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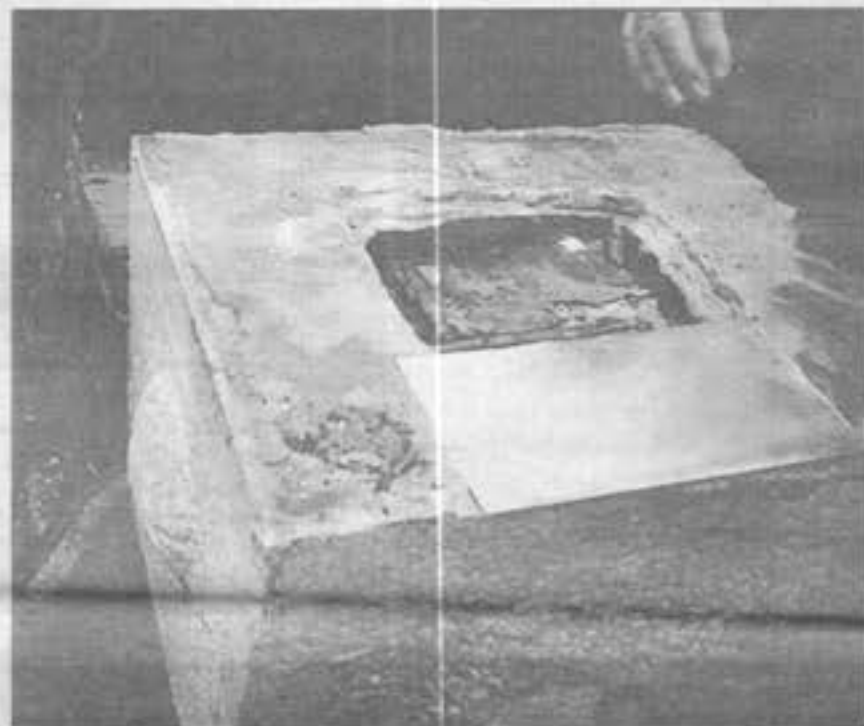
"Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

April 2000

Cornerstone of Mentone United Methodist Church Opened



Pulling of the cornerstone. Floyd Crowe, Jimmy Hester, Ovie Blalock, Bobby Brown, Alex Hazell, and Tyler Hester



Cornerstone of Mentone United Methodist Church opened on April 2, 2000

The history of the Mentone United Methodist Church will be placed in the time capsule. The cornerstone was opened on April 2, 2000. This following part is an exact copy of an article written by Franklin E. Crowe, 03/24/1881 - 10/14/1967. Article dated December 10, 1953.

In the year 1891 there came a man into the community whose name was Reverend J. W. Reece. He was a great man of God and a fine young preacher. He came to visit my mother and father's home. They liked him very much so they asked him to preach in their home, which he did and God blessed in a wonderful way.

At this time Brother Harry Gillette was running a little Sunday School in a hall that stood about where Brother Hal Howe's dining room now stands. They asked Brother Reece to come and preach there, and he did on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock once a month. The best I can remember he preached there about six months. During this time the Sunday School doubled in number. Brother Gillette, a very fine Christian man, was superintendent of the school.

At this time under the guiding hand of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, they had a vision of the church as it stands-for which we thank God.

Next, I would like to say a few words about Brother Edward Mason. Brother Mason owned a lot of land in Mentone, and he had a great vision for the future of this beautiful summer resort. In the latter part of 1891 or the first of 1892, Brother Reece organized the

church with the following people as charter members. As I remember there were twelve charter members. They were Mr. Ed Mason, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crowe, Mrs. Mary King, Mr. Harry Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sproule, Reverend J. N. Shigley, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reece, Miss Lilly Reece, and Miss Annie Reece. These members began to get ready to build the church. Brother Mason gave land for the church. He owned a sawmill so he sawed the lumber and cut the shingles. He built the tower and cut the cornerstone for the church. In the cornerstone he put a small box which contains a copy of the Word of God, a Discipline, a piece of silver, and the names of the charter members.

Brother Mason wanted the tower built as it stands today. He said if the other people would build the church, he would build the tower at his own cost. My father, Mr. G. W. Crowe, and Brother Jay Reece, began to haul logs from Brother Reece's farm on wagons drawn by oxen or steers as we boys used to call them. They would haul two loads of logs per day. It was about five miles to the mill. Brother Mason sawed the logs at his mill.

Brother Mason laid the foundation and they began to build the church. Not a penny was paid to him. What a wonderful spirit was found in Brother Mason. Brother T. F. Sproule, Brother J. N. Shigley, Brother Jay Reece, and my father began working on the church. They were faithful to the task and the church was finished. The date was set for the new church to

be dedicated. This was one of the greatest thrills of my life. It was wonderful to have a new church to worship our God. Brother Ranpy preached the dedication sermon. He was certainly a great preacher.

I'm glad I had a little part in the building of the church though just a boy about twelve years old. My brother, Finn Crowe, and I hauled the shingles for the roof.

My brother Finn Crowe was one of the faithful members of the Mentone Methodist Church. He

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

As usual, it is time for another issue of The Groundhog, and I am not ready. I can't understand where the time goes, especially when I don't seem to get much accomplished any more. We are still trying to clean up from the ice storm--the logs in our front yard are finally being moved--but I hope everyone else is finished with their cleaning and can move on to activities which are more enjoyable.

The April meeting of MAPA was a good one. We discussed the festival to be held May 27 and 28. Betty Bain has consented to be our chairman again. She did a fantastic job with Colorfest, and we are grateful to her for all her efforts. The May festival promises to be another success. We are already having good response from dealers, and it appears we will have a choice of some really good arts and crafts items, as well as tasty food. Once again, we would like to invite our local people to participate. Whether you have items for sale, or can help with the organization and production of the festival, we would like to have you help us. You can contact either Betty or me for more information.

Our speakers for the April meeting were Johnnie Miller and Ovie Blalock. They told us about Woodmen of the World and all the community involvement of this organization. I was not aware of most of the projects for which this organization is responsible. They sponsor Make-a-Wish, a program that grants wishes for terminally ill children; volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, an organization which builds houses and makes them available to people who would otherwise be unable to afford a home; lend equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, generators, etc. to people who need, but have a problem acquiring these items; furnish water in areas where a disaster has occurred; maintain a camp for their member youth, and once a year make it available to seniors who want to be experience the thrill of camp. Thank you for making us aware of all the things Woodmen of the World is involved in and what it offers in the way of benefits to its members. A special thank you for the United States flag which was presented to MAPA at the end of the program.

The next meeting of MAPA will be held May 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. We invite you to come visit, become a member, or become involved if you are a member who is not active. We hope to see you May 2.



PUBLICATION NOTICE

The May issue will be published on May 4th and delivered on the 5th and 6th. Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th-20th of each month. Thank you.

- May issue due date is April 15-20.
- June issue due date is May 15-20.

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Twentieth Annual GED Graduation Friday, May 5, 2000, at 7 PM, at the Rainsville Civic Center

The Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program will hold its Twentieth Annual GED Graduation for GED recipients on Friday, May 5, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rainsville Civic Center. The graduation will honor all GED recipients from DeKalb, Jackson and Marshall Counties. Robert Reeves, host of WHNT TV's "Mornin' Folks," which is broadcast on Huntsville's channel 19, will be on hand to assist in the presentation of certificates.

Through adult education, many individuals have had the opportunity to get their GED, which has enabled them to secure or upgrade their employment or attend college or technical school. Many others have enriched their lives by learning to read and write. Adult education has lessened the burden for our welfare system because it has helped many public assistance recipients to become self-sufficient. The GED graduation is one way to express congratulations to those students who have worked so hard.

Any adult (including those who did not attend adult education classes) who has successfully completed the GED Test and has not previously participated in a graduation is invited to be a part of this ceremony. All family and friends are also welcome to attend the graduation exercises. Those interested in participating in the GED graduation or anyone needing more information, should contact the adult education program at 638-2957 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



-PUBLIC NOTICE-- MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for 2000

March 16 June 15
September 21 December 21

Other special or called meetings
will be posted as required.

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

The
**Church
News**
By
EVELYN GRAVES



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. We welcome the community to join us.

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

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

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. •Revival is April 9-12 at 6:30 PM each night. The Evangelist and gospel comedian, Jon E. Ainbinder, will lead the revival. Monday night, April 10, will be gospel comedian night. The Ladies Choir from Union Hill Baptist Church will present special music that evening, and the Youth Choir from Union Hill will sing on Tuesday evening. •Saturday, April 22, at 10 AM - **Easter Egg Hunt**. Each child should bring a dozen colored eggs. •Sunday, April 23, 7 AM, **Easter Sunrise Service** at the church.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church pastor, James Braddy, welcomes everyone to services every Sunday morning -- Sunday School begins at 10 AM, followed by worship hour at 11 AM, evening services at 6 PM, and Wednesday services are at 7 PM. All times are EST. All visitors are welcome and we encourage you to come worship our Lord, Jesus Christ, every opportunity available. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

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., Tue. and Wed. nights. A "Super Saturday" event -- a mini-Vacation Bible School with a circus theme, is planned for one Saturday each month. A prayer and praise service is held one Sunday night each month. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAS meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer. Rev. Bill Russell, pastor, welcomes all.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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

Mentone Wesleyan Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00-7:45. For additional information, call church office, 634-4210, Pastor Randy Addison. All are welcome!

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Song Service and Sabbath School 9:30-10:45. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabelhner. All are invited.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. Sunday, April 2, there was a covered dish dinner followed by the opening of the cornerstone of the church, which was set around 1892/1893. It was an historical moment for the church. Many of the descendants of the Crow family attended services, the meal, and the opening of the cornerstone. Following the inspection of the contents, the Crow family invited all to come to the sanctuary for a gospel singing. •The Ethel Brown Unit of the UMW will meet on Wednesday, April 19, to prepare Easter baskets for shut-ins. •Pastor Linda Tucker and her husband, Rev. John Tucker, were unable to attend the ceremonies. Their first child was born Friday, March 31, at 8:22 p.m. Aylee Delenn Tucker weighed 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches in height.

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It was a cold winter's day that Sunday. The parking lot to the church was filling up quickly. I noticed as I got out of my car that fellow church members were whispering among themselves as they walked to the church. As I got closer, I saw a man leaned up against the wall outside the church. He was almost laying down as if he was asleep. He had on a long trench coat that was almost in shreds and a hat topped his head, pulled down so you could not see his face. He wore shoes that looked 30 years old, too small for his feet with holes all over them, his toes stuck out.

I assumed this man was homeless, and asleep, so I walked on by through the doors of the church. We all fellowship for a few minutes, and someone brought up the man laying outside. People snickered and gossiped, but no one bothered to ask him to come in, including me.

A few moments later, church began. We all waited for the Preacher to take his place and to give us the Word, when the doors to the church opened. In came the homeless man walking down the aisle with his head down.

People gasped and whispered and made faces. He made his way down the aisle and up onto the pulpit. He took off his hat and coat. My heart sank. There stood our preacher. He was the "homeless man." No one said a word. The preacher took his Bible and laid it on the stand.

"Folks, I don't think I have to tell you what I am preaching about today." Then he started singing the words to this song. "If I can help somebody as I pass along. If I can cheer somebody with a word or song. If I can show somebody that he's traveling wrong. Then my living shall not be in vain."

Justice - When you get what you deserve
Mercy - When you don't get what you deserve
Grace - When you get what you don't deserve

Submitted by Brenda Green,
Conroe, TX, (from the internet)

North DeKalb Ministerial Association
to hold **Easter Sunrise Service**
on the Brow at Brow Park. Services will
be at the pavilion on North Cool Street,
Sunday, Easter morning at 7 a.m.
Everyone is invited and welcome. Bring
a lawn chair if you would like to sit.

North DeKalb Ministerial Association
to hold **National Day of Prayer Service**
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Mentone in the next few weeks.
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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Clara Cash is still recuperating at Crowne Nursing Home in Fort Payne. Please keep her in your prayers. She would love to have a visit or a card.

Continue to keep Charlie and Jewel Rogers on your prayer list. Charlie has undergone cancer treatments in the last few months. He is not able to keep working at the Busy Corner Clock Shop due to chemicals used in cleaning the clocks.

Keep Rovene Truett on your prayer list as she continues her treatments.

Lydia Speed is in DeKalb-BMC Hospital in Fort Payne. On April 4, she was taken out of ICU and placed in room 258. She hopes to be able to go home soon. Please pray for her speedy recovery. If you would like to send her a card, you may send it to 740 Co Rd 848, Mentone, AL 35984. She would love to receive cards and letters.

Please remember Kathryn Jones in your prayers. She is steadily declining and is still undergoing cancer treatment. Also remember Heman Jones, Jr., who has cancer and will be having surgery June 20.

Congratulations to Rev. John Tucker (Cedar Bluff UMC) and wife, Pastor Linda Tucker (Mentone UMC) on the birth of their first child. On Friday, March 31, at 8:22 p.m., Aylee Delenn Tucker came into this world weighing 7 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces, and was 20 inches in height.

Congratulations to all the band students who attended County Solo and Ensemble on March 18th. They all did a great job.

Annie Harrison found out that she can even play her trumpet while on crutches. Poor Annie broke her ankle in 2 places during a girls' softball game. Even though she is being pampered lots at home during this time of need, she is still very anxious to be all healed up and back on both her feet!

Speaking of broken bones... Coach Stephen Owens, teacher and coach at Valley Head, has a few himself. Coach Owens also tried sliding in on a base and did it the WRONG way, too. He broke his leg a few days before Annie and will be out of school a bit longer.

Congratulations to Zachariah J. Johnson of Valley Head. He has graduated from One Station Unit training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, MO. The course of instruction included basic military training and advanced individual training. He is the son of John M. Johnson of Fort Myers, Fla., and Jesse A. Johnson of Valley Head. He is a 1995 graduate of Valley Head.

The Valley Head High School Beta Club members had the honor of attending the Beta Club Convention in Birmingham on March 9th & 10th. Rumor is that they all had a great time. Beth Moore & Slade Carden were even lucky enough to see Britney Spears while they were there.

The Junior Beta Club took a trip to the Junior Beta Club Convention in Montgomery on March 16th and 17th.

Our condolences go out to the Sally Lewis family. Sally passed away suddenly on March 8th at her home. She will be greatly missed.

The new 4-H Club officers at Valley Head for the 5th Grade are Chris Moran, Rusty Rector, Tyler Gatlin, Ashley Johnson, Ethan Lewis and Alan Crider. Officers for the 6th Grade are Tylor Harrison, Trista Blackmon, Brandon Hawkins, Heather McEmore, Aaron Grisham, Hillary Nichols, Brandy Ellis, Tiffany Beard, Christina Armstrong, and Sheena Moses.

Valley Head High School received \$2,500 toward the painting of the school this summer. Todd Greeson, R-Ider, and County Schools Superintendent Richard Land recently presented Principal Gary Talley with a check.

Congratulations to Allen Gray who was inducted into the National Honor Society at Northeast State Community College recently.

Kerstin Formhals from Germany will be back to visit her "family." Lisa and Beth Moore, on April 6th thru 23rd. Kerstin is excited about her visit and can't wait to see all her friends in Valley Head. She was a bit disappointed that she wouldn't

arrive in time to take the trip to Florida during AEA week with the other exchange students.

Congratulations to Lisa Somerville Jones of Valley Head who was named to the fall 1999 Dean's List at The University of Alabama.

Lisa Moore and Pam Dean have been hard at work getting the new computer at the water works office ready to bill out in May. Beginning in May 2000, the water bills for Valley Head, Hammondville, and Sulphur Springs will look different. The Water Works Board now has its own computer billing system and is able to print the water bills.

Congratulations to Rebecca Keller, 8, of Valley Head, whose weather drawing was in the March 28 issue of The Times Journal; and also Kendra Danielle Stone, 8, Mentone, whose drawing was in the April 4 issue.

Happy April Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: ●1-Jared Hulan; ●2-Milton Chambers, Mary Pearson, Effia Harrison and Annie Harrison (17); ●3-Alfred Chambers; ●4-Georgette McGee, Katie Brandon, Jamie Phillips; ●5-Jana Goss, "Possum" Heather Moses, Chris Black, Kaitlyn Dean (4); ●6-John Chambers, Jennifer McGee; ●7-Gail and Milton Chambers (Anniv.); Shannon Chappell (17); Venna Livingston; ●9-Ashley Hartline; ●10-Lisa Moore, Lindsey Carter; ●11-Josie Crider (4), Howard Mason (90); ●12-Tommy Dodd; ●15-Frances Rosario Blix, Tommy Blansit; ●17-Linda Kilgore Patterson, A.J. Palmer; ●19-Lydia Speed (83); Anne Hampton; ●20-Carrie Patty; ●23-Lauren McGee (4); David Mays; ●24-Junior Flemming; ●25-Mary Brown (89); Olive Jones, Jennifer Robertson; ●26-John Moore; ●28-Janie Dukes, Kaitlyn Hester; ●29-Jim Whisenant; ●30-Shane McMahan; ●31-Mandi Browder.

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

●Mrs. Emma Jo "Sally" Lewis, 74, Valley Head, 3/8
●Eloise Wright Burnette, 84, Mentone, 3/9
●Mrs. Annie Ruth Climer, 82, Mentone, 4/3

A memorial service will be held for Mrs. Annie Ruth Climer at a later date to be announced by the family.

Mrs. Frances Mallicoat is in DeKalb-BMC after being in an automobile accident recently. Keep her in your prayers as she recovers from her injuries.

Condolences to J.P. Nation who recently lost his Mentone home in a fire which destroyed everything in the house.

The May birthdays/anniversaries are also being included in this issue.

Happy May Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: ●1-Larken J. (Jr.) Bell; ●2-Megan Cooper (5); ●4-H.P. Goss; ●5-Slim Easter; ●6-Phil Harris; ●7-Helen Hill, Jerod Hulan, Jerrod Pelletier; ●8-James Wilborn, Connie (Hilliard) Clark; James Hawk, Thomas Brandon; ●9-Megan Smith, Juanita Hilliard; ●10-Matt Brandon, Miss Georgia McKown (94), Helen Hill, Junior and Donnie Bell; ●11-Eunice Strickland; ●12-Van Moore; ●13-Blake Hulan, Charlotte Roden; ●15-Trevor Lewis, Tyler Blansit, Shirley Collins, Ruby Gifford; ●17-Beth Moore, Melissa (Smith) Miller; ●20-Joyce (Worthey) Tate, Jessica McKentzie; ●22-Bobby Brown; ●23-Phyllis Canull, Lynn Owens, Becky Mays (16), Glen & Wanda Black (Anniv.); Nick and Annette Black (Anniv.); ●25-Jimmy Wright, Billy Wright, Clint Croston, Jackie Smith; ●28-Adriane Robertson; ●29-Barbara Hall, Debra (Bell) Cash, Ginger (Bell) Myers; ●30-Shelley Brown; ●31-Rodney Bell. I hope everyone has a happy Easter.





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By Jim McCray

On March 2, Sheriff Cecil Reed came to Mentone to meet with citizens concerned about the situation regarding Hayward Bissell. Mr. Bissell is the man charged with several crimes which occurred on County Road 641 in Mentone on January 23, 2000, during the ice storm.

Sheriff Reed began by praising the Mentone, Valley Head and Hammondville Police Departments for their work in apprehending Mr. Bissell. He also commended the DeKalb Ambulance Service and DeSoto Rescue Squad for their work in treating the injured.

Sheriff Reed told the group that Mr. Bissell had no connections to the area, no family, as was rumored. He explained that Mr. Bissell's journey had begun in Ohio and it is unknown why he ended up in this area.

A joint investigation between Alabama and Georgia authorities has resulted in Mr. Bissell being charged with three felonies in DeKalb County and accused of the crime of Murder in Georgia. Sheriff Reed explained that he did not know if charges had yet been filed in Georgia, but he was certain they would be forthcoming.

Sheriff Reed continued by saying that while Mr. Bissell was being held in the DeKalb County jail he caused many problems and disruptions. It was determined that he was in need of psychiatric treatment and an emergency commitment order was issued by Circuit Judge Randall Cole. Mr. Bissell was then transferred to Taylor Hardin Correctional Facility, which is a secure penitentiary type mental treatment facility. He remains at Taylor Hardin today and is being held under tight security awaiting his court appearance. When that appearance may be is unknown, but there is no chance of his being released in the foreseeable future. Mr. Bissell's only court appearance was a bond hearing in which he was denied bond. It is possible his case could be presented to the Grand Jury later this year. If indicted by the Grand Jury, he would not come to court until deemed mentally fit to stand trial. Sheriff Reed emphasized that Mr. Bissell is nowhere near getting out of jail.

While Sheriff Reed acknowledged that we should all be cautious in our daily lives, he pointed out that this was a freak incident that could happen anywhere and should not reflect on Mentone itself. Mentone is still a good, safe and close-knit community with a low crime rate and reliable law enforcement.

As terrible as this situation was, it should make us realize what good people Mentone has and how we all have pulled together to work through this.

Good Friday

The Mike and Tena Cryer Duo are back playing Old Standards of the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s at the Kountry Chef on certain Saturday nights. After a three year absence, they started Saturday, Feb. 26, and are excited to be back. Mike and Tena will be playing on the following Saturday nights: April 15, 22; May 27; June 24; July 8, 22; Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 9, 16, 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 11, 18; Dec. 15, 23.

A Friday and Saturday schedule of Gospel singing, Blue Grass-Twenties, and more, can be seen in the Kountry Chef. There is music for everyone.

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Studies show that children who have been enrolled in high quality programs tend to be more successful in school later. They tend to be more competent socially and emotionally and show higher verbal and intellectual development than children who have not had this opportunity.

The plans and goals of the Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center are to continue to strive for excellence in the delivery of the highest quality of care for the children in the program. Teachers undergo continuous training and are encouraged to avail themselves of every opportunity for professional growth.

Kay Hughes, Center Director, says several recent improvements include the opening of a Toddler Classroom (beginning at age 18 months), preparation of a Wobbler Classroom (12-18 months), the re-construction of the school-age program, and extending to two pre-Kindergarten classrooms and the repair of three playgrounds for the different age groups. For more information, call 845-0731.

The Fort Payne-Child Development Center has been a United Givers Fund of DeKalb County member agency since 1983. The Center is one of 12 agencies funded through the annual UGF campaign.



UNITED GIVERS FUND HELD ITS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Three new directors were elected to the UGF Board at the organization's annual membership meeting held on February 22. Ricky Little, Stephen Smith, and Scott Thompson were each elected for a 3-year term replacing retiring directors Randy Mitchell, Bob Proia, and Jeff Williams.

The UGF Board is an all-volunteer board made up of a diverse group of individuals from throughout the county who are responsible for establishing and overseeing policy and managing the affairs and funds of the organization. The 33-member board also includes Karen Albrecht, Russell Balvin, Scott Bateman, Randolph Bell, Philip Brown, Marcheta Chapman, Joyce Ciotia, Gene Cleckler, Lee Cobble, Ronnie Duncan, Steve Eberhart, Dean Fritz, Terry Gillis, Barry Higgins, Gwen Hill, Jim Houston, Sharon Hughes, Rick Kuhn, Chris Kuykendall, Herb Martin, Michael O'Dell, Mike Parker, Lynette Porter, Scott Ross, Wayne Smith, Linda Sterling, Anthony Vizzinia, Thomas Whitten, Sue Wills, and Gene Wright.

Following the election of directors, the annual audit was presented by Todd Shurey, of Borders and Associates, who reported another outstanding year for the organization.

Jonnie Justice, Executive Director of CASA, was presented with an engraved plaque from UGF in recognition and appreciation of her service as the 1999-2000 Campaign General Chairman.

New officers for the 2000-2001 year were then elected by the board. Jim Houston, with MetLife, will serve as President, Dr. Mike Parker, Vice-President, Gwen Hill, with Earth Grains, will serve as Treasurer, and Debra Dawson, UGF Secretary will serve as Board Secretary. These officers, along with Past President, Chris Kuykendall, and Executive Director, Barbara Turner, make up UGF's Executive Committee.

The newly-elected officers have already met and Mr. Houston has announced that he will be completing appointments to the Admissions & Review and Budget Committees by mid-March and an early campaign planning session has been set for mid-April.



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Cornerstone of Mentone United Methodist Church Opened

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raised his family and all of them are Christians. Five of his boys are preachers. What a wonderful heritage that is to leave to this lost world.

My brother is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. He loved the Lord and loved the church that Jesus purchased with his own blood.

I would like to pay tribute to the charter member mothers for their devout Methodist homes. Each family who had children either has a child or grandchild who is a minister. There are twelve ministers, one missionary, and one who is preparing to be a missionary who are descendants of the great Mentone Methodist Church charter members.

I would like to pay tribute to Mrs. James Huron, she was not a charter member--but was a faithful person to the church and a great Sunday School teacher.

The following are the pastors who served the Mentone Methodist Church. Rev. J. W. Reece, Rev. Tedder, Rev. H. C. Morrison, Rev. Hugh Jones, Rev. Pritchett, Rev. J. W. Cook, Rev. George Palmer, Rev. Joe Hurley, Rev. Steward, Rev. George Elliot, Rev. W. L. Groover, Rev. B. Netherland, Rev. Leonard, Rev. H.C. Larege, Rev. O. C. Morton, Rev. O. C. Hamby, Rev. Wallace Fowler, Rev. T. H. L. Jones, Rev. H. P. Hunter, Rev. Kitchens, Dr. Fred King, Rev. W. C. Goss, Rev. E. L. Brasher, Rev. Finn M. Crowe, Jr., Rev. Will Elrod, Rev. F. E. Crowe, Rev. A. H. Walden, Rev. Joe Pickett, Rev. Eddie Roberts, Rev. John K. Hall, and Rev. J. Paul Gilbreath. (End of article.)

Continuing of pastors. Rev. Von Baylor, Rev. Earl Black, Rev. John Anderson, Rev. Bobby J. Carter, Rev. James Elliott, Rev. Don Neal, Rev. Thomas Roberts, Rev. John Gates, Rev. R. D. Cook, Rev. Albert Satcher, Rev. James Robertson, Rev. Ira Gow, Rev. Don Carpenter, Rev. Brian Wyatt, Rev. Ann Q. Lohr, Rev. Malcolm Barrett, Rev. Jeff Adkins, Rev. Dennis Mays, Rev. David Lett, Rev. James Maxwell, Rev. W. R. Giddens, Rev. Linda Tucker.

All records were destroyed in a house fire in 1984. This is what is known by members.

The ground breaking for the Fellowship Hall was November 22,-1959.

The parsonage was built in 1965.

The playground was established in memory of Flora Seymour, in 1993.

The picnic shelter was built in 1998.

The tin was placed on the roof in 1999.

Presently, the steeple is in bad need of repair, but the height and costs are prohibitive. A very large and very old oak tree was removed from the front of the church on March 24, 2000. This area will be graded and mixed with chert and gravel to become a parking lot. The tree was badly damaged from an ice storm on January 22, 2000 and the loose limbs were dangerous.

Those attending this historical event were: Floyd Crowe, William Crowe, James Crowe, Richard Crowe, Doris Crowe Hughes, and Betty Crowe Hunter, children of Finn and Belle Crowe, and three grandchildren, Tom Crowe and Jim Crowe, sons of Edmond Crowe, and Roger Hunter, son of Betty Ruby Shigley Daniel, granddaughter of Rev. J.N. Shigley, Bobbie Hildebrand, daughter of Ruby, and her husband Bud, Carrie Ruth Kirby, Catherine Bailey, Ovie and Barbara Blalock, Jimmy and Barbie Hester, and children Jennifer, Brittany, and Tyler,

Robert and Linda Brown, Carol, Alex and Kayla Hazell, Ann Wright, Karen, Kelly, Paige, and Brooke Wright, Marie Dillenbeck and mother, Dorothy Sheldon, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Barbara, Sarah, Megan, and Michael Petersen; Carl and Teresa Jones, Mildred Price, Donna Crowe and Ashley Hendricks, wife and daughter of Jim Crowe, and Brenda Crowe wife of Tom Crowe, James and Pat Russell and son Ronnie Russell.

From Zora Shay Strayhorn's Mentone, Alabama: a history

MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

When the United Methodist Church in Mentone was organized around 1892, it was called the Mentone Methodist Episcopal Church North. In 1938 several Methodist churches formed the Methodist Church. Again in 1968 a merger changed the name to the United Methodist Church.

The Reverend J. W. Reece organized the church, probably in early 1892. At that time Sunday School was held at the home of Henry Rilette, near the present site of Mentone Inn. Mr. Reece preached there Sunday afternoons. Early church records were destroyed by fire, but it is believed the charter members were Ed Mason, George Washington Crowe, Mary King Crowe, Mary King, Harry Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sproule, the Reverend John Nelson Shigley, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reece, Lily Reece, and Annie Reece.

A hand-written deed in the church shows that Ed Mason deeded land on Cutler Avenue for the church. He not only paid for and built the foundation and the tower, he owned a sawmill near the covered bridge, to which other church members brought logs from their land to the mill to be cut at no cost. In a cooperative effort, various members paid for building materials and built the church.

Charter member George Washington Crowe came from Tennessee and married Mary King. Charter member John Nelson Shigley, a retired Methodist minister, was from Manistee, Michigan. His wife Eleanor died in 1883 and her funeral was the first held in the church. Charter member Mary King was the mother of Luke and Pluma King and Mary King Crowe. Henry Gillette was son of Caroline Gillette Mason, the second Mrs. John Mason. The Sproules were early settlers from Ireland. Lily and Annie Reece were aunts of Leonard Reece. Members of the family of Roscoe Brown (son of C. C.) have remained active in the church: Catherine Brown Bailey, Raymond, Carrie Ruth Brown Kirby, Gerald, Carlton and Sara Brown Harris.

The Crows have remained active. Grandchildren recall going to clean the church with grandmother Mary King Crowe, who always knelt for prayer before leaving, making certain a bouquet of flowers was placed on the altar for the Sunday services. In the cornerstone the members placed a Bible, a Discipline, silver coins, and a list of charter members. Four sons of Finn and Belle Keith Crowe became ordained Methodist ministers: Finn, Jr., Charles, Floyd, and Edmond.

Mentone United Methodist Church

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Most likely the first fulltime minister was John Paul Gilbreath. A parsonage was eventually built near the church. Because of the Methodist policy of steady rotation of ministers, a variety of clergy have served in Mentone. During the time of the Centennial, the minister was the Reverend Ann Q. Lohr.

(End of article.)

Mentone United Methodist Church pastor, Rev. Linda Tucker was unable to attend the opening of the cornerstone because she gave birth to her first child on Friday, March 31. James Russell from Fort Payne officiated at the ceremony following a covered dish luncheon at the fellowship hall.

The contents of the cornerstone were found to be three small books: a Methodist hymnal, a Bible, and a Book of Discipline. A V nickel with the date 1894 was also included. The metal box containing these items books had disintegrated, and the condition of the books was such that they fell apart when you touched them.

The children attending the ceremony were extremely excited throughout the opening of the cornerstone and the examining of the contents. This will be an event they will long remember and pass on to their own children.

Following the opening of the cornerstone, the Crowe family invited everyone into the sanctuary for some gospel singing.

In order to replace a time capsule, the cornerstone will have to be enlarged. The objects to be included are: a list of the present members; history of the church; Holy Bible, favorite hymns; and items reflecting the year 2000.



**Photographs of some
of the attendees**

(not all are pictured)

Photos by Marie Dillenbeck



Close up of contents of cornerstone



Alex Hazell, Tyler Hester, Brittany Hester,
Kayla Hazell, Jim Russell officiating at
the ceremony, and Bobby Brown

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE- RESCUE EVENTS

BAKE SALE TO BE HELD

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE-RESCUE will hold a sale of fresh baked homemade "goodies" on April 15, beginning at 10:00 AM. Come early for the best choices. The sale will be held in Cloudland, GA, at 3 locations: AAA Hardware, the Trade Center, and Mtn. Top Country Store.

Please stop by early to drop off baked items to sell. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the April 22 Easter Egg Hunt. All good cooks in our community are encouraged to donate their favorite baked goods.

EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT TRI-COUNTY FIRE- RESCUE

The Easter Bunny will attend an Easter Egg Hunt at Tri-County Volunteer Fire-Rescue on Saturday, April 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (GA time). The activities will take place at the headquarters on GA highway 48 at the GA-AL state line.

A prize of \$25 will be given to the finder of the Golden Egg, and \$10 to the child who finds the most eggs. There will be refreshments for everyone.

Contact persons for the event are:
Chief Taylor Adams (706-862-6515)
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L/R: Morgana MacVicar and Fayann Schmidt, resident potters at Mountain Mamas MOUNTAIN MAMAS OPENS 6th SEASON By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Store opened March 25th for its sixth 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. Morgana MacVicar and Fayann Schmidt are our resident potters. Fayann specializes in making the pottery pieces and Morgana in decorating them. Together they produce beautiful and functional bowls, plates, pitchers, and other serving pieces.

Fayann makes each piece either at her pottery wheel or by hand building, using either slab, coil, or pinch pot techniques. She is experimenting this year in molds to find ways of increasing production. She would also like to be able to create more one-of-a-kind art pieces.

Morgana decorates each piece using a very old technique called majolica. After each piece is fired once, it is dipped in an opaque white

glaze, painted with colored stains, and then refired to produce brightly colored designs. She specializes in a variety of fruits and flowers, and custom designs. Her majolica tiles are one-of-a-kind art pieces and make fantastic affordable gifts.

For the past five years, the pottery has been made at Mountain Mamas shop. This year, they have a new studio at home that allows them to work more and varied hours. Their pottery will still be featured at Mountain Mamas along with other potters from the area. They will be staffing the store on some weekends.

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). They are presently building their earth-sheltered home and hope to move in before next winter. 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 woodworking shop. You probably could guess that Ellen and Mary Alice make the mountain cabin and gourd birdhouses for sale at Mountain Mamas. Mary Alice collects the roots and paints the authentically looking snakes. 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. If homemade bread and butter pickles or relish are favorites of yours, wait 'til you try Mary Alice's!

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 are 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.

Jean Adele is an absent owner, as she is currently serving as grandmother and nanny to her small grandchildren in Penn. She owns property on the mountain and hopes to be spending more time here, this year. 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. There will be several activities scheduled during the summer—both demonstrations of various craft-making and short workshops. Watch for announcements of these in future issues of *The Groundhog*.

For further information, contact Mary Alice Stout at 706-862-2142.

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By Christina Wise

The March 14 meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Mentone Community House by President Dallyne Jones. The club was privileged to have Sister Deborah Kennedy, of our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, present to give the devotional. Sister Kennedy is a much loved and admired member of the community who has a smile and a comforting word that can bring sunshine to the dreariest of winter days. She read a prayer called "The Canticle of Creation," which had been written by St. Francis of Assisi. This ancient prayer was inspirational and very appropriate for a garden club, given the strong relationship of St. Francis with the creator of nature.

Vice President Mackey Gough introduced the speaker who was Kay Scruggs. Kay is a master gardener and her subject was Plant Disease. Mrs. Scruggs called her program, "Millennial Milestones in Plant Disease." She started off by saying that plant diseases have been around for a long time and were even mentioned in the Bible. There are references to blight and mildew in several places in the scriptures.

The introduction of the microscope and the discoveries of Koch and Pasteur in the realms of micro organisms were all major milestones in the understanding of plant disease. Pasteur, for instance, established that fungus was a cause, rather than a result, of plant disease and he developed the Bordeaux mixture, which, to this day, is used to destroy fungi. Organisms which cause disease in plants are viruses, bacteria, fungi, and nematodes. Conditions necessary for such organisms to flourish and cause damage are primarily mild temperatures and moisture. So Alabama is an ideal location!

Mrs. Scruggs advocated the natural approach to controlling plant disease wherever possible, and the use of chemicals only as a last resort. Disease can occur from the time a seed is planted until the vegetable is eaten. It is important to identify the condition quickly so that control practices can be established to prevent excessive losses.

Some natural strategies to prevent plant disease are:

1. Promote healthy plants by fertilizing well and using correct watering techniques. Strong plants are less likely to succumb.
2. Irrigate a garden by trickling water between rows of vegetables and do not sprinkle the leaves, as this encourages disease problems.
3. Establish a system of crop rotation so that the same vegetables are not grown in the same beds year after year.
4. Where possible, train growth upwards using trellises or cages, the less fruit/soil contact the better.
5. Maintain a clean garden area by removing old brush and weeds in a timely fashion.

At the end of her presentation, Kay fielded many questions from the floor.

The hostesses were Patti Bryan, Mary Crowe and Karen Wright. The table was brightly decorated in a St. Patrick's Day theme, and delicious green punch was served with a tantalizing array of finger food.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Christina Wise. The minutes were accepted as written. Peggy Roark gave the Treasurer's report and reminded the membership that dues are payable at the next meeting.

Under old business, members were reminded that April 17 is work day at Moon Lake School, and all were encouraged to come along and lend a hand. Patti Bryan passed out photographs of the school yard "before and after" to show just how much progress has been made since the club first started helping to establish a yard around the school. Rocks are now needed for this garden, and Betty Chapman offered some from close to her home.

Volunteers were sought to act as hostesses at the Home and Garden Show in Rainsville Civic Center on March 19th, 1:30-3 p.m. Linda Brown and Christina Wise will represent the club in this capacity.

Under new business, a motion was passed for the club to make a donation in honor of Arbor Day to the Arbor Foundation. The club received a donation in memory of Eloise Burnett, Ann Wright's mother-in-law. The club gratefully accepted this touching gesture.

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs will hold its Spring Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., on April 29th, at Mimvale Baptist Church Family Life Center. The cost will be \$10, and all members were encouraged to make arrangements to attend. The Rhododendron Garden Club will donate door prizes for the luncheon of two bird houses. Jim Jones has volunteered to build these for the club.

The Rhododendron Garden Club has been invited to meet in the new Boy Scout Hall, and it was decided to hold the July meeting in that location.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs.

The next meeting is April 11, at 12:30 p.m., at the Community House. Dr. Bill Berry will give the devotional. Hostesses will be Sue Schwarz, Hope Walker, and Diane Kuehl. Dorothy Cyr will present the program, Gardening for Health.

E. Travis 'E.T.' York featured as one of the 50

"area residents in Gainesville, FL, who helped shape a century."

Printed from the article that ran in *The Gainesville Sun* in the February 20, 2000, Sunday issue, by Carrie Mille

From humble beginnings as "an Appalachian mountain hillbilly," E. Travis "E.T." York has become one of Gainesville's most distinguished adopted sons.

One of the first 12 "Great Floridians" designated by the Museum of Florida History, York is most well-known here as chancellor emeritus of the State University System, as the founder of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and for his numerous civic contributions.

But he is also a national leader in the fight against world hunger, and has served six U.S. presidents promoting agricultural development around the globe. He continues to serve as chairman of the board for the International Fertilizer Development Center, which has offices around the world.

Born in 1922 at his family's home near Mentone, Ala., York earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from Auburn University and a doctorate in soil science from Cornell. In between, he served as a field artillery officer during World War II.

He moved to Gainesville in 1963 to take a job as provost for agriculture at the University of Florida after working as administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Extension Service and director of Auburn's Cooperative Extension Service.

As provost for agriculture at UF, York launched a fundamental restructuring, bringing the College of Agriculture, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service under one larger organization, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Numerous other land-grant universities across the country modeled the structure.

Over the next 11 years, he became UF's vice president for agricultural affairs, executive vice president and interim president before assuming the chancellorship of the State University System in 1975, serving until 1980.

In his autobiography, "A Wonderful Journey," York wrote that his most satisfying experience as chancellor was securing funding increases to enhance the quality of the state's universities, including special funding for university Centers of Excellence, Eminent Scholars and library resources, among other things.

Throughout his career, York remained interested and involved in issues of international agriculture and world hunger. While still State University System chancellor, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development. President Ronald Reagan later reappointed him as chairman of that board, which was created by Congress to strengthen universities' support of U.S. agricultural development worldwide.

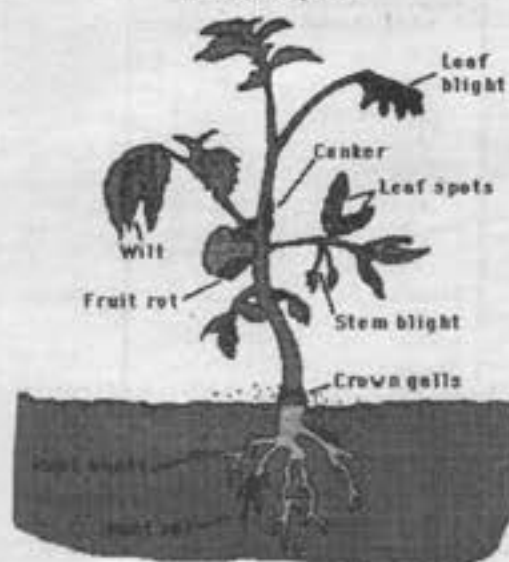
A travel veteran of more than 80 countries, York has led several presidential missions related to agriculture or education, and has chaired or served on the board of numerous other international food and development organizations, including the select Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. In addition to Carter and Reagan, York received appointments from presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon.

But for all his international involvement, most Gainesville residents are more familiar with York's contributions in his own community, including his role in founding Gainesville's Volunteer Center and his lead role in raising \$4 million to build Hospice House. He and Vam, his wife of 54 years, are also known for their successful real estate developments, Kemwood, Valwood and Mentone (in Florida).

About the article in *The Gainesville Sun*, Mr. York "felt very honored to be among this group." Mr. York was born in the York family home, which was adjacent to Camp Alpine, some six miles south of Mentone. His father was the rural mail carrier at Mentone for some 30 years. He graduated from high school in Valley Head in 1939, and then went away to college when he was sixteen. E.T. never lived in the DeKalb County area again, but he frequently returns to visit with his friends and family. He said, "I am extremely proud of my Lookout Mountain heritage." Today, his civic and business interests keep him busy.

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Easter





A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Spring has sprung at last, she is greening and preening and growing up fast. Red bud lines her stems with lovely amethyst gems adorning her limbs. (I don't know who named it "red," it isn't!) Forsythia glows with arches of golden rows, radiantly grows! Jonquils lift their cups in a golden toast to Spring, while they strut and dance. It is a beautiful time and I could go on and on!

School children have had a week off to enjoy. **Kenneth and Carol Busby** chaperoned the exchange students on a trip to Daytona Beach, FL.

Elliott Yamada's Spring break was from March 6th -10th. He went to Colorado to his uncle's place to ski. **Camilla**, his sister, went from March 27th-31st, also to ski in Colorado.

Emmy Ricketts brought her children, **Lucy, John, and Polly**, from Tuscaloosa, to visit her parents, **Jim and Doris Carmichael**. They went to Chattanooga and walked across the Walnut St. bridge. They went to the Imax Theater and also rode the carousel at Coolidge Park. Grandparents, mother and children all enjoyed the day immensely!

With Spring break, **Linda Blackburn** flew in from Orange Park, AL to spend several days with her parents, **Bill and Dot Blackburn**.

Ruth, Bert, and Billie Pickett spent several days in Destin, FL, then went on down to Panama City to visit Ruth's brother, **Lewis Card**, and wife. This was the birthday celebration for all three, as Bert's was March 23, Billie's, April 1, and Ruth's, April 2.

Ed Ringer went to Florence, MS, March 24, to help his nephew (his namesake), **Edward Spencer Ringer**, celebrate his birthday. He is the son of David and Susan Ringer. Ed went from there to Montgomery to attend the 28th Annual Retired Teachers' Meeting.

Doris and Jim Carmichael visited **Elaine Johnson** and children in Dothan, AL, then went to Orlando, FL, for three days. They came back by Bainbridge, GA, and spent the night with **Jack McGlinchey**, a former resident of Valley Head.

Venna Livingston's brother, **Woodrow Young**, from Gadsden, spent the day with her, and they drove to Sand Mountain and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and flowers.

My son, **Barry Brown**, his wife, **Emily** and I, drove to Chattanooga Funeral Home last Wednesday, for the death of **Gwendolyn Tribble**. She was my mother-in-law (Thelma Brown's) niece. We came back by Dade Health and Rehabilitation Center to see our cousin, **Bill Brown**.

Eight members of the **Sunshine Club--Vernice Hawkins, Susie Clark, Evelyn Clark, Ruth Pickett, Billie Harper, Gladys Cobble, Lillie Bowden, and I--enjoyed** lunching at Cansano's Italian Kitchen at Henagar, March 23.

Mildred Ladd is at Crowne Nursing Home. We hope she will have better days.

Bill Blackburn suffered a painful shoulder injury in a fall at his home.

Velma Hammond also suffered a painful fall at her home. We hope a quick recovery for all who have fallen. There have been so many this winter.

Congratulations to **Kelly and Rodney Broyles** on the birth of their son, **Thomas Parker Broyles**, born March 7, weighing 9 lbs, 7 oz and 21" long. Sarah and Ronnie (Coach) Haushalter are his proud grandparents.

Congratulations to **Alan Ellis Biddle**, of Trussville AL, formerly of Valley Head. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Sanford University in Birmingham, Dec. 18, 1999, with a Master of Business Administration degree. He graduated from Valley Head High School in 1978 and received a degree of Business Administration from Troy State University and a BS Degree in Computer Information System from Derry University in Dallas, TX. He spent three years in the Army, two years in Korea as an MP Investigator. He is employed by Natural Gas Co. in Birmingham. He is married to the former **Lisa Mann** of Lotus Fork, AL. He is the son of **Adelaide Biddle** of Dallas, GA, and the late **Byron L. Biddle**, both formerly of Valley Head.

Congratulations to **Jessica Barrier**. She is semi-finalist in Nature Category of internal Open Amateur Photography contest and will be automatically entered into the final competition qualifying her for a grand prize of \$10,000 if she wins. Her photo will be published in a book, "Rainbows End", scheduled for publication in Winter 2000. Her parents are **Rebecca and Bo Bealer Barrier**, grandparents are **Floyd and Billie Harper**.

Zachariah Johnson, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head, has graduated from One Station Unit training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, MO. The course of instruction included basic military training and advanced individual training.

Congratulations to **Anna Nicole Rievey**, who was honored by the Optimist Club of Fort Payne as an outstanding Youth. She is the daughter of **Lisa O'Tinger**.

Congratulations to **Amanda Hall and Candace Fuller** for being chosen by **The Times-Journal's** All-DeKalb County Girls' Basketball second team, also **Justin Grider, Samantha Rhodes, Matt Turner, and Crystal**, winners in the U.D.C. coloring contest; and all other achievers.

I had the pleasure of attending an interesting meeting of the **Woman's Club** at the home of **Dot Blackburn** on Mar. 15. The hostesses served lovely refreshments to about 25 attending. The hostesses were **Dot, Inelle Hurt, Doris Carmichael, and Martha Gibson**. The speaker was **Ron Hildreth**, who gave a very interesting presentation of his trip to England in search of his "roots." He showed pictures of relatives he found and the different landscapes. We should all be interested in genealogy and our ancestors before they all disappear.

Enjoy this beautiful Springtime. Everyone gets the planting fever. I wish I could dig and plant. My yard is pretty with tiny wild flowers and sprinkled in gold with dandelions. Yes, I think they are pretty!

Happy Easter to everyone.

As Jesus Christ Died

As Jesus Christ died,
the sun hid its face,
And the whole earth cried
for its Lord's disgrace.

Earth trembled in quake
stormy anger spoke
And the rocks did shake,
as Jesus' heart broke.

Darkness shrouded all,
hiding grief and shame,
in merciful pall
blotting out the blame

In the temple's inner place
the dividing veil
to the holiest place
its entrance to curtain,

Was ripped apart,
so all might enter in
with repentant heart
and get forgiveness from sin.

The presence of God
was open to man,
no dividing rod
was part of His plan

As Jesus Christ died
for our sins and strife,
the door opened wide
offering eternal life.

---Eloise Brown

The Mystical April Rain

The mystical April rain
like shimmering cellophane
softly stokes my window pane.

It lulls me to peace from strain,
then wakes me to life, to gain
all beauty's exquisite pain.

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

Earth its mirth cannot restrain,
it bursts forth in glad refrain,
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 preordain--
resurrection to obtain.

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magic man cannot explain--
in mystical April rain.

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Matthew Terrell

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Matthew and Jacob Terrell, students at the University of Alabama, returned from Tuscaloosa to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mike and Barbara Terrell, of Valley Head. Both young men are excellent students and returned with grade point averages of 3.2 or higher. Matthew completed his first semester and Jacob is a junior. Both are majoring in International Business Management.

Jacob is pursuing a minor in Japanese language and also studied Korean and Arabic this year. Jacob received a high honor when he was awarded a scholarship to study in South Korea at the University of Pusan for a semester beginning in February. Along with the scholarship he was designated a "Capstone International Scholar" and provided with a separate

alumni scholarship to assist with airfare to Korea. Next fall, Jacob is scheduled to attend Kan Sai Gai Dai University at Osaka, Japan for a year. By the time he returns home he expects to be fluent in the Japanese language. He hopes to attend law school after graduation.

In addition to an International Management degree, Matthew is pursuing a major in the Spanish language and hopes to study in Spain prior to his graduation.

Both young men attended Valley Head school briefly prior to transferring to Fort Payne to take advantage of the increased opportunities. Understandably, their parents are very proud of their accomplishments.



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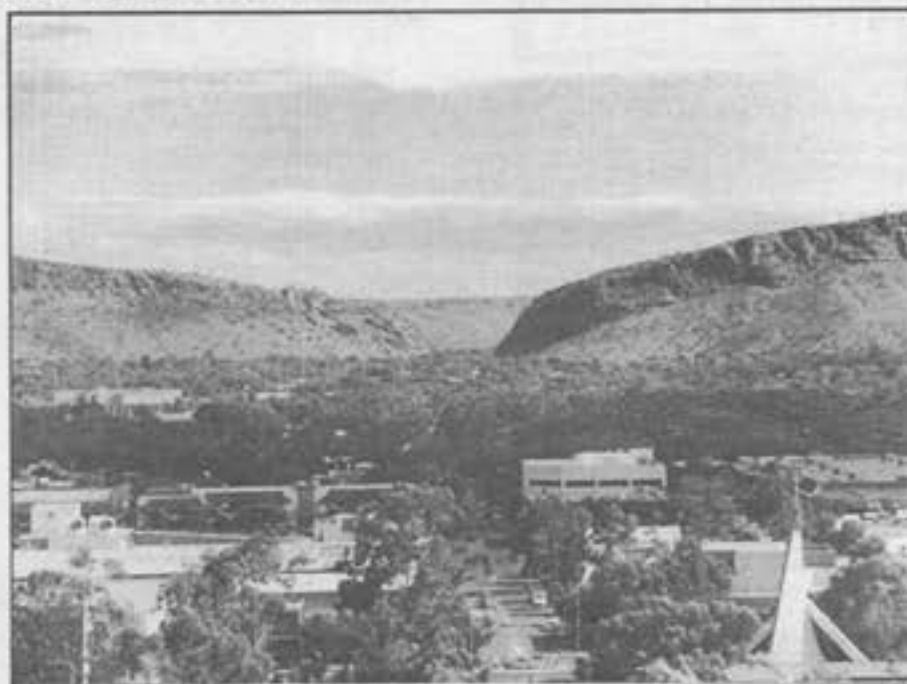
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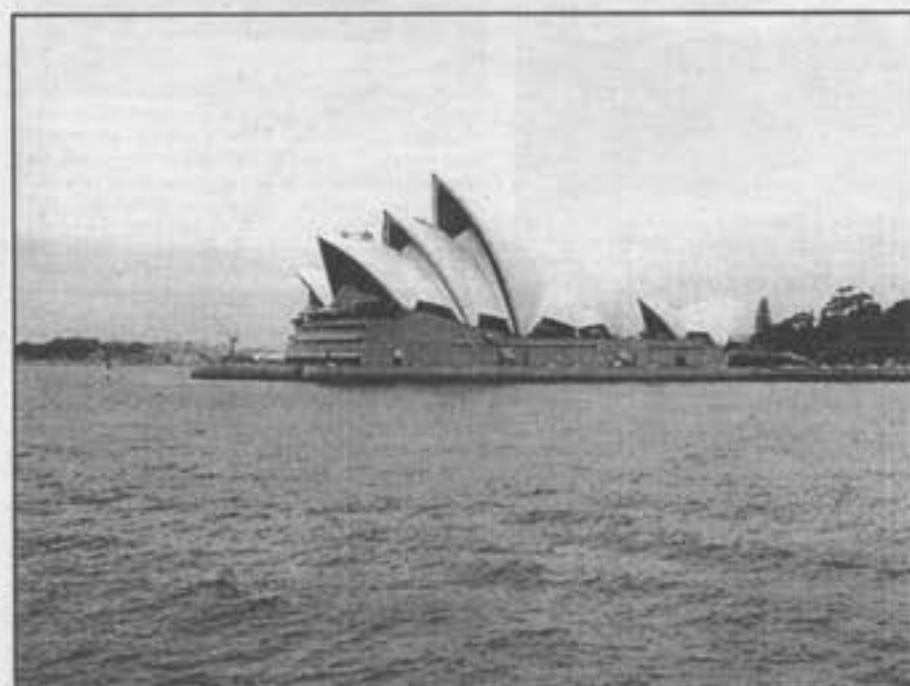
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The Town of Alice Springs



Sydney Bridge



Sydney Opera House

A Short Look At T

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Here, bath water exits the tub "anti-clockwise," as the Australians say, and there the water goes out clockwise. The Australians have the most wonderful system of divided buttons as opposed to handles on their toilets. Depending on how much flushing the situation demands, one presses—they do not mash their buttons—either the more half or the less half.

The biggest thing the week I arrived in Melbourne was the Australian Grand Prix. That was run after we had left Melbourne, and Schumacher, from Germany, won it. We were shown the sights of Melbourne in the dark. I fear they looked better that way. Admittedly, Melbourne does look a bit tawdry in the daylight—much as if it is losing the battle with dirt and dilapidation—but Sydney is getting a facelift because of the Olympics.

We went down to Phillip Island to see the world's smallest penguins—about a foot high—come out of the ocean and retire to their burrows in the sand dunes. The Australians have to go south to the colder latitudes, whereas we have to go north. The temperature that evening was cool at Phillip Island, and the wind was blowing so hard that I felt continuously like I was about to be snatched bald-headed by it.

The Australians are quite proud of their burgeoning wine industry. We went to two different wineries, and the process of making wine was extremely interesting. In the old days, roses were planted at the ends of the rows of grapes to warn the landowners of problems; the roses would manifest disease much quicker than the grapevines. Now, the landowners still plant the roses primarily to tell at a glance which kind of grapes are planted in each row. We were given a chance to taste the Australian wines, and I found them to be entirely too dry—that means just plain sour—for my taste.

They served wine with barbecue. In order to qualify as real barbecue, the meat has to be pork, but the Australians have not discovered that yet. With no sign of sauce, they served great gobs of bloody beef that was quite well done by their standards. Even at that, for the most part, their food was pretty good. I admit I had to get used to the idea of serving mushrooms with pancakes and having pork and beans served with breakfast. In general, the Australians are not big on dessert, and that bothered some in my tour group. It amazed me how foods that we did not even recognize were served at breakfast for the benefit of the many Japanese tourists, but they elected to eat more American foods instead. American clothes were popular with the Japanese tourists too, and everybody watched American television programs.

In Melbourne, when I asked for iced tea, the waitress got it for me without comment or question. She had lived in Meridian, Mississippi, for a year as a child. When the Asian waiter took my order for iced tea, he very doubtfully asked the dining room supervisor if it was all right for me to drink it that way. She most firmly maintained that it was. I am not sure he believed her.

At Alice Springs, I ordered iced tea, and the waiter came back to ask me if I really wanted ice in my tea or if I just wanted it cool enough not to burn me. I told him I wanted a glass of tea with ice—lots of ice—in it, and he brought a tea cup with ice and tea in it. When I told him I wanted to drink it the way we did in God's country in Alabama, the bewildered little waiter said, "Madam, this is God's country!" When I finally got it explained to him what I wanted, he brought it out and said, "I have learned a new skill." After that, I simply ordered half a cup of tea, a glass of ice water, and a glass of ice. Then, I would pour the water in the tea, because I wanted to drink it—not paint a barn with it. In Sydney, the waiter brought my ice, water, and tea just as I had asked for them and had to watch what I was going to do with all that stuff.

The moon fills from the wrong side in Australia. At Ayres Rock, we had an evening of star gazing in which a young woman, who was well versed in astronomy, did an excellent commentary. That was the first time I could remember having seen the Milky Way to actually know what it was, and I enjoyed seeing those constellations that I had only read about. Even I recognized the Southern Cross and Orion's Belt. There were other constellations that had to be pointed out to us.

I loved Alice Springs and Ayres Rock in spite of the flies that nearly made us crazy. They have something like 27,000 people at Alice Springs and a climate where my arthritis did not hurt and my sinuses drained normally. The only regret I have about the Australian bush country is that I did not go there thirty years ago to live.

Earlier this year, there had been a yearly rainfall at Alice Springs and the usually dry country. They have places (where they are called "beach buggies") that have no water in it ten months of the year. The countryside is where washing loose, blue flooding is over and the wet red dirt off the highway, a particularly well kept compen to be. However, the price is high.

At Alice Springs, we visited the School of the Air. Both are highly successful. In the school, their people, and their children do, but, in the remote of miles between where they are provided. Therefore, the high frequency radio. The body seems to have much to imagine. Three times each to have classes together. The names with the voices the radio. Elementary school supervision on the remote is a matter of either board.

The Flying Doctors Service. The government gives each family containing 100 different. When somebody is serious the high frequency radio. The doctor and/or a nurse-dependent instructs them exactly what the flight nurses and/or doctor care of it and/or airlift the thing about that whole. For those people on the remote system work.

The Australians have a wear wide brim hats to protect up on the side. The men are more comfortable dressed beautiful legs they want to water is safe to drink. In health laws there or just how remote the places are clean and well stocked with.

Tourism is the second biggest of the Australian dollar is by the day. There are lots down there these days, yet to the Japanese. The German tours are being offered in paths with a German speaker.

There are some 650 different only eat some 20 kinds. The bark year round. Certain and make baskets out of it. It is called the Mountain / I actually touched it to be.

At Ayres Rock, we went to see the rock up close. The Ayres Rock (as well as the others) flew over in a helicopter around the base on the top. Riding around the base of the Australians say "coals" climbed up a few feet or more taken.

It is also a big deal to see the sun set on those huge pictures of the subtle changes. One night, we had a



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Well, April is fast approaching, and I really enjoy the foods that are readily available to us this time of year. I especially enjoy asparagus, and my sister-in-law shared a great recipe with me that I am passing on to you for Cream of Asparagus Soup. The second recipe is for potato salad. It is one that my friend Loretta shared with me and is quite simple. You can use regular or light mayonnaise with it. I have found that sometimes the light mayonnaise needs a little water or milk to thin it. I hope you enjoy these favorites of mine and also take time to enjoy this lovely spring weather.

LORETTA'S POTATO SALAD - Loretta Breasealle

2 Pounds red potatoes cooked, cooled and cut into bite-sized pieces

1/2 Cup green onions chopped.

DRESSING:

1 Cup mayonnaise

1 T mustard (Dijon or plain)

1 T vinegar (If you enjoy balsamic or specialty vinegars, try some of them.)

1 hard boiled egg, chopped

1-1/2 teaspoon dried dill

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Combine potatoes and green onions in a bowl. Combine ingredients for dressing and add to the potatoes. Enjoy.

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP - Dorothy Hewlett

1 pound fresh asparagus

3-1/2 C chicken broth

4 T butter or margarine

4 T flour

1/2 C light cream

1/2 t salt

black pepper to taste

Trim asparagus and cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Cook until tender (12-15 minutes) in chicken broth. Drain, reserving the broth. Melt butter or margarine in deep saucepan, add flour, and stir to prevent lumps; then, gradually add chicken broth which has been drained from asparagus (stirring until thick and smooth). When mixture has thickened, add cream and asparagus. Makes 4 servings.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

So far, the month of March has not brought us any damaging elements in the weather even though the temperatures have been wonderfully cool, unlike last year's, but that is purported to change as they are predicting less than average rainfall for spring this year, which I hope does not turn out to be true.

All the usual spring bulbs, shrubs, and various other flowers are in full bloom down in the valley and are beginning to do the same here up on the mountain top, which makes it look so beautiful. It also reminds me of why I don't want to leave here and go and settle with the rest of my relatives in Australia now that my boys are just about grown and soon will be leaving home. I find it hard to even think of leaving Alabama, it has become my home away from home, as I have now lived here for the last 18 years. I reckon that my roots have sunk as deep as any of the native trees to Alabama. It would be hard to try and up-root myself now and start over again in some other country, but there is no telling what will happen in the future.

This year, we also see the efforts of the government (ladybugs) to combat the blight to the local pine trees that has been plaguing Alabama for the past few years. This year, there seems to be a huge amount of them, and we seem to be crunching them underfoot all the time now—the poor things; and ladybugs are considered to be "good bugs."

I have come across some really amusing tips and would love to pass them on. So, here goes.

1. Wake up lazy, sleeping house plants by placing them on top of your radio, CD or stereo player. The vibrations will keep their circulation moving faster than "Elvis's hips."

2. Give pests the hot feet by turning up the heat. Try mixing one tablespoon of hot mustard—the hotter the better—in one quart of warm water, shake vigorously, then lightly mist spray vegetables and flower plants at the first sign of trouble.

3. Energize your tired old roses by feeding them rotten bananas. Just work the fruit and peel in around the soil around the base of the plants. The potassium in the fruit and peel will give your roses a power-packed boost.

4. Wet, rainy weather can leave us with strawberries and various other small fruits with a bad case of fungus. To keep that at bay, use this tonic: 1 cup chamomile tea, 1 teaspoon liquid dish soap, 1 teaspoon salad oil, and 1 teaspoon peppermint oil. Mix all in one gallon of warm water and spray mist your plants one week or so before the real hot weather sets in.

5. "Rough" up slugs by using worn out sand paper. Cut a slit and lay it down like a collar around the plant stems.

6. Keep pets from tramping your plants by dusting with a mix of equal parts of mothballs and crushed, dried red pepper in and around the beds.

7. For lawns, give them a dose of sweet lawn tonic by combining one half cup of molasses; one can of beer and one cup of liquid dish soap in a twenty gallon hose-end sprayer, filling the balance of the container with ordinary household ammonia and spray your lawn with it once a month.

8. Pump up your plants with a little iron. Mix one cup hydrated lime, one cup liquid iron, and one cup baby shampoo in a twenty gallon sprayer, and spray your plants to the point of run-off.

9. If you have a fish bowl or aquarium, don't overlook one of the best fertilizers money can buy—and it's free. The next time you clean out the bowl or aquarium, dump the water on your plants for a fishy treat of natural nutrients.

10. For a Johnny-on-the-spot weed killer, try using some vinegar—no harsh chemicals here, but just this natural solution. Spot kill weeds with one ounce of gin (rubbing alcohol will do, too) and one ounce of vinegar mixed with eight ounces of water.

11. Want whopper tomatoes? I reckon we all do! Try mixing up a batch of this soil energizing formula before planting your beds. You will need 5 pounds of earthworm castings; one half pound of epsom salts, and a half cup of instant tea. Put one cup of this mix into the bottom of each planting hole, also, throw in a clean, un-used diaper to hold moisture for the roots during the dry spell.

12. For more of a boost to your plants, try the old fashioned nutrient of chicken bones. Be sure to clean all the flesh off first. Then, dry them in the microwave, pound them into smithereens, and work them in around the base of the plants.

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL!

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Rod Hildreth, Doris Carmichael, and Dot Blackburn

The Valley Head Woman's Club

By Flo Kirby

The Valley Head Woman's Club met on March 15 at the lovely home of Dot Blackburn. The meeting was called to order by President Evelyn Graves. The following guests were recognized and welcomed: Bernise Crow, Kristy Rastall, Eloise Brown, and Elizabeth Ellis.

Devotional was given by Inelle Hurt reading from Genesis 1 and Matthew 1. These scriptures dealt with genealogy from the beginning of Jesus' time.

Inelle introduced Rod Hildreth who spoke on the topic, "Uncovering Our Roots." Mr. Hildreth is from Montevallo, graduated from the University of Alabama, and retired from Plainview High as a teacher.

On the subject of searching for ancestors, he told of his search in England—specifically in Cornwall. He began by searching records first in the United States and then in London at St. Catherine's (a genealogical library). He found his family farm and family members along the Cornwall coast. He traced his line back to 1189 A.D.

Mr. Hildreth showed several photographs of the relatives he had discovered, along with pictures of his ancestral farm house. He painted a vivid picture of present day life in the parish where his forebears originated and told of the Easter Sunday service he had attended in the 12th century parish church there. He partook that day of communion wine from the communal chalice which had

been given to the church by King Charles II in the 1600s.

The hostesses were Dot Blackburn, Doris Carmichael, Velma Hammond and Martha Gibson. A bountiful table had been prepared and the refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The roll was called and there were 14 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after some minor corrections accepted as written. During the business portion of the meeting, it was announced that the Spring Luncheon will be on the 17th of May at 12 noon at Nippersink Lodge.

Sue Hamilton, Chairman of the Education Committee, passed along information that \$300 will be given to Valley Head and Moon Lake Schools, respectively, for their libraries. She also expressed her thanks to Susan Hooks, Ruth Hammon, and Helen Longshore for their help with the current year's essay competition. Dr. Berry and Norma Hulkan will be invited to the spring Luncheon, at which time the library donations will be presented to them for their respective schools.

The Club prepared the lunch for senior citizens in Mentone at the MERF Community House on Wednesday, March 22. Marilyn Knight, Evelyn Graves, and Christina Wise volunteered for this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

VEGAN RECIPE

Vegetable Soup

Submitted by Sharyn Mahoney

- 1 T olive oil
- 1 lg. onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 T dried parsley
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 lg potatoes, chopped
- 1 can whole kernel corn, undrained
- 1 can green beans
- 1 can stewed tomatoes, lightly chopped
- 1 cup chopped cabbage
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 T beef-style seasoning
- 1 C beef-style chunks (optional)
- alphabet macaroni

Combine all ingredients, except macaroni. Slowly cook until vegetables are done. Add cooked macaroni just before completed cooking. Refrigerate overnight to let flavors combine.

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HEALTH NUGGET Cholesterol Barney

By Dowe Foreman

Although I have written on the subject before, I came across an article I thought was humorous but sad. But, we'll get to that after this info. First of all, cholesterol is essential for life. It is a fat-like substance produced by the liver and found in all your cells. It is used to form cell membranes, and for the manufacture of hormones, bile acids, and vitamin D.

Dietary cholesterol is only found in animal products. This includes not only meat, but eggs and dairy, also. Concentrated forms come in egg yolks, whole milk, organ meats and fatty meats. The problem is that your body produces enough cholesterol without eating any of the animal products. Hence, when you partake, you are upping your cholesterol level. I know lots of people that hardly ever eat vegetables. They may not suffer now, but they will later. Your desirable blood cholesterol should be 200mg/dl, borderline high is 200-239mg/dl, and high is 240mg/dl and up.

Now, there are two kinds of cholesterol. HDL and LDL. The HDL is good cholesterol, because it has been indicated that it carries the bad cholesterol away from the bloodstream and back to the liver where it passes out of the body. Your HDL level should be 40-50mg/dl in the average man and 50-60mg/dl in the average woman. The lower it is the higher your risk of heart attack. Smoking, overweight, and physical inactivity will lower your HDL level.

When a person has too much LDL cholesterol, it builds up on the inner walls of the arteries, which feed the heart and brain. Together with other substances, it can form plaque, a thick hard coating that can clog the arteries.

Well you probably know what I am going to tell you. GET OFF THE ANIMAL PRODUCTS!!! There are all kinds of delicious foods that give you health, not heart attacks. Come to one of our cooking classes. You might be surprised at how tasty things are.

Now, here is the story. Hope it hits home.

By Laura Piryan, *Journal of Health and Healing*, Yahoo! Mail

We recently had as a guest at the Wildwood Lifestyle Center and Hospital, an attractive lady named Jan. Jan loves animals. She has a huge dog, half bulldog and half mastiff, named Barney. A few years ago, when Jan was expecting a baby, she started wanting to eat lots of double-cream Oreo cookies and milk. Barney tasted an Oreo once, and every night after that, it was "one for you and one for me," "one for you and one for me."

This went on for two or three months, and Jan didn't think too much about it, but she noticed that Barney was gaining weight. Then, one day, when Jan petted Barney, she noticed funny lumps all over his back. "Oh no!" she thought, "Doggie Cancer!" As soon as she could, she brought Barney in to see the veterinarian, who was a lady. "I'm afraid Barney has cancer," said Jan. After examining Barney and noticing that, besides the funny lumps, Barney had gained over twenty pounds, the vet said, "No, I don't think he has cancer, but he may have a thyroid problem. We need to do some tests."

A few days later, the vet called Jan. "Well," said the vet, "It's not his thyroid." "Oh, no!" said Jan. "Could it be..." "No, I don't think he has cancer," said the vet. "His blood work was normal except for one thing. His cholesterol is sky-high. What have you been feeding him lately? Have you been giving him a lot of rich canned dog food?" "No," said Jan. "He and the two other dogs split a can a day." "Well," said the vet, "Have you made any other changes in his diet?" "Not really," said Jan. "Except for one thing." "What's that?" questioned the vet. "Well," said Jan, "Every night he and I eat Oreo cookies and milk. One for him and one for me..." "Stop that immediately!" said the vet. "You're killing the dog!!!" "Oh, no!" said Jan.

Of course, Jan quickly stopped feeding Barney all those Oreos. She also stopped eating them herself. And Barney? He's much better. His cholesterol is down. He's lost twenty pounds. He now gets only one miniature Oreo a day. And the lumps are gone too—except for one small one on his back.

My information is from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, courtesy of McKinley Health Center.





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(10) IF TWO'S NOT ENOUGH, this house has 5 bedrooms and 3 baths, two living areas with fireplaces, sunroom, screened porch and extra large hobby room. Four bedrooms offer balconies overlooking Lake Lahusage. Patios and lights to the water. \$225,000

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April designated as month to fight child abuse in DeKalb County

At the March 28 meeting, the DeKalb County Commission signed a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in DeKalb County. The proclamation calls upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in their efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

Child abuse is a community problem, according to the proclamation, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community. Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among agencies who work together to address the problem.

"All citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community," the proclamation stated, "and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment."

Commission President Charles Bell signed the proclamation on behalf of the commission members, who gave their full and complete support to naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Spring is officially here and the bright spring flowers and green grass are so cheerful and soothing to our thoughts. Winter has been a bit cruel to us, with much ice and harsh winds that caused limbs and trees to fall and caused us a great deal of hard work, plus expense, to clear them away. It's been two months since the big ice storms and trees, limbs, and debris are piled all the way down the Parkway, some dangerously close to the road. I have some stripes down the side of my car that were not meant to be there, where limbs have swiped it when I met another car. I hope whoever is responsible would clean up the mess before our summer tourists start traveling the road.

Flowering trees have been extra pretty because we were tired of the mess of fallen trees and limbs. Our Redbud was not as showy as usual because of being beaten down by falling trees, but the cultivated plants and shrubs have put on an exceptional show of color. The Bradford Pear is a most welcome specimen, with its conical shape covered in snowy white blossoms, and the flowering Plum trees are lovely.

Winston Place in Valley Head is a joy to behold any time. But this spring it was a bit special with flowering trees surrounding it, a green pasture behind, and the backyard, of course, is Lookout Mountain.

Our sidewalk area here in Mentone needs grooming, and we will get it done soon, I hope.

It is spring clean-up time, and I hope everyone joins in to make our beautiful part of Lookout Mountain presentable. That means those of us who are "trash pickers" will have to get busy. The side of the mountain looks pretty bad where careless people have thrown fast food containers, soft drink bottles and cans, and anything imaginable. It is hard to pick up there, but we could do it if the police would stop traffic one-way for an hour or so. Our rock wall is very attractive, and I am thankful that no large trees hit right on it. One was awfully close right at the top of the mountain.



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March was a tricky month with thunderstorms and high winds, but some days were nice and quiet and beautiful. April is usually a quiet month when we have "showers that bring May flowers."

DeSoto Falls have been a sight to behold because of heavy rains. I've never seen the falls so full and heavy. Christina Wise invited me to her house recently, and I stood in awe when I got an on-view of the great waterfall. I made pictures that I hope will show it to be half as beautiful as it really is. Seeing the falls was a bright spot in the day, but being given a tour of Christina and Bill Wise's home was, indeed, a pleasure. There were so many interesting items to see that I was looking hard and fast trying not to miss anything. Christina has traveled a great deal in Europe, Egypt, and many other countries, and has lovely things she collected while there. She has a wonderful collection of samovars that I liked. Everything was decorated in good taste, using antiques. The house was the home of A.A. Miller, who was Bill's grandfather. Mr. Miller built the power plant at the falls in the 20s, I believe.

They have refinished the good oak floors and redone most everything without destroying the character of the house, which was built in 1925. We think Mr. Fred Jones did the carpenter work and Homer's dad, Mr. Lee Crow, did the stone work. We have many interesting historic homes in our area.

Dot Blackburn of Hammondville has made a showplace of a little house by adding to it in phases. I was delighted to be invited by Dot to the Valley Head Woman's Club meeting she was hosting at her home. Dot and her husband, Bill, are good hosts, and it's always a pleasure to be in their home. Dot has collected antiques and lovely china and glassware for years. If it were in my house, it would look cluttered; but she has a knack for placing everything where it looks tastefully done. She had her paintings placed in each room, which adds to the decor. Bill landscapes and plants a nice vegetable garden, and I enjoy driving by to see what is growing or blooming!

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AWANA at Lea's Chapel Baptist Church

It's 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday night, the AWANA commander blows the whistle and club members and leaders line up on the AWANA circle for a full night of activity and excitement. This will last until 7:45 p.m.

AWANA (taken from 11 Timothy 2:15) is a worldwide discipleship ministry for boys and girls. It is designed to reach them for Christ and train them for spiritual service.

Club members are divided by age. The lower age groups consist of Cubbies and Sparks. The upper level groups consist of Pals, Chums, Pioneers, and Guards. A Junior Varsity and Varsity program is designed for junior and senior high students.

There are three main parts to the Wednesday night program: Game Time (when students compete in AWANA games), Handbook Time (when students are given opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of hand-

book sections), and Council Time (when a challenge from God's Word is presented to the clubbers). Special recognition is given to clubbers each Sunday night who have made special achievements.

Awana has two main regional events. Bible Quizzing and the AWANA Olympics. These activities provide competition with regional churches and are structured so large and small churches can compete on an equal level.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church began this program in October. As many as fifty people are involved in the AWANA ministry. It has been a huge success. The church looks forward to continued growth and believes this ministry will provide spiritual benefits for every participant.

If you are interested in your child being a part of this ministry, please contact the church at 635-1001.



Carrie

April 17, 1977

By Mary Clark

Oh, Lord, help me bear the death of my child,
She was so very precious, so sweet this child.
She came into the world so tiny and special,
No one could tell she had work as Your vessel.

We often questioned, how can she suffer so much?
But never have I seen so many people touched
By a baby, so little, so delicate so sweet,
I can see her today as she kneels at Your feet.

She did all her work without ever a word,
But the lessons she taught didn't have to be heard.
They were felt in the heart where great wonders are done.
Each person she met—their love she won.

It didn't take her long Your mission to fulfill.
But unlike so many, she never fought Your will.
She was only a baby, not some great strong man,
Yet she accomplished so much this small child in Your hand.

You often find it necessary an infant to employ.
The job is too important for an older girl or boy.
And when their work is finished, then everyone knows,
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By law, the data gained must be kept confidential for at least 72 years. The Census Bureau **CANNOT SHARE OUR INDIVIDUAL RECORDS** with any other government agency, including welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the IRS, courts, police, or the military.

Most people do not realize how important the census really is. By completing and mailing in your census form, you can do something very important to help your community and state. Official census counts are used to distribute government funds to communities and states for highways, schools, health facilities, and many other programs you and your neighbors need. Without a complete, accurate census, our community may not receive its fair share.

The 1990 Census population count for Mentone is 474. The 2000 census will be critical for the town of Mentone to receive federal funds. There are about 180 billion dollars in funds that are available for education, community development, and highway funds. Without an accurate count, millions of dollars in state and federal funds could be lost for an entire decade.

With your help, the census can count everyone fairly and accurately. Please do your part to help in this important project. Please complete and mail in your form.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CENSUS FORM OR HAVE MISPLACED THE CENSUS FORM THAT WAS LEFT AT YOUR HOME, YOU MAY PICK UP ONE AT THE MENTONE TOWN HALL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M. THESE FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 15.



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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



I'm sure that all of you have heard the news by now! Mayor Max Cash has moved to New York City to run for mayor there. Town Clerk, Marie Dillenbeck is now employed by one of the largest law firms in Birmingham and Chief of Police, Johnny Ferguson has joined the NYPD and may soon be featured on the television show by the same name. What will Mentone do without all of our town leaders? April Fool!! They still work in Mentone and we, the residents are certainly glad they do.

As I write this, we are having some very heavy rain. It seems that when it comes to rain we always have too much or too little. Of course, the spring rains make the world absolutely beautiful. The trees are beginning to put on their green leaves and that shade of green is impossible to describe. Many of the flowers and shrubs have already bloomed, but much more is to come. Mentone is at its best in the season of Spring.

I have heard some people complaining about the debris on the streets in Mentone not being cleaned up yet. I understand your complaints and have made a few myself. My grandson and I had to pick up some limbs recently because they had rolled off of a pile and were causing a traffic problem on Cutler Avenue. The problem seems to be that FEMA did not realize how much damage we had from the ice storm. They did not allot us enough to pay a contractor to do the cleaning. At present, the town is trying to negotiate with them so this work can be done soon.

The Mentone United Methodist Church did something on April 2, 2000, that we now know is not done very often. The members opened the cornerstone of the church. We had always heard that some items were placed there by Mr. Ed Mason when the church was built. Since the year is now 2000, we decided that this would be a good time to see if anything was inside.

We did find some items inside the stone. However, the box that contained them had totally rusted and everything was in

very bad shape. We were able to determine what most of the items were. One very tiny book was a Methodist Hymnal, just the words, no music was included. Another small book was The Methodist Discipline, and the other was a copy of The Holy Bible. A coin was found and determined to be an 1894 five-cent piece.

We do plan to replace this with a box of our own. We plan to increase the cavity inside the stone and put a piece of sealed PVC pipe back in it. We hope that this will survive until the time when future members decide to open it again. I think that Marie is doing a more complete story on this elsewhere in this issue.

One of the items that we plan to put back inside the stone is Eloise Burnett's recipe for cucumber pickles, along with the label from the last jar of pickles that she gave to her grandson, Russell Wright. It seems that every time a member of the family went to visit her, she gave them a jar of pickles. I know that Russell's girls all love pickles and "Mimi" knew it too.

I did not realize how much I would miss Mrs. Burnett (she let me call her "Mimi" because that was what all of her grandchildren called her) until I started to write this article. When I sat down and started to write, I realized that I wrote the article each month for her. I always thought of her and would try to write what I thought she would like. I knew that she read The Groundhog from "cover to cover," and she often mentioned how much she liked reading this article. She was a great lady and will be missed by all who knew her.

If you have not mailed your 2000 Census Form back by now, please do it today!! The state of Alabama and especially the Appalachian Mountains, of which we are a part, stands to lose thousands of dollars in money appropriated by the Federal government if these are not returned. All the short form asks for is your name and birth date. The long form is more involved. I have read that Alabama will lose about \$2000 for every person that does not get counted. A recent editorial in some newspaper stated that the information might be used to send more junk mail. If this should be true, can't you throw away a lot of paper for better schools and roads?

The water projects are still on hold because of the wet weather. I'm sure those contractors will be as glad as we are to get them finished.

Be sure to worship in the church of your choice on Easter Sunday. This day has been set aside in Christian religions to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without this event, there would be no reason to celebrate the other religious holidays. After church, invite your family or friends to your house for lunch and an egg hunt. You might be surprised how much fun you will have. Happy Easter, Happy Spring!!



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LETTERS FROM THIRD GRADE STUDENTS AT MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ABOUT HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Dear Editor,

The third grade class at Moon Lake Elementary School has been learning about ways to help our environment. We were inspired by a story in our reading book entitled, "Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save The Earth." We discovered many amazing, but troubling facts concerning our environment and the waste of our resources. We decided most citizens need to make a change to help save our resources and our environment.

I have enclosed several letters written by my students to inform and encourage your readers to help make a difference. If we all work together, we can help save our environment.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Frost
Third Grade Teacher

Dear Editor,

Here's what you can do to help save the Earth. Keep a cloth towel by the sink, use it instead of a paper towel. Also, keep a supply of rags for messy jobs or projects.

Sincerely, Brittany Hester, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

We are not taking care of our planet, Earth! We are polluting the planet. I'll give you a quiz to give you an example. Question: How many disposable plastic bottles do we use in four days? A. enough to fill a truck, B. enough to fill a warehouse, or C. as many people as there are in the U.S. Answer: C. 240 million! So...save plastic bags and reuse them again. Don't waste water by pouring it down the sink, pour it on a thirsty plant instead.

Sincerely, Nathan Jones, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

Did you know that we use millions of feet of paper towels every year? That's a lot of trees. And did you know that Americans buy 500 million disposable lighters every year? That's millions of pounds of plastic made up by factories just so grown-ups can throw it away. I think you should print this in the newspaper to tell people to save the Earth!

Sincerely, Daniel B. Hughes, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

I am writing a paragraph about recycling. Did you know we are using too many trees? Can you help us to recycle? Did you know that when you use a paper towel you are wasting trees? Did you know when you use aluminum foil you can wash it off and use it again? We are wasting paper and other stuff.

Sincerely, Steven Barkley, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

Did you know if you leave the water running while you wash dishes, you can waste 30 gallons of water? That is enough water to wash a whole car.

Sincerely, Matt Pollard, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know aluminum foil is reusable? Simply wash it off, let it dry, and put it away for later use.

Sincerely, Heather Smith, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Do you know how many plastic bottles we use in four days? 240 million! Incredible! This is why it is important to recycle them.

Did you know you can save 20,000 gallons of water a year by not letting the water run? That's enough to fill a swimming pool!

Sincerely, Megan Smith, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

Long before we were born, back when our grandparents were kids, there was no such thing as paper towels. People used cloth towels back then.

Sincerely, John Whitaker, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know we use millions of paper towels every year? That's a lot of trees! Instead keep a cloth towel by the sink.

Wash off aluminum foil and use it again. Hang it up, let it dry, and put it away. When it can't be used again, recycle it!

Please help save natural resources.

Sincerely, Kara Miller, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Guess how many disposable plastic bottles we use in four days? As many people as there are in the United States! I think that is amazing, don't you? I hope more and more people recycle because it saves the planet.

Sincerely, Sierra Nicely, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know that water comes out of the faucet faster than you think? For example, while you are waiting for water to get cool enough to have a drink, you could fill six half-gallon milk cartons. But you can do something about this. When you're thirsty, if you like cool water, why not keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator instead of letting the water run? You'll save water, and still have a cool drink.

Sincerely, Ashley Henry, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know that we use millions of feet of paper towels each year? That's a lot of trees! Instead, you could put a rag or cloth by the sink and not waste paper towels.

Sincerely, Jacqueline McGee, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know Americans use millions of feet of paper towels? Next time you rinse your hands or need to wipe up spills, grab a cloth towel instead. Another idea is to keep a rag bag handy to store your old or torn clothes and you'll have a supply for use with messy chores or art projects.

Sincerely, Fred Castleberry, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Did you know if you leave the water running while you brush your teeth, you can waste 5 gallons of water. That is enough to fill 53 cans of soda. Turn off the water while you brush and turn it back on to wet your brush.

Sincerely, Lauren Addison, Age: 9

Dear Editor,

Americans use 35 million paper clips everyday. Americans buy 500 million disposable lighters every year. That's millions of pounds of plastic made by factories just so grown-ups can throw it away.

Sincerely, Eric Hunt, Age: 8

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you because I want to inform you that Earth's natural resources are slipping away! To help stop cutting so many trees, use cloth towels. After you "outgrow" your clothes, save them for later use such as art projects. You can use them for towels and save some money. One more thing, wash aluminum foil and use it again. Keep using it until you can't use it anymore, and then recycle.

Sincerely, Vance Carden, Age: 9

Moon Lake Elementary Honor Roll THIRD 9 WEEKS

GRADE 1

All A's

Brittany Bain
Akela Barkley
Colleen Castleberry
Katie Crabtree
All A's and B's
Tyler Blansit
Starla Cash
Trey Kincer
Hunter Stone

GRADE 2

All A's

Ethan Crider
Chloe Griffith
Rachel Pollard
Keisha Powell
Brandon Willingham
All A's and B's
Ashley Ammons
Desiree Cash
Michael Harrison
Daniel Scott

GRADE 3

All A's

Vance Carden
Jessica Easler
Ashley Henry
Kara Miller
Sierra Nicely
All A's and B's
Lauren Addison
Fred Castleberry
Brittany Hester
Daniel Hughes
Nathan Jones

GRADE 4

All A's and B's

Randy Addison
Tim Bain
Kayla Hazell
Sarah Petersen
Tom Tipton
Sheena Tishaw
Paige Wright

GRADE 5

All A's and B's

Mark Corey
Melissa Crane
Kayla Green
Livvy Griffith
Alex Hazell
Julie Ingram

GRADE 6

All A's

Jared Bare
John Baxter
Sarah Hurt
Emily Tipton
All A's and B's
Laura Floyd
Kira Goodwin
Melissa Harrison
Lori Hope
Brandy Manning
Kirby McMunn

Moon Lake School News

The week of April 10-14 will be Stanford Achievement Tests for Grades 3-6.

Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. the PTO will meet in the gym. The second grade will present the program.

The Sports Banquet will be Friday, April 14, at 6 p.m., at the Fort Payne Travel Lodge. It is sponsored by the Moon Lake Athletic Club.

On Monday, April 17, classes will celebrate Earth Day by planting and beautifying the campus garden spots and the eco-center.

There will be no school on Friday, April 21, which will be Good Friday.

Kindergarten pre-registration will be on Wednesday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Moon Lake School office. Students who enroll for kindergarten next year must be five (5) years old on or before September 2nd. Enrollees should bring their birth certificate and Social Security card, which will be photocopied and given back to the parents.

Wednesday, May 3, the fifth grade will have a writing assessment.

Thank you

The family of Eloise Burnette, who passed away on March 9th, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, and the many beautiful flowers sent during our mother's illness and death. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

The Family of Eloise Burnette



Firmly planted, forward moving.



Photo courtesy of Jackie Pettit

This year's recipients of the District Award of Merit pictured left to right are: Tom Oberle, Troop 106, of Mentone; and James Davis, Troop 185, of Fort Payne.

Boy Scouts are honored during District Banquet

By PATRICK GRAHAM
The Times-Journal

The Boy Scouts of America annual District Banquet was held recently at the DeKalb Theatre in Fort Payne.

At the banquet, Justin Johnson of Geraldine received the Clyde Hugh Tidmore Award.

The award is given each year to a scout who shows outstanding leadership and character in the district during the year.

The District Award of Merit was also given during the banquet. The awarded is



Photo courtesy of Jackie Pettit

Justin Johnson of Geraldine received the Clyde Hugh Tidmore Award during the Boy Scout District Banquet.

given annually to volunteers who set the example of leadership, character and have given their time to make the Sequoyah District a quality district.

This year's recipients are Tom Oberle, Troop 106, of Mentone; and James Davis, Troop 185, of Fort Payne.

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By Laura Catherine a/k/a Moon

All of nature operates on a system of balance. Therefore, if one thing gets off balance, it can cause a chain reaction eventually bringing about disaster to the entire system. Your mind and body work as a team as a part of nature. This is why I have devoted much of my time and energy to studying herbs and other natural therapies. Natural therapy works differently than allopathic medicines.

Allopathic (modern) medicine often gets rid of symptoms temporarily. Natural or holistic therapy is geared toward finding the base of the problem or imbalance and balancing the system as a whole. There are less side effects with herbs and natural therapy. You do not have to take another therapy to counteract the side effects of the initial therapy. This seems to be an endless cycle among the modern medicines.

I personally believe in combining the best of allopathic and natural healing. I believe modern medicine has its place, such as using antibiotics for an infection. After taking antibiotics, you should always consume acidophilus or bifidus lactobacilli to build up the good bacteria in your system. You can get this by eating yogurt or in capsule or granule form. Antibiotics kill both good and bad bacteria. Antibiotics are wonderful for some cases, but if you overdo the use of them, then you will build an immunity. Also, if you do not replace the good bacteria, then you are leaving a weak link in your system so that sickness has a better chance to bring you down.

If you will use echinacea and take at least two thousand (2000) mg of vitamin C at the first sign of sickness or infection, you have a good chance of escaping illness. If you take the proper amount of vitamins and minerals, eat a

nourishing balanced diet, drink plenty of water, and get plenty of exercise, then your immune system alone will usually be strong enough to fight off bad bacteria and virus.

There are times in our life when we stress. For these times, we have chamomile, passion flower, and valerian just to name a few. A B-complex vitamin should be taken along with your multi-vitamin and mineral supplement because the B vitamins are essential in helping your mind and body cope with stress. Stress is the number one enemy to your immune system.

I have recommended herbs to people, and they do not always get their desired effect. It is a fact that everyone's system is different. Herbs and natural therapies will affect different people differently. Herbs and natural therapy do not always bring immediate results. For instance, if you can't sleep and you take a sleeping pill, muscle relaxer, etc., then the next morning you may feel groggy and/or not 100% yourself. If you take valerian, then you eventually start feeling like you could go to sleep. In the morning, you awake feeling refreshed without any side effects. You might even wonder if the valerian worked or if you just got sleepy. Herbs are not magic, they only help your body perform miracles.

Another reason you may not get the desired result from herbs is because you are taking them for a symptom only. You may not be aware of the underlying problem. For instance, if you take ginseng to give you energy, and you do not get your desired result, then, it is probably as a result of inadequate vitamins, minerals, exercise and/or poor diet. Too much stress can also cause lethargy.

It is also possible to subconsciously manifest illness to

avoid—or because you are avoiding—a problem. In this case, no amount of herbs, vitamins or medicine will remedy your ailment. If you are not addressing a problem or stress in your life, it does not mean it is not still present. Stress will always manifest itself through your health if steps are not taken to resolve it. It is difficult to admit that you could be making yourself sick, but it is often the case. Your mind and prayer have miraculous abilities. If you can't seem to get well, or if you have the same recurring ailment, then you may want to try looking deeper or talking to someone who can help you look deeper, such as a spiritual counselor, friend, or family member.

It may be necessary to use more than one type of therapy. For instance, a vitamin and mineral, herbal and massage therapy combination can be beneficial in the case of high blood pressure, poor circulation, stress, or arthritis.

It is always wise to have a primary healthcare provider that can monitor your health to see the progress or digression your health encounters through different types of therapies. If you have a healthcare provider that does not want to monitor you through natural therapies, it is still wise to let him/her know any supplements or herbs you are taking, including something as simple as garlic, because many herbs do not mix well with certain allopathic medicines. You may also want to take an active role in caring for our health by keeping a journal to monitor your health.

Words to live by: Your mind, body, and soul, along with prayer, have miraculous abilities.



HISTORY TREE GOES UP AT DAHLGEGA, GA., CITY PARK DURING MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

The subjects for the tiers of Dahlgene's history tree, located in the city park at Warwick and Church streets, were suggested by Jean Cuthbertson. "But the artists did the details," she said, "and they did so much more than I asked for." The 29-foot seven-section piece of art was created by Steve O'Rear and Harriett DeWitt. DeWitt drew each section, and O'Rear cut them out of quarter-inch plate steel. DeWitt used historical references to create each section.

The bottom depicts wildlife that roamed prehistoric Lumpkin County, including wild turkey, beavers, black bears, wolves, panther, white tail deer, and golden eagles and trout.

The next level shows the Indians of north Georgia. Carved into the steel are Indians using a stone drill, making projectile points, climbing into an oak dugout, throwing an atlatl and smoking a clay pipe. There are also Creek Indians with corn, beans and squash, grinding corn on metate, celebrating the summer solstice and leaving Georgia on the Trail of Tears. Early settlers are the subject of the third tier of the tree. There is a girl milking, a settler making butter, a mother weaving, and the family's son returning from the fields. Also pictured are the settler's livestock.

The next section depicts the gold rush. Ben Park's discovery of a gold nugget, panners in Yaboola Creek, the Little Giant water cannon and a moonshiner with his whiskey still are represented.

The fifth tier features the U.S. Mint, federal soldiers guarding the building after the Civil War, the stamp mill at Consolidated Gold Mine and the Lumpkin County Courthouse and the two-story jail on Chestnut Street.

North Georgia College takes up the next level. Represented are cadets who served in five wars—First World War, Second World War, Korea, Viet Nam and the Persian Gulf. The entire crew for the Naval aircraft group Hell's Angels in the second World War came from NGCSU.

The top depicts Dahlgene's square as it is today. There are shoppers on the square, the Crawford Building, Robert M. Moore Building and the Conner House.

Dahlgene's history tree is the biggest project O'Rear and DeWitt have tackled. "We did a 14 foot gate that was more intricate, but this one is way large," he said. The entire project—from drawing to powder coating and baking on the black pigment—took about one month.

DeWitt used historical references to create the scenes on each section. "The woman settler weaving on the porch, the stamp mill and the moonshiner and still all came from an 1878 *Harper's Monthly*. They had a six-page story on Dahlgene," O'Rear said.

Half the cost of the \$10,000 project was paid for by the city. The rest was donated by the public. Outgoing mayor Haines Hill who watched as the tree was put together, said the end result was well-worth the money. "I think the city got a bargain," he said.



Harriett DeWitt O'Rear holding two of her chickens. The door is one of their creations.

On a north Georgia mountaintop, in Walker County, the Iron Age Crafters, Inc., workshop overlooks forests of deer and turkey, ponds of frogs, fish, and wild duck, fields of quail and dove. In addition, the area is refuge to skunk, possum, bat, snake, coyote, coon, fox, bob cat, and even golden eagle. Ferns fill the gullies and yellow fringed orchids dot the roadside.

These friends are reflected in the work of artisans Harriett DeWitt and Steve O'Rear. Harriett draws a design with soapstone on a plate of 12 gauge steel. Steve, using a plasma cutter, which burns at 40,000 degrees, carves out the silhouette of a dragonfly atop a lily, of a mother possum with babies astride, or of does feeding fawns at creek side. The resulting cut work is then welded to a frame. After grinding, polishing and fitting, Steve signs and numbers each piece. Finally, commercial powder coating gives the work a weatherproof black mat finish.

Custom possibilities are endless: a stair rail of wildflowers, a garden gate of children playing in corn rows, a weather vane of the family pets, a banquet table with seagulls and herons, a firescreen showing bears rumbling in the moonlight. Contact one of the galleries to discuss custom work.

Since 1980, this couple has always done functional art work for themselves, and when their neighbors saw their artwork, Harriett and Steve created designs for their

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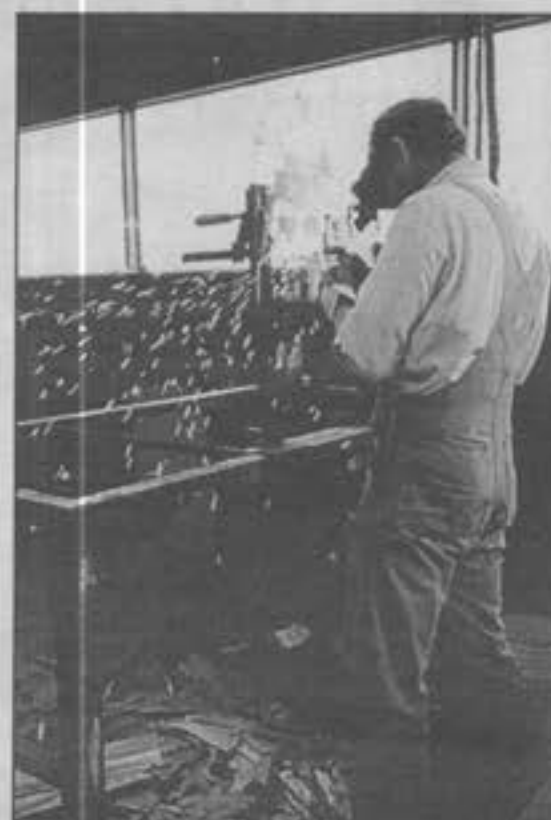
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As of April, 2000, at:

The White Elephant - Mentone, Ala.

Jean Cuthbertson, who spearheaded the project as part of the Golden Millennium celebration, watched as the tree was put together. As the last section was lifted into place by Amicalola Electric EMC's donated bucket truck she put her hand to her heart and said, "There it goes, the last one. I feel like I'm birthing a baby."

By Sharon Hall for The Dahlgene Nugget,
Dahlgene, Ga., Wednesday, January 5, 2000



Steve O'Rear in his workshop

cutting out a design with his plasma torch.

neighbors. They use any type of nature designs to make firescreens, gates, tables, hangings, umbrella stands, etc.

In 1994 and 1995, they decided to start their business, Iron Age Crafters, Inc. If you have an idea, they can put it into a work of art. Harriett and Steve began in Atlanta and when traffic and the area got so big, they sold their Forsyth County Farm where they had a commercial greenhouse business, and moved. On their Walker County farm, they are proud of their Fleckvieh Semmental cattle. Their home and workshop is also located on the farm.

Harriett taught art in high school and has drawn all of her life. Their Walker County home has various pieces of artwork throughout, and their artwork can be seen as you enter their property and drive down to their workshop and home. Harriett said Steve is a perfectionist and turns out perfectly polished and cleaned art. "It makes me feel good that somebody will pay money for what we love to do," she said.

Iron Age Crafters, Inc. products are available through Little River Hardware, 5190 Ala. Hwy 117, Mentone, AL 35984, and as of April 2000, at the White Elephant, Ala. Hwy 117, in Mentone, AL 35984.

Harriett and Steve can be contacted at 1-706-398-0858, for special orders.

Several examples of Iron Age Crafters work can be found throughout this issue.



DEKALB COUNTY LIBRARY BENEFIT

April 8-12, 2000



Making possible the purchase of items for which funds are not available for the DeKalb County Library and helping to provide a varied selection of donated books at great savings to the public are the purposes for the Fort Payne Culture Club annual sale. This year's suggestions for possible use of sale proceeds include:

- Hand-trucks for handling increasing/changing supply of books
- Two-drawer file cabinet
- Label printer for front desk in preparing library user cards
- Audio cassette duplicator to meet increased need, particularly for languages instruction tapes
- Overhead projector for use in the community room
- Computer desks/work stations
- Audio books to satisfy increased requests
- Display table/rack

Needs like these are the incentive for the sale. And you can be a part of it by donating books and other items you have already enjoyed.

Magazines are sold throughout the year by the library in the lobby. If you wish to help with this, please wait to bring magazines until after the sale, as storage space is limited.

Enjoy shopping at the

"Leap to Learn" Sale, April 8 through 12, 2000.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
Luke 24:32

Two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus when Jesus joined them. He listened to their conversation. He wanted to know why they were so slow to believe. Then He opened up the scripture to them and went on His way.

He will open up the scriptures to us if we will listen to His voice and believe on Him.

Give it a try.

Happy Easter!

BBQ Dinner

\$5.00 per plate

Sunday, April 9, 2000

11:00-2:00

Mentone Community House

Proceeds go toward Moon Lake Athletic Banquet

THANK YOU

The Valley Head Band held its annual auction on March 18th. They would like to thank everyone who helped with this in any way and would like to thank all those who attended. Attendance was down from last year but the auction was still a success. There were gift certificates to Wal-Mart and K-Mart given away to lucky winners.

AARP TO GIVE OUT SMOKE DETECTORS TO THE ELDERLY

If you know of an elderly person who needs a smoke alarm or a night light, and who lives in the DeKalb County area, call Sherman Gough, 634-4173

CPR CLASS BEING OFFERED MAY 6

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a community wide CPR class on Saturday, May 6, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mentone Community Center. Everyone is invited to come and learn the proper technique of lifesaving CPR.

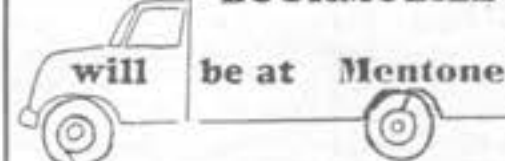
2000 MISS SPRING FANTASY PAGEANT

The 2000 Miss Spring Fantasy pageant will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Valley Head High School Auditorium. Entry forms may be picked up at the school or at the Valley Head Water Works Board office. Entry fee is \$25, and entries from birth thru kindergarten may be from anywhere in the area. 1st grade thru 12th grade must be from Valley Head or Moon Lake Schools.

For more information, you may call the school at 635-6228 or Lisa at 635-6527.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- April 8 through 12, DeKalb County Library "Leap to Learn" Sale sponsored by Fort Payne Culture Club
- Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., Mentone Town Council, Town Hall meeting room
- Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m. American Legion
- Sunday, April 23, Easter - Easter Sunrise Services at 7 a.m. at Brow Park in Mentone

- Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Thursday, May 4, National Day of Prayer, Services to be announced.
- Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day
- Saturday & Sunday, May 27 and 28, Mentone Area Preservation Spring Festival on the Brow