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H. P. Goss Remembered

H.P. GOSS

May 4, 1921-December 23, 2000

H.P. Goss, 79, of Mentone, passed away on Dec. 23. His funeral services were held Dec. 26, from Burt Funeral Home Chapel with Revs. Charles Flannigan and L.D. Blevins officiating. Burial was in Little River Cemetery.

H.P. was a native of DeKalb County, born May 4, 1921, son of Alfred P. and Lulie Goss. He was still working for the Town of Mentone at the time of his death.

H.P. was preceded in death by his sons, Richard Goss and Larry Goss, a daughter, Marty Hollaway, and a granddaughter, Paulette Mitchell.

Survivors include wife, Gladys Goss, Mentone, daughter, Markettta Crane, Mentone, brothers, Arthur Goss, Mentone, and Granville Goss, Micaville, N.C.; sister Malinda Hall, Mentone, five grandchildren, Melissa and Morgan Crane and Micah, Amanda, and Barry Goss, and one great grandchild, Garrett Mitchell.

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By Marie Dillenbeck

When I saw him at his home on the evening of Friday, December 21, the day he came home from the hospital, he said he'd be back to work on Monday. I told him it was Christmas Day and that the office was closed until Jan. 2nd, so he didn't have to go to work until after that. He said, "I'll just come on Tuesday, then." H.P. died in his sleep that night, knowing that he was needed at the town hall and that we were all looking forward to his returning.

We had come to depend upon him to look after the parks, the streets, the town hall, picking up the mail, making the deposits at the Citizens Bank--anything that needed doing. The tellers at the Citizens Bank looked forward to his coming each time a deposit was made.

The loss of H.P. Goss, the loving caretaker for the town of Mentone for many years, has been tremendous. He kept things neat, the grass cut, any small repairs done, and was available for emergencies, and did any job that was requested of him. If we needed the water or electricity turned on at Brow Park, we called H.P. He was trustworthy and dependable. You never know how much you miss someone until it's too late. H.P. was always kind and soft spoken and never seemed to complain about anything--and that's a special trait. H.P. made it his business to look after others and see what he could do for them. He made a difference in the lives of everyone he met.

He was always being asked to help locate lines, valves, and meters, and under Mayors Max Cash and C.E. Britt, he served as a consultant from time to time up until his death.

H.P. began working for the water department as the water works operator on October 1, 1979, until Sept 30, 1983, at which time Leroy Snider took over. H.P. became the streets and parks supervisor on Nov. 1, 1988, and remained in that capacity until his death.

H.P.Goss

Past Mayor Max Cash said, "He was just a wonderful person to work with and easy to get along with. He would do any job that was asked of him and in a pleasant manner. He understood everything about the workings of the town and he knew a lot more than I even thought about, and a lot more than anyone else did. H.P. helped wherever and whenever he could. It was just a privilege to work with him and be around such a pleasant, easy going fellow."

Over the years, H.P. was the town's water works operator, park supervisor, street supervisor, and sanitation supervisor. He was so knowledgeable about not only, the waterworks department, but other departments, having worked for many years in various capacities, beginning in July 1948 and off and on until his death.

From a search of the records beginning in 1945, the Goss family has been what kept the water works going. In 1945, H.P.'s brothers: Arthur "Lightning" Goss, Granville Goss, and Sherman Goss, began working in different capacities.

The Town of Mentone has lost a wonderful, caring individual. In his 79 years, H.P. spent a lot of time looking out for others and doing necessary things for those he cared about--and he cared about a lot of people. He is sorely missed by all those whose lives he touched on a daily and weekly basis.

I miss him every day. If I left my keys at home, he would come and open up the office and the filing cabinets. On cold days, H.P. always had the office heated up before I arrived. If I arrived late, he'd say, "If you can't get here on time, just come when you can." He picked up the mail each morning and made it so easy for me to do my job. He made coming to work a pleasant experience each day.

When Mrs. Catherine Bailey was the clerk, he would pick her up and take her home on cold days and rainy days. Other days, she would walk to work. She said: "H.P. was always there for everybody. He'd do every job that came along. I don't know what I would have done if he hadn't been there to help with things I couldn't do. We'll all miss him. He was a good and kind man and he was my friend."

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Alyce Springer said that her memories of H.P. go way back to 1970, when she and her husband were strangers here. They had just bought their house in Mentone and had plumbing problems needing help right then. H.P. came over late at night--11 p.m., as she remembers, and fixed their plumbing. She said, "I'll never forget it. He was always helping people, even back then."

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

The March meeting of MAPA was the first since December. Even though the weather was not the best, we had a really good group, in number and participation.

Our speaker was Lynne Wagner, 6th grade teacher at Moon Lake School. She gave us an excellent explanation of the Accelerated Reading program at Moon Lake. It is a real awakening to hear how much our young people need help and encouragement with their reading skills. She indicated that the school can use any help anyone of us can give in keeping this program going. They need books with reading levels for the appropriate grades and can always use volunteers to place identification stickers on the books. If you have either books, or free time you can donate, please contact Ms. Wagner. I am sure she will be happy to explain what they need and how you can help.

Several years ago, MAPA sponsored two short videos with scenes of Mentone and interviews with lifetime residents. They are no longer available for sale. Dessie Newberry and Gerald Taylor are looking into the cost of combining the videos, and updating some of the landmark photographs. If the cost is not prohibitive, we hope to sponsor the new product and have it for sale soon. We will let you know how this project progresses. I, personally, am looking forward to the possibility of having a copy and am thinking what a wonderful gift this would make for friends and family who do not live here.

Vendor applications for the **Rhododendron Festival** have been mailed, and we are already having a good response. **The festival dates this year are May 19-20.** Please mark your calendar and join us for a fun weekend.

●We are adding a bonfire on Saturday night with live entertainment by COTACO CREEK. This group has coordinated our entertainment for the last two festivals and everyone seems to enjoy their variety of music.

●If you have a craft for sale and would like a space, please contact Betty Bain (telephone 634-3390, email address bbain@tds.net) or me (telephone 634-3645, email address mmathews@tds.net).

●Our next meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, at Dessie's Kountry Chef. We invite you to join us.

-PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for 2001

June 14
September 20 December 20

Other special or called meetings will be posted as required.

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

John Bares, Zoning Administrator

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●Photographs must be submitted with any copy or information. The photos also must be in no later than the 25th of each month.

If an article/information/photo does not appear in the current issue, it will appear in the next month's issue. If it was submitted after the 20th of the month, it will be in the next issue.

Please help us to get each issue out by following the above deadlines. We appreciate the efforts of each columnist and those who submit information. We thank you for assisting us in putting together each issue of The Groundhog.

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A reminder: dogs must be on leashes in the business district. All dogs are required by state law to wear license tags. Rottweilers, pit bulls, German shepherds, and chows are considered dangerous to the public and must be controlled by the owners. The DeKalb County Humane Society says dalmations are the number one biters and that all animals should be kept under control to prevent diseases, accidents, and law suits.

At a meeting of the "Spring Fling" on March 13th at the Mentone Inn, camp directors, operators of bed-and-breakfasts, restaurants and businesses in the area met to share information to improve communication within the business community. Mike Campbell, owner of the Mentone Inn, and Sherri Brown, hostess, invited me to talk about where Mentone is and where the town is going.

Town Council members are studying revenue collection. The council voted to provide push bars to help prevent airbags from exploding when police officers are moving vehicles out of the way. I have addressed with our policemen concerns of the residents about large trucks speeding noisily through town. Our policy is zero tolerance. We must get this under control before camp openings and tourist season. We have been lenient toward local traffic in the past, but it is just as important that we observe the laws as well as transient traffic. **We would appreciate any incidents you encounter with truck violators be reported to me, with the company's name, or tag number, or DOT number**. We will contact the companies by phone or email. The council is working on a noise ordinance.

I am working closely with the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department to get lower insurance rates for the citizens of this community. We presently are paying the highest rates allowed; lowering our ISO rating two points would reduce our insurance rates by 25%.

Our updated phone system has been installed.

Town Hall remains the same: 634-4444.

Water Board: 634-9106

Town FAX line only: 634-9534

Police: 634-0704

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CITIZEN COMMITTEES

Beautification and Senior Activities: Ann Wright and Sam Franks are moving forward with plans for senior activities at MERF's Community House. Jan Wilkinson has proposed plans for a Welcome to Mentone sign to be erected at the intersection of S. Cool St. and Highway 117. In addition, a new sign will replace the current Ed Mason Park sign. The costs will be split between the Rhododendron Garden Club and the Town of Mentone.

Judiciary: We have received a grant for radio equipment that will allow for improved communications with area law enforcement officials, even across the Georgia line. Before this, because of hills and valleys, we had no reliable communication. Equipment installed at the water tanks and at Town Hall will supercede cell phones. Our grant gives us $15,000+ and we need to raise $1700 as our share to match the grant. **If you wish to donate to this radio grant, send or bring your donation to Town Hall (P.O. Box 295, Mentone, AL 35984).**

The Neighborhood Watch program has mushroomed. Some 25 signs have been installed and more are on order. We commend Charlie Bain for his establishment of the program in the Lee Crow, King, and Baty communities and for his roadside pickup work. Dale Kirby in his community and Bo Scott in the 641 area are also working on the Neighborhood Watch program. Another general meeting of area residents is planned with the sheriff in the near future. Littering our streets and highways is a serious offense. I have asked our policemen to enforce this law.

Tourist and Events: Sherri Brown and Joe Hines are establishing sub-committees to survey needs of the business community. They are creating our own web site.

Streets, Parks, and Bridges: Larry Gray's committee is working with the Beautification Committee on plans for Mason Park (a native plant park) and Brow Park. This park will be one we can all be proud of. It is my intent to ask this committee and the Town Council to name Brow Park in honor of H. P. Goss.

We are looking into applying for federal funds to repair our storm damaged streets. Traffic problems at Moon Lake School at pickup time in the afternoons has been addressed by both the police and Dr. Berry. We hope everyone will adhere to Dr. Berry's schedule to alleviate the traffic jam in front of the school.

Water Board

Everyone needs to be a water leak detective. Please pay attention to possible leaks as we are experiencing extremely high water losses. The Water Board meets on the fourth Thursdays at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Town Meetings

I hope to begin meeting with the citizen committee chairs each month before the Town Council meets on the second Monday at 7 p.m. I urge everyone to attend the regular Town Council meetings. The Town Council and I wish to thank MAPA and the editors of The Groundhog for their community service in printing these notes and schedules for you each month.

It's A Girl!

Julie Kristen Smith

Stacy and Karen Smith announce the birth of their daughter, Julie Kristen Smith, on November 22, 2000. She weighed 5 lbs, 2 oz, and was 18 inches long. Julie has a sister, Kayla.

Grandparents are David and Joan Koger of Valley Head and Guy "Squeak" and Judy Smith of Mentone. Great grandmother is Nettie Smith.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

It was good to see **Penny and Jim Lyday** after what seems a long recovery time for Jim from surgery. They both attended the dinner for Seniors on Wednesday, March 28, at the Community House.

There last **dinner for Seniors at the Mentone Community House** will be April 11. Volunteers start serving at 11:30 a.m. The program will resume in the fall. Volunteers who have been preparing dinners each Wednesday will be getting ready for the busy camp season coming up very soon, as will those who own bed and breakfast facilities. Members of the churches have volunteered to prepare dinners over the past few weeks, too. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time. Those who attend enjoy the company of others and the special time afterward when they sing songs, accompanied by those who volunteer to play the piano there at the community house or just lead the singing. We are so fortunate to have so many talented people in the group. Marvin Wester was one of them and we will miss him at those dinners.

George Walker is back home after a recent stay in the hospital. He and his wife, Hope, just returned from Florida.

Congratulations to **Pfc. Jessica L. Helmes**, daughter of James Helmes of Valley Head, who graduated from basic combat training in Fort Jackson, SC.

Dessie Newberry celebrated her 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Kountry Chef with a party on Sunday, March 18. Mike Bares went about the event with a camera to preserve the special event. He prepared a scrapbook, and she is proud of it and is thankful for all of her customers who have supported her throughout this 10-year period.

Katherine Wright, wife of Johnny Wright, and sister to Dessie Newberry, has been in a Gadsden hospital for some time and is on the critical list in intensive care. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

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

- -Mrs. Dora Lee Strader, 78, Mentone, 2/23;
- -Gaynell Portree, 76, Mentone, 3/8;
- -Robert "Bill" Pullen, XX, Mentone, 3/20;
- -Jesse Marvin Wester, 79, Mentone, 3/24

Please continue to keep **Rovena Truett** and her mother **Alma Crabtree** in your prayers, along with many others who are having health problems themselves or with family members.

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

Jesse Marvin Wester

JESSE MARVIN WESTER

Jesse Marvin Wester, 79, of Mentone died Saturday, March 24, at DeKalb-Baptist Medical Center.

Services were held Tuesday March 27 at 11 a.m. a Burt Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Bill Russell and Fred Higgins officiating and burial followed in Fischer Cemetery.

Mr. Wester was a farmer and a retired textile worker, retiring from E.T. Barwick in Lafayette, Ga., then from Prewett Mills. Marvin loved truck farming, often giving his vegetables away to friends and strangers alike.

Marvin's love for gospel music and serving the Lord has carried him and his Old Timers Band countywide to entertain at retirement homes and gatherings several times a week. He thoroughly enjoyed fellowship with residents there and brought light to their lives with his guitar and harmonica music and the good old gospel songs he loved so dearly. He was a light for Jesus every day.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Vista Pierce Wester; a daughter, Judy Austin of Chattanooga; a sister Bertie Morrison of Fort Payne, a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Ann Wester of Fort Payne, a granddaughter, Kelli (Jay) Lindsey of Madison and great-grandchildren Kailyn and Justin Lindsey.

Rebekah Coffman

Rebekah Coffman was crowned queen of the 2001 Valentine's Beauty Pageant in Gadsden. She is the 10-month-old daughter of Brad and Tammy Hoffman of Valley Head.

HAPPY 89th BIRTHDAY TO A VERY SPECIAL GRANDMOTHER!

Edna Dean will celebrate her 89th birthday April 7th. Edna has one son, John; three grandchildren: David Dean, Doris Chamlee, and Debra Rhodes; and five great grandchildren: Jason, Jonathan, Zackery, and Kaitlyn Dean, with another great grandchild: Rhodes, on the way.

CAROLYN COOTS WINNER OF QUILT

Jane Galloway wishes to thank everyone who purchased a chance on the beautiful quilt from Roe's Creations located at the White Elephant. The drawing was held on March 4, 2001; and Carolyn Coots was the lucky winner. Jane donated the proceeds from the quilt to the Mentone Church of God to help defray the costs of the note for the new well.

Happy Easter!

Marilyn Blanton Campbell is up and about Mentone after having reconstructive surgery. She said she's doing fine, only has two more shunts to be removed.

Valley Head resident leaves behind a legacy

Valley Head High School Sarah Moon Science Building

Photo by Martha Broyles

From The DeKalb Advertiser,
Thursday, March 29,2001

Valley Head High School has been very fortunate to acquire the addition of a new state-of the-art science building. This, in itself, is an addition that school personnel and students, as well as the entire Town of Valley Head, are proud of.

The construction of the building however, would not have been possible if not for a very special former resident of Valley Head, Sarah Moon.

Sarah Moon was born November 29, 1914, the daughter of Andrew Jackson (Jackie) and Roxie Phillips Painter. She was the youngest of five children, including two sisters and two brothers.

According to Vincent Dinardi, a cousin of Ms. Moon, the Painter Family settled in DeKalb County in 1837. The family settled on property near Lookout Chapel in the Sequoyah Caverns community while Indians were still settled there.

Dinardi said, "The property to build Lookout Chapel was given by the Painters and the Lowerys (other family relatives)."

Sarah's parents understood the importance of a good education and wanted their children to have the best opportunities possible.

Sarah and her older siblings were raised in the Lookout Chapel community and attended school at Lookout Chapel and at Sulphur Springs. Her two older sisters went on and attended Berry College.

Sarah graduated from Valley Head High School and then went to Business College in Atlanta, Ga. She accepted an accounting job with the IRS around 1940.

"Sarah was a supervisor before women were supervisors. She was always exemplary in the things she did. Sarah was in charge of over 60 employees who worked in a secured department. Her supervisor couldn't even visit her department without clearance," said Dinardi.

In 1964, Sarah retired from her job with the IRS due to kidney failure. She had purchased a farm north of Atlanta where, for a while, she spent her time farming and raising animals. Dinardi said, "Sarah loved being close to nature. She loved animals."

Some time later, Sarah returned to DeKalb County where she bought property in Sand Valley. At the time, a brother and her sisters were still living on the old family property.

After her siblings passed away, Sarah moved back to the family homeplace. She kept the Sand Valley property and rented it out. She and Dinardi had developed a close, trusting relationship and had started working on a family genealogy.

"Sarah didn't trust everyone but the people she trusted, she trusted completely. After her health began to decline, I was the only family member she trusted. She once told me, 'Whatever I have in my head, I want you to have in your head'," Dinardi said.

Sarah began to tell Dinardi stories and memories.

"She would tell me things over and over when she was feeling well," said Dinardi.

Sarah had good days and bad days. She drove a vehicle up to within 6 months of her death. She had gone to a lawyer and had a will drawn up.

Dinardi said, "One day she handed me this paper and told me to read it. It was a rough draft of her will and I didn't disagree with anything that was written. She wanted to leave the Sand Valley property to pay for her final expenses and she wanted what was left over to go to Valley Head High School."

Some time later, Sarah showed Dinardi an updated version of the will and asked him to be Executor of her Estate.

"She was very emphatic about Valley Head School getting the money from the farm. She said to me, 'I want you to take care of that,' and I said, 'Sarah, I will follow this to the work and there will be no deviation from that.' She brought me the final draft where I was named Executor. She left me the Painter property because she wanted that property to stay in the family."

Sarah passed away November 5, 1995, just fourteen days short of her 80th birthday. Her final wishes were for the Sand Valley property to be auctioned and the money left after final expenses be used for educational building purposes for Valley Head High School.

Recently, classes began in the new Sarah Moon Science Building.

According to Dinardi, "The school ended up with $154,000 and Mr. Talley (Valley Head School Principal) has done a marvelous job in utilizing the money. Sarah was a very loving and generous person and she was very pro-educational. She was very concerned with young people getting a good education. I think Sarah would be proud."

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TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout
Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue
12511 Highway 48, Cloudland, GA 30731
Spring 2001

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue would like to take a few moments to tell you and your family about us: who we are and what we are trying to do for our community.

First, we provide emergency first aid, C.P.R., and more. We are equipped with an A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) along with other emergency medical equipment. The A.E.D. is an important piece of equipment because it can sometimes restore a heartbeat to someone in cardiac arrest. The longer a person in cardiac arrest goes without defibrillation, the less chance he or she has for survival. That is why it is important to have this piece of equipment, as well as rescue personnel trained in its use in our community.

Tri-County is also a State Certified Fire Department. Our firefighters have monthly training sessions on various fire fighting techniques to give you dependable fire protection. Remember, there is a statistical likelihood that during the next hour more than 300 destructive fires will rage somewhere in our nation. These fires will cause $300,000 or more losses and the death of at least 1 person; 34 people will be injured, with some crippled or disfigured for life. Yes, we know this isn't pleasant to read; but these are the facts everyone should know.

We at Tri-County are continually working to improve fire protection in our area. We cover a 5-mile road radius from our station. We are active members of the Chattooga County Mutual Aid group. We are also working toward an Automatic Aid agreement with Walker County, GA. At this time, we have 2 pumper trucks capable of taking on water from lakes, ponds, and streams. We will soon have in operation a 1200-gallon tanker, as well, giving us a total of 2450 gallons of water on scene.

On another note, Tri-County is starting a youth program to help educate our young people in different areas of fire and medical services. These include fire awareness and prevention, fire safety, first aid, and more.

As you can see, this is a big undertaking and a community effort. Having adequate fire and rescue protection is important to everyone. This is why we are asking for your help. We are asking each household for a contribution to help pay for our equipment.

Every cent collected goes into Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue. The members take no payment for their services, and some have even purchased their equipment with their own money. We know for some a small donation is a sacrifice and for others a large one is hardly missed. But whatever you can give will help us help you. Every donation is appreciated. Please make checks payable to Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue.

New volunteers are needed and always welcome. For more information, contact **Daniel Huskey, Chief, at 706-862-6465. Email doodlebughuskey@netscape.net** or **Assistant Chief Howard Durham at 706-862-6179.**

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By
SUE SCHWARZ

How many times have you said or thought, "I wonder what happened to Aunt ____'s recipe for ____." Well, Libby Reid, a granddaughter of Lydia Speed, has solved that problem for her family and some very fortunate friends by putting together a book of some of her family's favorite recipes. It has a great collection of foods that are favorites of their family and are much requested at family gatherings. It is a wonderful reminder of family gatherings and very special to all who have a copy of it. Libby did a great job of compiling the book and finding wonderful pictures to illustrate the pages. Good job Libby. . .Thanks from all of us.

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Fresh green beans
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garlic to taste
ginger to taste
salt and pepper

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MA'S APPLE BROWN BETTY

3 or 4 medium apples (peeled and sliced)
3/4 C quick cooking oat meal
3/4 C brown sugar
1/2 C flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 C butter

Arrange apples in greased 8 inch round pan. Combine oatmeal, flour, sugar and spices. Cut in butter. Sprinkle mixture over apples. Bake at 350F for 35-40 minutes.

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DeSoto Falls on the morning of March 22
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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club met on March 21, 2001, at the home of Christina Wise in a most picturesque setting. The view from the back of her house was like a picture on canvas with sound effects, as DeSoto Falls poured out her heart and soul as I have never seen before. It was the day following the last snow on Lookout Mountain, and there was enough water to produce a beautiful, bountiful waterfall. Christina is so fortunate to live in a lovely home in such a gorgeous setting that she can enjoy every day.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Judith Hammond. She asked about the sick in the club families and in the community.

Ruth Hammon gave the devotional, using Psalm 16:11, and she talked about spending some quality time with the Heavenly Father. Flo Kirby led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Refreshments were served prior to the program by hostesses Christina Wise, Doris Carmichael, Judith Hammond, and Dallyne Jones.

The meeting moved to the cottage below the main house, where Christina presented a most interesting program about her work in the Middle East, showing slides of the country, the customs, and the people.

Following the program, the meeting adjourned.

Mentone United Methodist Confirmation Class visits Mizpah Synagogue

Brittany Hester, Paige Wright, Kayla Hazell, and Sarah Petersen (not pictured) standing in front of the Torah display case at the Mizpah Synagogue

Three Torahs on display in the Mizpah Synagogue

Linda Brown, Rev. Linda Tucker, Rabbi Philip M. Posner, and Rev. John Tucker holding Aylee Tucker

HELP!

Does anyone have any old photos of the **Laurel Community Post Office**? Only the old chimney remains. Jimmy Frazier was born in the house.

Local artist, Donna Bouldin, would like to have a photo to use to preserve it for history by using her talent to reproduce it on canvas.

Please contact her at 256-634-4245.

By Karen Wright

The confirmation class of the Mentone United Methodist church visited Mizpah Synagogue in Chattanooga, TN. The service was Saturday, March 24, a 10 a.m. The service was small, only five or six members, plus two visiting groups.

Rabbi Philip M. Posner read from the Torah, the Jewish Bible. The Torah is made from real animal skin. Every letter is printed by hand. This synagogue had five Torahs on hand, three on display in the synagogue (See picture above). The Torah on the right was from the holocaust. It had been held by Hitler in a museum. He was so proud of taking it from the Jews. Rescued from Hitler's possession, it now resides in the Mizpah Synagogue.

Hearing the Jewish canters sing in Hebrew was a great experience for our kids. We read along in English. After the ceremony, Rabbi Posner lead us on a tour of the synagogue, which was established in 1866.

This was a great chance for our kids to see and experience a different religion.

Moon Lake Elementary School

Photos from Moon Lake article on page 16

By Martha Broyles, The DeKalb Advertiser

Moon Lake Butterfly Garden Eco-System

SMART CHOICES

Moon Lake School's new lunchroom

VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

By Lisa Moore

Congratulations to **Effia and Annie Harrison**, daughters of Oscar and Louise Harrison of Valley Head. Effia and Annie were chosen to participate in the District Honor Band, which was held in Arab, AL., on February 10th. Both girls are in the Valley Head Band and are seniors this year. They are both outstanding musicians and should be congratulated.

Students at Valley Head are now enjoying science classes in the new "Sara Moon Science Building." The building was completed just after the new year, and students began using the classrooms a few days after school resumed in 2001.

Congratulations to the Valley Head Girl's Basketball Team. They earned places in the playoff games in Jacksonville, and as this article is written, will play tonight for places in the state playoff games in Birmingham. We wish them good luck and want them to know we are very proud of them.

Slade Carden was chosen to represent Valley Head in the DAR good citizenship program. Slade is a senior at Valley Head and is the son of Glen and Katherine Carden of Fort Payne.

We were saddened to hear the news of Dr. Quimby's death, recently. Dr. Quimby was a fine citizen and an outstanding person of this community. He was always willing to help out anyone, and it didn't matter how much money you had. He was a fine physician and friend and will certainly be missed.

Congratulations to Ethan Lewis, a sixth grader at Valley Head. Ethan won 1st place and overall winner of the science fair at Valley Head School. He is the son of Dennis and Sherryl Lewis of Henagar.

The Valley Head Band Boosters will have its Annual "Miss Spring Fantasy" Beauty Pageant on Saturday, April 28th. Forms and applications will be available after April 1st and may be obtained from Moon Lake School, Valley Head School, or from any band booster. For questions, you may call Lisa at the Valley Head Water Works Board: 256-634-6527 or at 256-638-8683.

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A Friendly— *Valley View*

By ELOISE BROWN

My poem last month warned of how March could do—It really greeted the Spring with cold, powerful wind and the biggest snow flakes—(blobs) I think I ever saw! The flowers are still beautiful and red buds (really orchid) are beginning to bloom.

Mary, Ted and John Holleman, and **Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis** went to Dallas, GA, recently, to see Adelaide and Jessica Biddle and Mary Lou Carmichael. Adelaide was recovering from a fall and pneumonia. While there, they heard that Mary Lou's daughter, Missy, had been hit by a softball and was taken to the emergency room. We hope both are completely recovered now.

David and Peachie Cearly spent the weekend of March 17 with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman.

Beverly and Shane Wright, Patti and A.J. Brown, and Alison Meadows and Jeff Mosher took **Cindy and David Meadows** to Out Back Steak House in Chattanooga for dinner, March 10, to celebrate their **29th wedding anniversary**. On March 11, they were joined by Barry Brown and Jason Meadows, at our house to enjoy a cookout (Shane's delicious barbecued ribs) and other goodies.

Ruth Pickett's sisters, Betty Bracken, from Chattanooga, and **Selma McElhaney**, from Fort Payne, spent the day, Wed., March 2, with her and Bert.

The F.C.C.L.A. of Valley Head School participated in the County Round Up, held at the Rainsville Civic Center, Wed., March 21.

Seven Valley Head students attended the DeKalb Solo Ensemble at Plainview School recently. The Boys' baseball team is getting off to a good start. Hope they win many games.

Congratulations to **Annie Harrison**, who won a $500 scholarship from the Honor Band Competition at the University of North AL, in Florence.

Karen and Mark Freeman have returned home after a ten day tour. They flew form Atlanta to Barbados where they boarded the gorgeous Royal Clipper sailing ship "Star Flyer" for a tour of the Caribbean Islands.

Venna Livingston is much better and, thankfully, is healing without surgery, after suffering a compression fracture of a vertebra.

Ted Holleman is a patient at BMC DeKalb, with pneumonia. Glad to hear he is better and may come home tomorrow. His son John has been staying with him at night and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis have been with Mary.

Olene Roberts talked with **Mozelle Hixon** recently. She is now 90, still driving and independent.

Sadie Cooper talked with **Robert Hawkins**. He said his dad, Howard, is being well taken care of and is holding his own, tho very feeble. He is at Encore Senior Village in Pensacola, FL.

Grace Jones and Billie Pickett are not feeling well. Hope they will soon be completely recovered.

Jeff Adkins is taking a group of special students for a several days' tour of Washington, D.C.

Sincere sympathy for the families of **Robert "Bill" Pullen**, who passed away this week—also to Maynard Donahue for the loss of his brother, **Ken Donahue**; and Ruth Pickett who lost her nephew, **Leonard Bracken**, and to all others who have lost loved ones.

My granddaughter, **Laurie Dell and her husband, Andrew**, from Pasadena, Maryland, came Sat., March 17, and stayed with us until Wed., Mar. 31. We attended the Ballet on Sat. night at the DeKalb Theater. We enjoyed dining out at K.F.C and the "Sizzlin", which is her favorite place and shopping at Scottsboro.

The addition to the **Valley Head Baptist Church** is progressing nicely. They have a very active youth program. Last Sunday night, they went to Fort Payne to "T-Birds" as part of their regular Sunday night "After Glow" activities.

The **Kaolin Garden Club** met March. 12 at 6 p.m. at Valley Head City Hall and discussed interesting plans for the year. The next meeting will be April 10, and they plan to make trough gardens.

Louis Zannon, Nicki Harper's father, had eye surgery recently and stayed with Nicki while recuperating.

Doris Palmer spent last Sunday with Billie Harper. She said her mother, Willie Mae Palmer, is doing well in the nursing home in Fort Oglethorpe.

Jessica Barrier has registered to attend Jacksonville State College.

The **Woman's Club** had a very interesting meeting at the home of Christina Wise, March 21. They especially enjoyed the spectacular beauty of the falls in full force from that angle.

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** extends a warm welcome to everyone to worship with them at 10 AM every Sunday.

I hope everyone can enjoy the beauty of Spring and its flowers and happy birds' songs, and have a very special Easter.

Where Did March Go?

Where did March go?
I ask a nice friend—
She replied, "I know,
It went with the wind."

Now she's right, I fear,
And she's not alone,
Ere I knew it's here,
I knew it was gone.

Sneaked in like a lamb,
Then with powerful breeze
Put Spring in a jam
With snow's icy freeze.

March went with the wind,
But Spring's sure resurrection,
Glorified its swift end
And bloomed to perfection.

--Eloise Brown

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 place
the dividing veil
to the holy place,
entrance to curtail.

Was torn asunder,
so all might enter
with awe and wonder,
this holy center.

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

As Jesus Christ died,
for all of our sin,
the door opened wide—
to His presence, enter in.

--Eloise Brown

Easter Joy

Beauty of earth
proclaims the birth
to life from death,
with every breath
all nature sings,
to Heaven rings
joy's elation
in celebration
as all employs
the Easter joys.
So Christians too,
our faith renew,
rejuvenate
and celebrate
the ecstacy
of being free
of death's dark tomb,
faith now can bloom,
since Jesus rose
the Christian knows
We too can rise
to paradise
from bonds' of sod
to home with God.

--Eloise Brown

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-South Chatt. Co. - 180+/- AC - cabin - pond - creek - timber - private - backs to Dirtseller Mtn. $2,000 Per AC. Owner Financing (G-68)

Mentone Community House Receives Gift

By Dorma Hutcheson, MERF Board Member

The Mentone Community House recently received a generous gift of two new computers from Mentone residents Doris and Bobby Hamby. A goal of the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (MERF) has been to offer computer classes at the Community House and that goal will soon be realized thanks to the Hamby's donation.

The new computers will be set up in the room designated as a computer lab/classroom. The computers are identical and came complete with monitors, keyboards, sound and printers. They are easy to operate and utilize the current technologies many people need in this computerized world.

The MERF Board envisions computer classes for Mentone residents of all ages. The Moon Lake students who are tutored at the Community House will also have access to this wonderful resource. The computers can be used to teach both computer skills and other topics. In the future, MERF would like to expand the computer lab and add Internet access.

Doris and Bobby Hamby have lived in Mentone for ten years. Doris is a native of Crossville, TN, and Bobby of Spring City, TN. Their daughter, Bobbie, lives in Fort Payne with her husband and three children.

Bobby graduated from Spring City High School in 1971. He then went into the Army and worked with computers in the 82nd Airborne. Bobby came to the Fort Payne area 21 years ago when VI Prewett hired him to write computer programs for his hosiery company.

Seven years ago, Bobby started his own computer business in Fort Payne. Custom Words is located next door to True-Value Hardware in the North Y. They build and sell computers along with other accessories and software. Bobby and his staff are known in this area for their excellent service and repairs.

Doris and Bobby have given this gift in memory of their daughter, Peggy. Peggy graduated from Fort Payne High school and went on to get a degree in Adolescent Child Psychology from the University of Alabama. Peggy died in 1999 at the age of 26 when her former husband shot her. Peggy's last class at the University of Alabama was on family violence. The Hamby's gift is a wonderful tribute to Peggy and all that she accomplished. We are very grateful for their contribution to our community.

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UGF ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS FOR 2001

United Givers Fund of DeKalb County held its annual membership meeting on February 27. Two new directors, Pat Dunne Jr. and Candice Trotman Scott, were elected to the board. Directors currently serving on the board include: Karen Albrecht, Russell Balvin, Scott Bateman, Randolph Bell, Phillip Brown, Marcheta Chapman, Joyce Ciotta, Gene Cleckler, Lee Cobble, Steve Eberhart, Dean Fritz Eberhart, Terry Gillis, Barry Higgins, Gwen Hill, Jim Houston, Rick Kuhn, Ricky Little, Herb Martin, Mike O'Dell, Mike Parker, Lynette Porter, Scott Ross, Stephen Smith, Wayne Smith, Linda Sterling, Scott Thompson, Anthony Vizzinia, Thomas Whitten, Sue Wills, and Gene Wright.

Todd Shirey, of Borders & Associates, presented the 2000 audit and reported that the organization had another outstanding year.

Jim Houston, outgoing president, briefly reviewed the 2000 annual report and the accomplishments of the previous year. He expressed his appreciation to all the campaign volunteers, UGF directors, and office staff for their support and hard work during the year. He then presented Linda Sterling with a plaque in appreciation for her leadership of the 2000-2001 Campaign. The plaque was engraved with this year's goal of $330,000.00 and total amount achieved of $350,075.00.

Ms. Sterling thanked everyone for their help in making the campaign so successful. She then told the group that she has been asked and has agreed to serve as Campaign General Chairman again this fall.

Immediately following the membership meeting, the UGF board held the first meeting of the year. The following officers were elected for a one-year term: Mike Parker, President; Linda Sterling, Vice President; Gwen Hill, Treasurer; and Debra Dawson, Secretary.

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MOUNTAIN MAMAS OPENS 7th SEASON

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Craft Store opens April 6th for its seventh year. The store is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from noon to 6:00 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.

Mountain Mamas shop sells a variety of handmade items: candles, rugs, pottery, yard art, beaded jewelry, birdhouses, jam, soap, dried herbs, walking sticks, painted gourds, a variety of collectibles, books (old and new), and a rock shop. Lots of new items and artists have been added this year.

There are eight Mountain Mama owners and they combine their talents to help the store function. Susan Bradley is the candle maker. Her floral tapers are hand dipped and her roses are handcrafted, petal by petal.

Morgana MacVicar and Fayann Schmidt are our resident potters. They specialize in making pottery of a very old technique called majolica. Jean Adele is an apprentice potter and also has pottery for sale.

Mary Alice Stout and Ellen Spangler are the rock shop specialists. Ellen also hand-strings gemstone earrings and necklaces. Mary Alice makes the old-fashioned jam with no pectin, just lots of fruit in season, sugar, and slow cooking. She also collects roots and paints them to look like real snakes!

Barbara Lieu is the treasurer/bookkeeper for the craft shop. The hand-made rugs are by Sherry Tamburo. Her rugs are individually designed and woven with recycled Fort Payne sock loops and sheeting.

The store sells handcrafted items on consignment. Last year, over 40 local and regional women artists had items for sale at Mountain Mamas. The store has been rearranged and new and unique items have been added. COME BY AND SEE US!

Mountain Mamas phone number is 706-862-6481.

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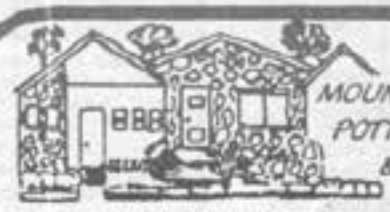
POTTERY CLASSES AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

Mountain Mamas will be offering classes this season. Beginning in May, Fayann will be teaching a class on basic hand-building techniques in pottery. Morgana will be teaching 2 classes. One will be on creating and decorating majolica tiles and the other on designing and painting majolica dinnerware.

Each series of weekly classes will be taught in 4-week sessions at a cost of $40 plus supplies. Call (706) 862-6150 for more information and to register.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Diamonds are Forever

Rhododendron Garden Club

By Christina Wise

The March meeting of the Rhododendron Garden club was called to order by President Dallyne Jones at 12:30 pm. on Tuesday 13th.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jan Wilkinson and Hope Walker read the Collect. Mrs. Ruby Brock gave the devotional. Her theme was taken from the songs of Solomon and she read a beautiful poem entitled "God's Gifts."

Mrs. Dorothy Shelden was recognized and welcomed back to the club. Mrs. Shelden is spending some time with her daughter, Marie Dillenbeck. The club was also pleased to welcome Dorothy Blalock as a visitor.

A delightful buffet was provided by the hostesses, Patti Bryan, Karen Wright and Mary Crow. The table was decorated with daffodils and the refreshments included green salad and green punch in honor of St. Patrick's day.

The Vice President Micky Gough introduced Kay Scruggs, the speaker. Kay's program was on antique and estate jewelry. Kay brought along a wide selection of Veteran pieces for perusal. She explained how one can date jewelry and determine whether it is Veteran, Edwardian, Art Deco, or Art Neavaux or Retro.

The earliest pieces tend to be mainly in silver and then the Edwardian introduced platinum settings. The advent of gas lighting in 1879 brought the need for bold colors and large settings. Gas lighting cast such a soft glow that large pieces set with garnets and amethysts were necessary to counteract the dimness of the light. With the introduction of electricity, however, pieces became smaller and more refined.

The Art Deco mode is mostly in platinum and larger in design. This overlaps somewhat with Art Neavaux, which features flowing lines and flowers.

The Retro period of the 1940s and 50s introduced the cocktail ring and is a good place to start collecting because the price range is more modest in comparison to the others.

An eerie aspect of this corner of history is mourning jewelry. This involved the practice of braiding the hair of the deceased into necklaces and bracelets or the painting of the eye of the departed one on a piece of porcelain, which could then be used as a pin or a pendant.

Mrs. Scruggs will donate the honorarium given by the club in appreciation of her program, to the sponsored walk for breast cancer research. Kay will walk in this marathon with her daughter Shanon.

In the business section, Ann Wright made a motion for the club to buy two loads of mulch for the butterfly garden at Moon Lake School. The motion was passed. Ann also asked for volunteers to work the beds in Mason Park.

The club agreed to donate two flats for the children in kindergarten to plant at the school.

Jan Wilkinson reported that the work on the "Welcome to Mentone" sign proposed for the S.Cool St./Ala. Hwy 117 area is ongoing, as is the roll of honor board for Mason Park. The Honor Board will bear the names of deceased club members in the memory of whom rhododendron have been planted in Mason Park.

The theft of the rhododendron bushes planted last year through the joint venture of Sand Mount Electric Coop and the Rhododendron Garden Club was reported. This joint venture garden area is located at the junction of Tutwiler Gap and Co Rd 89. The club gratefully accepted Patti Bryan's offer to donate weigela and crepe myrtle plants as replacements.

Flo Kirby reported that litter clean up on the club's adopt-a-mile area on Ala. Hwy 117 had been accomplished by Bernice Crow, Mary Ellen Fielder, Peggy Roark, and Flo Kirby. Linda Brown said that she had picked up litter from the Mentone Post Office lot. A request for the club to take over the maintenance of the flower beds at the post office was turned down. It was felt that the club should not interfere on government office property.

The door prize was won by Shirley Hussel. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be in the Jim Berry Scout Hall on April 11, at 12:30. 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.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD NEWS

by Gwen Douthat

Greetings from DeSoto Rescue Squad:

To begin with, let me apologize on behalf of the rescue squad for what appears to be our limited response to emergency situations. We would like to explain our situation to you, the community, who support us so generously.

The problem is a failure by DeKalb 911 to dispatch rescue squads in DeKalb County. The explanation we are given is that DeKalb 911 does not have the ability to dispatch rescue squads because they do not have the necessary radio equipment. Therefore, we are not being dispatched directly; and, unfortunately, at times do not get the word about emergency situations. Right now, we are using the "word of mouth" method to cover calls. We are trying through several different avenues to rectify this situation so that we can respond to emergency calls in a timely fashion.

The DeKalb County Association of Rescue Squads is attempting to get a grant in order to supply the necessary equipment to DeKalb 911 so that rescue squads can be dispatched and respond. The solution may take some time to implement and, therefore, Desoto Rescue Squad is exploring different options to put into place until the time comes that DeKalb 911 will be dispatching rescue squads.

The bottom line is that Desoto Rescue Squad is still very much active and is here to help you! All our personnel are trained Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians Paramedics) or First Responders, or are in the process of receiving the training to be First Responders. Also, we are training to be certified in extrication techniques to be used when victims of a vehicle accident are trapped in the vehicle. We have two emergency response vehicles in service now and have a new (new to us!) van we purchased, through your generous donations, that we are currently modifying and equipping to be a third emergency response vehicle. Also, we have a surplus ambulance donated to us by DeKalb Ambulance Service that we hope to be able to begin work on in the near future. We have a lot of things planned for further training of our members and are actively recruiting new members.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or criticisms for us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value anything you might have to say. Our mailing address is **P.O. Box 213, Mentone, Alabama 35984**. Our captain is Jim McCray and his telephone number is 634-0207, he would be glad to speak with you. Also, feel free to stop any member you may see at the store or post office or anywhere else. Again, we are here to help and serve you! Thank you!

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H. P. Goss

H. P

(When he was a littl mother made pumpki her, "Can I have a 'p pie?"

By Linda Brown

H. P. Goss was my friend He was liked by everyone because he liked everyone. H.P. was a quiet person who did many things for many people. When there was a need in town, H. P. did his part in finding the solution to the need. He was truly all things to all people. He had an instinct that enabled him to see a need and take care of it before it became a problem.

H. P. was always calm and I never saw him angry. I'm sure that all of the garbage left at the parks disgusted him and may have made him angry. He just cleaned it up and made the area beautiful for the rest of us. He did many things that we hardly realized he was doing, that was just his quiet way.

When the Mentone Crafts Festival was held at the Brow Park, he was always available to do anything he could. I knew that if I asked H. P. to do something, it was as good as done. Sometimes he would just sort of grunt at me, acting like what I had suggested was the most outrageous thing he had ever heard of, but he always did the favor and did it well.

When I would stay at the town hall for Marie or Catherine to have a vacation, H. P. was my main source of information. He would always have the door open and the heat or air on for me. He knew where all the keys were and would pretend that I should, too, even though he knew I didn't. He would get the mail and bring it to the office for me. When he was sure that I would be all right, he would announce that he was going home and off he would go. It was an ongoing joke between us that when I got to the office, even if I was early or at least on time, he would say, "Well, if you can't get here on time, just get here when you can." I knew that this was his way of telling me that I was accepted. H. P. was one of what I call, "Mentone's finest". These are the good citizens of our town who make a difference and sometimes we don't realize their impact until they are gone. H. P. was loved by many, and I am one of them.

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H.P. and Me

By Debbie Cuffey

I had just taken possession of the little house and was strolling around the yard taking in as much of the atmosphere as my senses would allow when from around the corner appeared a man in overalls and a baseball cap. He said he had never seen me up here before and was just wondering who I was. later I found out that he pretty much kept tabs on all the comings and goings and was the "security officer" for the parks. Once he found out that I was the new owner, he relaxed a little, but I could tell that he had reservations.

Every weekend, he came by to see me, always curious about the little projects that I had going on. One day, he came by and I was installing a bird house on a tree in the front yard. He teased me about falling off the ladder and not really knowing what I was doing with tools. I agreed but said the birds wouldn't notice if it wasn't perfect, besides, the rent was free. He smiled and returned a few weeks later with a wonderful birdhouse that he had made for me. I was thrilled and knew his reservations were gone!

The days were getting warmer and every evening I would walk over to Brow Park to watch the sun set. I was always joined by H.P. (and usually a few others from the hotel). He usually arrived about 10 minutes before the train would chug through Valley Head. I think he came to see the trains as much as he did to see the sun set.

During the summer, there was a family of foxes that came to the park around dusk to eat the offerings that the community and tourists would bring them. I would bring leftovers from dinner every night, and every night H.P. would inquire if it was for him (though he never would accept an offer to come in for a meal). When I would return to Mentone each weekend, he would update me on our little foxes, even the deaths of those on Hwy 117. We always felt that they came just to see us (and everyone else just got to enjoy them...). He didn't mind feeding all the critters as long as they "stayed out of the garbage cans". Of course the cans were too much temptation for all the other critters, i.e. the raccoons, that came out later and didn't get any of the feast laid out for the foxes. One weekend I came in and noticed that he had installed lids with hinges on the cans. I thought that was pretty clever. The only thing was, it didn't keep the humans from dumping their household trash into the cans, and that infuriated him. I hated it, too. They didn't care that an old gentleman had to come by every day and lift their garbage out and haul it off to a place where they should have taken it or paid to have it picked up like everyone else.

Sometimes I didn't know H.P. was at the park because he was a sort of "horse trader", only with trucks. He would trade every couple of months and swear that he was keeping that one. I guess I knew him through at least half a dozen trucks. Wonder where he got 'em all? We watched sunsets on through the fall then the days grew shorter and I worked longer so I saw less and less of my friend. I missed him, but knew that as soon as the weather turned we would be out there sitting on the wooden tables and staring out across the valley...

During the second week of December, I was up on a ladder stringing up Christmas lights on the eaves when around the corner came a man in overalls and a baseball cap...Sunsets and trains will never be the same...

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By Evelyn Graves

For as long as I can remember, H.P. Goss was a prominent figure in our household. My mother used to say she hoped nothing ever happened to H.P., because my father would not know what to do. If the sink drain was malfunctioning, Daddy ran to get H.P. If we got a new appliance, we could not enjoy it until H.P. had placed his stamp of approval on it and helped Daddy properly install it. Mother taught all of the Goss children and loved them all. H.P. and Gladys were wonderful supporters of the school and of her. Mother always paid a visit to Gladys when one of the children was sick or there was some other need in the family, and Gladys was always there for her, as well. Our families enjoyed a good relationship, and H.P. will be sorely missed.

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MEMORIES OF H.P. GOSS

By Doug Hoyt CPA

I was 13 years old in 1969 when I traveled from Miami to the splendor of Valley View Ranch. I was a young city boy who had never seen the country life. My first local contact was H.P. Goss, who was working for VVR in a maintenance position. HP was a big, stout gentle man who was very friendly. He was easy to talk to and turned his eyes to some of the trouble we got into. We looked at him as one of us, and enjoyed his company. As we came from a city life and he came from a country life, it was great that we felt so close to him. We used to sing about him, while working. I will never forget the day we had to move a very large stove in the kitchen. All the strong football players got on one end and H.P. handled the other end. I never realized how strong he was, until I witnessed him single handedly lift that stove. Under those overalls was a gentle giant.

I moved to Mentone after college and renewed my friendship with him. When I would see him around town, I always stopped a moment to chat. He was a good man who loved his family. I was sad to read about his passing, and will always have good memories of him. He served this community in so many ways, in so many positions. It was hard to come to town and not see him working. H.P. Goss touched my life and I am thankful and privileged to have called him a friend.

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By Bobby and Carol Gray

We were very upset to hear of the death of H.P. Goss. He became a very dear friend to us. We first met H.P. when we were remodeling our cabin. He came by to see what we were doing and we ended up luring him to do a lot of the work. It also gave us the opportunity to get to know him.

Anytime he saw our car at the cabin, he would stop by and visit. He would make bird houses and bring them to me. He also carved a replica of our cabin and gave it to me one Christmas. He knew how much we wanted to build a house on our property, and move from Chattanooga and make Mentone our home. He would ask us each time he saw us when it was going to happen.

A week before he passed away, we went to see him and told him we were going to build this summer. He was very excited for us. I am glad I got to tell him this. I want to always remember H.P. sitting in the swing at our cabin eating homemade ice cream. Mentone has lost a great citizen and we have lost a good friend.

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By Janice Harpole

Having moved to Mentone in 1992, a perfect stranger to the area, I was befriended by Mr. Goss. H.P. was the best friend I have ever had. He gave with no expectation of return, truly an angel or emissary of God. H.P. was a man of integrity, confidentiality, and good will. Never imposing, he was there when there was need of a helping hand, friend and companion. H.P. is truly missed and will not be forgotten. May he be in the loving company of God.

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Remembered

GOSS
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to eat my punkin'

By Lucy Mitchell

ecame acquainted with H.P. through our connection at ourtie Shop, one of the many places he "looked out oon I was adopted into his morning rounds, and every out 8 a.m., I would see him drive past, checking up house. He was a great source of history, answering any curious questions about departed Mentone s. I remember his kindness and helpfulness and his rful directness--never a doubt about H.P.'s stand on utroversy! I think of him often and he is missed.

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By Sharon Barron

P. Goss was not only my neighbor, but also my friend ny years. He was someone I could count on and he let me down. Over the years, I came to realize how people counted on him, and I know they all will miss much as I do.

ne not just the work he did for me that I will miss, it many acts of kindness. Once when we were neigh- was very sick and he brought me food and medicine. there were the wonderful gifts he handcrafted for me. ost of all, it was his always stopping by just to tease d say hello.

rs ago, he nicknamed me Aunt Bee. He said I was a bee and never still. I am so thankful I saw him the n before he died and got to hear him call me Aunt more time.

t anyone will ever be missed like my friend, H.P.

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Mentone, Alabama

H. P. Goss tribute
By John Baty

When I saw the request for comments on how H.P. touched the lives of others, I knew I would write.

I knew H.P. since I was a child, as friend, neighbor, fellow sportsman, and co-worker. In the early Forties, he sometimes hunted fox squirrels with my daddy, Arthur "Lightening" Goss, and myself. I had no gun, but I carried the squirrels they shot and loved every minute of it. We ate the squirrels. Fox squirrels are gone from this area now.

I was on the same job with H.P. at about three or four sawmill locations.

Once we both worked for E.T. Lyday who had a mill on the Coosa River, out from Ohatchee, AL. The crew boarded (batched) in an old house in Ohatchee. There was not much to do of evenings down there.

One time someone mentioned homemade beer (Home brew). I allowed as how I had a churn up home and if the truck driver would bring it on the next trip, I would make us some beer. The churn duly arrived accompanied by the message that the folks "were not going to bail us out of any Etowah County jails. I was on my own!"

I was young and restless, and if the truth be known, not very smart.

I went up to the nearby grocery store wondering how to buy the ingredients and not be noticed. I was standing there looking at the malt syrup when the owner walked up beside me and said, "Let me do that." He got a big paper bag and filled it with a can of malt syrup, five pounds of sugar and two packets of yeast. Rang it up personally and took my money. They asked me back at the house how I got the stuff and I said "Oh it's no trouble if you know how to go about it!"

I mixed her up with the help of another worker and soon she was bubbling. H.P. didn't volunteer to help but he watched the progress with much interest.

I had a little book that told how to brew the stuff. It said that the best temperature for brewing was 60 - 65 degrees F. The temperature in the old house rarely got below 90 degrees in the summer heat. Somehow the foam head we were supposed to watch didn't follow the rules. I allowed that a small difference of 30 degrees couldn't matter much. To shorten the story, I bottled and capped much too early. We were supposed to let it set several days for the yeast to settle out. (We didn't let it set quite as long as the book said.)

H. P. told me he thought I might have bottled too early, but that he really didn't know much about it. In a few evenings I decided to test it and we opened a couple of bottles. When we pulled the caps, every drop of the stuff hit the ceiling like a thrown rotten tomato.

After H. P. could stop laughing, he told us that if we were going to drink it, we had better drink fast and not fool around with it! We poured it all down the bathtub drain before it burst the bottles.

My friend H. P. and I laughed about those events only a few weeks before he left us. It happened some forty-three years ago. I, for one, will miss him!

E.T. told me later that the merchants in Ohatchee said after we left that we were the most well-behaved work crew that ever visited that area.

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Massage therapist, Mrs. Donna Sutton is pictured with Mountain Grove co-owner Ellen Thompson, the Rev. Dr. Gerhard Grau of the Cloudland and Menlo Presbyterian Churches, and local nursery owner Mrs. Mae Hilburn.

Pictured in front of the fireplace are Ellen, Mr. Homer Crow, Ellen's mother Mrs. Yvonne Thompson (who prepared many of the tasty treats for Open House), and Mrs. Bernise Crow. Ellen and Homer have enjoyed tracing their common "Crow" relatives. Mrs. Thompson recalls fond childhood memories of Mentone family reunions and visiting the old swimming hole where you could drive across the river.

This Spring at Mountain Grove

Lots of Mentone folks were on hand for Open House celebrations last month. Among our guests were Bernise and Homer Crow from The Hitchin' Post; Marie Dillenbeck who brought her mother, Dorothy Sheldon, who was visiting from New Mexico; dear Sue Henry came with Sarah Wilcox of The Mountain Laurel Inn; Huey and Marilyn Mathews, our M.A.P.A. president and wonderful champion, were guests, as well. Joe and Terrence of delicious Dish fame came with Tenzin Tharpa. Local organic farmers Ed and Ginger Kogelschatz stopped in for a visit. Donna Sutton, who owns Body Maintenance and also offers massage at Mountain Grove, brought Mrs. Mae Hilburn of the Lookout Mountain Nursery. The Rev. Dr. Grau of the Cloudland and Menlo Presbyterian Churches came and reported astonishing improvements to Mountain Grove since his last visit during the renovation process. "Moose" & Dianna Carden from Valley Head brought their granddaughter, the beautiful curly-headed Anna.

Moose (a.k.a. Harold) Carden and Ray Evans are now beautifully crafting the final renovation at Mountain Grove, a slate and tumbled marble shower for the downstairs guestroom, Laurel. The look is wonderful, the lighted shower seems like a wonderful water feature in one of the enchanting local caverns!

Owners Susan Cherones and Ellen Thompson wanted each of the four bathrooms to have a distinctive flair. Another of the bathrooms, the one for the Maple guestroom, features a unique tri-color customized concrete for the floor and the shower. Several of the floor tiles have fossil-like impressions of leaves and ferns, which Susan and Ellen picked from around Mountain Grove. A pink and purple hued Venato marble bath is attached to guestroom Spruce, which is painted a deep restful shade of eggplant. The new window treatments, which have been hung in Spruce and Maple, were designed by Glynda Warren, an interior designer from Chattanooga, and sewn by Debbie Hester of Menlo. Debbie, in addition to being an excellent seamstress, served for several years as secretary to Ellen's dad, Mr. Ed Thompson, when he was principal of the Menlo Elementary School. The upstairs bath, which serves for Dogwood and Magnolia, sports an original claw-foot tub and features a beautifully crafted solid walnut vanity made by local craftsman, Clark Money.

Mountain Grove is receiving rave reviews to the delight of Susan and Ellen who have worked on the restoration of the 1920s Cloudland Park home since the fall of 1999! This spring, Mountain Grove is available for bed & breakfast style getaways, customized retreats, weddings, parties, and these retreat workshops.

Spring Retreats at Mountain Grove

A **Drum Building** workshop is scheduled for May 18-20. Tom Harris has built over 500 drums in the last 3 years and has taught his workshop all over the United States. He is a wonderful teacher and a delightful fellow! Tom will guide you to creating your own wonderful African style drum; you can choose to build an ashiko or a djembe. You will learn to play and tune your new drum during this very *hands-on* workshop. Call for retreat prices or prices for just the workshop without lodging.

If **Absolute Rejuvenation** is what you need, reserve space for the workshop of the same name. This five-day event includes workshops and pampering designed to renew and reenergize you. You'll have professional massage, a Reiki treatment, classes, and activities in areas of stress management, simplicity, wellness, natural skin and hair care, or other topics of your choosing. Explore the beauty of Lookout Mountain and have a wonderfully relaxing time. This event is scheduled for May 24-28, (Memorial Day weekend). *the cost is $995 per person, double occupancy.* All meals and supplies are included. Extra massage or Reiki sessions are available.

This spring, you can learn about Lookout Mountain's natural pharmacy and gourmet delicatessen in an introductory workshop called **Gourmet Grazing**. You will get to participate in a "weed walk" with knowledgeable guides who will identify plants and herbs in our beautiful mountain woods and pastures that have been used for centuries as food and medicine. Sample a wild salad and enjoy a tea of freshly gathered herbs. Visit Shinbone Valley Farm, a local organic farm that specializes in healing herbs and nutritious foods. Learn to make the three basic types of herbal preparations, an infusion, a decoction, and a medicinal tincture, which you can take home with you. Enjoy delicious meals and great company. The retreat is June 8-10, and the *cost is $388 per person, double occupancy, and includes 5 meals.*

Join a spring retreat or call to create an event of your own! You can learn more about Mountain Grove and Experience Works by calling (800) 226-5585 or (706) 862-6676, or by visiting their website: www.experienceworks.com

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(4) ONE ROOM AND A PATH. Rustic hunting cabin. 700 sq ft. heated space, stove, frig, power, gas heat, window air. Outhouse, with 5 wooded acres at Little River Canyon National Preserve, and the Wildlife Management land. Located at Canyon View Forest. $55,000.

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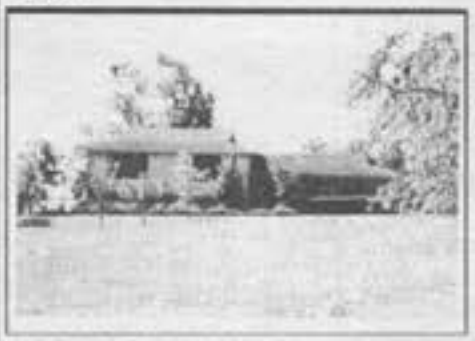

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL ONE OF THE OLDEST

By Martha Broyles
Staff Writer, The DeKalb Advertiser

Moon Lake Elementary School is one of the two oldest school buildings being used in DeKalb County. It and Valley Head High School's building were built the same year, around 1923.

"With the age of the building comes the challenges of maintenance and providing for modern technology with limited power supply and things of that sort," explained Dr. Bill Berry, Principal at Moon Lake School.

"Moon Lake has also grown in enrollment by 28% over the past six years. Our current enrollment is 142 with an added enrollment of 20 in the Headstart Program that occupies a building on Moon Lake campus. We have far outgrown our original building and because of that, the DeKalb County Board of Education (BOE) has constructed new buildings and provided additional mobile buildings. Along with that have come new programs that have been implemented in the school which called for more space. So the campus has grown quite a bit along with the increased enrollment," Dr. Berry said.

One of the key issues Moon Lake has faced over the past few years, including this year, has been how to accommodate the growing population and a growing array of pro grams with limited space. The County BOE has been good to respond to the school's needs. "Mr. Land and the board have supported our efforts and provided facilities and other things that we've needed over the past few years. We're very grateful for that," Berry added.

During 2000, Moon Lake also has been striving toward becoming an Alabama Reading Initiative school. The school was accepted into the program, along with Collinsville, to be an Alabama Reading Initiative school. Moon Lake will be a Literacy Demonstration Site beginning next school year.

The entire instructional staff will be attending a two-week training session this summer and bringing back fresh ideas for how to integrate literacy into all of the curriculum and how to teach reading as a skill rather than a subject.

Moon Lake has a great history of parental involvement and community support. Through the years of low enrollment and limited funding in previous decades, the Moon Lake PTO and the community worked hard to keep the school open and successful.

Berry said, "Now that the school has grown so much and has received such good support from the BOE, the community and the PTO continue to be vital organizations in enhancing what is here and contributing toward our needs."

Moon Lake test scores have always been among the highest in the county. Last year, on the most recent test scores, the 6th grade scored the highest of any grade of any school in the county. In fact, Moon Lake 6th grade was the only grade of any school in the county to score above the 80th percentile on the total battery score.

"We were very proud of that and pleased that Moon Lake continues its tradition of good test scores," said Berry. Moon Lake student body was also enriched during the past year by enrolling a student just two weeks out of Russia who spoke very little English. According to Dr. Berry, he has come far since his enrollment in October in his language and socialization skills.

Berry said, "Moon Lake 4th graders have been enriched by being exposed to this other culture."

Moon Lake is a school where everybody knows each other. It's very much a family-type environment among the staff, students, parents and community members.

"Everyone feels pretty much at home here and that's good. It's good to have that kind of traditional community-school environment. It's good for the students' education because it allows them to see that it's not just the teachers--it's everybody working together to help them grow and learn," said Berry, "Moon Lake is a community that takes great pride in the school and the building and seeing the school be successful and grow."

Moon Lake has many ongoing projects, which include a Butterfly Garden Eco-Center. It was started five years ago as a project of the Mentone Rhododendron Garden Club and they have continued to be a driving force behind it.

Moon Lake Principal
Dr. William Berry

The local citizens of Mentone, the Garden Club, students and teachers work together to plant and maintain this very extensive garden. It provides a great outdoor laboratory for students and a great place for anyone to walk around and enjoy the beauty of nature. Outdoor classes are also held there in the PTO provided gazebo.

Since the garden was started, the school has also continued to allow that idea of planting and providing outdoor sites for socialization and learning all over the campus. "Moon Lake has developed an attractive courtyard between the main buildings of the campus where once there was only gravel and weeds. We are trying to enhance the beauty of the campus along with continuing the things we've always done," said Berry.

Moon Lake has a new surveillance system and the school shares a School Resource Officer with Adamsburg and Valley Head. New bleachers for the gym were provided by the BOE and were installed in February. This will almost double the seating capacity in the gymnasium.

"Everything here seems really positive and we like it that way. We like to have everybody working together and striving toward positive goals. We are very fortunate and blessed to have that." Dr. Berry said.

Over the past three years, Moon Lake has been fund raising for a new library and the fund raising goal was accomplished last May. Ground should be broken April 1st with the opening scheduled to be September 1st. It will be called Moon Lake Elementary Community Library because it will also serve the community after school hours certain days each week and during the summer.

Berry said, " The library committee and others have been working very hard to plan the library and work in conjunction with the architect--as well as Mr. Land and the BOE, because the board is footing a large portion of the bill. The school raised $50,000 locally and that was matched by an anonymous donor's $50,000. The County BOE is providing the rest."

The library will be located on campus between the school building and Hwy 117, which will be a good location for the school as well as for the community.

Goals include getting into the new library and begin utilizing it effectively. The library will include a special room which will be the school's first-ever computer lab. Berry hopes to offer instruction not just for students, but also for adults after school hours.

"Another goal is to enhance what we're already doing constructively by successful implementation of Alabama Reading Initiative ideals and to continue improving our facilities by making them more compatible with needs of the 21st Century. Ultimately, to continue producing students who are successful in life," Berry said.

Moon Lake has an excellent record of students going on and being successful in high school. "There is a high ratio of Moon Lake students going on and becoming Valedictorians and Salutatorians at Valley Head High School," added Berry.

Even with all of the new and exciting programs going on at Moon Lake, the school is not without needs. One of these is to have improved facilities to aid in technological and academic learning, including an enhanced library collection so that the library will have a more comprehensive collection of books and resources.

"When the construction of the new library is complete, we will have the facility for it--we just need to continue filling it up!" Berry said.

Moon Lake has an outstanding instructional staff who are extremely interested in seeing Moon Lake remain a successful learning environment and remain very supportive of new approaches.

There are several community organizations who generously support Moon Lake School. The Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (MERF) provides after school tutors free of charge. They also provide an art teacher for a portion of each school year and worked in conjunction with the BOE to acquire additional land for the school which has allowed the facilities to grow.

Others include the Mentone Heritage Foundation who generously supported fund raising efforts toward the new library, Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA), who is very generous to the needs of the school; the Mentone Rhododendron Garden Club, who is very supportive of the school in many ways; Howard's Chapel Baptist Church, and Moon Lake Baptist Church.

DeSoto State Park provides expertise in science endeavors and Boy Scout Troop 106 has conducted six Eagle projects that include planting trees and completing landscaping projects on Moon Lake campus recently.

"In addition to the organizations, we sincerely appreciate the many individuals who continue to contribute to the school in so many ways," Dr. Berry said.

[See page 7 for photos by MarthaBroyles that go with this article.]

A Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman

Famous Vegetarians

To prove that there are plenty of not only healthy vegetarians and vegans (non dairy/eggs), but that many are not only big of brawn but brilliant of mind and talent as well, I have compiled a list of well-known vegetarians.

Leonardo da Vinci
Chris Campbell-Olympic wrestler
Benjamin Franklin (most of his life and while he discovered electricity)
Albert Einstein
Chelsea Clinton-President Clinton's daughter
Doris Day
Ellen G. White-Author
Mr. Rogers-from the neighborhood
Queen Sophia of Spain
Ralph Waldo Emerson
Susan B. Anthony
Tony LaRussa-Oakland A's manager
Dave Scott-6 time Ironman triathlon winner
Dean Ornish, M.D.
Bob Barker-host of Price is Right
Ruth Heidrich-diagnosed with breast cancer at 47 in 1982 she became vegan and a runner. She has completed 6 Ironman competitions and has over 600 medals and trophies from competitions.
Plato
Socrates-Plato's teacher
Johnny Weissmuller-broke 6 swimming records
Henry Heimlech, M.D.-Heimlech maneuver
Mark Twain

These are just a few of the thousands and thousands of vegans and vegetarians that I've run across. I will leave you with a thought from Shakespeare.

"He is a heavy eater of beef.
Methinks it doth harm to his wit!"

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Vegan Recipe

By Dowe Foreman

Buttery Garlic Spread

1/2 C olive oil
2 inches raw carrot (peeled)
3-4 cloves garlic
1 tsp salt

Blend all ingredients on high until smooth (you may see some small specks of carrot). Spread on bread and toast in oven to make garlic toast.

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Moon Lake Elementary School News and Upcoming Events!

Moon Lake School will participate in the annual achievement testing across DeKalb County. Stanford Achievement Tests will be administered each day this week.

Nineteen fifth and sixth graders were tapped into Moon Lake's newly organized Junior Beta Club during a formal program last Friday morning. These students were selected on the basis of both their academic record and an honors profile.

The Junior Beta Club is a national honor organization created to foster ideals of character, service, and leadership; reward meritorious achievement and conduct; and encourage higher levels of education.

Junior Beta Club tappings will occur each September, drawing from students in fifth and sixth grade.

Students tapped for Junior Beta Club membership on Friday were sixth graders **Mark Corey, Melissa Crane, Chad Franklin, Kayla Green, Livvy Griffith, Alex Hazell, Julie Ingram, Loren Kean, Justin Smith, Angel Wesley, and Eric Willingham**, and fifth graders **Randy Addison, Tim Bain, JEB Bunch, Kayla Hazell, Sarah Petersen, Tom Tipton, Sheena Tishaw, and Paige Wright.** (See page 19 for picture.)

School counselor Linda Lawton serves as local sponsor.

Important events stand between today and the end of school, beginning with **spring break** next week. This will be our only remaining holiday, as the two weather days scheduled during May will be used to make up snow days.

We will celebrate **Earth Day** with outdoor campus gardening activities on Monday, April 23. Anyone—*with or without a green thumb*-- is welcome to participate in this annual event.

Another yearly event, **Aerospace Week**, will begin on Monday, May 7. As with Earth Day, school stakeholders are invited to take part in the varied activities scheduled for that week.

Honors and diplomas will be distributed toward the end of May. The **Awards Day** program will occur Friday, May 18, at 9 a.m. Kindergarten graduation is set for Monday, May 21, at 9 a.m.; sixth-grade graduation is planned for Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m.; and Head Start graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 25, at 5 p.m. These programs will all be held in the school gym.

We encourage everyone to be a part of these various activities!

Kindergarten students won the **Camp Champs** competition during the third nine weeks of school, narrowly beating first graders *by two points*! They will choose a special reward for their victory.

Classes earn points in five categories: Meal Manners, Tidy Classrooms, Attendance Experts, Beautiful Behavior, and Clean Campus. We appreciate the dedicated efforts of every class toward earning as many points as possible!

"Taking a Stand"

by Kayla Hazell

I like the DARE program. I like it because it's very cool. It's also fun because you get to learn about drugs and violence. The DARE program is good for younger kids because they can learn how to say "no" earlier in their lives. So, if they get offered a drug when they're like six, they can say "no" easier.

I have learned that drugs that slow you down are called depressants. Drugs that speed a person up are called stimulants. Drugs that change the way a person acts are called hallucinogens. Nicotine is found in cigarettes and is highly addictive. Marijuana is a mind-altering drug. it has many slang names like: pot, weed, grass, and reefer.

I think it is very important to be drug free and avoid violence. If you're not doing drugs you won't get black lungs and gums. It is really important to avoid violence. Because, you have less chance of getting hurt. You could get shot or stabbed.

As a result, don't use drugs or be violent. It is terrible. I know someone who lost their dad because of drugs. I hate drugs. Don't do drugs.

Kayla's submission won the local DARE essay competition.

Make Note of These Upcoming Events!

Mon., Apr. 2-Fri., Apr. 6: achievement testing
Mon., Apr. 9-Fri., Apr. 13: SPRING BREAK
Mon., Apr. 16: assembly @ 7:45 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 17: PTO meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 23: Earth Day activities
Mon., Apr. 23: mid-term reports go home
Mon., May 7-Fri., May 11: Aerospace Week
Tues., May 8: PTO meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 18: Awards Day program @ 9 a.m.
Mon., May 21: kindergarten graduation @ 9 a.m.
Wed., May 23: last day of school
Wed., May 23: report cards go home
Thurs., May 24: 6th-grade graduation @ 7 p.m.
Fri., May 25: Head Start graduation @ 5 p.m.

Please refer to the full-year calendar sent home on the first day of school for further details of dates and events.

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Volunteer Fire Department Tribute to Eleanor Tate

Reggie and Eleanor Tate shortly after they were married

Eleanor and Grandsons, Harlan and Trevan. They were her pride and joy!

Eleanor and Youngest grandson Trevan

North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department

by Gail Chambers

On February 17, we, at the Volunteer Fire Dept., lost a very dear friend, co-volunteer and Fire Dept. "family member." At the age of 59,Eleanor Tate passed away at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Eleanor is survived by her husband, Reggie and three sons. Jim is a student and is associated with Camp Alpine. Scott is Head Football Coach and a teacher at Valley Head High School. Scott is married to Tamera and they have two little boys, Halan and Trevan. Johnathan is currently a student at Northeast Jr. College.

Eleanor was very proud of her children and especially proud to have those two little grandsons. Eleanor was famous for showing off lots of new pictures of those babies at the Post Office and at our fundraisers. We all looked forward to seeing what new pictures she might have or hear new stories about some cute thing Halan had done or said or how Trevan was growing. We traded many a story about our grandchildren.

Eleanor had been very active and held offices in the PTA/PTO organizations of Moon Lake and Valley Head Schools, and in the Athletic Association, also. She was a substitute teacher and helped out in the library or anywhere else they might need her at the schools. Eleanor was always willing to help, and you could depend on her to be there doing whatever needed to be done, to the best of her ability. At the same time, she also worked for lawyer Scott in Ft. Payne, and spent many hours in the vault at the court house doing title searches.

Eleanor served our Volunteer Fire Department as Treasurer for over 22 years. On Nov. 30, 1978, the first official meeting of the Volunteer Fire Dept. was held at the City Hall in Mentone. Sammy Cash was Fire Chief at the time and LeGrant Gable was Assistant Chief. Board members were Jimmy Graves, Willo Blackburn, Frank Biddle, and Stanley Brown. At this meeting, Stanley Brown made a motion that Eleanor Tate be elected Treasurer. The motion was carried and Eleanor agreed to be the treasurer. She remained our Treasurer until her death.

Eleanor was a very dedicated member of the Fire Dept. She worked long, hard hours with us collecting the money, setting things up, then helping clean up, even when she didn't feel well. After the money was counted, many times we'd joke about how many hot dogs we had to sell to collect the amount of money we had. But we always agreed on one thing--it was worth all the work.

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Charter members of the New Beta Club at Moon Lake

Times-Journal photo by Steven Stiefel

Charter Members were inducted Friday, April 30, into the Junior Beta Club at Moon Lake School. Pictured are, front row, from left: Alex Hazell, Kayla Green, Julie Ingram, Tim Bain, JEB Bunch, Randy Addison, Sarah Petersen, Loren Kean, Angel Wesley, and Chad Franklin. Back row: Kayla Hazell, Sheena Tishaw, Justin Smith, Mark Corey, Livvy Griffith, Eric Willingham, Melissa Crane, Paige Wright, and Tom Tipton.

David Chaney

David Chaney is the son of Alan and Kathleen Johnson of Mentone, Alabama and Randy Chaney of Abilene, Texas. He is the grandson of Doyle and the late Lela Weldon of Ider, Alabama, the late Bobby and Patsy Chaney of Abilene, Texas, and Paul and Myrtle Johnson of Mentone, Alabama. Honors David has received are an academic scholarship to Northeast State Community College and the Who's Who Among American High School Students.

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Photos submitted by Rudy Bell

Letter from reader about the Old School Picture ID

Elsie Carver of Flintstone, Ga., wrote in to identify one of the six pictures that appeared on page 11 in the September 2000 issue of The Groundhog. The girl's picture--found just above where it says "Photos submitted by Rudy Bell"--is Lottie Jean Strickland. She is Elsie's niece. Elsie used to go to school at Moon Lake when she was young. She said, "I enjoy the paper so much and wanted to let the one know that had them put in The Groundhog." She really appreciated it. Thank you, Rudy!

This is the identification of the old school photographs found on page 11 in the September 2000 issue.
Top row (L/R): **Kathryn Jones, Ivan Holderfield, Lottie Jean Srickland**
Bottom Row (L/R): **Clarence Crow, Clara Cash, Joe Blalock**

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Medicare & You

What you can do to help detect fraud

By Marie Dillenbeck

On Wednesday, March 28, Ann Brown of Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments came from Huntsville, AL, to the Mentone Community House to share a meal prepared by volunteers Sarah Wilcox of Mountain Laurel Inn, Kat Griffith, and served by Sarah and Kat, along with Lori Manifold, Sue Henry, and John Corey.

After the meal Mrs. Brown showed a video about Medi$mart in Alabama: what seniors can do about Medicare/Medicaid fraud. After the video, she answered questions from the seniors present.

She said that $19 billion is wasted per year; $26,000 per minute, according to year 2000 figures. With 1100 pages of Medicare regulations, it is difficult to keep up with individual cases of fraud. There are so many ways that fraud can appear, not only on your bills, but in services not provided. That's where the seniors can take an active part, since they are recipients of funds and services. All bills should be reviewed as soon as they come in to determine if you actually received those services or medicine. She told the group that if you find any discrepancies on your bill that cannot be explained, you can call your provider or call **1-800-243-5463 (1-800-Age-Line)**.

A brochure: *Medi$mart in Alabama* by the Alabama Department of Senior Services, and a booklet: *Medicare & You* by the **U.S. Department of Health & Human** Services were handed out to each present. A magnet with the phone number of Medi$mart was another useful item, as it can be placed on the refrigerator and used by the seniors any time they need to make an inquiry. A Personal Health Care Journal was provided by the U.S. Council on Aging to help seniors take an active role in their own health care. If anyone would like to receive one or all of these helpful aids, they can call the age line number listed above.

Another way fraud is taking place is by accepting something for "free" just by letting them use your Medicare/Medicaid card. If you don't need an item, please don't let someone get you something "free". It's costing the Medicare/Medicaid program. Remember, in the year 2000, fraud cost $19 billion a year. Think about it! That money could be better used for actual needs and and would help more people.

With the incredible loss that is taking place throughout the country on Medicare/Medicaid, the only way it can be reduced is for those receiving benefits to review their bills immediately upon receiving them. She also advised that it is wise to keep the medical summaries for as long as you possibly can, as charges may appear as long as two or three years later.

According to a 1997 law, a recipient can request an itemized statement of services to tell what all the charges are for. The provider must respond within 30 days or be fined.

Mrs. Brown said that this was the first program shown in DeKalb County. There will be a training program set up in July of this year to train others to show the video and explain what is in the hand-outs that are listed above. If you would like to be a volunteer for the training program, you may call the age line and let her know.

1-800-243-5463 (1-800-Age-Line)

About Our Town

By LINDA BROWN

You should have seen how this article started when I sat down to write it last week. Everything was beautiful and it looked like spring was finally here. Well, today, March 20, spring is officially here, and you should see Mentone. We have two or three inches of snow. There is ice under the snow and snow is still falling at mid-morning. Mother Nature once again has let us know that she is the boss and we will abide by her rules. I don't know yet what this has done to the flowers that are in bloom, but I'm sure it will not be good. The good thing is that there are other buds just waiting for warm weather, and with all of the water in the ground maybe they will do well this summer. We can only wait and see.

I read somewhere that the controlling element of trees and plants putting on buds is the longer length of the days. Today is almost twelve hours from sunrise to sunset. This is quite a lot more daylight than we had in mid-winter. By the time this issue of The Groundhog is out, the Redbud trees will be in bloom everywhere. This tree is different in that it puts on buds for flowers before it even thinks of buds for leaves. It is one of the prettiest trees in this area and always very welcome.

I have heard quite a few people comment that they don't plant vegetables anymore, they just go to the Farmer's Market in Fort Payne and get what they need. It is good that we all support the market, but there is just something special about growing your own. Maybe it is a primitive urge to get back to our roots. Think about planting a tomato plant or two. They are quite easy to grow, and it is great to pick something you have grown yourself. Wait until the last of April or the first of May to put tomatoes out, the ground just doesn't get warm enough and the nights are still cold.

The Mentone Planning and Zoning Commission met recently. There were quite a few things to be discussed. The building of houses seems to have slowed down right now. A lot of this is because of the winter season, but also people are waiting to see if the interest rates will come down more. Doesn't it blow your mind when you realize how much we depend on what the federal government does? But the really mind boggling thing is when you think that most of what they do depends on what other countries do. We have truly become a small world.

The Zoning Commission talked about some potential problems that will arise with growth. More streets will have to be opened, more water lines will have to be run, and many other things that we probably haven't thought of yet. It will be necessary to control noise, animals, debris and other nuisances because there will be more people. When you have more people you naturally have more problems (does this sentence qualify as a "Bushism"?). I just hope that Mentone will be prepared to handle these problems when they arise. I have found out that you cannot solve problems by pretending they don't exist. Change comes whether we like it or not.

The **Beautification and Senior Activities Committee** has met several times recently. Great plans, with leadership provided by Ann Wright, are being made for the two parks and other areas that can be planted in Mentone. Everyone knows by now that only native plants can be placed in Mason Park. This is to preserve our heritage plants and to educate our future generations. One of the plans is to build an outdoor arena to be used as a teaching area. The town plans to apply for a grant to use for beautification of the area, but as with all grants we don't know yet how much or how long until we can depend on this help. Right now the main objective is to clean everything up and plant smaller areas of flowers and shrubs.

The applications for a **Senior Club** are now in the hands of the proper authorities. We have to wait and see what they decide can be done before we can proceed. We hope that some action can be taken by this fall. This committee, under the leadership of Sam Franks, will continue to stay on top of what is going on in this area.

An interesting thing has happened to delay one of the grants that the water department has applied for. They have been informed that they must show proof that they will not harm a certain endangered plant that does grow in Mentone. I think that it is relatively easy to show proof of this, and they plan to comply with all rules and regulations. All of this gets very discouraging at times, but when we realize how many persons abuse the system, we can understand why they require so much proof that we will use the money as stated and also comply with all environmental standards.

My grandchildren have already experienced what happens when a few abuse the privileges; everyone suffers. This is a hard lesson to learn.

The season of Lent is now and the season of Easter will be here before long. This is such a beautiful season, not only for Christians, but for everyone. The secular part of the season is so pretty, with all of the eggs, bunnies and chickens. The pastel colors are so welcome after the harsh winter and wearing the darker colored clothing. I almost wish Mentone had an "Easter Bonnet" parade. It would be such fun to see what hats have been kept over the years and the ones that could be created for this year. There is something good to be said about this tradition of wearing hats and gloves. You felt very dressed up and special when you wore them.

I have just heard that Mentone has lost another good one. Bill Pullen passed in the night. He was a wonderful person and I can't wait to get to heaven to listen to his stories again. I'm sure he is entertaining the angels every day with the things that happened while he was on earth. I loved him very much and I love every one of his family. They are all special people.

Spring is coming!! Happy Easter to all!! Hide eggs with your children or grandchildren. Make memories, they last.

Happy Easter to all

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The Church News

By EVELYN GRAVES

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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.

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The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Venna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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

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The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (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.

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Renew Your Faith This Easter

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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.

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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).

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The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church** is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. There will be a singing on Saturday, April 28, at 7 PM. Supper will be at 6 PM. **The Willing Vessels will be the guest singers.**

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Lighthouse Fellowship. Greetings, Mentone! All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM CST; morning Worship - 11 AM CST.

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DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES

North DeKalb Ministerial Association
announces
date, time, and place for
Easter Sunrise Services
Sunday, April 15, 7 a.m.,
Valley Head Methodist Church
Brother Gary Moore of Lea's Chapel will be bringing the message.

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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.

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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.

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Mentone Wesleyan Community 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 acrobics Wed. 7:00 -7:45. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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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.

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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.

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St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

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The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Linda Tucker.

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Mentone Church of God announces they have a new pastor: LaRue Carraway. His wife is Rachel and they have three children. His first Sunday was March 25.

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The Country Journal

By

BERNISE CROW

The days are getting longer and warmer some days. Our flowers are blooming and brightening the landscape, giving us a cheerful feeling. We have been busy cleaning and raking leaves from around the tulips and daffodils. The wind blows them back some days as fast as we remove them.

It's time for spring cleaning--inside and outside. I think my house is clean until the sun comes out and it shines in the places where I haven't been able to see so clearly. Then the amount of dust amazes me. I wonder what manufactures so much of it, and how does it form cobwebs in the high areas where I can't reach them. One needs an eleven foot pole to get to them!

My mother never bothered with deep cleaning but once a year, but that was a CLEANING with capital letters. She scrubbed the floors, walls, and anything around with hot soapy water left from the laundry tub. I didn't look forward to those days. We took the mattresses outside and sunned them while the scrubbing was taking place. And she painted the iron beds every spring, while the mattresses were sunning. It was tiring, but everything smelled fresh and clean. We had feather mattresses on top of a cotton mattress. We didn't have box springs then--they were the old coil kind, and they had to be cleaned. Windows were washed and curtains washed, starched, ironed, and rehung. I'm glad we don't have to do that kind of cleaning any more. But it is nice to have carpets cleaned, all heavy furniture moved and cleaned, the ceiling fans cleaned.

If I keep thinking about it, I'll get busy--I like the closets clean and organized like Penny Lyday does; but to be quite honest about it, I don't like doing it one bit. Being a pack rat does not lend itself to an orderly closet. When company comes, I head for the nearest closet and toss things in frantically. Every weekend we are busy and by Monday I need to clean out my closet, hang clothes that were laid in haste on a stool, and get the washing machine started.

Joe and Terrence cleaned everything well recently while they were closed the first part of the week. They washed every one of those lovely plates hanging on the wall of the Dish, and they sparkle! Now, I need to give my 180 teapots a bath, but I'll think about that tomorrow.

Spring brings us more varieties of birds to enjoy. Our three feeders are mostly covered with gold finches and purple finches, but the robins and bluebirds are busy on the front lawn. Occasionally, I catch a glimpse of a flash of blue while the eastern bluebird is checking out the birdhouses. I love those little fine feathered friends. They eat the insects that infect our gardens.

It's been a typical March--unpredictable. One day it's nice and warm and the next day is cold and rainy and the wind blows all the time. Those days, I stay inside as much as possible. When I do go out, I have to keep a kleenex handy because my eyes and nose run constantly. It is good to know that this is Old Man Winter's last blast and spring is here.

Voles are eating all my tulips and I spent a lot of money for bulbs last fall. I look out and think they are all right, but when I touch the plants, they fall over--the bulb is gone. If anyone knows a sure treatment, please let me know. This is irritating. I've used moth balls planted with the bulbs, but that didn't help. We have to work hard to keep from losing all plants to some kind of pests.

The Rhododendron Garden Club has cleaned its mile of rubbish on Hwy 117, and MAPA has cleaned a mile farther east. Now, we need volunteers to clean some more miles. People have been very trashy this winter. Some of the parkway near where we live is very cluttered with trash. I just wish there was some way to educate people to keep them from dropping drink bottles and food wrappers on the side of the road. There are better ways to dispose of trash. My step-dad used to dig a hole in the back of his property and bury what he couldn't burn.

We have had some wonderful coverage of our restaurants in the Chattanooga Times Free Press--full color pictures and an excellent description of the foods offered. They missed the Dish Restaurant the first time, but Terrence called the lady and they did one on it later. We have had customers come in and ask where each one is located.

It would be nice to have a map of the area with restaurants and Bed and Breakfast facilities marked on them. We have some nice things to offer and I am happy to tell them when they are in my shop. The one thing that is tricky is that they ask, "Where is the best place to eat?" I tell them we have a nice variety. If they want delicatessen sort of food with all those good sandwiches, go to the Log Cabin Deli; if they want the best country food, go to Dessie's Kountry Chef; if they want steak, shrimp and Chicken Teriyaki, go to Cragsmere Manna or the Bistro. The Mentone Springs Hotel has a good buffet on Sundays, and the Dish serves excellent gourmet, strictly fresh foods, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 - 2:00; and on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Bed and Breakfast places serve excellent breakfasts. I have said I wanted to spend the night in one of them and enjoy the good breakfast.

The Tiger's Inn Restaurant in Valley Head serves about the best country breakfast I ever ate. The Cracker Barrel couldn't compete with that.

My family thinks I am a good cook, but I lay no claim to being a great cook. Cooking is a great profession and there is no end to learning new techniques. Now there are so many good packaged foods that can be used with fresh ones and make wonderful tasty dishes, but nothing is better to me than good fresh vegetables, hot cornbread, and cobbler pie.

We got a beautiful hand done Christmas message from Gerald and Margaret Taylor--that was the highlight of our Christmas. It was sweet and beautifully done and hand delivered to our door. They were not listed in our phone book, and I couldn't call them to thank them but I did see them later and tell them how much we appreciated it.

We were guests of the Mentone Inn recently with other business people of the area, the mayor, C.E.Britt; Patty Tucker, president of the DeKalb county Tourist Association, and others. It was a good rap session and many good ideas were discussed. I was very impressed by the way the mayor is working for progress in Mentone. We, nor any of us, want Mentone to be too commercial, but we do want enough to interest those tourists we already have. You either progress or you digress and die. There is no way to sit still and do nothing and stay alive.

Mike Campbell, owner of the Mentone Inn, was a gracious host and his manager and hostess, Sherri Brown and her daughter provided a wonderful buffet of delicious food. It was a good evening--very cordial. It was good to see Rob Hammond, owner of Camp Laney. We don't see him often. I got so excited about everything that I stayed awake most of the night thinking and rehashing everything. We need to do this more often and keep in touch with what everyone is doing. It could lead to a Merchants Association, which we need.

Easter is coming right away and it's our grandson Lee Cooper's 18th birthday, and income tax day--probably will be given another day because of falling on Sunday.

This is a wonderful awakening time of year when grass turns emerald green over night, and tree buds swell and burst open into all those shades of green--from chartreuse to deeper tones. The mountain sides seen from the valley are truly beautiful.

Happy Easter everyone!

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HAPPY EASTER

(2) WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR? With a private setting and a bargain price, you'll love this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with one acre for only $63,500. Wood burning fireplace, 3 out-buildings plus additional acreage available.

(3) OUT IN THE COUNTRY, yet only minutes from town. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is almost 2 acres with central heat and air, carpet and vinyl flooring and the roof is only 5 years new. Located in Ider, Alabama. Priced at $64,500.

(4) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shadigarage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. $63,000!

(5) COMPLETELY FURNISHED and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors, add a wet weather brunch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for $78,000.

(6) HISTORIC HOME IN VALLEY HEAD! You'll love this 3 bedroom house with its large screened-in front porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and crown moldings and wood floors, plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Priced at only $85,000.

(7) YOU'LL BE THE FIRST. Homeowner that is in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal balcony and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. $109,900.

(8) TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT COUNTRY LIVING--Breathe the clean air at this immaculate split level home featuring a large live-in size master bedroom, eat-in kitchen with screened in porch, 2 car carport, plus a separate garage with bonus room upstairs--all on 4 acres for $124,500.

(9) OWN YOUR OWN GETAWAY IN MENTONE. This wonderful home offers seclusion just off DeSoto Parkway! Sit on the deck and watch the squirrels play amongst the trees surrounding this rustic 1½ story home. Some of the features of this secluded home are 2 bedrooms, 2½ baths, beautiful Mountain Stone fireplace, central heat and air, wonderful rock formations. All this and more situated on 1.3+/- acres in Mentone. $129,500.

(10) ESCAPE THE MADNESS--Just minutes from tranquility this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Mentone. Built by an artist this house has tons of charm. $100,800 REDUCED TO $179,000

(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.8 acres of brow property. $179,500

(12) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING--Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-a-way or permanent residence. A must see for $180,000.

(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. $225,000.

(14) MENTONE - Impressive rustic contemporary mass before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting rooms, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 2.7 acres all for $210,000.

(15) HOME AND ACREAGE WAITING FOR YOU! Situated in a private location this distinctive log home features floor to ceiling rock fireplace, wood and ceramic tile floors, tongue and groove walls and ceilings, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a loft with a spectacular view of a pond with your own private fishing dock. Call for your private showing today. Priced at $267,500.

(16) LOOKING FOR SPACE? This home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room and great room, front and back porches on 77 +/- acres. Beautiful rolling front yard surrounded by large hardwoods all with privacy of a dead end street. $229,000.

(17) WHAT A DEAL! MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL--historical landmark in downtown Mentone currently being run as a bed and breakfast is now for sale. Restaurant will seat 100 plus people. There are endless possibilities with this great landmark. $399,000, REDUCED TO $459,000

(18) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 3 acres of elite brow front property. $249,900.

OTHER LISTINGS

(19) 160 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY on Lookout Mountain--just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone Ready for your dreams--hunting club--weekend retreat or development. Sold as a whole only. $2160 per acre.

(20) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at $3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

(21) WHAT A DEAL! 4-1/2 acres on the West Fork of Little River. Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. $29,000.

(22) LAKE ON THE BROW - We have a lake lot that is over an acre and is listed at $57,000. If you've interested, call us today.

(23) FOR LAND'S SAKE! Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only $49,900.

(24) WHY WAIT? 6 acres on DeSoto Parkway now available and ready for development. Almost 600 feet of road frontage. Great opportunity! $49,900

(25) JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY - 6.2 acres with large rock formations and a winter view. $69,900.

(26) GO JUMP IN THE RIVER - Little River that is! Just listed 3+/- acres on the West Fork of Little River. No restrictions. Call today. $60,000

(27) BUILD HERE!! We have listed (3) Five-acre tracts just off DeSoto Parkway! If you've been looking for acreage to build on, give us a call today! $44,500 each or all for $99,000.

(28) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling, heavily wooded with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted, $25,000.

(29) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL AVAILABLE - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

●Southern Properties has buyers looking for building lots, brow property, River property, farms and acreage.

●If you are considering selling your property in DeKalb County, please call us today.

Susan Collins Residence - 634-4695, Broker, GRI - CRS

Sara Quinn Residence - 845-1881, Broker, GRI - CRS

EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT CLOUDLAND

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue has invited the Easter Bunny to visit Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue on **Saturday, April 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The Tri-County headquarters are located at the AL/GA state line where AL Hwy 117 and GA Hwy 48 meet.

A prize of $15 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.

Charla Huskey (706-862-6344) will be the contact person for the event.

An Animal Reminder

Dogs must be on leashes in the business district.

All dogs are required by state law to wear license tags. Rottweilers, pit bulls, German shepherds, and chows are considered dangerous to the public and must be controlled by the owners. The DeKalb County Humane Society says dalmations are the number one biters and that all animals should be kept under control to prevent diseases, accidents, and law suits.

Town of Mentone

"Litter Alert"

Please continue to pick up all litter on the sides of the road on your property and in your neighborhood. If all of us do our part to keep roadsides clean, Mentone will be so much more attractive.

THANKS to the many groups who have been picking up their adopt-a-mile areas, and those groups/individuals who are just picking up litter wherever they find it. You ARE appreciated!!

NOTICES IN MEMORY OF

If you would like to help notify friends of the death of a loved one, please call the Town Hall at 634-4444 and leave the name of the deceased, the date, and the place of the visitation and service. If no one is in at the time, please leave the message on the answering machine.

As a service to the community, a list will be posted in the following five places: •Town Hall, •Mentone Post Office, •Little River Hardware, •Mentone Superette, and •Ruby's Variety. As the calls are received, a daily update will be posted on the notice found in each of the five places.

There have been several people who have said, "I didn't know he/she passed away. I wish someone had called me."

If you know of someone who has passed away and would like to let others know, please call 634-4444 and leave a message. Thank you

Marie Dillenbeck
Town Clerk

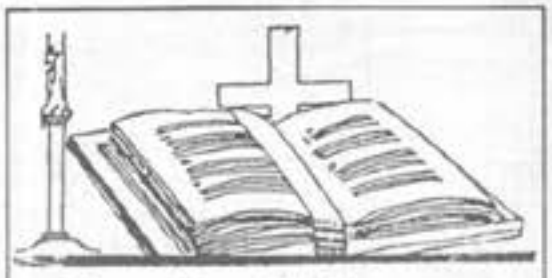
!!!WARNING!!!

IT IS A STATE LAW

LITTERING - throwing trash (paper, plastic, cans, bottles) on highways, streets and public places is a fine of $500.00. Our officers have been instructed to enforce this law. Trucks hauling debris, gravel, or dirt are required to have an approved cover over their load. This includes local haulers.

We would appreciate any incidents you encounter with truck violators be reported to Mayor C.E. Britt, with the company's name, or tag number, or DOT number.

LET US KEEP OUR TOWN, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS CLEAN



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Psalm 37:23-24

The promises of the Lord are to the ones who do good. Even his steps are ordered by the Lord. How wonderful to know that the Lord would delight in his ways. And just think, if he should fall, the Lord would pick him up. What more could you ask? So, trust in the Lord and do good. He will not fail us.

Have a good month and a Happy Easter.

KAOLIN GARDEN CLUB

meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 PM at Valley Head City Hall
Contact Marty Smith for more information.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- April 8, Palm Sunday
- Monday, April 9, 7 P.M. Town Council, Mentone Town Hall meeting room
- Tuesday, April 10, 12:30 p.m., Rhododendron Garden Club, Jim Berry Hall
- Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Sunday, April 15, EASTER. (See Church page for Easter Sunrise Services.)
- Thursday, April 26, 6 pm., Waterworks Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Sunday, May 13, MOTHER'S DAY
- Friday, May 18, at 9AM., Moon Lake School Annual Awards Day in the gym
- Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL
- Sunday, May 20, LITTLE RIVER CHURCH DECORATION DAY
- Monday, May 21, at 9 AM, KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION in the gym
- Wednesday, May 23, last day of school.
- Thursday, May 24, 7:00 PM, Moon Lake School 6TH GRADE GRADUATION in the gym
- Friday, May 25, 5PM, in the gym HEAD START GRADUATION,
- Sunday, May 27, BANKHEAD CHURCH DECORATION DAY

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

- April 11 & 25
- May 9 & *
- June 6 & *
- July 11 & 25

*(Vacation)

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The Bookmobile is in VALLEY HEAD on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

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and in HAMMONDVILLE on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30