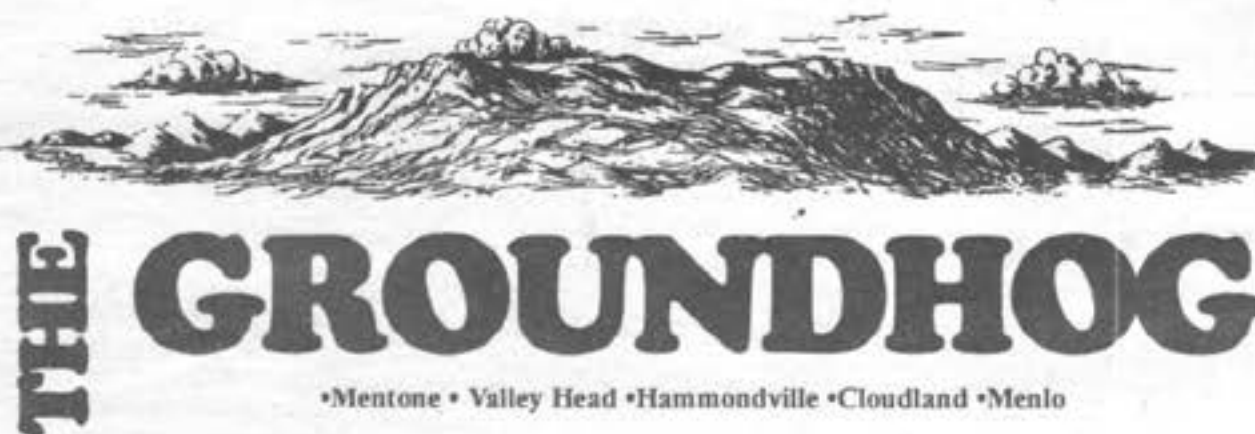


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MOON LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



By Linda Brown

Greetings from the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library. I plan to bring you news of the library each month by way of The Groundhog. Many new and wonderful things are happening there now and more are being planned.

First, you need to know what hours the Community Library is open. The new hours, beginning April 1st are: Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, 9-12 a.m. The Tuesday hours will be for you to check in and check out books and use the research facilities of the library. We also welcome, and have had, parents and students who need the resource materials and the peaceful atmosphere to prepare homework. Also, if you need a quiet place to come and read a book or magazine, you are welcome.

Next, you need to know the Saturdays that we are planning activities. The special programs will begin on May 31st and the last one will be August 2nd. The library will not open on July 5th, due to the Independence Day holiday. The Saturday hours are being planned a little differently. You can still do all of the things mentioned above, but a little something extra will be offered. Programs, especially for the children, will be offered from 10-12 a.m. We may have some programs for adults, but these are still on the drawing table. I'll let you know.

ALL GRADES LISTED ARE FOR GOING INTO THAT GRADE WHEN SCHOOL STARTS NEXT YEAR.

The program for kindergarten through 3rd grade students will be, Books Ahoy! This is a program



offered to us through the Alabama Public Library Service in Montgomery, Alabama. This will be an interesting and entertaining program that will teach our children that reading can be fun.

Top Secret Adventures will be the program for 4th through 6th grade students. They will be solving a different mystery each week. They will be given clues as to who, where and when. This will be so much fun that they will not realize that they are learning at the same time.

We hope to begin the Saturday programs with a puppet show for everyone. The staff of Rome Public Library in Rome, Georgia, will present a puppet show to kick off the summer. A music teacher will present a concert and teaching of rhythm for the closing program. Parents, doesn't this sound like a summer of fun? Have you often thought that your child lost at least a month of learning in the summer? These programs will be fun and stimulate your child's mind at the same time. Please plan to have your child participate in these programs this summer.

Now to report on the day-to-day happenings at the library. We need more volunteers who are willing to be trained (takes about 30 minutes) and to work at keeping the library open for the public about once every two months. Call 634-8006 or 845-5048 if you are interested. All of those who are doing it now seem to really enjoy it.

And, since nothing in this life is free, we need donations. The Community Library has no funding except private donations. A very good way to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion is to donate money or a book to the library in their name. A bookplate will be placed in the book stating the event and honoree. Also, this is a good way to remember someone who is deceased, or the anniversary of their death. We also have In Memory Of bookplates. A donation because you love to read and want to help

MOON LAKE
COMMUNITY
LIBRARY
SUMMER
PROGRAM



others learn to love knowledge is also in order.

The Board of Directors will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the library. All meetings are open to the public and we invite you to attend. However, to bring a matter before the board, you must be on the agenda for that meeting. To be on the agenda for any regularly scheduled monthly meeting, contact Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, at least two days before a meeting date. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be April 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

Read a book, visit the Moon Lake Community Library, Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays, 9-12 a.m., read a story to a child and take time to enjoy life.

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MAPA MEETING

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The March 4th meeting was held at the Church of God of Prophecy at 7 PM.

Present were Jack and Olive Jones, Lucille Crowe, Homer and Bernise Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Sherman and Mickey Gough, Pam Bettis, David and Claudia Wassom, Jim and Penny Lyday, Dot Crow, Angela Woods, Rick Chapman, George and Hope Walker, Sandra Cornette, Dorothy Sheldon, and Marsha Hair, who presented the program.

Jim Lyday gave the invocation. There being no minutes for the Dec. meeting and no meetings in Jan. & Feb., the minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

Under old business, a committee was formed to locate a regular meeting place. The president asked that the food committee set up a schedule.

At the board meeting, Jack Jones agreed to be the chairman of the Rhododendron Festival, with the assistance of Pam Bettis who helped at the Colorfest.

A motion was made and seconded that the chairman of the festival be allowed a sum for expenses to promote the festival. The quilt to be given away will be from Mentone quiltmaker, Lola Mae Blalock.

A motion was made and seconded and passed by a majority for a scholarship to be set up at Valley Head High School for a senior student to attend college.

There being no further business, Marsha Hair, manager of the Cloudmont Ski & Golf Resort presented the program. Every year, by Dec. 15, they try to start making snow for the skiing season. This past season 5,286 skiers came to the resort. There were 55 special olympians this year. Channel 19 and 48, both from Huntsville, came to the resort two times to report on the skiing in Mentone. This season the resort had up to seven feet of snow. Skiing, snowboarding and fun in the snow was enjoyed by all those attending. With the number of skiers in the area, most of the other businesses in Mentone realized business as a result. This was Cloudmont's 33rd year of skiing.

Prior to adjourning for refreshments, Sherman Gough, Adopt-A-Mile Chairman, announced that there would be clean up when the weather is warmer.



The MAPA telephone number is 256-634-8339.
The MAPA website is www.MentoneAlabama.org.

Those who have not already signed up as a vendor for the Rhododendron Festival, which is the third weekend in May, Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18, can request an application at the above telephone number.

The MAPA meetings will be held at the Mentone Community House at 7 PM the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be April 1st at 7PM. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICE

www.MentoneAlabama.org, MAPA's web site, has a "Directory" to help visitors to our community find the places, things, and services they might want--much like the Yellow Pages in the phone book. If you have any information for the Directory, please submit it via e-mail to Listings@MentoneAlabama.org.

If you already have a listing there, please make sure it is correct and up-to-date. Thanks for your help!

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MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for 2003

•April 17 •July 17
•October 16

Other special or called meetings will be posted as required.

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(2) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Adorable cabin at Mentone, private location, two bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat and air, fireplace with open loft overlooking living area. Private lake. All on 5.747 acres. \$99,000.



(3) COUNTRY COTTAGE IN MENTONE - offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace, pine floors, a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots. WAIT, there's more-this home is fully furnished including the beds and linens as well as the coffee pot. You can own this gem today for \$99,000.



(4) ROOM TO ROAM - this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, separate recreation room, 2 car garage with large storage room, barn and fenced pasture on 46 private acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$248,000.



(5) LOOKING FOR A MOUNTAIN RETREAT - This is it! 8 self-contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 12+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000.



(6) LOCATED ON DESOTO PARKWAY, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lairs, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and 2-car garage with storage room...too many features to list them all! A must see to appreciate - only \$249,900.



(7) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. The lunch crowd is waiting, so don't take too long! \$129,500.



(8) 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. \$199,000.



(9) WHY GO THROUGH THE HASSLE of starting your own business when you can own a thriving well-established restaurant in a Prime Location, "Downtown Mentone". Fully-equipped kitchen and dining room that seats 125 people, both turn key and financial information furnished to serious buyers. Don't miss this golden opportunity. \$397,500



(11) CALM YOURSELF IN THE PEACEFUL SETTING of this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Features include a 2-story living room with loft and wood burning fireplace, large country kitchen, whirlpool tub in the master bath, 2 hot tubs and a 30' above-ground pool. Also comes with over 21 acres, stocked pond, barn, shed, storage building and view of Lookout Mountain. \$168,600.



(12) RELIVE THE GOOD OLD DAYS in this distinguished older home made of sturdy stone. The 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, living room, dining room and kitchen have all been totally renovated within the last year AND it comes with a view of Lookout Mountain. Buy it today and move in tomorrow. \$122,600.



(13) ALL THIS HOUSE needs is a new owner-It already has new paint, new carpet, new hot water heater and a new roof. Add maintenance-free brick and 5 acres and you have a great starter or retirement home. Call on this 3 bedroom today. \$79,800.



(14) RUSTIC STONE PATH leads to this hand-hewn log cabin on the edge of Lookout Mountain. The two story living area features a mountain stone fireplace and exposed beams. Master bedroom is on the main floor with large bedroom and sleeping loft on the second floor. Front and back porch with open deck and a great view. \$228,000.



(15) ROCK AND FRAME HOUSE with large living room, eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, one bath, wood burning fireplace, covered front porch, garden spot, 2 acres, all for \$92,000.



(17) NO DOWNTOWN SKYLINE SPARKLES below this Mentone "brow" home. Almost maintenance free, featuring 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great decks to view the picturesque valley, wooded countryside and farmlands. \$300,000.



(18) RUSTIC MOUNTAIN LODGE minutes from DeSoto State Park - can be used for single family or commercial business. Great location for hunting, four-wheeling, or just relaxing. Pine and rock floors, great room with fireplace, 2 loft bedrooms with cat walk, screened and open porches, hand crafted cabinets and doors. Two-room guest-house included. Buy with 5 acres for \$150,000, or all 20 acres for \$155,000.



(19) SATISFY YOUR APPETITE for private living and roominess with this eroding log siding and mountain stone refuge. The great room features vaulted ceiling, huge stone fireplace, kitchen island, recessed cooking area, cabinets and cozy dining area. Large master bedroom and bath with Jacuzzi and walk-in closet. Log canopy on front and covered patio on back, 2-car garage and attic storage. Located on five acres with pond in Laurewood. Too many amenities to mention...call for more details. \$279,000.



(16) AFFORDABLE DREAM - Wake up to beautiful living for real world prices. This "like new" house offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room and den. The large front porch looks out on 2.68 landscaped acres with paved drive. Only minutes from downtown Mentone. \$114,500.



OTHER LISTINGS

(22) OVER 8 acres on West Fork of Little River close to Mentone on a paved public road with access to city water, 365' of river frontage, several building sites allowing for subdivision or keep as a whole. \$139,000.

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

(25) Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$48,500.

(26) Almost 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000

(27) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY...on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.

(28) PRIME PROPERTY on Hwy 11 North. This 130+/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Willis Creek which meanders through the property.

(29) LAND! Surround yourself with trees, gentle rolling pastures, water, and a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy. 11 between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$422,000

(30) LAND AND LAKE...40 +/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 36' deep. Don't wait-act today! \$180,000.

(31) VACATION IN YOUR BACK YARD - 25.8 +/- acres at the end of the road, heavily wooded with Laurel Creek running through the property. Ready to build your dream cabin or subdivide. Only minutes from Mentone or DeSoto State Park. \$2890 per acre.

(32) Brow Property...1.7+/- acres on County Road 166 near DeSoto State Park. \$37,500.

(33) 3.68 +/- Acres on the brow near DeSoto State Park. \$64,900.



(20) CUSTOM BUILT 4 year old log home. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen with all appliances, living room with cathedral ceiling, exposed beams, rock fireplace with insert, wood floors and open stairs to 2nd floor. Include a full front porch, 2 side decks, one car garage and 1.7 +/- acres and you are ready to move in. Reduced to \$136,500. Co Broke with Prime Realty.



(21) LOG HOME with 8 acres on Lookout Mountain. Features spacious living room with large rock fireplace, dining room, and a step-saving kitchen. This home has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and sits on 8 private acres with rolling pastures, pond, and barn. Call today! \$138,000.



(22) ALMOST NEW CABIN with 3 bedrooms on Road 9002 in Mentone on 2 +/- acres with access to Brush Creek. Fresh paint inside and out, spacious living room with wood burning fireplace, decks upstairs and down, all appliances and it is ready to move in. \$129,900.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

The week that begins Monday, March 31, will be the week of Stanford Achievement Tests for students in Grades 3-6. Students in those grade levels that week should get plenty of rest to stay alert for the tests. The week after that, beginning Monday, April 7, is Spring Break.

Wednesday, April 16, is Kindergarten Pre-registration. Parents registering children for Kindergarten should bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, and immunization form for documentation purposes.

Friday, April 18, will be a holiday. Tuesday, April 22, is Earth Day. As usual, Moon Lake will celebrate by having gardening activities alongside members of the Rhododendron Garden Club and other community volunteers. Everyone is welcome to a school-wide assembly at 7:45 AM, with gardening activities beginning at 8:30 AM across the campus.

A storyteller sponsored by Gorham's Bluff will entertain and inform students with exciting tales beginning at 1 PM on Thursday, April 24.

Art instruction sponsored by the Mentone Education Resources Foundation will begin on Monday, April 14, and continue through April and early May, led by instructor, Kat Griffith.



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Mrs. Summerville installed as state garden club president



Mary Summerville

Mary Summerville, member of the Fort Payne Garden Club, was installed as President of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. at its 71st Annual Convention held March 6, at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. For the 2003-2005 theme, she chose, "Meeting Today's Challenges Through Teamwork" and the Harmony Hydrangea as symbolic of the organization's working relationship.

The administration's main focus will be in the areas of beautification, conservation, litter control, highway wildflower planting, membership, scholarship program and the Blue Star Memorial Program to honor those men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in our Nation's Armed Forces.

Since early February, Mrs. Summerville has worked with a committee of garden club members to establish a Garden Club of Alabama web site. The night of March 6, it was officially launched. To access, log on to www.gardenclubofalabama.com

Mrs. Summerville has held leadership positions in the Fort Payne Garden Club, DeKalb/Cherokee Federation and District II. She has served as recording secretary, fourth, third, second and first vice presidents of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc. She was recently awarded the Mary Hall Ware Life Membership for Distinguished Service in the Garden Club of Alabama and related fields.

DeKalb/Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs plan several events.

At a meeting in February, the following events were scheduled in April:

The annual meeting and spring luncheon of the Federation will be held Saturday, April 26, at the DeSoto State Park Restaurant on Lookout Mountain. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m. The theme for this year's luncheon is Angels Among Us. In keeping with the theme, Autumn Brown, a 13-year old young lady with a beautiful singing voice, will entertain the garden club ladies, beginning at 11:40 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon and will be followed by the meeting.

New officers will be installed by Mary Summerville, President of The Garden Club of Alabama. There will also be a drawing for a garden shed, with all donations to benefit the fall flower show. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket, please contact any garden club member. If you need more information, concerning this event, please contact Celestine Darnell, luncheon chairman, or any garden club president.

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



Finally, it is Spring—everything dance and sing! Today, Mon., Mar 24, was a beautiful day—but how long will it last? Supposed to rain Wednesday and be cooler. We remember it has snowed in April. The flowers knew it was time to pop up and be beautiful and the grass was suddenly green—the miracles of almost April.

Susie Clark was hostess for the **Sunshine Club**, Feb. 27, at her home with a delicious luncheon. Those present were Verence Hawkins, Lillie Bowden, Ruth Pickell, Jewel Shelburne, Ann Wright, Elizabeth Bauerle, Ada Campbell, Anna Daniel, Evelyn Clark, Lillian Pickett, Billie Harper, Barbara Palmer, and myself. I gave the devotional, we signed a card for Estle Palmer, who is not well, and Jewel Shelburne is the new card chairman. The next meeting will be lunch at The Back Porch at Mentone, March 27.

My cousins, **Bill and Blanche Fuller**, came over, recently, from Madison and we went to see our cousins, Tommy and Billie Jean Fisher, in Chattanooga. Tommy is seriously ill.

Amy and Mike Holmes of Fort Payne, have a new son, William Michael, born March 13, at Hutcherson Memorial Hospital in Rossville, GA.

Peachie and David Cearley, from Alpharetta, GA, spent Sunday, Mar. 23, with her mother, Laura Margaret Allison and aunt, Elizabeth Coleman.

Ed Ringer spent several days last week with his brother, Dr. Robert Ringer, and his wife, Myrtice, in Marianna, FL. He enjoyed the beautiful Azaleas of all colors in full bloom and the many Purple Martins building nests in gourds in their back yard.

My granddaughter, **Laurie Dell**, came on Wed., two weeks ago, and took me to Chattanooga for an appointment with Dr. Rawlins at Memorial Hospital—thankfully, I got a good report. We ate lunch at Bea's Restaurant, which fulfilled a wish of mine I had for quite a while. She returned home to Maryland on Saturday.

About twenty friends attended the delicious cook out, Saturday, March 20, at the home of Martha and Herbert Stanley. It was in a beautiful setting at the gazebo on their lake and was honoring **Bert Pickett on his 82nd birthday**. He received several nice gifts and it was a lovely party. Congratulations, Bert—may you have many more happy, healthful birthdays!

Marjorie Gray stepped out of her car, at the home of her sister, Mary Crow, Wed., March 19, and fell and broke her hip. She has had hip replacement at BMC-DeKalb. We hope and pray she will have a quick and complete recovery.

Douglas Jones (son of Jean and John) is in the Mediterranean on the USS Boise submarine. His brother, Roy, is retiring in August. He is attached to Submarine Squadron 8 in Norfolk, VA.

Jim Tucker came from Fort Valley, GA, and took his cousin, Lillie Bowden home with him to stay a week. She had a great time visiting her aunt Mildred Bowden and other relatives she hadn't seen in a while. Aunt Mildred and Jim came home with her and stayed three days. They enjoyed a visit to the Aquarium in Chattanooga, on Thursday.

Charles Henry Gray is recovering well at home after hip replacement surgery.

Oline Roberts spent last week with her daughter, Martha Joan Killian and family, in Aiken, SC.

About thirty family members and friends assembled at the home of Beverly Wright in Fort Payne, Sat., March 22, for a lovely **Baby Shower**, honoring Mrs. **Scot Meadows**. That is really going to be a "dressed up" little girl—so many adorable outfits, as well as all the necessities.

Andy Phillips, son of Connie and Glenn Phillips, is attending Anesthesia School in Wake Forest, NC. He plans to marry Linsey McDonough from Nashville, on May 30. He has one more year in school. Congratulations!

Jean Jones has finished a week of Counselor Training for Sav-A-Life, of DeKalb Co, Inc. They had three new trainers. It was also for Counselors in Service, held at Minvale Life Center. Anita Johnson is director of the Pregnancy Test Center. Dr. Stephen Coulter, of Isbell Clinic, was the speaker on Tuesday; and Tanya Halford spoke on Thursday.

My son, **Barry**, took me to Gadsden, March 20, for my appointment with Dr. Walker. We ate lunch at Jeff Cook's Restaurant. The waitress picked up our check and told us our lunch had been paid for by a couple near by. It turned out to be Mr. and Mrs. **Buck Borders** of Fort Payne. I didn't get a chance to say "Thank you". It was such a nice treat, especially since the doctor was displeased with me and my blood pressure. That was so nice and thoughtful!

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Easter. The earth has revived with new life and beauty. The flowers still know when to come up and bloom, and the grass knows when to turn green—exemplifying resurrection.

COINS OF GOLD

My wealth in words can not be told,
My lawn is sprinkled with coins of gold;
They make bright and cheerful all the scene—
Nestled in carpet emerald green.
To hide down low, they're not content,—
My wealth of gold will soon be spent—
The reach upward to the sun,
It plucks the gold—its course is run—
It becomes a ball of fluff—
Like false riches and other stuff—
True to my life to taunt and tease—
As my riches are gone with the breeze—

—Eloise M. Brown

BECAUSE HE LIVES

On the cruel cross

He was crucified

Not for His own sins,

But for ours, He died.

After hanging there,

They pierced deep his side

To know he was dead

Breath of life denied.

Then they consigned Him

To eternal doom

With a strong sealed stone

Of a borrowed tomb.

But God gave new life

From death set Him free.

With message of hope

For you and for me.

All earth sings with joy,

The news Easter gives:

"I know I shall live

Because Jesus lives!"

—Eloise M. Brown



Springtime Haiku

The thirsty willows
wave their beckoning fingers
to the greening rain,

The crocuses raise
their beautiful praying hands
to Heaven in praise

Hyacinths ring bells
of lovely clustered pastels
in the fragrant breezes

Daffodils reach up
their eager green hands to catch
dew in golden cups

Green grass pierces sod
when Springtime invites it up
testifies of God,

Forsythia limbs
glow and brighten ev'ry scene
like golden sunshine.

—Eloise M. Brown



What a wonderful month March has been so far. Everything that is purple or yellow is in full bloom. The area in and around Montone is beautiful. The redbud trees on the side of the mountain are starting to show some color. That always means that spring is not far away. Of course, I haven't seen any green growth on the kudzu yet. The kudzu is a real indicator that the warm weather is here. It always gets killed first by the frost in the fall, too. It must be very tender, but boy can it grow! I hope that the summer is not so dry this year. But, just in case, I plan to plant drought hardy plants in the places that I can't carry a water hose to. So far, the best plants I have found for this purpose are marigolds. They come in all sizes and shades of yellow, orange and white now. Most of them do well in dry weather if they are planted early enough to develop a good root system.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is planning a big day of gardening at Moon Lake Elementary School on Earth Day. This year, we are celebrating Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22nd. This is because of the Easter holiday, which is the weekend before this date. The members of the garden club plan to meet and work in the butterfly garden at the school on Monday, April 21st. This will give us a chance to clean up some of the weeds and grass so the children can plant their areas on Tuesday. Both events will start about 8 a.m., so come and help us on either day or both days. Some gardening tools are available at the school, but if you have a favorite, please bring it. Do NOT bring any tools with two cutting heads, such as some picks, on Tuesday. Children have been known to be digging with one side and hit themselves in the head with the other side. My brother, Howard, was the champion of this skill. He always had a place in the top of his head where he had hit himself. Usually, he hit himself with the head of a hammer because he was digging in the dirt with the hammer claws. Much to the chagrin of our mom and dad, a hammer was his favorite toy.

Recently, I have been substituting some in the office at Moon Lake Elementary School and one of the things that I have found myself doing is cleaning scrapes and cuts on hands and knees. Spring takes on many forms. Staying in the office is a lot of fun because I get to see all of the children when they come in to buy a snack. I am glad that I wasn't there on the day that all of the students had to sit in the halls for most of the day. This was the day that the tornado alerts went on for most all day. I know that this was not a pleasant experience for the students or the teachers. But I am glad that Moon Lake School has a staff that is so concerned with the well being of the students. They are a precious commodity and the future of our country.

The reading program is going very well. I understand that one class has brought all of the students, "up to specs" and do not need the volunteer any longer. This is wonderful! You should see how many books they check out when they come to the library. Most all of them meet their goal in the Accelerated Reading program each nine week grading period. I think that I heard Mrs. Lasseiter, the librarian, say that they hoped to reach a goal of 10,000 points in the AR program before school is out for this year. When you consider that the books run from 1 point to about 6 points each, that is a lot of books!

The Moon Lake Book Club had a fun time discussing the book, *All Over But the Shoutin*, by Rick Bragg, in March. Some of us have lived during the years that he wrote about and some had only heard about them, but the discussion was very lively. One member saw so many similarities to the people of Montone that she visited the local cemeteries several times to see how many of certain families were buried there. In the book, the reference was made several times to the fact that certain traits run in families. We all agreed that members of some families can even be identified by their appearances.

An added pleasure to this book club meeting was the fact that we all went to the home of Mattie Golden and watched the video of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe* written by Fannie Flagg. Ask Kathie McMunn if she would like some barbeque the next time you see her. Now we are all looking forward to having green tomatoes in our garden so we can try the recipe that was in the book. I understand that Dessie serves some mighty good ones at the Kountry Chef Restaurant in Montone, or as it has come to be called locally, Dessie's. A common expression that is heard around Montone is, "You want to eat at Dessie's today?"

An introductory meeting of the Mentor DeKalb program was held in Montone in March. This is a program where one adult commits to spend at least three hours each month with one special student. You can choose the school that you would like to be placed in. The teachers and the principal of that school will then choose a student for you to spend time with. All of this takes place during school hours but if you want to, you can attend special events that your mentee participates in. This is not a tutoring program but simply a program to give students a chance to spend some time with an adult other than a member of their family. Another meeting will be held at a later date, if more people are interested in the program.

On Saturday, March 22nd, the trash heap on Tutwiler Gap was cleaned up by Boy Scout Troop 106 of Montone. This was all under the direction and organization of a young man who has taken this as his project to obtain the status of Eagle Scout. This has taken much time and effort on his part and also much hard work by the scouts, the troop leaders and others. I sincerely hope that this dumping will not happen again. It is very unsightly, not to mention being a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed and possibly spread the West Nile Virus to our area. If you have been guilty of dumping there, do not do it again. All surrounding law enforcement agencies have made this a priority place to watch.

I was talking with my aunt, Edith, this morning and the subject of the death of her dad came up. He was killed in an automobile accident during the depression of the 1920s. This left my grandmother with three young girls to take care of. They lived on a farm and

grandmother took on the job of managing the farm. As it turned out, she was very good at it. She hired some help, but she was always there to work along side of the person she had hired. Not only did she make a good living at farming but she would loan money to others at a reasonable interest rate. Over the years, she became the owner of properties other than her home and would rent these for extra income. At a time when it was unheard of for a woman to be the head of a household, she was very successful at it.

This set us to talking about the Holbrook family. They were and are a strong willed and independent group of people. Never have I known any of them to give up, they just dig in deeper and continue on. As we have gone back into the family history, we have found that many hardships came their way. There were deaths of children, births of illegitimate children, accidents, illnesses, floods and droughts that might have been the undoing of lesser folks, but they persevere. There are quite a few members of this family in the Montone area. I won't go so far as to say that they are easy to live with, especially if you are married to one, but perhaps their independent spirit is worth putting up with to have the peace of mind to know that they are survivors.

Beginning on Tuesday, April 1st the new days and hours for the Moon Lake Community Library will be Tuesday, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9:00-12:00 a.m. The Board of Directors met and decided that we would start the new hours on April 1st instead of waiting for the time to change. Also, we added an extra hour to the Saturday times. We are always open to change and will change anything that does not seem to be working for the best of all concerned.

I plan now to write an article each month in *The Groundhog* regarding the activities of the library. I plan to call it, *Libs from the Library*. I have just gone to my dictionary and I find that lib is Latin for book and also the abbreviation for library and librarian. So this will be the title. Look for the first article in this issue.

Let me urge all of you to plant something. If you only plant two petunias in a hanging basket, think how many blooms will be on those petunias and how much you will enjoy watching them bloom this summer. Also, the hummingbirds will come to visit them because of the wonderful smell and the way the blossoms are shaped. They will be especially enticed to visit if you plant red ones. Speaking of hummers, it is about time to put out your feeders. They will be returning to Montone soon. I have to buy some this year, as some of mine just finally gave up on staying together last year. They were very old because I could not find that kind or size again. I like the large ones because I have so many hummers and I don't have to refill so often.

Marie in Colorado, welcome to the wonderful world of *The Groundhog*! Also, to Marie in Alabama, welcome back, glad to have you on our list again. Another Marie is the assistant editor of *The Groundhog* and I have a granddaughter whose middle name is Marie. Our pastor, Les Brown, has a new great-granddaughter whose name is Marie. All Marie's are wonderful people. Maybe we should have a convention of Marie's. I might get in with the name of Marzee, I could say it fast when they asked if I were a Marie.

I leave you with this quote from a recent issue of *Reader's Digest*. "You can always tell a real friend: When you make a fool of yourself, they don't think that you have done a permanent job." Laurence Peter in *The Chicago Sun Times*.

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 8 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotion 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. 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 230 (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 8 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1510 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 845-4314. All are welcome.

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.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service 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.

Lighthouse Fellowship, 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: 706-862-2607.

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.

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 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 regular services and the special Easter service. There will be an annual egg hunt for the children.

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, 706-398-7010, 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; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

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. Contact the church at 694-4470 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 Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall; and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church. Bible Study on "Dateline Jerusalem" continues Wednesday nights at 6 PM. This is an eight week study and Part VII will be on Apr. 2.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. 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.

There will be an Easter sunrise service at 6 AM, Followed by breakfast at the church. There will be two additional services: 8:30 AM and 11 AM.

OBITUARIES

BATTLES

John Sherman Battles, 60, of Henagar, passed away March 9, 2003, at Veterans Hospital in Birmingham. Mr. Battles was a native of Madison County, and served in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Funeral services were held March 10, at Kerby Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Flannigan and Don Brock officiating. Burial was in Bankhead Cemetery in Mentone.

Survivors include: brothers, Tommy Battles, Valley Head; George Battles, Virgil Battles, both of Mentone; sister, Ethel Battles Laney, Henagar; several nieces and nephews; special aunt, Eleanor Snyder.

FRAZIER

William Ernest Frazier, 68, Mentone, passed away March 12, 2003, at Veteran's Hospital in Birmingham.

Mr. Frazier was a native of DeKalb County, born July 31, 1944, to William and Helen Frazier and was a truck driver.

Funeral services were held March 15, at Burt Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Robinson officiating. Burial was in Bankhead Cemetery in Mentone.

Survivors include: sons, Steven Frazier, Maine; Bobby Frazier, Fort Payne; Jimmy Frazier, Mentone; daughters, Michelle Pickomila, FL; Elaine Gooch, FL; Marie Vanhook, Mentone; mother, Helen Frazier, Mentone; sisters, Barbara Goodwin, Fort Payne; Marie Walker, Phoenix, AZ.

HARRISON

Mrs. Sybil Hardin Harrison, 82, of Mentone, passed away Feb. 25, 2003, at Redmon Regional Medical Center in Rome, GA.

Mrs. Harrison was born March 24, 1920, to George and Fannie Hardin. She was a homemaker and a member of Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, from Moon Lake Baptist Church with Revs. Bill Russell and Randy Addison officiating. Burial was in Bankhead Cemetery. Survivors include: husband, Thomas Harrison, Sr., Mentone; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas, Jr., and Joan Harrison, Mentone; sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and Gordon Perry, Greensboro, NC; grandchildren, Tommy and Cindy Harrison, Jeff and Ashley Harrison, all of Mentone; Dwayne and Laura Harrison McKenzie, Jeremy and Amy Harrison Henderson, Richard and Christy Harrison, all of Mentone; 12 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harrison was preceded in death by brother, Homer Hardin.

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Mountain Life: The Nature of Living



TIGERS INN HAS NEW OWNER

By Evelyn Graves

Deborah and Roger Sharp have purchased Tigers Inn as of March 3. Deborah has approximately four years' experience at Tigers Inn as a waitress and cook.

Deborah plans to continue with the same type menus as Tigers Inn has served in the past. She is adding some variety to the menus. She has retained the same staff, with two additions. Her daughter, Tracey Hulan, has returned, and Deborah's sister, Lillian Rowles, from Centre, Alabama, is helping prepare the breakfast meals.

A limited amount of catering will be done. If you have a special meal for a group you would like to plan, get in touch with Deborah, and if she can work it out, she will be glad to do so.

The hours Tigers Inn will serve remain the same: 5 AM - 1:45 PM on week-days and 8 AM - 10:30 AM on Saturdays. The restaurant will be closed on Sundays. Deborah invites you to continue to visit Tigers Inn, and if you have not dined there, she invites you to come by.

Mountain life has been one of the greatest teachers to my family and me in learning the nature of living. It seems fitting that Mountain Life is the name of the store that we opened in the house that is located in the back parking lot of the Mentone Springs Hotel.

Mountain Life is your connection to a healthy natural lifestyle without having to leave the mountain.

What you eat, what you think, what you do and what you say--concepts of conscious living--all create who you are--mind, body and soul. I've taken a lot of time to explore this concept while living without power or running water in the woods of Lookout Mountain with my husband and three year old daughter.

My lifestyle and study of botanicals (plants and trees) as medicine and food teaches me the importance of conscious living. Balance is what we hope to achieve when we want to be healthy. Botanicals help to achieve that balance though it is equally important to supply your body with the necessities of nutrient rich foods, good water, clean air, sunlight and exercise. The best nutrients come from fresh organic or wild crafted foods.

Hydrogenated oils and highly processed foods do not properly nourish the body. If the body cannot use a food as a nutrient then it is waste which is often turned into fat or processed through the body as a toxin. Weight or health problems seem to be the things that bring people to the search for a healthy lifestyle. The weight loss tea that I make is one of my best sellers. As folk herbalist Tommy Bass would say, "Got weight trouble? Get chickweed on the double." Chickweed is the main ingredient, though I also mix in herbs for digestion and nutrition. The tea helps, though replacing bad habits with good habits is the key to a healthy body and lifestyle.

Eating healthy may seem more expensive, though over time, it has a pay off when you consider quality over quantity. For instance, you do not have to eat as much of home baked bread as you do grocery store bread to be fulfilled and nourished longer. Mountain Life is supplying Mentone and residents of the surrounding areas the opportunity for fresh baked organic breads. Shirley Andrews of Cartersville, GA, is owner and baker of Squirrelly's bakery. She grinds her grains and bakes her goods the same day with no sugar or hydrogenated oils. She offers several different kinds of breads (including Ezekial), baked goods and honey sweetened seed candies.

You can have a healthy body with even better taste. If you like Doritos then you will love Red Hot Blues. Red Hot Blues is an organic chip made with blue corn (which was used by the ancient Hopi Indians) that is seasoned with organic spices and cooked in non-hydrogenated oils. Mountain Life has Kettle Cooked Potato Chips that are also cooked in non-hydrogenated oils. Organic coffee and Green Tea, organic wild rice, organic granola and lots more quality naturals and organics can also be found at Mountain Life.

L.C. Moon Herbs & Naturals--Skin Care, Glycerin Soaps, Native & Medicinal herbs, Herbal Teas, Beeswax Salve, Body and Linen Aroma Therapy Sprays etc.- are available at Mountain Life. You'll also find herbal tinctures made with loving care by Ginger Kogelschatz from medicinal herbs she grows organically in Shinbone Valley. In my experience her medicinals are of the highest quality.

Come by and see us. We are open Thursday-Sunday from 11AM - 4PM (call or email if you are in need & the store is not open). As spring progresses, store hours and days will increase. The store is continuously growing. Soon we will be offering books in store, though we now have a catalog so we can order your "Conscious Living" books for you. Or Call (256)634-FEED (3333) Feed your mind. Feed your body. Feed your soul. P.O.Box 224 Mentone AL 35984; 21279 Scenic Drive; aruallove@AOL.com

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The
**RECIPE
CORNER**
By
SUE SCHWARZ

As I am writing this article, spring is beginning to make itself known with forsythia and daffodils flourishing everywhere. I am sharing a recipe for Chicken Noodle Soup which is quick and easy. The other recipe is a favorite of mine and a different treatment for Asparagus. Asparagus is plentiful and good this time of year. I hope you enjoy these two recipes and certainly enjoy this glorious season of the year.

Chicken Noodle Soup

- 1 Cup sliced carrots
- 1 Cup chopped celery
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 T dried marjoram
- 3 T butter, melted
- 6 Cups chicken broth
- 2 Cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 (8-ounce) package small egg noodles
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 Cup milk
- 1/2 Cup all-purpose flour

Saute carrots, celery, onion, garlic, and marjoram in butter until vegetables are tender. Add chicken broth and chicken. Cook over medium heat for 20 minutes. Add egg noodles and cook 10 to 15 additional minutes. Season to taste. Mix milk and flour in separate bowl. Add to soup to thicken, stirring until well blended. Makes 3 quarts.

Marinated Asparagus

- 1 pound fresh asparagus
(steamed til just crisp-tender)
- 2 T olive oil
- 1 T soy sauce
- 1/4 t tabasco sauce
- 1/4 t sesame seed oil.

Steam the asparagus after breaking tough ends off. Blend remaining ingredients and pour over asparagus. Chill for 30 minutes before serving.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Sue Schwarz

The March 2003 meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held March 11 at the Mentone Community House. The pledge of allegiance was led by the President and the Garden Club Collect was led by Linda Brown.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$847.76 in the treasury.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mentone Inn was selected for the May Luncheon. The cost will be \$12.00 per person.

We are reminded to meet at Moon Lake School for Earth Day workday on Tuesday April 22 at 8:30 a.m.

The Nominations committee presented proposed changes to Article V of the Constitution and By-laws. The changes have been sanctioned by the Board as stated in Article X and were voted on and accepted by a simple majority of members present. The changes are as follows:

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS' DUTIES

Changed to read:

SECTION 3: The First Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the latter. The First Vice-President shall be named Program Chairman and plan yearly programs with the assistance of the Second Vice-President and the Board. Such plans are to be incorporated in the yearbook. Yearbooks will be distributed by the June meeting.

The addition of the following:

SECTION 4: The Second Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the latter and the First Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall assist the First Vice President and the Board with the planning of yearly programs. In the absence of the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall perform all duties assigned to the First Vice President.

Renumber all following SECTIONS in ARTICLE V, and as necessary elsewhere in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The nominating committee presented the proposed new slate of officers. They are:

President: Martha Wood; First Vice President: Harriet Lillich; Second Vice President: Margaret Baker; Secretary: Gethryn Giles; Treasurer: Virginia Setz; and Parliamentarian: Mickey Gough.

It was moved, seconded, and accepted that we accept the slate as presented.

Lucette Dix moved that we donate \$50.00 to the American Legion Auxiliary to aid in sponsorship of Girls State. It was seconded by Jan Wilkinson and accepted by a majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS

April 26th is the Federation Spring luncheon to be held this year at DeSoto State Park. Each club donates a \$10.00 gift and the cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00.

Harriet Lillich introduced her guest, Marilyn Knight. There will be a plant sale March 29th at the Ruritan Building in Henagar to benefit the flower show.

The business meeting was adjourned and the group worked at the Community House cleaning the flower beds there.

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



**Andrea Brandon of Ft. Payne
NINTH YEAR! - Mountain Mamas
Crafts & Rock Shop**

By Mary Alice Stout

Mountain Mamas Crafts and Rock Shop opened for her NINTH YEAR on Friday, March 28. Pictured below is Andrea Brandon of Ft. Payne, AL. During the 2002 season, Andrea was one of the top selling artists at Mountain Mamas. Look carefully at the photo and you will see the natural landscape scene that Andrea paints on local Lookout Mountain rocks and on "found" pieces of wood. Each painting tells its own story of a cabin, a barn, or a pond. These are scenes that each of us has seen and appreciated here on the Mountain. Andrea's creations are rapidly becoming collectables. Come and see them before they are gone!

Mountain Mamas specializes in selling handmade items from over 50 women artists, mainly from Georgia and Alabama. New items arrive each month. All art work is on consignment. We welcome new women artists to participate. Call Mary Alice Stout, 706-862-2142, for more information.

Our WEB PAGE is up and expending! Just go to www.mountainmamas.com. Check it periodically as it is still growing.

The Shop is located in Cloudland, GA, on GA Hwy 48, 1/2 mile West of the Lookout Restaurant. Coming from Mentone, we are one mile from the GA/AL state line (where AL Hwy 117 ends), and on the left. We are open Friday, Saturday, & Sunday from noon to 6pm (GA time). Call us during opening hours at 706-862-6481, or e-mail us at mountainmamas@aol.net.

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By Evelyn Graves

Since writing the first part of *The Things I Found in the Attic*, I have received over a hundred telephone calls from readers everywhere. I am so happy that you enjoyed reading the article. All of us seem to like to retreat to a time in our lives when life was simpler.

Since my first findings, I have explored many more boxes of treasures—far too many to share. However, I will share in generalities, with a few isolated findings that impressed me. Since it is my parents' attic, most of the things I have found are family-related or school-related.

I have found letters—stacks and stacks of letters! There are letters from my maternal grandmother, Ruth Ellis, who made her letters come alive. She wrote to my mother, to me, to my brother, and always had a special word for my father. She adored him, and I have heard her say from time to time with great expression in her voice, "I find no fault in Herman." That may have been an exaggeration on her part, but my grandmother always found good in people. Isn't that a wonderful characteristic?

There were stacks of letters from my friends—high school friends, friends that I made while I was attending school in Chattanooga, teachers, penpals that I had for many years, letters from boys in the military service who were homesick, lonely, and afraid. It seemed that they were just waiting for my next letter. Their letters were interesting and informative about what was going on in their lives at that time.

There were many letters from Flo Dobson, who was my roommate. Flo was a lovely girl from Cleveland, Tennessee, who was going to school on a scholarship, as was I. We had so many great times together. I visited in her home on many occasions, and her mother was a great hostess. She did everything in her power to make my visit a pleasant one. She was a wonderful cook, and her two daughters were the center of her life. Flo spent many week-ends at my house as well. My parents loved her as I did. I was the one who introduced Flo to Ken Kirby. They just seemed suited for each other, and I was excited when their friendship culminated in marriage, because this meant that Flo would always be a part of my life. For many years when we were rearing our families, we did not have the contact with each other that we had once enjoyed, but it is wonderful to have Ken and Flo back on the mountain and to be able to pick up the telephone any time and chat with Flo. I am so sorry for their loss in the death of Ken's sister, Jean, recently. Jean was always a figure in the household when my brother and I would go to their house to play Rook or Monopoly or Chinese checkers with Ken and Martha. Their father would pop corn for us or roast peanuts, and he was always happy to have us in their home. Their mother was just one of us. Jean was just enough older than we were that she did not take an active part in entertaining us, but she was a beautiful, sweet girl. One of my attic findings was a picture of Flo and Ken's wedding. What a beautiful young couple! I also found pictures I had made at Jean's bridal shower. I found a newspaper clipping from *The Chattanooga Times* of Ken and Flo's first baby. With a Brownie Hawkeye camera, Flo had caught Pam at just the right moment. She was in a darling pose bending over looking squarely into the face of her doll who was on the sidewalk. This entry in the Annual National Amateur

Photography contest, sponsored by *The Chattanooga Times*, won first place!

My brother and I are always saying to each other that our mother is still with us even though she has been gone two years now. It seems that when we are having a hard time with a problem that Mother, in some way, makes her presence known, and then everything is all right. Recently, I was attempting to tell my husband about an experience that Mother had when she was in the hospital in Chattanooga over fifty years ago. I was trying to think of the name of her roommate, who was also a teacher, from Murphy, N.C. This was before the time when surgeries were done and patients were out of the hospital in a matter of hours. They stayed for days, regardless of the nature of the surgery. After the fourteen days that Mother and the lady were in the hospital, they had developed a somewhat close friendship. I was disappointed that I could not remember her name (not that it was that important, but you know how it is to not be able to remember someone's name). In this case, I know that I would never be able to remember it because Mother is gone and Daddy is, for the most part, unresponsive now. While reading the letters from the attic, I picked up a fat one that Mother had written to me while she and Miss Willie Mae Cowden were away in a special study in Chilhowee, N.C. She was describing the facilities there, the beauty of the area, the classes in general, and then she said, "You will never guess who I saw yesterday." She went on to say that she was looking at something through a glass when she sensed that someone was behind her. She said she looked around, and there was Edith Evans! Before she finished explaining who Edith Evans was, I whispered, "Thank you, Mother." I recognized the name of the lady I had not been able to remember.

I am finding that I forget many things these days, and I can certainly relate to this poem that Mother had stored away in the attic:

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And more mixed up in the head
Sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at foot of stair
If I must go up for something
Or if I've just come down from there
And before the fridge so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt
Have I just put some food away
Or come to take some out?
And there are times when it's dark out
And with hairnet on my head
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed
So please let me have a line or two
To tell me family news
Whether you are sick or well
And anything else you choose
And if it's my time to write you
There's no need in getting sore
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore
Just remember that I love you
And I wish that you were here
But now it's nearly mail time
So I must say goodbye dear
Here I stand beside the mailbox

The Things I Found in

With a face so very red
Instead of mailing your letter
I've opened it instead.

There were letters from Mrs. Una Bunnell to me. Some of you may remember Mrs. Bunnell. She owned the property that Richard and Poppy Buchanan bought on the brow. Her son, George, owned a private plane and would fly up from Miami to visit his mother in the summer. He always "buzzed" our house when he arrived, and Bubba and I would run outside to wave to him. Sometimes he would fly so low that he would drop something from the plane for us. What excitement for two little mountain kids! Mrs. Bunnell and I became fast friends, and kept up a regular correspondence until her death. There were letters from Mr. J. L. Moulder who owned the house where I grew up prior to my parents' purchase of it in the mid-forties. Mr. Moulder was an educator and wrote quite interesting letters to us. After I became older, he wrote to me individually. I felt quite honored that he would take an interest in me. There were many cards of various kinds from many people. There were congratulatory cards when I graduated from high school, birthday cards, Christmas cards, sympathy cards, and just notes written for no special occasion. I keep looking for old postcards from Montone for you, Judge Rains, but so far I have found only two. I will get them to you soon.

When my Grandfather Ellis died, the children insisted that Grandmother live with all the children, taking turns with each family. Grandmother enjoyed this, even though she would have loved staying in their own home, but because she had already suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and six severe heart attacks, they did not feel that it was best for her to stay alone. She was living with Mother and Daddy at the time of her death. Mother was still teaching school, and Daddy was still building houses in the area, and Grandmother stayed alone during the day. Mother always called her from school at recess and lunch time to check on her. Daddy always came by at some time during the morning to check on her, and he came home and had lunch with her. She knew that she could reach Mother by telephone at any time, so it was not like she spent much time alone. On the day of her death, Daddy came by at 9 o'clock to check on her and found her lying on the bed, which was unusual. She insisted that she was fine, but he continued to think about it after he returned to work and drove back home, finding her sitting in a chair in the kitchen, gripping the telephone. Her body was still warm, and it was obvious that she went quickly and without a struggle. My mother could not accept the fact that she died alone and that she was not there with her. I am sure that she went so quickly that if Mother had been there she could have done nothing. Nevertheless, she continued to carry a lot of guilt for several weeks. During that time, there were hundreds of letters and cards that Mother received from friends expressing sympathy. There were two of those especially that I would like to share with you:

November 6, 1970

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Please allow me to express sincere thoughts of sympathy on the occasion of your mother's death.

Although her passing was one of peaceful and enviable dignity, and her life is actually an event to

celebrated-these events naturally give us pause to evaluate our lives and in the process some sharp memories are uncovered.

We hope to see you upon our return next summer.
With deep sympathy,
Charles White McGehee

The other letter was from Mrs. Jessie Whitehead:
Dear Kathryn and Herman -

My thoughts and prayers have been much with you these sad days, but I know the Master you and our mother served has sent His comfort to you.

Do not grieve too much. Your mother had a good life, a long life; she had been given the joy of seeing even her great-grandchildren growing up, and you know that her "peace calling and election were sure." What better could one wish for a loved one?

I know you would have wished to be with her, but do not grieve about this. There is nothing you could have done and God was good to her to take her so easily and quickly. When you think of your father's long months of suffering, you can give thanks that she was spared.

With affectionate sympathy to you all, Jessie O. W.

Letters such as this can mean so much to grieving families. These two friends were able to express it well. Now both of them have departed.

I found an announcement of Mother and Daddy's wedding in 1933, taken from The Walker County Messenger in LaFayette, Georgia. I have found many announcements of weddings, among them being Mareha Cox and Ron Merrill, Treva Cox and Jimmy Lindsey, Edie Cox and Terry Neeley, Sarah Selman and Billy Don Pickle, Marilyn Selman and Glenn Dodd, Marjorie Jones and Jimmy Berry, Sharon Jones and Jim Harris, Glenda Jones and Roy Smith, Jr., Rita Jones and Terrell Garr, Debra Jones and Roger Jackson, Susan Jones and Alan Manning, Marcelia Shigley and Mackey Campbell, Ernestine Shigley and Wilbur Price, Jean Kirby and Edley Houston, Mary Ann Nation and Herman Jones, Jr., and at least a dozen pictures and announcements of my own wedding. I found a group picture of the congregation at Welcome Hill Baptist Church in Trion, Georgia, where my husband was pastor from 1972-76, standing in front of the church when we were being presented the keys to a new car. The outline reads: "PASTOR AND FAMILY PRESENTED NEW CAR. On Sunday, April 20, members of Welcome Hill Baptist Church presented to their pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Graves, Mrs. Graves, and Sandra a 1975 Chevrolet for 'his loving and untiring services for the past three years.' It was a very happy day for the entire church, as well as the Graves family." This was one of the highlights of our ministry there - not just the gift to us, but the unity of the church in giving it. The picture was fun with my shorter skirt, Jimmy's white shoes, and Sandra's bowed legs.

It is always funny when children begin to try their hand at poetry. I found a cute little poem from my grandson, Allen Gray, written to my mother when he was six years old:

The time is a crime
But you are on the verge
Of an emerge
Of a happy new year
And a good year.

There were many little notes written to my mother by her school children, most of which were first graders. There was one special one that I would like to share. It was from Jennifer Prestwood, sister of Karen Prestwood and Rachel Battles. It was printed as beautifully as my mother could do. She had taught her well. The letter reads:

Dear Miss Kathryn,

School is going to start back soon and I think I'm going to like it. I wish you could be our teacher, but I like my teacher too, but not as good as you. I love you Miss Kathryn. This is a poem for you. Roses are red, Violets are blue, Flowers are beautiful and so are you. Love, Jennifer Prestwood. The letter was accompanied by a drawing of a rainbow with the sun shining above and two figures beneath walking along hand in hand, a little girl and a woman, and she has identified them as Jennifer and Miss Kathryn. I am giving the letter and picture to Karen to give to Jennifer when she comes home again. How precious are these innocent children!

I found a picture and obituary of Jack Cash, 40, who drowned while fishing on Guntersville Lake. So many of us remember Jack fondly. He was the son of Jody and Eula Cash. I also found a sweet letter from Jack's little sister, Frances Irene Cash, who died while she was one of Mother's students. She was a sweet, beautiful, and extremely intelligent child, and Mother adored her. She developed a kidney disease for which there was no cure at that time. This was another tragedy which was difficult for my mother.

I will be happy when I have finished sorting through the remaining boxes in the attic. I feel that I am wasting time when I spend hours reading, but it is easy to place myself back in time and enjoy many of the things that I have found. It takes me away from the horrors of war and many other unpleasant things that I deal with on a daily basis. I will write two or three more articles about my attic findings in the future.

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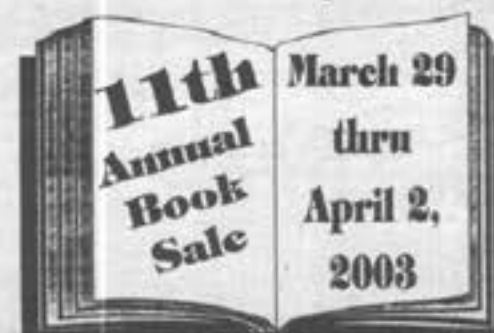
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The Fort Payne Culture Club members have begun to prepare for the sale, scheduled for March 29 through April 2, 2003. Use these cold, rainy days of winter to clean closets and storage areas, bringing the items listed above to the library. Please remember to donate items that you would want to purchase. Your donations now and purchases later will make this a successful sale.

DeKalb County Library



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Tri-Co Volunteers cooking for recent chili supper.
L/R: Donna Smith, Charla Welch, Wanda Durham.

(Photos by Mary Alice Stout)



Cloudland/Mentone neighbors gather for food and fun at recent chili supper

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

BAKE SALE-GOODIES!! Saturday, April 12, from 10am until sold out....Tri-County members will have homemade cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, brownies, and muffins for sale. You may order ahead for your favorite baked goods by calling Assistant Chief, Janet Harris, 706-862-2120; Howard & Wanda Durham 706-862-6400; or Mary Alice Stout 706-862-2142. We are also asking for donations of baked goods. Please call any of the above members if you can donate.

The money earned from the bake sale will be used for Tri-County's annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party.

EASTER BUNNY TO VISIT-Children from the mountain and valley are invited to come visit the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 2pm.

There will be refreshments, a free drawing for 2 Easter baskets, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Also, there are prizes for those who find the most eggs and those who find the golden eggs.

The **BAKE SALE** and the **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held at the Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue headquarters on GA Hwy 40 at the GA/AL state line, where AL Hwy 117 ends.

HAM & KNIFE SHOOT-To be held on Saturday, May 3, starting at 10am (GA time). The Shoot will be at Phil Keys' old home place on Gilreath Mill Road. Look for the signs or call Jamie Harris, 706-862-2697, for directions. There will be lots of knives and ham for prizes. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and cold drinks will be sold. Saturday, May 10, has been set as the rain date. All

money earned will be used for fire-fighting and rescue supplies.

CPR CLASS-Tri-County Volunteers are planning a CPR class for our community. Look for the date and time to be announced or call a member for more information.

A PAT ON THE BACK and a thank you goes to Wanda, Howard and James Durham, Charla Welch, and Mary Alice Stout. They recently donated a Saturday to attend a Hazardous Materials Class presented by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. They all passed the final exam and were presented certificates.

THANK YOU!!! Tri County's Chili Supper last month was a great success. Thank you to all who donated food, bought tickets, cooked, served, and everyone who came and ate. It was fun and we made money!

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Sassafras

By LC Moon

Sassafras is one of the many blessings that inhabits Lookout Mountain. Most people do not consider trees to be in the herb category but sassafras is considered an herb. It is a tree that grows from 10 to 60 feet tall.

Sassafras has been used in the southern mountains for generations as a spring tonic to cleanse and tone the body's system. To quote a Foxfire book, "In the spring of the year when the blood is too thick, there is nothing so fine as a sassafras stick. It tones up the liver and strengthens the heart, and to the whole system new life doth impart."

Sassafras is well known for its diaphoretic properties. This means that it will increase perspiration so as to rid the body of problems such as the common cold and fevers.

Sassafras works well as a diuretic—it promotes urination. Its diuretic properties make it beneficial to the liver, kidneys and bladder. Sassafras used in combination with a bitter vitamin and mineral packed diuretic herb like dandelion helps the body as well as makes the dandelion more palatable.

Sassafras is known to work wonders for the stomach and bowels to relieve gas and colic. It has antiseptic properties which makes it a good wash for wounds and skin problems. Sassafras can be used as an eye wash. It is used internally and externally for varicose ulcers. Sassafras can remedy a spasm if taken warm. The oil of sassafras applied to a toothache helps ease the pain.

Sassafras was used for many years to flavor soft drinks, especially root beer—hence the name the root beer tree. It has been replaced with synthetic flavoring because there have been studies done that indicated that the component safrole that sassafras contains has carcinogenic properties. According to Rosemary Gladstar author of Herbal Healing for Women, the safrole was extracted from the plant and injected into lab animals in extremely high doses. This did cause some cancerous tumors to form on the animals. However there have been no cases in humans of sassafras related cancer or poisoning ever documented in all the history of sassafras consumption. Furthermore, safrole

is highly insoluble in water so as to cause even less concern regarding the dangers of sassafras tea. To be safe it is wise to not drink sassafras for more than a week at a time.

Sassafras is one of the easiest trees to identify. It grows crooked and curvy with rough gray bark as a mature tree. As a sapling sassafras bark is greenish. It has two different shaped leaves— one is ovate and the other is three lobed. If in doubt pull off a sassafras leaf, crush and smell it. The whole tree when wounded has a kind of lemony/licorice smell in my opinion.

There are many different opinions on what part of the sassafras should be used. The most common medicinal parts of the tree that are used are the roots and the root bark. Other parts of sassafras that are occasionally used medicinally are the bark of the tree, the young tops and leaves. The powdered form of the leaf is used in Gumbo filé and to thicken soups.

To harvest sassafras for medicinal use I recommend harvesting the roots of trees that are approximately bush height. This will ensure that the roots are tender. Some people find bigger sassafras trees and take part of the root. The root can be harvested anytime of year but for medicinal purposes, I recommend harvesting during early spring or fall. A sassafras decoction or tea can be made of the roots or root bark whether it is fresh or dry.

After you harvest the root it is best to wash, scrubbing thoroughly— and then peel the bark if that is what you intend to use. I prefer to dry my roots whole if I am not going to use them soon. Then I break them into pieces. It may be easier to cut the root into pieces before drying. After sassafras dries, store in an air tight container.

If you are looking for organically grown sassafras, I've started harvesting. You can write me c/o Mountain Memories P.O. Box 224 Mentone, AL 35984. Keep in mind that it is wise to always consult your healthcare provider before making any changes in your healthcare regimen.

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club held its first meeting September 18, 2002, at Nippersink Lodge, with hostesses Geri Disney, Sue Hamilton, and Maxine Wright. The September meeting is traditionally held at Nippersink Lodge. The program was presented by Mrs. Belle Chenault who spoke on parliamentary procedures. The meeting was called to order by Jan Wilkinson, president, who introduced new programs and procedures for the years 2002-2004. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The October meeting was held on October 16 at the Valley Head Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Dr. Charles Jenkins, pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church, gave the program entitled "World Experience" and gave a most interesting and informative report of his trip to Balise. He showed slides in conjunction with his verbal report. It was very evident from the slides that we viewed that there is a definite need for volunteers and mission teams in that country. Following the program, the business meeting was held, followed by delicious refreshments served by hostesses Martha Stanley, Sadie Cooper, Martha Gibson, and Dot Blackburn.

November's meeting was held in the parlor at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. The program was presented by various members of the club, giving a history of the club. Mary Holloman shared some experiences she remembered from many years ago. Sue Hamilton has been in club work for a long time as well, and she shared various experiences. It was an open meeting in which all members were invited to share. Hostesses for the meeting were: Helen Longshore, Elizabeth Bauerle, Elizabeth Ellis, and Mary Holloman. Delicious refreshments were served.

The annual Christmas party was held on December 6 at DeSoto State Park Restaurant. The weather was disagreeable, but everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship with each other and with their spouses. A nice Christmas meal was served.

On January 16, the Club met at the Mentone Community Center for the business meeting and for refreshments served by hostesses Susan Hooks, Edna Morgan, Christina Wise, and Evelyn Graves. The program was presented at the new library by Mrs. Tonya Obenlander, who spoke about Education and Literacy. The club members toured the new library and were quite pleased with its facilities.

"Health and Heart" was the title of the program at the February 19 meeting held at the home of Judy O'Daniel. Susan Manning was in charge of the program. She shared her spot on the program with Jadrianne Barron, a student nurse, who gave an interesting talk on women's health. Hostesses were Judy O'Daniel, Ruth Hammon, Jean Jones, and Inelle Hurt.

The March meeting was held at the home of Dallyne Jones. Linda Clark, Red Cross Director, was scheduled to give the program on "Charities", but because of tornado warnings, Mrs. Clark was not able to be there, and there were only ten members who attended the meeting. The devotional was given by Evelyn Graves, the business was conducted by the president, Jan Wilkinson, and delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Dallyne Jones, Jan Wilkinson, and Flo Kirby.



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Spring has arrived and what a pleasure it is to hear the birds singing every morning and the lovely bright forsythia glowing with the fullest blooms I've ever seen. I do hope we don't have any killing frost again. My peach trees are blooming and the pear trees are in full bloom in the valley.

Our country is at war again and it's sad to know that many young men will lose their lives trying to oust one man. It seems that the United States takes the job of trying to police the world. Our prayers are for a speedy ending of this conflict. I hate war. It seems so foolish to go out prepared to kill. It looks like intelligent men could meet and negotiate their problems, but wars have been going on somewhere since time began. There is surely a place of perfect peace in the life after this one, where there will be no war and no death.

Isn't it nice to drive down Tutwiler Gap now?? Many thanks to our road commissioners for a job well done. The road has been rough for a long time and now it's as smooth as satin. There is a lot of trash in that area, but I'm sure the boy scouts will clean it up soon. They do such a good job. Seems the trash accumulated terribly during the recent heavy rains. It's a shame for some people to feel free to drop their garbage on the roadsides for others to have to look at and then pick up and remove.

Sherman and Mickey Gough have been bagging trash around Mentone for ten years and I think they are planning to do it again soon on the mile MAPA has been cleaning for a long time. Homer, Marie and I usually help, along with others when they can. I notice prisoners cleaning roadsides in some places. I think it would be good for young first-time offenders to be given this task. It wouldn't hurt them (like it does us senior citizens) and would hopefully give them a sense of pride in having done something for their community. If we could catch those guilty of the trashing/littering and have them clean a mile, some of the volunteers wouldn't have to work so hard. It's spring and seems to be the right time for cleaning inside and out. My house could stand a good deep cleaning (like moving heavy furniture and getting dust from under beds).

We are being invaded now by a little speckled bug that looks like a Ladybug - but isn't! Our windows are full of them upstairs. They don't seem to live long and I scoop up dead ones by the handfuls. This must be an imported beetle. We value Ladybugs because they eat harmful garden pests - not this one. (Anyone have methods of controlling this infestation?) We first saw these bugs last spring. Then, they were shortly followed by big flies - another major nuisance - that must lay eggs in the fall that hatch in spring. Thank

goodness the flies didn't last long either. And I hope they won't be visiting us again.

I visited Howard's Chapel for last Sunday's morning service. It was a pleasure to see so many dear friends there. And there was a good number in attendance. Of course, I enjoyed the singing of our Southern gospel hymns and being invited to sing with their choir. Dorothy and Grace Crow, Page and Margaret Cunningham, Jim and Penny Lyday, and Howard and Jo Carson were all there (I think they all attend regularly). The surprise for me was seeing Gordon and Jenny McCollum. I had been concerned that they weren't coming to Mentone as much as they once did. They have the little gray cottage on the Parkway, not far from the Hitching Post, and usually come by to see me when they are coming here or going back to their permanent home in Georgia. Homer and I met them when we went to Nova Scotia a few years ago. They are fine people.

You all should visit Howard's Chapel Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock. I'm sure Col. Milford Howard would be happy that services are held in the little church he built as a memorial to his wife, Sally. The colonel's ashes are interred in the huge rock that forms the north end of the church. I send many tourists there because it is an unusual attraction.

Lydia Speed, a lovely lady who lived near the church and Camp Alpine, loved this little chapel and was a faithful attendant. She is buried in the cemetery behind the Chapel. Sunday, someone asked for prayers for Mary Jay, Lydia's daughter, who was quite ill in a hospital in Rome, Georgia.

Ruby O'Rear, our dear friend and the daughter of Alice O'Rear who named Mentone, died at Howard's Chapel a few years ago, after she had finished a floral arrangement for the altar. She sat down to rest and had a heart attack and was gone. What a peaceful, blessed place for one to breathe the last breath.

Rev. Fred Higgins, the minister of the Chapel, brought a good message Sunday.

My sister-in-law, Frances Crowe, is at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee, and has suffered a heart attack and a stroke following knee surgery. We would appreciate your prayers for her. Frances had a home here for a long time next door to her sister and brother-in-law, Betty and James Johnson. She was come better today when Lucille Crowe talked to Lila, Frances' daughter. We are praying for her continued improvement.

I just read an article in the Chattanooga Times Free Press about the recognition of the power of prayer by today's physicians. Prayer does work. The article suggested that some healing may come from the soothing concentration of prayers that causes a person to relax and stop worrying. It gives hope and peace of mind. I have always believed in healing of both mind and body. ...Well, you've had my sermon for the day!

Debbie Gamble is back at The Back Porch, her restaurant at the Hitching Post. Debbie's husband had a heart attack and several by-passes, recently, so she spent a couple of weeks at home caring for him. He is doing well now, a little weak still, but improving. The Back Porch is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

Dessie Newberry, owner of the Kountry Chef, had laser gall bladder surgery recently and shortly there-

after was right back at her restaurant. We hope she doesn't have any more surgery. She has had enough, it seems. The Kountry Chef Restaurant is great for Mentone - for local people and tourists.

Daughter Doreen and her husband, Jerry, took two of their friends (from Atlanta and Signal Mountain) to the Mentone Springs Hotel for dinner last week. They said it was wonderful. We have not been yet, but will soon.

I just had to stop writing to view the wonderful peachy glow of today's sunset. The day has been bright, clear and warm. Most welcome after so many rainy and cloudy or foggy days. Hurrah for Spring! Easter comes late this year and we will probably have more cool days before then. But for now, it is delightful to hear the birds singing in the mornings. They, too, are happy to see warmer weather.

Son Coy has spent several of the last few days cleaning the area below the cliff at our home. It looks beautiful. There are huge rocks down there and we plan to put flowers around them. It would create a natural rock garden. Oh, but the groundhogs would probably eat most of it. Anyway, we will give it a try.

Daughter Joyce has been doing my typing, grocery shopping, and making wonderful fruit salads for us. She is a joy to Doreen to have at The Package Store where she makes gift baskets for the customers. But she is going home for a while soon to do their income tax returns and celebrate Leo's birthday.

Enjoy these good days! With all the problems of the world, I'm still an optimist and enjoy every day to the fullest.

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(3) **FARMHOUSE WITH 1.0 ACRES, MENTONE**. Oak trees outside, oak floors inside. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with tile shower and clawfoot tub, living room with stone fireplace. Open country style kitchen/dining area. Large covered front porch. Detached garage, city water, paved road. **\$88,000.**



(4) **2 STORY HOME ON GUTLER AVE, MENTONE**, 3 Bdrm 1 1/2 bath, updated with Metal Roof, 12x16 deck, Kitchen-dining combo. Living room w/gas free standing fireplace, cozy den, Large Bdrm with second story balcony. All appliances stay. Located on a level one-acre lot with large Oak trees and lots of wild flowers. **REDUCED \$70,000.**



(5) **CABIN ON DRY CREEK**, which is always flowing. 2 bedroom 2 bath in good condition. Blatten and board siding. Covered porch and a deck. Located on 2.7 acres, Sulphur Springs Rd. **\$71,000.**



(6) **WEEKEND COTTAGE ON LITTLE RIVER**. Private location with 12 acres, 1,250 ft on the East Fork. 2 story cottage. Bonus room and bedroom upstairs, greatroom, kitchen, bedroom and bath on main. Large deck. All this for **\$420,000. Reduced \$164,500. (CONTRACT PENDING)**



(7) **EARLY 1900s TWO STORY FARMHOUSE**, located on Gutler Ave. Mentone. High Hedges and Oak Trees make a private setting in town. 2 Bdrms upstairs with sitting area and bath. Living area, eat-in Kitchen & Bath on the main level. Large screened porch. Pine floors, walls, and ceiling throughout. **REDUCED \$75,000.**



(8) **GREAT PLACE TO GET AWAY IN QUIET MENTONE**. Common areas for hiking and lakes for fishing is available at the location of this Custom built cabin in Laurel Creek Lakes. Open Greatroom, kitchen/dining. Pine V-Groove Cathedral ceiling. Tung/Groove walls with a diagonal-horizontal design. Tile Bath with whirlpool tub. Loft bedroom with bath. 8x36 screened porch and 8x36 covered front porch. Handmade doors and raised pine cabinets. Located on 3 acres. **REDUCED \$127,000.**



(9) **COMPLETELY REMODELED AND LIKE NEW**, One level Ranch-style home, with Mother-in-Law apartment. 3 bdrm, 3 bath, Living room with stone Fireplace. Separate Dining room. New kitchen cabinets, counters, flooring. New Roof, lifetime warranty windows. Screened porch and breezeway. Wired Generator. So much more, containing 3.0 acres M/L. Hwy 117, with commercial potential. **\$145,000.**



(10) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** is located between Mentone, Alabama and Cloudland, GA, on Alabama Hwy 117. There are river front and mountain stream tracts ranging from 3+ to 14+ acres in size. The middle fork of Little River runs through the property with over a mile of clean pristine water, containing both whitewater and placid pools. The property is situated on the Lookout Mountain Parkway. This secluded, unspoiled area is a perfect getaway for retirement or a second home. All homesites have access to electricity, and city water is planned to reach the development by 2003.

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(11) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES**: Building lots on the West Grow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

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(13) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** (1 Tract left) 220x300 on the East Fork of Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. **\$30,000.**

(14) **7.8 ACRES AVAILABLE IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, MENTONE**. Old Homesite with large trees and field. City Water and Private Rd. Located in East Fork Little River Estates. **\$35,000.**

(15) **WILDLIFE ABUNDANT** on these Three 20+ acre Tracts. Mostly Open Land, Rolling hills, ponds. May be purchased individually or together. Priced \$2,000 an acre. Located in Mentone area with deeded access road.

(16) **BUILDING LOT IN CLOUDLAND, GA**. Nice wooded lot with city water available, paved road frontage. Surveyed and perked. Contains .95 acre. Located on Golfcourse Rd. **\$7,500.**

(17) **CANYON VIEW FOREST**, adjoins National Preserve, and Wildlife Management. 6 acre tract, wooded with drive, power, well installed. Private access behind locked Gate. Overlooks Little River Canyon National Preserve.

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UNITED GIVERS FUND OF COUNTY, INC. UGF ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual Membership meeting of United Givers Fund of DeKalb County held on February 25, six new directors were elected to the 33-member, all volunteer board.

New directors are: S. Spencer Cheak with Game Time; Sylvia Germany with DeSoto Mills; Larry Hancock, Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce; Kim Horton, Rainsville Funeral Home; Julie Morgan, Johnson Hosiery; and Walter Watson with Sara Lee Bakery Group.

Linda Sterling, outgoing UGF president, presented the 2002 annual report and expressed her appreciation to the board members, staff, volunteers, and the many generous supporters throughout the county for an outstanding year. The 2002-2003 Campaign General Chairman Ann Quevedo, who was unable to attend the meeting, was commended for her hard work and leadership during an especially challenging campaign.

Retiring Directors, Philip Brown, Lee Cobble, Ricky Little, Dr. Scott Thompson, and Gene Wright, were recognized for their dedicated service during their terms as members of the UGF board.

Todd Shirey, with Borders & Associates, presented the audit report. Shirey reported that the organization's books were in order, there were no problems noted, and the organization is running smoothly.

United Givers Fund of DeKalb County provides funding for 13 member agencies. For more information about UGF or any of the programs funded by the organization, call the UGF office at 256-845-4000 or log on to their website at www.unitedgiversfund.com

NEW UGF OFFICERS ELECTED

Executive Committee Meets
for Orientation/Planning

The United Givers Fund Board of Directors met in late February. Officers elected for the 2003-2004 year were: Scott Ross, President; Mike O'Dell, Vice President; Lynette Porter, Treasurer; and Debra Dawson, Secretary. These officers, along with outgoing President, Linda Sterling, and UGF Executive Director, Barbara Turner, make up UGF's Executive Committee.

At the Committee's orientation and planning meeting held on March 13th, the new president outlined his goals for the year and acknowledged the challenges ahead with the continued uncertainty of the economy and the current national situation.

Mr. Ross will be naming a Campaign General Chairman within the next few weeks to head up this fall's fundraising campaign. Recruitment will then begin for Steering Committee and Division Chairmen to assist with initial campaign planning which takes place by mid-May.

As this fall will mark the 45th Anniversary of the organization, a special activity will be planned in celebration of this milestone. United Givers Fund of DeKalb County was first organized and incorporated in October, 1958 and currently provides funding for 13 member agencies that serve county residents. United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, Inc.



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A dog ordinance was passed by the Town Council on February 10 due to complaints from so many citizens. The basic part has to do with vicious or dangerous dogs and female dogs in season. If you have any questions, a copy of the ordinance is at the Town Hall.

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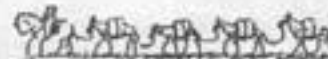
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We also have a new facility called the "Rusty Fox Cafe and Sweet Shoppe". This area of the hotel will primarily be a lunch place open Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30am-3:00pm for soup, salads, and sandwiches. Our homemade baked brownies, cookies, and sweets will also be available for eat-in or take-out. The "Rusty Fox" begins its operation on April 9, 2003.

Our Dining Room will continue its regular hours of operation on Friday evenings 5:30pm-8:00pm with Italian Buffet. Saturday evening is our specialty menu open 5:30pm-8:00pm. Sunday Lunch service in the Dining Room will resume on March 30th. Lunch on Sundays is also specialty menu open 11:30am-2:00pm. Reservations are highly suggested for Dining Room Service.

The "Home and Garden Shop" will also open on April 9, 2003. Specialty concrete statuary, lanterns, and candles will be featured along with fresh herbs, ferns, and native plants from Gorham's Bluff Nursery. We will be featuring a small selection of the plants available from the nursery. If you are looking for a more extensive selection, we suggest you take a trip to Gorham's Bluff Nursery in Pisgah, Alabama. It's only 20 minutes away.

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Jimmy Graves Receives Master of Divinity Degree

On March 9, 2003 a graduation ceremony was held at North Gardendale Baptist Church in Birmingham by Southern Bible Institute honoring two graduates receiving Master of Divinity Degrees.

The two graduates were Wayne Anderson, from Mississippi, who is a missionary to Balise; and James Edward Graves of Montone, Alabama.

The Reverend Graves had studied in the Master's program for some three years, and it was a great joy for him and his family when he achieved this long-awaited goal. Family members attending the ceremony were: Mrs. Graves, Hershell and Sandra Pruitt, Allen Gray, Katie Gray, Briggs and Betty Chitwood, and Linda Chitwood.

Easter Bells (Historic Fact)

In 1813, during Napoleon's reign,
His army had advanced in his Austrian campaign.
To within six miles of Feld Kirch,
Where the Christians had gathered in their church,
Hour after hour to fervently pray
To God to save their village next day.
It was Easter, at sunrise the church bells rang.
Across the countryside, they pealed and sang;
Napoleon's officers, not knowing Easter's celebration—
Thought they were ringing in jubilation,
That the Austrian Army had arrived in the night—
So, they promptly lost their desire to fight—
They ordered retreat and left Feld Kirch—
Because Easter bells rang out from the church—
They caused the threatening army to cease—
They pealed out a message of hope and peace.
Easter bells ring out today—joyfully ring—
The same glad message, triumphant bring—
Your message of hope loudly proclaim—
Peaceful living and resurrection in Jesus' name!

As I wrote these words, the thought came to me, how marvelous and delightful it would be, if all the churches in the world—or at least the US—would ring their bells on Easter at once. It would be a spirit lifter and testimony of hope and faith.

—Elaine Brown



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- Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 pm, MAPA meeting, Mentone Community House
- Wednesdays, SENIOR LUNCHEONS at Mentone Community House. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, April 6, Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Tuesday, April 8, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Saturday, April 12, 10am (GA time)-Bake sale at Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue at AL/GA state line
- Sunday, April 13, PALM SUNDAY
- Monday, April 14, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, April 19, 2pm (GA time)-Easter Egg Hunt at Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue at AL/GA state line
- Sunday, April 20, EASTER SUNDAY

- Thursday, April 24, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Saturday, May 3, 10am(GA time) - Ham & Knife Shoot on Gilreath Mill Rd., Cloudland, GA. Sponsored by Tri-County Fire/Rescue. (See article page .)
- Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 pm, MAPA meeting, Mentone Community House
- Sunday, May 11, MOTHER'S DAY
- Monday, May 12, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, May 13, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Saturday & Sunday, May 17 and 18, RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL on the Brow in Mentone



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22

When you look around and see all the sickness, suffering, fighting, and sin all around us, it makes you wonder what will be next. Only God knows, but the Word tells us to cast our burdens up to the Lord. He can take care of it. In these days, we must look to Him more and more for our help.

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