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"NEW GENERATION DANCERS" PERFORM AT THE MENTONE BROW FESTIVAL



Clogging atop Lookout Mountain

Photo by Rusty Eltzroth, Times Journal

"New Generation Dancers" performed at the Mentone Brow Festival on Sunday afternoon, July 10. Members of the group are Rhonda Wright, instructor, Karen Wright, instructor, Kristy Hatfield, Alayna Wright, Kelly Wright, Paige Wright, Amanda Wright, Virginia Hatfield, Jackie Davis, Dusty Miller, Ethan Lewis, Sheryl Lewis, Prissy Blalock, and Emily Collins

The Mentone Brow Festival was held on July 9 and 10, with many vendors and spectators, despite the fact that rain was forecast for both days. As it turned out, the weather cooperated with only a threat of rain once or twice.

Children "of all ages" enjoyed browsing through the booths, eating a sandwich, or sitting on the rocks on the brow of the mountain overlooking the valley below

Young people could be seen with their "push toys" that had been purchased from one of the wood-working booths, or an older couple could be seen dancing a jig, while a group played and sang.

The general feeling one got while wandering among the booths and people was one of friendliness. There were smiles and calls of

"how are you?" heard each day.

There was entertainment both Saturday and Sunday, with everyone having a good time and looking forward to the next festival that is held in October.

The highlights of the event included singers, cloggers, good food, and the sales/display of herb plants, jewelry, decorated clothing, bird houses, bird feeders, wooden toys, pottery, quilts, wind chimes, and other crafts.

Among the entertainers were the "New Generation Dancers." They have performed at many of Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) festivals and have delighted the crowds with their performances. This group is looking for more young people to join them. They practice every Tuesday at the

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 1, 7 p.m.
Mentone City Council
City Hall

August 2, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting
Kountry Chef

Thursday, August 18, School Begins

450-Mile Outdoor Sale
August 20, 21 & 22

Saturday, September 3
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September 5, Labor Day

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

Lookout Valley Hall in Valley Head, at 6 p.m. New classes are starting in September. If you are interested in joining, you may contact Karen Wright at 634-4408 or Rhonda Wright 634-4240.

(See festival pictures on pages 8 & 9.)

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MAPA MEETING



The July MAPA meeting was held on July 6, with president Dessie Newberry presiding. Chester Crowe was appointed chaplain and opened the meeting with prayer. There were 32 members and five guests present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report. The president gave an update on the brow festival to be held July 9 and 10.

The 1994-95 officers were installed by Rev. David Lett. Following the installation, Dot Crow and Dessie Newberry, accompanied by Don Brock on the keyboard, sang a song they had composed, entitled "MAPA." The words are as follows:

Just dropped by to tell you what MAPA's all about.
On Groundhog Day in '82, it brought a few folks out.
Preserving Mentone Area is what we want to do,
With all it's natural beauty and min-er-al springs, too.
We try to help the fire hall, the American Legion, too,
Don't forget the rescue squad that's ready to help you.
May-July-October, we have festivals on the brow,
With ma-gi-cal mountain colors, outlined against the clouds.

We meet the first Tuesday each month of the year,
Make plans, have fun, and laughter, spreading lots of cheer.

We just dropped by to tell you, what MAPA's doing today,
We're adding more new members, and we-are-on-our-way!!

Penny Lyday moved to adopt the song as MAPA's theme song, and Pat Seymour seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The members then enjoyed a potluck dinner.
The next meeting is Tuesday, August 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kountry Chef. Frances Rosario, Mabel Kirk, and Pat Seymour are in charge of refreshments.



Logan Russell Chambers

HAPPY 5th BIRTHDAY

Logan Russell Chambers celebrated his 5th birthday on July 23, 1994. His birthday party was held at DeSoto State Park. (See small picture inset.) Logan lives in Mentone with his parents Rusty and Angela Chambers. Logan's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Blansit of Ringgold, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chambers of Mentone, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Kerby of Valley Head, and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Hartline of Mentone.

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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Lay aside your fears and dry your tears, dear readers--I'm back! When I last saw Josh Baggett and Buck Strickland in mid-July, I didn't really know what was going to happen in the Superette. The only good thing about all the unbelievable chaos created by "Ear Stomper" Al is that this wonderful one has had the run of the store--no hated leash!

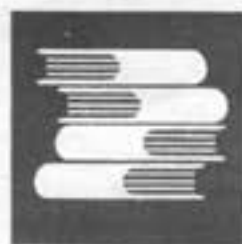
Pop has sat in a rocking chair in the store with moi right by his side being rightfully stroked and petted about my magnificent head. I could not be comforted! No children, no Willis Blalock, no Ed Jones--none of Mentone's street people have had a place to get out of the weather! And worst of all--NO WELL-DESERVED TREATS for moi; the incredible one. I've wasted away to a mere shadow of myself.

Dear devoted disciples, I cannot tell you the terrible stress moi has been under, as the stench of new paint and the banging of hammers have filled the Superette. Hairs have been burned out of my splendidly-fashioned nose, and my more-than-perfect ears have wilted with the noise!

One thought kept me going: school will be starting SOON, and the children will once again have the privilege of wallowing at my beautiful feet each afternoon. Even someone as dense as Dr. Pat can figure out that this whole deal was a thinly-veiled plot to keep famous moi from my public: jealousy of my beauty and fame were at the root of the July 16-August 1 closing of the store. When this didn't work, Al had to reopen on July 28. I rest moi case!

Good news! There may be picnic tables placed in the garden center with dip ice cream available. (Get that Willis Blalock? More to share.) Also, all the new trees and shrubbery outside will make it easier to walk Pop. Elizabeth Jones and Sible Hopper, among the street people who live at the Superette, will love the classy, new landscaping around the outside.

Well, everything is back on track, my loyal disciples have access to my awesome greatness, and treats are beginning to pour in again. God's in His heaven and all's right in The Superette! Ya'll come back, ya' hear!!



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(7) LITTLE RIVER-LAKE LANUSAGA - 5 acres with pasture, fruit orchard, rock walkway to the river, rock patio, and BBQ. Large shed with 2 wells, septic, and small building, with electricity and plumbing, which can be lived in. Also, fenced for livestock. 300 ft. of river frontage and 500 ft. of paved-road frontage. \$50,000.

(8) MENTONE CONNECTION - Prestige describes the beauty of this 2-story log and cedar home, west brow on the Parkway inside Mentone limits. 2,600 sq. ft. of spacious rooms. Large master suite w/jacuzzi bath. 3 bedrooms upstairs, 1-1/2 baths. Heart of pine plank floors through living, dining, kitchen, den areas. Double

pantry, and lots of storage closets, plus full basement. Screened porch to view the sunsets. Priced \$150,000.

(9) EAGLES BOOST - Hwy 157 North Cloudland, Ga. Breathtaking view from this 2-acre East Brow Tract, with large rock cliffs on the edge of Lookout Mountain, where the Golden Eagles soar. \$25,000. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty.

(10) COMPLETION SOON - You'll always feel relaxed in this rustic 3 br, 2 bath country cottage, with 25 ft. Cathedral ceiling in Great room. Front and back porches, and Rock fireplace. 1,300 sq. ft., exclusively presented by L.M.P.

(11) ROCKY TOP ESTATES - West Brow and wooded tracts priced from \$10,000 to \$35,000. Located across from the back entrance of DeSoto State Park on Scenic Dr. North. Restricted Covenants.



Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

An era stretching back to the 70s came to an end at **Tigers Inn** last week with the resignation of Frances Scruggs. She will continue in the food service business, working at the Rising Fawn Cafe, for her first cousin, Gene Walden. All the best wishes in the world go with Frances in her new situation. She will be sorely missed in Valley Head.

How about that new red Chevy Camaro Eric King is sporting around Mentone. Eric figures he'll have it paid for before he is 42 years old.

While in Louisville, Ky., attending her church's 88th General Assembly, July 10 through July 17, Ruby Brock suffered a nasty fall on the last day. When her shoe caught on a rock, she fell forward on her face, which was badly cut and bruised. (I never have figured out why bad things happen to good people.)

Frances (Rosario) Blix plans to attend a surprise baby shower for her granddaughter, Beth Arnold, this weekend (July 30-31) in Gainesville. She traveled to visit her daughter, Mimi Preiss in Gainesville, last weekend. During the week of July 24th, good friends Bill and Joan Sullivan from Groveland, Fla., and their son Bill, from San Francisco, Ca., were visiting Frances and Vic.

Rev. Edmund Crowe has enjoyed his visit with his granddaughter, Sue Johnson, of Brent, Ala. Sue will be going back home Sunday, July 31.

The Valley Head High School Athletic Club held a delightful \$100.00 per plate BBQ dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday, July 23, in the lunchroom of the high school. It was their first annual fund raiser, and 400 tickets were sold to boosters with many turned away. A drawing for thousands of dollars followed in the school auditorium, emceed by Jack Allen. The \$10,000 cash prize was won by Elaine Slater, a teacher from Scottsboro.

A grinding crash on Wednesday, July 14, by the side of the Little River Hardware heavily damaged Kendra Brisendine's and Jimmy Blalock's vehicles. Tabitha Brisendine, who was a passenger in the car driven by her sister, Kendra, was the most seriously hurt. Tabitha was airlifted to Erlanger in Chattanooga for treatment of her injuries.

Medical news from Louise King is not good. When I first moved to my home on Cove Road, Louise was very generous in sharing her plants with me. Best wishes to a sick neighbor!

Britt Kirby hasn't been doing too well and visited a Birmingham cardiologist on Tuesday, July 26.

I received a beautiful postcard from Rachel Hamilton, granddaughter of Bill and Sue Schwarz. Rachel accompanied Bill and Sue to Maryland to attend Sue's family reunion. Rachel has returned to Clearwater, Fla., where she lives with her mother, Chris, and sister, Gwennie.

Randy Addison, pastor of the Mentone Wesleyan Church, is vacationing with his family in Florida this week. In his absence, Rev. Gordon Stallings of Chattanooga will be the speaker at the Wesleyan Church on July 31, for the morning and evening services.

Jim Harris who has suffered with severe eye troubles is much improved. The doctors found Jim's difficulty to be caused by pressure on the eye.

Kristee Tillman was honored at a baby shower on Saturday, July 23, at Lil' Mole Run Club House.

Hostesses were Ethel Manifold, Kayla Bell, and Angie Wheat.

Luther A. Crabtree, father of Una Fay King, Wilma Meadows, and Ben Crabtree, was buried on July 20, 1994, in Mountain Home Cemetery. Grandchildren include Erma McAdams, Eddie King, and Lamar King, all of Mentone. Mr. Crabtree was preceded in death by his wife, Mamie Crabtree, and son, Billy Ray Crabtree. Sincere sympathy goes out to this fine Mentone family.

Mabel Kirk has just returned from a trip to the state of Washington. On July 14, she flew with her daughter, Amelia, to attend the wedding of Amelia's niece, Beth Brooks, daughter of Shari Wollars of Denver, Co. This was the first time Mabel had visited in the Seattle area where her husband, Frank had worked for the Navy repairing and overhauling ships. Mabel enjoyed touring the Tacoma and Seattle area and eating in restaurants overlooking the bay, and said "the view of Mount Lanier was awe inspiring, like looking at a great cathedral." Sunday they enjoyed a BBQ dinner with all of Shari's family. Mabel and Amelia flew back on Monday, July 18, and returned to Kirkwood.

Jean Matthews needs all our prayers, as she contends with a serious health situation. Jean will soon be retiring from the Alabama Department of Human Resources.

Jo Beaubé is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists.

Bobby and Linda Brown are the proud owners of a new Ford van. Bobby said I could borrow it anytime. (Liar, liar, pants on fire, I'm thinking!)

Ed and Gerry Disney have just returned from a week on Jekyll Island, Georgia. Gerry told me that she curled up with a set of "Cat Mysteries" books and lazed it up." Who deserves a vacation more than the delightful proprietors of Nippersink Lodge. Desmond, Kathy, and family accompanied his parents.

Oscar and Shirley Hessel enjoyed the sights of the Redwoods Forest area in California, and are back home in their place on Little River.

Jimmy and Lynette McCary are hosting a houseful of company this summer. Visiting have been daughter Edie and husband Ron Ham, and children Mary Kate and Scott, from Encinitas, Ca.; daughter Lynn and husband John Thomas and two children, Emily and Wiley, from New Orleans, La.; Son John and wife Merrily, and three children, John, James and Abbie; and Goodoe and Ann Rutland from Birmingham, who are building a house on the River in Mentone across from Camp DeSoto.

Marie Dillenbeck is attending a family gathering with her sister and brothers to honor their mother, Dorothy Sheldon, on her 75th birthday. The group is at Marie's sister's home in Illinois for the celebration.

Congratulations to Timothy Wayne Raughton and Shannon Lee Nadolny, both of Fort Payne, who were married on July 16, at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Ruby's Country Corner celebrated its grand re-opening on July 21. Located behind Ye Ole Heritage Hotel, the shop will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. "till you're through looking!" The store offers like-new family clothing, and hundreds of unique things, such as glassware, housewares, jewelry, etc. Owner and proprietress, Ruby Stalvey, is the mother of Phyllis Roberts and is a former resident of Mentone.

Milton and Gail Chambers have returned from a week in Indiana Rock Beach in Florida. Gail sports a tan to kill for!

Recent contributors to the front page weather picture in The Times Journal are James Britton Jr. (19), Valley Head, and Tonya Browder (7), Mentone.

Angelica Rose Westbrooks (6 lbs, 14 oz., 20-1/2" long) arrived July 5 at Riverview Hospital in Gadsden. The proud parents are Tracy Renae Westbrooks, Valley Head, and Lester Joe Combs, Hazard, Ky. Jewel Collins is the maternal grandmother; and Roger and Debra Sharp, along with Chester Westbrooks, are the fraternal grandparents.

Penny McElhaney had her 9th birthday party in the Valley Head park on July 13. Brother Allen was joint

honoree having turned 15 on July 7. Guests included Nancy and Rusty Rector, Ruth and Eugene Terrell, Carolyn Beason, Pat Seymour, Vickie Biddle, Alisha McElhaney, Alendria Shaw, Phyllis Lewis, and Marie Dillenbeck. (See Penny's picture elsewhere.)

Have you seen Mimi Lanier's tag on her white chevy station wagon? It says, "Mentone." She told me it was the only one allowed in Alabama! (See the pictures elsewhere of other automobile tags in different states with the same tag. All of the tag owners are related.)

Marshall and Annette Orr of Valley Head celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on July 22. Dinner at The Lookout Restaurant was the highlight of the event.

Charles Daniel Phillips (6 lbs, 1 oz, 20" long) was born at BMC in Fort Payne on July 8. The mother is Kristee Tillman, and the father is Clint Phillips. Dink Tillman is the maternal grandmother, and Richie and Lula Phillips are the fraternal grandparents. Ethel Manifold is the maternal great grandmother.

Thomas Wade Gardner (8 lbs, 6 oz, 11" long) was born at Riverview Hospital in Gadsden on July 1. Tommy and Edria Gardner are the parents. Grandparents are Tommy and Nellie Flarity and Tommy and Dorothy Gardner, first-time grandparents.

Over 60 friends and family attended the 5th birthday party of Logan Chambers held last Saturday, July 24, at DeSoto Park and hosted by Logan's parents, Rusty and Angela Chambers. Guests included grandparents Gail and Milton Chambers, and Jane Kirby, Angela's mother. Great-grandparents Polly and Alfred Chambers were also present. (See Logan's picture elsewhere.)

The annual Crowe reunion was held Saturday, July 2, 1994, at the home of Reverend Edmund Crowe in Mentone on DeSoto Parkway. Over 60 family members were in attendance. (See picture of the five Crowe brothers elsewhere.)

Randy Millican's youngest son, Danny Browder, from Missoula, Montana, spent the 4th of July week with his brothers and sister. They hadn't seen him in a year.

During the recent Goss Reunion held at DeSoto State Park, the Goss families celebrated the 65th Anniversary of Lightning and Flora Goss. There were approximately 50-60 people, and all of the children and most of the grandchildren and great grandchildren were there.

I will not wish you riches nor the glow of greatness, but that wherever you go, some weary heart shall gladden at your smile or dreary life no sunshine for a while. And so your path shall be a track of light, like angels' footsteps passing through the night.



Penny McElhaney on her 9th Birthday

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(4) The West Fork of Little River flows quietly by these 3-acre wooded lots with 300 feet of River Frontage. Restricted for property owner's protection. Prices starting at \$20,000.



(5) A WATER WONDERLAND-3 bedroom, 2 bath rustic cottage overlooking the East Fork of Little River. Sunroom, 2-level deck, dock in the river. A great weekend get-away. \$75,000.



(6) COMMERCIAL LOT on front with a 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with fireplace, pine floors and lots of charm! Prime downtown location on Highway 117 in Mentone. \$68,500.



(7) This one is bigger than you think-three levels. 3 bedrooms, 2 & 1/2 baths, 2 kitchens, sunroom, totally self-contained apartment possibilities on lower level. \$74,500.



(8) LANDMARK PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN MENTONE - Once housed one of the area's finest hotels. Now is the home of the White Elephant Antique Shop. \$225,000.



(9) Relaxed luxury on Little River-5 bdms, 4 baths, rec. room, 2 screened porches, rock fireplace, airy kitchen, decks galore. \$199,000.



(10) Close to DeSoto State Park-4 bdms, 3 baths, jacuzzi, fireplace, study, Jenn-Air range, rock patios, large trees, frame & rock exterior, 1 acre. \$124,500.



(11) 5 bdms, 3 baths, rock floors in great room, deck off upstairs master bdrm. Rock patios, decks on Brow side, hot tub, 3 fireplaces, lots of privacy for weekend guests. All modern conveniences. \$275,000.



(12) Unique structure - Built in the 40's, walls are double rock, 3 bdrm, 1-1/2 bath in main house, sunroom & deck overlooking the valley. Separate guest house. \$220,000.

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- (16) BUILDING LOTS available on Brow, DeSoto Parkway, Little River, and Lake Lahusage. Call 845-6000 for more information.



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Hey, Brutus, I have a message for you from a "Magnificent One" in our valley: "I am a rare and handsome Australian. My back is broad and strong like yours, O Conceited One. I nip at strange heels and am feared by meter men and others who ignore me, but I love dearly (and am loved exceedingly by) all my good neighbors who keep me stuffed with constant treats—and get this, O Conceited One, on my birthday, I received birthday cards and gifts, addressed to me, personally, through the mail. Eat your heart out, Mr. Brutus, I have more reason to strut and brag than you do!" I am neutral boys, I love you both.

A lovely bridal shower was given for Kelly Haushalter on Doris Chamlee's lawn on July 3. Those present were Edith Dean, Catherine Chamlee, Glenda and Gina Laws, Pam Dean, Debra Rhodes, Sara Haushalter, Mildred Laws, Helen Longshore, Amanda Gray, and Eloise Brown. Kelly is the bride elect of Rodney Broyles of Rainsville. The wedding will be Saturday, July 30, at Pyffe Methodist Church.

The Valley Head U.M.W. met July 26 at the home of Jane Kerby, with Mary Crow as co-hostess. Eloise Brown presided and Laura Margaret Allison gave the secretary-treasurer's report. Others present were Velma Hammond, Gladola Holleman, Elizabeth Coleman, Adelaide Biddle, Mary Louise Holleman, Geraldine Hawkins, Venna Livingston, and Melinda Adkins, who presented the program, "Touched by the Spirit," which was very reverent and inspiring.

Linda and Mickey Cobble, of Chattanooga, spent the day, recently, with his mother, Gladys Cobble.

Taylor Laws is recovering from surgery and is back in the Collinsville Nursing Home.

Frances Longshore spent a while in a Birmingham hospital, recovering from a broken leg suffered in a fall. She will receive further treatment in Fort Payne. She is missed so much, and we wish for her a quick and complete recovery.

Melinda and Jeff Adkins spent a week at Camp Sumatanga as youth counselors.

Jack McGlincy and friend, Maureen Pearson, from Bainbridge, Ga., spent the weekend with Doris and Jim Carmichael. They went to the District Swim Meet in Fort Payne. Maureen's granddaughter from Huntsville was a contestant.

Carmen Mosley, of The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, spent the weekend with her grandmother, Venna Livingston.

Geri and Mason White, from Annapolis, Md., visited Jean and Welborn Matthews, Dot and Bill Blackburn, Doris and Jim Carmichael, and other friends, recently. Mason said that he keeps up with everyone by reading *The Groundhog*. It is read by more than one in

Maryland.

Marilyn, Wayne, and Amy Hale, and Estelle and Carl Hale have gone to Huntington Beach, Ca., to attend the wedding of Marc Hale to Josette McAuley of Huntington Beach. It will be an outdoor wedding at Laguna Beach, on July 30. Marc is a Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. May they have a long and happy life together.

Death has taken some precious ones from our midst: Mary Frances Tate, Dorothy Stinson, and Ruby Hatfield. We extend sincere sympathy to their families and to all others who are ill or bereaved.

Doris and Jim Carmichael, Linda and Katy Thomas, Lucy and John Ricketts, spent five days in Gulf Shores. On Tuesday night, they attended the ceremony at Fischer, where they were proud to see William Thomas become an Eagle Scout. William will leave in August to attend The University of Alabama.

Elaine, Ricky, Dustin, and Deb Burt enjoyed the trip to Mexico Beach, Fla., which they won from the Fire Department. They stayed in Jeff Cook's condominium. They also enjoyed a cruise on the *Lady Andersen* at Panama City.

Robin Hawkins from Auburn, Robert Hawkins from Brewton, and Randall Hawkins from Chattanooga, were weekend guests of Geraldine and Howard Hawkins.

Martha Gibson and Bill and Dot Blackburn visited Linda Blackburn in Orange Park, Fla. Dot joined Linda and a group for a trip to Hawaii. They stayed three or four days at the Ocean Resort Hotel at Waikiki Beach. Their visit included touring the memorial at Pearl Harbor and basically all the surrounding islands and mountains, including the Grand Canyon of the Pacific. Other sites they visited were the cemetery where Charles Lindbergh is buried, which is in a quiet, secluded place with no high-rise buildings; and the property of Jim Nabors and other famous people. They enjoyed a lovely sunset cruise and a luau, and report that the pig was "the best thing you ever tasted!"

Ruth and Bert Pickett received a wonderful 55th wedding anniversary gift from their daughter's family—Patricia and Sid and Sid Jr. Spencer—who accompanied them, along with Billie Pickett, to Hawaii. They visited all the tourist attractions, as well as remote places that everyone does not see. They saw the place where "Blue Hawaii" was filmed, and pineapple orchards. Everyone enjoyed immensely the gorgeous weather and flowers. After they returned home, Ruth and Bert entertained international visitors. Betty Bracken and two friends from Australia spent the day, and Shaun McElhaney from Fort Payne brought two exchange students from Nice, France, to visit. They said that they love Alabama.

Sue and Foyl Cooper and grandson Matthew Alexander had a great time at the Henagar family reunion held at Henagar Park on June 16 and 17.

I attended the Tittle-Martin reunion at the Historical Society in New England July 9th. Billy Jean and Tommy Fisher from Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Blanche and Bill Fuller from Madison, Ala., came home with me. We all visited Emily and Barry Brown, who are now in their new house on Violet Hill. They expected me to bring and read a poem at the reunion. I wrote the following poem for this year.

TITTLE-MARTIN 1994 REUNION

There lives always in my memory
A place and a house that was home to me—
Originally built of logs, then weather-boarded white,
Trimmed with green shutters, it was just right.
It was not a mansion, but a cottage neat;
With open door of hospitality complete—
Where the traveler was welcome over night,
And a helping hand given in any plight—
Where friends and relatives visited frequently,
And a feast was enjoyed as it was meant to be.
Where my grandmother was born and her mother,
And my mother and her two sisters and brother,
Thanks to my father's neglect and fate's destiny,
It also became the birthplace for me.
When my parents died, my grandparents
were parents to me;
And wonderful parents they proved to be.
It was a beautiful place with hills and woods surrounding,
Blessed by God's grace, its abundance abounding.
There, flowers and roses bloomed lavishly,
And a rope swing for me hung from a Maple tree.
I roamed the woods freely with nothing to fear,
Communing with nature so near and so clear.
Orchards provided fruit for barrels to keep,
The smokehouse held delicious sausage and meat.
The house was a haven and a sanctuary,
When anyone's needs were bad or temporary,
They were welcomed and taken in,
As much their home as theirs had been—
As when Aunt Cynthia's house burned twice—
She stayed with us and it was nice.
With others, too, this home was shared—
And they were shown that someone cared.
The house weathered the storm of the Civil War,
Both sides ate from its pantry's store.
If its walls could have spoken, it could have
solved mystery,
Alas, the place is buried beneath a railroad track,
But thankfully known by the published fact,
Its original logs for all to see, are now abiding
Built into a house at Reflection Riding.
My grandmother was small but strong with might,
Without fear to stand and fight for right.
There was a child in our neighborhood
Whose father beat him harder than he should—
The boy would run to our house, in fear to hide—
His father would come, she would not step aside,
But confront him and stand protective between
Until he would promise no more to be mean.
My grandfather had been a teacher and was very smart,
And well read—he made books dear to my heart.
When candidate for judge, over the county he walked,
Met the people face to face and honestly talked.
Many things of that place, I remember and treasure—
Most of all my grandparents' characters beyond measure.
Hard working—honesty and clean thinking minds—
Whose words were the kind that keeps and binds,
And never a dirty or blasphemous word in that home,
in that house was ever heard.
There are many happy moments in my memory,
But of my grandparents' love and character
Are the most precious to me!
I didn't know how to appreciate them back then,
I thought everyone was like that—what a rude awakening
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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Reverend Randy Addison and family, Herman and Mattie Golden, and James and Betty Johnson from the Mentone Wesleyan Church attended the Delta District Camp and Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, the week of July 18. The Addisons are spending a week in Florida on vacation. Rev. Gordon Stallings from Chattanooga will speak in both the morning and evening services on Sunday, July 31.

"Youth After Glow," at the Valley Head Baptist Church will continue until school starts. There will be a Valley Head Baptist Bash on August 6 at Sequoyah Caverns. There will also be games, singing, special gospel music with quartets and other special singers, barbecue, and lots of fun. This will include all of the church membership. Interest in the puppet ministry is increasing. Janet Cooper and Runae Burt are in charge. They have done one presentation already.

During the week of August 8-14, the Mentone Church of God will hold its International General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas. Delegates from all over the world come together for the purpose of planning and examining the church program and vision.

St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church continues to have communion every Wednesday at 12:05. Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church youth had a retreat from July 25-29, at Fort Yargo State Park in Georgia.

Brad VanCleave, Youth Director, has resigned to go into another field of service. There will be a dinner for him and his wife, Kathy, on Sunday, July 31, following the morning service. Vacation Bible School was successful with a high attendance of 40.

On August 7, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy is celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day. The church is launching into a new endeavor for the next two years entitled, "Turning to the Harvest." It is a re-focus on reaching the lost.

The UMW of the Valley Head Methodist Church met with Mary Crow and Jane Kerby on Tuesday, July 26. Melinda Adkins had the program. On Sunday, July 31, there will be special music in the service. The Fifth Sunday Community Service will be held at the Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church, with Jeff Adkins speaking in the service. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. and worship services at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites everyone to attend the Sunday morning worship services each Sunday at 9:00.

Vacation Bible School at the Mentone United Methodist Church will be held during the week of August 8-12. (See notice elsewhere.) Revival Services will be held Sunday, August 14, through Wednesday, August 17, at 7 p.m. each night. Rev. Bill Saxon, pastor of 1st United Methodist Church in Childersburg will be conducting the services. There will be special music each night.

Those wishing to send letters of recommendation on behalf of Michael Stephens may send letters to Honorable A.J. McNamara, c/o Suzanna Seto, 501 Magazine Street, Room 505, New Orleans, LA 70130. These need to be in the hands of the judge by August 24.

The Mentone Revival Center just completed a revival at their church. Many lives were saved. They hope to expand their church, and ask for prayers to guide them in this expansion.

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Sally Sharp

Sally Sharp of Gaylesville has been awarded a 1-year, full tuition scholarship to Jacksonville State University. She was awarded this scholarship based on leadership abilities. Sally plans to major in secondary education. A 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School, she was editor of the yearbook, secretary of the Beta Club, historian of the Student Council, member of the Bible Club, and member of the Pep Club. She is an active member of the Valley Head Baptist Church youth group. Sally is the daughter of Nancy and Darrell Kelley and the late Tony Sharp.

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Sand Art



Bill Boatright, of Fort Payne, Ala., accepting
the \$100.00 from Ed Ringer of American
Legion Post 215. The drawing was held on
Sunday afternoon, July 10.



Charlie Buford's Yard Birds



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HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat Seymour

FISHING AT NIGHT: If you're going to beat the South's oppressive heat by fishing at night this summer, take a tip from airline pilots, submariners, and mature astronomers: Mask your flashlight with red plastic to help keep your pupils from contracting, thus ruining your night vision. Some military and police-style flashlights come with accessory red filters, but even red cellophane held on with a rubber band will help. Two other benefits: red light attracts fewer biting insects, and it doesn't scare fish in shallow water.

WASH YOUR HANDS AND SPIT ON YOUR HOOK: Have you ever noticed how some people catch fewer fish than others, even though they look like they know what they're doing? You may be one of those fishermen, and the reason may be the smell of your hands. You see, fish can detect odors amazingly well underwater. They constantly monitor the smell of water as it flows in the front opening of their nostrils, goes through their olfactory sac, and then flows out their back nostril openings.

A trout, for example, can smell one drop of gasoline in 500,000 barrels of water—and it doesn't like the smell. So, if you carry a can of gas to your boat and get some on your fingers, the smell may rub off on your lures, and fish might avoid them because they smell bad. In fact, researchers have found that any fish is likely to accept or reject the bit or lure you put on the end of your line because of some of the smells you have on your hands.

Things that smell bad to fish include gasoline and motor oil, suntan lotion, insect repellent, and perfumed soap.

Other things—like grass and leaves, soda pop, fruit juice, and unscented soap—seem to have neutral smells. And they may even help hide unpleasant odors.

Then, there are those smells that fish appear to like. The smell of natural baits, such as worm and leeches, is an obvious example. But fish also go for the smell of milk, cheese, and even the enzymes found in human saliva.

So, the next time you aren't catching any fish, think about what you've had in your hands. If it's something that might smell bad to fish, try washing your hands with unscented soap or mashed worms. And be sure to spit on your hook.

THAT CURIOUS CURL: Have you ever noticed that on nearly every whitetail rack one antler has a tighter curl than the other? When the Whitetail Classic visited Green Bay, Wisconsin, an expert addressed the issue. He reported that, when a whitetail buck sleeps, he lays his head on the ground with the weight of his head on the bottom antler. During summer, the soft-velvet-covered antler takes on the deformity. Prevailing winds in an area cause deer to sleep on one side more often than the other (facing the wind); hence, a noticeable curl in only

one antler. The bottom antler of a sleeping deer is also often larger than the top one. This is due to the increased blood flow to that growing antler. The top antler, on the other hand, "falls asleep" and becomes slightly undernourished.

TIPS TO HELP DRIVERS AVOID COLLISIONS WITH DEER:

- Always slow down when a deer crosses the road in front of you or another car, or if you see a deer near the roadside. Deer are unpredictable; the whitetail you see grazing calmly beside the shoulder may suddenly bolt across the road.

- Be especially cautious when driving in heavily wooded areas in the early morning and late evening when deer are especially active.

- Long dry spells in late summer and early fall often force deer to cross roads they normally might avoid.

- If a deer runs into the path of your car, slow down as much as possible, but resist the urge to swerve off the road or into another lane to avoid a collision.

TURKEYS: Don't insist that toms vocalize as they come in to your calls in spring. If you have located a good area with fresh sign, sometimes it pays to spend an hour or two in one spot even without a response. Stray birds will often come slinking in without making a peep if you show patience and have chosen your spot well. Call every 10 or 15 minutes, then wait.

BY THE WAY: Hanging your rubber waders or hip boots in a dark, well-ventilated closet will not prevent the cracking and deterioration caused by ozone. You can add years to the life of rubber boots or waders by drying them thoroughly, and then storing them in a tightly sealed, heavy plastic trash bag.

USE FOOD REWARDS (such as thin slices of hot dog) to teach a pup to come when called. Two people can call the pup back and forth, rewarding it for each obedient response. When the pup's response becomes reliable, gradually replace the pleasure of the food reward with an affectionate pat. This way, the pup learns that coming when called always brings it pleasure.

GODZILLA OF A WORM: There's a kind of earthworm in Australia that looks as if it could catch a really big fish. That is, if you had a hook big enough to hold it. These "giant earthworms" can grow up to 6 feet long.

BIGGER THAN BIG: What's bigger—a lion, tiger, or bear? Depends on which bear.

The Alaskan brown bear can grow as big as two or three average lions or tigers, up to 1,500 pounds. It is the largest living omnivore.



Tamara Ann Tate

Mrs. and Mrs. Tony L. Bobo of Decatur, Ga., announce the marriage of their daughter, Tamara Ann, to David Scott Tate, son of Ms. Eleanor P. Tate and Mr. Reggie A. Tate of Mentone. The June 18 ceremony was performed by the Rev. Olan C. Pruitt and Father Oscar J. Hussell at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone.

The reception dinner was held at the Lil' Mole Golf Club. Laure A. McElrone of Acworth, Ga., was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Tonia L. Bobo and Kristie L. Mullis of Decatur, Ga.; Tamara A. Payne of Stone Mountain, Ga.; Whitney S. Cain of Griffin, Ga.; Marianne D. Smitherman of Montgomery; and Ronne L. Trager of Maywood, N.J.

Christopher E. Sanspree of Birmingham served as best man, and groomsmen were Reggie A. Tate, James A. Tate, Johnathan Tate, and Danny E. Burge of Mentone, Jeffery A. Poff of Fort Payne, and Jeffery W. Mosher of Marietta, Ga.

Christopher B. Altman of Albertville, nephew of the bride, served as the ring bearer and Kristen D. Bobo of Collinsville, also the bride's niece, served as flower girl.

The bride is a graduating senior at Auburn University, and the groom is employed by DeKalb County School System, Decatur, Ga., as a teacher and coach.

After a honeymoon trip to Beach Mountain, N.C., the couple will live in Auburn.

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MENTONE RECYCLING JUNK!

By Fran Hawkins



We've all heard the old saw--"one man's junk is another's treasure." I know, from personal experience, both of my daughters love yard sales, thrift stores, and Trade Day. My house fills with these "treasures" on a regular basis. But, the "junk" that gets my goat most is "junk mail!" Every day, there are at least one--more often, three or four envelopes, magazines, catalogs, or flyers wanting me to buy something. All of it ends up in my mixed paper recycling bins for me to haul out again. Hauling things is not my favorite pastime, so I've spent some time recently figuring out ways to stop hauling it in, in the first place.

The junk mail that we Americans receive each day could produce enough energy to heat 250,000 homes. I'm sure that some of my Mentone neighbors do just that--start fires with it! But, did you know that the average "junk mail" received by each and every household in one year is the equivalent of 1-1/2 trees. So, even those with fireplaces and wood stoves--take heed! --that adds up to about 100 million trees a year! How often do you actually read all those "generous, incredible, fantastic, absolutely free" offers?

Here are a few simple things to do if you want to stop at least part of it:

1. Write to MAIL PREFERENCE SERVICE, DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION, 11 West 42nd St., P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY 10163-3861. Ask them to stop your name(s) from being sold to large mailing list companies. Remember to give them all variations on your name--we're dealing with computers here! This can reduce your junk mail up to 75%.

2. Many offers you get in the mail come with return postage-paid envelopes. Take a few minutes to reply--tear or cut up any part of the offer that has your name on it. Write on it "Take my name off your mailing list, Please!" Then, fold up every scrap of paper you received with this "generous, incredible, fantastic" offer, including the envelope it came in and mail it back, "absolutely free!"

3. And, of course, recycle the junk mail you can't mail back. If it's printed on newsprint, toss it in with your newspapers. If it's quality paper, make a separate pile of it--most recyclers call this "mixed paper"--catalogs, flyers, etc. Envelopes are recyclable too, as long as you remove any plastic windows.

Well, that's my pet peeve of the month! Any pet peeves you have--please let me know! Here are this month's list of recycling centers:

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Gadsden -- Mindis Recycling Co., 205-538-7891

On Lake Gray Road, Note: reverify by phone before making a trip, as they change acceptable material frequently.

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Material Accepted: Copper, glass, car batteries

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Material Accepted: Newspapers; plastics--yellow & clear milk jugs; mixed plastics--sort at site OK; mixed paper--junk mail, magazines, catalogs, school and computer paper (packed together OK); cardboard--flatten boxes; aluminum--cans & foil (packed together OK); tin & steel (packed together OK).

Rome -- Floyd County Recycling Center,

706-291-5266, 405 Watters St., Rome

Material Accepted: Glass, aluminum, #s 1 & 2 plastics, newspapers, white & computer paper, corrugated cardboard, paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.), mixed paper, steel cans, polystyrene, motor oil, phone books, paper & plastic bags, all types of books (hardback and paperback), and magazines.

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GARDEN HINTS by Madeleine Bullock

This past spring, everything outside started growing like a jungle, and the so-called forest surrounding our home surpasses any other jungle I have seen, with the exception of the one in Manaus, Brazil. Goodness, I believe that it waited till you turned your head, then leapt into gigantic growth spurts! It was scary. I used to think that when I woke up one morning, I would find that it had one of its gigantic growing spurts and had engulfed and smothered the house with me in it just looking at it, I was sure that I could see it growing and getting nearer the house. Just the thought of going near it scared me, very much like Alabama now, with the heat, rain, and things growing so wildly.

But I will never complain about too much rain, being raised in Kenya, which has a rainy season and a dry season, you say a "thank you" to God for any form of moisture from the sky, to keep the grasslands green and growing so that the beautiful animals stay and not migrate to greener pastures down south, which is what they did during the drought in the 1980's. Most of them did not come back, and that was bad for the country, as it relies a great deal on the tourist trade.

O.K. I think I have thanked the rain enough for today, and now on to what the title of this is about.

The past month, I had to solve a couple of garden and yard problems, I had noticed the oaks and roses slowly but surely dying, and a pear tree that did not grow, especially with all the rain and compost it had been getting.

First, the pear tree has what the book calls, "fire blight," all the leaves started turning black at the tips, the only solution is to cut it down and burn it as fire blight spreads. I did not cut it down, but I did cut off all the leaves. In winter, I will prune it back drastically, hoping I can save it. I will know for sure next spring.

The other two problems were a little easier to handle. It was borers that had gotten to them. The signs are easy to spot; with the roses, check the tops of the pruned canes, if there is a hole going in, it has a borer, which looks like a big black ant with a brown head. With the oak, check for some sawdust at the base, then look for the hole, it will be quite big. The book suggests running a wire into the hole to first try and hook out the borer, the oak borer looks like a very big black beetle.

If it was not possible to hook the borer out, you can make some home-made nicotine sulphate. I could not find any in any of the stores around here. Nicotine sulphate is a substance found in tobacco leaves. I decided to buy a block of chewing tobacco, steep it in water to use it in the sprayer, and spray into the holes of the borers. Use one block to one gallon of water to steep, then dilute it in the sprayer, half gallon steeped juice to two gallons of water. Wash out the sprayer if you intend to use it on tomatoes, as any form of tobacco will kill a tomato plant.

If you decide to cut or prune roses, seal the canes with a bit of shellac or wax.

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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

A STORY OF FISH

Everyone hereabouts knows of my deep concern for the Little River, Mentone, and the whole area in general. So, when I hear of something good happening, I do like to pass it on through The Groundhog.

Just the other day, I heard of some research being done to develop a fish which will be exceedingly well suited to this area. Taking note of the serious problem in the far northwest, the Columbia River basin, concerning the depletion of salmon, the researchers selected the coho salmon as their starting point. If the fish could be genetically altered; perhaps, it would find the southeast appealing, would prosper here, and provide for some different type of sport fishing. Maybe, even increase in numbers to the point where commercial fishing was possible. Then, perhaps, the hybrid could be transplanted back to the northwest and, thus, save the salmon. A worthy ambition.

Of course, coho salmon like cold water and migrate from fresh streams to the ocean and then return to their stream of birth to spawn and thus produce the next generation.

So, in an effort to negate the necessity for migration, and, at the same time, adapt the fish to a warmer climate, the salmon was mated to a walleyed pike. Now, the walleyed pike is well adapted to the warmer climate and is content to stay in a stream or lake. It isn't necessary for the pike to move great distances and into salt sea water.

It appeared that the new specie, call co-wall, might just do very well. It was a good sized fish, grew fast on the food which occurred naturally in southern waters, and the fishermen loved it, for it struck readily at artificial bait and fought admirably for a short time. The fact that it was slow to breed was OK, because it was easily generated in fish hatcheries.

There was one really bad characteristic that had to be bred out of the fish before it would be generally accepted. The co-wall had a terrible taste, some likened it to light machine oil, and others to things, which—gentle reader—you really don't want to read about.

So, in spite of several years of effort, this group still didn't have the new fish they wanted. Back to the drawing board, so to speak.

With all of the good characteristics in the co-wall, the researchers didn't want to abandon it, but merely modify it slightly. After an exhaustive search, they selected the northern muskie as just the fish to use for their next tests. It had most of the features of the co-wall; and, in addition, it had a wonderful taste. So, that fish was used to hybridize the co-wall.

The research group's only question was would the muskies preference for cold water show up in the new fish? Miracle-of-miracles, the cold water preference did not show up! However, there was one small problem...it took them six months to teach that dumb co-wall-skie how to swim.

Sorry folks, but I just couldn't resist. See you next month. In the meantime, kill Japanese beetles, and be nice to each other.



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I ran across two recipes that I have enjoyed, and I thought some of you might like them, too. My friend, Elvira Glover, gave me this easy recipe for Microwave Peanut Brittle. It does away with temperature monitoring. The Chocolate Cherry Upside Down Cake is one my aunt Mary Jane had at a family gathering a few years ago. This is a good dessert for those who suffer from allergies to milk products.

Microwave Peanut Brittle

Elvira Glover

In 1-1/2 quart microwave safe casserole, stir together:
1-1/2 C raw peanuts, shelled with skins on.
1 C granulated sugar
1/2 C light corn syrup
1/8 t salt (See other ingredients below.)

Cook 4 minutes on high; stir well, then cook 4 more minutes on high. Stir in 1 t butter and 1 t vanilla, and cook 2 more minutes on high (3 or 4 minutes more of cooking may be needed. Mixture should change to a light tan color.) Add 1 t baking soda, stir quickly until light and foamy. Pour very thinly into lightly-oiled baking sheet. When cool, break into small pieces. Store in airtight container.

Chocolate Cherry Upside Down Cake

Mary Jane DeWitt

1 T cold water	1 t baking soda
1 T cornstarch	1/2 t salt
1/4-1/2 t almond extract (optional)	1 C water
1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling	1/3 C vegetable oil
1-2/3 C all purpose flour	1 t vinegar
1 C sugar	1/2 t vanilla
1/4 C cocoa	non-dairy topping

In medium bowl, combine cold water, cornstarch, and almond extract. Spread evenly in bottom of ungreased 9" square pan, set aside. In medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, and salt. Add water, oil, vinegar, and vanilla. Pour evenly over cherries. Bake 40-45 minutes, or until tests done in 350° oven. Cool 10 minutes, invert onto serving plate, and serve with sweetened whipped cream or non-dairy topping.



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By Jim Gaylord

July was another busy month for the DeSoto Rescue Squad. The calls were somewhat varied, with 8 accident calls and 3 home medical calls. A total of 14 patients were assisted. We also had one search and one rope rescue, and we were called to furnish lights at an accident on I-59 in the middle of the night.

To help raise funds, on July 9, at the Mentone Brow Festival, we sold sausage biscuits and coffee, and later in the day, hot dogs. We also took blood pressures. This gave us a chance to get out and let people know what we do. The photos from the photo fund raiser came back. We want to thank each one of you for all of your support. We finally have been able to order and receive some much needed equipment. The functions mentioned above have provided some of the extra funds that we needed. We purchased and replaced our medical supplies. A new basket stretcher and a 16-ft. ladder to assist us in varied rescues are recent purchases, too, along with six more pagers which we use to alert our personnel when there is a call.

At this time, we would like to thank the members of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department for their assistance at a very bad accident at the corner of Hwy 117 and Dempsey Avenue (by the Little River Hardware). A door on a small car was jammed shut and had to be opened by the "Jaws of Life." We have some very dedicated volunteers in our area, and we all need to support them with our courtesy, donations, and where possible, give the organizations a little of our time and talents. Everyone owes their community some of their time and talents.

Let's all remember the next time you see an emergency vehicle with siren and lights blaring, please pull over to the right shoulder of the road and stop. We could be on the way to your house or to help one of your loved ones. If you are in need of our services, please call 911, state your emergency, and give good directions, so that we can get to your location as quickly as possible. A few seconds giving good directions can save us minutes when responding to your call.

We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer and will be just a little bit more careful in all that you do. Remember, that an accident only takes a second to happen, but possibly years to get over. God bless and keep you. Drive carefully, buckle up, and don't drink and drive. School is starting soon, so be watchful for the children going and coming from school.

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Paul A. and Genevieve Shanklin

June 30, 1994, marked the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Shanklin. They celebrated the occasion with their sons, Ron, Ken, and Tom, and their families, including seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Paul, now 86, and Genevieve, now 83, were residents of Cuba, Missouri, and very active in that community for more than 30 years. They owned and operated the Shanklin Funeral Homes located in Cuba, Bourghon, and Leasburg. In 1972, they sold the business and retired.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shanklin have lived in Valley Head, Ala., since January 1987. They love the beauty of the area and the friendly atmosphere. Their son, Tom Sr., and his family live nearby. Son, Ron, and family live in Gadsden; and son, Ken, and family live in the Nashville, Tenn., area.



HAPPY 92nd BIRTHDAY TO WILLIE B. MEADOWS

On July 27, Willie B. Meadows turned 92 years old. Celebrating with Willie were his children:

Herbert Meadows - Rossville, Ga.

Katie Johnson- Chattanooga, Tenn.

Howard Meadows - Valley Head, Ala.

Mary Thurman - Sylvania, Ala.

Wayne, Treamon, and Johnny Meadows - Mentone, Ala.

Lina Benefield and Clarence Meadows - Ft. Payne, Ala.

Willie was featured in "A Father's Day Tribute" in the Fort Payne Times-Journal Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19 issue.



Michelle Martin, Amy Harrison, DeAnna Harris, Tammy Hopper, Kim Worthey, Bride & Groom: Krissy Worthey Harris and Phil Harris, Spencer Harris, Tommy Harrison, Alan Smith, Todd Simpson, Kevin Worthey, flower girls: Katy and Lindsey Huff, and Ringbearer: Logan Chambers.



WORTHY - HARRIS WEDDING

Krissy Worthey and Phil Harris united in marriage June 18 in a beautiful candlelight ceremony at Northside Baptist Church, Ft. Payne. Parents: Gail and Milton Chambers of Mentone and the late Edward R. Worthey. Bill and Valendia Miracle, also of Mentone, and the late Michael Harris.

The couple honeymooned in Gulf Shores, and now reside in Fort Payne.



HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY SHELLEN

from her daughter, Marie Dillenbeck

On August 1, Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will turn 75 years young. A birthday celebration is planned in Oquaka, Illinois, where her children will gather to join her in celebrating this joyous event. Those attending will be Marie from Mentone, Ala., Wayne Shelden and wife, Peggy, from Jacksonville, N.C.; Dale Shelden and wife, Tessie, from Las Cruces, N.M.; and Lois Wagy and husband, Ron, from Oquaka. Many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren from the Illinois area will also be at the celebration. Those attending from out of state are: Teresa and Jody Brown, with great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Katherine, Jolee, and Robert, from Gulfport, Miss. Doug Wagy and wife, from the Atlanta, Ga., area.



Russell - Dillenbeck Wedding

Yang Kumi Russell and Walter J. Dillenbeck, Jr., were united in marriage Friday, July 8, in a candlelight ceremony at the Korean First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. The minister was Rev. Charles Godwin. Lim Su-Kyung provided the music. The flower girl was Amber Knight. Friends and family attended the beautiful ceremony. Those family members attending for the groom were: mother, Marie Dillenbeck, Mentone; grandmother, Dorothy Shelden, Las Cruces, N.M.; and brother Randy and wife, Brenda, and children, Brian and Tammy, from Brenham, Tex.

The couple honeymooned in Gatlinburg, Tenn. They reside in Madison, Ala.

STEPHANIE RICKMAN GRADUATES

Stephanie Rickman graduated from Asbury College in May with a major in Psychology. She has accepted a position on the staff of the Indiana Wesleyan University at Marion, Indiana. Stephanie is the daughter of Mickey and Sue Rickman, the granddaughter of James and Betty Johnson, and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Grace Jones and the late Horace Jones.



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We are in the midst of summer. Good fresh farm produce is in abundance at little markets on the roadsides. This is the time of year to feast on the good things the good earth gives back to us from tiny seeds sown earlier in the spring. A fresh salad from garden-grown leaf lettuce and green onions spread with a light dressing of vinegar and oil is one of the most delightful rewards for growing one's own vegetables. The lettuce must be fresh to have the best flavor. Then comes home-grown tomatoes, good hand-picked and snapped green beans, and tender sweet corn cut off the cobb and scraped cream style. Make cornbread sticks and iced tea and you have reached the zenith of culinary (or country gourmet) perfection. Those of us who love to eat can drool over this type of food. We don't have a thing growing in the vegetable line, but will soon. I have a few spots between flowers where I can place squash, tomatoes, and peppers. Last year, we grew peppers and tomatoes in containers, and they were good.

The lovely, long days of summer are so good here on the mountain where there is usually a cooling breeze. The nights are cool and sleep inducing.

The morning songs of the birds are a simple pleasure. At our house, we have many doves and cardinals, and the humming birds are flitting so fast, it's hard for the eye to follow them. Our raccoon visits regularly, because we provide food for him. One night, I looked out the sliding doors leading to the deck and could just see rows of rings, and I knew our friend was looking for a handout. I turned on the outside light, and he just turned that cute little face and looked at me without any fear. We will continue to feed him (or her)!

The rain has been a bit of a hindrance to those of us who work in gardens or mow lawns, but the nice thing

is that it's remained cool. There is an advantage to every situation, the best one for us this summer was living on higher ground—no flooding here.

We had our Crow reunion the 2nd of July and enjoyed a day of feasting, sharing stories, making photographs, and sharing those in albums. For months, I have been looking through albums and sorting negatives to have reproduced of Jennifer's pictures. Since we lost our precious granddaughter, every little insignificant photo is very important. I have made an album of her from birth to marriage. In sorting through old film, I have found pictures to have remade of ancestors several generations back. They are so precious to our grandchildren when they are looking at great, great grandparents, uncles, and aunts. I am trying to get copies made from old pictures for the heads of each family of Crows who are descendants of Lee and Fannie. We enjoyed a good meal at Western Sizzlin' in Ft. Payne, and went for fun and games and dessert to the homeplace, which is Chester and Lucille's home. All of Homer's brothers and one sister were present. Frances Crowe and her daughter, Lila Pettet, and Lila's daughter, Debra, and her son Corey, were here from Clinton, Tenn. Homer and me, son Barry, daughter Joyce and husband Gregg Cooper and son Lee from Columbia, S.C., daughter Doreen and husband Jerry Waters; Chester, Lucille, and children, Leroy & wife Joanne and son Johnny, Cecil and wife Pat and son Gregg. Their son, Olen and family could not make it this year. Lester and Annice and son Curtis with his wife Margaret and son, Andy, daughter Patricia and husband Harold Armes with daughter Brittany, all are from the Clinton, Tenn. area. Jesse was alone. He only has a granddaughter, Misti Crow, of Chattanooga, who could not be present. Mildred Crow Burgess, husband Dennis, daughter Darla Bante and son, Sean, came from Dallas; Son Mark Burgess; Dewey Crow and wife Pam and son Daniel from Ft. Payne.

It did not rain on us. The children had fun getting acquainted and playing games. There were also games for the third generation who still had energy to spend. Those of us who are now the older generation enjoyed looking through picture albums and making more snapshots and movies for posterity. There were other reunions here at Mentone the same day: the Pullen family and the descendants of Finn Crowe also met at Rev. Edmund Crowe's home.

The song of the cicadas are in perfect cadence every evening and can lull one to sleep—one of late summer's pleasures.



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Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, July 12, 1994, at the home of Hattie Lide. There were 18 present, including one guest, Linda Whitney. Hostesses with Hattie Lide were Virginia Bassage, Marie Dillenbeck, and Pat Seymour.

The President Ann Wright led the reading of the Collect. Marie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president announced that Frances Rosario Blix had called and resigned as secretary. There were no minutes as Bernise Crow, Interim Secretary, was absent.

The president announced that Bernise sent a memorial contribution to the Garden Club in memory of Betty Stephens.

In the absence of Lynette McCary, Marie presented her report on the response she received from the power company as a result of a letter she wrote concerning spraying of the roadsides and the killing of the trailing arbutus. Those who wish to keep the roadside on their property clean may do so, and there will be no spraying in those areas. However, one must contact the power company and let them know you will care for the area on your property.

The ways and means committee held a drawing for a surprise package donated by Ann Wright. Marie Dillenbeck was the winner.

There was no new business.

Sue Schwarz, who was scheduled to present the program, was unable to be at the meeting. Marie Dillenbeck showed the 40-minute Escape video entitled, "Eagles," that was part of the program. It was an open window to the sights, sounds, and emotions that surround the bald eagle. The video balanced music and natural sounds as it presented factual information about the birds and their behaviors.

The next meeting will be held at the Mentone City Hall on Tuesday, August 9. The program is a "Second Time Around Workshop." The hostesses will be Lynette McCary, Shirley Hussell, and Anne Jackson.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

The Friends of Little River held their annual membership and board meeting on Tuesday, July 26, at 7 p.m., at Fischer Rescue Squad Building.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the 1994-95 year, and there were no nominations from the floor. The following officers were elected:

President - Desmond Disney
Vice President - Rick Chapman
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck
Treasurer - Sue Schwarz
Parliamentarian - Don Lucy
Member at Large - Joe Wright
Member at Large - Tory Milazzo

Following the election of officers and the business meeting, Don Forrester with the National Parks Service, and Steve Foster with ADEM, each spoke to the group.

The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of August, August 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fischer Rescue Squad Building.

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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

Work is being done on the Menlo School gym and grounds in preparation for the opening day of school.

Due to the wet weather, construction of both the supermarket and sports complex have been put on hold.

Mr. Lee Roy "Bud" Tucker, 72, Menlo, died Tuesday afternoon, July 12, in a Rome, Ga., Hospital. Mr. Tucker was born in Cherokee County, Ala., on Dec. 13, 1921, the son of the late Odus P. and Ethel Reynolds Tucker. He was retired from the Georgia Rug Mill, was a veteran of World War II, was a member of Alpine Lodge 211, and was a member of the VFW and the DAV. Mr. Tucker was a member of the Menlo First Baptist Church and was serving as Councilman for the City of Menlo.

Survivors include his widow, Virginia Wofford Tucker, Menlo; one daughter and son-in-law, Marsha T. and Bob Farrow, Summerville; one son and daughter-in-law, Dale L. and Carolyn W. Tucker; four grandchildren, Ashley and Megan Farrow and Autumn and Savannah Tucker; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were held at Thursday, July 14, in the Menlo First Baptist Church with the Revs. Kenny Roach and Jimmy Tanner officiating. Interment was in the AMI Cemetery.

Bud Tucker will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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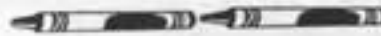
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DeKalb County Girl Scouts have had a very busy and productive year. Girl Scout Day Camp was held recently at Henagar Park with over 50 girls and 20 volunteers and leaders attending. During the Camp, they worked on badges about wildlife and the environment and visited DeSoto State Park where they enjoyed several programs. While at the Park, they presented Ranger Ken Thomas with a plaque in appreciation of his invaluable help to Girl Scouts.

A proud moment for all DeKalb County Girl Scouts was shared when Emily Hays, a Senior Girl Scout from Plainview, became the second girl from DeKalb County to earn the "Girl Scout Gold Award," the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Much as been accomplished by DeKalb County girls in the way of Community Service Projects. They provided Care Baskets for nursing home patients, gave an ice cream social for residents of The Fountains, cleaned up parks, planted shrubs, and helped the public libraries in the county.

Each Service Unit held "Bridging and Awards Day," Girl Scout Birthday Celebrations, and "International Banquets." They held a Diversity Event, "Walk-a-Mile in My Shoes," at the VFW in Fort Payne, where girls learned to appreciate diversity through work shops prepared by Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

JoAnn Pearson, a Rainsville resident and the District Director for Girl Scouts of North Alabama in Dekalb, Jackson, and Marshall Counties, says, "None of these activities could have happened without the support of our great volunteers, generous Girl Scout troop sponsors, and the wonderful businesses and individuals that support our United Givers Fund in DeKalb County."

Ms. Pearson reminds all girls that the fall "Girl Scout Roundups" will be starting soon and invites everyone to "sign up and join the fun." For more information, call (205) 582-0093 or (205) 883-1020.

Girl Scouts of North Alabama is one of 15 agencies supported by contributions to the annual United Givers Fund Campaign.



The photographs are of cars in one family from three (3) states that have "Mentone" license plates. Their houses are on the river next to Camp Laney.
Virginia: Lucie Stephens Holland (Mrs. Steve)
Tennessee: Gerry U. Stephens
Alabama: Martha Shorter Stephens Lanier (Mrs. Munro)
Gerry and Martha Shorter are brother and sister. He lives in Chattanooga; she lives in Birmingham. Lucie is Gerry's daughter and lives in Alexandria, VA. Lucie submitted the photographs.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1994 100 YEARS OLD

Continuing a tradition that began a century ago this year, the Mentone United Methodist Church will sponsor a vacation Bible school August 8 through 12. All children in the community between the ages 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to attend.

In May and June 1894, Mrs. D. T. Miles, wife of the pastor of the Methodist church in Hopedale, Illinois, organized the first known vacation Bible school in the United States. That school enrolled about forty children and lasted four weeks. It was held in a public school building and an adjoining park.

The children studied the Bible, including finding references, spelling Bible names, learning the geography of the Bible stories, and memorizing Bible passages. Parents contributed a dollar for each child to cover the cost of supplies, many of which are still indispensable for vacation Bible schools today—modeling clay, sewing materials, picture cards, and topographical "sand maps."

After a century, the vacation Bible school is still a highlight of many children's summer vacation. "Beneath the Storytelling Tree—Parables Jesus Told" is the theme for this year's school.

There is room "Beneath The Storytelling Tree" for your child. School will be in session from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon each of the five days. Parents or students may register or obtain additional information by calling Gail Gaylord, at 634-4535.

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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Ecc. 8:11

Sometimes, we look at the evil work that's going on around us, and we wonder why God allows it to continue. But, I know that it shall be well with them that fear God. I also know that God will bring every work into judgment in His own time, even the secret things.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association met on July 11, and installed new officers as follows:

President - Reverend Charles Jenkins,
Pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church
Vice-President - Reverend Don Brock,
Pastor of Mentone Church of God of Prophecy
Secretary - Reverend Oscar Hussel,
St. Joseph's Episcopal Church.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 6, at 8:30 a.m. at the Kountry Chef.

J.O.Y

There will be no meeting in August of the Just Older Youth. The next meeting will be on September 20. Everybody is expected back in September with a lot of enthusiasm.

NARFE: The DeKalb County Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Tuesday August 16, at Western Sizzlin at 10 a.m. After the business meeting, Tax Assessor Karen Albrecht will be the guest speaker.

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Sandra Gray.