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The William J. Wooten Family

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Brooksie Vines, great great granddaughter of Francis Marion Wooten, and great great great granddaughter of William J. Wooten submitted information regarding the Wooten family in America. She said that she wanted to "clear up the misconception that the Wooten line, which she and various members of her family have been searching the genealogical records for the past 25 years, is not the same Wooten line as the first doctor in America. The other Wooten line is from Thomas Wooten, Sr., physician, who was with Captain John Smith's exploring expedition, which left Jamestown May 31, 1607. There have been many Wooten family histories that included this erroneous information.

Brooksie has traced her ancestry to: William J. Wooten-1801; Francis Marion (Pap) Wooten-1828; James Washington (Ginger) Wooten -1850; James Marion (Son) Wooten-1876; Charlotte (Lottie) Wooten Purcell-1906; Brooksie Purcell Vines -1927.

The Wooten Family Story Begins was the title of an article in "The Chattooga County (Ga.) Historical Society Quarterly" magazine, Volume IV, Number IV, December 6, 1992, pages 22-24. This is a small part of the search for her ancestors that is contained in the volumes of research she has accumulated over the past 25-year search. (See excerpts on page 5.)

Some of the information comes from her cousin, Della Tenney (great great grandchild of Francis Marion's brother, Jeremiah). Della lives in Punta Gorda, Fla. She also is researching their Wooten ancestry. Several "Wooten," "Wooten" cousins are working on their genealogy, but have come to a complete standstill. There are "the four missing years," 1797-1801, that each is searching to uncover.

Della wrote a letter to Brooksie, part of which states: "...Forrest Hale (Jackson, Ga) believes that his ancestor may be a brother to our William J. Wooten...since both lines end at the same point--he cannot connect, either."

Cousin Della also sent Brooksie copies of several documents pertaining to "the Civil War era--as things were there in DeKalb County, AL, after the war, especially." "...that Francis Marion Wooten and some of his neighbors came to serve the Union cause during the civil War, apparently at great risk to themselves and to their families. I think after one reviews some of this material, it becomes clear as to why they did it. I know they felt they were doing the right thing. They hated to see the union dissolved and they did not see any advantage to the war."

Brooksie says, "It seems that we have exhausted all possibilities. I thought some of your readers might recognize our Wootens who lived in Valley Head. William J's father is our missing link.



Francis Marion "Pap" Wooten

"Francis Marion Wooten was my great great grandfather. He had 15 children, the first, James Washington (Daddy, Ginger) was my great grandfather. (See information after history.)

"My grandfather was James Marion (Son) Wooten. He had one brother Andrew Jackson (Sand), both born in Jackson Co., Ala.; he married Lucy Lee Bramlett.

My grandfather married Mary Jane Williams. (Her mother was Jane Redwine). Son and Jane had 3 children, Ross, Maggie and Lottie (my mother).

William J. Wooten Family History:
(WFT Est stands for World Family Tree Estimate, since accurate records are not available)

William J. Wooten was born in 1801, in South Carolina. He was married to Susannah Wooten: WFT Est 1832-1862. He died August 6, 1869. Susannah Wooten was born in 1795 in South Carolina. She died November 5, 1878.

They had nine children:

- 1) Barron Wooten was born: WFT Est 1816-1847. He died: WFT Est 1822-1925.
- 2) Jeremiah Wooten was born in 1820. He died: WFT Est 1821-1910.
- 3) Mary A. Wooten was born in 1825. She died: WFT Est 1826-1919.
- 4) Francis Marion Wooten was born in 1828 in Walhalla, Pickens, SC. Francis was married to Mary Free in March 1849, in Calhoun (Gordon) GA. He died on January 14, 1901, in Fort Payne (DeKalb) Ala. (*See history below.)
- 5) Lorenzo D. Wooten was born in 1829. He was married to Elizabeth Wooten: WFT Est 1860-1894. Lorenzo died: WFT Est 1860-1919.
- 6) William Jasper Wooten was born in 1830. He was married to Jane Wooten: WFT Est 1861-1895. William died: WFT Est 1861-1920.
- 7) Dow Wooten was born in 1830. She died: WFT Est 1831-1920.
- 8) Susan A. Wooten was born in 1834. She died WFT Est 1835-1928.
- 9) Ellenor S. Wooten was born in 1840. She died WFT Est 1841-1934.

Francis Marion Wooten Family History:*

Francis Marion Wooten's wife, Mary Free, was born in 1830. Her mother and father were Peter Free and Ruth Reed. Mary died in 1889 in DeKalb County, Ala. Francis and Mary had 15 children.

1) James Washington Wooten (great grandfather of Brooksie Vines), was born June 15, 1850, in Calhoun, Gordon County, Ga. He was married to Charlotte Hill on December 8, 1872. James died September 4, 1920.

2) Ance! Francis Wooten was born October 31, 1851, in Gordon County, Ga. He was married to Mary Dawson: WFT Est 1882-1916. Ance! died WFT Est 1882-1941.

3) Maryan Saraan Elizabeth Wooten was born January 28, 1853. She was first married to (FNU) Poindexter, and later to Bud Dawson: WFT Est 1881-1915. Maryan died: WFT Est 1881-1947.

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- Sunday, April 4, EASTER (Easter sunrise services, Lee Crowe property, Mentone at 7am)
- Sunday, April 4, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Monday, April 5, 7 p.m., Mentone Town Council Meeting Town Hall
- Tuesday, April 6, 8 a.m. - School back in session 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., BBQ Plates (\$5.00) at Mentone Community House (See back page.)

- Saturday, April 17, 6 p.m., Community Pot Luck Dinner, Mentone Community House
- April: Moon Lake School (see center pages for listing of events) Earth Day, Aerospace week, Arbor Day
- April: Valley Head School (see page for listing of events)

Future Dates/Events to be watching for:

- May 9 - Mother's Day
- May 22 & 23 - Hotel Square Rhododendron Festival

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Workers on Saturday, April 20, 1999: Bernise Crow (inset-she and Sherman took photos so two photos are combined to show all workers); Homer Crow, Sherman Gough (Chairman of Adopt-a-Mile), Jim Gaylord, Mickey Gough, and Marie Dillenbeck.

--PUBLIC NOTICE--

**MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION**
Meeting dates for remainder of 1999

June 17

September 16 December 16

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the potential water customers in the Lee Crow Community. The pump at the water tower is in place. The electrical work at the tower is not complete at the time of this printing. Hokes Bluff Construction Company will be flushing the lines and getting the results from the water samples, as well as installing the water meters. The estimated completion date is around the middle of April.

We will try to keep you informed.
Hokes Bluff Construction Company published an ad in error in the DeKalb Advertiser that the project was complete. This is not correct. If there are items you, as the potential customer, know have not been completed or corrected, please call the town hall at 634-4444 and report those items. We appreciate your patience.

Town of Mentone

NOTICE: The May issue of The Groundhog will be published on April 29 and in the mail April 30.

Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th-20th of each month. May issue due date is April 15-20. Thank you.

Do you have a picture or an article you would like to submit?

To submit pictures for an issue of The Groundhog, please get them in by the 15th of each month to either Evelyn Graves or Marie Dillenbeck. Copy or articles should be in no later than the 20th, so the paper can be printed on the 25th of each month. Thank you.

Larry Dodson's "Comforting Thoughts" Prints on Sale

You can still purchase a Larry Dodson print of "Comforting Thoughts" by contacting the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center.

This print was made especially for the Advocacy Center as a fund raiser. The cost is \$10.00 and is available at the Advocacy Center, Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and also at the tag office in DeKalb County. Call 256-997-9700 to reserve your copy.

Message from your Postmaster

All rural and highway contract customers: **please put your E-911 numbers on your mailboxes.** Substitute mail carriers, who are not familiar with the area, have a hard time knowing who lives where without the numbers on your mailboxes. Thank you.

Benny Goss, Mentone Postmaster

SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

College Baseball: Auburn is off and running in the SEC Western Division. The Tigers won the weekend series over Alabama and are on fire. Good pitching and hitting are hard to beat. LSU and Arkansas have solid clubs, looking to Auburn right now. The Eastern Division lags behind the west a little bit. Florida and S. Carolina (after sweeping Vandy) lead the pack on the eastern side.

Women's Basketball: Purdue won the NCAA Women's National championship over Duke. The top ranked Boilermakers rebounded from a 17 point first half, to clobber the Blue Devils 62-45. Purdue proved worthy of its number one ranking. They held it for most of the season.

The women's final four had a much different look than in years past. Tennessee and Connecticut failed to reach the final four. Tennessee was upset by Duke in the region finals. UConn was shocked by Iowa State in the region semi-finals. The Lady Vols and Huskies are media favorites and huge crowd drawers. It's good to see the Giants fall sometimes to create interest among other schools and conferences. A Purdue and Duke final, assured a first time national champion. Louisiana Tech and Georgia completed the women's final in San Jose, California. Women's college basketball continues to grow in leaps and bounds.

NASCAR: Terry Labonte won the Primstar 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. Labonte passed Dale Jarrett with 12 laps left and pulled away for the victory. Labonte took advantage of bad luck that plagued the top drivers from competing. Jeff Gordon, Mike Skinner, and Mark Martin cut down right front tires, and crashed out of contention.

Jeff Burton leads the points standing over Bobby Labonte by two points. Jarrett, Gordon, and Terry Labonte round out the top five.

PRO Basketball: The Portland Trail Blazers have been the big surprise on the NBA courts. They currently own the best record in the league. Other than Portland, there have been very few surprises. Indiana, Miami, Atlanta, and Orlando lead the east. Utah, Houston, San Antonio, LA Lakers, and the above-mentioned Trail Blazers lead the west.

Did you hear that Michael Jordan is trying to buy ownership into the Charlotte Hornets? Seems he wants to eventually buy controlling interest. I bet he can pay in cash, if he wants to.

PRO Baseball: Major League baseball opens next week. Atlanta plays Philadelphia, and starts Tom Glavine on April 6.

The Braves made some moves to beef up the bats. Brian Joran and Brett Boone give Atlanta some big punch at the plate. Losing Andres Gallarraga for the season hurts. Hopefully, he will recover from cancer for his sake. Ryan Klesko needs a good year at the plate. The Braves need him to live up to his offensive potential.

Men's College Basketball: The Connecticut Huskies are on top of the world. The Huskies beat (not upset) the Duke Blue Devils for the National Title. What a classic game! The Huskies kept the lead most of the second half. They made the plays down the stretch, including two huge free throws by Khalid El-amid, to win 77-74.

It's too bad games have to be played on the court. The media had Duke naming the score. The Huskies, much like Tennessee in football, proved the better "team" wins. Jim Calhoun gets his due! Connecticut was my guess back in November, not a bad guess.

College Football: For all you college football junkies, spring practice is in full swing around the Southeastern Conference. Time to get a peek at next season's talent pool. Can Tennessee repeat? Can Alabama continue to improve, and can Auburn get off the deck under Tommy Tuberville? Be patient, it will be football season before you know it.

Here's one tidbit for you Alabama fans. Last year, the Tide had eight players who bench pressed over 400 pounds. This year, they have 21 who can. Strength was one major problem for the Tide last year.

One final note, let's go back in time. Here is an explanation on why Florida State joined the ACC over the SEC in 1990. Bobby Bowden told the LA Times that the Seminoles had a better opportunity to win national titles if they joined the ACC, instead of the SEC. "Look at any conference," he said. "It's two schools and others: Michigan, Ohio State, and the others; USC, UCLA, and the others. But the SEC has six teams that can win the thing." FSU won the title in 1993. Three SEC teams have won national titles in the 1990s. (Alabama-1992, Florida-1996, and Tennessee-1998).

I think I will stick this one in my back pocket. Then, the next time someone questions me about SEC football supremacy, I can say, "Ask Bobby Bowden, he knows more than I do."

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

Fort Payne won the DeKalb County Baseball Tournament title. The Wildcats lost to Fyffe and had to win their way out of the losers bracket. They blasted second place Fyffe in the finals. Valley Head was eliminated by Fort Payne in the first rounds.

The Valley Head Tigers will drop in classification from 2A to 1A beginning the 2000-2001 school year. High schools begin region play at the same time. Basically, what that means is, two areas combine into one. Crossville drops from 3A to 2A, everyone else in the county stays the same.

Softball season begins soon for local teams CBS and Mentone. Also, the Mentone Little League teams open play with teams from Rainsville and Fyffe. I know the parents and coaches would like to thank the town of Hammondville for the use of the field and lights in the years past.

That does it for another month. God Bless!



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North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District

By Gail Chambers

Chief Jim Roberts reported that the volunteers responded to only three brush and woods fires during the month of March. There were other fires reported, but these turned out to be controlled burns.

We would like to remind everyone to remember the Fire Department while doing your spring cleaning. Remember to save all your "gently used" items for the annual yard sale. A date will be set at the next Board of Directors meeting.

The Board of Directors would like to welcome three newly appointed members. They are Jesse Crabtree, Frank Hill, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell. After a few months in transition, we now have a fully operational Board. Other members of the Board are Linda Brown, Secretary; Eleanor Tate, Treasurer; Ken Kirby, Vice Chairperson; and Gail Chambers, Chairperson.

If you would like to volunteer to work with the Fire Dept. as a firefighter, on a committee, or in any other capacity, please contact any volunteer fireman or Board member for information.

The "Newer Truck" fund now has \$9,064.46 in it.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The Mentone Superette is in the remodeling stage, and Hobson and Martha Kirby hope to reopen the Superette around May 1st. New gas tanks and pumps are due to be delivered within the next two weeks, and the inside remodeling is not finished. Be looking for their GRAND OPENING date.

Continue to keep the following on your prayer lists: **Leonard and Mae Shigley** (Leonard Shigley is back home after a stay in Birmingham with his son. He is still in need of prayers, even though he is feeling much better.) Others needing prayers are: **Robert Turner**, who has been very sick; **Kathryn Jones and husband, Herman**, both in nursing home in Stevenson; **Rev. Jimmy Graves** (recently released from hospital with pneumonia) and wife **Evelyn Graves** (recovering from bronchitis).

The Mentone Springs Hotel has a gazebo visible to all in front of their Bed and Breakfast. David Wasson built it for the convenience of visitors to the bed and breakfast.

Both the Mentone Springs and the White Elephant Antique Galleries are getting ready for their Hotel Square Rhododendron Festival the fourth weekend in May--the 22nd and 23rd. (See write up elsewhere.)

Tommy Gifford had some surgery recently and we are happy to know that he came through just fine and is on the road to recovery.

Dowe Foreman's friends are glad to have her back from her recent illness. She is recovering and is taking things slower and getting along better.

Congratulations to **John Meadows** of Moon Lake Elementary School and **Amber Carrier**, Valley Head School, who participated in the DeKalb County chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Fourth Grade Alabama History Coloring Contest. They received honorable mention.

White Feather Cherokee Legend has reopened and is in Cabin #4 in the Log Cabin Village. In January, a fire broke out in her place across the street. Welcome back!

Ruby Daniel celebrated her 91st Birthday on March 31 with a trip to Gadsden to the mall and to Arby's for lunch. Her daughter and son-in-law, **Bobbie and Buddy Hildebrand** took her, and they said she had a great time. Also, when she got back to her room at The Fountains, there were cards and packages stacked up at her door for her birthday & for Easter.

Jane Galloway has had a lot of sickness and surgeries in her family, keep her and her family in your prayers.

Welcome to Mentone to **Prissy Chamblee** who will be moving here on May 15. She bought **Pattee Ephgrave's** place on Linchpney.

Congratulations to **Vickie and Thomas Shepherd** of Chattanooga, on the birth of their son, **Thomas Jacob** on March 19. He weighed 7#, 4oz and was 22 inches long. He has a big sister named **Lexie**. Proud maternal grandparents are **Frank and Linda Hill** of Mentone.

Dessie Newberry, owner of **Dessie's Kountry Chef** was named as an honor professional in the National Register's "Who's Who in Executives and Professionals." The 1900 - 2000 edition is registered at the Library of Congress in Wash, D.C., and selection is certified by Dunn and Bradstreet for those individuals "who have reached a level of recognizable success in their respective field." Congratulations, Dessie!

Dessie's Kountry Chef has a new look, each booth has a divider to give more privacy. Dessie also is preparing the property adjacent to the east side of the restaurant for additional parking.

Congratulations to young weather artists from Valley Head whose drawings have appeared recently in the Times-Journal: **April Bowman** (13) on 3/5, **Kevin Thompson** (13), on 3/24; **Rachael Thompson** (4) on 3/26; and **Tiffany Beard** (10) on 3/31.

Remember the **Stella Pierce** family. Her son, **Lee** and wife from Piedmont, lost their mobile home in a tornado on Feb. 27. Thankfully, they were not hurt. Also, **Stella's** brother-in-law, **Charles Earl Pierce** of Chickamauga, Ga., recently was found murdered. Please put them on your prayer list.

Helen and Joe Watters are improving since their recent illnesses.

Elaine Burt lost her aunt recently. We need to remember her and her family.

Phyllis Bailey, Dink Tillman and Carol Lancaster of Moon Lake Headstart Program are doing a great job with their students. These little ones are really bright.

Lora Dell Perkins has been under the weather lately. We hope she is feeling a lot better and able to be up and around. Also, **Lora Dell** is becoming a famous author. Everyone is wanting a copy of her book.

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

- Mrs. Ida Beason, 92, Valley Head, 3/3
- Vadis E. Hartline, 87, Valley Head, 3/6
- Mrs. Lillian Clark, 69, Valley Head, 3/16
- Jerry Ray Wigley, Sr., 52, Valley Head, 3/18
- Claude E. Burnett, 83, Valley Head, 3/22

Mountain Mamas in Cloudland officially opened on Friday, March 26. See ad and write-up elsewhere.

Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, NM, is going on a boat trip through the Panama Canal and along the coast to California, where she will catch a plane to bring her back home. She is going with friends and has been looking forward to the trip for six months. This is her second Panama Canal trip, but this time she is going "first class." Maybe my mom and I can go on a trip together one day real soon. I'd like to see Alaska and the Glacier National Park.

Belated March Birthday wishes to: **Denee Jenkins** (16) on March 31st; **Sheree Jenkins**, March 27th (daughters of Rev. Charles and Lynn Jenkins of Valley Head).

Happy April Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •1- **Jerod Hulan**, **Robert Daniel** (in memory of), **Donyal "Foots" Rector** (in memory of); •2- **Milton Chambers**, **Mary Pearson** (16), **Effia & Annie Harrison** (16); •3- **Alfred Chambers**; •4- **Georgette McGee**, **Katie Brandon**, **Jamie Phillips**; •5- "Possum" **Heather Moses**, **Chris Black**, **Kaitlyn Dean** (3); •6- **John Chambers**, **Jennifer McGee**; •7- **Gail and Milton Chambers** (Anniv.), **Shannon Chappel** (16), **Venna Livingston**; •9- **Ashley Hartline**; •10- **Lisa Moore**, **Lindsey Carter**; •11- **Josie Crider** (3); •12- **Tommy Dodd** (14); •15- **Frances Rosario Blix**, **Tommy Blansit**; •17- **Linda Kilgore Patterson**, **A.J. Palmer**; •19- **Lydia Speed** (82), **Anne Hampton**; •20- **Carrie Patty**; •23- **Lauren McGee** (3), **David Mays**; •24- **Junior Flemming**; •25- **Mary Brown**, **Olive Jones**, **Jennifer Robertson**; •26- **John Moore**; •28- **Jamie Dukes**; •29- **Jim Whisenant**; •30- **Shane McMahan**; •31- **Mandi Browder** (19).

Have a safe holiday and celebrate Easter by attending the **Annual Easter Sunrise Service (April 4, 7 AM)** held at the Lee Crow Farm in Mentone, and the Easter services at your church of choice.

Remember, too, on Easter, April 4--the time changes to **Daylight Savings Time!**



Mrs. Willie Haynes

84th Birthday Celebration

Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Owens, children and grandchildren of **Mrs. Willie Haynes**, honored her with a Bar-B-Que Luncheon on her **84th birthday**, at the Moon Lake Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Eighty friends and relatives attended.

Friends were also from Byron, Fort Valley, Marietta and Warner-Robbins, Georgia; and Anniston, Birmingham, and Fort Payne, Alabama.

Everyone had a good time and wished her many more Happy Birthdays!

4) Jasper Franklin E. Wooten was born November 25, 1854, in Gordon County, Ga. He was married to Frances Ophelia Townson: WFT Est 1885-1918. Jasper died: WFT Est 1889-1945.

5) Luciny (Lucinda) Catherine Wooten was born March 23, 1856, in Gordon County, Georgia. She was married to Albert Jackson: WFT Est 1884-1918. Lucinda died: WFT Est 1884-1950.

6) John Newton Wooten was born October 8, 1857, in Gordon County, Ga. He was married to Mary Helton: WFT Est 1888-1922. John died: WFT Est 1888-1947.

7) Nanny Jane Mae (Nancy) Wooten was born November 15, 1859, in DeKalb Co., Ala. She was married to Albert Riles: WFT Est 1887-1921. Nancy died: WFT Est 1887-1953.

8) Josephine (Josey) Brown Wooten was born February 6, 1861, in DeKalb County, Ala. She was married to John Whitten Brown: WFT Est 1889-1923. Josey died: WFT Est 1889-1955.

9) Joseph Andrew Jackson Wooten was born April 20, 1865, in DeKalb Co., Ala. He was married to Parley Willis Preswood: WFT Est 1896-1930. Joseph died: WFT Est 1896-1955.

10) Melinda (Lindy) Roden Wooten was born February 2, 1866 in DeKalb Co., Ala. She was married to Zeal Roden: WFT Est 1894-1928. Lindy died: WFT Est 1894-1960.

11) Hily Miles Monroe Wooten was born February 29, 1868, in Ala. He was married to Simson Myrie West: WFT Est 1899-1933. Hily died: WFT Est 1899-1958.

12) Elijah Cicero Wooten was born January 7, 1869, in DeKalb, Ala. He was married to Marchy Rachel Johnson: WFT Est 1900-1934. Elijah died: WFT Est 1900-1959.

13) Luizzie (Eliza?) Caladona Wooten was born June 11, 1871, in DeKalb, Ala. She was married to Tom Hopkins: WFT Est 1899-1933. Eliza died: WFT Est 1899-1965.

14) Peter Irwin Wooten was born December 5, 1873, in DeKalb, Ala. He was married to Mamie McCowen: WFT Est 1904-1938. Peter died: WFT Est 1904-1963.

15) Walker Daniel Spencer Wooten was born June 2, 1875, in DeKalb, Ala. He was married to Emma Frances Roberts: WFT Est 1906-1940. Walker died: WFT Est 1906-1965.

Excerpts from The Wooten Family Story Begins

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"From the union of Pap and Mary Wooten, 15 children were born. The eldest child was James Washington Wooten who was most often called "Ginger". Ginger was born on June 15, 1850, in Gordon County, Ga.

"Ginger Wooten, raised on Sand Mtn., drove the 'Allgood Wagons' and later was in charge of the teams of mules and wagons for Mr. Allgood.

"Ginger Wooten married Charlotte "Charlsie" or "Mammy" Hill who was born in 1844 and died on April 8, 1928. Charlsie Wooten is buried in the Old Trion Cemetery. Ginger and Charlsie Wooten had two sons: James Marion "Son" Wooten, born October 2, 1876 in Jackson Co., Alabama and Andrew Jackson "Sand" Wooten, born February 9, 1878.

"Son Wooten married Mary Jane Williams, daughter of John and Minerva Wilhelm Williams. Sand Wooten married Lucilee Bramlet.

"Son and Sand's father, Ginger Wooten, was a FA SO LA singer as his father, Pap, was before him. The preacher at Ginger Wooten's funeral commented in the eulogy that Ginger Wooten had sung his way into heaven. Ginger Wooten died on January 14, 1901, and is buried in the Old Trion Cemetery." (Page 22)

James Marion "Son" Wooten's friendship was a life long treasure. His affection for his family, his friends and his employer was boundless. Uncle Son Wooten was an extraordinary man.

"Uncle Son", as Mr. Wooten was affectionately known, worked at the Riegel Textile Corporation and its predecessors longer than any other individual. He remained on the payroll for 62 years. Uncle Son began his life-long career at Trion Factory in 1889 at the age of 13 as a water boy carrying a bucket of water and a dipper to the employees in the cotton mill. His pay was 75¢ for one week's work.

"James Marion "Son" Wooten married Mary Jane Williams on April 7, 1898. They lived on 9th St. in Trion. They had four children: Lillie May Wooten, Mar. 22, 1900; J.A. [Ross] Wooten, June 10, 1902; Maggie Ruth Wooten, Dec. 15, 1904; and Charlotte Wooten, May 15, 1906. Son and Jane's house was the center of all family activity. Son was a member of the Trion Baptist Church and always sat with two of his lifelong friends, Ed Hollis and Milton Tate.

Trains always fascinated Son Wooten and he had been known to remark that he had watched the first train pass through Trion (see Fall, 1992, H.S. issue). Mr. Wooten said he sat on the old red hill by Luke Young's house and watched it roll through Trion in 1888. He recollected that many citizens had been afraid to watch that train fearing it would blow up. Mr. Wooten always went out after supper to watch the trains "switch". He knew all the conductors and they knew him. (Page 23)

Son's brother, Andrew Jackson "Sand" Wooten always enjoyed visiting his brother and family on 9th Street. Sand was very fond of his sister-in-law, Jane Wooten. Sand came every Christmas and would give each of the children a nickel--a fortune in those days. Then the brothers would walk around town or go watch the train "switch".

Every Saturday evening, people gathered at Son and Jane's house to "make music". The Wootens had a new Wurlitzer self playing piano which delighted family and friends. Son was a good musician and insisted his grandchildren sing and play the piano. The grandchildren studied with Paul Maffet, son of Rev. B. Maffet, and later with Stella Dalton and Monica Pennington. Son played the fiddle and Frank Stanfield played the piano. Son taught his next door neighbor, Engle Griffith, to play the fiddle and Sand would delight all by playing the piano - on the black keys only!

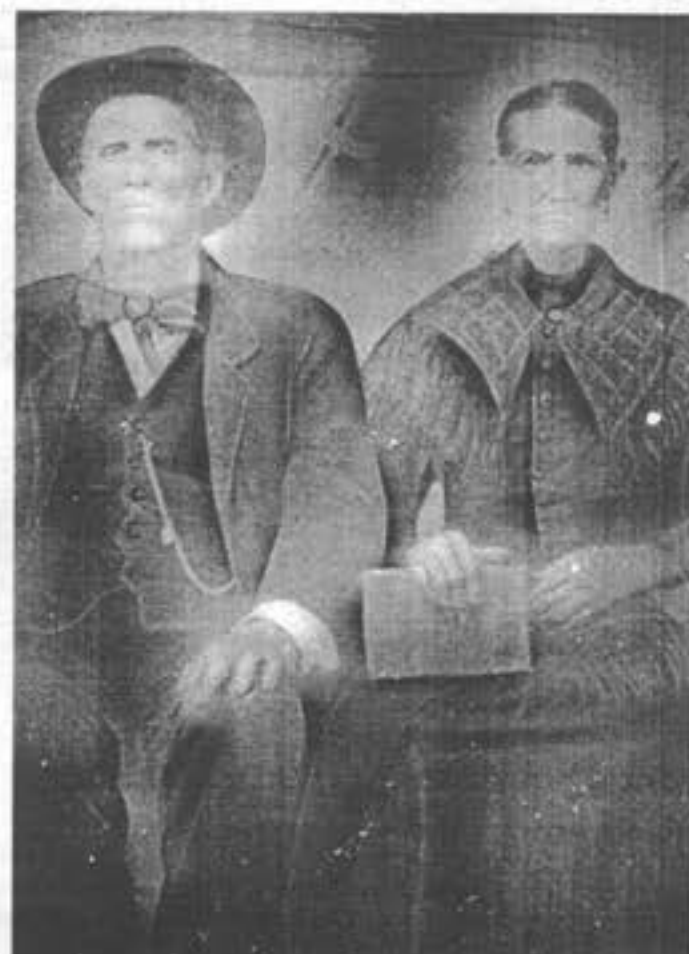
On Saturday mornings, Mr. Wooten would sit on his porch and speak to all who passed by. His greeting was "Sugar man, Sugar man". Son was forever to be known by this salutation.

At age 79, James Madison "Son" Wooten was laid to rest by his family in the Old Trion Cemetery in 1955. (Page 24)

Brooksie Vines said, "If any readers would like to have any information about the Wootens, I will be happy to send anything I have. We will continue to search the records for those lost four years --1797-1801. If any readers have any information regarding The Wooten Family, please contact me at 139 Billy Goat Trail, Cloudland, GA 30731.

"Also, if you are interested in information about the Civil War during the time the Wooten family was involved, that is also available. The deposition of William Ellis is very interesting, and I imagine some of you readers will recognize the names in it. Others may be searching for some of the information."

Pictures and information were "From the Family Papers of Brooksie Purcell Vines."



Frances Marion "Pap" Wooten and wife, Mary Free



FOUR GENERATIONS OF WOOTTENS

James Marion "Son" Wooten (1876-1955)
Charlotte "Lottie" Wooten Purcell (1906-1994)
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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Lo, Winter time is past and beautiful Spring is here at last — and we hope it lasts!

The **Sunshine Club** met March 17 at the home of Verence Hawkins. Those present were Sue Clark, Gladys Cobble, Billie Harper, Ruth Pickett, Evelyn Clark, and myself.

Olene Roberts has returned home after a visit with her daughter, Martha Joan Killian at Aiken, SC, where she spent two weeks. She also spent a week with Mozelle Hixon in Millbrook, AL.

John and Jean Jones, Herbert and Martha Stanley, Sadie Cooper and Peggy Bentley went to Natchez, MS, and toured the Spring Pilgrimage of Colonial Homes. They also enjoyed the Confederate Pageant at the city auditorium.

Congratulations to **Karen and Mark Freeman**, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, March 17. Matt and Ben Freeman are home for Spring break from Auburn.

Mrs. Lasser and Mrs. Ray accompanied a group of Beta Club Members from Valley Head High School to the Junior Beta Club Convention in Montgomery.

Mark Harper visited his parents, Billie and Floyd Harper, recently. He has bought a big house in the historic part of St. Joseph, MO, and is restoring it. He hopes to finish it by July.

Little Gage Jones, age five, suffered a four-wheeler accident and broke his jaw. He is the son of Heather and Darren Jones. Hope he will soon recover.

Ruth Burnett came home Sat., March 23, after a stay in Chattanooga Hospital and Rehab after suffering a broken hip. We hope she will soon be completely well. Her brother-in-law, **Claud Burnett**, was buried in Valley Head Cemetery, March 23. Sincere sympathy to the family.

I went by to see **Katherine Crumbley** recently. She has been at BMC-DeKalb seriously ill for over a month. She was a beloved teacher at Valley Head and Fort Payne and was our organist at Valley Head Methodist Church. She is a very special person, and we pray for better days for her.

Mary Holleman hasn't been well and she fell on the concrete steps at home and hurt her leg. We hope she will soon be able to attend church. We miss her.

On April 16, a group from Valley Head Baptist Church will go to Northeast College at Rainsville to attend the production of "Shenandoah." **DeVan Jackson** has the leading role of Charlie Anderson and **Emily Terrell** is a member of the chorus.

On March 28, at 6 p.m., the **Smith Family Singers** from Chattanooga (Ruth Burnett's nephew's family) and Gary Moore's wife, will present a program of song at the Valley Head Baptist Church.

The new baseball field, across from Valley Head Baptist Church, is now being used for baseball games.

Ruby Bridgeman and Juanita Smith drove **Clara**

Bridgeman and her mother, **Mildred Ladd**, and her son, **Mike**, to Atlanta to board a plane to Grand Junction, CO, to visit Clara's brother for a week. She hadn't seen him in 25 years. Mike enjoyed skiing at Aspen.

Eugene Smith's sister's husband, **Dalton Ray**, is critically ill in a hospital in Ashland, AL, and another relative, **T. Caddis** of Brent, AL, has had serious surgery. Eugene and Juanita ask for your prayers.

Camilla Yamada and four other students from Darlington enjoyed a week's skiing in Breckenridge, CO. While there, they stayed with her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Tachi Yamada. Camilla's brother, **Elliott**, and three other students from Ole Miss, spent Spring Break at the Hilton Hotel in Destin, FL., and enjoyed the beach. Camilla and Elliott are **Maureen Hammond's** grandchildren; and, while they were gone, she visited her cousins, **Patsy Klienclaus** and **J. W. and Jane Berry** in Rainbow City, AL.

The **Valley Head UMW** met March 23 at the home of Verna Livingston. **Velma Hammond** led the program, "Resurrection at the Crossroads—a Love Feast in Celebration of Resurrection" with others taking parts. Others present were **Laura Margaret Allison, Mary Crow, Marjorie Gray, and Eloise Brown.**

Patti and A.J. Brown's house was attractively decorated for the couple's dinner baby shower on Sunday afternoon, **March 14, honoring Michelle and Robert ("Cub") Brown.** Hostesses were **Patti Brown, Cindy and Alison Meadows, Beverly Wright, Gracie Brown, Sherry Lewis and Susan Manning.** After a lavish barbecue dinner, the bountiful gifts were opened and admired. Then, the lovely cake (centered with a bear cub) and punch, mints, etc., were served to over fifty friends and relatives—most of them from Birmingham. The little "Cub" is supposed to make his entrance in early May, to be fully outfitted with luxuries and necessities, thanks to the generosity of those attending.

Congratulations to **Brandy Porter** for making the President's list at Northeast Alabama Community College, and **Ulay Black, Rene Brendle and Mandora Hannah** for making the Dean's List; also to **Buck Strickland, Anna Rievely and Alisha Busby,** winners from Valley Head High School in the Woman's Club essay contest; also, **Tessa McKinney, Kerstin Formhals, Effia Harrison, Annie Harrison, and Beth Moore,** who were selected from Valley Head as members of the Honor Band; and to all other achievers, and the ones who try to achieve—Keep up the good work!

Two granddaughters, **Sharon Elise and Kirsten Darby,** from Collierville, TN, came to spend a week with me during spring break. Their parents, **Robin and Ray Darby** will come for them next weekend.

Grandchildren, **Laurie and Andrew Dell,** from Maryland will come Good Friday and stay several days with me, too.

I hope everyone has a beautiful and blessed Easter. Enjoy and appreciate to the fullest.

The Farmer's Love Letter

"My sweet potato, do you carrot all for me? You are the apple of my eye, with your radish hair and turnip nose. My heart beats for you. My love for you is as strong as onions. If we cantaloupe, lettuce marry and we will be a happy pear. All others will turnip green with envy."

---Contributed by Eloise Brown

Easter Joy

Beauty of earth
Proclaims the birth
To life from death.
With ev'ry breath
All nature sings
To Heaven rings
Glad elation
In celebration,
As earth employs
The Easter joys.
Since Christ arose
The Christian knows
The peace of hope
Fills all the scope
Of death and life,
Suffering and strife,
And we can see
Eternity—
Death's correction—
Resurrection!
So Christians too,
Your faith renew—
Rejuvenate
and celebrate
The ecstasy
Of being free
of death's dark tomb—
Faith now can bloom
From bonds of sod
To home with God!

---Eloise Brown



The Mystical April Rain

The mystical April rain,
Like shimmering cellophane,
Softly strokes my window pane

It lulls me to peace from strain,
Then wakes me to life to gain
All of beauty's exquisite pain.

As it touches field and plain,
All the colors they contain,
Spring forth lovely to remain.

Earth its mirth can not restrain,
It bursts forth in glad refrain
With all happiness to sustain.

As life from death so inane,
Blooms in glory to maintain
Its eternal live domain.

Nothing ever dies in vain,
Death is rest that life can feign,
Its perfection to attain.

In life's perpetual chain,
We see God's plan pre ordain,
Resurrection to obtain --

Represented once again,
Magic man can not explain
In mystical April rain

---Eloise Brown



"Thank You!"

Thank you to everyone who helped me during my loss of my mother, Margaret Fann. I love her so much, and I will miss her too. But with your prayers, I will get through the loss of my mother. God bless each one of you!

Gail Crider

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Dr. Quimby is in Illinois

Due to his bad health, Dr. Quimby has moved to Illinois to be with his son. Those wishing to write Dr. Quimby may do so at the following address:

James Quimby
c/o Robert Quimby
1380 Rustlers Row
Rockton, IL 61072

Doctor Frederico Fernandez coming to Valley Head

May 4, 1999, will be the first day for the new doctor, Dr. Frederico Fernandez, who will open his office on Commerce Avenue in Valley Head. He will begin seeing Doctor Quimby's patients in the old office building, which has been renovated.

Hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until. These hours will be flexible until Dr. Fernandez fills up his appointment schedule.

New patients will be accepted, and they will also be accepting medicare, medicaid, and private insurance.

MOUNTAIN MAMAS OPENS 5th SEASON

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Store opened March 26 for its fifth year. The store is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon to 6 PM (GA time), every weekend through Thanksgiving. Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland, GA. It's a short trip from Mentone. Go East on AL 117 (It becomes GA 48 at the state line.) and the craft shop will be on your left, just 1/2 mile from the GA/AL state line.

There are eight Mountain Mamas owners. Many of you already know the potters, Fayann Schmidt and Morgana MacVicar, and their fine majolica pottery. By the way, they now call the Mentone area their year-round home.

Ellen Spangler and Mary Alice Stout moved to Lookout Mountain from Anderson, SC, in April of 1997. Recently, they completed building their pole barn house (by themselves with some help from their friends). This summer they will begin building their earth-sheltered home. Both Mary Alice and Ellen believe in going easy on Mother Earth, so they are incorporating rainwater collection and composting toilets. With the completion of the underground home, the pole barn will become a wood-working shop.

By now, you may have guessed that Ellen and Mary Alice build the mountain cabin birdhouses for sale at Mountain Mamas. They also sell a variety of rocks and gemstones, as well as new and used books. Most of the books are on crafts. Ellen hand strings gemstone earrings and necklaces. You may have been lucky enough to buy some of Mary Alice's old-fashioned homemade jam. She uses no pectin, just lots of fresh fruit in season, sugar, and slow cooking. The jams sell quickly, but you can sometimes find blueberry, peach, fig, or strawberry. Mary Alice's homemade soap is made with peppermint she grows in her garden.

The hand-woven rugs are made by Sherry Tamburo of St. Augustine, FL. Sherry has purchased land on the Mountain and looks forward to living here. Each of Sherry's rugs is individually designed and woven with recycled Fort Payne sock loops and sheeting. They are easy care—just machine wash in cold water and line dry, and they wear endlessly. They look great and feel wonderful on your feet—in kitchen, bathroom, or hall.

Susan Bradley is the Mountain Mamas candle maker. She, too, is from St. Augustine and has bought property here. Susan plans to begin building on her land soon. Her floral tapers are hand-dipped and made of a high-quality beeswax-paraffin blend. This technique makes these tapers long-burning and beautiful. When kept from a breeze, the tapers are dripless.

You need to see Susan's large rose candles to completely appreciate their beauty. Each rose is handcrafted, petal by petal. They provide many hours of burning enjoyment. When the core has burned down, the outer petals will remain, forming a permanent holder, refill votive candles may then be used. These make a beautiful, long-lasting gift.

Barbara Lieu is the treasurer/bookkeeper for the craft store. She moved to Cloudland, GA, in 1995, and worked as a real estate agent with Cloudland Realty until it closed last year.

Jean Adele is an absent owner, as she is currently serving as grandmother and nanny to her small grandchildren in New Jersey. Jean has apprenticed with Morgana and Fayann. Her pottery is for sale in the store, along with that of other apprentices. Mountain Mamas also has a variety of unusual crafts from other local artisan women.

Mountain Mamas is scheduling several activities this summer. The first will be a series of Saturday workshops to help with preparations for Y2K or any times of disaster (such as tornadoes or ice storms). More about this in the next issue of *The Groundhog*.



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CLOUDLAND - Beautiful two story log home overlooking the east fork of Little River sports 3 BR, 4.5 BA, kitchen, formal dining, great room with mountain stone fireplace, screened porch overlooking river, den with wet bar and mountain stone fireplace, 2 car garage, shop, and storage area, plus large unfinished attic on 2.5 +/- acre tract, showcased by mountain laurel, rhododendron, and natural beauty of the mountain. Too many amenities to list, and priced at only \$129,000. (No G-57)



MENLO - Beautiful southern Victorian Plantation home located in scenic Menlo with 2900± sq. ft. heated area. Entrance from large L-shaped column porch leads to formal foyer which defines lower level—offering formal sitting area, formal dining w/built-in cabinetry, updated kitchen w/island and pantry, full bath, study bedroom and back porch. Formal staircase leads to 4 BR, 1 BA and sitting area upstairs. Amenities include pretty hardwood floors, some carpeting, high ceilings, HVAC, etc. Immaculate grounds include fencing, pecan and walnut trees, concrete driveway, large detached garage, outbuilding, and much more on 2.36± acres. Must see to appreciate. APPT. ONLY!! \$179,000.00.



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Outlook Properties - Hwy 157 - Cloudland, Lot 8 - 2.36 acres - 151 ft. of brow - \$37,500. Lot 10 - 1.28 acres - 150 ft. of brow - \$27,500. Restricted with easy access to Hwy 157. Great view of valley and surrounding mountains.

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

Hwy 157 - Cloudland - T1 - 1.60 acres - 100 ft. of brow **Under Contract** of brow. Beautiful views - easy access. Restricted. \$39,500 each or will tender as a

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

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

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

Mentone - Hwy. 117S - Multi use potential. 15± **Contract Pending** room, dining, kitchen, 3 BR, 2 car carport. Also on property is 1-room cabin w/mountain stone fireplace. 24 Hour Property Info-1-800-901-8882 #605

82 Acre Getaway - Pond, Private entrance - Secluded

Read Across America

On Dr. Seuss's Birthday, March 2, 1999, students at Valley Head School celebrated the culmination of a two-month emphasis on reading. Since school resumed January 6, 1999, students had been reading and taking Accelerated Reader tests on books to meet a reading challenge given by Principal Gary Talley and Assistant Principal Mike Chandler. Students were challenged to reach a school-wide (grades K-12) goal of 2,500 books. Students answered the challenge by reading 2,940 books resulting in Mr. Talley wearing a dress for the day and Mr. Chandler taking a pie in the face from the top four readers school wide.

During this two month time period faculty members used a variety of activities to explore reading and Dr. Seuss. Art teacher Judith Crider's students painted a mural on the stage depicting scenes from "I Can Lick Thirty Tigers," one of the skits high school students presented for the elementary students. Remedial reading classes read Dr. Seuss books to kindergarten and first grade classes. Many other contests and activities were held during the months leading up to Read Across America Day.

March 2nd activities included:

- Green Eggs and Ham in the Lunchroom March 2nd.
- Senior high school students read "What If Dr. Seuss Wrote Shakespeare?" a play in which Foxx the Prince of Denmark contemplates the meaning of life in Seussian Style. Others read "Star Trek According to Seuss" or "What if Seuss Wrote Technical Manuals?" - a humorous parody of computer manuals in Seuss-like meter and rhyme. All high school students enjoyed Seuss related activities in English classes.
- Elementary students enjoyed round robin activities in classrooms to promote reading and plays from Seuss books (performed by the high school students).

PTO FAMILY READING NIGHT

(March 2, 1999, 6:30 p.m.)

- Speaker encouraged parents to read with children Bob Johnston Assistant District Attorney
- Ms. Becky Wagner's class led a Choral Reading of "Oh the Places You Will Go"
- Dr. Seuss Birthday Cake and other refreshments were enjoyed by all
- Parents read with young students
- 36 Door prizes: Books and Newspaper Subscriptions were gifts from The DeKalb Advertiser, The Weekly Post, and The Times-Journal, Hallmark Bookstore of Fort Payne
- Each family received a booklet of Dr. Seuss games and activities



Still looking for additional signatures for possible INTERNET CONNECTION for Mentone and Valley Head

It's looking more encouraging all the time. I've had replies from a couple Internet Servers, and they are evaluating the possible connection to a service in a nearby town. I have around 150 signatures of people that would like to have a local server for Mentone and Valley Head. If you would like to sign up, you may do so at the Valley Head Water Works during working hours, 8 - 4 weekdays, or at the Mini Stor Mall office located behind the Mentone Post Office. There is no obligation or commitment. This is a survey to see how much interest there is in the 634- and 635- exchanges. If you have any questions, please call Jim Gaylord at 634-4535.

By Lisa Moore

Tuesday, March 2nd 1999 was the 95th birthday of Dr. Seuss and to commemorate his works a celebration called "Read Across America" was held all across the United States. Valley Head School chose to celebrate this in a big way. Valley Head School librarian, Mrs. Norma Hulgan, worked with some of the high school students to present a short skit for the elementary students during the day, while celebrity readers read for all students at various times during the day.

Students were also involved in the "stop, drop, and read" activity. This consisted of students stopping what they are doing when asked by the teacher and reading a book. The school was decorated with red and white "cat in the hat" hats, and everyone in the school was involved with the activities.

Mr. Talley, (a/k/a Geraldine Talley) did his/her part for Dr. Seuss as well. Mr. Talley promised the students he would wear a dress to school on March 2nd if they would only read a total of 2500 books. Each book the student read was counted and the student was tested on the book to insure that they had actually read the book. In all, the students at Valley Head School read a total of 2940 books, well enough to assure them that they would see their well-respected principal wear a dress to school. (See photos on page 9.)

The Valley Head PTO also helped with the program by moving the regular PTO meeting to Tuesday night in March and presenting a special "Cat In The Hat" PTO program. (See photo on page 9.) Mr. Bob Johnston, DeKalb County Assistant DA, spoke to the PTO after the winners of Mrs. Crider's art class project were recognized.

After Mr. Johnston spoke to the PTO, a special Responsive Reading of "Oh, The Places You Will Go!" was done by Miss Wagner's 4th grade class along with the help from the audience. There were door prizes given after the program and the winner of the \$25.00 for most parents attended was the 2nd grade. After the program, there were refreshments in the Elementary building, and parents went into the student's classroom and read to their child. Refreshments were provided by the Valley Head PTO, and The Cat in the Hat was compliments of Wills Valley Elementary School.



RENEW YOUR FAITH
This Easter

Valley Head Cheerleading Squads for 1999-2000

VARSITY

Kerri Hale
Nicole Hulgan
Amanda Stewart
Alisha Busby
Laura Martin
April Pierce
Shelly Brown
Stacey Hyde
Lacie Clure
Jennifer Brubaker

Tiger Mascot:
Hilary Lawton
Sponsor:
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Amunda Knowles
Brittany Johnson
Almeda Parker
Sharee Jenkins
Karina Taylor
Annah Armstrong
Tessa McKinney
Missy Williams
Kenya Bain
Jackie Davis

Sponsor:
Ms. Sandy Hulgan

Both the Varsity and the Junior High cheerleaders will be attending a cheerleading camp in June at Jacksonville State University. The girls will be having fundraising events soon and during the summer. They would appreciate everyone's support.

VALLEY HEAD BAND NEWS

Effia Harrison, Beth Moore, Annie Harrison, Kerstin Fornhals, and Tessa McKinney all were chosen to play in the All County Band on March 7th, 1999. These students worked hard to be able to participate in this event. After many long hours of practice and a nerve racking try-out before a band judge, they were each excited to learn that they had been chosen out of musicians from all over the county to represent their band. Effia and Kerstin both received 1st chair honors.

The April PTO meeting will be held on April 19th this month. This will also be the annual Spring concert for the Valley Head Band. Please come out and show your support for the PTO and the Band.

Congratulations to Barbara Rape. She was the winner of the Queen-Size quilt given away by the band.

The new band room is beginning to take shape and is almost finished and ready to move into. Mr. Gene Bullock and Mr. John Fischer have helped a great deal with this project and the band would like to give them each a huge thanks for all the work they have done. Some band students as well as parents have also helped with the painting and cleaning and they all deserve a pat on the back for all their work. Hopefully the building will be ready to occupy by the time school is back in session after the spring break.



Principal Gary a/k/a "Geraldine" Talley poses with top readers, Marjorie Harper, Sydney Hixon and Amber Hannah.



Mrs. Debra Early poses with The Cat in the Hat, portrayed by Dennee Jenkins.



"Geraldine" Talley poses with Mrs. Haymon's second grade class who took Accelerated Reader tests on 592 books. Jeremiah Robertson is next to Mr. Talley.

Photos on this page go with Valley Head School News article on page 8.



Top reader Amber Hannah pauses before delivering a chocolate cream pie to Assistant Principal Mike Chandler.

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Mrs. Nance Speaks to Rhododendron Garden Club About Dahlias

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

In the absence of President Jan Wilkinson, Vice-President Flo Kirby called the regular monthly meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club to order at 12:30 p.m., March 9, 1999, at the Community House on Highway 117 in Mentone. Treasurer Barbara Blalock did an inspirational scripture reading from John 4:36, talked about the world's largest blooming plant, and read the Gardener's "Collect" by Mrs. Edward Flinn. The devotional interlude, doubled as a blessing for the food, and the ladies were served a delicious light lunch of two kinds of cheese and crackers, fresh vegetables with dip, both pimento cheese and chicken salad finger sandwiches, cookies, cake, punch, coffee, etc. all served in a St. Patrick's Day setting with a lovely pot of shamrocks decorating the table.

When the ladies returned to their places, Vice-President Kirby welcomed the guest, Mrs. Angela Chambers, granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Crow, and thanked the hostesses-Patti Bryan, Karen Wright, Mary Crow, and Rovene Truett who had some extra special help from Ann Wright and Brooke Wright. Mrs. Kirby went on to introduce the speaker, who continued while the ladies finished their refreshments.

Paula Baldwin (Mrs. Eddie) Nance and her father, Mr. James Baldwin, spoke to the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club on the subject of their entire family's growing passion-dahlias. Mr. Eddie Nance was working, so he was unavailable to talk to the ladies. Anybody who has ever been through the flower show at the VFW DeKalb County Agricultural Fair in Fort Payne over the last few years has witnessed their handiwork and been awestruck by it.

Mrs. Nance grew up at Fyffe and still lives there. Vegetable gardening was a way of life for her growing up, just as it was for almost everybody in this area, but she did not become seriously interested in flower gardening until she got married. She explained that going into dahlias was just one of those Wal-Mart impulses that we all have. The Nances and Mr. Baldwin belong to the Tennessee Dahlia Society (meets 6 p.m.-eastern time on the third Tuesday of each month at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, Tennessee) purely because they are closer to Chattanooga than they are to Birmingham. Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the dues were minimal, and one could easily save the worth of the dues on a single purchase at a society auction. In that context, they are associated with what they call "serious" dahlia growers.

Mrs. Nance refers to what she and her family do as growing dahlias "just for the fun of it." The garden club ladies, who work in the flower show at the fair every year, are amazed at how the more prized awards have a way of staying in the Nance-Baldwin family-and deservedly so-because their dahlias are so VERY beautiful. Within the last few years, Mrs. Nance's young teenage daughter, Brandi, won the most coveted ribbon in the entire flower show, and that was before the rules were changed. She was not competing with children either. She was up against extremely difficult competition from adults among whom were her parents, grandparents, and other relatives. Having actually seen the dahlias the Nances grow "just for the fun of it," the ladies were overwhelmed at what they could expect to see if the Nances and the Baldwins ever really got serious about their dahlia growing. The thing about Mrs. Nance's talk that made it so special was the fact that what she had to say was so very down to earth and just plain useable. She started off by giving out copies of a pamphlet called "A Beginner's Guide To Growing Dahlias," and saying that this is the time of year to begin preparing to plant dahlias. Right off, that caught the interest of everyone in the group. Mrs. Nance started at the beginning and explained that, when she goes shopping for dahlia tubers, she searches out a good size bulb, because that is from whence the most of the nutrients are going to come. She went on to explain that she looks for a bulb with a tiny green shoot on it so that she can be assured that particular bulb is going to flourish. However, the cardinal rule about buying dahlia tubers is simple: make sure the tuber has a crown, because, without the crown, the tuber will not grow. It is also extremely important to be sure the tubers are firm when purchasing them. As a rule of thumb, the dictates about potatoes and onions should be applied-nobody wants either mushy potatoes or onions purely because they are. On their way out, and the same is true of dahlia bulbs.

In order to get the ground ready, it really should be cultivated about 12 inches down and broadcast with fertilizer. Dahlias like the ground to be dry enough to need water regularly. The bulbs should be planted the end of March or first of April after the last killing frost. Frost kills them back, and that stunts them. A word to the wise is sufficient. If the planter wants to get a head start on the dahlia growing season, Mrs. Nance told how to do that using

all those awful Styrofoam coffee cups that nobody ever really knows what to do about. She said to place the tubers in the cups (each with a hole in the bottom for drainage), pack the soil firmly around them allowing one inch of the tuber to stick out above the dirt, and water them. The tubers will begin to produce a nice green shoot as the cup sits on the window sill in the sun even if the temperature of the ground outside is not warm enough yet for planting. When it comes to taking cuttings off tubers, Mrs. Nance cautioned that the planter should wait until what he wants to cut off is about four inches high and cut off down to the first set of leaves.

Where to put one's dahlia garden was one of the most interesting points that Mrs. Nance made during her entire talk. First and most important is to make sure the dahlia garden is well lit. Morning sun is better for dahlias than evening sun happens to be. In the 12 inch deep bed, the planter should then dig a hole 5 to 7 inches deep and throw in some fertilizer. Mrs. Nance said that she and her family use an inexact combination of fertilizers drawing from 6-12-12, Osmacote, Epsom Salt, manure, regular fertilizer, and others. She made the point about fertilizer that one should let the land dictate what kind and how much to use. That makes a great deal of sense.

While dahlias like a good drink of water right along, they do not like having wet feet, so good drainage is very important. Therefore, if one has clay soil, it is mandatory that sand be added to promote drainage.

Apparently, the first commandment of growing dahlias is they have to be staked, so it is much easier and less likely to cause damage to the tuber and its root system if the stakes are put in when the bulbs are planted. The plants are tied up to the stakes to keep them from falling over and bending. The straighter the stems the better for show is the thinking behind that.

The dahlia tubers should be planted 4 to 5 inches deep. When dividing the tubers, be sure to get part of the crown for each one, because they will fail to sprout without that. The tubers should be planted 2 to 3 feet apart. That space is dictated partially by the growing space demanded by that particular variety of dahlia as well as the walk space needed for tying and disbudding.

Dahlias need about one inch of water per week, and the best policy is to water thoroughly once per week. Mrs. Nance stated that she and her husband used soaker hoses for that process, because the dahlias tend to like their water slow and easy. In hot weather, wheat straw and mulch keep the dahlias cool, and that should be in place by the end of June.

To keep the dahlias growing, keep fertilizing them. Use whatever fertilizer you choose and even spray with liquid fertilizer. Like roses, bugs love dahlias. Mrs. Nance said that she did not like to use insecticides on her dahlias; but, as a matter of necessity, sometimes she has to, because the Japanese Beetles and the Leaf Miners tend to devour the soft part of the foliage leaving only the tough framework of each leaf behind. Dahlias should be allowed to mature and then dusted with seven or malathion. Seigon is good for Leaf Miners. In a moist year, mildew attacks the leaves. To counteract that, spraying with either sulphur or caraton is quite effective. After they start blooming, it is not a good idea to spray pesticide where it will get on the blossoms because it tends to burn them. Lanate is supposed to be safe. It does not burn the blossoms.

The things Mrs. Nance came back to repeatedly in order to reiterate their importance were 1) water when the dahlias are growing, 2) keep the bugs off, and 3) above all else, keep them tied up. She said that twine, looper strings off socks, and panty hose are all good to use to tie up dahlias. The Nances use looper strings from the cast-offs at the sock mill to tie up their dahlias that are simply beautiful. The tying process is started when the dahlias are young and continues throughout the growing season and thus the life of the plant.

Mrs. Nance admitted that dahlias tend to grow tall and get bushy. Therefore, tying them up is an absolute necessity. To keep them from getting so bushy, she stated that disbudding and trimming back are the accepted practices, because those tend to make the flowers bigger. Above each set of leaves the gardener should remove all buds and side shoots. The stems should be kept as straight as possible. It is not uncommon for the stems of dahlias to become hollow and, thus, lose some of their strength. To counteract that, Mr. Baldwin volunteered that dahlia growers need to use 0-46-0; and, when asked where to obtain that, he said that the Farm Center-surely they appreciate the plug-in Rainville carried it. With less disbudding, there is naturally more tying. By keeping the spent blossoms picked off, dahlia growers can encourage more growth. When flowers are cut, hollow stems should be capped or plugged to prevent water's getting in the

stem and drowning the bulb or tuber.

In the autumn, dahlia bulbs should be removed from the ground after the first killing frost. They really should be cut off and allowed to cure in the ground for two weeks before taking up. Lots of people do differently, but Mrs. Nance said that she and her husband put the tubers loosely in a bucket and store them for the winter in their basement. If the tubers are wet when they are taken up, it is a good idea to let them dry for a few days before storing them. From time to time, she said she checks to make sure that her tubers are not shriveling up. If shriveling does occur, a light misting usually corrects that.

When asked if it was absolutely necessary to take up dahlias each year, Mrs. Nance said to take them up just to be sure. There is no way of knowing what kind of weather the winter will bring, so, as we all know, it is better to be safe than sorry. If a gardener finds it necessary to leave the bulbs in the ground, the dahlia tubers should be mulched well in order to keep them as warm as possible for the duration of the winter.

Some people store their dahlia tubers under the bed, but Mrs. Nance said that she and her husband find basement storage quite adequate. Before storing, the tubers should be divided and labeled. The idea is that if one cares which flower blooms where, it is a good idea to label that particular tuber with an indelible pen. Remember it is written in stone that the Latin names are necessary if one expects to win ribbons at the fair. Some people store their tubers in either vermiculite or sawdust to keep the tubers from touching, but Mrs. Nance says that she and her husband have never employed that particular method. In the event of fungus, the method of choice used to discourage that is dipping the tubers in a mixture of chlorine bleach and water. Even with watering, dry weather tends to kill dahlias, and Mr. Baldwin explained that last summer's drought was the reason why he had no samples available to give all the ladies.

After the program, that was so very striking in that Mrs. Nance spoke in terms that real people could understand and actually use, the meeting continued. Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll, and the ladies answered with the name of a native spring plant. Secretary Campbell read the minutes of the February meeting, and those were adopted as read. Treasurer Barbara Blalock gave the financial reports.

Under Committee Reports, Marie Dillenbeck read the slate of officers nominated for the coming club year, which starts in May with their installation. The new officers nominated were: President, Dallyne Jones; Vice-President, Mickey Gough; Secretary, Christina Wise; and Treasurer, Peggy Roarke. Betty Chapman moved that the nominations be closed, and Karen Wright seconded that motion.

Under Old Business, Vice-President Kirby reminded the ladies that they were each supposed to bring to the **April meeting (April 13, 12:30 p.m.)** a plant or seeds for the Heritage Garden. Each plant (or seeds for a plant) should have special meaning for the lady bringing it and thus add meaning to the Heritage Garden. The plan is for the April meeting's program to be planting and relating the meaning of the plants or seeds brought for the occasion. The ladies were instructed to bring their trowels and wear old clothes because of the planting they are scheduled to be doing.

Under New Business, Vice-President Kirby reminded the ladies of the **DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs Spring Luncheon** that is scheduled for **April 24 at the Rainville Church of God** with registration beginning at **11:30 a.m.** New officers will be installed.

Karen Wright reported on the Ecoteers. Those are the children in grades K-3 at Moon Lake School at Mentone. Karen Wright had a design and a list of the plants needed in the new garden area at Moon Lake School. She also reported on having shared some posters with the students at Moon Lake. In grades K-3, she shared "Native Animals of Alabama," "Waterways of Alabama," "Native Plants of Alabama," and "Butterflies of Alabama." She also shared a poster about Waste Management with the Fifth Grade. The week of March 15-19, Mrs. Karen Wright will be sharing "Smokey Bear's Story of the Forest" with grades K-3. The children value their involvement in this group, and they take very much to heart what they learn there.

The Sickness and Worry Report caught the ladies up on general community misery to say nothing of birthdays. In the drawing for the hostess gift, which was the beautiful pot of shamrocks decorating the table upon which the food was presented, Betty Chapman was the winner.

The ladies were adjourned to go home and prepare their yards to plant dahlias.

UGF-FUNDED AGENCIES - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DEKALB COUNTY

Contributors to the annual United Givers Fund Campaign help to provide many needed services and programs for DeKalb

County residents. Through a series of question/answer-type articles, UGF will "spotlight" each of its 12-member agencies

with information on the variety of services available and on how to obtain more information or to apply for services.

DEKALB COUNTY CHAPTER ALABAMA EASTER SEAL SOCIETY

Q. What is the Mission Statement of the DeKalb County Chapter of the Alabama Easter Seal Society?

A. It is the mission of this chapter to provide quality community services to enable children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum independence. Because the needs of individuals who have disabilities vary greatly, a wide range of high quality direct services are provided throughout the state by The Alabama Easter Seal Society. Those services include physical, occupational and speech-language therapies, vocational evaluation, job training and placement, camping and recreation.

Q. What are some of the services available locally for children with disabilities?

A. A very important service is the providing of transportation assistance so that disabled children can attend clinics that are held in various locations around the state. Last year, 84 individuals from DeKalb County were able to get to the services available to them because of this assistance. In addition, medical services such as hospitalization, treatment, or orthopedic appliances are often provided to those who are not eligible for services from other private or state agencies.

Q. Are there similar services available for adults with disabilities?

A. Yes, the Medical Assistance Program purchases medical services and/or prescribed medical needs for adults who have a disability and are unable to provide for their own medical needs. Requests are normally screened through the Department of Human Resources to insure that there are no other state or local resources available and to help avoid duplication of services.

Q. How would a person apply for this assistance?

A. Persons applying for medical assistance will need documentation from a physician, therapist, teacher, etc. certifying the patient's medical condition. Families who have available resources are asked to contribute toward the total purchase price. In 1998, 19 DeKalb County residents received assistance through this program.

Q. Camp ASCCA, located here in Alabama is the largest, year-round, barrier-free camp for people with disabilities in the world. Where is the camp located and what programs are offered?

A. Camp ASCCA (Alabama's Special Camp for Children & Adults) is located on Lake Martin off Highway 280 between Dadeville and Alexander City. Easter Seals also operates Camp Civitan-Easter Seal which is located in Dadeville. The individual programs are geared toward the age, interest, and abilities of each camper. Campers learn new skills, make new friends and participate in a full range of recreation and educational activities.

Barry Cavan, Alabama Easter Seal Society President, says they will be making an extra effort during 1999 to re-inform the community, and agencies that refer people to them, that funds are available to help children and adults with disabilities. He says they are sincerely grateful for the cooperation of the Department of Human Resources, which helps to make the services possible and for the support of the community through United Givers Fund of DeKalb County.

The DeKalb County Chapter Alabama Easter Seal Society receives 100% of its operating funds through UGF. For more information on services available through this agency, call 1-800-388-7325 or (256) 845-0861.

ARC OF DEKALB COUNTY

Q. What is the Mission Statement or goal of the ARC?

A. The ARC of DeKalb County serves individuals with mental retardation and their caregivers. The ARC's goal is to help each individual achieve their highest level of independence possible.

Q. Where is the agency located and what are the days and hours of operation?

A. The ARC administrative offices, the Adult Training Center, and the Adult Activity Center are all housed at 201 Grand Avenue South in Fort Payne. They are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Q. Explain the goals of the Adult Training Center.

A. The Adult Training Center focuses on teaching individual daily living skills in the following areas: Capacity for independent living, self care, receptive and expressive language, self direction and economic self-sufficiency. To help individuals learn these skills, the center has a furnished apartment, attending skills area, kitchen area, self care area, and an exercise area. The main focus of the Training Center is on skill acquisition.

Q. How many clients attend the Training Center?

A. An average of 20 individuals from DeKalb County attend daily.

Q. Explain the goals of the Adult Activity Center and the number attending this program?

A. The Activity Center's main focus is on maintenance of skills the individual has already learned and teaching the skills needed for employment in the community. The Activity Center currently has contracts with three local businesses and a Sub-minimum Wage Contract through Wage and Hour. Individuals working at the Center are paid according to production and/or a minimum wage for janitorial work within the ARC. Several individuals who attended the Activity Center have graduated to jobs with Vocational Rehabilitation or to jobs in the community. Approximately 16 individuals from the county are enrolled in this program.

Q. Another program offered through the ARC is the Supervised Community Living Homes. How many Community Living Homes are there, where are they located, and how many people live in each home?

A. The ARC currently operates three, non-profit residential homes for individuals with mental retardation. The homes are all located within the Fort Payne city limits. There are three individuals living in each home and each resident has their own private bedroom. The homes are staffed 24-hours a day with staff helping the residents achieve the skills needed to function responsibly in the community.

Melissa Guffey, Executive director for the ARC of DeKalb County, says they are able to take the ARC clients out to eat, shopping and on field trips more often now that they have a van. The van was made possible through a generous donation from UGF. Mrs. Guffey says the ARC is very fortunate to have local support from the United Givers Fund, the Lookout Mountain Homemakers Club, Rotary, Altrusa, Duos and Solos Square Dancers, and Baptist Women. In addition, she said, they appreciate the individual sponsors of clients for birthdays and Christmas.

For more information on any of the ARC's programs or to become a sponsor, call 845-0165 or 845-0171.

THE SALVATION ARMY



Q. What is the Mission Statement of the SALVATION ARMY?

A. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Q. What types of services are available through the DeKalb County Salvation Army Service Center and what criteria is used to screen applicants who apply for assistance?

A. The Service Center provides emergency assistance in the form of food, clothing, medicine, utilities, and transportation to local citizens facing dire circumstances. An individual or family requesting assistance to pay a utility bill, for instance, must bring the utility bill and proof of income to the Service Center. Payment is made out in the form of a voucher to the provider of service (utility company, drug store, etc.) Requests for assistance are usually considered on the basis of one crisis per family per year.

Q. Where is the Service Center located and what are the days and hours of operation?

A. The Service Center is located at 450 Gault Avenue North in Fort Payne, directly across the street from Union Park. The Salvation Army Thrift store is located in the same facility. The store is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Q. Is the Thrift Store open to the general public and what types of merchandise might one find for sale there?

A. Yes, the store is open to the general public and provides a unique shopping experience, especially for the "bargain hunter." Merchandise changes often, depending on donations received. Items for sale may include furniture, appliances, books, toys, clothing, dishes, pictures, jewelry, and a variety of other household items.

Q. If an individual has several items or a large piece of furniture they would like to donate to the Thrift Store, can someone pick up the items?

A. Yes, Salvation Army will be glad to pick up donations. Just call the store at 997-0858 to make the arrangements.

Nancy Cobble, Executive Director, says an Open House was held on March 17 to celebrate the second anniversary of the opening of The Thrift Store in Fort Payne. She says they have been very pleased with the response from the community. Sales have been very good and proceeds from the Store have helped to provide more social services for DeKalb County residents. A goal for this year, she said, is to expand their food pantry.

Ms. Cobble says they will again be offering a summer camp program to children from low-income families. During the summer, children of all ages travel to the Salvation Army Summer Camp, Camp Hidden Lake, located in Lexington, Mississippi. The Camp hosts over 1,400 campers from Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi each year. Anyone wanting more information can call 997-0858.

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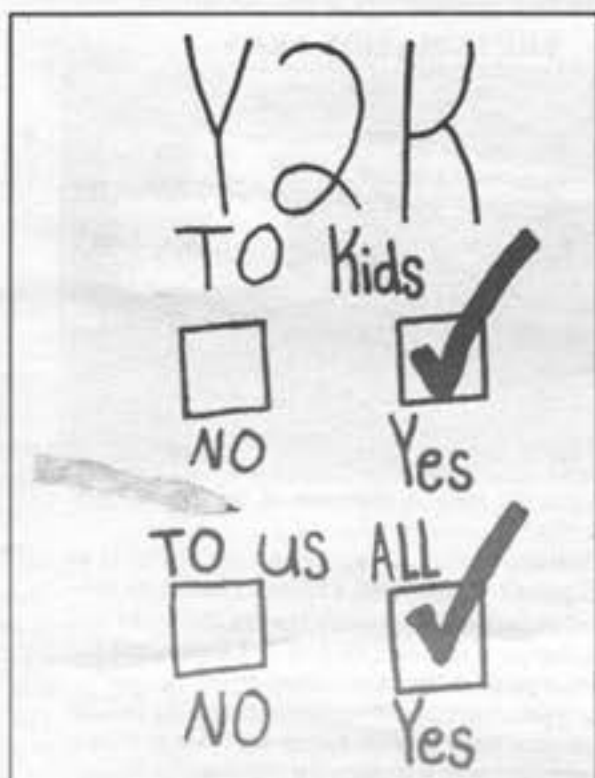
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Logo selected for county schools

Design by Valley Head 11th grader ■



Boothroyde wins system-wide contest



Students who placed in the overall logo competition were recognized during last Thursday's DeKalb County Board of Education meeting and presented savings bonds from AmSouth Bank. Pictured left to right are: Peggy Walker, representing AmSouth Bank; John Potter and Andrew Taheri, who tied for second place and received a \$50 savings bond each; Lisa Boothroyde, who won the logo contest and received a \$100 savings bond; and County Schools Superintendent Richard Land.

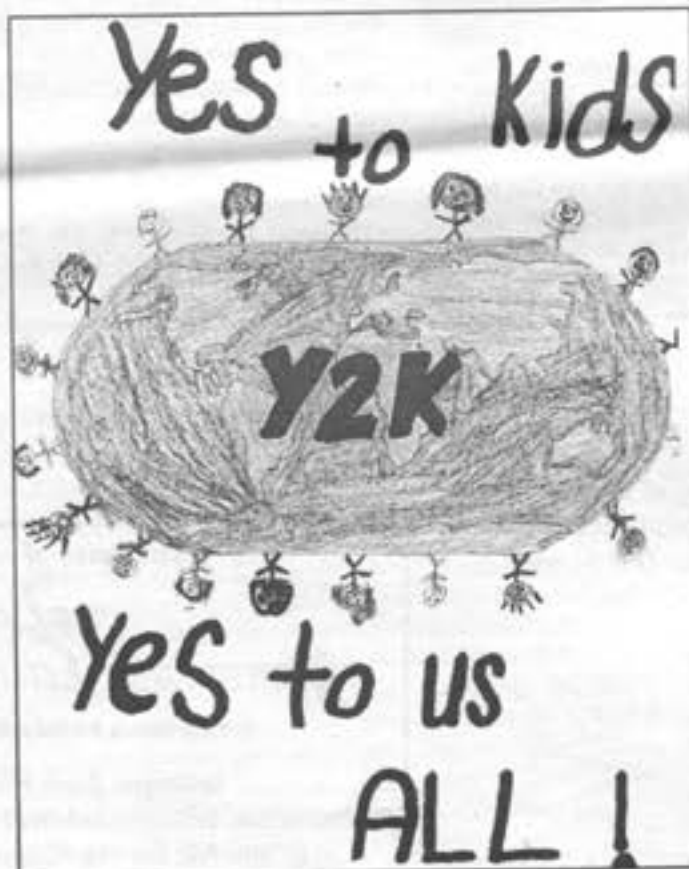
Times-Journal photo by Patrick Graham



Boothroyde



Tied for Second:
John Potter



With less than a year to go, DeKalb County's countdown to the year 2000 has begun. "Y2K, YES TO KIDS, YES TO US ALL" has been adopted as a unifying theme by the Millennium Celebration Committee. The overall goal is to promote enthusiasm for the educational challenges of the new millennium by providing a unifying theme to involve every area and aspect of education.

In order to select a visual identification for our theme, all K-12 students were invited to participate in a county-wide logo contest. Contestants came from three categories: Grades K-4, 5-8 and 9-12, with three semi-finalists selected from each group. The theme and logo will be used to represent any and all events in our schools that are aimed at the change of the century.

The three overall winners are:

Overall - First Place

Lisa Boothroyde (11th grade) Valley Head - AmSouth bank donated \$100 savings bond

Tie for Second Place: **Andrew Taheri** (10th grade) Plainview and

John Potter (9th grade) Crossville - AmSouth bank donated \$50 savings bond to each

The semi-finalists are:

(K-4 Division)

Robin Stevens (4th grade) Moon Lake

Katie Edmonds (Kindergarten) Sylvania

J.J. Stinson (3rd grade) Moon Lake

(5-8 Division)

Sarah Hurt (5th grade) Moon Lake

Lori Hope (5th grade) Moon Lake

(Honorable Mention) (For outstanding artistic ability- just were not logo ready):

Kerstin Formhals (11th grade) Valley Head

Reberra Scherrer (12th grade) Crossville

John Rogers (9th grade) Crossville

Cayla Voils (5th grade) Moon Lake

Hopefully, this unifying theme will become the beginning of much fun, celebration, and positive hope for the future as we approach this exciting once-in-a-lifetime event.

DeKalb County Schools would like to extend an invitation to the entire county to join them with this focus and to feel free to adopt this same theme if they so choose. Contact Donna Taheri at 638-8880 for additional information.

Schedule and News

25, and school will resume on Tuesday, April 6, "Heart" week.

Key Shoot at the Baty Saw Mill.

Tests for students in the 3rd grade and up will

Tournament at Cloudmont Golf Course.

th Channel 31 weather forecaster, Gary Dobbs.

on Walk are on April 27. These are all part of gardening is welcome to join us as we work in the

School with games, prizes, and lots of fun for

Semi-Finalist (Grades K-4)

Robin Stevens

4th Grade - Moon Lake



About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



The redbuds are blooming at the foot of Lookout Mountain, now we know that spring is here! It is always so interesting that the trees bloom and put on their leaves so much earlier in the valley. I have read just enough about this to know that it is because of the number of hours below (or above) a certain temperature that causes this to happen. We live in a perfect spot to enjoy the best of both worlds. We travel down the mountain often, so we enjoy the flowers in Valley Head early in the spring. Later, everything blooms on the mountain and we get to enjoy it all again.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District has two new board members!! The Town of Mentone appointed Frank Hill last month to complete an unexpired term and The DeKalb County Commission appointed Marilyn Blanton Campbell to complete an unexpired term beginning in April. Welcome aboard, Frank and Marilyn! The two of them bring much experience and knowledge to the local fire department. Both of them have worked as firefighters, and this will give them the ability to understand the problems that our volunteers face. We are all going to have to pull together if we are going to continue to have an active fire department. We have learned that much record keeping and updating will be required to qualify us to receive a part of the taxes resulting from the recent amendment which passed at the last election.

The Zoning Commission has been kicking around a very good idea for several meetings now. We would like to see a sign (or maybe two or three) placed at strategic places that would let travelers know where our shops and restaurants are. This would be a large sign with slots that could be rented to individual businesses. The slots could be changed as needed, and, therefore, the information would always be current. Now, here's the problem, the commission does not have a budget. Therefore, we cannot sponsor the sign ourselves. We need someone who is interested in doing this. We think such a sign could show a profit after the original structure is paid for. The commission will work with anyone interested in establishing the set-backs and other details. If you are interested, call C.E. Britt, he will be glad to hear your ideas. (A picture of a sign located at DeSoto State Park is shown below. This is exactly what we have in mind. Do you know who sponsors this sign? If you do, call Mr. Britt at 634-4278.)

On April 13 at 12:30 PM, the Rhododendron Garden Club will meet at The Community House for its regular meeting. Why is this meeting special? Because the members are going to bring a plant for The Heritage Garden. This garden has been planned and started in the yard of The Community House. The members will bring plants that have been in their family for a long time or a plant that has a history of being hardy. Some garden club member somewhere has coined the phrase, "Tough plants for tough times." This refers to plants that will grow in almost any type of soil and do not require extra water, but survive on the amount of rain that falls that season. If you have some plants that you would like to have in The Heritage Garden, give them to a garden club member to take on April 13, or leave them on the front porch of The Community House. A display is being made of the garden stating where each plant is and if it is in honor or memory of someone. I go by an old homeplace every day on the way to work, no one has lived there for 20 years or so. I think someone mows the grass in the summer, but that is about the only attention it gets. Now, the amazing part--there are daffodils and forsythia blooming in the yard right now, and, later in the summer, a hydrangea will be in full bloom. These are tough plants.

I know that a lot of people have had what has come to be called "the crud." This is a respiratory ailment that makes one feel very bad for two weeks or more. Some people have had what is being called the flu, and this causes a high fever along with all the symptoms of the first ailment. I hope that all of these viruses will soon get tired of hanging around and everyone will feel well again. Marilyn Blanton Campbell recently shared an article with me that explores the theory that viruses select a host that is weak so they can overcome it and perpetuate their species. This would suggest that we are constantly at war with them to keep them from invading our bodies. Of course the one thing that does the most to keep them from spreading is washing your hands, well and often!

To leave you on a happier note, it is almost Easter! This is the time of celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for Christians, and the resurrection of nature for everyone!

My family recently attended "Trade Day" in Collinsville, AL. This is an experience that everyone should have at least once in their lifetime. It took at least 30 minutes to get from I-59 to Highway 11, which is about a mile. When we finally arrived and found a parking place, we wandered into the crowd of vendors. There was everything for sale that you can possibly imagine. My original reason for telling you this was to state how many puppies, baby chicks, baby ducks, and lambs were for sale. If ever there was a statement that life should continue, it is shown in baby animals. Kayla and I wanted them all.

Happy Spring!! Enjoy it!!

Photo below is of sign taken at intersection of County Road 89 and County Road 106 outside DeSoto State Park. It is 6' wide.



VFW 100TH ANNIVERSARY

DeKalb County VFW Post 312 and Ladies Auxiliary are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Saturday, April 10, 1999. An open house will be held at the Fort Payne Fairgrounds Post Home from 1 PM to 3 PM. U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.



Submitted Editorial

The freedoms we enjoy as Americans were won in a revolution, tested in a civil war, and defended time after time in foreign wars against aggressors who threatened our shores and our way of life.

The refrain "Land of the free and home of the brave," makes the point that freedom and bravery go hand-in-hand. But who stood fast when bravery was called for? Who held the line when courage was the determining factor between victory and defeat? And who paid with their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today? The men and women of our armed forces.

From those who faced the British musket ball to those who faced the threat of nuclear devastation, America has been fortunate in always having men and women who step forward in war and in peace to defend our country, its citizens and its institutions. Their bravery has allowed us to live in the land of the free.

But who speaks for them when they return from battle in wartime or the ramparts in peacetime? Who stands up and speaks for them in the halls of Congress, the White House, and the Department of Veterans Affairs? And who speaks for their widows and orphans? For 100 years, it has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Founded in 1899 by veterans of the Spanish American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is dedicated to serving the needs and interests of America's 26 million veterans. Through a variety of programs and projects, the organization's 2 million members also serve their communities and our nation.

In this centennial year, let us wish the VFW a "Happy 100th Anniversary" and best wishes for many more.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

What a great time of year this is! The daffodils have been spectacular, and I guess that is only the beginning. I found two rather easy chicken recipes I would like to share with you. One is a salad. I found this one in a Southern Living a few years ago, and Bill and I have enjoyed it on a regular basis. The other is for a new slant on chicken tenders. My sister-in-law, Dorothy, passed this one on to me. The recipe calls for frying the chicken in olive oil, but I find that it is easier and better for those of us who need to watch fat intake to bake it. Enjoy and enjoy this glorious season of renewal that we are in.

GREEK CHICKEN SALAD

- 3 Cups shredded romaine lettuce
- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 cup garbanzo beans, drained
- 2 tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 3/4 cup kalamata olives, pitted (or black olives)

Lemon-Herb Dressing

- 1 (4-oz) package crumbled feta cheese

Combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Toss with Lemon-Herb Dressing; top with cheese. Serve with toasted pita bread triangles. Yield: 4 to 6 servings.

LEMON-HERB DRESSING

- 3 T Lemon juice
- 1/2 Cup olive oil
- 1 T chopped fresh mint
- 1 T chopped fresh oregano
- 1 T chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 t salt 1/2 t pepper

Whisk together all ingredients until well blended; chill.

Yield: about 3/4 cup

CHICKEN TENDERS

Mix together and marinate one pound of chicken breast tenders diced one inch square in:

- juice of one lemon
- 1 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1-2 large cloves garlic
- 1/4 C olive oil

Dredge chicken chunks in bread crumbs with parmesan cheese (equal portions of each). Fry in olive oil or bake on a pan sprayed with cooking spray at 400° F for ten minutes, turn them over and bake them 10 minutes more.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

Whether March roars or tip-toes out, either way it is time for gardening! The meteorologists have predicted that after the new moon week (March 17th) we will not see any more frost until the coming fall.

It is not yet time to put out the tomatoes, but when you do, please try the "German", "Stripy", or "Flame". They have a very low acid content and are best eaten fresh. If you plan on canning any of the low acid variety, keep in mind that they are low acid; and the usual canning method (hot water bath) won't do, unless you add 1-2 teaspoonfuls of lemon juice per pint or use the pressure canner on ten pounds of pressure for 15 - 20 minutes.

Plant hardy flowers including pansies, snapdragons, zinnias, African daisies. Plant perennial plants and roots including roses, peonies, bleeding hearts and any other stock available at your seed store.

March's aboveground best days for crops: 19, 20, 23, 24, 25.

Root crops: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 16

Plant flowers: 3, 4, 5, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25

Transplant: 19, 20, 23, 24

Seed beds: 6, 7, 23, 24, 25

Prune: to encourage growth: 6, 7

to discourage growth: 18

Destroy weeds: 1, 2, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 - 30

April's best days to:

Plant above ground crops: 16, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29

Plant root crops: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12

Plant flowers: 1, 11, 12, 20, 21, 27, 28

Transplant: 16, 20, 21

Seed beds: 2, 3, 4, 20, 21, 29

Prune: to encourage - 2, 3, 4

Destroy weeds: 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Black - spot - be - gone tonic: in one gallon of water mix 1 tablespoon baking soda, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 1 tablespoon Fels-Naptha Soap Solution and spray it on your rose bushes once a week. Red spider mites, a bane to fruit trees and many other plants flee at the first sign of sour milk. Mix 2 cups of wheat flour and 1 cup of buttermilk in 5 gallons of water and use it as a spray.

It seems that, whenever we turn on the radio, telly, or whatever media we use to get news, we are always inundated with ads and tid-bits of news about how fat or obese or unhealthy we are. But, in this fast, fast world, what else could we be? Nobody seems to have the time to plant vegetable or herb gardens like in the antediluvian days.

On account of the fast foods we consume, we can all use a little help when it comes to shedding a few kilos. Many health

experts recognize herbs have the power to help boost metabolism, curb appetite and help burn fat. More commonly recognized now is the effective role herbs play in helping us in various ways. So, keep in mind some of these on your next excursion to the grocery store.

Siberian ginseng known as the root of immortality is the most well-known of the herbal fatigue combatants. It is said to assist digestion, arthritis, anemia and insomnia as well as ameliorate physical stamina, counteracts the damage caused by physical and emotional stress and prevents the depletion of stress-fighting hormones in the adrenal glands.

Kola (cola cotviedon) is considered to be a "fountain of youth" because it boosts longevity. It is known for its energizing effects and has been used for a long time as a tonic. It is also a good nerve stimulant and diuretic.

Fig (ficus) is known as a natural laxative which boosts metabolism.

Brindleberry is an age-old ingredient used for reducing appetite by giving your brain the message you're full. It also allows excess sugars in the body to be used as accessible energy rather than be stored as fat.

Fennel is an appetite suppressant and a metabolic stimulant. The ancient Egyptians used the sweet tasting fennel seeds as a flavoring herb. It also soothes the stomach and improves digestion and has a diuretic effect, and also stabilizes the nervous system.

Cayenne (capsicum frutescens) is useful for increasing the metabolic rate of the body by raising the intestinal temperature. It also aids digestion and increases the power of other herbs.

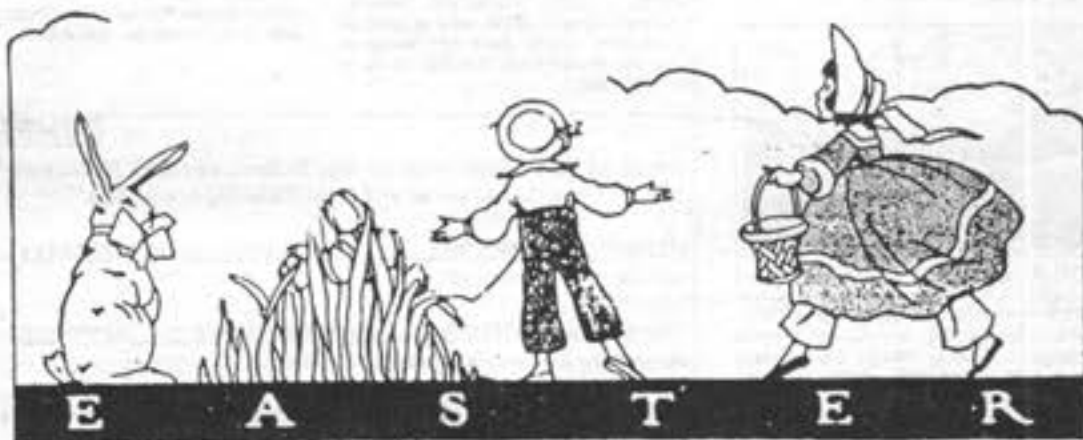
Brewer's Yeast is a natural hormone source of chromium which enhances the efficiency of insulin and plays an indirect role in metabolizing fat and turning off the hunger signals to the brain's appetite control center.

Stellaria Media (chickweed) acts as an appetite suppressant and assists in dissolving the plaque out of the blood vessels and fatty substances in the system. It can be added fresh to salads or cooked like spinach - the flavor is similar. It is also said to be good for rheumatism.

Plantain (plantago Major) acts as a good fat burner and neutralizes stomach acids and normalizes stomach secretions. It is also said to have the ability to eliminate a wide range of micro-organisms and stimulates the healing process.

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By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

A group of ladies of the Ethel Brown Unit of United Methodist Women of Mentone United Methodist Church consisting of President Barbara Blalock, Vice-President Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer Linda Brown, Sunshine Chairman Carrie Ruth Kirby, Ann Wright, and Catherine Bailey met Wednesday, March 3, for lunch and their regular monthly meeting at the home of Marilyn Blanton Campbell in the Batty Community at Mentone. Mrs. Campbell served a characteristically Lenten meal of homemade chicken and rice soup, tropical chicken salad, holiday potato salad, sliced tomatoes, Hot Cross Buns, and homemade yeast rolls. While she was not there for the meal, Mrs. Marie Dillenbeck was able to join the group for the meeting.

After lunch, President Barbara Blalock called the meeting to order with an Old Testament scripture reading from Micah 6:6-8 and a prayer. Secretary-Treasurer Linda Brown marked the roll, read the minutes from the February meeting that were approved as read, and gave the financial reports. Offering was taken up, and Mrs. Carrie Ruth Kirby gave the "Sunshine Report." As the Sunshine Committee Chairman, Mrs. Kirby is the person who is responsible for sending cards to people who are either sick, shut-in, just lonesome, in need of cheer, or all of those things and more too. Long ago, this group of ladies came to terms with the fact that, regardless of what the physical problems happen to be, loneliness and depression always make the situation worse, so they do the very best they can to spread the blessing of cheer and Christian love.

In their business session, the ladies discussed incidental expenses concerning the cleaning and minor physical improvements to the church building that they have always been responsible for financially if not physically. The ladies also made plans to gather up on Wednesday, March 31, to fill Easter baskets with goodies and love and take them to shut-ins and people who are generally in need of a little cheer.

Granted, the numbers of the Ethel Brown Unit of United Methodist Women are small, but, considering the womanpower they do not possess, that group is extremely active. Last year, the ladies of that group—along with help from some drafted husbands—did some very difficult painting at the church, and they have kept the church clean for a long time. All of that is in addition to their traditional Thanksgiving and Easter efforts in the community to bring blessings indiscriminately to people who happen to need them. When the need arises, this group of ladies even sends somebody to visit people in jail. They also support the church's efforts on behalf of Vacation Bible School doing a little bit of everything from helping make preparations ahead of time to assisting with writing the final program and everything in between going around by way of teaching classes and accomplishing what the children deem the most important task of all—providing the population of Vacation Bible School with a generous supply of cold drinks when the temperature elevates well beyond the comfort zone.

After the business session, Mrs. Carrie Ruth Kirby presented an Easter Program called "Resurrection at the Crossroads" centered around the focus scripture found in John 20:1, 2, 11-18, Luke 24:1-12, and Matthew 28:1-10. The focus statement "... Resurrection occurs in some of the least likely places and often among people society considers 'the least of these.' ..." was taken from Matthew 25:40. Mrs. Kirby's program featured a Moravian love feast in which she passed around a dish of simple crackers and cookies and an antique etched glass chalice containing spiced apple cider. Various ladies read parts of the lesson, and each one seemed especially touched by the content of the program. Actually, a love feast sounds like a lot more than it is, but, simply stated, a love feast is merely a simple sharing of genuine Christian love in the context of symbolically eating together.

After the lesson had been concluded, the ladies adjourned to play a game of Scrabble. After that, Mrs. Campbell served homemade cherry cobbler with vanilla ice cream and coffee. All the ladies in attendance received a special blessing from the occasion.



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Marriage Announcement

R. B. and Joyce Huskey of Mentone would like to announce the marriage of their son, Allen Huskey, to Jennifer Nolen. Jennifer is the daughter of Brenda Nolen of Henagar and Otis Nolen of Piedmont, Ala. The couple was married at Valley Head on March 13, 1999, at 3 PM.

Minister L.A. Smith performed the wedding ceremony.

The ring bearer was Allen's brother, Tyler Huskey.

The flower girl was Jennifer, daughter of Jessica Nolen.



Noah Grant Watters

(Picture taken at 7 months old)

Noah Grant Watters was born on July 18, 1998, at Women's East Pavilion in Chattanooga. His weight was 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and he was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Misty and Alex Watters of Valley Head. Grandparents are Joe and Helen Watters of Valley Head. Aunts and Uncles are Kelly and Melody Sixkiller of Owasso, OK.; Joseph and Ginger Watters of Valley Head; Herman and Alesia Justice of Fort Payne, and Charles and Sandra Acres of Perkinston, MS.

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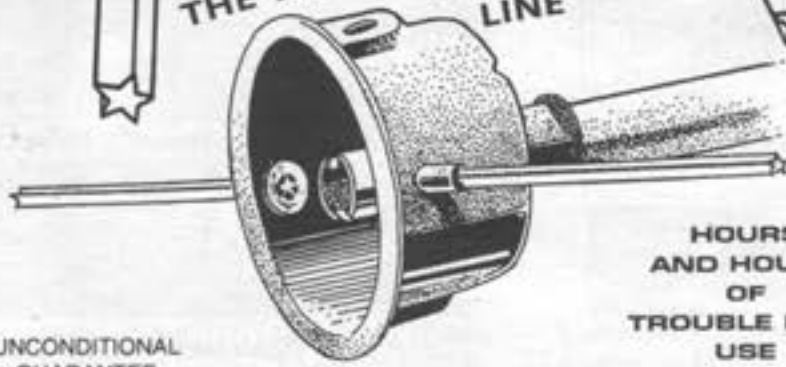
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Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative and TVA hosted Safety Dinner

Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative and TVA held a Safety Dinner on Tuesday evening, March 16, at the co-op auditorium in Rainsville, at 6:30 p.m. They invited members from volunteer fire and rescue squads (four from each) from across the service area to attend, mostly from DeKalb County. They offered a free dinner (barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, rolls, cobbler, and drinks, prior to watching a safety video and learning safety procedures presented by members of the staff.

Registration was handled by Diane Hale, manager of Member Service and Public Relations office, and Michael Girdauckas; and Jeanine Fairris and Marian Biddle assisted with the serving. Diane was also in charge of sending out invitation letters to newspapers and volunteer fire and rescue squads from across the service area of Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative.

TVA representative, Diana Bullock, the Customer Service Manager of TVA, is the one who coordinated with Diane Hale to organize this safety meeting. Also attending from TVA was Craig Beasley.

The video on firefighters and electricity was 12-minutes long. Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative employees: Mike Simpson - General Manager and emcee for the evening, a Larry Langford - Supervisor of Consumer Accounts, along with Boyd Graben - Supervisor of Operations, Don Lancy - Manager of Engineering Operations and Maintenance, a Randy Mitchell, Power Use Advisor and instrumental in designing the program and assisting in the organization of the meeting, conducted a question and answer session afterwards. Ricky Little, of the DeKalb County Emergency Management Association, assisted in the question and answer period. Most important for firefighters and rescue squad members, as well as the general public, is that "we should fear and respect electricity, and leave it to the power company experts." They advised that firefighters and rescue squad personnel can be helped by traffic and crowd control, allowing the Co-op to do work with the electrical lines.

The Board of Trustees agreed to pay \$50 per volunteer attending, up to four per organization. Each organization represented received a certificate of attendance and a check for \$200. The members of the board are:

James P. Carmichael, President, Dist. 2, Valley Head Area
Larry G. Godwin, Vice President, Dist. 6, Grove Oak Area
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At the close of the meeting, a drawing for many door prizes was held. TVA provided all the door prizes. Happy winners took home canvas fold up chairs, emergency car kits (flares, flasher, flashlight, glow-in-dark triangle), and the final prize was an electric barbecue grill. For everyone attending, there was also a packet containing very useful items.





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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING: THE TROUBADOUR OF THE MILLENNIUM

By Laura Katherine AKA Moon



Dane
in the Log Cabin Village
Happy Birthday - April 16

Music has worked magic for centuries as a healing force whether through organized religion, tribal ceremonies, or a group of people coming together. Through centuries past to Woody Guthrie (writer of "This Land Is Your Land") to the many troubadours of the 60s, the nation has been healed and inspired to improve the quality of life. As we enter into the chaos of a new millennium, we need reassurance from artists that can transcend the worries of every day life. I have the pleasure of combining a story of a naturalist and his healing art of music.

Dane's music is a universal timeless healing art because he gets his inspiration from nature and real experience. The tone and rhythm of a cricket can inspire him to hear a song, which, in turn, helps him release the stress in his life. For instance, Dane's song, "Take Me Home" tells of the frustration he and many of us feel regarding the disrespectful way Europeans treated the Native Americans. Expressing the stress of frustration in a positive way, such as through music, is healing

because stress is one of the biggest causes of disease in the body and mind.

Dane says, once he hears the music, the words are never far behind. It seems that the emotion behind the music provides the words. Dane's approach to music is similar to the tribe that would sing a healing song to cope with life's transitions. A book called The Mozart Effect tells of a tribe that would send a woman into the woods alone to hear the song of her unborn child. The woman would come back to the tribe to teach them the song. Then, she would sing this song to her child throughout her pregnancy. The song was sung by tribal members during birth, anytime the person was sick, during ceremonies for their coming of age, and the ceremony of the person's death was the last time the song was to be sung. The song was to help the person and the tribe heal and cope with life's natural transitions. Dane feels there is nothing to fear in life because each experience is provided to make you stronger and music is the one of the best ways to cope. The natural sounds and rhythms of Dane's acoustic guitar and his voice so full of spirit uplift me to have faith that there is nothing too big to handle.

Dane is inspired by Native Americans and the Europeans that began to inhabit the Appalachians. In a European magazine, Dane was described as having a "shaman-like presence." Dane's family often compares him to his Appalachian raised grandfather, Ned Mayo. His grandfather's family would have musical gatherings in which they all played and sang (but Ned was known for the guitar). After all, music has been the best cure for cabin fever.

Dane plays so that, if the music sounds and feels good, then it can't be wrong. When asked about his music, Dane responds, "I am a sound artist with simple heartfelt original music. I paint emotions in your mind."

Dane recorded his no-rules, self-taught style on a solo five song demo, "Studio Live & Unplugged". The demo kicks in

with pure energy of "Do Tell!" The heart and imagination awaken to the unique sounds of "Waiting At Home" and "Field Trip." Then Dane reflects his Appalachian roots with the soulful melodies of "Break The Cup." Dane concludes his diverse demo with the solemn soul of "What?" Fortunately the demo is available, though, because of limited funds you can not receive the full effect for now, unless you hear him live.

Dane is described as a male version of Jewel or a 90s John Denver with a Jeanie Mitchell twist. An avid Pearl Jam fan exclaimed, "You are better than Eddie Vetter, better than Pearl Jam." Dane is also compared to college rock bands, such as Counting Crows and Dave Matthews. If you mix these artists' styles and add a splash of Jim Croce and Eric Clapton Unplugged, a sprinkle of James Taylor and Neil Diamond, and a dash of David Bowie and Alice in Chains, then you will hear a similar recipe to Dane's unique, heartfelt acoustic sounds.

As a seasoned veteran of the Hollywood music scene, record and video producer, Dane moved back to the south to grow with his roots, live real, and keep it simple.

Dane is keeping life and music simple on beautiful Lookout Mountain where he finds much inspiration to write songs daily. He is co-owner of Mountain Memories in the Log Cabin Village of Mentone, AL, which sells hand crafted nostalgic mountain gifts. Dane is in the process of completing a primitive log cabin, with his friend Litefoot, on the Little River. He has full intentions of living without power and so living self-sufficient. Dane says, "I would not live any different even if I got a million dollar recording contract tomorrow." However, the world should heal from the original soulful music that comes from Dane being a true naturalist, musician, and artist.

If you would like more information regarding Dane, please call Dane or Moon at Mountain Memories (256) 634-1777 or write PO Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984.

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REPRESENTATIVE TODD GREESON EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR GTE'S LIMITED CALLING AREA

Montgomery - Representative Todd Greeson, R - Ider, recently contacted Mr. John Wilson, State Director of GTE's Governmental Affairs Division, to express his concerns regarding the lack of an area calling service and a limited calling area for his constituents.

Representative Greeson's concerns have not gone unnoticed. According to a written response from Mr. Wilson, "GTE offers expanded local calling in both the Valley Head and the Mentone exchanges. This optional service provides seven-digit dialing to Ft. Payne, Rainsville, Fyffe, and several surrounding counties."

In Mr. Wilson's response, the charges for these services were also clarified. For residential use, the charge per month ranged from \$9, for the Basic Calling Plan, to \$39, for the Premium Calling Plan. Businesses can also employ the Basic Calling Plan for \$24 per month or the Community Plus Plan for \$44 per month.

For questions concerning the existing area calling plans, billing for those services, and other expanded calling services, customers may call GTE at 1-800-483-3300.

Representative Greeson is serving in his first term from District 24. He lives in Ider.

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Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Women's prayer service is every Wed. morning at 9:30.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 6:30 PM each Wednesday, Discipleship Training is at 5 PM each Sunday, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Jan. 13, 20, 27, 6:30 PM, Children's Choir and Adult and Youth Bible Study.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun., Tues. and Wed. nights. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Our **Lady of the Valley Catholic Church** on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne has Mass at 10:30 AM on Sundays; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Pastor - Wilbor Atwood; Lay Pastor - Bill Pyke. Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11 - 12:15. Prayer meeting/Bible study - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome! Come and worship our Saviour Jesus Christ with us. We look forward to your visit.

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church services begin at 10 AM EST and 6 PM. Wednesday services are at 7 PM. Pastor James Braddy invites you to attend all of our services and a special invitation is extended to everyone to join our Saturday night singings. We always have a wonderful fellowship dinner at 6 PM followed by singing at 7 PM EST. On April 24, The Old Timers will be with us; May 15, The Willing Vessels; and June 26, Brian Keith & Covenant. Come with an open heart and you will certainly receive a blessing! We are a small country church with a big country welcome! We are located 2 miles behind the Lookout Restaurant.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The church is continuing to raise funds for a new roof, and members have pledged and given over \$4800 at the present time. The total cost (estimated) is \$10,000. Those wishing to help may do so by mailing their donations to PO Box 90, Mentone, AL 35984.

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

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

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study of 1st John. April 18, from 12:15 to 1:30, is the regular 3rd Sunday dinner at the church. This is a fund raiser to help build a new fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come.

Rev. David Bridges and The Mountain Messengers will be at **New Oregon United Methodist Church**, on DeSoto Parkway, April 18th, at 6 PM. Come and hear their message in song and hear about their Shout for Joy Ministries, which provides Bibles and blankets for the homeless. A time of fellowship and food will follow the singing.

The **North DeKalb Ministerial Association** will be conducting the Easter Morning Sunrise services again this year at the Lee Crow property on County Road 647 in Mentone at 7 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. Easter is April 4th and it is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time.

You know you're getting older when...

- You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.
- You get winded playing chess.
- Your children begin to look middle-aged.
- You join a health club and don't go.
- You decide to procrastinate, but then never get around to it.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- Your favorite part of the newspaper is 25 years ago today.
- You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.
- You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go.
- You stop looking forward to your next birthday.
- After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat.
- Dialing long distance wears you out.
- You remember today, that yesterday was your wedding anniversary.
- You just can't stand people who are intolerant.
- The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.
- You burn the midnight oil after 9 p.m.
- Your back goes out more than you do.
- A fortune teller offers to read your face.
- A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
- You begin to outlive enthusiasm.
- Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

Submitted by
Carl and Ruth Conner,
Mabelton, GA



Easter Sunrise Service

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association announces that the annual **Easter Sunrise Service** will be on the Crowe Property where it has been held in previous years. The time is 7 AM. In case of inclement weather, the alternate location will be the Wesleyan Church on Summerville Road, in Mentone. The services include all churches in the area.



VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Flo Kirby

The Valley Head Woman's Club held their regular meeting on March 17 at the beautiful home of Jan Wilkinson. The meeting was called to order and guests and members welcomed by Evelyn Graves, Club President.

The program was first on the agenda because of another scheduled appointment of our speaker, Ed Stuckey. Martha Gibson introduced Becky Chaney, Personal Banking Assistant, and Mr. Stuckey, both from Compass Bank. Mr. Stuckey presented a seminar on "Investment Basics." He has a BA Degree in mathematics from the University of North Colorado with a minor in education. He joined Compass Bank in September 1995; and, prior to that, was with Paine Webber for 11 years. He became Vice President in October 1998. He assists individual and business customers in identifying their financial needs and will design investment programs to meet their short- and long-term goals. The program was very interesting and informative and members were given the opportunity to ask questions afterward. A drawing for several prizes was fun for all.

Evelyn thanked Mr. Stuckey for the excellent program and opened the business portion of the program meeting. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved, and the roll was called. Because the Treasurer, Helen Longshore, was absent, there was no financial report. No new business was brought before the Club.

Evelyn announced that the District II Spring Meeting will be in Winfield on April 10th for Club President and Committee Members.

Doris Carmichael stated that Adelaide Biddle will be leaving the Club membership because she is moving to Atlanta. She has been a member for many years and will be sorely missed.

Maureen Donahue gave a very inspirational devotional on Prayer. She pointed out that God answers prayer—in his way and on his time schedule—but that the outcome may not always be what we expect or want. She then discussed the Lord's Prayer.

The hostess gift was won by Judy Shelley.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses: Jan Wilkinson, Bonnie Barnett, Dallyne Jones, and Judith Hammond.

NEWS FOR THE HERB LOVERS

By Cheryl Baker of The Shed

Spring has sprung and here I got news for all you Herb lovers. Herbs add such wonderful fragrances and colors to your garden and homes. I thought I would share some information about herbs and also a few recipes with you. Did you know that Texas Sage, also known as Red Salvia or Lady Salvia, is an attractive herb as well as a flower that brings humming birds to your garden? Mexican Sage or Leucanthea is also a good herb to have in the garden, not only to cook with, but to attract Butterflies.

Hibiscus, Pansies, Sun Flowers, Violas, Day Lilies, Calendula, Echinacea, Garlic and many other flowers that people never knew to be edible are edible and attractive to have in an herb garden. Calendula is a very old marigold that has been around for years and looks like a daisy instead of your new hybrid marigolds. Marigolds are all edible. You may eat the pedestals or cook with them. A lot of people who are serious about herbs put it in dishes such as pudding. It gives it a wonderful flavor for taste. There are many varieties of edible flowers that you can put out in the garden to eat, as well as to attract all friendly nature animals.

Many herbs are used for healing common colds, flu viruses, stomach and colon problems and also help control some types of cancer and a whole lot more medical problems. Vegetables are a good combination to mix in with your herb garden, such as loose leaf lettuce, rhubarb, romaine, and head lettuce.

More great herbs that are used widely all over the world by great Chefs include several varieties of parsley. Parsley is great for all kinds of food, such as Italian, French, Indian, and even American cuisines. There are many varieties such as: Italian Leaf, Tripled Curled, Curly Leaf, Chervil, Pagoda, Cilantro, French Tarragon and Loveage, again used by great Chefs all over the world. Did you know that sorrel is high in vitamin C? Ancient Egyptians and Romans ate sorrel to counteract the effects of overindulgence from eating rich foods. In Medieval Times, sorrel was grown as a common potherb, and used in sauces for meats. Sorrel, I admit, is very bitter but very high in vitamin C. Sorrel was also used by our ancestors to prevent scurvy. Sorrel has also been known to curdle milk. If you are low in vitamin C, take sorrel fresh and add it with loose leaf lettuce to a sandwich.

I have decided to get very serious with Herbs, which is why I'm sharing this information with you, today. The Shed has put in an Herb Garden for people, not only to look at, but as well to be able to pick fresh herbs right out of the garden for a very small fee. Here are a few recipes for you to try.

For all you Cappuccino Lovers:

1/2 C of Non-Fat Yogurt 1/2 Ripe Medium Banana
1/4 C Skim Milk 2 T Fresh Mint
1 t Cocoa Powder 2 Cups Ice

A Dash of Cinnamon

Put it all into a blender, mix until smooth, and you will have you a Cappuccino Shake.

For Salads: with your salad fixings, mix in Leaf or Lemon Basil, with Loose Leaf Lettuce.

For Vinaigrette dressing: add Chervil, as well as Fresh Garlic. For soups, omelets, and vegetables, add in Chervil.

Books - A - Millennium



Sale Dates: April 17-21, 1999

The donations response for the Books-A-Millennium Library Sale has been wonderful, and now the Fort Payne Culture Club members are completing preparations.

The varied items on the "Want List" compiled by the DeKalb County Library staff provide the incentive to make this the most successful sale to date. Here is a sampling of the extras that might be made available from sale profits:

1. Always desired and widely-circulated audio books
2. Display modules to be used in the children's area for paperbacks, magazines, and picture books
3. Upgrading of one of computers for specialized CD-Rom use, such as for math, English, music
4. Varied computer work stations, such as a stand-up work center, a mini-tower station, and a recessed monitor station
5. Stacked map files
6. Presentation lectern for the Community Room
7. Camera for recording Library special events and activities
8. Floor and table display cases for secured preservation and presentation of valuable items

April is the sale month with Saturday, April 17, the opening day and continuing each day through Wednesday, April 21. Sale hours are regular Library open times: Saturday - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. And there will be a special open time on Sunday, April 18, in the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The days are bright with color—forsythias, redbud, beautiful cheerful, yellow and golden daffodils. If we are healthy and have these natural beauties to enjoy, we should rejoice and be happy. This resurrection of all things is such a miraculous event, and I have witnessed it for many seasons. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we humans could have a renewing of muscle tissues and bone marrow, hearing, and eyesight each spring when all botanical plants are revived? We can have hope of perpetual renewal in the after-life, which is the hope of all Christians. So far, scientists have not been able to stop the aging process, which causes us to wrinkle, have arthritis, lose hearing and eyesight. But, we do have better diet habits, exercise more, and are living longer, productive lives. If we can keep from unnecessary stress and be content with things, we can avoid heart attacks, high blood pressure, and stomach ulcers. Sometimes we cannot avoid stress. Things happen over which we have no control, but some of us tend to borrow trouble by unnecessary worry about tomorrow. Mr. Hal Howe was always cheerful and had a healthy attitude about life. He had a plaque hanging on the dining room wall at the Mentone Inn that stated: "This is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday and all is well." Usually that's the case.

One lady said she knew it helped to worry about things because those things she worried about never happened! An old adage is that one is as old as he feels—that being the case, some days I am one hundred and ten! Then some days, when my adrenaline gets going, I feel like I am twenty-one! I just have to remember not to look in a mirror on those days, or the truth will slap me in the face where wrinkles tend to gather and cannot be erased.

When we were in Hawaii, our tour guide for the day said "Slaka" every little bit, which means to "hang loose", relax.

Doctors learn to take advantage of every few spare minutes while they are interns, because they are on call for long periods of time. The secret is to learn to completely relax, and sometimes it is hard to do. The interns say they can lie down anywhere and sleep fifteen minutes and then go back to work. Maybe I am a relaxed person, because I work better when under a little pressure. Homer told me one evening "If you had your bags packed, we would go to Detroit in the morning".

Believe me, I learned to pack quickly, because I like to travel and he is one for surprise and spontaneity. We do things on the spur of the moment that would be maddening to some people, but it puts a spark of enthusiasm into ordinary events. So, if you miss us suddenly, do not surmise that we have gone up in the rapture. I have decided that all of us over sixty years old should remove our glasses when visiting each other, and we will look much better! We should have soft lights or candle-light at evening gatherings and stay away from fluorescent lights and mirrors.

Think happy thoughts and avoid, as much as possible, anger and frustration, and be optimistic. If problems arise, do something about them, if we cannot change the situation, accept it for what it is and dream a little. I've mentioned this song before, and it bears repeating: "So dream when you're feeling blue, dream that's the thing to do, things never are as bad as they seem, so dream, dream, dream." This does not mean to be a day dreamer and do nothing; it means to work toward goals you have in mind and dream while you work. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's book, *The Power of Positive Thinking* is a source of inspiration to me. I need to read again.

Easter comes early this year which means an early spring. It's a wonderful time of year for everyone, and especially for children. I love to watch the sweet faces of little ones when they find a pretty colored egg at the egg hunt. We had fun with our great grandson, Alex, last year. He would put the eggs in his basket and say "mine". We look forward to the Easter sunrise service at Lucille Crowe's' home every year. It's a beautiful location—about the highest point on the mountain, and there is a concrete platform that used to cover a cistern, and that makes a good rostrum for the local ministers of the North DeKalb Ministerial Assn. I love it when all churches can worship together. Please dress warmly and bring a lawn chair. You will be glad you made the effort.

Our kitchen is nearing completion. We should be finished in about two weeks; but we can use it now, and we plan a choir practice this week. My brother, Don Castleberry, is having to undergo chemo and radium treatments for a cancerous tumor in the throat. He stays in Birmingham during the week and comes home Friday evenings. Sam Franks has been driving him home on Fridays, and Don's wife, Lynn takes him back on Sunday evening. Don is optimistic and the doctors have told him that these treatments should take care of the bad cells. He goes out on Saturdays and helps plan work for Bill Dover to do the following week. They keep landscaping projects going. Don should be through with the treatments about the fifteenth of this month.

Think happy lovely thoughts and do not let animosities build up toward anyone. It hurts to have bitterness stored inside us. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath," Ephesians 4:26b I believe that means to clear your mind before retiring for the night.

Happy Easter to everyone.

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St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church now has applications for the Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund. This fund has provided many scholarships to students from the local area for quite a few years, and we will be taking applications from qualified candidates **BEFORE MAY 1, 1999**. The guidelines for these scholarships are:

- 1. We must receive a fully completed scholarship application and family financial statement by the established deadline each year. Forms received after the deadline will generally not be considered since we have limited funds and a large number of applicants.
- 2. This scholarship is ordinarily only available to Mentone and Valley Head residents.
- 3. We give priority to financial need and academic record.
- 4. The scholarship is only available to recent high school graduates unless special circumstances apply and an exemption is given.
- 5. Before the scholarship is awarded, proof of admission and enrollment must be provided on an official form from the school.
- 6. The schooling involved must lead to a degree or, in some cases, professional certification.
- 7. Once enrolled, the student must maintain the equivalent of a 2.8 GPA on a scale of 4.0 in order to qualify for the succeeding year, and the Scholarship Committee should have those academic records with the new application.
- 8. The scholarships are available for a maximum of four years.
- 9. The student must maintain a course load of 8 credits per semester or equivalent in order to qualify. We recognize that this may vary according to the program you are in, but we want to assure that the student is on a track to complete the program in a reasonable period of time.
- 10. We do not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, or gender, so all applications will be given equal consideration.

If you are interested in applying for a St. Joseph's Jimmy McCary Scholarship, please send a request for an application and financial information form to:

The Scholarship Committee
St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 161
Mentone, AL 35984-0161

Please include a typewritten or printed name and address and phone number in order for us to send you these forms.

Historic Hotel Square
Rhododendron Festival
May 22 and 23 canceled
due to lack of response
for vendors.

Message from your Postmaster

All rural and highway contract customers: please put your E-911 numbers on your mailboxes. Substitute mail carriers, who are not familiar with the area, have a hard time knowing who lives where without the numbers on your mailboxes. Thank you.

Benny Goss, Mentone Postmaster

Let us cook Sunday lunch for you!

Sunday, April 11, 1999
Serving from 11:00 until 2:00
Mentone Community House

**BBQ plates
\$5.00**

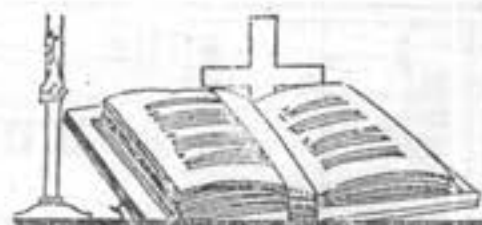
Proceeds go to an Athletic Banquet for Moon
Lake School basketball players and
cheerleaders

Community Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, April 17, 1999
6:00 p.m.

Mentone
Community
House

**EVERYONE is invited! Just
bring your favorite dish
and join in the fun.**



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

Jesus said unto her, woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou? She supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

John 20: 14-15.

When Mary could not find Jesus in the tomb, she began to search for him, though the disciples went home, she would not give up. What a thrill when Jesus said, "Mary." If only the lost would seek for Jesus this Easter, I'm sure they could find Him. He is not far away, reaching out to the lost. Oh, what Love! Yes, he loves each one and wants to save all the lost.

Happy Easter!



April 4th



GOSPEL CONCERT

To Benefit

The DeKalb County
Children's Advocacy
Center, Inc.



FEATURING:

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AND
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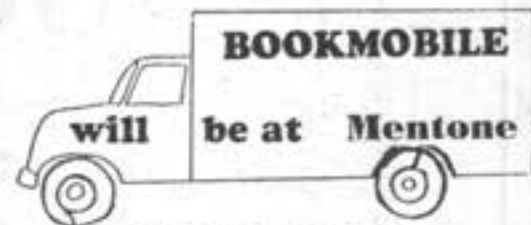
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THE DEKALB THEATER - FT PAYNE

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- April 14 and 28
- May 12 and 26
- June 9 *
- July 7 and 21
- *Bookmobile's Vacation