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Bailey's Grocery



Bailey's Grocery on AL Hwy 117

(Inset is the front of the store.)



Barbara Bailey and brother, Gerald Bailey standing in front of the gas pump in front of Bailey's Grocery.

By Barbara Bailey Blalock

In 1939, Floyd and Catherine Bailey, their small daughter Barbara and Floyd's father, Charlie "PaPaw" Bailey, were living on a farm known as "The Shigley Farm". When a small store building owned by Henry Miller was available, Floyd bought it and moved his family to a small house next to the store. In 1940, their son Gerald was born. After a period of time, they moved into the living quarters which they built onto the back of the store. This was their home for thirty years. Over the years, this small business became a well-stocked store where many families bought their groceries. Joe Maxwell, the "Bread Man", delivered bread for the Colonial Bread Company. Milk was delivered by Uncle Ollie Murdock, who owned his own dairy in Fort Payne, and produce was delivered by Lindsey Produce of Fort Payne.

There was a large "feed room" because most people had horses, cows, and chickens to feed. The feed came in fifty and one hundred pound bags, which was hard on the backs of those doing the lifting.

Back then, people had large families and did a lot of cooking. Flour was bought in twenty-five pound cotton sacks, which were often pretty prints that could be used for sewing. Mother often traded with customers to get enough of one print to make a dress. Most of my dresses were made from these pretty flour sacks.

This store was also a Texaco Service Station. I say

"service" station because that is what it was; we pumped your gas, checked the oil, checked the air in the tires, and cleaned the windshield. Gas was delivered by a Fort Payne distributor, Clifford Durham. PaPaw helped with the gas station as long as he was able. The first gas pumps were not electric; you had to hand pump the gas into a large glass container on top of the pump, there were lines on the glass to indicate how many gallons you had pumped.

During World War II, certain items such as gas, coffee and sugar were rationed. Families received books of stamps to get these items. Families without cars would trade gas stamps for sugar or coffee stamps. There was a lot of trading and making do with what we had.

In the late forties and early fifties, we had bus service across the mountain. It ran from Fort Payne to Summerville, Georgia, several times a day. On Saturday mornings, we would ride the bus to Valley Head, meet with friends and spend the day. We could eat a hamburger at Uncle Paul Hamman's café, go to the movies, browse around in the Ellis Five and Ten Cent Store, visit with Miss Jessie Phillips at Bell's store, and go to Coleman's Drug Store for a cherry coke at the soda fountain. After a long day of fun, we caught the last bus of the day back home.

Mentone was such a safe place when we were growing up that we were allowed to roam freely. We

walked or rode bikes to Sunset Rock, Eagles Nest, The Old Covered Bridge, and our favorite place, Riverside, where we spent many hours swimming and dropping from an old rope swing into the river. The phrase, "It takes a Village to Raise a Child", is the way it was in Mentone. Everyone watched over us, and we knew that if we misbehaved our parents would know it before we got home.

Looking back, I realize what a wonderful, blessed childhood we had. Bailey's Grocery was not just a store, it was a place to visit with neighbors and exchange news. One of the first telephones was at the store and many neighbors made and received calls there. Often Gerald and I were sent to tell someone that they had a call. The store was also the school bus stop. Many students in the community walked to the store to catch the bus to Valley Head High School. If you went to Moon Lake Elementary School, you were considered too close to ride the bus, so we walked. I am sure that all of that walking was good for us and we had many new adventures walking to school and back every day.

The old store building still stands on the south side of Alabama Highway 117 about one half mile from downtown Mentone, traveling east. It is being lovingly restored as a dwelling by the new owners. I have many wonderful memories of a fun-filled, worry-free childhood centered around that building and the community. This is the way I remember things and may not be the way someone else remembers it.

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MAPA Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2007, at 6PM. President Dessie Brown called the meeting to order. Dot Crow gave the invocation. Members

present were Dessie Brown, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Evelyn Graves, Page and Margaret Cunningham, Amelia Kirk Lolli, Wesley Chesnut, Sandra Comley, Gloria Sitz, Jerome Stephens, Claudia Wassom, Ben Keener, Sha-lee Regling, L.C. Moon, and John Fischer.

The topic of the meeting was the upcoming May 19 and 20 RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL. Members were asked to help put together the packets containing quilt tickets to be mailed out to the MAPA membership. Plans have already been in progress and members have been assigned specific tasks to complete in preparation for the festival. There is still a lot of work to be done, and volunteers are always welcome.

Festival Chairman Page Cunningham is already receiving applications from vendors. There will be a Friday and Saturday night bonfire on the 19th and 20th, with singing on the Town Square next to the Mentone Inn on Alabama Highway 117. Volunteers to man the MAPA booth were asked to select a time during each of the days to help out at the booth.

Following the discussions, the members prepared the envelopes and then enjoyed the refreshments provided by Dot Crow, Amelia Kirk Lolli, and Dessie Brown.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 3, at 6PM at Dessie's Place on Alabama Hwy 117. All members are invited and those wishing to learn more about the upcoming events are also welcome to attend the meeting.

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THANK YOU !!

On behalf of the Loretta McGee family, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Mentone and Valley Head communities.

We thank you for everything you have done from food and clothes to the gifts of money and cards. It was all greatly appreciated.

Most of all we appreciate the love and support that you so generously bestowed upon us. Without that, this time would have been more difficult.

All of your kind words were greatly appreciated. To us she was a loving daughter, a kind and generous sister, and our best friend, a loving and compassionate mother, a good wife, and a precious soul. She was that and so much more. We are glad that you will remember her as fondly as we do.

We thank you for being with us to mourn her passing. We ask you to help us to continue celebrating her life.

Loretta Lynn McGee

Loretta / Lynn McGee, 31, of Mentone, passed away Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 3, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Burt Funeral Home Chapel in Valley Head with Dr. Bill Berry officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Jamie Panell, of Mentone; son, Matthew Dylan Panell, of Mentone; daughters, Jaimee Lynn McGee, of Mentone; Kaitee Lea McGee of Mentone; mother, Evelyn McGee of Mentone; grandfather, J.B. Flarity, of Mentone; sisters, Charlotte, Georgette, Rosetta and Jacqueline McGee, all of Mentone, Carlotta M. Boyde, of Anniston; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Edward McGee.

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Long awaited A & J Supermarket opens

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Produce so fresh you can almost hear it crunch and steaks so thick that all you need is the charcoal and grill. Rows of cakes in more varieties than even mom made just waiting for a tall glass of cold milk from the cooler in the rear and a knife to cut generous slice. Yes, A & J Supermarket is open.

At the open house, as eager residents milled about, there was an air of excitement. After all most of us had been waiting a year for this day. An often-heard comment was "I can't believe that we've got something this nice." And they followed up the next day with an almost full parking lot all day long as they filled buggies to capacity with that fresh produce, thick steaks, scrumptious cakes and gallons of milk along with the other necessities of life.

Owners, Allen and Jerry Smith, have spent their working life in the grocery business and nobody was more eager to see the March 14's grand opening arrive than they were. Local restaurants were also eager to see that opening day. Joy Hester, owner of Tiger's Inn, noted, "I am so happy about the grocery store." She added that she hoped everybody in the area would support them. For those of us who drove several miles to Fort Payne or across the mountain to Summerville for a must have ingredient to complete a recipe, it's an easy choice especially with the growing price of gasoline.

There is a "gallon" section to accommodate restaurants as well as small sizes for those empty nesters that couldn't use a gallon of anything in a year.



Jerry and Allen Smith, owners of A & J Supermarket

Not only are the prices competitive with other grocery stores, there's always something on special that's appealing. Since the sales tax base in Valley Head is lower than Fort Payne's, that means additional savings.

The Smiths promise that the produce will always be "crunchy" fresh because they have from three to four deliveries each week to ensure that freshness. Also included, in the produce section is a nice variety of fresh herbs. Steven Jackson is the produce manager.

Those thick Angus select steaks that are favorites as grilling season approaches are brought to you by meat manager, Johnny Spurgeon, who has over twenty years experience in the meat business and can give you any cut and any size that you need.

If you just need some good fresh meat for your lunch sandwich, you'll appreciate the deli section adjacent to the meats where you can order as little or as much as you want cut in any thickness you wish.

The store stocks all major brands and also has their own generic brand for significant savings.

"We want the community to feel like this is their store," Allen Smith stated. He added that if there's anything that they don't stock that you want they'll get it for you.

Other managers include Carla Dickerson, customer service manager, Steven Frazier, store manager and Mary Hughes, assistant manager. Any of them would appreciate your suggestions on what you'd like to see in the store.

Hours are from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. seven days a week but they may be extended if needed. A & J Supermarket is located on Highway 117 in front of the entrance to Shaw Industries.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Rustic cabin with brow view. This home offers 1450 sqft with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, living room w/rock fireplace, 1 car garage/storage in the basement and large porch and deck to relax and enjoy the view. \$179,900 (15390)



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VALLEYS AND MOUNTAINS. The view is SPECTACULAR. Custom built log home, wood walls and floors, stacked rock fireplace, large kitchen and dining area, 3BR/3BA, screened-in porch and back deck. Restricted subdivision. Get away from the busy life in this mountain hideaway. \$379,000 (15616)



THE QUALITY SHINES THROUGH in this new home now being built near Mentone. Features great room, hardwood floors and stacked rock fireplace. Split bedroom design, master bedroom and a glamour bath with ceramic tile, jetted tub and separate shower. \$192,500 (15700)



FIRST TIME OFFERED! Enjoy the gorgeous view of the valley below. Kitchen has breakfast bar and stainless appliances. Huge master bedroom has private deck, master bath offers clawfooted tub placed in front of the fireplace. Outside enjoy the stacked rock fireplace/bbq grill. Garage apartment has separate entrance, kitchenette, BR & BA. \$740,500 (15736)



THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT to this classic Southern home. Downstairs offers 2BR, bath, and great room. Upstairs you'll find another large BR with walk-in closets, bath and an open balcony. 2.42 acres creates a relaxed feeling. It can be yours for only \$194,500. (15263)

BUILDING LOT IN A NEW DEVELOPMENT in Mentone called Northbend. Lot contains 3.21 acres. \$51,500 (15734)

NEAR DESOTO STATE PARK AND MENTONE, this building site is perfect for that cabin you've been thinking about building. Wooded 1.34 acres with paved road frontage, city water and per. \$39,900 (15450)

BUILD YOUR NEW HOME ON THIS BROW LOT in Mentone with a breathtaking view of the valley below. Lot offers approx. 100' on the brow with 2 additional lots available. \$92,500 per lot. (14568)

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12 ACRES OF GENTLY ROLLING, HEAVILY WOODED PARADISE. Great for getting close to nature, city water is available. \$79,900 (14534)

ON THE GOLF COURSE and just minutes from Historic Mentone. Restricted building lots available in Rock Bluff. Common areas include a stocked lake, two parks, and

rental cabins available for your out-of-town guests. Each wooded tract is 3.1 acres (+/-), with 300' fronting the Golf Course. Public water and power available. This is a beautiful area to build your perfect dream home. \$100,000 (15016)

THE SITE PREPARATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE on 2 building lots located on a heavily travelled highway in Mentone. Property is located outside the city limits with no restrictions. Have your plans ready and get started immediately. \$19,500 (15865/15866)

BUILD YOUR FULL-TIME RESIDENCE or your dream getaway on this .69 acre lot in Mentone. Brush Creek runs across the back of this property offering recreation and

relaxation. This lot is being offered at \$29,900. (15862)

BUILD HERE on this gorgeous 4.4 acre tract with a fabulous view of the valley below. Ready to build with existing septic system and well. Located on the North Brow in Mentone, this lot has unique rock formations. Don't wait too late or this one will be gone! \$299,000 (14998)

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(5) 2br. 2.5 ba. Cedar sided mtn. home with loft, fireplace, vaulted ceilings showing exposed beams, on 3.48 acres in the Westfork Subdivision. Long range vistas and walking distance to Little River access make this the perfect 2nd home. Priced at \$189,900.



(3) New 2br. 2.5 ba. Heritage Log Home with post & beam construction, vaulted ceilings, large dual pane windows, and hardwood floors throughout. Located on 3.32 gently rolling acres in cul-de-sac at the Northbend Subdivision. Priced at \$285,900.



(6) Northbend Subdivision. Come be a part of our new gated community within walking distance of downtown, and Mentone's Brow Park. These wooded estate lots would make a perfect 2nd home or a full time residence. Creek lots also available. Prices start at \$50,000.

Postal Rates Increase May 14, 2007

The price of a 1-ounce First-Class letter will increase from 39 cents to 41 cents beginning May 14, 2007. The Postal Service's new "Forever" stamp goes on sale April 12 for 41 cents and will be good for mailing 1-ounce First-Class letters anytime in the future — regardless of price changes. The stamp features the Liberty Bell image and the word "forever".

You Can Help the River!

by L.C. Moon

Water Testing Certification classes will be held at 5460 East River Road on Saturday June 2nd, 9 AM. The class will be a great opportunity for you to get involved in helping the river we all love so much. As we all know, the river is also an integral part of our economics for the area. The more people who are certified and test the Little River's water and the tributaries, the more likely we can remedy any pollution and maintain a pristine, clean, safe river. The cost for the class is a donation of \$10 to pay for the travel involved for the volunteer from the Alabama Water Watch that Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance has kindly organized to come teach us.

June 2nd, 9 AM- @ 5460 East River Road (Nicely Home) 634-4124 for info.

Mentone Clean Up

Please join us on Saturday April 14th for the Clean up on Hwy 117. Supplies such as garbage bags, vest and pinchers will be provided.

We will meet in the parking lot of the Mentone Inn @ 9 AM Sat., April 14th.

If you cannot make it that day or at that time--please take a portion of your day to clean up in your neighborhood or designate a day to do a clean up.

Even one hour of your time can make a difference. Let's be an example of beauty and cleanliness in our treasured town. After all, they say cleanliness is next to Godliness.

This event is organized by the Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance. For more information, please contact 634-4124.

Celebration of Spring May 18th-20th in Mentone

Come out for the fun and experience Mentone at its finest during one of the biggest celebrations Mentone has seen in years. MAPA and the Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) are aligning together to bring you a weekend full of Art, Crafts, Music and old time fun.

Friday night will be the kick off of the celebration with a bonfire and music. One of the members of Friday nights band is Ft. Payne's Probate Judge Ronnie Osborn.

During the days, you can take Boat Rides to view our beautiful scenic river.

You will discover fine art from area artists on the lawn of the Mentone Inn on Saturday the 19th from 9AM - 5 PM. These artists are hand selected by MAAC for the Annual Wildflower Art Show.

Saturday night the music and bonfire will begin at 6:30PM on Town Square.

If you know anyone that has a quality craft or old time skill--we would love to have them a part of the festival on the brow--please contact Page Cunningham @ 256-997-9051.

We are also looking for any fiddlers that are interested in performing and participating in a fiddler's competition on Saturday May 19th. Call 256-634-3333

DOGS ! DOGS! DOGS!

By Virginia Makuc

There are over 150 different breeds and varieties of dogs that are recognized by the AKC (American Kennel Club). They are beloved by millions of people all over the world including many of the readers of this paper. I count myself as one of those dog lovers as well.

My husband and I had been involved with the showing of dogs at AKC shows since 1961. We started by breeding Cocker Spaniels and Shih Tzu. In the 1970's, I received my handlers license and added on French Bulldogs. My husband liked larger dogs, so he handled Brittany's, Vizsla, and Borzois until he died four years ago. Since then, I haven't been active in shows, but have stayed a member of three kennel clubs and the American Shih Tzu Club.

I moved to Mentone, Alabama, in 2006 and since then I have talked to area dog owners who would like to get together to do some show training, obedience training or just to 'talk dogs'. If you are interested in any of these things, come join us. I can be reached by cell phone at: 727-389-8887 or you can call Linda Lawton at: 256-634-4658 for information.

THANK YOU!!!!

I would like to thank **EVERYBODY** for sending me cards for my 80th Birthday.

I also would like to thank Marilyn Campbell for the wonderful birthday party and the guests who came to help me celebrate.



Buster Coots and father,
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Margie Coots

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My name is Cindy and I live in Valley Head, AL. In early 2007, I met a gentleman by the name of Tracey Douglas Gullede. He was kind, giving, honest, always wanting to do things for me no matter how small.....little did I know that a year later I would become his wife. Doug lived in Carrollton, GA most of his life as a third generation cabinet maker, and that was also where we met for the first time. We quickly became the best of friends, hanging out with each other, talking every day, fishing with him and his 14 year old son Shane. I was absolutely amazed at how well we got along, as if we had known each other all our lives.

Life's events however are not always happy ones. Doug and his family know that personally.....In 2002, Doug was in a near fatal car accident. He was tossed from the car, and life-flighted to Grady Hospital in Georgia where he spent the next two months in a coma. While unaware of what was happening during that time, he went through various operations to keep him alive. Not long after open heart surgery, he obtained a staph infection which nearly cost him his life.

His family was called by doctors repeatedly during many nights stating that they were not sure Doug would make it through the night. I have read through his medical transcripts myself and can tell you it was like reading an autopsy. The Lord, however, had other plans for Doug, and spared his life on this earth. After several months in the hospital Doug went home in a wheelchair unable to walk because of muscle atrophy in both of his lower legs experienced during the coma.

Doug has a very strong will and sought through many Atlanta doctors searching for one that could help. Several surgeries later with much will power and not long after we met, he began to walk again.....still using his wheelchair when exhausted after only taking a few steps. Although the surgeries help Doug to walk again, he will never have the stance or walking capabilities as most of us do.

Once he was stronger and was comfortable with his walking using a cane, he was able to get his drivers license and could drive to come visit me. I remember a trip we made to Cloudland Canyon as I knew that was a beautiful sight that he could carefully walk to observe without too much extra effort. We had a wonderful day that day, and I can recall now that I felt different about

My Loving Husband



Doug Gullede and wife,
Tracy Douglas Gullede

him then. I could not help but smile with every glance at him. Every visit we had with one another, I knew I was falling in love with Doug. Then, early December last year, I professed my deep love for him after prayer over supper with him at his apartment. He said a prayer about our relationship and asking God to direct us. I broke down in tears, and told him I was very much in love with him. He then began to cry but in such a loving way.....we could hardly eat! After supper we sat down and talked. He told me that he truly had nothing to offer me but his love. For those of you who have ever experienced true love--that was all I needed.

One weekend, he came to visit and said he needed to talk with me. We sat down on the sofa, and he took my hands in his. That is when he asked me to be his wife, to spend the rest of our lives together. Of course I said "YES"! I eagerly called my two children (Mike,

age 27 and Crystal, age 25) to share my news. Also told my sisters, and asked them to keep it quiet from my parents so that I could tell them in person. That next week-end we visited mom and dad - they live in Ballground, GA. They were very happy for the two of us and gave us their blessing.

On Saturday, March 03, 2007 I became Mrs. Tracey Douglas Gullede. We were married in Gatlinburg, TN, and our families attended the quaint and beautiful wedding at The Wedding Chapel in the Glades. We prepared our own personal vows along with the official ones and both cried with smiles while stating them. I will never forget it. My son gave me away, my daughter was my Maid of Honor, Doug's son was his Best Man, and his younger brother Jeffory was his groomsman. It was absolutely lovely. We enjoyed a few days in Tennessee in a log cabin at a resort called the Honeymoon Resort. That evening as we prepared for bed, I turned down the covers and found a card on my pillow with the words "To my beautiful wife" on the envelope. Here is what it read....."I love you so much that I want to protect you from harm - to be there for you whenever you need me. I want to make your life more beautiful than anyone else ever has. I want to be the one who makes you smile when you wake with the dawn.....to be the song in your heart and on your lips when you close your eyes at night. I want our togetherness to grow and to last beyond today, beyond tomorrow, beyond forever. You are the one love who has moved my heart and soul.....You are the love of my life." Then he wrote these words on the card. "Cindy, I almost changed my vows to these words in this card because they are so close to what I would say to you.....But I figured I'd just add this card to my vows of love for you.....today I am the happiest man alive!!!" Those words from Doug moved me as all the words from his mouth to me do.

The day after the wedding, we woke to snowfall. It snowed for several hours that day. It was just beautiful. Our families even had to find alternate routes to get back home because of road closings. We enjoyed sight seeing, some shopping, and just plain fun. It was an event I will never forget for as long as I live. Today, and every day I am honored and blessed to be the wife of the most beautiful man in the world. Who gives me his heart more and more each day, who I wake to see with loving eyes every morning, whose loving eyes stare into mine each evening.....May God bless you all, as He truly has my life.

Mrs. Tracey Douglas Gullede
Valley Head, Alabama

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing Wild Pansy and Honey

By L.C. Moon

It is magical how nature can provide us with sweeteners to nourish and beautiful flowers to nurture. It is a great time to get out the local honey and show appreciation for the sweet and beautiful Johnny Jump Up flowers that line many garden plots and planters. There are many benefits provided by Wild Pansy (Johnny Jump Ups or Viola tricolor) and honey, as they also have benefits in common.

Local honey is great for allergies. As many people know, honey from your immediate area has a great benefit of helping your body to desensitize to the pollen in your environment.

Honey also has many other benefits. Treatment with honey is called apitherapy. Apitherapy is used to increase energy, stamina, and strength, particularly after illness and stress. Ironically, honey can also be used to help calm the nerves and aid in relaxing sleep.

Honey can relieve indigestion, headaches, and treat cardiovascular disease. It is great used in cough syrups especially during bronchitis, cold or flu; because it helps soothe an irritated throat, provides lots of nutrients, as well as helping to dissolve mucous. I have had great results for three winters in using honey as a base for cough syrup for dry and wet coughs.

Honey is soothing to the digestive tract and contains simple sugars that have been predigested by the bees. You can get great benefit from predigested glucose and fructose; still, keep in mind that honey as sweetener does contain 64 calories to 1 tbsp versus 46 calories in the average sugar.

However, if the honey works to increase your energy, then you should be able to take care of those extra calories in order to get all of the other benefits of honey. It is truly best to know where your honey comes from because the benefits, taste and consistency depend on the flowers where the nectar was harvested by the bees, as well as the practices of the beekeepers.

Last, but not least, honey is great for the skin. It can act as a natural disinfectant and therapy for minor wounds because of the germ killing inhibine. Honey also aids the wounds by helping to reduce swelling in the wound while providing healing enzymes and proteins. Honey is great as a beauty care product for nourishing and softening the skin.

What do Johnny Jump Ups and Honey have in common? They can both be used for sickness, relaxation, and skin imbalance.

In Europe, Wild Pansy (Viola Tricolor) is used for fevers and sore throat. It is known to be great for cough treatment, respiratory congestion and particularly when there is a dry cough. Wild Pansy can also be used to treat asthma.

Honey has offered benefit to cardiovascular disease, while pansy is known to help reduce arteriosclerosis, useful in heart palpitations and slows fluid retention.

Wild Pansy is an anti-inflammatory that can help treat gout and rheumatism.

For skin ailments, Wild Pansy is used externally to treat diaper rash, bruises, cradle cap, eczema, psoriasis, and acne. Internally, it is known to be good as a blood purifier which would also be helpful for skin disorders.

The native or naturalized Wild pansy is generally found during the months of May-September. The aerial parts--above ground parts--are what is used for therapeutic uses.

Wild Pansy contains vitamins A, C and E, plus minerals--calcium and magnesium. It is known to have saponins that can be toxic in large doses. I would discontinue treatment if I noticed nausea or skin irritation after long-term use of wild pansy.

Keep in mind, that while pansy could be toxic to some in very large doses, the cases of toxicity in herbs such as viola tricolor are no more common than food allergies to various foods.

When it comes to herbal and natural therapies, the dosage and usage is what allows the botanicals to be effective versus toxic. I would use Wild Pansy and or honey for any of the above uses mentioned, though I may combine them with other herbs to allow them to be even more effective.

You can try the benefits of pansy and honey to enhance your health and beauty with the recipe below.

Pansy Honey Bath
Lavender Essential Oil
Sweet Orange Essential Oil
Honey
Pansy Flowers
Water

Place 1 cup of pansy flowers in a quart jar and pour hot simmering water over the pansies. Cap with a lid and let steep for twenty minutes. The pansy infusion can also be used as a compress for the skin. While the infusion is steeping, put 3 ounces of honey in a separate glass jar. If it is thick you can place that jar in some warm water. Place 5 drops of Lavender Essential oil and five drops of Sweet Orange Essential Oil in the honey and stir with a wooden, enamel, or stainless steel spoon. Strain the flowers through a stainless steel strainer or cheesecloth. These flowers can be placed directly on the skin where a rash or bruise may be. For the bath, you can place 2 tablespoons or desired amount of honey combination in a warm bath with the pansy infusion. This bath has the ingredients to relax your mind and body while nourishing and softening the skin. If you want to replace the essential oils with something from your garden or kitchen, you make a tea with lavender flowers and orange peels to mix with the honey. If you would like rejuvenation with your honey, you could replace the lavender tea with tea from rosemary leaves which will also help with sinus and memory.

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Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:

Thursday, April 19
Thursday, July 19
Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

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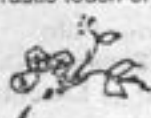
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Tiger's Inn

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Tiger's Inn has been a favorite place among area residents since it opened in the 1950s. Home of "the meat and three" (a meat and three vegetables), the prices are reasonable, the portions generous and the food just plain "down home good".

Owner, Joy Hester, remodeled the popular restaurant last year. The tables were refurbished. New chairs, new flooring and a new dropped ceiling give a clean crisp look. By painstaking care, she was able to maintain the fierce tiger on the wall painted by Cissy Crider.

While customers appreciate the new look, it's the same good food that fills the 58-capacity restaurant each day. "We turn the tables over about twice during lunch." Many regulars come in for their favorites. Tuesdays are a big day because of the homemade chicken fingers. On Wednesday it's the meatloaf and chicken and dressing. Thursday's treat is the chicken casserole. Monday and Friday's specials vary some.

Many come in for a choice dessert. A particular favorite is the "Georgia Cornbread". I haven't tried it but it must be good because on a recent Tuesday it was gone by noon, most of it taken by "to go orders" who came just for the popular cake. I can only tell you how it was described to me. "It's a simple recipe with only a few ingredients: eggs, flour, pecans, brown sugar, vanilla, flavoring and oil." The other dessert of the day, coconut cake was good but I must admit I was disappointed that I missed the Georgia Cornbread. The next time I see it on the board printed behind the counter, I'm going to eat my dessert first.

While it's the meat and three that bring in many, the chicken salad that they make special each day is also a favorite. They also have burgers and other sandwiches. My husband particularly likes their burgers and fries that fill a platter.

Almost in the middle of the restaurant is a long table that has been dubbed "the liar's table". It's full at both breakfast and lunch most often with those who proudly feel that it's "their" table. Willis, the unofficial custodian of the table, takes up residence there each day about 10:30 and has been known to inquire of those wishing to sit there if they are liars. If they don't admit to that distinction, he politely suggests that they might be more comfortable sitting somewhere else. "If he doesn't show up, we worry that he might be sick," Joy explained. It does serve as an "overflow" table to those of us who don't admit that the "liar's" distinction on occasion. Willis graciously shares.

Tiger's Inn's official employees include: Peggy Hawkins, grill cook; Deborah Sharp, meat and three



Willis Blalock of Mentone

cook; Amie Lingerfelt and Cassie Hester, waitresses.

Tiger's Inn opens at 5 a.m. and does a brisk breakfast business. Big fluffy biscuits with gravy and bacon, sausage or ham with your choice of eggs are big favorites as are their pancakes. They also serve omelets, French toast and breakfast sandwiches. Some people call in their breakfast order even before the opening time so it'll be ready when they arrive. Take out breakfast orders are also popular.

The other wall decorations also show Cissy Crider's talent. She painted the flag on the opposite wall from the Tiger and the camouflage letters on the wall of honor where pictures of servicemen are proudly displayed.

The wall of honor, titled "At Your Service", is open for anybody in the service either retired or on active duty. More pictures are needed to complete the walls. According to Joy, pictures need to be a 5 x 7 and she will furnish the frame. The Tiger's Inn has begun what will be an annual event on Veteran's Day honoring those men. Last year many of the men whose pictures are on the wall came along with a fifth grade class from Valley Head who enjoyed meeting them and trying to match them to their pictures. Joy hopes to continue this tradition perhaps honoring the service people and their families.

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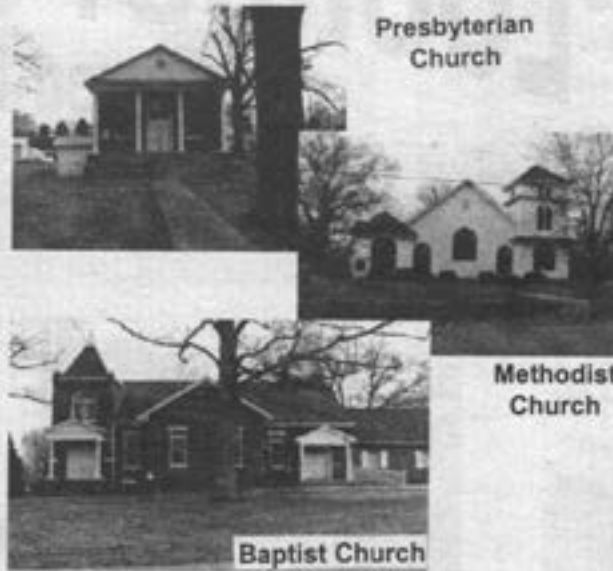
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Valley Head Churches

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

compiled from material furnished by the local Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches

Church life has always been important in Valley Head so much so that there is even a street named Church Street. The majority of its churches are located on this quiet tree-lined street. Some of the churches have been a part of the town since its earliest days.

The Valley Head Baptist Church was constituted in 1845, the same years the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. From 1845 to 1892, the church was named Mount Zion. Early worship services were held in a frame building that was also used for the school across from the present City Park.

Records show that the first services were held in the sanctuary of the new brick building on December 4, 1921. The first graded Sunday School was organized in July 1923. The first full time pastor was called in November 1932. His salary was \$900 per year. In 1950 an educational building was added that included classrooms, fellowship hall, kitchen and restrooms.

Since March 1962, they have held a joint 5th Sunday night service with the Valley Head Methodist Church and a few years later the Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church joined in the services.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church began in 1952 as Holleman's Chapel near Lower Sulphur Springs. Valley Head grew along with the railroad and several of Holleman's Chapel's members moved to Valley Head in the period after the Civil War. In 1871, the church moved to Valley Head and became the Valley Head Methodist Church.

The first Methodist Church building was located somewhere in the block bounded by 2nd and 3rd avenues on the east and west and by Mountain and Hammond streets on the north and south. The first building was a simple wood frame structure, typical of church buildings of the day.

In August of 1904, the church acquired the site of the present church building. A new building was not erected on the site. Instead the old church building was moved. It was lifted off its foundation using floor jacks. Logs were placed under the building and the structure was rolled on those logs from its old location to the new one.

In the years between 1904 and 1915, the church grew and the need arose for a larger building. A plan was devised to modify and enlarge the existing building. The first task was to jack up the existing building and rotate it 90 degrees. The building was then cut in half and pulled apart. A new sanctuary was then built between the two halves of the old building and extending northward toward Church Street. A new bell tower and two new classroom were built as wings on the east and west sides of the new sanctuary.

At the end of World War II, a community worship service at the Methodist Church was held to celebrate the end of the war. Immediately after the announcement of the Japanese surrender and the end of the war, local clergy from all the churches and the townspeople prepared for a service to give thanks.

It is reported that every seat in the church was filled including the balcony. People stood in the aisles along either side of the church. As a part of the service, a family member of each serviceman or woman was given a candle and asked to come forward, light it and place it in front of the altar.

The Valley Head Presbyterian Church was organized in the parlor of the William Overton Winston home in 1872. This home is now known as Winston Place and the church as Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church. For some years, the church met at Winston place and later shared the facilities with the Valley Head Methodist Church.

By 1899, a white frame building was complete and thus there was a need for an organ. Major F.Y. Anderson said he would pay for the organ if they purchased the best that money could buy. So the Miller Organ was purchased in 1903.

In 1929, the present brick building was dedicated and the church name was changed to Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church. The bell from the old church was placed in a new bell tower on the grounds. The pews in the church are from the old church and were hand-made.

In 1989, the Miller organ, which had been electrified and ruined, was restored. At the time of the restoration, there were only three Miller organs known to be in existence: this one; one in a museum in London and one is a museum in Philadelphia.

Other Valley Head Churches include Violet Hill Baptist Church and The Spoken Work Ministries. Data was not available on the history of these churches.

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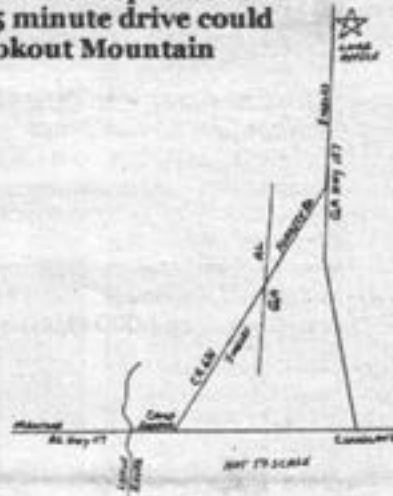
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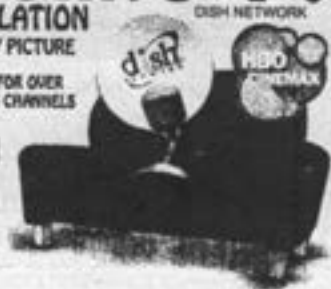
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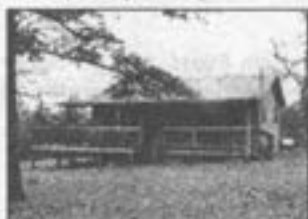
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by Linda Brown

The meeting of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library Board of Directors was a bit different in March. We meet at the home of the chair, Jan Wilkinson, and enjoyed a delicious lunch after the meeting. This is the anniversary of the organization of the Board and March is always our annual meeting when we summarize what has happened in the library over the last twelve months.

The reports this year were indeed eye openers! We have 3,774 books in the library! We have 373 patrons and 72 FRIENDS of the Library! We continue to add volunteers who want to help with the daily (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) operations of the library. They learn to do everything that needs to be done in a library and are responsible for seeing that it gets done at least once a month. We will be having a training day soon. If you are interested in learning the computer system and other details for working in the library, contact us. After your training you will be scheduled to work once or twice a month during the community hours and will receive the news letter of special events that are happening at the library.

It seems that we will have a summer reading program in conjunction with Moon Lake Elementary School. The teachers, under the leadership of Nancy Frost and Tonya Lasseter, are working on a plan that will help the students continue their reading program through the summer. More about this as details become available.

We are having a day of, "Meet the Author." This is something that we have worked very hard for. The

author is a Mentone resident. John Baty has agreed to come to the library on Saturday, April 21 and talk about his latest book entitled, *Brandon Ford*. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and everyone is invited. I have read this book and it is a wonderful story with an intriguing plot. Come and hear John tell how the story came to be. Ask him how he publishes his books; the answer may surprise you. John has lived in Mentone all of his life and is a true example of the genteel life style of Mentone.

The last day of the Koffee Klatch for this season will be March 31 with knitting by Sue Schwarz. We will pick this activity up again in the fall. This has been great fun and many of us have met new people and made new friends during this time. The sharing and visiting has been as good or better than the activity. Plan to join us when we continue next September or October.

Please continue to use the library. We now have many books which can be used for research papers. We have a complete series on several of the wars that have been fought I know that we have an entire series on the Civil War and I think that we have a series about World War II and maybe World War I. Come and check this section out for yourself. We like to have "browsers".

Also, there is a great collection of biographies. Many of them are the newest books on the market, as we have several supporters who buy the latest books, read them and immediately donate them to the library. Go by this section and look at what we have, I think you will be surprised. I remember that we have some of the newest books about some of the presidential



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SOMETIMES I GROW RESTLESS

By John Baty

Like most people who have been around sufficiently long, I would probably not be here to write this had it not been for the assistance of the Medical Establishment. To the world of hospitals, doctors, medicines and the personnel who provide them, I feel nothing but gratitude. In times of physical trauma, I turn to these entities as habitually, as "instinctively" as a child fleeing from perceived danger seeks its mother. We have grown to expect that the answers to physical woes lie in the expertise of medicine. Our system of medical insurance and governmental aid makes it possible for nearly everyone to afford at least the usual extent of care.

It is, therefore, with some reluctance and a feeling near kindred of heresy that I write with negative intent about the workings of our most popular and most taken-for-granted institution. After all, why should I criticize a system, a Government, which sends me a check each month with which I purchase items for my comfort and sustenance, and a system of health care which provides most needs in the years when I can no longer be a productive asset to society; supplying the bulk of the cost?

Well, in America, we enjoy other rights than food and health care. We have not forgotten that our nation was founded on the principle of individual freedom, liberty, autonomy. We cling tenaciously to the notion that we are free agents (notwithstanding a rapidly encroaching dilution of that right). We may still compare and choose where we will exchange our wealth for goods and services; we may have our own opinions and express them freely without fear of retribution. To a large extent we still enjoy liberty; of a sort.

Most advice, written or spoken, which saturates our communication channels, recommends that we should "see a doctor if the condition persists more than a few days." On the surface and for practical reasons, the advice is legitimate. Early diagnosis is important to effective care.

The increasing population of potential patients, however, has led to unprecedented use of specialists and many times the procedures performed by these practitioners are of doubtful relevance. I speak from considerable experience. The language runs like this. "I'm setting you up to see Dr. X. He does this thing for a living and it will tell us which direction to go from there." The doctor could as easily have said: "There is available a test which, if found negative, will give us greater assurance that my diagnosis is accurate. You can choose whether to submit to the test. It is rather painful with some danger and inconvenience. Or, we can proceed with what I have in mind. I do not wish to deny your preference in these matters."

If your complaint is something that responds to

initial treatment, then you may be "well" before the report of your procedure ever gets back to your physician. If he has not heard from you, he may give the report a cursory scan, and, if negative, or slightly positive, place it in your file for some future reference which may never come.

Now, if when your doctor informs you that "he is setting you up to see Dr. X," and you should elect not to see Dr. X, but to take your chances with the diagnosis, he may, and often does, tell you that since you "refuse to comply with his wishes, he will no longer be considered your physician." (It has happened to me more than once or twice and my reputation has suffered therefrom. Author)

If in the event you enter an emergency room and you wish to forego some treatment or high-risk transport to a larger facility, and you choose to differ in the extent of treatment after the initial improvement, you may, and probably will, be told that "you cannot defy the recommendation of the attending physician and that you must do as he recommends." If you insist that it is your right to cut short the treatment if you desire, then you will be told that you must sign a form stating that you are leaving "against medical advice, AMA," and that your insurance will no longer be valid and that no further help is available to you unless you comply with all of the doctor's recommendations.

The logic stated by the medical facility for applying such force is that they must follow protocol and the wishes of the patient are of necessity subordinated to the interests of the establishment.

Many years ago, (Far more years ago than I feel comfortable admitting.) I sat in a high school class at Valley Head High School and heard the teacher describe the medical providers in this country as members of our service institutions. The Judiciary hierarchy was described as the interpreter of our laws and referred to as the Department of Justice. We were told that our nation is one of laws and the things not specifically denied by law is available to the citizens by choice.

Every emergency room has a sign on the wall which, among other things, reads: "...you may refuse treatment. ..." Does that message imply that one may refuse treatment if he/she is willing to face the subsequent punishment?

Those high school teachers also defined what was considered extortion, and the cruder analogue, blackmail. Sometimes, when I am lying on an emergency room gurney, or hospital bed, and am told that I must submit to some invasive procedure such as a brain angiogram, I reminisce about what my old teachers told me. Perhaps that is one advantage to growing old and forgetful. The things we learned early on stay clearer longer. Things like basic rights and common decency and stuff.



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Valley Head Water Works

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

During a conversation over breakfast at Jack's in Fort Payne, a gentleman asked my husband where he was from. When he answered that he was from Valley Head, the man began, "Let me tell you about that water. I've had several operations to remove kidney stones. I was told that because my body's make-up I would always have this problem. Someone suggested that I try the water in Valley Head. That was three years ago. I go up there a couple of times a week and fill up some gallon jugs and I haven't had a kidney stone since." I make no claims for the water's medicinal properties. All I can tell you is that it tastes awfully good when I'm thirsty. If I were a scam artist, I could also assure you with all honesty that I haven't had a kidney stone since I've been drinking it. However, I never had one before I started drinking it either.

The Water Works Board of Valley Head was incorporated May 12, 1956. The first source of water was Winston Springs. This was used until 1970 when the spring was shut down because of contamination from the runoff from the gas pumps at the service station.

Since 1970, the water has come from the Dixie Brown Spring. As late as 1963 all customers were from the Valley Head area. Since then, customers have gradually been added from outside the immediate Valley Head city limits including Hammondville and Sulphur Springs and even Ider. As of last fall, the waterworks had 989 customers on the system using an average of 14,604,000 gallons of water each month. The biggest use is the North Jackson County Water Board (Ider) which uses an average of 7,681,080 gallons per month followed by Shaw at 1,875,750 gallons per month.

The Board of Directors consists of the following: R.E. Ringer, Chairman of the Board, and board members Carl Hoge, Martha Gibson, Dr. Roy C. Smith and Oscar Turner. They receive no money for this service to the community. The board meets every 2nd Monday of each month at 4 p.m. in the water board office. If the meeting date falls on a holiday, the meeting is usually held the following day. Notice of meetings is listed in The Groundhog each month. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The water board is located on the corner of Hwy. 117 and School Street.

Dennis Lewis is the system manger. He has been with the water works board for 25 years. He has his Grade III Water Treatment Certification. Other water works board employees include Lisa Smith who has worked there for 23 years and Anthony Windom, also a Grade III certified operator who has been employed with the board for 16 years. Pam Dean has been a part-time employee for 13 years.

Valley Head Businesses

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

The town motto says it all, "A great place to live and work." Not everybody who lives here works here and not everyone, who works here, lives here but numbers are almost equal. The population at the last census was 611 and 600 people work here with Shaw being the largest employer.

Valley Head has a lot to offer, two fine restaurants: The Tiger's Inn and Old Barber Shop Café, an outstanding doctor, Dr. Frederico Fernandez, at The Valley Head Clinic with a first-class drug store in Valley Head Drugs.

Obviously, Valley Head Drugs can fill your prescriptions and provide over the counter drugs for simpler ailments. Along with all the expected drug store items, they have a wonderful array of gift items for all occasions. You can buy the gift there, get the wrapping paper and a card to accompany it. There are beautiful baby items, Auburn, Alabama and Valley Head High School memorabilia, jewelry, glassware, decorator items and pewter trays and accessories. You can find wooden puzzles for children's birthday party, wonderfully scented candles to create ambiance in your home and Watkins products. I see something different every time I shop there.

Valley Head is a wonderful blend of the old and the new. There's an outstanding new grocery store, A & J Supermarket (see separate story) and The Winston Place dating back to 1831.

Winston Place Bed and Breakfast is on the National Registry of Historic Places. It is a beautiful historic mansion featuring large verandas and truly elegant bed and breakfast lodging accommodations. It is also a popular wedding property. Featured in Southern Living and other publications, it is a fine example of how master builders planned for open air living in ante-bellum days.

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CAMP JULIETTE LOW OFFERS HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS

Camp Juliette Low, on the National Register of Historic Places, is offering historical walking tours of the camp on Saturday, April 14th and Saturday, May 12th. The walking tours will be given at 10AM, 11AM, 1PM, 2PM and 3PM each Saturday and are free to the public. The guided walking tours will highlight the 85-year history of the camp and a number of old photographs and documents will be available for viewing as well. Members of the Board of Trustees will be on-hand to lead the tours and answer your questions.

Camp Juliette Low is the only camp personally established by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Low picked the land on which the camp was to be built, supervised the construction of the main lodge, and hocked her pearls to pay for it all. The Juliette Low Lodge was constructed in 1922 according to Mrs. Low's specifications and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 along with the camp's original 10 acres.

Since that first camping season in 1922, Camp Juliette Low has opened its gates each summer to girls from all over the world. Owned and operated by the Girl Scouts from 1922 to the late 1930s, Camp Juliette Low is now operated by a non-profit Board of Trustees and continues to offer young girls a quality camping experience in a rustic setting.

Camp Juliette Low is located on Georgia Highway 157 approximately 1.2 miles North of the caution light in Cloudland.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club met at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2007. Sixteen members and four visitors were present. Visiting the club were A.C. and Pat Ellis, Larry Miller and Carol Hazell. The meeting was called to order by president, Martha Wood. The thought for the day was given by Lucy Fowlkes. Refreshments were served by Dianne Kuehl and Jill Whitten.

A.C. Ellis and his wife, Pat, were introduced to the club. He is a retired Auburn biologist who specialized in tissue cultures with plants and animals. He became interested in plants and especially in African violets. He started with one plant named Tommie Lou and now has 46 varieties of which 40 are named.

Every state has its own African violet. The violet was first discovered on the east coast of Africa around 1890. African violets have become a favorite house plant for many and growing them can almost become an addiction. One reason may be that there are so many different plants. A.C. stated that there are at least 40,000 different varieties.

African violets need lots of light, but require at least eight hours of darkness each 24-hour period for blooms. African violet soil and fertilizer may be purchased locally. Also, the plants found in the local stores seem to do well. A good way to start seems to be by a visit to a local gardening center.

One thing that many club members have done and one that A.C. admitted to, also, is to pinch a leaf from a plant

seen somewhere and put it in sand or water to root. This will produce a tiny new plant and it is fun to watch it grow.

A.C. said that he has a special numbering system for his plants. For instance, #14 is Mickey Mouse, #20 is Country Cider, #26 is Asteroid and #44 is Lemon Whip. It is very important to know the names of plants if you plan to enter them in shows or even in the VFW Fall Flower Show. A name is required for a top prize.

President Wood then called the business meeting to order. Announcements included the work day at the Butterfly Garden of Moon Lake Elementary School on April 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Men are needed for some heavy digging that needs to be done. The garden has a way of getting more out-of-hand each year. Anyone may come and help, this is not limited to garden club members.

The roadside clean up day is April 18 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the M.E.R.F. Community House or pick up in your neighborhood.

The flower show that is planned for July was discussed. This will be sponsored by the club and held at the M.E.R.F. Community House. The name chosen by the members of the club is Summer in Mentone. More details on this as they become available.

The next regular meeting of the club will be April 10th in the Butterfly Garden of Moon Lake Elementary School beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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

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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



The Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM 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 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM.

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 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor: Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. Lenten services are held each Wednesday at 6:30PM (3/7; 3/14; 3/21; 3/28). Holy Week: No Wednesday Service. Maundy Thursday 4/5. Good Friday 4/6. Easter Sunday 4/8. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256- 845-4314.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and

Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken and Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Services are 9:30AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship; 6:30PM Sunday evening (Third Sunday of each month are Small Group Home Meetings); 6:30PM Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Pioneer Club.

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

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Sunday evening-6PM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Ladies Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult

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Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Bill Russell.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM(9AM GA time); Church Services 11AM(10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM(5PM GA time).

New Oregon United Methodist Church, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

Union Hill Baptist church will have their second Sunday night singing at 6:00 PM on March 11, 2007; visitors from the South Sauty Baptist Church in Marshall County, the South Sauty Baptist. Tammy Little Haynes, Miss Alabama, 1984, sings with this trio. You can depend on them being good. The Holy spirit was with us last Sunday night, and He will be back then.

Editor, Evelyn Graves was involved in an automobile accident Friday, March 23, and suffered injuries and the loss of her automobile. Keep her in your prayers as she recovers and is able to get back into her regular activities. Associate Editor

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, Apr. 2, 5:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting
- Tuesday, April 3, Mapa MAPA meeting, 6:30 PM,
Dessie's Place, AL Hwy 117
- Sunday, April 8, EASTER
- Monday, April 9, 6PM, Mentone Town Council
Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, April 10 - Moon Lake School Garden Clean
Up begins. Contact Rhododendron Garden Club for details.
- Tuesday, April 10, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden
Club, M.E.R.F. Community House
- Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall,
Post 215 Meeting
- Wednesday, April 11, 11:30 AM, last Senior
Luncheon at M.E.R.F. Community House until after
summer camps are closed.
- Saturday, April 14th, 9AM til noon, Annual Mentone
Clean Up, meet @ Town Square
- Monday, April 16-20, AEA School Holiday (SCHOOL OUT)
- Wednesday, April 18, 6:30pm, Mentone Area Arts
Council (MAAC), Board Meeting at the M.E.R.F
Community House, open to the public
- Thursday, April 19, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at
the M.E.R.F Community House, open to the public
- Thursday, April 26, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks
Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- April 30, Moon Lake School Earth Day Celebration
- Saturday/Sunday, May 19 - 20,
Rhododendron Festival Brow Park
- Saturday/Sunday, May 19 - 20 - 9AM - 5PM, The
Wildflower Art Show, Lawn of the Mentone Inn
- June 2nd, 9 AM, Water Testing Certification Classes at
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the
Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL
Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the
2nd Monday of each month at 6PM,
as follows:

Monday, March 12
Monday, April 9
Monday, May 14
Monday, June 11
Monday, July 9
Monday, August 13
Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM
in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should
there be any changes in the date, time, or place,
a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at
the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special
or called meeting will also be posted on the same
bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the
Mentone Waterworks Board,
5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL
will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, March 22
Thursday, April 26
Thursday, May 24
Thursday, June 28
Thursday, July 26
Thursday, August 23
Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

All meetings will be held beginning at
4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in
the board room. Should there be any
changes in the date, time, or place, a notice
will be posted on the bulletin board of the
Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water
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ing will also be posted on the same bulletin
board prior to the meeting date and time.



DEVOTIONAL

Consider the lilies of the field, how they
grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet.....
Solomon in all of his glory was not clothed
like one of these." Matthew 6:28-29

In many churches, the joyous response will
be echoed on Easter morning: "Christ is
risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" On this
day, Easter lilies adorn sanctuaries. The beau-
tiful, white trumpet-shaped flowers symbolize
purity, virtue, innocence, hope, and life--the
spiritual essence of Easter. In the Bible, lilies
are mentioned numerous times. Altars and
crosses are surrounded with lilies at Easter to
commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ
and the hope of life everlasting. Christ is
risen! The Lord is risen indeed!

PHOTOS OF MENTONE MAYORS NEEDED

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

In previous issues of *The Groundhog*, a request
was made by Homer Crow for pictures of the Mayors
of Mentone since the town was incorporated on April
18, 1936. MAPA (Mentone Area Preservation
Association) wishes to honor them by placing their
photographs in the town hall meeting room.

Please help us locate photos of the mayors. You
may bring or send them to the Mentone Town Hall,
PO Box 295, (5972 AL Hwy 117), Mentone, AL
35984. The photos will be returned to you after they
have been copied. If you have a photograph or
know of someone who has a photograph, please
call the town hall at 256-634-4444. Thank you for
your assistance and cooperation.

- ✓ Arthur Hixson- first mayor-1936 -1939
- ✓ Fred Huron was appointed acting mayor
2/14/39 & filled the unexpired term of Hixson
- ✓ Paul White, elected 1944-48
- ✓ C.E. Harvey, elected 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960.
Served until 1961, & resigned citing ill health.
- ✓ Bill Pullen, acting mayor 1961
- ✓ Sam Barrett, elected by council 1961 and
elected 1964-1968; 1968-1972
- ✓ Robert Daniel, elected 1972-1976
- ✓ Ethel Manifold, elected 1976-1980
- ✓ Sam Barrett, 1980 -1984. Resigned in 1983
citing ill health.
- ✓ Rob Hammond, completed Mr. Barrett's term
and was elected in 1984-88 and re-elected
1988-1992; resigned 7/21/89
- ✓ Max Cash, Mayor Pro Tem, completed
Mr. Hammond's term. 1989-1992
- ✓ Max Cash elected 1992 - 2000
- ✓ C. E. Britt elected 2000-2004. Mr. Britt became
ill and was hospitalized in 2004. He officially
resigned September 13, 2004, and
- ✓ Linda Brown, Mayor Pro Tem, completed his term.
- ✓ Rob Hammond elected in 2004 and is serving.