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BOY SCOUTS TROOP 106 CLEANUP PROJECT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The citizens of Mentone and the surrounding area were the recipients of a very successful effort on the part of Boy Scout Troop 106, its youth, its adult leaders, parents, and others. In cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and the Alabama Department of Health, the Town of Mentone sponsored Boy Scout Troop 106 in the West Nile Virus Cleanup Program that took place on Saturday, April 6, and which was an Eagle Scout project of Robert McReynolds. As you can see from the pictures in this issue, there was an overwhelming response. A tremendous amount of trash, appliances, tires, wire, and items that were picked up during this effort.

The Scouts, their parents, and others who helped started out at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast at the Scout Hall. At 7 a.m., they went out to their assigned areas to pick up items and bring them to one of the four 22' dumpsters in town. White's Sanitation of Lyerly, GA, delivered the dumpsters to be used for the cleanup. This work continued until 7 p.m. that night. It was a long day for not only the scouts, but their supporters and their parents.

With all those involved, including the individuals who chose to turn in an application for the pickup, the result was the filling to capacity each of the four dumpsters. In some cases not just

once, but twice. The dumpsters have now been removed, the tires are being hauled away, and the scrap metal on the square is being picked up as this issue of The Groundhog goes to press.

The scouts of Troop 106 and the Town of Mentone thank everyone for their participation in this clean up effort. Without the help of all involved, it could not have been done. There were no injuries to the scouts during the entire process, even though they picked up a lot of broken glass and sharp metal items. We can all be thankful for the safety of the scouts and all the workers.

The Scouts and the Town of Mentone would like to thank the businesses who allowed the dumpsters to be placed on their property for the purpose of this cleanup.

At the square in Mentone, owned by The Mentone Inn, innkeeper Glenda Hollis, and the owners Mrs. and Mrs. Michael Campbell, were generous to allow the scrap metal to be placed in plain view for all to see the results of this combined effort. The Town of Mentone



and Boy Scout Troop 106 thanks the Mentone Inn for its generosity.

Those involved did not anticipate the magnitude of metal and appliances that was accumulated by the end of the day on Saturday (and which

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- Thursday, April 25, 4 PM., Waterworks Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Thursday, May 9, after the PTO meeting at Moon Lake School in the evening, open house for the new school library located on Alabama Hwy 117
- Monday, May 13, 6 PM, Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

- Tuesday, May 14, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club Annual Luncheon, DeSoto State Park
- Tuesday, May 14, 7 PM, American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Graduations will be in May, be looking for the dates and times to be announced and/or posted about town and in next month's issue

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MAPA MEETING

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At the March meeting held at the Mentone Inn, the speaker was Dr. Bill Berry. He presented an update on Moon Lake School citing the landscaping projects that continue, butterfly garden, side and front areas of the school, all making the campus a beauty spot especially in late April. Covered walks now connect all buildings. The gym has a special floor, through fund raising efforts of the PTO. The tiles snap together and can be cleaned easily. New doors are in the gym and last spring new bleachers that push in and pull out doubled the seating capacity in the gym. They are in the process of replacing and/or repairing the playground equipment. The driveway and parking area is to be paved and marked with parking lines. Lowell Barron got special funds to pave this area. The school now has three student teachers in the Kindergarten, 1st and 6th grades.

Last summer, all the teachers attended an Alabama Reading Initiative School, and through this training, the school became a literary teaching school.

The newest item is the library called the Media Center. May 9, at 6:30 p.m. will be an open house dedication ceremony, following the PTO meeting. Everyone was invited to attend.

Many volunteers have gotten involved and now read to the classes. Grandparents are especially good at this volunteer work and reading. The children love to have stories/books read to them.

A reading specialist works full time at the school and amazing gains have been made in reading by the children. With the new media center/library, the children will have access to more books.

A new library board has been formed. Dr. Bill Berry is the chairman, Linda Brown and Karen Saferte are the co-coordinators, with Linda Brown accepting the treasurer's position. Barbara Petersen is the secretary. Tonya Obenlander and Lynn Wagner are also on the board. Since the library is to be shared, there will be a school account and a community account.

Following his presentation a question and answer session was had.

Under old business, the Rhododendron Festival set May 18 and May 19, was discussed. MAPA will sell pinto beans, cornbread and drinks, as well as peanuts

at its booth. Coffee and donuts/sweet rolls will be served in the morning.

Three-year-old rhododendron will be sold. The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments.

At the April meeting the speaker was Linda Clark, manager of the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Clark updated the members on the disaster services provided by the chapter. Tornadoes in November damaged 34 homes and destroyed 6. Homes have been lost from fires. Disaster training/safety services are on-going and the chapter welcomes volunteers to come and be trained. Fund raising events have been taking place to raise money to help out in DeKalb County. To send a donation, you may write to The American Red Cross, DeKalb County Chapter, PO Box 680008, Ft. Payne, AL 35968.

Under old business, the upcoming Rhododendron Festival was the topic. Volunteers and workers are being lined up to help for the weekend of May 18 and 19. MAPA will be selling food. The Fire Department will be selling their usual Bar-B-Q and hotdogs, along with chips and drinks.

Under new business: the nominating committee was appointed: Dessie Newberry, Homer Crow, and Jack Jones. Sherman Gough announced that the adopt-a-mile has been re-scheduled due to his health. Volunteers are to appear on April 13 at 8:30 a.m. at Tom's Drive Inn to clean up the mile.

Other business: next month there will be no speaker as the festival will be the topic.

The meeting was adjourned to have refreshments. The next meeting will be at Dessie's Kountry Chef at 7PM.



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J.W. "Jim" Gaines

Mr. J.W. "Jim" Gaines, age 79, of Antioch Road in Dalton, GA, passed away Monday, April 1, 2002, in Hamilton Medical. He is survived by his wife, Martha Dillard Gaines; daughters and sons-in-law, Scarlet and Tim Crump of Resaca, Vickie Stone Blackburn and Al Blackburn of Mentone, Alabama; daughter, Patricia Lanier of Dalton; six grandchildren, one great grandson; sister, Verda Odum of Philips, South Dakota; Aunt Opal Gray and Aunt Willie Mae of Santa Ana, Texas; Uncle Edmund Gaines of Spring, Texas; cousin A.B. Harris of McCamy, Texas; family in Bakersfield, California.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. Peeples Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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MAYOR'S NOTES

The West Nile virus clean-up was not only a success but it mushroomed beyond our greatest expectations. Did you see the amount of stuff piled up at Sutton's Hill, also known as Tom's Drive-In, and the amount of scrap metal at the corner of Scenic Drive and Highway 1177? The Boy Scouts and their leaders worked very hard and long on Saturday to amass five roll-off dumpsters full of junk, approximately one thousand tires and at least two tractor trailer loads of scrap metal, including two boats and a number of batteries. The count could go well beyond this as we are still hauling and will be for the next several days. When the town council voted to sponsor this project with Boy Scout Troop 106 of Mentone, our best estimate for the cost of dumpsters and dump fees was from \$1500 to \$2000. Now, the disposal of the tires alone could cost \$2000, at \$2.00 a tire, not including loading and hauling. I spent two days trying to get someone to dispose of the scrap metal. Scrap metal prices are so low these days that it is not worth hauling. You can see this from the amount of scrap metal that was cleaned up out of people's yards. Based on the response, they also know the cost of the disposal of tires.

This project was to last only one week-end, not an entire week. We have now had to post the sites and place security at each site. We were allowed to use these sites for the central location and convenience of the Scouts. Now we have to stop dumping; and the clean-up by the Scouts is over. The purpose of this project was to clean up the Town of Mentone. However, we decided it was also important to clean up and accommodate the surrounding area (police jurisdiction). However, it was related to me that a pickup truck with a Georgia tag was seen dumping tires.

Thank You cannot be said enough to the many people who participated in this project. Thank you to the owners of the Mentone Inn and to the owners of Sutton's Hill for allowing us to use their properties. The Boy Scouts and the Town of Mentone appreciate their contribution. A very special thank you to the Boy Scouts of Mentone Troop 106 and their leaders.

In summary for now on the West Nile virus, those of you who for some reason didn't elect to participate in this clean-up and opted to be of the opinion that the threat is not real, we pray that you are not the one to get sick.

One final note, a gentleman who lives in the police jurisdiction stopped by the scrap metal site on Saturday afternoon and said to me, "I did not know that young people like these Scouts and their leaders would work as hard as I have seen these fellows working. They cleaned up my yard and it was a professional job. This is the greatest thing that ever happened in Mentone." We hope that many of you share this gentleman's kind remarks. This has been a costly project; and, if it were not for the labor furnished by the Scouts and their leaders, we would not have been able to afford such a project.

If you would like to make a donation to Boy Scout Troop 106, you may send it to: Boy Scout Troop 106, c/o Mentone Town Hall, PO Box 295, Mentone, AL 35984. Any donations made will be used to improve the buildings and grounds at the Boy Scout Hall on Dempsey Avenue.

About

Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



than the last one? This year is no exception. I think that the cold weather was with us so long and did so much damage, that we are more appreciative of the redbuds and the wonderful shades of green in the leaves that are starting to bud than we would be in a more moderate season. The last one-night stand of winter really took its toll on my flowers and shrubs, they were damaged severely. Some of them look as if they may not come back.

I saw the first hummingbird on April 6 and immediately put out my feeders. By mid-afternoon there were three hummers at the feeders and do you know what they were doing? They were fighting! I have never seen anything so little with such a big temper. They are constantly fighting, sometimes to the point that they cannot eat. We have also had several bluebird couples check out our houses. I hope that they decide it is a suitable neighborhood and stay. Almost every year I read a book to the Moon Lake Headstart children about a bluebird couple who are looking for a home. They look first at the house that they nested in last year, then Mrs. Bluebird decides that she wants a different home and they look everywhere. At the end of the story, they decide that the first house they looked at is indeed the best and this is where they stay. The children love this story and so do I.

Much is going on in the town of Mentone. As I write this, there is a huge pile of junk on the Mentone Inn vacant lot, sometimes called the Town Square. There are four dumpsters full of garbage at different locations around town and much more on the ground around them. What in the world is going on? Mentone was notified by the Environmental Protection Agency that they would have to clean up any garbage that could possibly hold water. This is because of the threat of a West Nile Virus outbreak and this dreaded disease is caused by a mosquito bite. Everyone knows that mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, thus the reason for the cleanup. One of the Boy Scouts from Troop 106 in Mentone decided to take this on as his Eagle Scout project. No one could have guessed that the response would be so great. The project has been a wonderful success and has served to show everyone the great need for a more extensive garbage program. Most of the items are things that are too large for the cans that we all put out by the side of the road on Tuesday morning. This is an issue that should be addressed by DeKalb County, maybe a truck could run once a month to pick up large items. We are a throw-away society with nowhere to throw our throw-aways.

The new library on the campus of Moon Lake School is almost finished. Watch for the open house date in the school news. It will be opening to the pub-

lic after school is out for the summer. Volunteers will be trained and ready to keep the library open. Presently, there are several committees trying to think of all the worst case scenarios and solve the problems before they happen. Tonya Obenlander, librarian for Moon Lake School, has been involved in this project from the beginning and deserves a vote of thanks for going the extra mile. She has given up much of her own time to help with the community part of the library. Thanks, Tonya!

By the time you read this, I hope that about one hundred trees will be in the ground to help beautify and preserve our way of life in Mentone. The other one hundred will be placed in pots to get a little larger before they are planted. Mentone had asked for three hundred trees, but only received two. The Beautification Committee has decided that this is a lot of trees. The other one hundred may come later, we were not told what to expect. The trees are Red Maple and Green Ash, both of which are native to Mentone. Because of this, quite a few will be used to fill in the vacant spots in Mason Park. It has been designated as a park to be planted with only native plants. A few trees are slated to be moved, as they are not native, thus leaving only the appropriate species.

None of the loans or grants have materialized yet. The Fire Department and the Water Department are both waiting to hear both their respective applications. I have been directly involved in the process of getting a loan for a new fire truck. Never would I have thought that so much was involved. Gail Chambers, chairperson of the board of directors had to sign umpteen papers. We had to mail in a certified list of the directors of the board and now we have to hold a public meeting, that has been advertised by posting it four places in town and running an ad in the newspapers. We still have not been notified that we have the money in the bank, maybe soon.

The senior lunches and the tutoring program are both coming to a close for this year. I'm sure they will be continued next year, as these are two of the most popular programs sponsored by the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation. I was only involved in one lunch, but I could tell from that one time that the response was great and everyone had a lot of fun as well as a good meal. I was more involved with the tutoring program. Just about the time you are not sure that your efforts are making a difference, the teachers and parents tell you that the student you are tutoring is making better grades since the tutoring was begun. This makes it all worthwhile. Also, there is a wonderful relationship established between the adult and the student. They become very special and you want to see them succeed in whatever they do.

This has been the year that I have planted seeds. Usually, I transplant already established plants, but because we had accumulated a grocery bag full of seeds, I planted many of them. If one-tenth of them come up, I will have many different and unusual plants. The last planting was black and dark pink hollyhock seeds. I haven't grown hollyhocks since I was a child, but my mother and grandmother always had them at the back side of the vegetable garden and I remember planting them in the small plot that I was given as my garden.

Speaking of things remembered, my father and I returned to Adamsburg recently. For those of you who may not know, Adamsburg is a town on Lookout Mountain about fifteen miles south of Mentone. It is

not quite as big as Mentone in that it doesn't have a post office. Our reason for returning was to visit my mother's grave and also to inspect a new headstone that Dad had ordered for the grave of his sister. While we were there, I asked Dad to help me find our "home place."

We found it but it was not as I remembered it. No one lived there, the house was in bad repair and the weeds had taken over the yard. The only thing that looked the same was an old oak tree and the barn. Under the oak tree was one of our favorite spots to play because sand washed there every time it rained. This was where my brothers made roads and ran cars made from wooden blocks. This was where we made a play house with more of the wooden blocks serving as furniture. We actually made mud pies, I remember rolling them around in our hands and setting them to dry in the sun. This was our special place.

The wooden blocks were from the barn that we had just built. The same barn that was still standing and in rather good condition. Dad seemed pleased that something he built had stood the test of time this well. The barn was where the fox was coming each morning to eat our chickens. Dad had decided that it was time to put an end to this, and just as he had the fox in the sights of his rifle one morning, my Mom realized that he wasn't in the house and screamed for him from the back door. Needless to say, the fox ran and as far as I know, was still catching our chickens when we moved from there. This was the barn where I was being nosy and bossy, as I always was, and fell over the brick foundation and broke my nose. Dad has told me many times that I was always in the way. Once it seems that he was wishing I would go to house out of the way and I looked up at him and said, "Daddy, you just don't know what you would do without me, do you?" This was the barn where one of the young mules that Dad bought each Spring, jumped through the place in the stable that was left open to throw hay. Mama watched one morning to determine how the mule was getting out of the barn each night and saw him jump out. Who would have thought that a barn could bring back so many memories.

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Bob and Jill Johnston, Joshua and Abigail Johnston seeks to put juvenile experience to work for residents in District Court

FORT PAYNE- "This election is about more than a Judgeship—it's about the children of this county and how we will impact their future."

Bob Johnston made these comments recently when announcing his candidacy for DeKalb County District Judge.

"A District Judge spends much of his time hearing cases involving juveniles," Johnston continued. "Whether dealing with abuse and neglect, or drug offenses and related crimes, a District Judge has a powerful opportunity to impact young lives for the good."

This opportunity is what convinced Johnston to run for District Judge. Since 1997 he has served the county as Assistant District Attorney, spending most of his time prosecuting child abuse and related cases. He has also handled cases involving child support, traffic, juvenile offenses, various misdemeanors, and felonies.

Johnston believes the public is well served when various agencies coordinate their efforts. He is Director of the county's Child Abuse Review Team, which meets monthly to discuss investigations. This team is comprised of representatives of the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Human Resources, the Fort Payne Police Department, the Juvenile Probation Office, and the Children's Advocacy Center.

A graduate of Crossville High School, Johnston enjoys serving his home county. He is a frequent speaker to school age children on such topics as drug prevention, teen pregnancy and school violence. He has volunteered his time to a number of organizations, including Families Ties (child abuse prevention), The Way home (home for unwed teen mothers), and the DeKalb County Council on Domestic Violence.

Johnston is also active in the Rotary Club. He is an active member of First Baptist Church of Fort Payne, where he is an ordained deacon and Sunday School teacher.

"I will bring valuable experience and a foundational understanding of the law to the office of District Judge," says Johnston. "But further, I will bring to the office energy and drive, and a commitment to the protection and justice that our legal system guarantees. As District Judge, I will give the people of this county the same level of professional, ethical and compassionate service I have rendered as Assistant District Attorney."



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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Spring Cleaning

by L.C. Moon

We reclaim our homes with spring cleaning. We rid our homes of the dust and build up accumulated from the past year. The body also accumulates "dust and build up." Blood cleansers, builders, and body tonics allow your body to restore balance.

Sassafras is known as one of the best blood purifiers. It is also a blood tonic, though it is not high in iron content. While sassafras purifies the blood, it also cleanses the liver. Darryl Patton, author of *Tommie Bass, Herb Doctor of Shinhone Ridge*, says sassafras is "an old time stand by for those suffering the results of a long winter with few fresh foods to eat."

Yellow Dock is a good blood builder. It is high in iron content. Yellow Dock is helpful for balancing skin disorders.

Yellow Root--*xanthoxa simplicissima*-- is one of the most powerful over all body tonics. I've heard lots of people give testimony to its benefits. Yellow root has brought ease to people coping with stomach ulcers, toothaches, diabetes and cancer. It is also known to regulate blood pressure and menstrual irregularities. Tommie Bass firmly believed it alleviated nicotine craving.

The life is springing forth. Local herbs can supplement your quality of life. Cleansing and toning the blood is a natural way to restore the vigor of spring within. Dane and I harvest and supply local herbs. You may call us at (205) 616-3148. Maddie's Garden in Mentone and the vegetable stand at the caution light in Cloudland are carrying and/or will have information about the herb and herbal products we supply.

Beginning April 13th, we are scheduling workshops every other weekend (next workshop April 27). The workshops cover identification and uses of native and medicinal botanicals (plants, trees, fungus, mushrooms, etc.) The cost is \$33.30 per person. Reservations and prepayment necessary with a limit of ten people per workshop. Call (205) 616-3148 for information and reservations for scheduled workshop. Groups are welcome to reserve a time between the biweekly workshops. PO Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984

Turner Makes Run for State House

Mentone, AL - April 4, 2002 - Christopher Turner, a resident of Mentone and life-long Alabamian, filed the necessary papers with the Alabama Democratic Party in Montgomery today in order to seek the party's nomination for the Alabama House of Representatives from district 24.

"My campaign," Turner said, "is all about milk and bread. Until our state tax structure can be made more fair, Alabama's hard-working men and women deserve a break."

"Milk and bread," Turner continued, "are staples. We have to have them in order to live. Taxing food is like taxing air. My plan includes a 'tax holiday' each month. On that day no state sales tax will be charged on food items. This is not the solution, but may help our families stretch their food dollar."

"It's time that the government of Alabama went to work for people, instead of having the people of Alabama work for the government," Christopher Turner said.

Christopher Turner, 34, is the Assistant Director for Program and Development at Lookout Mountain Camp in Mentone, Alabama. He previously served as one of the governor's liaisons to the Alabama House of Representatives in Montgomery, and as an Assistant Director at Camp Laney in Mentone.

Christopher is an active Episcopalian, and attends Saint Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone. He was elected to a term on the American Camping Association Board of Directors in 1996, and is active in professional and civic affairs.

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A Friendly— *Valley View*

By
ELOISE BROWN

It is a beautiful time, in spite of cold breezes, the flowers are determined to bloom in bright array. The redbud (actually orchid bud) trees are so gorgeous! And so many all around!

I hope everyone had a happy Easter. I was concerned about the weather. It was supposed to be so bad. I asked God not to let it rain on the sunrise services and church services, and I don't believe anyone got wet. I was told that the Valley Head Baptist Church had a very impressive service with a full house. Violet Hill Church had a community sunrise service. The Valley Head Methodist Church had several visitors and a good service. We had Easter lilies in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Libby, Gladola Holleman, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Holleman, Donald Brown, and Eldonna Brown Root, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Ringer, Dee Lee Morris, Robert Lee Morris, Clyde R. Hoyt, Bob Pillifant, Bill and Frances Ellis, Byron L. Biddle and Nelda Johnson. I was proud to have my great grandson, Jason Meadows, home from Auburn and attended with me. We went to K.F.C. for lunch afterwards.

I forgot to tell you last month—after my birthday dinner at Choney's, we went to Beverly and Chene Wright's home and they presented me with a beautifully wrapped toaster oven, which I am enjoying. I received a beautiful basket of flowers from my granddaughter, Robin's family, for Easter and several cards and phone calls and goodies from son, Barry, made it a happy day.

Bert Pickett's birthday was March 24, so twenty first and second cousins came to help him celebrate—from Opelika, AL; Akron, OH; Cummings and Ringgold, GA; and Chattanooga, TN. Some of them hadn't seen the others in some time and they had a good time reminiscing. Ruth and Bert's granddaughter, Brandi McDade and her husband, Kerin and sons, Jaxon and Preston, from Ringgold, spent the day, April 5, with them.

Ed Ringer visited his brother, Robert, in Marianna, FL, and they attended the Southeastern Woodworking Show in Tallahassee, on March 8. On his way home, he visited his niece, Sara Schmidt and her husband, Bert, in Enterprise, AL.

Jimmy and Michelle Adams, from Gadsden, visited Mary, Ted and John Holleman, recently. On Saturday night before Easter, John took E.T. Holleman to visit Betty Adams in Gadsden, and he attended the confirmation service for his cousin, Jimmy Adams at the Catholic Church. About twenty others were confirmed and several were baptized.

The Valley Head Water Board presented Ted Holleman with a plaque "In recognition for your many years of service to Valley Head Water Works." It had a little water meter on it with the date—1950-2002.

Justin Manning, (Rachel's grandson) was sent by Fort Payne's Gametime to San Diego, CA, on April 2, about their industrial designing.

Edith and Alvin Cox attended the wedding of their grandson, Jimmy Cox, in St. Augustine, FL, and enjoyed staying at the World Golf Village.

Ansley and John McGinnis, Peachie and David Cearley, and Irma and Tom Allison are spending several days with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman. April 2 was Laura Margaret's 90th birthday—congratulations to her—and best wishes for many more to a beautiful lady!

Camilla Yamada, (Maureen Hammond's granddaughter) spent ten days of her Spring break with eleven other students in Puerto Rico. They had a house on the beach and enjoyed surfing. She will graduate from Bowdoin in June 2003. Her brother, Elliott, a senior at Emory, chose to spend his Spring break in Miami, FL. He will graduate in Dec. and has a job in view as a financial consultant in the international hotel business.

Ed Ringer attended the retired teachers' meeting at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne, April 5, his last meeting as president after two years. Judy O'Daniel is the new president.

The Valley Head Baptist Church collects aluminum cans and sells them for their building fund. They would appreciate receiving your cans. Their building addition is almost ready for open house.

Leona Chadwick entertained the Sunshine Club with a delicious luncheon at her lovely new home in Trenton, March 28. We had planned to honor Addie Hall, a former member, for her 100th birthday, which was March 29. She lives now with her daughter, Mary Porter in Chattanooga. She planned to come until the last day, when she felt she was not able to come. We had a good meeting. I gave the devotional and a poem I wrote for Miss Addie. Those present were Susie Clark, Ruth Pickett, Elizabeth Bauerle, Jewell Shellburne, Lillian Pickett, Verence Hawkins, Lillie Bowden, Evelyn Clark, Jean Jones, Billie Harper, Leona Chadwick, Ann Wright, Estie Palmer, and I. Lillie Bowden took me and Jewel, and we came back through Byrd's Chapel and saw some pretty new country we had not seen before.

It is good to hear that Cecil Bridgeman is improving.

When the Voice of The Turtle is Heard

(Song of Solomon - 2:22-13)

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

—Eloise Brown

after serious surgery and pneumonia. He is a strong man and has overcome much adversity in his life, as well as heart surgery in the past. We hope he will soon be completely well.

Velma Hammond has been dismissed from BMC DeKalb after surgery and a rough four weeks and has returned to Dogwood Haven No. 2.

It is a beautiful world. I have decided that stupidity is the root of all evil. We have a beautiful part of the world and God has blessed us; and we have been so much better off than other parts of the world—so be wise—hesitate—meditate—appreciate!

Haiku

Forsythia glows
In arches of golden bells
Radiantly grows

Jonquils lift their cups
In a golden toast to Spring
While they strut and dance

Hyacinths lift lips
Of colorful temptation
To busy bees' sips

Bright buds swell and burst
Crowning trees with jewels rare
Sating beauty's thirst

Redbud lines her stems
With lovely amethyst gems
Adorning her limbs

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

—Eloise Brown

The Mystical April Rain

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

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

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

Earth its mirth cannot restrain
It bursts forth in glad refrain—
All happiness to sustain.

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

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

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

Represented once again
Magic man cannot explain
In mystical April rain.

—Eloise Brown

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Tony Hendon

Tony Hendon, son of Roland and Carolyn Hendon of Mentone, Alabama, is Sand Rock High School's salutatorian for the class of 2002. He is currently the Student Government President. A three-year member of the Beta Club, he is this year's president. Other academic achievements include being a four-year Future Farmers of America member and treasurer for two years; a member of the FFA Poultry and Parliamentary Procedure teams; member of the Math and Science Club for four years; member of the Science Olympiad team for four years; HOBY representative; Boys State delegate; Who's Who Among American High School Students; the National Honor Roll Society; Sand Rock School Pepsi ABC 33/40 Student of the Year; Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award recipient; member of the Federal Programs Advisory Committee; member of Chi Alpha Tai; speaker at the Circle of Champions; and a member of the school yearbook staff for two years.

Tony has also been very involved in Sand Rock School Athletics. He has participated in football, basketball, and baseball since his freshman year. Honors awarded in athletics include the Iron Man Award, All-Region Football Team member, All-State Football Team member (Honorable Mention as wide receiver), All-County Baseball Team member, All-State Baseball Team member (Honorable Mention), and the Cherokee Defensive Player of the Year Award.

He plans to attend Gadsden State Community College in the fall of 2002. Ultimately, his goal is to attend Auburn University and complete his undergraduate degree in the field of agronomy/soil science. He is an active member of Moon Lake Baptist Church, Mentone, Alabama.

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Jerry Lee Brisendine

Jerry Lee Brisendine of Mentone has been awarded a two-year **PRESIDENTIAL** Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in General Studies. Jerry Lee will be a 2002 graduate of Valley Head where she was selected as Who's Who Most Intellectual. Jerry Lee is a member of Senior Beta, Tatu, and varsity basketball team (captain). She was awarded Principal's Leadership Award and Highest Average award for Algebra II and Chemistry. Jerry Lee is the daughter of Jerry and Diana Brisendine.



Brandy Nicole Browder

Brandy Nicole Browder of Mentone has been awarded a two-year **ACADEMIC** Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in general studies. Brandy will be a 2002 graduate of Valley Head High School where she is a member of the basketball team and Beta Club. She participated in the Christmas care packages for the elderly. She is the daughter of Robert and Terri Browder.



Jessica Henderson

Jessica Henderson of Fort Payne has been awarded a two-year **LEADERSHIP** Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in Marketing. Jessica will be a 2002 graduate of Fort Payne High School where she is a member of DECA, Peer Helpers, Student Council, Sixth Man Club Senior Play (stage manager), and Mu Alpha Theta. She participated in the VFW NEWS Women's Auxiliary. Jessica is the daughter of Roger and Gwen Henderson.



Lacie Clure

Lacie Clure of Valley Head has been awarded a two-year **Leadership** Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in Business. Lacie will be a 2002 graduate of Valley Head High School where she is a member of the Beta Club, senior class secretary, cheerleading squad, DARE Role Model, and named WQSB student of the week. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Clure.

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Those present to help celebrate were: Rusty, Angela and Logan Chambers; Milton and Gail Chambers; John, Kim and Keegan Johnson; Sanford Hartline; Brent and Michelle Black; Hope Martin, Brady and Ethan Black; Kenneth and Gail Chambers; Phil and Krissy Harris; Brian and Kyle McNutt; Kevin Worthey and April Waldrop; Megan and Allison Waldrop; Alan and Vickie Chambers--Seth, Stephanie and Gabby John; Sierra and Michael Chambers; Alfie and Emerson Chambers; William S. Chambers, Amy, Leanna and Morgan Webb.

Brian and Kyle McNutt brought a video of the family that they had transferred from old home movies to video cassette. Family members enjoyed seeing themselves "back when" and seeing loved ones who are no longer with us. Lots of good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY

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MOON LAKE ELEM

By Bill Schwarz

Moon Lake School's sixth grade celebrated the end of February and, we hope the end of cold, nasty weather here in Mentone and in all of northern Alabama. What did they do? Why Mrs. Leslie B. class had a field trip to Huntsville to experience science. In Huntsville, across I-565 from the Alabama Space and Rocket Center, lies the North Alabama Science Center called simply Sci-Quest.

Sci-Quest is a hands-on science laboratory pally for children, although adults (me for one) v enjoy pulling the levers and pushing the button a fine opportunity for children to start getting aced with science, its ideas and concepts. All exhibits are interactive and educate by reading and observing. Read a notice (a sign), do what sign tells you to do, and then make note of what happens. Some exhibits require the coordinated efforts of several students, for example, building a free arch. Measuring the mechanical advantage of several pulley systems requires three pupils their efforts. Use of the focused sound experiment requires one person to talk and one to listen, then change jobs. Here, two large concave "dishes" 50 feet apart in what is usually a very noisy room through their focusing of sound even a whisper heard.

A demonstration of four simple machines (a concept) shows that two bocci balls can be made four bocci balls. Electrical insulators and conductors are demonstrated. For the musically inclined, the "Whop-a-phone" which shows the relationship between tonal pitch and the length of a pipe, the instrument, you hit the end of an open pipe the flat sole of a flip flop.

An anatomy lesson can be had by removing and replacing bones and organs in a body cavity. Can you find the origin of a burp? Believe me, sixth graders love the gross-ology demonstrators...the belching and food digestion.



TARY SIXTH GRADE

They stood in a chamber while a tornado developed, and they experienced the shaking created by an earthquake. Want to know what keeps an airplane up? The students found out it is the Bernoulli effect, as clearly demonstrated by a stream of air supporting a small ball.

A fine exciting day, so the sixth graders say.

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The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Katharine Adams of Centerville, Massachusetts, and the late Rev. Sydney Adams, who was Executive Secretary of the Interchurch Council of Greater New Bedford, and is the daughter of

Dr. Franklin D. Hunt of Kansas City, Missouri. A graduate of Life Chiropractic College, Dr. Hunt is in practice in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of the University of South Florida, with a degree in History. He is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and is Director of Global Cardiovascular Marketing with CryoLife, Inc. in suburban Atlanta. The wedding will take place in April on the grounds of the Anderson estate in Atlanta.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

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. Everyone is welcome to come.

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 Yenna Livingston at 635-0350 or Mary Holleman at 635-0241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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 Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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).

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

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 700-802-2007.

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

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.

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

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00-7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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.

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.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM; Morning Worship - 11 AM; Sunday evening - 6 PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. Pastor LuRue Caraway welcomes new comers.

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 700-395-7016, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wed 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and Youth!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular 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.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Frankie Jones.

Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program Twenty-Second Annual GED Graduation Friday, May 3, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

The Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program will hold its Twenty-Second Annual GED Graduation for GED recipients on Friday, May 3, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., at the DeKalb County Schools Coliseum in Rainsville. The graduation will honor all GED recipients from DeKalb, Jackson and Marshall Counties. Robert Reeves host of WHNT TV's "Mornin' Folks" which is broadcast on Huntsville's Channel 19, will be on hand to assist in the presentation of certificates.

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

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

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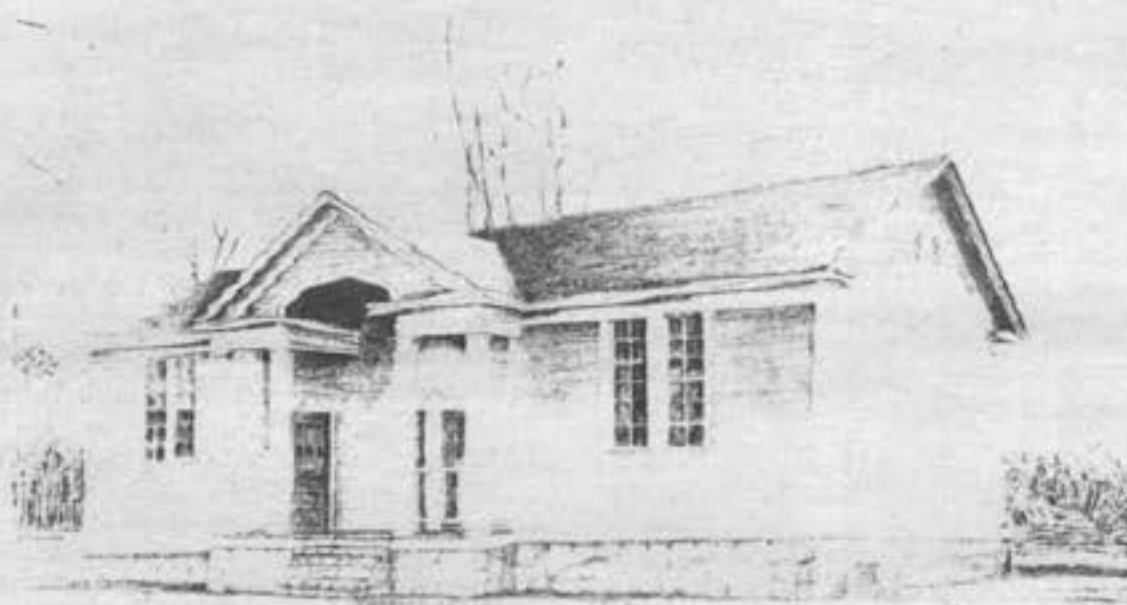
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At Mountain Mamas are LMAR volunteers, Barbara Lieu (L) & Ann Marevis (R) with animal pin, birdhouse, dolls and cookbook.
(Photo by Emily Greene)

CRAFT SHOP SUPPORTS ANIMAL SHELTER & FIRE/RESCUE

By Mary Alice Stout

MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFT SHOP, Cloudland, Ga., proudly supports two non-profit organizations: Lookout Mountain Animal Resources (LMAR) and Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue of Cloudland. The owners of Mountain Mamas sell items for these two groups and 100% of the proceeds from the sales go directly to the organizations.

The Volunteers of Tri-County Fire/Rescue make dolls and birdhouses for sale. They also compiled a cookbook, Tastes from the Country. The cookbook contains over 200 recipes from fine cooks on Lookout Mountain and sells for only \$8. The birdhouses are \$15 and the dolls \$5. For more information on Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue, contact Mary Alice Stout, at 706-862-2142, one of eight Mountain Mama owners and a Tri-County volunteer.



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Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland on GA Hwy 48. The shop opened Easter week for its eighth season. Besides selling items for LMAR and Tri-County, the shop has handmade items from nearly 40 regional crafts-women. Items include pottery, rugs, candles, matted photos, cards, painted furniture, folk art, yard art, beaded jewelry, plus a rock shop. Items are sold on consignment. If you are interested in placing handmade items in the shop, call Mary Alice Stout, 706-862-2142.

The shop is open Fri., Sat., and Sun., from noon to 8:00 pm (GA time).



The Emorys New owners of the Mentone Superette

Dear Residents of Mentone,

As the new owners of the Mentone Superette we would like to thank all of you for your kind welcome. Tom and I bought the store from Benny and Brenda Goss and our first official day of business at the Mentone Market was April 9th. What a fun day that was!!

Tom and I moved to Mentone on April 5th from Selma, Alabama. We have two children, our son, Byrum, who is three and our daughter, Saddler, who is two. There are several reasons why we chose Mentone as our home but the most important was for our children. Tom and I feel that growing up in a community where people care about each other and their town is important.

Just to let you know how we found Mentone Mother and I were looking for her ancestors. We were searching for her great grandparents and discovered that they were from the Mentone area. We knew that my dad's mother was born and raised in Paint Rock Valley, so we feel like this is a homecoming. In fact after our very first trip to Mentone we knew we wanted to live here. My parents have bought a home, and now we find ourselves the proud owners of a business in Mentone.

Tom and I have many exciting plans for the Mentone Market and we hope to see you all often as our plans develop. Thank you again for letting us be a part of your community and making us feel so welcome.

Sincerely,

Tom and Kristen Emory

THANKS!!!!

Benny and Brenda Goss would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two years. We had a great time and will always remember it with fondness. So long and farewell as we pass the baton to the new owners of the Mentone Superette. The Superette is in good hands; please give it your support. As comedian Bob Hope used to say at the end of his show "thanks for the memories."

Lora Dell Perkins Day

On Sunday, March 17, 2002, over 100 people gathered at Moon Lake Baptist Church to hear Lora Dell Perkins give her testimony of what the Lord has done for her, especially for the almost three years she has battled various cancers, and to share a time of fellowship with Lora Dell and her family.

You will find her testimony below as nearly as could be remembered. Of course, no one can put things quite like our Lora Dell. We hope you will be as blessed by the testimony as she was.

My Best Friend Is Jesus My Testimony - Lora Dell Perkins As presented at Moon Lake Baptist Church March 17, 2002

I accepted the Lord as my Saviour when I was a young girl. My parents had not been saved. In October, 1989, my mother woke me up and told me that she had been saved, and that my daddy needed to be saved as well. Soon he was saved also.

I have missed being here at Moon Lake Baptist Church. I can read my Bible and pray at home. I can even listen to sermons, but I miss being with other Christians. Live your life for the Lord and make Him No. 1.

In June 1999, I learned that I had cancer. My daddy had cancer before he was saved, and I wondered how Daddy dealt with it without the Lord. I am so thankful for my ongoing relationship with the Lord. I met a man during the first month of my radiation that reminded me of Daddy. During the time of radiation, I talked to him and witnessed to him, but he did not have much to say. He had just a few months to live and I was afraid for him. He asked me how I could, with my terrible cancer, be so happy all the time and sing the songs that I would sing. I told him that I had no fear because I was sheltered in the arms of God. He did come to the Lord before his death. If nothing else came from this cancer, one life for the Lord is worth it.

I am not worried because I will be happy all my life wherever I am. By the way, this is water I am drinking. (Gets a laugh). Treatments have been discontinued and I am having more pain, but I am going to enjoy my life. I just remember that Jesus had much more pain on the cross than I will ever have.

One night I read the Bible and prayed about a trip I was planning, which just did not seem to be coming together. While my eyes were closed I saw two nail scarred hands holding my hands. I actually felt them. I said, "Jesus?" In a beautiful voice He said, "Yes." I asked, "Do those hands hurt?" "Oh, no, where I am there is no pain." He replied, "I hurt badly today, when will I quit hurting?" "Soon, I will bring you home to live with Me and you will not hurt any more ever again."

This sounds wonderful when you have to take pain medication every 4 hours and it only dulls the pain. But as long as I am here I am going to keep on trying, because I like to aggravate the preacher.

That night Jesus said, "I will fulfill everything that I have planned for you before I bring you home. I still have work for you to do." He told of a situation and that I would meet a friend and pray for the situation in that lady's life, which will be resolved before He takes me home. "I have other things for you to do. You will know when it is time for you to do them."

After that, I cancelled the plans for my trip, feeling that I should not go at this time. I kept waiting for what

Jesus had in store for me. In about a week or so after that I woke up about 3:30 in the morning. My medication had worn off. I got up, showered, got in my car and started driving. I arrived at a particular person's house; the door was unlocked, which was very unusual. The man was sitting at the table (this was a man who had known me all my life) with a bottle of pills and a gun. The man said, "Lora Dell, what are you doing here?"

I replied, "The Lord sent me." He was getting ready to take his own life. I told him that he did not want to do that. I talked and prayed with him, and we read the scriptures. He had been saved as a young person. He has lost everything he has worked for and was in despair and was away from the Lord. He is now seeing a Christian counselor and is getting his life back on the right path. God put me in this man's life for a reason. He used me.

Even when something bad is happening to us, if it works for the good of the Lord and for others, that is what it is about anyway.

I love laughter and fun and getting along with others, no fussing and fighting. Some of my favorite verses are 1 Thess. 4:16-18 *Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

You can have bad stuff happen and sit around, feel sorry for yourself, and question God. But, when you have Jesus as your best friend, you could not have anything better than that. If you have not asked Jesus into your heart or if you have been away from Him, there is nothing you can do that will make God not love you. He is so good to me, I don't know anyone more blessed than I am. You may outlive me, and I might outlive some of you, but when the time does come, I know where I am going.

Bro. Bill said, "And all God's people said, 'Amen'." The congregation answered, "Amen!"

Editor's Note: A dinner was held following the service honoring Lora Dell and her family and special friends, and a money tree was provided. All of you who know Lora Dell know what a special person she is, and those of you who may not have met her, hopefully will receive a blessing from her testimony. I am sure she would enjoy a card from you, and if you would like to send her a check, I am sure it would help at this difficult time with all of her medical expenses. Her address is:

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L/R: Matthew Terrell and Jacob Terrell

Jacob and Matthew Terrell, sons of Mike and Barbara Terrell of Valley Head, returned home from the University of Alabama for a visit with their parents over spring break. Jacob is a senior this year and expects to graduate in May. His major is International Business Management and Japanese. Last year, he spent the entire academic year studying at Kansai Gai Dai University in Osaka, Japan. The previous year, he studied at Pusan National University in South Korea. As a result of the many language classes he has had at the University of Alabama and his overseas living experiences, he is now fluent in both Japanese and Korean. Jacob has also studied the Arabic and Thai languages while at the U of A. He has been named a Capstone International Scholar by the University of Alabama.

Matthew is now a junior at the University and is double majoring in International Business Management and Spanish. This coming August, he will travel to the country of Costa Rica in Central America where he will spend the academic year studying at the University of Costa Rica. As a result of his university classes and several years of close friendships with some of the local immigrants from Mexico and Central America, Matthew is fluent in Spanish. He spent the Christmas holiday with friends traveling in the Dominican Republic. He reported that, in the areas of that country where he visited, he did not encounter anyone who spoke English; but said he got along fine speaking Spanish. Matt has been inducted into the University Honors Program, has been consistently on the Dean's list academically and holds membership in the Golden Key Honor Society.

Their parents are understandably pleased that the boys have taken their college studies so seriously and are building excellent futures for themselves. Their sister, Emily plans to attend the U of A next semester.

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Deer Hunt

John Baty

Back there somewhere years ago, it was permissible to run deer with dogs in DeKalb County. A brother-in-law and I decided to purchase two deer hounds. Very few people were selling hounds specifically labeled as deer hounds. We found an advertisement in "Field and Stream" for almost any type hound a man might desire. (The availability of so many kinds of hounds should have raised the red flag of caution, but in the enthusiasm of the occasion, we ignored that simple fact.) The alleged "kennel" was somewhere in rural Arkansas. We ordered two blue tick and walker crossed. The price was very reasonable. The hounds were guaranteed. If they didn't suit, just send them back, freight paid by customer, for a refund.

When the hounds arrived, it was obvious that they were someone's culls. One was an old, broken-down male walker foxhound who would try to run for a few minutes, then come to us and limp along behind us.

The female was a speckled (licked) dog of who-knows-what bloodlines. She did run deer (or rather walk after them)! She would cold trail a fresh deer trail and take forever to travel a quarter mile.

We considered returning them, but the shipper had apparently anticipated that action and taken some insurance against it. He had constructed the shipping boxes of 3/4" green (freshly cut) sweetgum board, and they were heavy and strong enough to hold a wild boar. The freight was more than we had paid for the dogs. To return them would cost us more than we had paid, also--so we had been royally had either way we might go.

Brother-in-law suggested we drive the hounds back to Arkansas and whip the fellow to teach him some good manners. I wasn't too keen on that idea, but did consider it. We finally stifled our anger, swallowed our pride, licked our wounds, tightened our belts, and went on with our hunting--wiser but poorer.

One day shortly after the dog-ordering fiasco, Brother-in-law, one of my brothers, and I were hunting just above Montone, a few hundred yards north of County Road 647, behind the old Callan home place. We had the ordered female along and she started cold trailing headed east. We spread out and followed along, watching the woods ahead. She cold-trailed on across the woods behind the Lee Crowe place, almost to present Lil' Mole. We noted that she stopped and began chowing interest in something on the ground. We investigated and found a freshly-killed and field-dressed deer head. Since a deer head without a deer attached don't usually leave a half-mile-long scent trail, we were baffled by the mystery. No good explanation has offered itself yet.

Brother-in-law has been gone on these many hunting seasons to that great game preserve in the sky, where all the hounds run fast and true and November's morning frost is most beautiful, but is only ninety-eight degrees fahrenheit, and does not numb the fingers.

Brother and I are now too old, fat, soft, and lazy to tramp through winter dawns, gripping cold, blue steel gun barrels, with numb, white fingers, peering through watering eyes, ever intently probing the inscrutable brush for the humongous set of antlers which glint yellow in the morning sun.

We still sometimes laugh about that hunt and speculate about the true events of the morning, a goodly while past.



The RECIPE CORNER

By

SUE SCHWARZ

Dieters beware!!! This month I have enjoyed a couple of spectacular desserts and I want to share the recipes with you. The first one is from Ron Pyke, a friend who is spending some time in the area this winter. He brought this "Peaches and Cream" to a dinner party and everyone loved it. The second recipe was featured in a local paper a few weeks ago. Linda Brown and I discussed this one and I have tried it. It is one of the few desserts of which I have seen Bill Schwarz ask for seconds. Try these and share with your friends and family. Linda - this one's for you

PEACHES AND CREAM - Ron Pyke

20 oz can crushed pineapple in own juice
2 bags frozen sliced peaches, thawed and drained
1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
1/3 C pecans
1/3 C raisins
1/4 C brown sugar
1 stick butter, melted.

Mix pineapple and one bag peaches; spread evenly in 9 x13-inch pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over fruit layer and gently pat down and level. Place peach slices from second bag evenly over cake mix layer. Sprinkle raisins among peaches. Sprinkle pecans over everything. Sprinkle brown sugar over everything. Use measuring cup with pouring lip to drizzle melted butter over top. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 60 minutes. Serve with Ice Cream or whipped cream.

FALLEN FUDGE CAKE

Melt half a stick of butter in an 8-inch baking dish.

3/4 C sugar
1-1/2 T cocoa
1/2 C milk
1 C self-rising flour
1 t vanilla

Pour this mixture over the butter. Then, mix the following ingredients in a bowl and pour this mixture over the butter also, and DO NOT STIR.

1 C sugar
1/4 C cocoa
1 C water
1 t vanilla.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. It will make its own sauce and doesn't need frosting. It is better served hot. Serve with ice cream.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held March 12, 2002, at the Community House. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Marie Dillenbeck delivered a devotional which reminded us of those precious treasures of friendship. Karen Wright and Mary Crow were Hostesses.

The program was presented by Billy Crumley. Billy is a Master Gardener and her program focused on raising butterflies and planting for them.

The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and approved as read.

Old Business:

Dorothy Cyr reminded us that April 22nd is Earth Day and we will have a work day at Moon Lake School. Linda Brown announced that a Dogwood has been acquired and the Partridge Peas will plant it when the site is prepared.

Ann Wright moved that we set out another Oakleaf Hydrangea at the triangle garden at Tutwiler Gap. The move was seconded and carried.

New Business:

Mickey Gough and Dee Matlock will represent the Garden Club at the Home and Garden Show at Rainsville.

The Federation Luncheon is to be held on Saturday, April 27. Our club is responsible for name tags and place cards for the head table.

It was moved by Jan Wilkinson and seconded by Lucy Fowlkes that the May luncheon for the Rhododendron Garden club be held at DeSoto State Park. It will be held May 14th.

Raffle Tickets for a gift basket to be drawn for at the Federation Luncheon were distributed. The money for those is due next meeting. RGC donated wind chimes and hose attachment for that basket.

The meeting was adjourned. There will be a short meeting at the community house before touring Glass Farm Nursery in May.

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



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- (8) 12 WOODED ACRES located on County Road 106, Mentone. Small Meadow area, paved road frontage,
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BOY SCOUTS TROOP 106 CLEANUP PROJECT A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

Continued from Page 1

continued throughout the weekend and Monday through Wednesday, while the dumpsters were out). These items were all picked up and brought to the town square, adding to the growing pile. They are being removed at the time of the printing of this issue.

At Suttons Place in the Bankhead Community at the top of the hill on Alabama Hwy 117, there was an overwhelming amount of items including trees, old refrigerators, wire--you name it, it was there. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

The third dumpster was placed at The Little River Hardware on Alabama 117. We thank the owner, John Corey for his cooperation. The fourth was placed at Brow Park on North Cool Street. These also have been removed.

This project was a success with the cooperation of all those involved, including all the residents who volunteered and the parents of the scouts also pitched in and helped throughout the day. Thanks to all of them for their assistance.

Kenneth McMunn and Mike Bare were among those who donated the use of their trailers and front end loaders to help pick up the heavy items, such as refrigerators, washers, and numerous other metal items. Tom Oberlee of Camp Comer also brought his trailer to help load items to be carried to the dumpsters and also to remove metal and appliances and take them to the square. They were the last workers this writer photographed at the Brow and at the square in the evening on April 8.

This endeavor did not stop at days end on Saturday. Scout Joshua Hughes was there on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, helping to complete what the troop started on April 6. He helped town workers haul and stack tires, clean up the areas in which the dumpsters were placed, haul the metal and appliances to the town square, and in general was there for every aspect of the cleanup. A special thanks to Josh Hughes for all his hard work, not only as a scout but as a citizen in the community.

As the mayor said, "Our motto is if we can save one life or person from being extremely ill, it will be worth the effort." The West Nile virus disease is unlike anything we have dealt with before. There is no vaccine available as yet. So cleanup efforts are presently the only way to combat this virus. Again, thanks to all those who participated in this effort.

For additional information, see the Mayor's Notes and Our Town in this issue.

(Please accept the writer's apologies for any omission of names of those who worked and helped in any way. This was a joint effort.)



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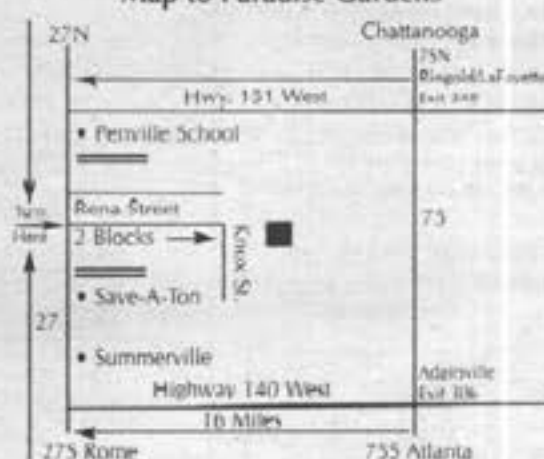
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Map to Paradise Gardens





The
**Country
Journal**
By
BERNISE CROW

Today is the day I should be writing but I'm really in the mood for cleaning the house. The sun is shining and dust seemed to suddenly appear in every nook and cranny of the house. Everything that looked reasonably clean yesterday while it was raining, looks like someone forgot to use the dust cloth.

I think winter has passed and spring has arrived with some cold blasts of wind lingering. Flowers bloom and are frozen, others bloom for a few days and they get chilled and die. Our peach trees got zapped while they were in full bloom. One tree seems to have some blooms that look like they may have survived. Homer covered them with vinyl and even put a low burning heater inside the covering. And we are lovers of fruit. I just hope the freeze didn't reach South Alabama and South Georgia where the big peach orchards are found.

We have just passed the Lenten season which should be a time for renewal and sacrifice. Most people who observe Lent give up a special food they like and try spending more time in prayer in preparation for remembering Christ's death. Then on Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Christ is celebrated in joyful worship. I always look forward to the sunrise service when all our community churches come together for worship. This year, Moon Lake Baptist sponsored the service outdoors at the church, weather permitting it would have been held at the amphitheater behind the school.

I have had time to do some reading during the winter months, a little more than usual. Jean McGehee and her friend Mirelle Schenl have co-authored their autobiographies. It's most interesting. They have been good friends for years (both teachers) and they encouraged each other to write their life story. I thoroughly enjoyed the book. The life style of our ancestors interests me—just wish we had more of their stories. The way we live today will be entirely different to our grand children I loved to hear my mother tell about seeing the first automobile and what excitement it was to see an airplane flying overhead. We have many interesting people in our Mentone area who

could write a book. John Baty, for one. I love his stories.

My magazines are a source of pleasure for me. Of course, I'm careful about the ones to which I subscribe. I like traditional decorating and gardening types. Southern Living and Traditional Homes have been favorites for years. House Beautiful was top of the list until it has gone modern. I'll cancel my subscription if it continues in the same style.

My Bible is my source of inspiration. There is some of all types of stories in the Old Testament—from the beginning of time. Psalms are wonderful poetry and some were meant to be sung. David was a musician as well as a warrior. The twenty-third psalm is soothing to a tired aching heart. There is something in the psalms for everyone.

I have just finished Rosalyn Carter's book - "First Lady From Plains". It was most interesting, and I had trouble putting it down to do my chores. It is well written and it covers Jimmy Carter's political life through being governor of Georgia to being president of the United States. I highly recommend it, even if you are a republican. Jimmy Carter was a real dedicated, honest, Christian southern gentleman. I wish we had more like him in Washington today. He continues to work all over the world with those who need medication, homes and food.

I read and study antiques but am never sure that the things I sell are real antiques. So many genuine antiques are in museums or in the homes of wealthy people who can afford to pay thousands of dollars for them. We buy interesting pieces of furniture—some would just be classified as "used"; but, if it's over 50 years old, someone will enjoy collecting it. Glassware and china and some silver are fascinating to me because I enjoy setting a pretty table. Food just seems to taste better on a table set with good china and real napkins. I've been using cloth napkins for thirty years, since we became aware of saving our trees (paper products are made from wood). The cloth napkins can be easily washed and those that I use daily do not have to be ironed. I spray starch those used for special occasions. There I go rambling again.

Some people would laugh at me. They could find more constructive things to do with their time than starching and ironing napkins. Back to the glassware. There are so many makes and kinds of it that it is impossible to know about all of it. I like old pressed glass but have no idea of what pattern some of it is. The more I read about it, the less I seem to know. The brilliant cut glass of the period from 1890 to 1910 is gorgeous. And for awhile it went completely out of style but now it is expensive. The new cut glass made in Germany is beautiful but it is sharp from being cut by a machine and can cut one's fingers. The brilliant cut glass was cut by hand.

Joyce has a friend in South Carolina who collects Miller Glass. She had china cabinets all over her house with a different color of the miller glass in each one, clear, pink, green, amber, etc. It was beautiful. I've never had but one piece in my shop. It is not familiar around here.

While in Rio De Janeiro a few years ago, we met a man from New York who goes to Brazil annually to buy Galle glass. He said that it is a good price there and he can buy it there and resell it in New York for enough to pay for his trip and still make money. So perhaps one should only specialize in one kind in order to know it better.

Of course, I like Waterford Crystal but it is so expensive that I only buy a piece or two at a time. I remember Mrs. Jessie Whitehead showing me her Waterford stems with pride. They had been given to her by friends. Any glass washed in mild soap and a little ammonia and bit of vinegar will shine and be beautiful, but cut glass washed in this solution will sparkle like a diamond.

We have an Artist group upstairs at the Hitching Post. They have some nice things. Sue Cannon, who I have known for a long time, has beautiful pottery. They also have woodworks, ironworks, paintings and more to come. We have something for everyone. With them moving in, I've been forced to move out some junk that should have been gone long ago.

It's spring and now beginning for our shops in Mentone. We look forward to a good spring and summer.

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The Shed to be a grower for The Huntsville Botanical Gardens

The Shed is proud to announce that spring has officially arrived. However there is still going to be some cool weather and the frost season is not over yet. You can start cleaning up beds and uncovering some plants; but be aware we still will have at least one more frost in May. Be very careful on the annuals you put out. Petunias and geraniums are cool weather plants and can be planted about the 3rd weekend in April.

Perennials should be safe enough to put out unless you get them straight out of a hot house freshly grown, same with shrubs. Are you aware that a lot of times shrubs & trees that have been in the green houses with protection from frost are tender here? Ask the nursery if your shrubs have been grown outside or inside.

Remember to sun harden your plants when bought out of a greenhouse. We take the pleasure in sun hardening all of our plants before we sell them unless you just cannot wait. As a certified registered grower, The Shed can tell if plants have been grown hot. Make sure you harden off plants for about 3 days before just sticking them in the ground. The Shed not only tells you how to harden off the plants but also how to grow them. Come by or call us for instructions about sun hardening your plants and why.

We are so pleased to get The Huntsville Botanical Garden account this year. Harvey Cotton from Huntsville Botanical Gardens visited The Shed some time ago during the growing season; and he was very impressed with the way our plants looked. Mr. Cotton asked if we could contract to grow for them. Our response was yes; and Harvey liked our prices. After he toured the whole property, we learned what he had in mind on plants—all Proven Winners, and Potted Plants, and unusual plants such as Pitcher Plants, & Variegated Jacobs Ladders. He looked at our present 6-page brochure list and we discussed all the plans for The Shed to be a grower for The Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

Harvey Cotton and his business executive took a few weeks to look over all the plants we had to offer. He was quite surprised The Shed carried all the proven winner annuals, as well as perennials. He stated, "You just don't find a lot of varieties with some of the bigger growers, either they are growing all

annuals or all perennials."

When The Shed decided to start growing annuals, it helped our business grow tremendously. No one wanted just the regular annuals you could pick up every day at the common garden centers; they wanted something unusual and hard to find.

Harvey said that, at the Gardens, they strive to have something unusual and hard to find. Mr. Cotton stated these plants will be displayed in their gardens, as well as sold at the Plant Sale which is held in April. I was very excited and thanked him and his company for choosing The Shed to be a grower for them. The Shed has grown into a big nursery and now has a total of 5 greenhouses, with plans to build more in the future. Many new plants include Proven Winners and lots of Wild flowers and Native plants. The Botanical Gardens left The Shed with 2 to 3 flats each on some varieties to sell here. Those flats will go quickly.

If you miss the first crop of Ipomoea's, which are sweet potato vines, we have a second crop coming in. The Shed is a certified sweet potato grower. This allows us to do cuttings on them as long as the agriculture agent comes and inspects them before we sell them. They will have a tag per 100 saying weebie free sweet potato vines in the state of Alabama. Buying plants that do not have a corn teen tag stating they are weebie free may result in the release of potato bugs, which could kill off our farmers crops. Just remember when you go to other nurseries look to see if they have that tag. Many plants have been taken off the market because they are too invasive or bugs are released that are killing farmers crops or plants can't be killed in the Tenn. River. At The Shed, you may pick up a copy of the list of illegal plants in the state of Alabama. As certified growers and members of TNLA, we can tell you what is illegal for Alabama. One plant that was pulled from 6 Nurseries in DeKalb County—including The Shed, was Water Hyacinths. These plants, along with Water Cabbage and Patriots Feathers, will no longer be available through our Nursery. They have clogged up the Tenn. River; and now they can't get rid of some of these plants because of the mild winters in this area and the invasiveness of those plants.

See you all soon. Glad its spring.

Cheryl & David Baker

A copy of a 1941 article was forwarded to
The Groundhog by Marty Smith,
Town Clerk of Valley Head.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR HAMMOND OF HAMMONDVILLE

I extend to the people of DeKalb County, and to fox hunters in particular, a cordial invitation to come to the fox hunt, which is being arranged by the citizens of Hammondville, to be held Monday night, May 20, as a special feature of the Rhododendron Festival.

The cast of hounds will be made at 8:00 P.M. at New Union School House, near DeSoto Park. DeKalb hunters are requested to bring their dogs and invite their fox hunting friends from other counties and states.

Hammondville has appointed a Festival committee, made donations for expenses, and we stand ready to answer the call and help make the festival a success. Hammondville is furnishing cars, gasoline and paying expenses of its committee members.

I call upon all citizens of Hammondville, Mentone, Valley Head, Fort Payne, Collinsville, and other towns to join in the spirit of the festival. The Rhododendron Festival will be a success this year and a greater and greater success as the years go by, bringing thousands to our county.

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W.B. HAMMOND

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May 04	Wildflower Saturday	Steve Threlkeld	8:30AM-6:30PM
May 11	Legends of the Lookout	Carolyn Hendon	9:00 PM
May 17	Native Plants	Francine Hutchinson	6:00 PM
May 18	State of North Alabama	Linda Roundtree	8:00 PM
May 24	It's Not Easy Being Green	Talena Tatum	8:00 PM
May 25	Verona Hall Story		8:00 PM
May 31	Medicinal Plants of Little River Canyon	Francine Hutchinson	8:00 PM
June 01	Little Man of Little River Canyon		8:00 PM



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By Ruby Brock

Every good gift and every perfect gift is
from above, and cometh down from the
Father of lights, with whom is no variable-
ness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:179

I look out and see the beautiful flowers begin-
ning to bloom, the trees are so pretty. I can't
help but think what good gift God has put here
on earth for us to enjoy. It's all for our pleasure
and I want to enjoy it all and thank God for it all.

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•September 19

•December 19

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