heather came on this year and had an excellent season.

The Valley Head boys team finished the season with seven victories. That may not sound like much, but when you consider Valley Head's last winning season was 1987, it's not bad. Coach Jon Tidmore put a very competitive team on the floor every night. Heath Watson was an undersized post player at 6'1". He still managed to average about 20 points per game against bigger and stronger players. Jim Phillips had a very solid season at point guard.

I can remember seeing Valley Head in the final regular season game at Fyffe. Waylon O'Shields beat the Tigers on a put back as time expired. The Tigers never gave up and kept battling. They came from eight points down in the final two minutes to take the lead with seven seconds left. This team showed great character throughout the season!

Other teams of note:

Geraldine (19-11) got on a roll at the end of the season. They defeated Skyline to win the 2A area 14 title. They then defeated White Plains in the sub-region. The Bulldogs advanced to Jacksonville before falling to last year's champion, Lineville. Johnathan Richey put on a clinic, scoring 31 points.

Sylvania (23-6) started the year with 19 straight victories. They hit the skids toward the end, though, managing to defeat Crossville (18-6) in the sub-region. The Rams lost by three points at Jacksonville, to a very good Glencoe team.

Collinsville's boys and girls teams had banner seasons once again. The boys won a fourth straight county title. They made it to the region finals before losing to ASD. The Panthers finished at 25-6. The girls battled their way back to Birmingham again this year. The Lady Panthers (19-8) dug themselves a 15-0 hole and never could get close enough to challenge Notasulga.

Another great year of DeKalb County basketball has passed us by!

High school baseball is in full swing. The DeKalb County Baseball Tournament was this past weekend at Fort Payne. Fort Payne and Plainview are the favorites. Who knows, surprises in baseball are common.

Coach Jerry Brown's Valley Head team, at last report, was 1-3 going into the County Tournament. The Tigers have a good pitching staff led by Heath Watson. Look for a good year out of the Tigers.

Girls softball is growing in popularity. The county schools seem to get better and better each year. The county tournament should be competitive next month.

The Valley Head girls track team won the sectionals last year and advanced into state competition. Maybe we will see an encore in this season.

## NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

**Men's College Basketball:** The Chattanooga Mocs brought some excitement to the NCAA tournament. Alabama, Auburn, and Tennessee fans, alike, jumped heavily on the Moc bandwagon. It would have been fun to see Chattanooga vs. Kentucky for the national title.

Kentucky and North Carolina are probably the best bets, now. Kansas getting beat by Arizona is shocking, still. Watch out for Minnesota. They play well together. They seem to do what it takes in the clutch.

### Women's College Basketball

Another shocking upset was Notre Dame over Alabama. The Lady Tide began the year with great promise. Coach Rick Moody's team never lived up to its billing.

The same old names are alive in the NCAA women's tournament: Tennessee, Connecticut, Stanford, Old Dominion, and Georgia. The most athletic team in the field of eight is Florida. Connecticut and Stanford are the best.

**College Baseball:** Seven teams from the SEC are currently ranked in the top 25. Alabama, Auburn, Florida, LSU, Tennessee, Miss. State, and South Carolina headline the top conference in the nation. Florida and LSU traditionally are the strongest squads, but Tennessee, Alabama, and Auburn are off to great starts.

**Auto Racing:** Seems to be a repeat of last year. Dale Jarrett, Terry Labonte, and Jeff Gordon dominate every race. Dale Earnhardt is struggling, while Ernie Irvan and Mark Martin lurk in the shadows. You heard it here first: Dale Jarrett will win the points championship.

**MLB Baseball:** The Atlanta Braves are at it again. The Braves blew the series last year. This time will be different if they keep Dave Justice. He is the key. Justice is so good in a clutch, Atlanta really needs him.

The Florida Marlins and LA Dodgers stand in the way of Atlanta and another World Series. The Marlins will face and the Braves and Dodgers will clash for the NL title.

In the American League, the Yankees will rule again for a while. Baltimore will unseat New York in the ALCS. The Orioles will lose to the Braves in six games. Atlanta World Series Champs? If Dave Justice is on the team at seasons end.

**NBA Basketball:** Let's start a new pro league, the NBA (No Bulls Allowed). Pro basketball has become watered down. Too many teams and not enough competition.

Preview to the rest of the year: Chicago wins another title, ho hum! Probably over the Lakers in five games, sigh! Next year, same old story, ooh boy!

Well, that does it for another month. May God bless you all.

## From Between the Counters

By  
BRUTUS



For my many faithful readers and loyal fans who have not had the pleasure of meeting moi while moi is on duty between the counters, you need to know that the great one never misses when treats are thrown in moi's direction. My fame is spreading far and wide. You need to make a special trip just to see this magnificent canine at work. (Al says all I do is sleep, but moi is on guard all the time.)

Recently, during one of the pretended nap times, moi was called upon to discipline the driver of a junky old van passing by the Superette and backfiring. Standing at attention, moi barked loudly to be sure the thoughtless driver got the message that excessive noise will not be tolerated by the great one. Drivers need to know that cars are to be taken care of just as superb animals (moi in particular) are. Jack Lusk, one of my VERY loyal fans, was in the store at the time and praised this great canine for the prompt reaction. Moi-is-always on duty. Don't let closed eyes fool you!

Marian Liles is back working part time. She is the only one I move for to have my mat swept. Her brother, Eric Crane, works the weekend shift. He is a nice young man. It is hard to believe they are the off-spring of Cheryl, the cashier klutz. No matter how I position my magnificent body, Cheryl always manages to stand on moi's ears. Between Al's standing on moi's feet and Cheryl standing on moi's ears, I ache all over from head to foot. If Cheryl didn't share her snacks with moi, she would be packing, not sacking!

Al has kicked off another Spring of landscaping. He thinks he knows everything about plants. Well, the great one has watered a few plants and trees in moi's time!

This beautiful weather we've been having here in Mentone has brought a few strays strolling by the store--canine strays, that is. They stare in the door at me. I know they're jealous of moi's superb canine body, with its rippling muscles. They think that because I am on a leash, moi can't get to them. Little do they know that moi will not be distracted when on duty. There will be no chasing after lowly strays through the sand and gravel. I'd rather have a Tootsie Pop between my toes, than sand and gravel!

Frankie Kirby has been faithful in sharing his snacks with the magnificent one. Moi considers him one of his most loyal fans. When Frankie tosses moi's share, moi NEVER misses! Keep on coming in, Frankie!

Wesley Frost (the Mayfield milkman) continues to irritate the great one by disturbing moi while on duty between the counters. Wesley thinks he's waking me up. Ha! Moi is just ignoring him. Pretending to be asleep fools a lot of people, milkmen and flatlanders included.

Al's two children, Alex and Wil come in almost every day. Alex is the really sweet one, she shares. Wil won't share his treats with moi. But, that's ok, moi has many devoted fans who do share.

Easter is coming up this weekend. The Easter bunny will be hiding moi's basket and eggs. Won't be hard for this fantastic canine to find!

Well, here comes L. M. Flannigan with the chairs. Guess it's time for the flawless one to go off duty and drag Pop home for the night so he can rest. Moi will have to be on duty all night long, as usual.

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# Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Luther "Junior" King gave his family and friends a scare this month. Not only did he have a 76th birthday, but he also had double by-pass surgery. He was hospitalized for a few days in Erlanger in Chattanooga, but he is now back at home and recovering fast. We all wish him a SPEEDY recovery.

Richard Crowe, who spent 63 days in the hospital in Anniston is doing well and is back singing for various organizations, such as nursing homes, churches, and senior centers. His singing brings a lot of joy to so many people.

Congratulations to Christy Koger of Valley Head. She was the winner of the Keyboard Two division of the DeKalb County Keyboarding Contest. She typed 63 words per minute with two errors. Way to go, Christy!

Those who shop at Goody's in Fort Payne will be glad to know that Goody's is relocating to the new facility close to the Super Wal-Mart. They expect to be open by May 8.

Lola Mae Blalock went to the hospital in Birmingham early in March for a blood clot. She's back home and doing fine.

Lydia Speed will have her 80th birthday party on April 19. It's going to be a special party! Many happy returns, Lydia.

Lisa Scott has opened a Wolff Tanning Bed (28LX) business in her home. Call 634-4207 for appointments Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Drop-ins welcome! First Come-First served.

Navy Chief Petty Officer John D. Jones recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was cited for superior performance of duty while serving aboard the attack submarine U.S.S. Montpelier, homeported in Norfolk, Va. The nuclear-powered submarine is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Jones is a 1986 graduate of Valley Head High School who joined the Navy in 1986. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones of Valley Head.

Army Pvt. Shirley M. Collins has graduated from the chaplain assistant course at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC. She is a 1996 graduate of Valley Head High School and is the daughter of Jewell and Charlie Rogers of Mentone.

Prayers go out to Mrs. Marshall and little Jack from Rainsville who were critically burned. His uncle, O.H. Morgan, is a Super Wal-Mart associate.

Congratulations to Sandra Rogers and Melvin Ray Brazier who have set a wedding date for April 5 at Nippersink Lodge.

The Ice Cream Shop in Valley Head will reopen on April 15. All coupons issued last year will be honored. We're looking forward to lots of good times at the Ice Cream Shop.

Tammy Hopper and Wesley Frost have set their wedding date for May 24. More information to come. Congratulations, young people!

Congratulations to Jean and Roy Mathews. Jean's daughter, Luanne Johns of Marietta, GA., had her first baby on March 3. Proud parents, Luanne and Gary, named her Miranda; and grandmother Jean was there for the birth and to help Luanne after coming home from the hospital. Miranda was 7# 2 oz and was 20 inches long.

Gene Bullock's grandson Cameron is now home from the hospital after a bout with pneumonia.

Watch for the grand opening of the Warehouse Mall of Mentone in May 1997. Jim and Gail Gaylord have already begun building on their property behind the Mentone Post Office. It will contain 16 self-storage units of various sizes and will have two offices. The Gaylords have owned rental property in other states for over 30 years.

Jeffrey and Leeland Bullock were happy to have their two little nephews Bobby-Ray and Colby-Lee spend two whole weekends with them here in Mentone. They now want to come and permanently reside here.

Gene Bullock was the proud grandpapa again for the eighth time in January when his daughter Tracy Lewis of Texas gave birth for the third time.

On May 4th, Madeleine Bullock's parents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; unfortunately the big reunion planned will take place in Victoria, Australia.

Madeleine and Gene also celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on March 18. They first tied the knot in County Durham, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in England, then again in a Catholic ceremony in Huntsville, Alabama.

George Battles has finally got himself a more commendable vehicle for his driving skills as Valley Head School has now acquired a brand new school bus that has a white stripe on the side of the roof.

Prayers are with Frances Evatt who will be going into the hospital in Birmingham for an operation. She has had some sort of throat constriction.

Jack Troxter has now got a good handle on his sugar and is bouncing around as usual sporting a new pair of Italian made boots, just the thing to make a fellow feel good.

Jeffrey Bullock has once again made the National Honor Roll and will be featured in the annual for the school year.

Belated condolences to Mr. Millard McNutt of Valley Head. Mrs. McNutt passed away quietly the first week of December, '96.

Birthday wishes are in order for Frankie Lewchuk who turns 17 on March 28. Little sister Angel Wesley is clogging her little heart out at lessons at Promenade Hall in Valley Head. On April 29th, the Lewchuks will be celebrating their reunion, it will be one full year since Dennis Lewchuk got back home from his ordeal.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Lobdell at St. James Place in Baton Rouge, after attending the 13th Walter Percy Symposium on March 22. The Lobdells have a very definite connection to Mentone. Sixty-five and more years ago, Uncle Bill was a counselor at Camp Lookout Mountain For Boys, and he remembers those days fondly. Uncle Bill sends a hearty greeting to one and all. "Tell everybody back at Mentone 'Hello!'" he said enthusiastically. "Even if I don't know them, tell them 'Hello!'" Marilyn sends Uncle Bill a copy of *The Groundhog*, and, naturally, he looks for names he recognizes and finds none, but he remains a devoted reader.

March 13, on her way from Fort McClellan to Birmingham, Marilyn went by at Talladega and visited with Michael Stephens. Michael treasures all cards and letters, so please keep those going to him. In Birmingham, Marilyn met up with Mrs. Teresa Baker Kelly of Selma and together they attended the Writing Today seminar at Birmingham-Southern College March 14 and 15.

Maureen Brewer returned from a "jumped up trip" with friends to South America, where she toured parts of Chile, Cape Horn, Uruguay, Rio de Janeiro, and Argentina. Malcolm stayed home and rested while Maureen traveled. They are back up in Mentone enjoying their beautiful forsythia bushes and all the other lovely plants they have at their place on the brow.

Alma Crabtree, who fell recently, is back at her Mentone home, and daughter Rovene is looking after her. She'll probably be planting a garden soon. You can't keep her down for long. She's one special lady.

Rusty Rector earned his purple belt in Tae Qwan do. He only has the red, brown, and black to go. Keep up the hard work, Rusty!

Keep Bob and Ruby Daniel on your prayer list. Illness has plagued them for the past couple of months. Bob was briefly hospitalized for pneumonia, and Ruby has been caring for him at home, and she came down with the universal crud. Get well quick, you two! Ruby will be 89 on March 31, and Bob will be 92 on April 1. Happy Birthday!

Lula McGee Blalock received a visit from her son, George Preston McGee on Feb. 1. He stayed until Feb. 5. While he was here, they attended church at Mentone Revival Center. Then they visited a member of the church that Brother George McGee and Lula pastored in Mobridge, SD, many years ago--Mrs. Alida Stevens of Cleveland, Tenn. Lula's grandsons, Tony and Eric McGee also came up from Cobb Co., Ga. Her granddaughter Carlotta Allen and her great grandson, Tyler Allen of Piedmont, OH, also visited. Lula's sister Ruby Cobb and Bertha Mae Winch both of Rossville visited, also. Mrs. Blalock enjoyed her visitors so very much, and hopes they will visit again soon.

Congratulations to Lisa Drake who is on the Dean's List at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. She graduated from Fort Payne High School last year with a 4.0 average. She received

a Chancellor's Scholarship. Lisa is the daughter of Linda and Charles Drake of Mentone.

Congratulations to Rebecca Hunt who was recently inducted into the Senior National Honor Society in Fort Payne.

The Hunts (Virginia Bosworth's daughter and family) have four cute adorable part Australian Shepherds free to good homes. Call 634-4485 to get YOUR favorite puppy.

Adam Blalock was presented as an Eagle Scout of Troop 106 at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony held in the Moon Lake Baptist Church on March 24. His parents Becky and Raymond Blalock gave a reception in the fellowship hall immediately following the ceremony. We're all proud of you, Adam. Keep on leading!

Don't forget the Valley Head Band. See an article elsewhere in this issue. They surely are busy!

I hope Nellie Croley and Jesse Crow have finally shaken the sickness that stuck with them through the winter. Beautiful weather should help cure what ails you. If you haven't seen their pink thrift on the bank in front of their home, it's worth the trip. It is something to see!

Deepest sympathy to the families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Imogene D. Penland, 82, Mentone, who died Sun. Feb. 23
- C.B. Green, 69, Ft. Payne, who died Feb. 27
- Ralph T. Lucy, 80, Ft. Payne, who died Feb. 28
- Lillian Louise Worthey, 69, Mentone, who died Mar. 1
- Donald Ray Wright, 54, Mentone, who died Mar. 2
- Gladys Maxwell, 80, Cedar Bluff, who died Mar. 10
- Paul Keef, 83, Ft. Payne, who died Mar. 14
- Fern Fitzgerald, Mentone, who died Mar. 22.

Helen Hill continues to improve at The Crowne Nursing Home in Fort Payne. She enjoys receiving cards and visits from her friends. Keep Helen in your prayers.

We will be sad to lose Buckshot aka Ronnie to Gulf Shores. I hope he is happy in his new home. We will miss you Buck!

Ed Ringer has been pretty sick lately with the old crud which is going around. Hope he is feeling lots better.

Rumor is that the new classrooms at Valley Head School will be ready to move in by AEA week. Hopefully, they will be occupied by the students in April.

Vickie Armstrong, along with her mother and grandmother, visited the beach in March. They made the kids stay home.

Valley Head Coach Jerry Brown was involved in a car accident recently and scratched up a bit. We all hope he is feeling lots better and wish him a speedy recovery.

Sonshine the Clown announces that she will be walking in the Rhododendron Parade on May 17th. Remember her? She is the one who makes all the cute balloon doggies & other animals. Watch for her and remember that she is available to do parties and other events. Call her at 638-1934.

Leonard Davis hasn't been feeling well lately and has been back in the hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.

Pat Thomas has recently had surgery. We are happy to announce that all is well and she is back on her feet and feeling much better.

Mabel Kirk and her daughter, Amelia Lolli, arrived back in Mentone last week. Mabel had been visiting with Amelia in San Francisco. They traveled to a lot of different places, including Mexico. Next month, maybe she'll let the readers know where all she has been.

Mattie (Mrs. Herman) Golden recently had surgery and is home recovering.

Happy Birthday wishes for March go to: •11- Marie Hunt (9 years old); •17- Mary Jane Hunt; •30-Donyal "Foots" Rector.

Happy April Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •1- Robert Daniel, Jerod Hulan; •2- Milton Chambers, Mary Pearson, Effia & Annie Harrison (they all will turn 14!-but only Effia and Annie are twins.); •3- Alfred Chambers; •4- Georgette McGee, Katie Brandon, Jaime Phillips; •5- Possum Heather Moses, Chris Black, Kaitlyn Dean (1 yr.) •6-John Chambers, Jennifer McGee; •7-Gail and Milton Chambers (Anniv.); Shannon Chappell, Venna Livingston; •9- Ashley Hartline; •11- Josie Crider (1 yr.); •15- Tommie Blansit; •17- A.J. Plume; •19- Anne Hampton; •20- Carrie Patty; •23- Lauren McGee (1 yr.); •24- Junior Flemming; •25- Jennifer Robertson; •28-Janie Dukes; •29- Jimmy Whisenant

Secretaries Day is  
April 23, 1997.

# MOON LAKE SCHOOL--THE EARLY YEARS

By Ernest Smith  
(Continued from Page 1.)

"In 1910, New Union School was closed. Several years later it would be reopened as a full term school and operate as such for a few years until it was permanently closed and consolidated with Moon Lake School.

"In 1911, I attended a summer school at Holly Springs. This school was located about four miles southeast of Mentone on County Road 630, near the Holly Springs Cemetery. The school was held in the new unfinished frame church which had replaced the old log church. This building was never finished due to lack of interest and family migrations from the community. The building is no longer there. My teacher at Holly Springs was Miss Zora Howard.

"In the fall of 1911, I enrolled in the new Moon Lake School at Mentone which was my first full term school. The schoolhouse was a two-room two-story building with two teachers assigned, one to each floor. Nine grades were taught, as I recall. The upper grades were assigned to the second floor and the lower grades to the first floor. My teacher was Miss Daisy Humphreys. She later married Hartford Brown of the Bankhead Community.

"The school building faced west and there were numerous windows on the front and back, providing natural light. No electric lights were available nor were kerosene lamps used. (When asked what they did on dark cloudy days, she replied that it was necessary to move near the windows and have good eyesight in order to do your lessons.)

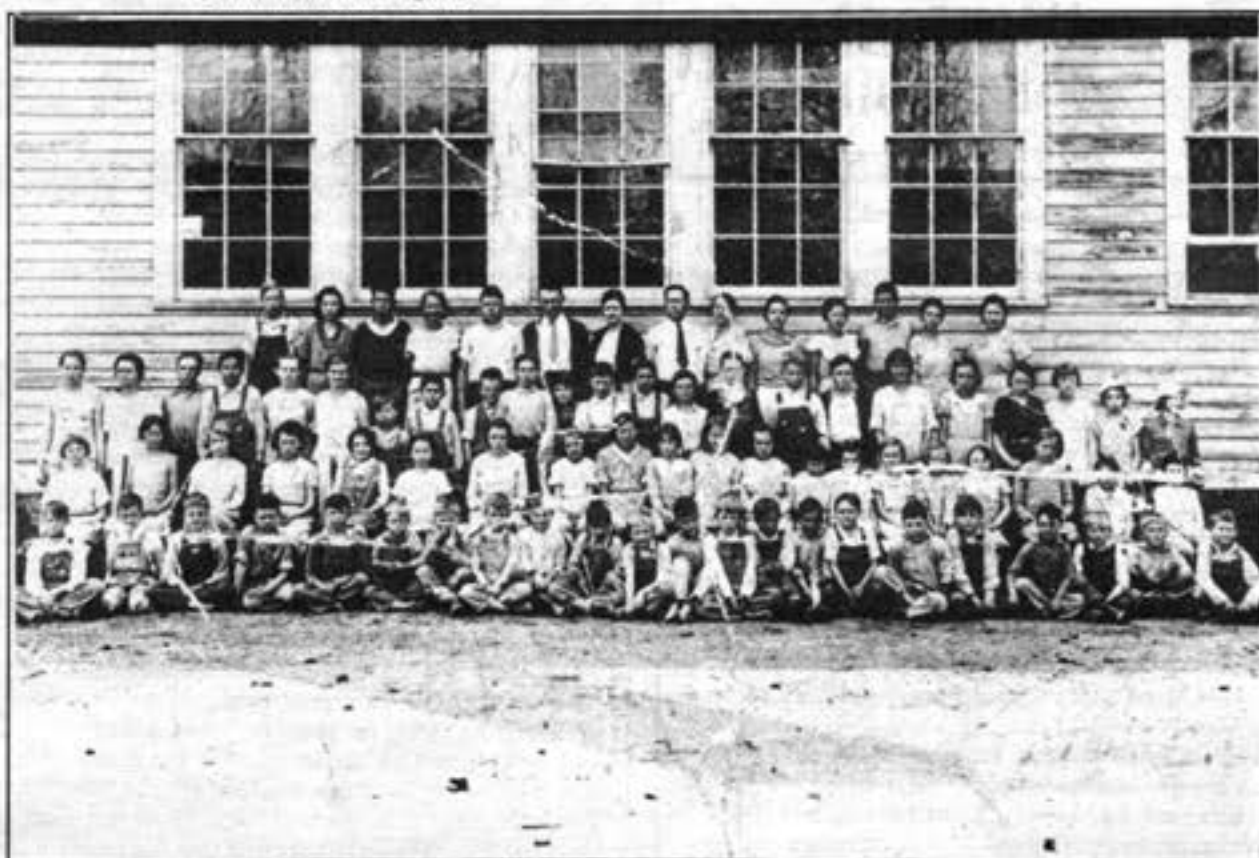
"Moon Lake School was about four miles distant from my home, which was located just south of the present Shady Grove Dude Ranch. I walked to and from school with other children from my community. I remember that I used to save my lunch to eat on the way home. By that time, I needed something to give me energy for that long walk.

"The road to the school went directly by Moon Lake. The area around the lake was grooved-out and the lake was plainly visible from the school. There was no fence around the lake property at that time. Our playground was about half way between the school and the lake.

"The years spent in short summer schools were pretty much wasted years as far as education was concerned. When you did enter a full term school, it was like starting all over again. Because of this, most students got quite old before they got very far in their grades. Many of the girls would drop out of school to get married. And, the boys usually dropped out even sooner in order to work full time.

"I managed to enter the sixth grade before I quit in 1914. I think that was pretty good, considering all the hardships...shuffling from one school to another, long walks to and from school, cold dark classrooms, and a cold biscuit or tater for lunch. All that was enough to wear a person out before they got grown.

"Moon Lake School is a good school. I went to school there and three generations of my family have attended."



**MOON LAKE SCHOOL - 1934:** 1st row seated on ground: Brandol Jones, Robert Shigley, Fred Jones Jr., R.W. McCord, Ernest Smith, Willis Blalock, Unknown, James Warren Adams, Roy Kirby, Richard Crow, Lester Jones, Lester Crow, Lovejoy Jones, Edgar Johnson, Frank Baty, Billy Matthews, Chester Crow, ? Potts, Norace Baty Jr., Purvis Brooks, Billy Smith, ? Sweat. 2nd row seated: Mildred Akins, Wynema Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Ruby Johnson, Doris Perkins, Opal Matthews, Bonnie Brooks, Sarah Brown, Dorothy Smith, Bamalene Brooks, Emma Flarity, Unknown, Doris Crow (daughter of Finn Crow), Eva Green, Unknown, Jessie Faye Flarity, Mattie Nation, Francis Potts, (Next two pictures marred). 3rd row standing: Gertrude Jones, Eugenea Brown, James R. Lyday, Edmund Crow, Mary Warren, Irene Pullen, Martin Blalock, James Crow, Billy Warren, Unknown, Burl Jones, George Akins, William Crow, Wallace Van Zandt, Emerson Brown, J.B. Flarity, Harold Pruitt, Florene Pullen, Maxine Baty, Ina Jones, Eva Jones, Grace Green, Brownie Shigley. 4th row standing: Colquitt Jones, Levona Smith, Leland Cox, Ruby Akins, Unknown, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Joe Jones, Pauline Baty, Jewel Sweat, Harold Shigley, Enis Clark, Margaret Kirby

(Photo courtesy of Ernest Smith)

NOTE: Sorry that I was unable to identify everyone in this picture; and I apologize for those I may have misidentified. Anyone able to furnish correct identification for those listed as unknown or any that are misidentified, please notify the GROUNDHOG. Corrections will appear in a future issue.



**Moon Lake School 1978**  
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Out of this desire came the need for a facility to house such enrichment programs. Luckily, the old Shigley homeplace behind the Moon Lake School cafeteria became available. This worked out well for both Moon Lake School and MERF. The school required some but not all of the property to build their new buildings, and MERF purchased the remaining property and the house, which is in the process of becoming the "Community House."

The Community House, which has a large kitchen, large meeting room and two restrooms, will be used to hold MERF-sponsored programs such as free student tutoring and Spanish classes, which are already being held at the school. Some other planned programs are a time management seminar, a community meal program, and computer classes using Macintosh computers, which have already been donated. It can become the meeting place for clubs, service organizations, and special interest clubs. Also, the plans for a one-quarter mile walking track are already in place. But more than anything, the house can be a local place of fellowship—a place to gather in the morning for coffee, to play cards or checkers, or to meet just to talk about the latest events. It can be a warm, friendly gathering place for the people of our community.

As with every good thing, some effort is needed by everyone to achieve the Community House. The house renovation is well under way with Leonard Shigley overseeing the carpentry and Bobby Brown providing the electrical work. And several of the area churches have agreed to "adopt" a room to decorate. If everyone in Mentone gives what they can, whether it be talent, energy or money, to help us further this dream, then we can have a Community House that belongs to and will benefit us all.

The board members of MERF are a mixture of people who have lived here all their lives and of those who have moved here because they love Mentone. If you are interested in your community or would like to send a donation, call one of the numbers below, or write us at P.O. Box 107, Mentone, Alabama 35984. Thanks for your support.

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Bill Berry—634-4326 Marsha Hurt — 634-4647

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James Bryant Terry Hutchason

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Bring a chair or blanket!

There is no charge but donations are  
very welcome! We're still a work in  
progress, you know!

**Come help us celebrate!**



Leonard Shigley and Bobby Brown have been hard at work  
on the Community House, which is scheduled to open soon.

**"Thank You!"**

On behalf of the DeSoto Rescue Squad, I would like to say thank you to all those people who helped raise money for the squad, during our last fundraiser, our Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 15, at the Hammondville National Guard Armory on Hwy. 11. Included are my boss, Harold Dean Mitchell, the Jammer; and Raymond, Larry, Russell, and Doyle, for the good music; all who donated door prizes for us—Little River Hardware, Antique Collectibles, Evelyn Mitchell, Klassix Pizza of Hammondville, and Kathrine Framing (If there were others donating door prizes not named, I apologize for the omission.); Georgia Roberts for the use of the armory; Valley Head Fire Department; Josh Goss, Guinn Douthen; all others who donated time; and all those who came out to the dance. Without your help and support, we wouldn't be able to buy the necessary items we need to keep the squad running smoothly.

Gail Crider

**Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant**  
**Saturday, April 26**

The Valley Head Band Boosters present  
the annual Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant  
Saturday, April 26, in the School  
Auditorium.

Pre-school to age 5, including kindergarten may come from anywhere in the area. School-age entrants must come from Moon Lake or Valley Head Schools.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, April 24th. Entry fee is \$25. Forms are available at Valley Head and Moon Lake Schools, and the Valley Head Water Works Board.

Pre-school divisions begin at 4 p.m. and  
the high school divisions begin at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is \$2.00.

## Regional Center for Indian Cultures Nearer Reality in Mentone Area

According to an article written by Michael Sznajderman in the March 24, 1997, issue of the Birmingham News, a major new regional center for American Indian and Central and South American cultures could be under construction in northeast Alabama later this year. Officials with IAE Inc., a Moulton-based nonprofit group heading the project, announced on Friday, March 21 at a kickoff event in Montgomery, that the center is to be located on a 1,600-acre site on Lookout Mountain near Mentone. The non-profit group includes educators, tribal and business leaders.

The first phase of the project, a \$1.8 million language-training and cultural building, will be a seven-sided building—one side for each of the seven clans of the Cherokee Indian tribe. The Center will be funded with private and corporate donations.

The 21,000-square-foot building will house educational laboratories, classrooms, an auditorium, and other facilities. They will be used to teach native American languages and culture and other topics.

Over the next few years, organizers hope to build more educational facilities. Among them will be a technology center focusing on telecommunications and computers, replica villages of Southeastern Indian tribes, a camp where youngsters can stay and learn about tribal customs, conservatories, and gardens.

The project is endorsed by state education officials, who also attended the event. Other organizations and companies participating in the project include AT&T, United Gussie Construction Inc., The Tennessee Valley Authority, and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

IAE Chairwoman Patricia Edward de Ortega said the project has been in the planning stages for about 10 years, and could take 10 to 15 years to complete. The group is seeking additional donations, as well as public grants, and other funds.

### "Thank You"

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors who were so good and kind in our time of sorrow with the loss of our mother, Louise Worthey. Thank you also for your help and prayers. Your kindness and support were greatly appreciated.

The family of Louise Worthey

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# The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

Congratulations to Angelina M. Guerra, of Menlo, who made the Dean's List at Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts Southern University. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have at least a 3.6 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours of coursework.

Congratulations also goes to Michael Sellers Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sellers, who was named to the North Georgia College Dean's List. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tony Michael Adams, of Menlo, announce the birth of their daughter, Tabatha Lavonne Adams, who was born on Friday, Jan. 24, in the Floyd Medical Center.

The City of Menlo received a \$459,200 Community Development Block Grant CDBG grant from the Department of Community Affairs.



## EIGHT MONTHS OLD

Andrew Clayton Crowe is the eight-month old son of Andrea Powell and Chip Crowe, Cloudland. His grandparents are Dwight and Jean Powell, Cloudland; and Melvin Crowe, LaFayette. He is the great grandson of L.D. and Betty Powell, Cloudland, and Norman and Gary Brown, Cloudland. He is also the great-great grandson of Pluma Martin, Cloudland, and Gallie Gilbreath, Mentone, AL.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCED

Brad and Kelly Thomas, Cloudland, announce the birth of their daughter, Shania Michelle Thomas. She was born on Sunday, Feb. 2, in the Floyd Medical Center. Her grandparents are Susan Wilcox, Cloudland; Robert Wilcox, Atlanta; Shirley Thomas, Greenville, Ala.; and Glen Thomas, Bay Minette, Ala. Great-grandparents are Shelton and Mildred Whittle, Cloudland, and Alice Walker, Atlanta. Her great-great-grandmother is Nellie Rogers, Cloudland.



## SIX YEARS OLD

Jessica Moses celebrated her sixth birthday Feb. 26. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moses and has one brother, Jon Moses. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burton, Summerville; William Moses, Ft. Payne, Ala.; and the late Irene Moses. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Irene Stoker, Cloudland, and the late Dewey Stoker.



## BRANDY LEIGH HALL AND STEVEN MONROE WOMACK

Brandy Leigh Hall and Steven Monroe Womack were married on March 15 at the Alpine Community Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hall, Menlo, and Ms. Peggy Hall, Lyerly. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Rich, and Ms. Barbara J. Rich, all of Menlo; and the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Ward, Menlo; and Mrs. Mary H. Millican, Summerville. She is the sister of Shawn and Casey Hall, Menlo.

Brandy is a junior of Chattooga High School and is employed by First National Bank of Chattooga County.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Womack, Subligna; Peggy Stephenson and the late Mack Stephenson. He is the brother of Stacey Womack and Deana Lance, Subligna.

Stephen is employed by Fisher's Paint, Body & Frame Shop, Ringgold.



## THREE YEARS OLD

Stormy Ciera Dooley turned three years old on Feb. 7. Her parents are Kristy and Larry Dooley, Menlo. Grandparents are Dottie Tucker, Menlo; Buddy Tucker, Berryton; Larry Joe Dooley, Summerville; and the late Betty Dooley. Great-grandparents are Willie G. and Sarah Smith, Menlo; Mary Tucker, Trion; and Lula Arnold, Summerville. Great-great grandmother is Beaulah Berry, Grove Oak, Ala. Stormy has a sister, Dakota.



## TWO YEARS OLD

Rachel McKenzie Allison celebrated her second birthday Feb. 20. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Allison, Menlo. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, Menlo; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ezell, Summerville; and Woodrow Allison, Calhoun. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Pope, Trion; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edgeworth, Summerville; Bert and Billy Crain, Menlo; and Carmen and Marie Wright, Menlo. Her great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Shumblin Tucker, Gaylesville, Ala. Guests attending her birthday party Sunday, Feb. 23, were Barney and Baby Bop, Rachel's big sister, Kerri Beth, Lyndsey Little, Erica Blalock, Caleb Payton, Levi and Lela Wright, Emily Sink, Skyler Hughes, Macy Mitchell, Taylen Vaughn, Chase Hamilton, Jackie Williams, Ethan and Erin Young, and Matthew Money.



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Frank Mason and Eric Kirby inside the building  
Milton Chambers outside



Eric Kirby, Frank Mason, Sanford Hartline, Rusty Chambers, Milton Chambers, and Jon Correy

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**A Friendly—  
Valley  
View**

By  
ELOISE BROWN

Once more, the earth revives to new life and new color and beauty—How gorgeous it is!

Two items I left out last month: Geneva Smith had her family with her for Valentine week-end. Glen and Joyce Wilkes came from Huntsville, Patricia Smith from Chattanooga, and LaVoyd and Bessie Wilkes.

Melinda and Jeff Adkins and little Amelia spent a week in Fairfield Glade Resort, TN.

The Valley Head UMW met Feb. 25 at the home of Venna Livingston. Volume 1 of the video, "Where Jesus Walked," was shown. Those present were Marjorie Gray, Mary Crow, Laura Margaret Allison, Mary Holleman, Eloise Brown, Adelaide Biddle, and Helen and Arno White.

The children of Cindy and David Meadows presented them with a week-end in Gatlinburg to celebrate their wedding anniversary, which they enjoyed very much.

On Wednesday night, March 12, the Valley Head Baptist Church went to the home of Ruth and Paul Burnette for their prayer service. Juanita Smith took her keyboard, and they enjoyed singing and making beautiful music. They gave a blessing and received a blessing. Paul's spirit is still in high gear as well as his timeless humor.

Jeff Hopper of Mentone and Alison Meadows of Valley Head have parts in the play, "Godspell" to be presented at the Tom Beville Lyceum on June 8.

The Sunshine Club, for their Feb. meeting, had a good lunch at Black's Best Western Restaurant, and then toured the Big Mill Antique Mall, which was very interesting. Those enjoying the occasion were Elizabeth Bauerle, Gladys Cobble, Ruth Pickett, Glenda Savage, Sue Cooper, Jewel Palmer, Violet Barker, Evelyn Clark, Lilly Bowden, Sue Clark, Jean Jones, Eloise Brown, Gail and Sandy Shook.

Venna Livingston attended the gospel singing at the Senior Center Thurs., Mar. 20, and read my poem, "Easter Season." Nelson Ellis gave the devotional and Terry Hutcheson played his guitar and sang.

Adelaide Biddle was nominated as Woman of Distinction for the Year in the Volunteer division—an honor she well deserved for her years of dedication and devotion in volunteer work for senior citizens. Her daughter, Mary Lou Carmichael, and granddaughter, Melissa, came from Dallas, Ga., to attend the dinner honoring the nominees at Scottsboro on Mar. 13. Kelly Owen won the volunteer title.

I am proud of my great grandson, Robert B. Brown II. The members of all the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes in the county were asked to draw a picture of flight and space—past, present, and future. His drawing was selected as best in the county and will be judged statewide. He is the son of Pattie and A.J. Brown of Valley Head.

Congratulations to Ginger Gray, who was named Senior Business Education Student of the month of Feb., by the Future Business Leaders of America. She is a senior at Valley Head High School and the daughter of Larry and Kathy Gray.

Also, congratulations to Valley Head's Christy Koger, winner of the Keyboard Two division recently.

Edith Cox's cousin, Robert King, of Blairsville, Ga., was her and Alvin's guest recently.

Congratulations, to Candace Fuller, of Mentone, who won first place in church singing competition in Anniston, Mar. 22. She represented Mentone Church of God. She is the daughter of Richard and Carol Fuller of Mentone. She will compete for the state title April 26. We are proud of our achievers.

Lisa, Alan and Adelaide Biddle plan to attend the Masters' Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga., April 7.

Several from here attended the very impressive christening service for little Amelia Adeline Adkins, daughter of Jeff and Melinda Adkins at Dutton Methodist Church on March 16. The service was conducted by Rev. Dorsey Walker, with parts by

Mrs. Nina Reeves, Revs. Les and Jackie Brown, David Rollins and special music by Ms. Deana Atkins and DeVann Jackson. An offering was given for the Burundi Maternity Center in Kayero, Africa. There was a reception afterwards at the home of Amelia and her parents. Little Amelia and little Patrick Murphy are sunbeams that add lustre to our congregation at Valley Head Methodist church.

I hope everyone will enjoy Easter and be endued with new life, hope and joy, as the whole earth is so beautifully proclaiming the proof of resurrection!

## Haiku Poetry

Haiku poetry  
Oriental subtlety,  
Whispers of seasons.

Does not need to rhyme  
but I must be different  
And rhyme mine sometime.

Fireflies flickering  
Swinging lanterns to and fro,  
Make warm breezes glow.

Hyacinths ring bells  
Of lovely clustered pastels  
In the fragrant breeze.

Red bud lines her stems  
With lovely Amethyst gems  
Adorning her limbs.

Forsythia glows  
with arches in golden rows,  
Radiantly grows.

Daffodils reach up  
Their eager green hands to catch  
Dew in golden cups.

The queenly oak tree  
Has put on her jewelry  
For Spring's pageantry.

Spring has sprung at last—  
She is greening and preening,  
And growing up fast.

—Eloise Brown

## When the Voice of the Turtle Dove is Heard

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Lo, the winter time is past,  
And the Spring time here at last,  
Flowers appear on the earth,  
Animals frolic and give birth,  
Time for birds' happy singing,  
Joy and hope gladly bringing,  
As the voice of the turtle dove  
Cooing tones of peace and love  
Is heard echoing thru the land,  
Message all men can understand,  
Time for turning the fertile soil,  
Ready for the gardening toil,  
Vines and trees clothed in blossoms sweet  
Forming succulent fruit to eat,  
Fragrance of spring time fills the air,  
Cleansing, renewing, everywhere,  
When the voice of the turtle dove,  
Awakens dormant life and love.

—Eloise Brown

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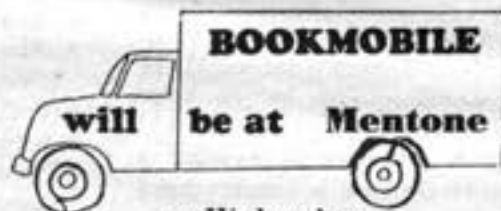
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## Ginger Gray Senior Business Education Student of the Month

Ginger Gray was named the Senior Business Education Student of the Month for February by the P.M. Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America. She is a senior at Valley Head High School and is the daughter of Larry and Kathy Gray. Ginger enjoys being with her friends, going to church, and talking on the phone. She plans to attend Northeast Alabama Community College and major in nursing.

# MOON LAKE SCHOOL WINNING ESSAYS

## First Place

By: Emmy Corey

EVA DYKES

This story proves that no matter what color you are, no matter how you look, you can accomplish something. Eva Dykes was one of those people. She was born on August 13, 1887, in Washington D.C. She was a talented piano player, and she was very smart.

For some reason Eva's dad left the family. So her mother took the family to their uncle's home. Dr. Howard (their uncle), was like a father to them. Eva Dykes was educated at home. After 4 years at Howard University, Eva earned her bachelor's degree. She graduated with the highest grades of any student - man or woman - in the 47-year history of the whole school!

Eva encouraged many people at Howard University. She specialized in English. I think anybody who has a dream like Eva did, then they should carry out with that dream.

After her graduation she went to teach Latin and English at Walden University in Nashville. When Eva went to Tennessee, she had to ride in a hot car called the "The Jim Crow car," the train car that was right behind the hot engine.

Women poked and made fun of Eva for wanting to be a teacher. They thought she would be a far better housewife than a teacher. In those days I guess not many black people dared to go to school. She thought she had made a mistake, she almost got off the train to go home, but she changed her mind.

Walden was a small, poor, segregated college. Conditions were hard, but Eva was liked by almost everybody there. She thought it was a good way to help others. She went home for the summer. Her uncle suggested that she should continue her schooling at Radcliffe.

Radcliffe was called the greatest school for women in the country, but almost every person there was white. All the other schools she had gone to were black only. She was scared, but education must have meant a lot to Eva because she went to Radcliffe anyway.

She finally enrolled in 1915. Although she was enrolled they were totally convinced that she wasn't smart enough to be in their school. She had to get her bachelor's degree all over again! She didn't think that was fair—but she worked for it anyway. After she earned her bachelor's degree again, she decided to try for her Ph.D. It was the hardest degree to get. Back then not many people had that degree.

While she was working for this degree three important things happened, all personal. First, Eva's closest sister Florence got very sick. When Eva arrived Florence was twisted in pain and in bed. Just a few days later she died. The doctors could never figure out why. It was a shock to the entire family. Eva and her sister wept in sadness.

The next thing had something to do with her beliefs. Her mother joined their uncle's church. Later on Eva and her sister did too. The last thing was very sad. Eva had grown very pretty. A man named Dr. Jasper Phillips fell in love with her. Eva liked him too. They planned to get married. But Eva sadly told him that she could not marry someone who did not have the same belief as she did. Neither Eva or Dr. Phillips ever married. Eva later wrote a song about him called, "The Ship that Never Comes In."

After she returned to Radcliffe she started to work on her Ph.D. She had to write a long research paper, then the teachers would read it and ask many hard questions about it. Eva would have to answer the questions right and explain why it was true. Eva chose Alexander Pope for her subject. He was a famous poet of the 1700s.

On March 21, 1921, Eva took her oral test. Finally she had earned her Ph.D. On June 22, 1921 she became the first black woman in the nation to get her Ph.D. She was now Dr. Dykes. She became a teacher at Howard University.

In 1942 Eva wrote a book called *The Negro in English Romantic Thought*. In 1944 Eva left Howard University and went to Huntsville at Oakwood College. In 1973 Oakwood dedicated a library to Eva. In 1986 the beloved Eva Dykes died at age 99.

She proved to me and many others that you can accomplish if you persevere.

## Moon Lake Second Place

By: Niki Johnson

JULIA TUTWILER

Julia Tutwiler was born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on August 15, 1841. Julia's parents were Henry and Julia Ashe Tutwiler. Julia was a fine student. She decided when she was young to never marry and spend her life serving people. As she got older, she worked with her father, teaching slaves to read.

Julia finished school and went to Philadelphia to study. She was sixteen years old. She studied French and helped teach the younger students.

Two years later the Civil War broke out and Julia had to come home again. She taught at her father's school. She wrote plays, poems, and stories for children.

In 1865 the war ended and Julia went back to school. She helped the men and women in prison (The State Women's Prison is named for her).

In 1867 Julia was the first woman principal in Alabama. She got donations of money to help support the schools. Julia did many great things to help the schools and other people.

## Moon Lake Third Place

By: Ashley McSpadden

THE STORY OF

HELEN ADAMS KELLER

Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Ala. in 1880. She is an outstanding example of a person. She conquered physical handicaps. A serious illness which was diagnosed as brain fever, destroyed her sight and hearing before she was two years old. Because of this Helen was unable to speak, and was entirely shut off from the world. But she rose above her disabilities to become internationally famous and to help thousands of handicapped people to live fuller lives.

For almost five years she grew up, as later she said "wild and unruly," giggling and chuckling to express pleasure; kicking, scratching, uttering the choked screams of the deaf-mute to indicate the opposite. Then Helen's father took her to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. He advised him to write to the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Boston. Shortly before the child was seven Anne Sullivan came to teach Helen.

Anne Sullivan was able to make contact with the girl's mind through her sense of touch. She worked out a sort of alphabet by which she spells out words in Helen's hands. Gradually, Helen was able to connect words with objects. Once she understood, her progress was rapid. Within three years Helen knew the alphabet and could read and write in Braille.

Until she was 10 years old, Helen could only talk with the sign language of the deaf-mute. She decided she would learn to speak, and take lessons from a teacher of the deaf. By the time Helen was 16, she could speak enough to prepare for school and college. She chose Radcliffe, from which she graduated in 1904 with honors. Ms. Sullivan remained with Helen through these years, interpreting lectures, and class discussions to her. Miss Sullivan later married John A. Macy, but she remained with Helen until her death. Then Mary Agnes "Polly" Thompson, who had been Miss Keller's secretary, took her place.

After college, Helen Keller became concerned with the blind and the deaf-blind. She became active on the staffs of the American for the Blind and of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. She

appeared before legislators, gave lectures, and wrote books and articles. She started the Helen Keller Endowment Fund of two million and asked for funds from wealthy men. In 1932, when Helen was 62, the Pictorial Review Company gave her its 5,000 Achievement Prize for her work.

In later years, she became especially interested in bettering conditions for the blind in underdeveloped and war ravaged countries. An enthusiastic and untiring traveler, she lectured on their behalf in more than 25 countries on the five major continents. During World War II, she worked with soldiers who had been blinded in the war. Whenever she appeared, she brought new courage to millions of people.

Helen Keller received awards of great distinction, such as Chevalier's Ribbon of the French Legion of Honor, the alumni Achievement of Radcliffe College, and decorations from all the world.

Here are some of her books: "The Story of My Life," "The World I Live In," "The Song of the Stone Wall," and "Out of the Dark."



Essay winners and honorable mentions from Ashley McSpadden, third place; Dust Back row: Kyle Hooks, Ashley LaBuda, Kim



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# VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL WINNING ESSAYS



Valley Head School: front row, from left: Julie Ashley McSpadden, first place. Niki Johnson, second place.

## Valley Head Woman's Essay Winners

Month in which Americans celebrate the birthdays of outstanding presidents, George Washington and

point of the year for the Valley Head Woman's the winners of the essay contest for Moon Lake and Valley Head High School. This year, the students are given the same subject, "Great Women of

ing to note the different view points of the element and the high school students. It is the hope of the once will build confidence and the desire to reach for

president, presided and welcomed guests and mem- work of the Education Committee, Judith in. Bonnie Barnett, Jan Wilkinson, and Martha son introduced the teachers. Joyce Smith, 5th grade ke has been bringing her students to the club for 15 of the high school winners are her former students. ish teacher at Valley Head, is a relative newcomer d to her work.

at Moon Lake School and their subjects were: 1st y, "Eva Dykes," 2nd place, Niki Johnson, "Julie Ashley McSpadden," "Helen Keller." The winners and their subjects were: 1st place, Teri Campbell, "Rosa Lee Parks," 2nd place, Johnathan Tate, "Out of the light, Helen Keller," 3rd place, Krystal Brown, "Julia

leader." participation and monetary prizes were awarded to the

time for the students refreshments were served ing of the essays by the winners. Hostesses were Jean ond, Susan Hooks, Martha Stanley and Leslie Bunch. ll of the Valley Head Baptist Church was beautifully entine motif. Delicious tidbits and punch were served Following the theme of the Alabama Federation of ngels - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - a Flight to Wright gave the devotional based on "An Angel a ler. She said we can claim angels as powerful friends. rtant place in scripture and a presence in our lives. in motion, they are part of God's provision to help us, quad.

give \$300 to the library at Valley Head High School, at Moon Lake Elementary and \$300 for a scholarship Valley Head High School.

### Valley Head First Place

By: Teri Campbell  
TAKING A STAND

Did you know that on December 1, 1955 Rosa Lee Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man? Her courageous act triggered the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Mrs. Parks is widely known for her actions and the reaction it caused. She was later named a hero for her part in the civil rights movement.

Rosa Parks was born in Tuskegee, Alabama on February 4, 1913. In 1932, she married Raymond Parks. She attended Alabama State Teachers College, held a variety of jobs, and became the first woman to join the Montgomery Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She served as a secretary from 1943 to 1956.

Little did Mrs. Parks know that her action would cause such an event. The Montgomery Bus Boycott was hard to forget. For 382 days, thousands of blacks refused to ride buses in Montgomery. They put the bus company out of business for a while. Finally, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that segregated seating on buses was unconstitutional. The boycott's success encouraged many protests demanding civil rights for blacks.

As a result of the boycott, Rosa Parks lost her job as a department store seamstress. She moved to Detroit and worked on the Detroit staff of John Conyers Jr. She was later awarded the Springarn Medal for her civil rights work and she also wrote her autobiography, "Rosa Parks: My Story."

Rosa Parks is a remarkable woman who is looked upon by many as the person who began the end of segregation. Being arrested must have been a very terrifying experience, but fortunately she made it through without any harm. Who knew that violating a law would help put an end to a problem that had been going on for years?

### Valley Head Second Place

By: Johnathan Tate  
OUT OF THE DARKNESS  
AND INTO THE LIGHT

Imagine if you can a nineteen month old girl being thrown into a dark prison cell from which there could be no release. This is the story of Helen Keller, but instead of her life being wasted she did a fine release.

Helen Keller was born on June 21, 1880 in Alabama. At nineteen months of age Helen was stricken with a childhood illness which brought about a high fever which left her deaf and blind. Before her illness she was a lively and healthy child with a friendly personality. She could walk and even say a few simple words.

Helen was not someone who gave up very easily. By the time she was seven years old she had invented over 60 different signs by which she could talk to her family. Helen was unusual in that she was extremely intelligent and also remarkably sensitive. By her own efforts she had managed to make some sense of an alien and confusing world. But even she had limitations.

She noticed that her family did not use signs like she did but talked with their mouths. She could not understand them and she would become so upset because she couldn't understand that she would hurl herself around the room, kicking and screaming in frustration. Just before her seventh birthday, Helen's family hired a private tutor, Anne Sullivan, an amazing woman herself.

Anne soon realized the cause of Helen's tantrums, she knew that if she could teach her to communicate she would become a different person. Even so, before she could teach this wild child, she had to control her. Anne eventually won by will-power and persistence.

She then set about teaching Helen the manual alphabet. This is a sign language in which each letter is signed into the hand of the deaf-blind person so that they can feel it. Eventually Anne decided that Helen needed more formal instruction if she was to achieve her ambition of graduating from college. Helen proved to be a remarkable scholar, graduating with honors from Radcliffe College in 1904. While she was in college she wrote "The Story of My Life." The book was a success and earned her enough money to buy her own house.

Eventually she became so famous that she was invited abroad and received many honors.

After her death in 1968, an organization was set up in her name to combat blindness in the developing world. If anyone had a right to give up on life it was Helen Keller, but instead of giving up she overcame her disabilities. She found an escape from the dark prison cell she was thrown into when she was struck down by the fever and left deaf and blind. She became an inspiration to people all over the world.

### Valley Head Third Place

By: Krystal Brown  
JULIA TUTWILER  
TEACHER, LEADER

In August 1841, a very amazing woman was born. Some say she was born fifty years ahead of her time. This woman is Julia Strudwick Tutwiler.

Tutwiler attended her father's school, Green Springs School for boys. During this time she taught most of her father's slaves to read. She attended Vassar College during its first year of operation and completed her formal education in Europe.

From 1876 to 1881 she taught at Tuscaloosa College. Tutwiler served as president of Alabama Normal College at Livingston from 1890-1910. While she presided at Livingston the first kindergarten opened there in 1896. She also wrote the poem, "Alabama" which became the official song of Alabama.

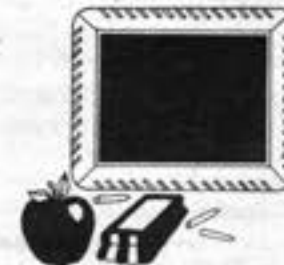
In 1887, Tutwiler organized and directed the first night schools for prisoners employed in mines. Ms. Tutwiler persuaded the Administration of the University of Alabama to admit women students.

She visited the Tuscaloosa Jail, in 1880. She began to work for prison reform to get separate male and female prisons. She also wanted greater sanitation and closer inspections of the prisons. The women's prison today is named after her. It is Tutwiler Jail in Montgomery. Today people still remember her because of her famous work. Her most famous work was establishing Tutwiler prison.

### ALABAMA

By Julia Tutwiler

Alabama, Alabama, we will aye be true to thee,  
From thy Southern shores where growth  
By the sea thy orange tree  
To thy Northern vale where floweth  
Deep and blue thy Tennessee  
Alabama, Alabama, we will aye be true to thee.  
Little, little can I give thee, Alabama mother mine.  
But that little-hand, brain, spirit, all I have and am are thine.  
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By Gilbert D. Edwards

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Sir comes from a royal line filled with champions. Fred is just a basset. Harvey Le Cat was rescued from the animal shelter. All have a special place in our lives. Sir with his gentle manners and a good vocabulary; Fred with his fierce bark and false independence; and regal Harvey—petting is bestowed on him only at his invitation. He is lord of all he surveys—except for one time.

One day I caught a black and white blur clearing the fence, with a tawny shape slashing at his heels. He had met his nemesis. With never a pause he made straight for Sir and Fred. The tawny cat was too busy slashing to notice that he was fast getting into trouble. At the last moment, and it seemed as if he left his footprints in the air, he turned and in a flash and a jump ahead of the dogs, he was gone. This was my last time to see him.

Fred was already grown when Sir was brought home, and of course he proceeded to teach the puppy a few manners according to his way of thinking. This included all the choice tidbits at meals time and a rough-housing while acting like a bulldozer. This education lasted for about a year, and then came to a sudden halt. The "kid" had grown up. No more dominance allowed.

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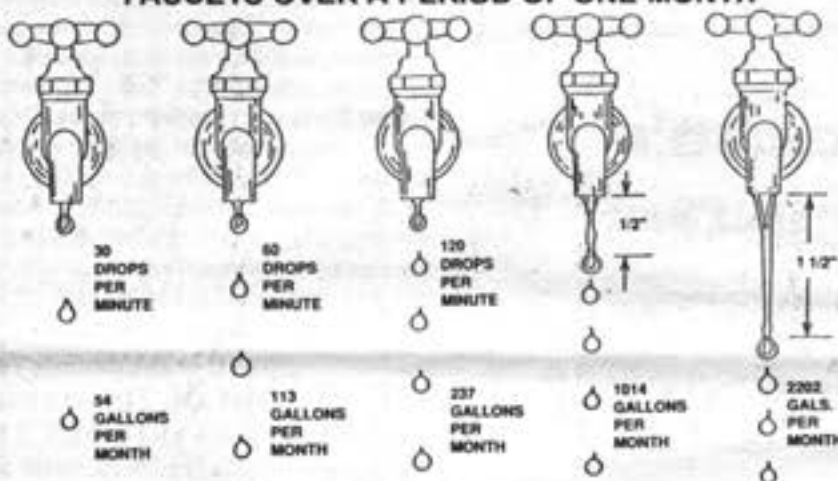
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### NEWS RELEASE

## \*RE: PRE-REGISTRATION\* \*ALL COUNTY SCHOOLS\*

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and First Grade students will be conducted in all DeKalb County schools on Thursday, April 17, 1997, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 12:00 Noon. This registration is for all Kindergarten and First Graders who have not previously been enrolled in a DeKalb County School.

Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 2, and First Graders must be six on or before September 2. Although changes have been mentioned, no new legislation has been passed at this time.

Birth Certificates are required for enrollment. Other records are not acceptable but may be used to obtain a Birth Certificate. Applications may be obtained from the County Health Department. The immunization/health records (blue slip) will be needed prior to the opening date of school, August 18.

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## SHE'S THE SWEETHEART OF DIXIE, BUT SHE'S NOW 60!!!



**JANE GALLOWAY**

Happy 60th Birthday wishes to Jane Galloway who celebrated the occasion on Sunday, March 23, at her home with family and friends.



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(1) Mr. Roy Ellis with family members, Mrs. Sue Crane, Mrs. Eloise Breazeale, and Sonny Crane; (2) Mrs. Syble Tipton, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215, in a courtyard at the Fann Home; (3) Mrs. Sue Crane, Mrs. Eloise Breazeale, Sonny Crane, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell at Fann Home



George Rudder is able to paint again, and he is happy about that. He is showing his work in progress to Marilyn Blanton Campbell.



George Rudder showing his finished work to Mrs. Syble Tipton.

### I NEED THEE LORD

Oh Lord, I need thy guidance  
In everything I do.  
I need thy comfort when I'm sad,  
Thy grace to see me through.  
I need thy word to feed upon  
To quench my burning thirst.  
Thy mighty power to lift me up,  
When Satan tempts me worst.  
  
I need thy light to guide me  
Along life's troubled way,  
I need thy strength to help me  
Help someone every day.  
Thy words of courage spoken  
To me, that I may win,  
A soul for thee, a soul that's lost  
In evilness and sin.

I need thy tender mercies  
Should I, in faith, grow weak,  
I need thy spirit in my heart  
To give me words to speak.  
I need thy blessings every day  
Of thee I ask my needs,  
I look to thee to help me  
In all my works and deeds.

Yes, Lord, I need thee...always  
If I'm to live for thee.  
I'm thankful Lord that thou hast made  
This promise unto me...  
That whosoever would believe  
On thy son, Jesus Christ,  
Would have removed their every sin  
And gain eternal Life!!

Jerry F. Abbott  
March 31, 1957  
Bennettsville, SC

## Mentone Legion Ladies Give Fann Home Good Marks

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone try to make one trip per season to the Floyd E. "Tul" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville to visit the residents from DeKalb County—at this point, there are six. At the end of 1996, the management of the Fann Home changed hands, and the ladies knew nothing about the new people, so they planned their spring trip totally unannounced to check conditions there since the change. The spring trip was looking none too promising for the ladies when Mrs. Sue Crane, the sister of Mr. Roy Ellis—one of the six DeKalb County men—called Unit 215 President, Syble Tipton, seeking somebody to drive her, her sister, and her son to the Fann Home to visit Mr. Ellis. Soon the Unit 215 trip and Mrs. Crane's visit found themselves one.

On Monday, March 10, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 contingent consisting of Unit President, Syble Tipton, and Unit Historian, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, picked up Mrs. Sue Crane, Mrs. Eloise "Ted" Breazeale, and "Sonny" Crane, and headed for the Fann Home at Huntsville. Mrs. Breazeale paid the expenses for the trip and treated the Unit 215 ladies to lunch on the way back. Mrs. Crane took her brother a pot of lovely white flowers, and Mrs. Breazeale took Mr. Ellis a pair of new pajamas. The ladies of Unit 215 always take something when they go to the Fann Home to visit, and this trip they took plants that had been donated by Mr. L. A. Smith of the Valley Head High School faculty.

While Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Breazeale, and Sonny visited with Mr. Ellis, Syble and Marilyn went all over the Fann Home delivering their plants to the residents they call "our veterans." They left plants for Randy Carter, Mr. Milford Jones, Mr. R. K. Rice, Mr. James Gifford, Mr. Roy Ellis, and Mr. George Rudder.

On previous visits, the Unit 215 contingent had found Mr. Rudder extremely distressed. His troublesome eyesight was giving him trouble and keeping him from his first love—his paintings. The ladies walked into Mr. Rudder's room only to find him working on a new painting. That alone afforded concrete proof that he was indeed better. Mr. Rudder reports that he is still unable to paint for long periods of time, but being able to paint at all is a definite improvement over his situation on Unit 215's previous visits. Mr. Rudder has lots of his paintings in his room, and, for his visitors, impromptu art shows are nothing in the least uncommon.

The Unit 215 contingent reports they went about the facility totally unincumbered looking at everything they wanted to see, and, by observation, the ladies have come to the conclusion that, at the Floyd E. "Tul" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville, the established policy is to do what is best for the resident as opposed to what is easiest for the staff. For example, it is best for the residents to be up, dressed, and clean, so baths are the order of the day every day. Granted, many of the residents resist the bathing procedure and complain about it loud and long, but the staff sees to it that all the residents are kept clean. Furthermore, there was no odor to the building. Yes, there has been a lot of negative publicity put out regarding the Fann Home every since it opened, but the ladies of Unit 215 are convinced that most of it has been very little more than "sound and fury signifying nothing." So far, they have found so very little to complain about that it is hardly even worth mentioning.

Among the six men from DeKalb County, the ladies found two who were doing better than they had been before, one was far less well, two were about the same, and one was not to be located readily. The ladies of Unit 215 chose to think a person who was up, clean, dressed, and out of his room was doing as well as could be expected in his situation.

# About Our Town

By  
LINDA BROWN



Time "marches" on! I can't believe another article is due already. Speaking of time, April 6 (Sunday) is the day to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour. Someone told me recently about talking with a man of 84 years who said that at his age Christmas seems to come every other day. I can believe it. I would like to slow time down a little, but I have a granddaughter who refuses to be the age she really is. She insists on being a year older.

Recently, the guys I work with were talking about how short a time span we humans are on this earth. (We were discussing global warming and whether or not we would be here long enough to be affected by it, if it is indeed a reality.) Not only are we here a short time as individuals but also as a species. Other species were here long before humans, or so scientists tell us. I guess how long depends on whether you believe the creation theory or the evolution theory. These two lines of thought are so interesting, no wonder we have pondered them so long and still haven't reached a definite conclusion. What would we think about on cold winter days?

Many interesting things continue to happen in Mentone. Of course, I can't write about some of it. We made the front page of *The Times-Journal* again. This time concerning the large trucks on Highway 117. Some local concern has been expressed that the city was trying to stop all trucks. The way I understand the article, they are only trying to stop the transfer trucks that are traveling through here from other states just because this is a shorter or cheaper route.

The incident with the school bus was enough to make everyone stop and think. What if both drivers had not been able to control their vehicles when they brushed against each other? What if a vehicle carrying hazardous materials should go into the river? The "what if" could continue all day. The bottom line is that something needs to be done. If you have never done so, stop in the post office parking lot someday and set there and count the eighteen wheelers. Or better yet, count the ones you will meet while coming up the mountain about 5 to 9 o'clock at night.

Other things continue to happen regarding the zoning and planning commission. Again, I urge you to attend the meetings of this commission and other public meetings. This includes the city council meetings. There are lots of chairs in the meeting room, and I'm sure the council members would appreciate the fact that you care enough to occupy one of them.

This has already been a beautiful spring/winter. So many things have already bloomed. Do you suppose they may all bloom again? It seems they would have time to do so. I know that some people have already planted their early gardens. Ours has stayed too wet. Our grandson loves to plant gourds, and he has already planted them. Of course he will plant them several times.

Easter will be about as early this year as it can possibly be. It is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox. Are you totally confused? So am I, that's why we have calendars. Have a happy Easter. Enjoy your family get-togethers and watch for the Easter Bunny, he may need to warm by the fire as he comes by your house.



## GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

March here in Mentone and the rest of the valley has been a mixed bag. Most of the time, it has been too wet to work in the gardens, we have to rely on hit and miss dry days, or cold sunny days! When the temps got comfortable enough to go and weed or plant, it started to rain; when the sun came out and shone brightly, it was too cold. I keep wondering when the weather is going to make up its mind to let us out and get some gardening done.

Two new resources will delight gardeners or people that just enjoy touring gardens without the dirty work. *The Garden Tourist 1997* by Lois Rosenfeld (Garden Tourist Press, \$15.95) points the way to peony weekends, fern festivals, flower shows, bookkeeping seminars, Cacti and Succulent Society jams, and various other horticultural events big and small, private or public. The book also includes a roster of garden tour operators and books. Then there is the new wave in gardening that is snaring us all, a site on the World Wide Web! known as *GardenNet* (<http://www.trine.com/GardenNet>) lists plant and blossom shindigs in the US and overseas. One can also browse and buy from the big name seed and flower catalogues, order supplies from the site's garden shop, link to related magazines and associations, share gardening woes and concerns with other gardeners, and ask advice of the Ardent Gardener, an online green-thumb doctor. The site was created by Cheryl Trine, an amateur horticulturist.

This month (March) we have all enjoyed the beauty of the pink and white flowering dogwoods (*cornus florida*) in bloom and a lot of us have really not appreciated the seasonal beauty that to us represents the end of winter and the beginning of the coming warm days. But soon, that will only be a tale we tell to our grandkids. (It's said that when the dogwood blooms there will be no more frosts, and it's safe to plant just about anything). Since 1976, a blight has ravaged the tree, spreading from New York to Maine, Ohio, Alabama, and the Pacific coast. A mysterious fungus known as *Discula destructiva* continues to spread at its present rate and will wipe out this treasured tree within the next decade. A chemical antidote has eluded researchers. A year ago, scientists thought they had found their fungus-one that they hoped would chase the killer away. Unfortunately, it wasn't aggressive enough, and the search for the dogwood's survival continues. The Department of Agriculture alone is funding 33 projects pursuing good fungi to vanquish destructive fungi, either by overcoming them or killing them altogether. One new fungal "silver bullet" protects young corn from the deadly fungi *Pythium* and *Fusarium*. The Environmental Protection Agency recently approved two fungal forces for good: one that neutralizes fruit rot and another that knocks out a disease that makes corn and peanuts toxic, and this kind of pest control (beneficial fungi) poses no environmental threat.

Gypsy moth caterpillars are the worst insect pest of forest and shade trees in the Eastern U.S. The USDA's researchers have renewed their efforts to use the harmless Rogas wasp to biologically control the gypsy moths. In spring, Rogas wasp females sting caterpillars and deposit eggs. After they hatch, wasp larvae devour the caterpillars' insides. Scientists have imposed and released more than 50 species of natural enemies of the gypsy moth. About a dozen species have taken hold in the U.S. I know a few people that have consigned these pests as harmful to humans and spend their time killing them all out; and perhaps that is where the problem lies. A more informed gardener makes an "environment-friendly" person, and just maybe we will not see the demise of the beloved dogwood, a Southern part of life.

**MOON PLANTING DATES:** According to lore, the best times to plant flowers and vegetables that bear their bounty above ground is during the "light of the moon", which means during the days between the first quarter and the full moon. In March, the in-between dates are the 15th - 24th. In April, it's from the 15th - 22nd, and in May, the 17th - 22nd. For bulbs and root vegetables, plant them during the "dark of the moon", which spans the period between the waning full moon and the next new one. Those dates will be March 21st to April 6th, April 23rd - 30th, and May 23rd - 31st.

**Hibiscus** - to propagate, prepare cuttings by removing two top shoots (3"-5" long) in spring. Put them in potting soil and cover them with a plastic bag with air holes in it. In 3-5 weeks, they will develop roots, but until then, do not use fertilizer.

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The new shoots should be pinched back to ensure compact growth. Hibiscus cannot withstand extreme fluctuations in temps and humidity. To stop the plant from getting too big, and to enhance its compactness, cut it back in early spring and remove leggy growth.

**Pruning Roses** - early spring prune new and established roses when the first signs of growth appear. In mid-spring, thin out straggly, overly long shoots as they grow. In cold areas, avoid pruning roses in freezing weather. If the winter is severe, wait until mid-to-late spring. Cut all frost-damaged canes to just above the nearest healthy bud. In warm areas, prune roses during the coolest months, so that they have time to store energy before blooming again. A nifty new Web site, **The Rose Resource** (<http://www.rose.org>) covers everything you'll need to raise incredible roses. The Web site was created by All-America Rose Selections, a 58-year-old organization whose members account for more than 90% of the rose production in the U.S.



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## DON BROCK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STATE BED AND BREAKFAST ASSOCIATION

Don Brock of Mentone has been named the executive director of the Bed and Breakfast Association of Alabama.

"I will be striving to promote the B&B industry, offering members a unified voice in working with outside agencies that influence the Bed and Breakfast industry, disseminating information, facilitating networking, and promoting events

and opportunities to advance the interest of the B&B industry in Alabama," Brock said in the March newsletter of the state Bed and Breakfast Association.

Mr. Brock's office is located in Mentone, Alabama. The official Post Office Box of the Association will remain in Montgomery.

## SIGN UP FOR MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE AT LIL' MOLE RUN GOLF COURSE IN MENTONE

Registration has begun for Men's Summer Team Golf League at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course in Mentone.

The league will be 4-man best ball and held every Thursday with tee-off at 5:30 p.m. Teams will be formed following the completion of registration based on the golfer's average skill level. The teams will be competitively matched to provide all teams with a total team skill level as equal as possible.

Play begins April 17 and ends Aug. 28 with a championship tournament. Signup period ends April 1.

Registration fee is \$10 per golfer, payable on the first night of play.

For more information, call Roy Brittain, 845-5315 (day) or 997-9220 (night); James Russell, 845-1710; or Denita Manifold, 634-4159.

### THANKS

Thanks to everyone for all the prayers, food, cards, and flowers. Your thoughtfulness was very comforting to us during this time.

God Bless,  
Bill Cash family

## Spring Sale DeKalb County Library

APRIL 12 - 16

During Library Hours  
& Sunday Afternoon



Books

Puzzles

Games

Audio Tapes

Video Tapes



## BOOKS BUILD SALE

April 12 thru 16

Bigger and better describes the anticipated Books Build Sale, which the Fort Payne Culture Club will conduct to benefit the DeKalb County Public Library as they have done for the past four years.

If you have never taken advantage of this great sale, you have missed a golden opportunity to shop for hard cover and paper back books, large print reading materials, children's books, games and puzzles, video and audio tapes, records and CD's, and special interest items such as school annuals.

As usual, proceeds from the sale will be used by the library for special needs and desires not included in the regular budget.

Large print books and unabridged books on tape were purchased following last year's sale. According to the library staff, over three-fourths of the audio books the library now has are constantly in circulation.

Projected uses for funds available from this year's sale, according to Librarian Elizabeth Tucker, will be: part of proceeds toward the purchase of a much-needed reader/printer for history and genealogy research. The remainder will purchase more of the much-demanded books on tape.

Mark your calendar now: Books Build Sale, DeKalb County Public Library, April 12 through 16. Hope to see you there.

Contact:

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Joann Durham, sale coordinator, 845-4035.

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LAKE LAHUSAGE - Nice lake lot with 140' on lake. Old foundation, well, 2 septic tanks, fenced and paved drive. \$39,900. Co-Broker with Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND - Cedar log home with rock foundation on small acreage lot with frontage on the East Fork of Little River. Three bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths, large living room with stone fireplace, playroom with fireplace and wet bar, adjoining workshop. Unfinished attic (good for storage or expansion), two-car garage, central heat and air. Too many amenities to mention - \$183,000.

CLOUDLAND - Many beautiful brow lots priced from \$16,000-\$35,000.

CLOUDLAND - Approximately 85 acres **SOLD** rolling property with creek - \$600 per acre.

MENLO - Close to bank, post office, library and park! Turn this beautiful old home **SOLD** into your dream house. This 1-1/2 story house features two or three 1-1/2 baths, living room, den, porch and detached garage with outbuilding, all on a 150'x125' corner lot. Needs repairs. \$30,000.

SUBLIGNA - 5.32 ac **UNDER CONTRACT** road. \$2500 per acre.

WALKER COUNTY - Wooded, small acreage lot close to schools. **UNDER CONTRACT** approximately 5-1/2 acres and priced at \$2500

MENLO - Approximately 12 acres just outside Menlo City Limits - level and wooded. Priced at \$3000 per acre.

CLOUDLAND - Approximately 45 acres with approximately 720 feet frontage on Highway **UNDER CONTRACT** \$1125 per acre.

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SUBLIGNA - Walker County - two small acreage tracts on Scoggins Lane with paved road frontage. One lot is approximately 14.41 acres; and one lot is approximately 17.06 acres. Priced at \$2500 per acre.

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## MARCH FOR PARKS!



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## Moon Lake Elementary School

### 4th Six Weeks

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>FIRST GRADE</b>  | Brandy Manning       |
| <b>ALL A's:</b>     | Joshua Rogers        |
| Randy Addison       | Cayla Voils          |
| Tim Bain            | Jason Willis         |
| Kayla Hazell        |                      |
| Tom Tipton          |                      |
| <b>A'S AND B'S:</b> | <b>FOURTH GRADE</b>  |
| Brittany Clark      | <b>ALL A's:</b>      |
| Patrick Murphy      | Matt Hawkins         |
| Will Scott          | Catrina Ingram       |
| Shinice Smith       | Amanda Johnson       |
| Sheena Tishaw       | Andrew McCole        |
| Paige Wright        |                      |
| <b>SECOND GRADE</b> | <b>A'S AND B'S:</b>  |
| <b>ALL A's:</b>     | Kristen Addison      |
| Mark Corey          | Colby Baty           |
| Melissa Crane       | Rachel Bryan         |
| Alex Hazell         | Erica Campbell       |
| Katie Herndon       | Ashley Clark         |
| Justin Smith        | Amanda Collins       |
|                     | Paul Davis           |
| <b>A'S AND B'S:</b> | Sarah Dodd           |
| Barnabas Bettis     | Jessica Meadows      |
| Wil Blackburn       | Keith Miller         |
| Glenn Hansen        | Josh Smith           |
| Julie Ingram        | Kelly Wright         |
| Loren Kean          |                      |
| Whitney LaBuda      | <b>FIFTH GRADE</b>   |
| Phillip McNutt      | <b>ALL A's:</b> none |
| Jacob Meadows       | <b>A'S AND B'S:</b>  |
| Heather Phillips    | Dustin Burt          |
| Angel Wesley        | Emmy Corey           |
|                     | Kyle Hooks           |
| <b>THIRD GRADE</b>  | Ashley LaBuda        |
| <b>ALL A's:</b>     | Ashley McSpadden     |
| Jared Bare          |                      |
| John Baxter         | <b>SIXTH GRADE</b>   |
| Katie Gray          | <b>ALL A's:</b>      |
| Melissa Harrison    | Tiffany Bare         |
| Lori Hope           | Stuart Hurt          |
| Sarah Hurt          | Kerri McMunn         |
| Kirby McMunn        | Kelly Owen           |
| Kellye Phillips     | Kiley Young          |
| Josh Pollard        |                      |
| Emily Tipton        | <b>A'S AND B'S:</b>  |
|                     | Tessa Collett        |
| <b>A'S AND B'S:</b> | Beth Easler          |
| Laura Floyd         | Joshua Hughes        |
| Marie Hunt          | Corey Kirby          |

## MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

On Thursday, March 27, which is the last day of school before spring break, there will be a magic show presented by Marty Grimes, at 1:30 PM in the gym. Admission is \$1.00. The public is invited.

After spring break, school resumes on Monday, April 7.

The next PTO meeting is April 8, at 6 PM. Stanford Achievement Tests will be given to students in Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 the week of April 21.

Students at Moon Lake will celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22, with activities in the butterfly garden on that day.

Preparations are being made for Aerospace Week, which will be celebrated at Moon Lake during the week of May 5. Teachers Karen Prestwood and Phyllis Sarratt are planning and organizing Aerospace Week activities.



## The Recipe Corner

By  
SUE SCHWARZ

We have just had a nice two weeks in Florida visiting with daughter and grandchildren there. The weather was great and we really enjoyed ourselves and the company of those fine folks and their friends. We are happy, as always, to be back in north Alabama. I have found a great variation on the beans and rice theme. This recipe was published in *The Huntsville Times* and I have enjoyed it a lot. In fact, I have found the method for cooking the beans to be very good and have just stopped there and used the beans with rice or in chili. So here is the recipe for Hoppin' John with an attitude.

### Southwestern Hoppin' John

2 pounds dried black beans rinsed

1 T oil

1 t salt

1 large onion, peeled, halved

2 cloves garlic, minced

Put all ingredients in a 4-quart crock pot with enough water to come within two inches from the top. Cook on "low" overnight or until beans are softened. Discard onion and drain beans and set aside.

3 T olive oil

one 4-oz can chopped green chilies

1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped

2 t ground cumin

1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/2 t salt

One 1-3/4-oz package onion soup mix

1 1/4 Cups water

2 T lemon juice

6 cups cooked rice

### Optional:

1 1/2 pounds grilled smoked sausage, sliced

Chunky picante sauce

Sour Cream

Chopped green onions

Lemon wedges

Heat olive oil in skillet; add chopped chilies and bell pepper. Sauté a few minutes until softened. Stir in cumin, red pepper flakes, mustard, oregano and salt; cook 1 minute.

Add sautéed mixture to beans in large cooking pot; stir to mix. Add soup mix, broth and water; cover and simmer 15 minutes.

To serve: Stir in lemon juice; season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve over the rice. Offer the optional ingredients to add to the soup. Serves 6.

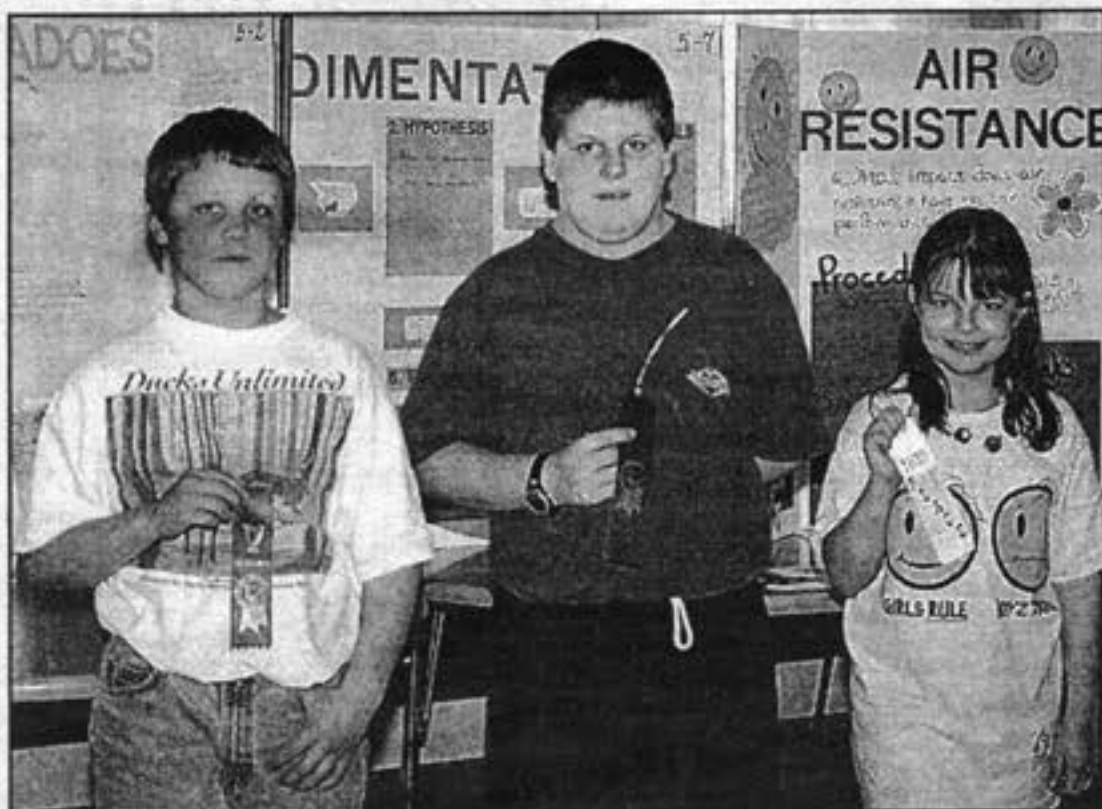
## CHARLIE THE CATERPILLAR

By Gwen Hamilton, age 6

There once was a caterpillar named Charlie. He loved to eat leaves in the wildlife. He thought they tasted like icecream sundays to him. He also loved to play with his friends. One thing he didn't like. These two butterflies always make fun of poor little Charlie. One day Charlie made something called a cocoon. Slowly and suddenly something popped out of the cocoon. It wasn't a caterpillar. Why it was a butterfly. His caterpillar friends were happy they had a butterfly to play with.

This is typed as written by Gwen Hamilton, age 6, of Largo, Fla. The oakleaf caterpillars were hatching out and creating all kind of havoc and inspiring lots of creative thinking among young and old alike. Ask Bill about the caterpillars Charlie, Carly, and Anna.

## Valley Head Science Fair winners



Times-Journal photos by Anita Stiefel

Valley Head School held its first elementary science fair during February. Winners for fifth grade, pictured above, included (left to right) Robert Brown, who won first place for tornadoes; Blake Hulan, who won second place for Sedimentation; and Ashley Tuxbury, who won third place for Air Resistance. All three are in Ms. Christie Brothers' class.

Winners for sixth grade, pictured below, included Sharee Jenkins, who won 2nd place for Electric Bell; Beth Shirley, who won first place for Hungry Fungus; and Brittney Johnson, who won third place for Salt Water. All three are from Ms. Angie Camp's class.

Citizens Bank of Valley head donated \$50 savings bonds as first prizes. The school board provided watches as second prizes; and Tiger's Inn donated meals as third prizes.



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My heart sings with joy when first I view the bright yellow daffodils; hear the calling of the doves; see miles and miles of bright pink redbud; watch the soft white petals of Bradford Pears float on the soft breezes of spring. The bluebird is on the wing scouting for nesting sites; the days are getting longer for giving more hours of sunshine to growing things; this is the miracle of returning life to those seeds that have lain dormant for a few months and are now bursting up all over. How I long to hold these days close and keep them forever, but time moves on and these days are fleeting. I shall enjoy them to the fullest and be thankful that I have lived to soak in the beauty of the fresh awakening, called spring.

There is again the rising of the sap causing the budding of trees with new growth that comes so fast we can almost hear them bursting. The first trace of soft feathery green appears almost overnight as if a magic wand was passed over them. The robins are here in number, chirping their harbinger songs. What joy we feel to be able to walk into a world of fresh vibrant beauty. Were I a poet this would be the time for penning words to those who are lovers of pure clean natural beauty.

Spring has come early this year, making things bloom as soon as they are out of the ground. The Redbud is making a show not to be rivaled before. Last year the timing was different and we did not have many blooms on those trees that line the road on the side of our mountain. Easter is coming early and we usually have frost near that season. I hope it doesn't get the peach crop like it did last year. Weather can be unpredictable and we have no control over it except for warnings meteorologists can give us so that we have time to be prepared to deal with the situation the best we can.

There are many good programs on public television that give an education about animal and plant life. So much animal life in Africa is being destroyed by poachers who care nothing for the animals except to slaughter them and sell the hides, or in the case of elephants, sell the tusks for ivory.

Nature has to be balanced in order to work smoothly, but it seems a bit cruel that some animals have to be prey for others. At least an animal will only kill to sustain its own life or the life of its young. If it were left up to me to slaughter animals for meat, we would all be vegetarians. I like meat but not well enough to kill for it.

This is a bit off the subject of spring, but we have been discussing what numbers of animals, birds, or people are called. A large number of whales is a school. So is a group of fish, or a school of whales can be called a gam. We can say a flock of goats, sheep, birds, or a large number of people, even members of a church. A herd we associate with large animals, such as cattle, horses, elephants etc. We can say a flock of geese or a gaggle of them. A gaggle can also be a group of chattering women! A mob of people we think about as being angry people, a multitude does not. A gang sounds like rough characters sometimes associated with the mafia and a henchman sounds worse. The men on a ship are called a crew. The word bevy is ordinarily used to describe a group of young ladies, or it can be a group of quail. Or a group of quail of partridges can be a bevy.

This could be a quiz--try to see how many names for numbers of animals or plants and fish you can write. It's interesting. I did not mention a brood, which can mean small chicks or children!

Spring is here! Perhaps it has me addled a little, but it sure is fun.

## The Church News

By EVELYN GRAVES



The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church will be meeting at the church for Week of Prayer and Self Denial on April 29, at 11 AM, with a covered dish lunch following the program. Sunday School is at 9 each Sunday and Worship Service is at 10 AM. Everyone is invited.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church convenes for worship each Sunday at 9 AM. You are invited to attend. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are speakers on alternate Sundays.

April 4-5 will be Youth Week-end Explosion at the Mentone Church of God. There will be special singing and special messages on both nights. On April 13-18, revival will begin with Ken Stroup as the evangelist. He is from Tuscaloosa, AL. There will be special singing each night of the revival. On April 26, there will be a golf tournament at Li'l Mole Run. Entrance fee is \$40.00, 4-man team, with prizes on every hole. April 30 is Youth Night at the church.

There will be an egg hunt at the Moon Lake Baptist Church on March 29, from 2-3:30 in the afternoon. There will be a Youth Missions trip to the Alabama Children's Home in Mobile on April 5. The JOY club will meet the last Thursday in the month of April at the church. A great revival was experienced under the leadership of Rick Cato, evangelist.

There will be an Easter egg hunt at the Valley Head Baptist Church for the children on March 29, at 10 AM. Each Sunday evening in April from 5 to 7 PM, the pastor will be teaching, "The Baptist Faith and Message." The Brotherhood will meet on April 12 at 8 A.M. at the church.

On Wednesday, March 26, the UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church met at 9 A.M. to prepare annual Easter baskets/dinners for delivery. There will be a combined covered dish dinner/picnic (sandwiches and salads) and Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 29, at 12 noon. It will be a great time to get together and enjoy good food and fellowship. Sunday services are at 11 AM and Sunday School is at 10 A.M. Everyone is welcome.

The Mentone Revival Center, and Pastor Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM. A warm welcome is extended to all. Come and experience God's blessings with us.

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Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) invites you to attend services on Sunday morning at 10 AM. Visitors are always welcome to visit the chapel at other times also. Vacation clothes are always acceptable for the service. Homecoming plans are currently under way and will be announced later. A shelter is in the process of being built in case of rain on special days like Homecoming.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be having their traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 30. The public is welcome.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone, Chapter, currently meets at Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Sabbath School, Saturday, 9:30-10:45 AM. Worship Service 11-12 AM. Everyone welcome. Wilbur Atwood, Pastor; Bill Pyke, Lay Pastor. •Congratulations to Wildwood lay pastor Bill Pyke and the children's Sabbath school teacher and song leader, Elizabeth Carson, on the announcement of their engagement. •The Revelation Bible Study, taught by Bill Wynn, is still open to any newcomers. They are welcome to attend the study on Thurs. from 7-8 p.m.

If anyone is interested in a healthier body and tasty vegetarian food, sign up for the vegetarian cooking classes (coming soon). For more info and reservations, call 634-4658 or 634-4021. •The monthly fellowship dinner was held on Mar. 9. Lots of good vegetarian food and great fellowship was shared by all. The next dinner will be after church on April 13. Everyone is welcome. •The congregation welcomed Pastor Atwood and group who just returned from a successful mission trip to Rumania. They held a series of lectures that were documented by a video and talk, which was presented after the fellowship meal.

### J. O. Y.

The Just Older Youth will meet at 11:30 AM on the last Thursday in April (the 24th) at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. This is a non-denominational organization for seniors, and everyone is invited to attend. Bring a covered dish and a friend and enjoy a good time together.



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## God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And the angel answered and said unto the woman, fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see where the Lord lay.

Matt. 28:5-6

Jesus did many miracles while here on Earth. He healed the sick, raised the dead, suffered the awful trial, then was crucified between two thieves. He suffered it all because He loved us. Yet, we would have no hope if He had not risen. He won victory over death and is alive today.

Thank God for a resurrected saviour.  
Have a Happy Easter.

## Happy 1st Birthday



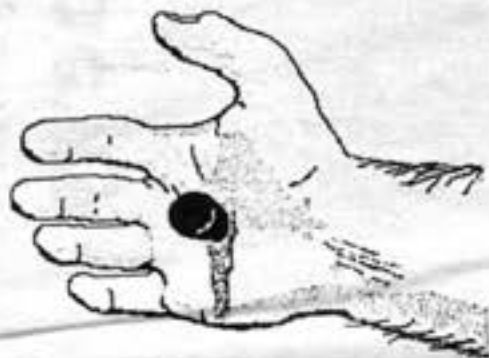
### Kaitlyn Nicole Dean

will be 1 year old on April 5, 1997. She is the daughter of David and Pam Dean of Valley Head.

Her brothers are Zackery, Jonathan, and Jason. Her grandparents are John and Edith Dean of Valley Head; and Calvin and Myra Lanier of Rainsville.

Great grandparents are Edna Dean and Taylor and Mildred Laws.

Kaitlyn shares her birthday with her two uncles, Kenny Chamlee and Steve Rhodes.



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### 4th Birthday

Kaysie Amanda Price celebrated her 4th birthday on Feb. 21. She is the daughter of Cleve and Debra Price of Valley Head. She has one sister, Sheryl Helms of Valley Head. Grandparents are Lillian Bricker of Columbus, GA, and the late REv. W.C. Bricker; and Mary Price of Fort Payne, and the late Booga Price.

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