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by Page Cunningham

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MAPA March 4, 2008 Meeting



The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 6:30PM.

President Amelia

Kirk-Lolli called the meeting to order. Others present were Kim Albrecht, Dessie Brown, Ronda Bruckno, Dorothy Crow, Lucille Crowe, Page Cunningham, Marie Dillenbeck, Mark Gibson, Evelyn Graves, Jan Jessing, Slate McDorman, Debbie Reynolds, Paul Todd, Jerome Stephens, and Dave Wassom. The president turned the meeting over to the festival chairman, Jerome Stephens.

Topics brought up for discussion included identifying parking areas. There will be new electrical outlets, as well as lights, installed in Brow Park. A licensed electrician has agreed to do the work for MAPA.

It was announced that Debbie Reynolds talked to others regarding the 20,000 rack cards that will be displayed in numerous areas around the state advertising the festivals. Chuck Peters has presented cards that were reviewed by the members present and approved.

Two new members were introduced: Paul Todd of Mentone Cabins, and Jan Jessing, a real estate agent working with Ronda Bruckno.

Dave Wassom announced that the 15 or 20 signs advertising the festivals needed new, sturdier frameworks. A discussion followed. It was unanimously agreed that Dave Wassom is in charge of the signs and getting them

updated. Jerome made a motion to spend up to \$300 to get the 15 signs updated. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Jerome also agreed to contact Petal Pushers regarding Rhododendron plants to be sold at the Rhododendron Festival on the third weekend of May - May 17 and 18.

This year, there will be a booth set up outside of the Wal Mart and Brucers Foodland establishments to sell quilt tickets. The dates and times will be announced later.

Ronda Bruckno agreed to help with the publicity.

A discussion was had regarding a parade. As festival chairman, Jerome will not be able to be in charge. Suggestions for the parade included a pet parade. Boat rides were also discussed, with more information to be

available at the next meeting on April 1st.

Entertainment was next on the discussion list. This will also be taken up at the next meeting when entertainers have been contacted.

Other proposals included selling of hot chocolate and baked goods at the singing on the square.

A merchants meeting is to be scheduled as soon as possible to get them involved in the festival weekend activities.

There being no further business, Dot Crow made a motion to adjourn to have refreshments. Slate McDorman seconded the motion.

Remember the next meeting April 1, 6:30 PM, at Dessies—Mark Gibson and Beverly Smith have refreshments.

Schedule of Events - April

Tuesday, April 1, 5:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30PM, MAPA meeting, Dessie's

Tuesday, April 8, 10AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, M.E.R.F. Community House

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, Moon Lake School Garden Clean Up begins. Contact the Rhododendron Garden Club for details

Saturday, April 12, 10AM, at Wildflower Café, Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance members meeting

Monday, April 14-20, AEA SCHOOL HOLIDAY (SCHOOL OUT)

Monday, April 14, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

Thursday, April 17, 10AM, Mentone Book Club, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public

Thursday, April 24, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

Saturday, April 26, Annual Earth Day Celebration clean up. Contact Lyle Nicely (256-634-4124) for more information. (See LOMAH article page 14, this issue.)

Wednesday, April 30, Moon Lake School Earth Day Celebration

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by President, Martha Wood at 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 2008 at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone, Alabama. Martha led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. Linda Brown presented the inspirational minute.

Refreshments were served by Dianne Kuehl and Jill Whitten. The business meeting followed. Several announcements were made including the Federation Plant Sale (nine garden clubs of the area will all come together) will be April 5, 2008, at the Ruritan Building in Henagar, Alabama beginning at 9:00 a.m. This is a wonderful place to get plants as they are acclimated to this area. The next meeting date, April 8, will be a working in the Heritage Garden at the M.E.R.F. Community House. A litter pick-up along

Alabama Highway #117 will be April 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

When things do not go as planned, you go to Plan B. So off to Plan B went the club members. The program was to be "Floral Designs" by a flower show judge. She was unable to come to the meeting so some of the members gathered containers, tools, and floral materials and we did our own program.

The Miniature and the Small design were chosen as the ones to make. A Miniature Design is defined as a small replica of a large design. The maximum measurement is five inches in any direction. Scale and proportion are extremely important in Miniature designs. The container should be no more than one-third the height or width of the design.

Plant material must be small in size in order to be in scale for the small dimensions assigned to a Miniature design. Material such as astilbe, Dianthus, dill, forget-me-not, heather, lily-of-the-valley, roses and many succulents can be used. Ferns, holly, Hosta, ivy, and ornamental grasses are popular for their foliage. Contorted filbert twigs,

grapevine tendrils, or small pieces of decorative wood may provide suitable line material.

Containers may be such things as a thimble, a small sea shell, a lipstick tube, a pretty pill bottle or the dishes from a doll house. Of course, you may have miniature vases on hand or even a half of a walnut shell or the cup portion of an acorn. You must be creative in finding a container.

Mechanics for such small designs can really be a problem. You can use a small amount of floral foam, a bit of steel wool or a section of a child's toothbrush. A constant supply of water is also a problem. Therefore it is essential that all fresh plant material be well conditioned before use. Also plan to mist the design occasionally.

Unlike the Miniature design, which requires small-sized plant material, the Small design uses average-sized plant material. To be used in a flower show, the design must be no more than eight inches in any one direction. Plant material must be in proportion to the size of the container. Pedestals, backgrounds and niches are often used with Small and

Miniature designs and are not included in the measurements of the design.

Some uses for these designs include placing on a small coffee table or window sill. They can be placed on a bookcase shelf or taken to a friend in the hospital. The Small design can be used as an interesting approach to solving the problem of a centerpiece for a dining table. Two designs could be paired for a smaller table and as many as five or seven could be used for a larger table.

All of the members made a Miniature design and some also made a Small design. Time seemed to catch up with us. As always, time flies when you are having fun. The members enjoyed this hands-on program.

The next meeting will be April 8, 2008, at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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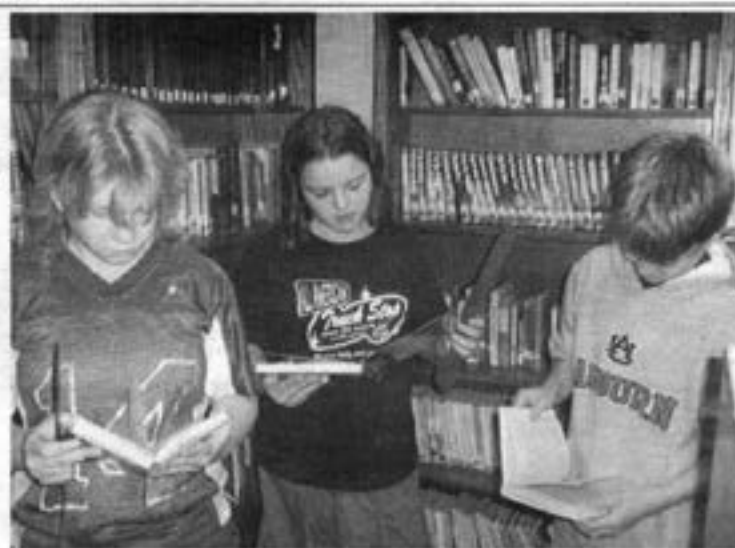
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By John S. Whitaker

The month of April is taken from Aprilis, which was the second month of the Roman republican calendar. The word Aprilis means "to open". The month is aptly named, as vast multitudes of plants open to reveal their beauty in this first full month of spring.

The sweet pea and the daisy are the flowers for the month. The diamond is the birthstone for April.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN APRIL

1 * April Fools' Day (All Fools' Day) is a day for harmless pranks and practical jokes. (So, if I tell you to call the number 256-927-9260 and to ask for a box they have for you, don't do it. It's the number of the funeral home!) This custom began in France in 1564.

4* Dorthea Lynde Dix (1802-1887) was born and became a great reformer for better care of the mentally ill and also for improved living conditions in prisons. She was born in Hampden, Maine.

5* Booker Taliaferro Washington (1856-1915) was born a slave at Hales Ford, Virginia. He was a pioneer in education for Negroes. In 1881, he founded Tuskegee Institute (now known as Tuskegee University) in Tuskegee, Alabama. As a writer, he wrote several books, the most noted of which was Up From Slavery (1901), his autobiography.

9* General Robert Edward Lee in 1865, surrendered his Confederate armies to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. Thus, ended the Civil War (or the War Between the States, or the War of the 1860's).

12* The Civil War began at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, in 1861, when Confederate forces unsuccessfully attacked the fort.

*Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) died. He had been elected to four terms as the U.S. president, which was more than any other.

14* President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in Ford Theater, Washington, D.C., in 1865. He died a few hours later on

the 15th, becoming the first American president to be assassinated.

19* The Revolutionary War (1775-1781) began in 1775 when American minutemen and British redcoats clashed at Lexington, Massachusetts. Eventually all of the thirteen colonies became involved in the war, resulting in the formation of a new nation—the United States of America.

* Jewish Passover (Pesah) begins at sundown to commemorate Israel's release and freedom from Egyptian slavery about the year B.C. 1310. You can read about the exodus (departure, emigration) of these exslaves in the book of Exodus, chapters 11-13 and their first Passover.

21* The Spanish American War began between the U.S. and Spain and was declared by Congress on this date in 1898. The war ended in August, 1898.

*The city of Rome, Italy, was founded in B.C. 753.

22* Earth Day began in 1970 and stressed conservation and anti-pollution programs.

30* George Washington (1732-1799) was inaugurated as the first

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THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT

by John S. Whitaker

Kneeling before the Lord Jesus Christ was a young man. The young man was rich (one of the few in his nation), and he was a ruler, probably a member of the Sanhedrin (the high court of 70 members that ruled over his country). Yet all of these things, youth, wealth, and his judicial duties, did not satisfy him. In his heart was a great emptiness and dissatisfaction with himself. The last few years of his life had been spent in trying to find peace and purpose of life.

He had heard that Jesus was a great teacher, one who said things that no one had ever heard. Once during a meeting of the Sanhedrin, Jesus became the topic of discussion: some said Jesus was a troublemaker; others that He was a great teacher and miracle-worker. The council could not agree about the great teacher from Nazareth.

The Rich Young Ruler had made his way to Persea where Jesus was teaching. When he saw Jesus, he ran and knelt before Him and asked, "Good Master (disdaskalos, i.e., teacher), what good thing shall I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Keep (observe and obey) the commandments."

"Which ones?" replied the Rich Young Ruler.

Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

Defraud not."

The Rich Young Ruler said he had kept all

these from his adolescence. And he had, for he was a good moral man.

The soul searching eyes of the Master saw the problem, and he observed, "You lack one thing. Sell all your possessions and give to the poor, then you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

The Rich Young Ruler's problem was a love of money; this was his god. It's an oft-repeated episode: "For the love of money is the root of all evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Riches were not a problem to Zacchaeus, who gave half of his goods to the poor (Luke 19:8). Riches were like a weight pulling the Rich Young Ruler to the depths of despair.

However, the invitation of Jesus was one that He gave to only a few. He was inviting him to be an apostle, to enjoy the fellowship of the great Teacher and to be among those who later would be the first to carry the Christian message.

Sadly, the Rich Young Ruler turned away from Our Lord. He chose the disappointing path of riches and wealth. (We don't know what happened to him later. In A.D. 70 the city of Jerusalem fell to the heartless Roman armies, who destroyed the city, killed 1,000,000 Jews and also took 97,000 captives. The Rich Young Ruler would have lost all his wealth and probably been sold as a slave. Death came later, and he was still a slave, still unhappy, and still seeking peace.)

THOUGHT: Remember that money can't buy (1) a baby's smile, (2) youth that has fled, (3) the love of a good woman, and (4) entrance to heaven.

Honor God with your possessions, be they much or little. Follow Christ. Then you will be blessed.

Kowen Edward Worthey

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LOOKING FOR COUNTRY LIVING? This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home offers hardwood and carpet, family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, front and side porch and is surrounded by 8 acres in a restricted subdivision could be it. Call today. \$239,000 (14536)



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MOUNTAIN MAGIC! Enjoy the comforts of this magnificent Heritage log home currently under construction in Northbend. Property offers 2 bedrooms plus an open loft for possible 3rd bedroom, 2-1/2 baths, pine floors, covered front porch and side deck all situated on a 3.32 acre wooded lot. \$285,900 (16884)

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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. \$369,000 (15616)



BREATHTAKING VIEW! You can enjoy the view year round from this one-level brick home. This property is situated on DeSoto Parkway and is "just around the corner" from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. 3BR/2BA, living and dining combination, wood burning fireplace, spacious kitchen with breakfast bar, sunroom and large deck. \$475,000 (17082)



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YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE with this custom built log home situated on a private, wooded lot of over 2 acres in Mentone. This unique property offers log and pine walls, great room with wood burning stone fireplace, dining area, sleeping porch, kitchen with hard rock maple countertops, open front cabinets. 2BR/2BA complete the downstairs. Upstairs, an open loft with built-in beds and space enough for extra guests. Offered for \$325,000. (16773)



YOU'LL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME in this charming farmhouse on a beautiful level lot of over one acre. Wood floors and wood walls, comfortable living area, large dining room, kitchen with walk-in pantry, 2 bedrooms and a lovely bath with whirlpool tub, and more. Major renovations have been completed on much of the house. \$178,900 (17131)



NOTHING CAN COMPARE!! Beautiful Cabin with all the craftsmanship we desire situated on 3 acres! This 3BR, 2.5BA home offers great room with vaulted ceiling, fireplace, wood flooring, open kitchen with bar, master is downstairs with glamorous bath, rocking chair front porch with nice screened porch off back. Additional property available. \$259,900 (17209)



NATIVE MOUNTAIN FOLIAGE creates a level of privacy for this 3BR/2BA brick house on 3 lots with 300' on the West Fork of Little River. Split BR design, large family room with cathedral ceiling and mountain stone wood-burning fireplace, screened porch overlooking a walkway to the river. 2 storage sheds (1 with electricity), an attached 2-car garage, and CH/A. \$289,900 (16371)



IMPRESSIVE DESIGN throughout this home, with a Breathtaking View! Kitchen with Cherry cabinets, large island, double ovens, built-in's, 2 fireplaces, Italian stone flooring, main level master suite with glamour bath, large guest room with private bath, upstairs offers 2BR with large bath. Office area on both floors. Professional landscaping, courtyard with fountain. This 4BR, 3.5BA home can be viewed by appt! \$599,000 (17015)



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YOU WILL LOVE COMING HOME to this cabin with 3.3 acres in Mentone. SELLING FURNISHED. 3BR/2.5BA cabin has everything you need! Main level master BR and glamour bath with jetted tub, separate shower and walk-in closet. Upstairs are 2BR/1BA. Call now and make your move to Mentone today! \$189,500 (16059)

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WHAT A VIEW! You can see for miles around from this 4 acre tract with 300' of brow frontage and gorgeous rock formations. It can

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NATURE AT ITS VERY BEST describes these lots. You can buy this 10 acres with 300' on Little River with lovely views, nice timber and natural landscaping. All this can be found as you walk and explore your own special parcel of land. Co-broke with Prime Realty. \$100,000 (16843)

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Thursday, April 17, 2008
Thursday, July 17, 2008
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Thursday, January 15, 2009

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00 PM 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

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Thursday, April 24
Thursday, May 29
Thursday, June 26
Thursday, July 24
Thursday, August 28
Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Mentone Water Works 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 office. 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 2008 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, April 14
Monday, May 12
Monday, June 9
Monday, July 14
Monday, August 11
Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00 PM 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 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL, as follows:

Monday, April 14
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Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, place, or there is a special called meeting, a notice detailing changes will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works building prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lookout Mountain Heritage Alliance will be having a members meeting at 10:00am on Saturday, April 12 at the Wildflower Café. We will be reviewing our accomplishments over the past year and setting our goals for 2008.

LOMHA is focused on protecting Lookout Mountain's natural resources of rivers, forests and historic culture. Among other activities since our formation two years ago, we have been actively testing Little River's water and are working with numerous state and federal agencies to ensure environmental friendly development in our area. Anyone interested in the preservation of Lookout Mountain is encouraged to attend!

We will be holding our annual Earth Day celebration clean up for Mentone on Saturday April 26th. Please contact Lyle Nicely at 256-634-4124 for cleanup times and more information.

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Tips On Trees

Hello Readers,

Well I hope everyone is as excited for spring to pop in on us as I am.

As most folks can see the clearing, we're just about out of the woods now.

Most of our trees are going to begin the budding stage. A very important time of the year. Our trees will begin to tell how well or not so well they withstood last summer's intense heat and extremely dry weather. We'll then be able to tell what we can do to help them snap out of it.

In most cases they are going to be very stressed, yet there are procedures which will greatly improve the chances of perking them right back up. That my friends is what we all like to hear.

Trimming of unnecessary branches such as; low hanging branches, limbs that are crowding, or crossing each other. Low hanging limbs, in most cases can be a big hassle restricting your view. Crowding limbs, constrict the tree from breathing properly. Yes, you've read it correctly. Trees are living things too and they also must breathe just like we do. Crossing limbs will choke out other branches causing them to die off.

These are just a few important tips to help spring your trees forward. So don't bud out, get involved. See your Treeman soon. This is the tip of the month. And Have a Great Spring!

By Mark Gibson

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The Confederate Flag

Submitted by Floyd Crowe from an email to him from an editorial by Richard I. Sisson that he wrote to the *Charlotte Observer*

Leonard: I always enjoy reading your reflective, if sometimes extra left column. I am a proud Southerner, and it saddens me that through the years many have besmirched the valor of the men in the South that served under that flag. Because it has been misused and abused by fringe groups, the Confederate flag appears to be forever tainted. In all fairness to the rank-and-file that served nobly under the flag 1861-1865, they did what they had to do. Slavery would have ended anyway; it was an moribund institution. It lasted until the 1880's in Brazil, which is the longest in the western hemisphere where it persisted. I have several ancestors that were slave owners and I make no apology for it. As regrettable as human labor bondage was, I am still a proud Southerner. We, in my area, warts

and all, made this area of North America unique with our own distinctive culture. When I say we, I mean ALL Southerners collectively. Some of the descendants of some of the slaves my family owned are still in our sphere of friendship today. They belong to two of my family's genealogy sites because we are, in fact, related. I am proud to call and know them as my kinsmen or cousins. Anyway, we cannot change history and all viewpoints need to be examined and respected.

(Excepting fringe hate groups, and even then we need to know what our potential enemies are thinking or saying.) For special "Confederate holidays" or days of note, I fly the Bonnie Blue, which is not tainted and enables me to demonstrate my cultural pride. I have no nostalgic desire as no one else I know does to bring back the "old times" or slavery. But I will not disrespect or dishonor those in my family who fought because it was their duty or to protect their home and families.

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To help make Mentone's light display even better, MAPA has formed the Mentone Christmas lighting committee. Our goal is to help encourage everyone to show off their lights! We will be working out the details over in the course of the year, but some of the ideas we have had so far are to create a panel of judges who will choose winners for the best Christmas display and create a map of those participating who live on the back roads so visitors can find all the lighted homes.

Anyone interested in helping turn Mentone into a Winter Wonderland is welcome to join and help out! We will be having a meeting sometime in early April to launch the lay the foundation for our project. If you are interested in helping, you may contact me by phone at 634-4190 or check our web site, www.MentoneAlabama.com/Christmas for more meeting times and more information.

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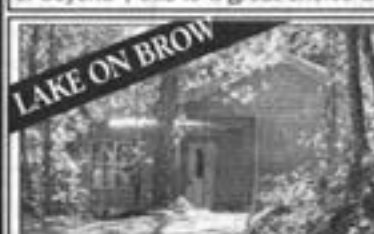
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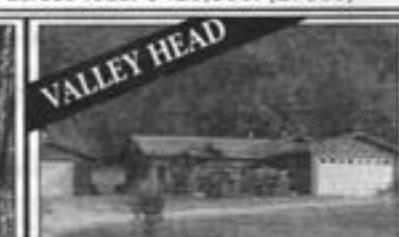
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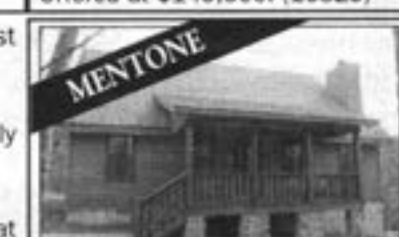
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Two Eggs, Three Yolks

New Book by Mentone Authors

Jan and Allen Cherbonneau, residents of Mentone, have just released a new book entitled Two Eggs, Three Yolks: Learning to Hear and Follow God, published by Dog Ear Publishing (236 pages, \$15.95). Richly punctuated with stories and illustrations, the book is a practical guide to learning to hear the Lord or to hear Him better. It is didactic, prophetic and personal—an invitation to hearing by way of teaching, exhortation and example. The centerpiece, an extended illustration of how the hearing process functions in practical application, and from which the title derives, details how Allen and Jan were led to adopt their three Russian children. The book is both intensely charismatic and solidly evangelical—a spiritual guide for believers, and an interest-piquer for unbelievers.

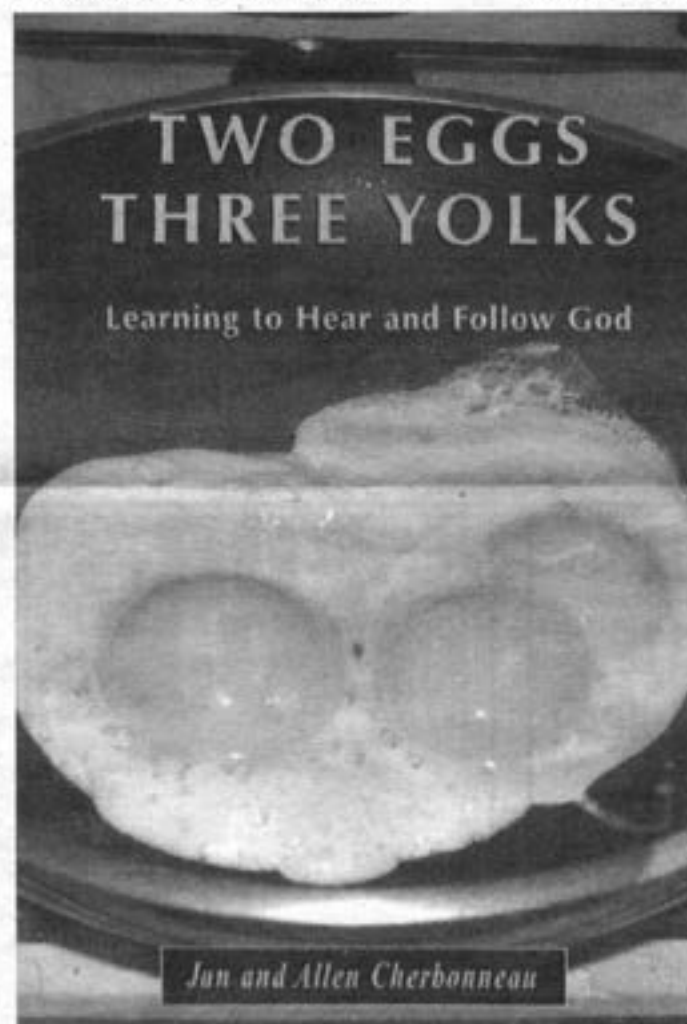
Using the themes of adventure and romance, Two Eggs, Three Yolks begins by enticing the reader to step into what the book has to offer: the opportunity to be in a living and active relationship with God by learning to hear and follow His voice. Part One sketches the events in the authors' personal backgrounds and histories which set them on the own journey to hearing, and which changed the very course of their lives. Part Two begins by examining why God speaks, follows with the nitty-gritty mechanics of beginning and developing the disciplines of hearing, including small

group participation and journal keeping. It continues with an examination of the ways in which God speaks, concluding with looks at such issues as discernment, blocks to hearing, problems in learning to interpret, and, ultimately, teaching others to hear. Part Three is a full-blown life example drawn from the authors' own profound experience of being led to the adoption of their three Russian children. The book concludes with two appendices, each consisting of a selection of twelve words: the first on various topics of interest ranging from earthquakes to spiritual warfare; the second on the topic of hearing God itself. In and through it all runs the authors' deep desire that their readers fall in love with the Lord and learn to discern His voice and obey His words that they might "have life, and have it abundantly."

Jan is a wife, mother of three adopted Russian children and a writer. She has a B.A. in History from the University of Connecticut, an M.A. in Religious Studies, with an emphasis on Biblical archeology, and four years' classroom study at Trinity (Episcopal) School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Allen has a B.A. in English from the University of Massachusetts, an M. Div. from Trinity, Ambridge, and he is an ordained Anglican priest. He has served at several churches in Pennsylvania and Alabama. He is especially fascinated by the interface between science and theology. Their busy lives include writing and

pastoring a small home fellowship, as well as owning and managing a school fundraising business. Allen and Jan would describe themselves as "out of the box" Christians whose interests and passions include prophecy, apologetics, holiness, the current state of the Western Church, reaching this generation in creative ways with the gospel, hosting foreign exchange students (they've had five), the

development of spiritual gifts, spiritual warfare, small group ministry, the restoration of five-fold ministry to the Church, healing in all of its forms, the preparation of the Church for the return of the Lord, and above and undergirding all, the practice and teaching of hearing God. They love to write and to talk about things of eternal significance with people who care.



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Perhaps our best improvement for the year is the placement of Beverly Ashley as librarian through a grant from TARCOG. Beverly is one of the most helpful people I know and this has endeared her to everyone who comes in the library. At the present time, Beverly is having some serious health problems and I know that she will appreciate all of the prayers and good thoughts we can hold for her.

Please continue to come to the

library during our increased hours on Wednesday (3 to 6 p.m.) and the extended hours of Saturday (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Continue to use the drop boxes for DVD's and books. This will prevent you being charged a fine on your books or DVD's. The fine for a book is ten cents each day that it is late and the fine on DVD's is one dollar each day that it is late.

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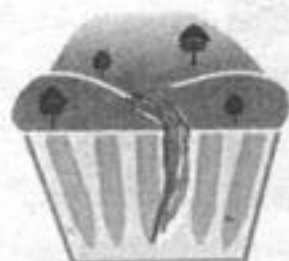
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Church News

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 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 Bunnell.

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 (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. 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 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 Hollman 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.

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.

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 Lords 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 Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The interim pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Rev. Terry Turner.

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.

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).

Summit 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.

The Summit Church of God of Mentone announces that their church will be hosting the first Gospel Singing @ The Summit Church of God of Mentone on Saturday, March 29, 2008 @ 6 p.m. until.... with light refreshments and snacks following. Lisa Crow is doing this in remembrance of her late grandmother, Bernise Crow, and if it is a hit, will continue doing it every three months. Lisa would love to have any and everyone in our community who has a love for the Red Book Hymnal (and any likeness to it) please join us! If there are any questions, you can reach Lisa Crow on her cell phone @997-8000 or @work 845-111... Thank you so much, God Bless!



Patrick Henry Riordan (age unknown) second owner of Cloverdale and wife Margaret Ansley Riordan (age 17)

Courtesy of Eleanor Allison Cearley, Greenville, SC

Remembering Cloverdale Plantation, Part 3 by Ernest Smith

In the January 2008 issue of the Groundhog, the above photos were omitted. They were to go with the third segment of the story, "Remembering Cloverdale."

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Getting The Highest Price For Your Home In A Slow Market

If you're thinking of selling or refinancing your home in 2008, you will need to make your home stand out from the rest. This is a process called "Staging A Home". It is like preparing a stage for a play or movie. The way you live in a home and the way you sell it are totally different. The first and most important issue is that it's neat, clean and looks spacious. Buyers want to see space. They need to be able to walk in a room and visualize where their furniture will go. Sometimes they have one or two precious pieces that will cause a deal breaker if they feel they can't place them in your home; like grandma's china cabinet. You may want to take out a few unnecessary items like video stands, large plants, etc. to give the illusion of more space.

Remove collectibles and personal items (including family photos and portraits). Prospective buyers want to imagine a house with their own things in it. Last year I was showing a house where there was a beautiful collection of glass items in the great room. One hour later I was trying to bring out the wonderful features of this home to the buyer and they couldn't remember that there was a fireplace in the great room because they spent so much time looking at the glassware. Ultimately they decided the house didn't stand out to them and chose another one.

If you really want to move – pack! Clean out your closets, cabinets and counter space and pack them up. Storage is a big factor to buyers. Funny how they think, if you don't have enough storage then they probably won't either!

A few dollars of paint can bring in thousands on the sale of a home. Many popular bright and dark colors look beautiful with your furnishings but may clash with the buyers. Light hues will open up the space. Most buyers prefer natural colors. Fresh paint can give the home a "new feel".

I hope this helps you. For more tips just email me. I will be glad to walk thru your home and give you some suggestions if you are thinking of selling or refinancing in the near future, free of charge and no obligations.
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DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

There is within every individual a desire for success in his life. These are some simple guidelines to reach success:

1. Believe in ourselves as we depend on the Lord. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13
2. God wills our happiness. The problem is not our lack of ability, but our lack of faith. No Christian can be a failure if he has faith. Happiness is 90 percent mental attitude. Happiness calls for love, joy, optimism, courage, and cheerfulness.
3. We must possess a spirit of meekness. Meekness is disciplined strength. Meekness is not weakness.
4. We must let our hidden powers work for us. Happiness does not just happen. We must plan for it. We pray for more power, and then we do not use the power we have.
5. We must work at making our dreams come true.

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