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AUGUST, 1993

Schedule of Events

Monday through Sunday
August 9 through 15
National Hosiery Week

Thursday through Sunday
August 19, 20, 21, and 22.
450 Mile Outdoor Sale
from Covington, KY, to Gadsden, AL
(See map on this page.)

Friday through Monday
September 3, 4, 5, and 6
Labor Day Celebration
First Annual DeKalb County
Southern Mountain Festival

Saturday, September 4, 10 a.m. until
First Annual Bar-B-Que
North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire
Department, Mentone
(See notice elsewhere.)

World's longest outdoor sale



From Aug. 19-22, residents and merchants along the 450-mile stretch from Covington, Ky., to Gadsden will participate in what's being billed as "the world's longest outdoor sale."



Locally, the sale will follow the Lookout Mountain Parkway, east of Fort Payne.

Last year, officials estimate 6,000 cars, or roughly 20,000 people, participated in the sale.

TIMES GRAPHIC/Neil Walker

MAYOR REQUESTS HELP

Mayor Max Cash of Mentone said that several signs that recently were put up for the 911 emergency system have been torn up, broken, and/or removed. Many other signs have been torn down in previous months. The city of Mentone is asking all citizens to please help by keeping watch. If anyone sees that the signs are being tampered with or destroyed, please report it to the police. Call 634-4444. If anyone is caught, they will be punished to the fullest extent of the law. These signs could mean life or death if they have been removed, and a 911 emergency vehicle comes to try to locate the emergency.

First Annual DeKalb County SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

DeKalb County is pulling together to make this Labor Day weekend the first of its kind by planning a county-wide celebration, and Mentone is playing a big part to make the DeKalb County Southern Mountain Festival a memorable celebration.

Local plans include a golf tournament at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course on Saturday Sept. 4, as well as a barbecue and \$1,000 giveaway scheduled at the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Hall on Alabama 117 in Mentone. The meal will be served from 10 a.m. until. Ten \$100 bills will be given away in a drawing at the barbecue. Entries will be a \$1 donation.

The nine-hole event at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course is one of three in the county, according to spokesman Ron Ogletree. Tickets for golfing will be sold at the DeKalb County Tourism Office and will be honored at any time over the weekend by any one of the three golf courses. The other two participating courses are Terrapin Hills in Fort Payne and Cloudmont on Lookout Mountain, Ogletree said. Prizes will be awarded, he added.

At least four other cities in DeKalb County have also slated events for the Southern Mountain Festival, including Fort Payne, Rainsville, Sylvania and Ider.

A highlight of the weekend will be the revival of the DeKalb County Fiddlers Convention, which was one of the longest-running festivals in the Southeast until it was dropped during World War II.

It is being billed as the "biggest, funniest, and most soul-inspiring events in the history of the fiddle and the bow," with "rekindling of old time tunes" - excerpts adopted from a 1932 Convention Ad.

An outdoor stage in Union Park will be the hot spot for a harmonica contest at 10 a.m., followed by competition in mandolin, guitar, banjo, fiddlers and bluegrass band. There will also be hog calling and buck dancing contests at the event, which is sponsored by Big Wills Arts Council, Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc., and the DeKalb County Tourist Association.

In case of rain, the events will move to the Fort Payne Opera House; otherwise, the convention is expected to bring Union Park alive with some 5,000 visitors. One block of nearby Gault Avenue in downtown Fort Payne will be closed to traffic from 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, through 5 p.m. Sunday. The Fort Payne City Council and the State Highway Department two weeks ago approved closing the streets from First Street to Fifth Street North for the event, but those plans have been changed to include only one block—from Fourth to Fifth Street North, Ogletree said. Mule wagon

Southern Mountain Festival



shuttles will be provided by Ed Jones of Mentone.

Screened arts and crafts vendors who produce only handmade items will set up booths in the street all day Saturday and after church on Sunday, much like Riverfest in Gadsden, which has proven to be a plus for merchants there, said Ron Ogletree, speaking on behalf of the sponsors.

Russell Gulley, director of Big Wills, said the monthly Radiovisions Live held at Fort Payne Opera House will be moved to Labor Day weekend so as to be part of the celebration. A Sept. 4 Radiovisions will feature participants of the original Fiddlers Convention. The show will also feature folklorist Joyce Cauthen, who produced "Possum Up a Gum Stump," a documentary album devoted to old-time fiddling.

Other events scheduled in DeKalb County as part of Southern Mountain Festival include:

- Rainsville - 10K run and one-mile fun run/walk, and a country and western dance at the Rainsville Civic Center on Saturday; a gospel singing at the center on Sunday.

- Sylvania - Jeff Cook Family Classic Fishing Contest on Saturday from 6 a.m. until 11:30. Cost is \$1 per person. Awards ceremony is at 1 p.m.

- Ider - Mule Days, an annual celebration at city park on Monday, with cookout and contests.

For more information on any event, call the DeKalb County Tourist Association, 845-3957.

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Letters to the Editor

Mrs. Madeleine Bullock
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8th JULY, 1993

Dear Editor,

I read your article on Japanese Beetles and have been very busy doing a lot of research on how to get rid of them for good! My new lawn and roses, etc., have suffered badly from them this year, and if I had not fertilized weekly, I think I would have lost all.

I found out from "The Experts Book of Garden Hints" that it is very easy and cheap to rid your yard of the pests for good! Japanese beetles lay their grubs in the grass, except for fescue, in late June and July. The grubs burrow into the earth and feed on the roots of plants, especially grass. You have to kill the grubs, to do that you can use Diazanot granules or simple bacteria (Rid-X), simply sprinkle it on the brown spots on the lawn and water!!! The grubs ingest the bacteria and their bodily fluids turn milky and they die. As they decompose they make what is known as "milky spores," which is released into the soil and works as an insecticide against other new grubs. Malathion diluted with water kills the adult beetles practically instantly.

In about three years, the area should be beetle-free, so if the people who have the problem do it, maybe Lookout Mountain will be free of the horrid pests.

Yours Sincerely,
Madeleine Bullock.

(Editor's Note: When you spray the plants with Malathion diluted with water, do the spraying during the hottest part of the day. This will kill more beetles at a time..)

DeSoto State Park INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS 1993

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Aug. 14	Owls of Alabama	Ken Thomas
Aug. 21	Wildflowers Gone But Not Forgotten	Ken Thomas
Aug. 28	Woodland Animals	Ken Thomas
Sept. 4	Critter Condos	Ken Thomas
Sept. 11	Civilian Conservation Corp.	Ken Thomas
Sept. 18	Birds of Prey	Ken Thomas
Sept. 25	Legends on The Lookout	Ken Thomas
Oct. 2	Geology of Lookout Mtn.	Ken Thomas
Oct. 9	Spainards In NE AL	Harry Holstein
Oct. 16	Cherokee Indian Legends	Rod Trussell
Oct. 23	Caring for Alabama's Wildlife	Ann Miller
Oct. 30	DeSoto State Park: A Visual Sampler	Paul Franklin

Programs are held in the Campground and are free to the public. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact DeSoto State Park at 845-0051. Ken Thomas Naturalist.



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MAPA MEETING

The July MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on July 6. President Pat Seymour presided and called the meeting to order. She welcomed board members, members, and guests.

The regular format was dispensed with as Homer Crow, Parliamentarian, asked to be recognized. He announced that, in all matters, MAPA would be going by the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. After reading a portion of Article IV, Officers and Their Election, he stated that there was no provision for a second vice president, and therefore, the election of Donna Bouldin for 2nd vice president was not valid. Also, after checking with the treasurer and secretary, according to the records, at the time of Dorma Hutcheson's nomination of Homer Crow for president, Dorma was not a member; and therefore, his nomination was not valid. As parliamentarian, Homer ruled that neither Donna Bouldin nor Homer Crow had been elected, leaving the existing officers as follows: President--Pat Seymour; Vice President--Sherman Gough; Secretary--Marie Dillenbeck; Treasurer--Dessie Newberry; Parliamentarian--Homer Crow; and Member at Large--Dot Crow.

The president selected Rick Chapman to install the officers and the officers were installed for the year 1993-1994.

Rick Chapman was selected to be the chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and a covered dish dinner was served.

The August MAPA meeting was held on August 3. President Sherman Gough presided and called the meeting to order. He welcomed board members, members, and guests. Reverend Don Brock opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given and approved.

Sherman announced to the membership that upon receipt of a letter from Pat Seymour resigning as President of MAPA, he had been appointed president by the executive board by a unanimous vote, and H.L. Jenkins had been appointed vice president by a majority vote of the executive board, according to the Bylaws. He also announced that he had had a meeting with the Bylaws Committee. Rick Chapman, Chairman, was asked to give a report. Rick announced that the committee was comprised of Terry Hutcheson, Bruce BonFleur, Homer Crow, and Bill Schwarz, and that they had not completed reviewing the Bylaws, but expected to have that done by the September meeting.

A Brow Festival report was given by Wanda Simmons.

Sherman announced that it was time to appoint committees for the Colorfest coming up the third weekend in October, and that at an executive meeting, the decision had been made to move all MAPA festivals to the brow. Jack Jones made a motion that the Colorfest be on the brow and that an admission fee of \$2.00 be charged, and that space be allowed on the brow for a campfire on Friday night. David Cryer seconded the motion. After much discussion, Jack Jones repeated motion to have the Colorfest on the brow and to charge a fee, but amended the motion to remove the bonfire. A vote was taken on the motion to move the festivals to the brow, with 35 for and 3 opposed. The motion was passed by a majority vote. A vote was taken on the motion to charge a fee with 7 voting for the fee. The motion to charge a fee was not carried.

J. P. Nation made a request that MAPA help fund a new softball team in Mentone comprised of young men ages 20-25. Hobson Kirby said they needed \$400.00 more. A brief discussion was had and J.P. made a motion that MAPA give the softball team \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Hobson Kirby.

A vote was taken on the motion with 22 for and 20 against. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Sherman announced the Colorfest committee members: Wanda Simmons--vendors and publicity; David Cryer--banner, fliers, and signs; Dot Crow--quilt sales; Bud Simmons--clean up; Donna Bouldin--Groundhog Run; Jack Jones--Parade; Homer Crow--boat rides; and Terry Hutcheson--entertainment.

Terry made a request that he be allowed \$50.00 as a budget for bales of hay for the bonfire. J.P. Nation made a motion that \$50.00 be allowed, and Hobson Kirby seconded the motion.

The President read a letter from Pat Seymour resigning as Parliamentarian from the executive board of MAPA. Homer Crow, being the previous Parliamentarian, was selected to be on the executive board. The board members are as follows: President--Sherman Gough; Vice-President--H.L. Jenkins; Secretary--Marie Dillenbeck; Treasurer--Dessie Newberry; Member at Large--Dot Crow; Parliamentarian--Homer Crow; Editor of the Groundhog--Evelyn Graves.

Jack Jones made a motion to adjourn. Marie Dillenbeck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Bernise Crow and Mickey and Sherman Gough.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAPA MEMBERS

Dessie Newberry	August 6
J.P. Nation	August 6
George Beaube	August 13
Yvonne Brock	September 1
Bernise Crow	September 1
Roy Farr	September 1
Dorma Hutcheson	September 3
Mickey Gough	September 10

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Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and of reasonable length.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND BAR-B-QUE

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department will be having a Bar-B-Que on Saturday, September 4, from 10:00 a.m. until-- at the fire station on Hwy 117 in Mentone. Guests can eat there, or carry outs are available. This is their first annual event.

Also, there will be a drawing with 10 chances to win \$100.00, for a total of \$1,000.00. Donations are \$1.00 each. Individuals do not have to be present to win. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a Jaws-Of-Life. The public is urged to support the local fire department.

Set out below is a coupon for making a donation and buying a chance on one or more of the \$100.00 bills. This must be received by the fire department by September 3rd in order to be placed in the drawing. If a donation is not received in time for the drawing, it will be applied as a donation toward the purchase of the Jaws-of-Life and other much needed equipment.



MENTONE BROW FESTIVAL

The weekend warmth during the Brow Festival on July 10 and 11, did little to keep people from all over the Southeast from enjoying the great outdoors along the brow of Lookout Mountain in Mentone. Dozens of crafts lined the Mentone Brow Park Saturday and Sunday for the annual Crafts on the Brow Festival, which is held the first weekend after July 4th each year.

MAPA sponsored the festival this year, and Wanda Simmons coordinated the various vendors and entertainment. Tony Goggans, the "Mentone Troubadour," kept a light mood over the crowd with his jovial singing, accompanied by a keyboard and various members of his family.

"The Dixie Darlings," a clogging ensemble from Summerville, GA, shared a dance with the crowd under the park shed.

The main thing people had driven miles to see were the crafts, which included live herb plants, a variety of jewelry, hand-decorated clothing, bird houses, bird feeders, wooden toys, pottery, quilts, leather items, wind chimes, photography, wicker basketry, face-painting, walking sticks, and much more.

Vendors came from as far away as Huntsville and Atlanta to sell their goods, while some visitors claimed homes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, and other states.

Thunderstorms only threatened to put a damper on the festival Saturday afternoon, but they never materialized.

Mentone American Legion Post #215 sold \$1 chances on winning \$100.00. Gary Light of Leather as Art, from Winston, Tennessee, was the winner. This was the first time someone from outside the Mentone area won. (See picture on this page.)

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire District took donations to help purchase a "Jaws of Life" rescue device (see picture on this page), and sold drinks, while the DeSoto Rescue Squad sold cookbooks filled with local recipes.

The proceeds from the admission fee also helps local ball teams and other non-profit organizations in the Mentone area.



Howard Carson of American Legion Post 215 presenting Gene Light the \$100 bill.

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1993 MENTONE BROW FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS





The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

SOME THOUGHTS WHILE POUNDING NAILS

Well, last month I begged off writing my monthly column. My weak excuse was a project at home. Actually, I'm very single-minded (some might say simple-minded) when it comes to a project that really interests me. I'm going to finish it, and nothing will interfere. However, there is always time for mental activity while the hands are busy.

Once a course of action is established and the immediate construction problems have been solved, then the brain can be turned loose to roam around and, so to speak, pick up rocks and look underneath. As any carpenter or do-it-yourselfer can tell you, working on an old house is a real challenge. There is very little in the structure that is as vertical or horizontal as it should be, no flat surfaces and few, if any, right angles. As a result, there was a whole lot of building that followed the Army's philosophy: beat to shape, file to fit, and paint to match.

I took some old construction lumber out in order to remove a wall or replace part of a wall. In there, were some real, honest 2x4s. They measured 2 inches by 4 inches and were oak (now hard as concrete). How neat! This lumber has held up some of my house for 35 or more years, and the lumber is still good. I presented it to a good friend who is about to start some construction of his own. Now, those oak beams will serve another for a long time. What a nice thing to do with fine oak trees. The trees went from being something nice to look at and a habitat for animals and birds to being a habitat for humans. A much better thing to do with fine hardwood than to turn it into wood chips and make computer paper, which will serve for 10 minutes (maybe) and then end up in a land fill.

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Apropos of absolutely nothing, a joke from years ago crossed my mind while trying to drive nails into some of that concrete-hard oak. It seems there once was a young Arab boy, Mahmud Ah Benni. Little Mahmud was out roaming in the desert one day and came across a small oil lamp. Thinking it might have some value, he rubbed the surface to see if it was gold. Lo and behold, a Genie appeared and, out of gratitude for being freed from his prison—the lamp—he gave the boy one wish. (That's right, one, not three! This Genie was a cheapskate.) Young Mahmud thought and then wished for great wealth. The Genie said O.K., but there is one condition when I grant your wish. You must never cut or remove any hair on your body, ever! If you do, you will be turned into a vase. The youngster said that was all right with him, he could put up with long hair if he had lots of money. Agreement between the two was struck, and little Mahmud was very wealthy.

As the youth aged, his beard grew and the hair on his head got longer and longer. He tied it up, plaited it, coiled it, and did anything to get it out of his way. But, he did not cut it. One day, when he was very old and had led a full life, he decided to cut it. He picked one strand and cut a very small piece from the very end. Nothing happened! Slowly, he cut more, and still nothing happened. He did not become a vase as the Genie had said! Mahmud Ah Benni was greatly encouraged that, maybe, the Genie had forgotten or had gone away or was dead. Mahmud then took a razor and shaved his face and entire head. As the last hair was taken from his head, the Genie fulfilled his promise. Mahmud was turned into a vase!

The moral of this story is: Ah Benni shaved is Ah Benni urned.

Bad, huh? I can hear the groans from here. Thanks for your time folks. See you next month.

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Lula Blalock, 73, of Mentone shows off the rattlesnake she killed in her yard Monday, July 5, during a blackberry-picking excursion. "I can take care of myself," she says.

Photo by LaRue Cornelison

SNAKE DOESN'T RATTLE MENTONE'S LULA BLALOCK

Lula Blalock, 73, of Mentone, knows how to take care of herself—even when she is caught off guard by a three-foot rattlesnake right in her back yard. On Monday, July 5, when she walked outside with her bucket to pick blackberries for a pie, "There it was, right at the edge of my carport," she said. "I didn't know what kind it was. I had never seen a rattlesnake before."

Mrs. Blalock fetched her garden hoe with the intention of chopping off the snake's head. Instead, she beat and bruised its head to a pulp.

"When I picked it up by the tail," she said, "its rattle came off in my hand. Then, I knew it was a rattler. That was kind of scary."

She nailed the viper to the security light pole in her back yard and measured it. Next, she called the neighbors to warn them.

"But," she added, examining the diamond-back pattern, "It is beautiful—the coloring and all. You know, I think I'll save it."

Now, Mrs. Blalock has a real snake tale to tell her 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Geraldine Johnson seated on the porch with her granddaughters, Savanna on the right and Ashley on the left. Standing are granddaughter Nanni next to Edna, Geraldine's daughter



Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

Hello, again! I found this column in a magazine and thought it very appropriate for today's fashion-conscious world. It will be condensed in the interest of space, but if you will let me know, I'll tell you where you can find the whole column.

Every time I get dressed and look in the mirror, the battle begins: This dress makes my hips look huge. These pants are too tight. This sweater makes me look lumpy. If I wear short sleeves, my arms look chunky, and turtle necks just emphasize my double chin! Does any of this sound like something you might be saying?

Learning To Love Your Body--by Ann Kearney-Cooke, Ph.D., a Cincinnati psychologist who specializes in eating disorders.

THE BARBIE DOLL-TRAP--A poor body image can be an unhappy legacy passed down from generation to generation, because mothers who hate their own bodies tend to be equally critical of their daughter's bodies. The seeds of discontent are sewn early. Even very young girls are subjected to society's unrealistic beauty ideals. Take a look at a Barbie doll: big breasts, tiny waist, incredibly long legs. Did you think you'd grow up to look like that? Does your daughter? Quite possibly. Will reality disappoint her? Definitely. Studies by the American Association of University Women show that, although most girls are confident and comfortable with themselves as children, by age 12, self-esteem plummets. This is largely because, at this age, they begin to see that society judges their worth by their appearance--not by their abilities. Parents' criticism of a child's appearance can also produce lasting scars. Even if the "unattractive" feature improves with maturity--the chubby child slims down, the teenager's pimples clear up--a woman may retain a sense that there is something wrong with the way she looks. And that lack of satisfaction with herself may cause her to pass along the Barbie-doll trap to her own daughters.

STOP THAT BODY BASHING! (A really smart woman's guide.) Many women see themselves as far less attractive than others see them.

****Make a list of your virtues and nonphysical assets--your honesty, empathy, drive, and humor. Realize these attributes are attractive no matter how you look.**

****Look at your naked body in a full-length mirror. Ignore the imperfections and focus on areas that please you--your muscular arms, graceful neck, delicate hands, etc.**

****On a large sheet of paper, sketch a life-size silhouette, which you believe represents your body; then lie on the paper and have a friend trace around your actual shape. You'll be amazed at how much smaller you really are.**

****Compare yourself to real people you see in stores or restaurants, not to airbrushed images on billboards or in fashion magazines.**

****Notice how many times in a day you belittle your looks. You'd be amazed how often you put yourself down with comments like "I'm so clumsy." The solution: Make a serious effort to stop it!**

****Write down all the ways you perceive your body negatively, then rework those phrases in positive terms. For example, instead of "My bottom is fat," say, "My bottom is round and voluptuous."**

****Keep track of situations that cause you to be anxious about your appearance. Do you suddenly fret about your complexion problems when your boss asks you a question at a staff meeting? Feel awkward and ugly while visiting your mother? Instead of blaming your looks, explore the issues around these feelings and work to resolve them.**

****Don't view eating as a weakness to be controlled; see it as a necessary, pleasurable and nurturing activity that gives energy and sustains life.**

****Indulge in body-pleasing baths, massages, facials, and pedicures. You'll like the way you feel.**

****Focus on what your body can do, not just how it looks. Once your legs are able to run five miles, you'll consider them fit, not fat!**

****Don't wait until you feel better about your body to buy a beautiful dress or a new swimsuit. And never buy clothes that are too snug with the intention of losing "a few pounds." Find attractive clothes that fit you now!**

****Get physical. Experience the exhilaration of dancing with a partner, the grace of swimming or skating, the power of running fast, or lifting something heavy!**

And friends, I want to add this to the above: Psalms 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. This verse from David's writings helps me to know that God is not pleased when we put ourselves down.

See all you wonderful people next month.



BLANSIT-KERBY

Jane Blansit and Kent Kerby chose a beautiful setting for their wedding, June 26, 1993. It was the home site of the Robert Grays on the eastern brow of Lookout Mountain near Mentone. It was homesteaded by Jane's great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Horatio T. Libby in the 1800s. The rock wall is still there and the steps, which served as a perfect altar.

Stacy Blansit gave his mother in marriage and her daughter, Angela Chambers, was matron of honor. Reida Pipenhagen, niece of the groom, from Orlando, FL, served as flower girl; and the bride's grandson was ring-bearer. Russell Wright served as best man. L.A. Smith performed the ceremony. Sherry Blansit kept the register; Haley Culver assisted with the music; and Terra Pipenhagen gave the birdseed bags. Carol Gray, Barbara Rape, and Karen Wright served at the reception. The couple are residing in Valley Head.

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Adelaide Biddle attended the Council on Aging Advisory Council meeting in Huntsville at the Trinity United Methodist Church. She met her daughter, Mary Lou Carmichael at the home of another daughter, Julia Hickey, in Chattanooga, to celebrate Julia's birthday. She also went to Kennesaw, GA, to see her grandson, Jason Hickey, play baseball. He won a baseball scholarship to Armstrong College in Savannah, GA.

Recent visitors of Virginia and Bill Livezey were Cheryl Brown of Fort Worth, Bill Livezey, Jr. and son, Jon, from Couch, TN, and Gerry Brown from Fort Worth, TX.

Mary and Ted Holleman and their son, John, have returned from Mobile, AL. They visited beautiful Bellingrath Gardens.

The Sunshine Club met at my house, June 24. Geraldine Hawkins was co-hostess. Karen Freeman, president, presided. Ruth Pickett, Secretary, gave her report. Announcement was made of the Free Health Fair at Collinsville July 19-23. Ten doctors from UAB would be at the Fair. I read some poems.

Jeff Adkins performed the marriage ceremony of his sister Melanie Adkins to Darin Geiger, June 19 at Ridgedale Baptist Church in Scottsboro. Music was furnished by Melinda Adkins and Renada Lyle, with Jamie Bell as pianist. Jeff is working on two Master's degrees (Master of Divinity and Secondary Education in Math) at The University of Alabama at Gadsden. Melinda Adkins is taking a class at Middle Tennessee University to get her doctorate as a School Psychologist.

Oline Roberts visited her daughter, Martha and Martha's husband, Gerald Killian, in Aiken, SC, for ten days. They brought Oline home and visited their in-laws, Lorene and Gad Killian in Fort Payne and friends in Chattanooga.

Doris and Jim Carmichael have returned from a four-day trip to New York with Emmy and Dr. Ricketts, and their children, Lucy and John. They enjoyed the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History; and the Broadway Shows, "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera." They especially enjoyed lunch in the beautiful Trump Towers building.

The UMW of Valley Head Methodist Church had their June meeting at the home of Velma Hammond, with Geneva Smith and Vesta Hawkins as co-hostesses. Venna Livingston led the study of Amos, titled "Injustice and Oppression."

I attended our annual Tittle-Martin Reunion at the Historical Society Building at New England, GA, July 10. There were about 50 relatives there from several states including Texas, and also from London, England.

I visited my cousin, Kathleen Rowe and her husband Dick in Chattanooga, recently. She was in bed, had suffered a stroke and could not speak. He was just sitting in a chair—victim of Leukemia. It reminded me anew that we should be so grateful if we can walk and go, even if it does hurt. Another cousin, Kathleen's sister, Frances Jacobson, was visiting them from California.

Stay cool and keep some of this heat for January, and count your blessings!

Editor, Evelyn Graves, will resume her history of the Jones family in the September issue.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL

August 16 - 9:00 a.m.

All County School personnel will be at Fyffe School for Teachers' Institute
Pat Seymour will be the speaker

August 17 - 8:00 a.m.

Teachers' work day at Ider School

August 18

Teachers report to school for a work day

August 19 - SCHOOL BEGINS

Moon Lake School is undergoing some repairs and improvements. The building is being painted inside. Some work is being done on the outside.

Breakfast and lunch programs will be the same this year. Prices will apply as last year.

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on July 13 at 5:30 p.m., for a combined picnic and field trip at the beautiful gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright of Mentone. Guests were the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club of Henagar, as well as friends and husbands of several members. The field trip was a delight to all. Included in the tour of the gardens were beautiful and colorful shrubs and trees, numerous beds of a variety of flowers and plants, including roses, daylilies, hostas, and many others. Around the lake were more beautiful plants, shrubs and trees. Trails leading down to the banks of the west fork of Little River provided everyone with a view of nature at its best. Everyone recognized that Bill and Ann Wright expend a lot of time and hard work caring for and maintaining their gardens.

Sack lunches consisting of sandwiches and chips were enjoyed by all. Hostesses Ann Wright and Gladys Crane, assisted by Hope Walker and Gail Gaylord served drinks and delicious desserts.

Linda Brown gave the devotional in the absence of Jean McGehee. Appropriately, the message centered around flowers and gardens.

The Flowering Dogwood Garden Club was welcomed, along with the other guests.

Committee reports were heard. One of the projects for the garden club is the School Ground Improvement for Moon Lake School. Ann Wright announced that she had the sign, rockwork, plants, and mulch donated.

Gail Gaylord announced that the DeSoto Rescue Squad has cookbooks on sale for a donation of \$6.00 each. Many local residents have recipes in the cookbook. All proceeds will be used to help the rescue squad.

Ann Wright reminded everyone of the fall meeting to be held in Pell City on September 23.

The next meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club will be Tuesday, August 10, at 2:00 at the City Hall. The hostess is Sue Schwarz, assisted by Mary Ellen Fielder and Ann Wright.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD

The DeSoto Rescue Squad would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our community, for your wonderful support during the first half of the year. In order to let you know where your money is going, we've prepared a brief statement of what the Rescue Squad has done this year.

Finances: We started on January 1, 1993, with a balance of \$1937.68. With your generous support, from January 1st until June 30th, we took in \$11,697.40. As of July 1, 1993, our balance on hand was \$6,443.34. From January 1 through June 30, we spent \$7201.74. A breakdown of this follows and is categorized by how the money was spent.

Training: It is the opinion of the DeSoto Rescue Squad that training is of extreme importance in the ever-changing field of rescue. During the first six months of 1993, we sent five members to a farm rescue course, two members to an EMT refresher course, and three members to a legal seminar regarding rescue and emergency medical services. The total cost for these courses was \$287.60. Members also received other training not listed above. All that is listed here is what the squad spent in training.

Communications: As you well know, DeKalb Ambulance Service (D.A.S.) is short-staffed from what they were just one year ago. For this reason, the ambulance at Hammondville is often out of the area on other calls. Last year, the Rescue Squad worked out an agreement with D.A.S. to page us when we are needed at the scene of an accident or illness in the Valley Head, Hammondville, and Mentone areas. The rescue squad provides the pagers for members, and D.A.S. provides a dispatcher and paging equipment. Over the first six months of this year, we spent \$1119.60 on radios, pagers, and replacement batteries. This amounted to the purchase of three pagers, two handheld radios, one of which can be used as a pager and can set off the other pagers, and spare batteries for all pagers. We currently have three pagers on order to increase our total number of pagers to ten.

Medical Supplies: Late last year, when D.A.S. closed their station at Hammondville, temporarily, we applied to the state for a license to carry IV fluids. We have four members licensed to administer IVs; and, with the assistance of Dr. George Weatherly, our medical director/advisor, we received our license. At that point, we spent \$1004.41 to purchase a supply of IV fluids, endotracheal intubation equipment, and medical kits. As these supplies are used, they will be replaced by D.A.S.; but the initial supply had to be purchased by the squad.

Snow Truck: We are still looking for a truck to replace the one that we used in the snow earlier this year. Since we saw that this truck was no longer adequate or dependable enough to fill our needs, we decided to sell it and apply that amount received, as well as all donations received for that purpose, toward buying a newer, more dependable truck with such options as heater, windshield wipers, good brakes,

etc. We have \$2500 earmarked for this purchase, but it seems we may have trouble finding one for that price. It seems that it is hard enough to buy one at any price these days. Regardless, we are still looking, and will spend more, if necessary, to get what we need. We did sell the old truck, through sealed bids, for a cost of \$401.99 to Hershell Pruitt.

Rescue Truck: It was decided that our current rescue truck, a 1968 model, was getting too old for emergency medical runs, and that it should be used for non-emergency runs only, perhaps, to pull the boats to the scene of drownings. We have recently purchased a truck for an emergency response truck to replace this one. It is a 1989 Ford Ranger with an enclosed utility bed. After some preliminary mechanical work is done on it, we will paint and letter it and install emergency lights, siren, and radios. Then, we will put it into service as a primary response vehicle for medical runs and accidents in our area. I believe you'll be pleased when you see your new rescue truck.

Building: Although we slacked off on the building improvements for a while, we're back at it again. We recently had a clean-up day in which we cleaned and arranged our equipment. We are also working on the office in the building and getting it set up for better record keeping.

Call Volume: I had intended to be able to show the exact numbers of calls run in recent months, but due to us just getting a new record keeping system set up, I was unable to. I do think the following figures will give you some idea of how much more we're doing in the past few months.

Total calls Jan. 1, 1993-March 30, 1993:

- 2 emergency calls
- 2 non-emergency calls

(This includes the snow storm where multiple calls were handled, but we have no way of counting them separately.)

Total calls April 1, 1993-June 30, 1993:

- 10 emergency calls
- 2 non-emergency calls

From looking at rough data, it appears that we ran 12-15 emergency calls just in July.

Membership: We have a tight-knit group of dedicated members. Some are EMTs. Some are not. Some will drag for bodies. Some don't. Some will serve on committees. Some will bring refreshments when we are working somewhere. We can't each do it all. Each person has their job and no job is more important than the other. It takes the entire team. I urge you to consider being a member of our team. Regardless of your skills and talents, the squad needs you. Some people don't join because they don't feel like they can devote enough time to the squad. All we ask is that you do what you can. We don't ask or expect any more.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you, our neighbors. We invite you to come join us. To reach DeSoto Rescue Squad in an emergency, call 1-800-239-5628. For more information on the squad, call Mike Kenamer at 634-4484.

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Summer camps are a large part of Mentone's heritage and cultural enrichment. Thousands of boys and girls have spent a month in Mentone's summer camps. These campers, along with their families, have experienced the beauty and serenity of a natural environment unaffected by pollution and noise and traffic problems. Many of these families have settled on Lookout Mountain. The area brings a nostalgia to children who have had the opportunity to spend a summer in a wholesome environment. It sometimes changed their lives in a wholesome, positive way. The Groundhog is sharing information about these camps with its readers in this area.

ALPINE CAMP FOR BOYS

Alpine Camp, a private camp for boys, located in a breathtakingly beautiful setting, was founded in 1959, and is owned and operated by Dick and Alice O'Ferrall. The O'Ferralls are natives of Mississippi. Alpine Camp is the fulfillment of a dream, the answer to prayer, and the result of happy camping memories Mr. O'Ferrall himself experienced as a boy.

Alpine offers a general camp program with one 2-week session and two 4-week sessions each summer. It offers a wide variety of activities, including horsemanship, swimming, canoeing, team sports, riflery, archery, and Project Adventure (a favorite with the campers), and many more. Alpine has a capacity for 250 campers each session. The camp is staffed with a group of approximately 60 carefully screened and selected young college men who are dedicated to the Lord and to the boys they counsel. It is Alpine's goal to allow young boys to grow and develop physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially in the caring Christian environment the camp provides. Alpine's goal is expressed in its motto, "That they may increase in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

For more information about Alpine Camp, please contact **ALPINE CAMP FOR BOYS**, Route 1, Box 216, Mentone, AL 35984. The telephone number is (205) 634-4404.

CAMP DESOTO FOR GIRLS

In its 77th season this summer, **Camp DeSoto** is a Christian camp for girls ages 8 to 16. In two one-month sessions, DeSoto offers a traditional camp program with activities broad enough to satisfy those inclined toward the arts, as well as those with athletic interests. While holding to the strengths of tradition, DeSoto also provides new experiences in its camping program such as ropes, rock-climbing, rappelling, biking, and community service.

Phil Hurt and Sue Henry co-direct Camp DeSoto and, together, bring over 50 years of camping experience to DeSoto's operation. With a capacity of 225, DeSoto has a program staff of approximately 50 college-age young women from across the southeast. A highlight of DeSoto's community is its broad age range where old and young work, play, and grow together.

DeSoto offers one-month terms because of a strong belief that growth takes time. During the four weeks, each girl is provided with time to grow in her skills, time to grow in her

understanding of life, and time to grow in her relationships. The directors hope that, after a month at DeSoto, a girl will go home with a greater appreciation of herself, of those around her, and of her Creator.

For more information concerning **CAMP DESOTO**, contact Phil Hurt or Sue Henry at P.O. Box 432, Mentone, AL 35984, or telephone (205) 634-4394.

CAMP LANEY FOR BOYS

Camp Laney located atop Lookout Mountain in the midst of a quiet wooded section, was founded in 1959 by former Woodlawn and Alabama football coach Malcolm Laney. Coach and his wife Louise directed the camp through 15 successful seasons. Coach Laney was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Coach Laney's successor, **Rob Hammond**, has been spending his summers at Camp Laney since 1961. During those summers, Rob has been a camper, a junior counselor, a senior counselor, and, in 1974, Director.

The objectives of Camp Laney are: to provide each boy with a carefully supervised, exciting, and fun experience; to help each boy develop close friendships; to encourage in each boy a sense of security and self-confidence; to foster wholesome habits of day-to-day group living; to inspire appreciation for the ideals of others; to assist each boy in the development of values and strong character; to increase each boy's physical abilities; to develop each boy's appreciation of nature; and to help each boy realize the closeness and importance of God. It is Camp Laney's hope and aim that, at the end of the camp session, each boy will be returned to his parents a happy boy who has had fun and high adventure, and who has advanced in the art of Christian living.

Among the activities offered at Camp Laney are: canoeing, swimming, Project Adventure, rock climbing, major sports, archery, riflery, riding, and tennis.

For more information about **CAMP LANEY**, please contact Rob Hammond, Camp Laney, Mentone, AL 35984, telephone (205) 634-4406.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP

Located in a beautiful wooded, remote area, **Ponderosa Bible Camp** comes alive as 125 campers and staff arrive every week to join together in study and fun. The purpose of this facility is to help boys, girls, and young people to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior, to help them develop Christ-centered personalities, to be witnesses for Him, and to be effective members of their local churches. The Bible is taught as the Word of God, and the authority for faith and conduct.

Ponderosa Bible Camp has excellent facilities to help campers develop spiritually, socially, and physically. All activities are under the direction of trained Christian counselors and staff.

Ponderosa is directed by **Glenn Miller**. He and his wife, **Linda**, live at Ponderosa year-round. Ponderosa offers its facilities on an "off-season" basis for workshops, conferences, retreats, etc., with staff available, or on a "Do-It-Yourself" plan.

For information concerning dates available and fees for summer camping or off-season dates and rates, you may contact Glenn or Linda Miller, **PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP**, P.O. Box 285, Mentone, AL 35984, or telephone (205) 634-4397 or (205) 634-4860.

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By Evelyn Graves



CAMPS IN MENTONE

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camp laney for boys



CAMP Skyline



SADDLE ROCK CAMP FOR GIRLS

Saddle Rock Camp for Girls, owned by Marty Griffin, and directed by Polly Cameron, is a private, non-denominational camp for girls between the ages of 6 and 16. They offer four 2-week sessions with a variety of activities, including tennis, riding (Western/English), archery, team sports, gymnastics, cheer leading, and outdoor camping. The camper/counselor ratio is 5:1.

For more information, contact CAMP SADDLE ROCK FOR GIRLS, Mentone, AL 35984, or telephone (205) 634-4043.

CAMP SKYLINE

Susan Hooks, co-director with husband Larry Hooks, states, "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra...and we think all our campers are extraordinarily great!"

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CROW REUNION

The usually hot month of July began with a bang at our house. On July 3rd, we hosted, with our granddaughters Jennifer and Lisa, the Crow reunion at our house. And it was the hottest day of the year to that date and the heat has not abated since.

The reunion is ordinarily held Labor Day weekend, but it is a little difficult for those with children starting school, and we felt it might be better to try the 4th of July.

If my calculation is right, there were 49 of the clan present. These are descendants of Lee and Fannie Crow. Those present were: Frances Crow and her daughter Lila Pettit and her daughter Theresa and her children Bethany and Trevor; Lila's son Terrell and wife Jennifer and Little Karey; Homer and Bernise Crow and family, Barry and Donnah and daughter Christina, from Chattanooga; Coy Crow from Wills Point, Texas, and his daughter, Jennifer, from Mentone; Gregg and Joyce Cooper and son Lee from Columbia, South Carolina; and Jerry and Doreen Waters from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chester and Lucille Crowe from Mentone and their family; Leroy and Joanne Crow and son John from Oak Ridge; Rev. Olen Crow and wife Kay, their daughter Christy and her fiancé Mack Farley, all from Birmingham.

Lester Crow and wife Annice from Clinton, Tennessee, their son Curtis and wife Margaret and son Andy from Knoxville, Tennessee; Daughter Patricia and husband Harold Armes and daughter Brittany from Oak Ridge; and daughter Brenda and husband Lester and son Stephen, from Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Jesse Crow and Nell Croley from Mentone.

Dennis and Mildred Burgess of Allen, Texas, and their daughter Darla Bante and son Sean; daughter Sherri Foley and daughter Lindsey; Dewey Crow and

wife Pam and children Lea and Daniel.

A wonderful covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all. Don Castleberry and Terry Hutcheson were "chefs for the day," grilling wonderful steaks, chicken, and hamburgers for the children. Can you believe kids would rather have hamburgers than steak any day? Dorma Hutcheson was Girl Friday and assisted with whatever needed to be done.

Lucille Crowe made a beautiful and delicious cake to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Dennis and Mildred, which was on this date.

Gregg made a video recording of the activities of the day, and many others made their own snapshots.

Frances Crow, wife of Clyde now deceased, brought the family scrapbook she has kept for years, since the first reunion was held in 1975. This has become a most important occasion for all the family, when we can keep tabs on what has been happening to each family during the past year. Johnny Crowe, son of Leroy and Joanne, has finished junior college and will be going to the University of Tennessee this fall. His brother, Danny, will be going to the Navy shortly.

It's fun to reminisce about things of the past. All Crows have a sense of humor and love to tell stories about each other. At one of our reunions, Clyde Crowe had a file card with each family member's name on it and a witty saying about each of the them. Mine read: Homer said "Bernise your hose are wrinkled. I replied, I'm not wearing hose!"

Dewey was not married then, and someone asked him why he didn't write to the lonely hearts club. Dewey said he wrote them and they said they were not that lonely.

Homer reported some new information on family history while small children and parents swam in the pool.

Next year, Chester and Lucille's grandchildren will be the hosts for the occasion.



CROW-PULLEN

Jennifer Crow and Charles Pullen exchanged wedding vows July 3, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Oscar Hussel officiating, assisted by Ed Burrows. Barry Crow, uncle of the bride, furnished the music, and Doreen Waters, aunt of the bride, did the vocal selections. Lou Smith was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were: Tracy McKenzie, Eleanor Glover, and Quimby Zellen. Little Melissa Harrison, niece of Charles, was flower girl.

The best man was Bert Newton. Groomsmen were: Marcus Sutton, Billy Tom Howell, Monte Franks, Danny Estes, and Grant Bazemore.

Jennifer is the daughter of Coy Crow of Wills Point, Texas, and Dianne Edge of Joelton, Tennessee. She is the sister of Dillon and Belinda Crow of Wills Point, Texas.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley of Chattanooga, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crow of Mentone. Her great grandmother is Mrs. Hallie Harvy of Tennessee.

Charles is the son of Jimmy Pullen and Linda Clark of Mentone. His sister is Cindy Harrison of Mentone. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Trenton, Georgia, and the late Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pullen of Mentone, and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Burcon of Auburn, Indiana.

A reception followed the wedding at the home of Homer and Bernise Crow. A rehearsal dinner was given to members of the wedding party and both families at the home of Ellis and Linda Clark.

A shower was given Jennifer by Mrs. Tom Anderson in Fort Payne. Employees of Ancro also honored her with a shower.

Following a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the couple is at home in Mentone.

VERNON FAMILY REUNION

Submitted by Daisy Hicks Sanders

On August 20, 21, and 22, members of the VERNON FAMILY will hold their annual reunion. This year, the reunion will be held at DeSoto State Park. Many attendees are direct descendants of Robert Vernon, who, over 150 years ago, built the log cabin now in the center of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Simmie Sherman Vernon, Robert's son, was a teenager when the Mentone Springs Hotel was built. Simmie, who was the first ordained minister in Mentone and was the grandfather of many of the reunion attendees, helped his father on the construction job. Simmie's desk was donated to St. Joseph's when the family last held their reunion in the Mentone area back in 1984.

Members are looking forward to returning to the area and observing for themselves the work that has been done on the old hotel. Some will be visiting the area for the first time. The Vernon Family history is, indeed, rich in the town of Mentone.

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Ovie Blalock of Mentone was among the more than 800 delegates, officers, and guests who attended Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society's 42nd National Convention, July 11-15, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

Ovie represented members in the Alabama Woodmen jurisdiction. The delegates, elected at state conventions held earlier this year, represent more than 850,000 members of the society. They meet at the national convention every four years to address business and fraternal matters of the Society and elect national directors.

Delegates unanimously reelected all members of the Woodmen Board of Directors to four-year terms. Board members reelected were: National President John G. Bookout, Executive Vice President W. Wayne Graham, National Security James L. Mounce, and National Treasurer and General Counsel Curtis L. Owen.

Trustees reelected include Chairman Harry G. Lawson, Appomattox, Va.; Ray Smith, Camden, Tenn.; William C. Owen, Tallahassee, Fla.; Thomas T. Gallion III, Montgomery, Ala.; James L. Harmon, Murray, Ky.; J. Carroll Shealy, Lexington, S.C.; and James W. Bosler II, Louisville, Ky.

Also reelected were Harvey L. Bedsole, National Escort and East North Carolina state Manager, Kinston, N.C.; and James W. Bridges, Jr., National Watchman, Vice President and Field Division Manager, Omaha, Neb.

"Our mission consists of human goals," President Bookout told the convention. "Superior teamwork by us today can help future generations of Woodmen members turn today's dream into reality tomorrow."

Woodmen of the World/Omaha Woodmen, one of the largest fraternal benefit societies in the United States, offers insurance protection with fraternal benefits. Insurance products include Whole Life, Universal Life, Term and Hospital Supplement insurance and annuities.

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Rev. David Lett of the Mentone United Methodist Church (UMC) and Rev. Charles Dobbins of the Collins Chapel UMC in Collinsville were the only two ministers from the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church to attend the School for New Congregational Development and Revitalization held at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Both are from the Gadsden district and both serve churches in the DeKalb County Area.

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From— Behind the Counter

By
BRUTUS



Ho, hum! And so begins another day between the counters--and between all the LEGS (Shannon's, Pop's, Al's, Mae's). The one thing I look forward to early every morning is Kay Neal's visit to our store! One woofy jump in Kay's face and, man, is she awake! My late sister Tootsie made a believer out of Kay a long time ago.

Oh, Lordy, here comes Jimmy Graves! Just when I'm working on humility so hard, he'll get down on his knees and give me sugar. Sort of embarrassing, but it seems to mean a whole lot to the boy. I'll just keep a slobbery upper lip and bear it. At least, Jimmy knows a grand dog when he sees one!

Out of the way, James, Eloise Burnette and Grace Pullen want a turn--and they are presenting offerings of ice cream sandwiches.

Why can't all these people restrain their admiration of wonderful me and approach royalty (ME) with respect like Ramona Beck who just bows her head and hugs?

Oh, no! Here comes the last of the big spenders--Tim Bell. Just watch--he'll buy one can of dog food. Does he share it with me? No way, Jose!

Well, open the door, the children have arrived--true admirers of canine excellence. Today there's Samantha Rhodes, Baby Joy Crawford, Tyler Meadows, Marlon and Kara Cox, Emily Collins, Ashley and Jennifer Blalock, Candace Jones, and Brittany Hester.

Because of their superior taste in truly fine dogs, the counselors from all the camps will be in to bid me farewell for the summer. I sure hope they come back next year and so does LM.

Bill Russell's daughter, Angela, came in a minute ago bragging on her dogs Buford and Bam Bam. Sound like sissies to to me. Bet I could take both of them easily in a fair fight. One paw tied behind me!

Well, it's playing footsie time with Roy Mathews. Looks like it'd bother the boy that I have bigger feet.

Lookie here--Ella Bowman fresh in from work at Westinghouse. She looks "rode hard and put up wet." I can guess what her folks will eat for supper tonight--canned soup, and lucky to get it.

Slobber, slobber! A little piece of white fluff just bounced up in Pat Seymour's blue truck. Miniature Spitz, Pop says--tasty little appetizer, I say. Pop tells me there's a difference in boy dogs and girl dogs. He says you can tell the difference by the color of their collars. Somehow, I think there's more to it than that, but I'll just wait and ask Al.

I think Pop just said it's time for me to walk him--I don't hear so good since Al stomped my ear the other day. Can you imagine the pain to a grand animal like me of a 200 pound foot on his head? Don't dance around, Pop. I'm coming.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Reverend and Mrs. Jeff Adkins of the Valley Head United Methodist Church are in Brazil helping to rebuild a mission, and they are also serving as counselors. They are part of a group from the North Alabama Conference. Reverend L.A. Smith has been filling in for him in his absence. The UMW met with Jane Kirby and Mary Crow for the July meeting. The next UMW meeting will be on August 24 with Melinda Adkins and Helen White as hostesses. Reverend Jim Hillian from Graysville United Methodist Church in Daisy, Tennessee, was the evangelist for the July revival. There was good attendance with special singing throughout the week.

The youth of the Moon Lake Baptist Church have recently returned from a retreat in Panama City, Florida. There were 38 persons in attendance, including adult chaperones, the youth director, and a visiting speaker. The group reports a very interesting and effective program and a good time.

The Reverend Edmond Stallings spoke in the morning and evening services on August 1 at the Mentone Wesleyan Church, bringing special singers with him. The July missionary meeting was held at the home of Betty Johnson.

Reverend Ron Johnson of the Mentone Church of God reports that there will be a community shower at the Mentone City Hall at 2 P.m. on Sunday, August 15, for Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Coots and family, whose house burned recently. This is a combined effort with other churches, and everyone is invited.

August 29-September 3, there will be an area-wide crusade at the High Point Church of God, with International Evangelist Mark Williams from Cleveland, Tennessee.

There will be a car wash at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on Saturday, August 14. Everyone is invited to come by and have your cars washed on that date.

The Reverend Don Brock is pleased that he has been reappointed as pastor of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy for a new two-year term.

Sunday, August 29, will be a special Sunday at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church. In the morning service, they will be using the original Anglican prayer book. There will be a reenactment of the order of service of the Anglican church in its day. At 6:00 p.m. on the same date, there will be Prayer and Praise, using songs about Jesus. Everyone is welcome to attend this time of praise and bring your favorite Jesus songs.

St. Joseph's has given scholarships to people who want to go to college. An amount of \$9,000.00 has been given to 12 mountain people this year.

Another koinonia dinner is planned for September 12.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church is planning a covered dish dinner to honor Reverend L.A. Smith and his new bride, Lisa, some time in the near future. The date has not been set.

The youth of the Valley Head Baptist Church enjoyed a five-day Dawson McAllister retreat in Panama City, Florida, the last week in July. The revival in the early part of July was, indeed, a spiritual renewal for the church. Rev. Wayne Tarvin was the guest speaker. Special music was provided each evening under the direction of guest music minister, Rev. Strickland.

The Mentone United Methodist Church had Mr. Charlie Beavers, a guest speaker Sunday, August 8. Charlie Beavers is an attorney, and he is involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry with pastor Rev. David Lett. Rev. Lett has recently completed a course at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. See article elsewhere.

There will be a picnic covered dish dinner on the 5th Sunday, August 29, at the home of Linda Brown.

Play day is now every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please call Carol Hazell at 634-4755. The church would like to have some new children attend, especially since they are losing some regulars this fall to kindergarten.

Also, there is a need for a pianist at the church. This is a great opportunity for someone to share their musical talents with the Mentone UMC and bring glory to God through their musical ministry. This is a paid position and for one service a week at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Please call Rev. Lett at 634-4881.

The Mentone Revival Center had a singing on July 17, with guests, the Gospel Heirs, providing gospel music, along with several other singers. A special request for the song, "Could You Or Would You Walk One Mile In That Man's Shoes" was sung by Brenda Williams, wife of Rev. Marlon Williams. There is a singing every third Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

On July 25, the church had their homecoming and there were 140 people present. The Interstate Quartet from Henagar were their guest singers.

During the week of August 23, there will be a revival and Brother Ronald Cook will be the evangelist. Services will be at 7 p.m. each night.

Everyone is welcome to attend the services: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. and on Sunday nights and Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association elected a new slate of officers for the coming year at their meeting held August 1, 1993.

The new president is the Rev. Marlon Williamson, Pastor, Mentone Revival Center. Vice President is the Rev. Randy Addison, Pastor, Mentone Wesleyan. Secretary-Treasurer is Ed Burrows, lay minister, St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 11, because of the Labor Day weekend, and will be held at Dessie's Kountry Chef at 8:30 a.m.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ



If you are like me and have let some of those cucumbers get as big as watermelons, so they are too big to really enjoy and pickle by your usual recipes, I have a great recipe for you. My brother-in-law gave me this one, and it came from Bill's uncle Kai Olsen, who was a Danish seaman. These cucumbers are really good sliced thin with meat sandwiches or egg salad. The second recipe is for pickled okra and is a wonderful recipe shared with us by Rebecca Adams of Adams Outdoors in Fort Payne.

Danish Style Cucumber Pickles

Peel 6 large cucumbers, split lengthwise, and scoop out seeds.

Bring to boil and simmer 10 minutes:

- 1 C sugar
- 2 C cider vinegar
- 1 C water
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1 heaping T whole peppercorns
- 1 T dill seed
- 2 T mustard seed

Add cucumbers and simmer 5 minutes more or until cucumbers are wilted. Cool, store in refrigerator in non-reactive container such as glass or plastic and use as desired. Will keep indefinitely.

Pickled Okra

By Rebecca Adams, Fort Payne

2 pints small okra, 2"-3" long
leave 1/2" stem

- 1 C cider vinegar
- 1/4 C water
- 2 T salt
- 2 tsp. dill seed
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 pods hot pepper (optional)

Boil standard pint jars for 15 minutes. Wash okra with vegetable brush. Bring to boil: vinegar, water, and salt. Remove hot jars and place washed okra in each jar, approximately 2/3 full. Add to each pint jar 1 tsp. dill seed, 2 garlic cloves, and 1 pod hot pepper. Pour boiling liquid mixture into each jar to cover okra. Leave 1/2" head space. Wipe jar mouth. Adjust lids and screw lids on tight. Place in simmering water (200 degrees F.) for five minutes. Wait one month before using.

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MENLO MUSINGS

By JoAnne Christian

A new Toastmasters International group has been organized for the Chattooga County area. The next meeting is set for 7:00 p.m. on August 12, at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Summerville. The organization holds open meetings and will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. "Men and women of all ages are invited to join," says one of the organizers, Carol Collins, Public Relations director at Shorter College.

Jo Ann Mitchell, a 37-year-veteran of the Lyrerly Post Office staff has recently been named the OIC (Officer in Charge) or Acting Post Master at that facility. Her appointment was effective on July 30, 1993.

George Majors, 83, died last week, and was buried in Amien's Cemetery on Jamestown Road. Mr. Majors was a 35-year employee of J.P. Smith Lumber Co. He will be sorely missed by his many friends in Menlo.

Sid Sword, City Maintenance Director, is really proud of his new chain saw purchased for his department by the Menlo City Council.

Postmaster JoAnne Christian is back at her desk at the Menlo Post Office after undergoing minor surgery.

The second meeting of the Chattooga County PEACH Program was held recently at the Farmers and Merchants Bank in Summerville. This is a division of DFAC (Department of Family and Children's Services) for Chattooga County. The next meeting was held August 10 in Summerville.

The Menlo Lions Club Annual 4th of July BBQ, held in the Menlo City Park, was a great success. The BBQ pork and chicken plates were delicious. All the proceeds go for sight conservation. There was plenty of good music provided by Ralph Tucker (piano solo), Debbie Yarbrough, Higher Ground, Gospel Aires, and Pledgers.



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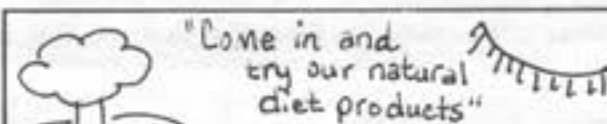
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MENTONE GRAPEVINE

By Pat Seymour

Lots of snakes are out searching for water. Billy Wright killed a large copperhead down behind his garden. Lula Blalock beat a nine button rattler to death (see story and picture elsewhere), and Roy Mathews killed a snake in his yard. Roy hung his snake upside down in a tree so we could get all this recent rain. Be sure to thank Roy!

If it seems as though Sue Schwarz is wearing a long face lately, it's because her daughter Chris and husband Stan moved in mid-July to Tampa, Florida. As if that weren't bad enough, Chris took Sue's two little granddaughters, Gwennie and Rachel with her!

A BIG social event of the season took place Saturday before last at the Valley Head Hardware. Ray Lewis chose that as the site for his wedding to a lovely lady from Chattanooga.

Don and Glenda Ingram enjoyed a six-day visit with Don's brother, Clifton, and wife, Iris, last week. Clifton's family is from Thomasville, NC, and includes, along with wife Iris, children Ken, Sherry, and Jeremiah. The group were treated to swimming, fishing, and sightseeing while in Mentone.

The Blalock family held its annual reunion on August 7 in Promenade Hall. Joe Blalock, 73, from Cloudland, was the oldest attendee and Charlie and Nancy Brown's grandson of Mentone was the youngest. Lucille Crow from Virginia came the farthest to be here. The family enjoyed looking at pictures, talking, and EATING. Anita Meadows helped organize the event, and families came from five states (Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia). There were approximately 75 Blalocks in attendance.

All of Jean McGehee's friends will be delighted to know that she has sold her van. She is now zipping around in a bright red auto.

Bob and Cathie Crow and Roberta Kirby helped chaperone a youth group from Moon Lake Baptist Church to Panama City Beach. Approximately 40 young people, including some friends from Ponderosa Bible Camp, made the trip. The new youth director, Brad Van Cleave and his bride, Kathy, joined the group after a recent wedding. Talk about a "group" honeymoon!

A "women only" party was held recently for Eloise Burnette's 78th birthday. She received, among other gifts, lottery tickets!

Toby Manifold and Keith Blalock, along with their grandmother, Ethel Manifold, are back in Mentone after a week-long fabulous visit to Hawaii. Toby has really worked hard this summer on his family's golf course, 'Lil Mole Run. He truly earned a break!

Jewel Collins, has had as her house guest, her son Joey from Hazard, KY. Joey returned to Kentucky last week.

Phyllis McElhaney, owner of Tiger's Inn restaurant, wants to sell her lovely home in Valley Head. Phyllis plans to build a new home just past the cemetery in Valley Head. Anyone who is interested may call her at 635-6318. Phyllis' cousin, Tonia Whited, a recent high school graduate, has moved from Hixon, Tennessee, to live with her.

Two recent deaths have greatly saddened Mentone. Maxine Wright's mother, Elsie A. Craze, passed away as did Pat Wadkins, beloved of Helen Turner. Both of these deaths diminish Mentone greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with these two families.

Betty and Joe Stephens are greatly relieved to hear that recent house guest 10-1/2-year-old Josh Panquet of Louisiana is up and walking. Josh broke his neck in a diving accident shortly after arriving back home. He

shared a visit here in Mentone with Betty and Joe's grandsons, Justin and Jacob. The two boys are sons of Michael Stephens. Josh must wear a head and neck brace for a period of time, but he can walk.

Among the vacationing Mentonites are Gene and Madalene Bullard, who spent two weeks in Gulf Shores, and Al and Mae Hunt, who spent a fantastic weekend in the Smokies. They enjoyed an exciting helicopter ride over Dollywood and the surrounding area. Mae said, "The scenery is breathtaking!" She returned to the Superette this week after still another vacation!

An outpouring of help from concerned friends followed the loss by fire of Eddie and Carolyn Coots' home. A house shower is planned for the popular couple at the Mentone City Hall on Sunday, August 15, from 2:00 to 4:00. The Church of God and the Church of God of Prophecy are hosts for the shower. Further details are available from Ilene Green or Gail Worthey.

"Get well soon" wishes go out to Frank Kerby, Hoyt Potts, and Naomi Potts, also, Catherine Jones, mother of The Groundhog Editor, Evelyn Graves. They all are recent surgery patients. All are recuperating nicely at home and are feeling better every day.

Alan and Cathy Kerby spent a delightful weekend with Cathy's mother, Jackie, and friends recently. A great time was had by all!

When 82-year-old K.C. Walker recited "Touch of the Master's Hand" at a Howard Chapel singing in July, there wasn't a dry eye in the audience. K.C., noted for his stamina, tends an impressive summer garden on his farm.

Speaking of birthday parties, Eloise Burdette (mother of Billy and Jimmy Wright) threw a big one in late July for her grandson Jeremy Ash, age 8. Jeremy has a sister Julie, 16, and the two live in Summerville, Georgia.

Jimmy and Gaynell Worthey are doing a terrific job filling in for Leroy Snider, reading water meters. Keep up the good work!

Marie Dillenbeck is crowing and bragging about her two new grands. Daughter Teresa in Gulfport, MS, had a little boy on July 25 and named him Robert. Also, on April 16, her daughter Lorelei in Montgomery, AL, had a little, girl and named her Sarah. Marie is now a grandmother 7 times (that's SEVEN, folks!).

Tracie Peters from Anchorage Alaska, plans to visit her grandmother, Lula Blalock, soon. Recently, Lula received a letter from Geraldine Johnson of Hernando, MS. Geraldine sent Lula a photograph taken on Mother's Day at her daughter's house in Hernando. said to tell everybody in Mentone "Hello." (See a photo elsewhere with Geraldine, her daughter Edna, and three grandchildren.) Another granddaughter of Lula's, Vicky Schraeder married Clint Wilson on July 17.

Linda and Greg Frith had their granddaughter visiting with them the weekend of July 16 and 17.

Now, for all you cat lovers: Jackie Kirby has a long-haired kitten that is free to a kind and loving home. (Are you reading this Ferne Fitzgerald??)

I'll leave you with my favorite verse from Isaiah 40:31: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."



Hershell Pruitt, Sandra Gray, and Katie Gray enjoy a July 4th mule ride.

NEW MENTONE SOFTBALL TEAM

Willie Blalock, of B & B Construction, is the coach for the new softball team consisting of the following young men:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Katherine Hope Martin celebrated her 1st birthday on August 5. She is the daughter of Matt and Michelle (Chambers) Martin of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Juanita and Sanford Hartline of Mentone, and Don and Caroline Martin of Ft. Payne.



Logan Russell Chambers celebrated his 4th birthday on July 23. He is the son of Rusty and Angela Chambers of Mentone. Grandparents are Milton and Gail Chambers and Juanita and Sanford Hartline of Mentone; and Jane and Kent Kerby of Valley Head; and Calvin Blansit of Ringgold, Georgia.



Willie B. Meadows celebrated his 91st birthday on July 27. He celebrated with a birthday dinner given by all nine of his children on Sunday, July 25, at his home in Mentone.

His children are Howard Meadows of Valley Head; Wayne Tremon and John Paul Meadows of Mentone; Herbert Meadows of Rossville, GA; Clarence Meadows of Fort Payne; Katie Johnson of Chattanooga, TN; Mary Thurman of Sylvania; and Lina Benefield of Fort Payne.

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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Train up a child in the way he should
go; and when he is old, he will not
depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

The best way to train a child is to show
him by example. It's easy to forget
words, but examples live on in a child's
memory.



MENTONE GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN



Sponsored by Mentone Area Preservation Association
Saturday, Oct. 16th 9:30 a.m. CST

ONE MILE FUN RUN: at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registered entrants are
guaranteed a SWEAT SHIRT (May be mailed to late registrants). Times
called, but no records kept.

AWARDS: Specially designed SWEAT SHIRT to go to all pre-registered
runners (May be mailed to late registrants). TROPHIES to top three
winners in each division. \$100.00 each to top man and woman winners.

LIGHT BREAKFAST: Fruit and fruit juices will be served free to all
runners after the Classic. Water available at half-way point.

COURSE: Begins at Hitching Post to turn-off to DeSoto Falls and back.
4.2 miles, flat to gently rolling hills on DeSoto-lookout Mountain Parkway.

MENTONE: Located on Lookout Mountain on Highway 117. Exits off I-59
between Chattanooga and Gadsden. From the east, through Summerville,
Georgia, to Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone, Alabama.

11TH YEAR: This is the 11th year for the race. All proceeds go to the
goals of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, dedicated to
preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other
unique qualities of Mentone. The race on Saturday, Oct. 16th, is part of the
"October Colorfest," which features ghost stories, music, and a bonfire on
Friday evening, Oct. 15th. Crafts, boat rides, music, food, drinks, and more
will be available on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16th and 17th.

Detach and mail or bring to:
The Mentone Groundhog Classic
Attention: Donna Bouldin
P.O. Box 50
Mentone, AL 35984
(205) 634-4245



Entry fee of \$10 must accompany each application.
After October 12th, fee will be \$12. Make checks Payable
to MAPA (Mentone Area Preservation Association)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

AGE as of Oct. 15th, 1993 _____

SIGNATURE _____

(If under 18 years old, signature of parent or guardian is required.)

Circle Sweat Shirt Size S M L XL

Division:

☐ MEN	☐ WOMEN
☐ 14 & UNDER	☐ 14 & UNDER
☐ 15 - 19	☐ 15 - 19
☐ 20 - 29	☐ 20 - 29
☐ 30 - 39	☐ 30 - 39
☐ 40 & OVER	☐ 40 & OVER

☐ CLASSIC RUN ☐ FUN RUN

**NO ONE MAY ENTER THIS EVENT WITHOUT SIGNING THIS OFFICIAL
WAIVER:** In consideration of accepting this entry, I the above-signed,
intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and
administrators waive and release any and all claims for losses and
damages I may have against MAPA and all other parties and their
representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries suffered
by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit. Further, I
hereby grant full permission to any and all foregoing to use photos,
videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for
any purpose whatsoever. Revised by David Cryer July 1992