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MISS ANNIE, GRANDMOTHER AND SUPER VOLUNTEER

By Lisa Moore

In 1980, Alabama's DeKalb County, Volume One, Early History of Fort Payne and DeKalb County, by Annie Koger Young, was published by Stewart University Press, Centre, Alabama. From that book, the following information was taken.

Annie Koger Young, librarian, DeKalb County Public Library, Fort Payne, Alabama, was born 28 June 1911, five miles north of Valley Head, in DeKalb County, daughter of Charles Preston and Lula (Gifford) Koger, granddaughter of William and Margaret Irene (Bouldin) Koger, and of Thomas Van and Mary Ann (Ellis) Gifford. The Kogers and the Giffords were early settlers of Jackson County, and moved at an early age to enter lands bought from the Government in upper DeKalb County.

Annie Koger finished the eighth grade in a one-room, one-teacher school. Years later, after her children grew up, she had the opportunity to finish high school and take a few college courses. She has worked at the DeKalb County Library since 1958. 'I really have enjoyed it,' she said.

On 3 April 1932, at Trenton, Ga., Annie Koger married John Esley Young, son of Albert T. and Rebecca (O'Dell) Young, of Ider, Alabama. Mr. Young is deceased.

I have seven wonderful children and fourteen grandchildren", said Mrs. Young. Carolyn is married to Duane Hicks. They have one son Roger Duane Hicks. Peggy is married to Royce Howard. They have two daughters, Pamela and Donna. Sharlie is married to Doys Harcrow. They have a daughter Ann and a son Andrew. Wanda is married to Glen Black. They have two daughters and two sons, Lynn, Lisa, Alan, and Christopher. Johnny is married to Anna Chen, whom he met at Auburn. They have one son, John Esley Young III. Judy is married to Roger Dowiat. They have a son Stanley and a daughter Sharon. Phyllis is married to Lewis Carter. They have two daughters, Jaime and Lorie. "Bringing up my children to be good and useful citizens is the most important job I have ever done," says Mrs. Young.

The Alabama Library and Media Professional Workshops honored Mrs. Young in 1979 with the Meritorious Service Award. She was chosen for her years of outstanding and dedicated service in her community, county, and state. Mrs. Young has organized a unique "rare book exhibit", which is housed at the DeKalb County Public Library, but which has been exhibited at the Opera House four times.

Mrs. Young is dedicated to her work and is constantly lending assistance to patrons of the Library.

This year, Grannie Annie celebrated her 84th birthday on June 28. As a tribute to her grandmother, Lisa Moore has written the following:



GRANNIE "ANNIE" YOUNG

Two of the hardest things my grandmother ever had to do was to lose her son, "Sonny," who died at the young age of 19; and to lose her grandson, Roger Hicks, who also died young at the age of 30. Grandmother had German measles while she was expecting Sonny, and he was born with a couple of birth defects. He was blind and deaf. He was never able to be like the rest of the children. Sonny is buried in Sulphur Springs at Head Springs Cemetery. Many times, I think about what it would be like if he could still be with us today, but not have the problems he was born with. I wish he could have been born perfect, and I

could have known and loved him like I do my Uncle Johnny and all my aunts. I did know Roger. He was my cousin. Carolyn and Duane were his parents. We all miss him a lot because he died on August 5, 1989. Roger was so young and he died of throat cancer just before his 30th birthday. Roger died before he was able to marry and father any children. He was an only child, and his father died this past November. Now Aunt Carolyn is all alone. She is the oldest of all Grandmother Young's children.

Grandmother Young has never owned a car in her life. I don't think she has ever even driven an automobile, and she has never had a driver's license. I always remember walking to work with her when I would spend the night with her. She lived on Lincoln Avenue near where the Spring Grove Apartments are now. Then the city swimming pool was just one block over from her house and we would often go swimming while we visited her. It was about 12 blocks from her house to the library, and she would walk it almost every day. The library was located in the old Fort Payne High School building for most of the times I remembered. I can't remember much about when she worked at the library when it was located where the Fort Payne Police Department is now. I do remember that they had a snake in some kind of liquid sitting on a book case there. I think it was a rattlesnake. I remember once when I had spent the night with her, we were getting ready to walk to work, and she told me she had to get her parasol. I thought she said "power saw." I said "POWER SAW??? Why do you want a power saw?" She has never let me forget it either. I always thought she had a really LONG way to walk to work for a Grandmother.

She worked at the library until they made her retire in 1983. She still goes to the library once a week to repair books. She can't stand for anyone to abuse books. I always remember her

telling us to NEVER bend down pages to mark our place in a book. she said that was what you used bookmarks for.

Grandmother always told us, "Always do the best you can." She would say she didn't care what kind of work you did, just do your best. Even if you had to dig ditches, dig them straight and dig them deep--just do your best. She also always said "Pretty is as pretty does." I think that is true, and she is the prettiest person in the whole wide world.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

•Sunday, August 6, 3 p.m. Moon Lake Baptist Church
Classical Music Concert

•Monday, August 7, 7 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting, Town Hall

•Thursday, August 17
School Begins

•August 17-20 - 450 mile yard sale (See back page.)

•Saturday, September 2, 10:00 a.m., Mentone Fire
Station, Third Annual Labor Day Weekend BBQ

•Monday, September 4, LABOR DAY

•Tuesday, September 5, 7 p.m. MAPA Meeting
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Anyone knowing the identities of the dead buried in the Billy Jones Cemetery located in the woods at the Berry Patch, please get in touch with *The Groundhog*, P. O. Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984, or call Evelyn Graves at 634-4390. Numerous people have asked for this information. Thank you.

NARFE will meet at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne on August 15, at 10 a.m.



MESSAGE FROM MAPA PRESIDENT, BERNISE CROW

Thanks to everyone who brought delicious covered dishes for our annual picnic in July. This time, we held it outdoors at Brow Park, and we all agreed it was a very nice place for it. I want to thank H.P. Goss for turning on the electricity for us.

Homer Crow read the by-laws for us, which took a little time; but we thought they should be read once a year. They will be checked by the by-laws committee again, and some revisions made, if necessary, and will be approved by the membership.

Please come to our September meeting, which is the first Tuesday of the month, September 5th, at the town hall meeting room. Everyone is welcome. Come and see what we are trying to do, and you might want to assist us in our efforts.



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It is hot, and we need to use some common sense. Avoid strenuous outdoor activity. Wear lightweight, cool clothing or natural fibers. Take several cool showers or baths during the day--water removes excess body heat 25 times faster than cool air. Drink lots of water and eat light. Avoid alcohol, caffeine and extra salt.

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MAPA MEETING

The August MAPA meeting was held on August 1, at the Mentone Town Hall at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Bernise Crow, president.

Charlyne O'Rear is the Festival Chairman for the upcoming October Colorfest to be held at Brow Park the third weekend in October--October 20, 21, & 22. Plans are being made for the Groundhog Run to be held Saturday, October 21st.

Dr. Edward R. Annis spoke on the history and problems of health care today.

Harrell Jenkins was back and is doing much better.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served by MAPA members. The next meeting will be held on the 1st Tuesday of September, September 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Many thanks for flowers, cards, thoughts, visits, and prayers from everyone during our time of bereavement. A very special "Thank you" to the class of 1962 of Valley Head High School for the lovely flowers.

The Theresa O'Rear McGuire Family

Miss Annie

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Top (L/R): Wanda Young Black, Sharlie Young Harcrow, Johnny Young, Peggy Young Howard, Carolyn Young Hicks. Bottom (L/R): Phyllis Young Carter, Annie Koger Young, Judy Young Dowiat

I think there are a lot of people in Valley Head and Sulphur Springs who know Grannie Annie. Lots of times, people will come in the office and say, "How's Annie doing?" or "Did you know you are my cousin?" I think she is related to everyone in this valley. I always hear nice and sweet compliments about her. (That could be just because she is my grandmother--just kidding.)

Now, she lives near my mother, Wanda, and my aunts, Sharlie and Phyllis. They all live in the Blake community on Sand Mountain. Grandmother loves to garden. She has many flowers and trees. Now, she has a big garden (for just one person) and she has beautiful flowers. She has always, for as long as I remember, saved her bath water during the hot and dry summers, and used it to water her plants to conserve water.

Judy, who drives the bookmobile, is Grandmother's daughter. She is also my aunt! Gayle Ingraham, Library Volunteer, wrote an article for The DeKalb Advertiser, which appeared in the September 2, 1993, edition, entitled "Miss Annie, Lovely Lady and Volunteer." Even though Miss Annie is retired, she still goes to the library where she fixes books which have been abused. She works in the back room where the new books are received and processed, and old or abused books are repaired.

Who is Miss Annie? Among other things, she is an active R.S.V.P. volunteer, a lover of reading, a former library director, and a jewel to all who meet her. Miss Annie can't understand why people misuse books.

She started at the library in 1958 as a trainee working for Mrs. Mary Weatherly. In those days, the library was located in the basement of City Hall. It was later moved to the old DeKalb County High School building. Now, it is in its own building.

Miss Annie's love for reading began long before she became a librarian. Plagued by illness and ear infections as a child, Annie was kept at home quite often by her mother. She would read everything she could lay her hands on. Her mother borrowed books

and magazines from anyone she could find because the nearest library was far away. No one had even heard of a bookmobile.

Miss Annie can't understand why people deface books or abuse them. The careless "turned down corner" on a borrowed book means a lack of consideration for others, according to Miss Annie. **Teachers, librarians, and parents should constantly encourage the young ones to read, read, read!** Miss Annie did a fantastic job of encouraging her children to read. Another daughter of Miss Annie's is the bookmobile lady, Judy Dowiat. Judy shares her mother's love of books and reading.

Miss Annie also believes that we never get too old to appreciate compliments. She feels that children should be praised more and punished less. It is much more important to reward a child for each achievement, large or small.

WHO AM I?

O, who am I that I may judge
My fellow man or hold a grudge?
For just suppose my Lord and King
Condemned my soul for everything,
That I have done against His will,
Could I be called a Christian still?

Then when I meet Him face to face,
Would I receive His wondrous grace?
And hear Him say to me, "Well done,
Come unto me, a crown you've won?"
Could I live with Him eternally?
Or would He say, "Depart from me?"

I ask you, then, if I may judge,
My fellow man, or hold a grudge?
When he wrongs me, would I be weak
If I should turn the other cheek?
Or would I be the less a man
If I should help him when I can?

By Annie Koger Young

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Whoa! Loyal readers, you're gonna go ballistic over THIS news! Mer Macgowan from Houston, Texas, videotaped and interviewed moi for Texas TV exposure. The lovely lass was one of the DeSoto girls who fell in love with moi - naturally. The camera shook in her gentle hand each time I flexed my splendid, rippling muscles. One look at moi's perfect profile and the poor girl passed out in the Tootsie Pops.

On the heels of this thrill came the Porter clan from Germantown, Tenn., Reese (7), Casie (10) and Jamie (7), Lasie Porter of Killen, Tex. took a picture of us together, and then the shy lass fainted from ecstasy. (For some little pilgrims, the gloss emanating from my gorgeousness is just too much to bear.)

The crowds are beginning to stack up and block the doorways. Will, Kareth, and Benjamin and William and Denise Doss of Birmingham are shoving and screaming to be allowed to approach this precious landmark. Patience noble admirers, you certainly don't want too much of a good (and perfect) thing.

Making their way through the shrieking hordes are Kenny, Lenny, and Kate Alauso from Nashville, Tenn. What lovely cherubs!

Two adorable little Georgia peaches, Bonnie (4) and Amber (6) Wilson tottered into the Superette. The sun was coming in the door, and moi looked more exquisite than ever. Tears of awe filled the tiny ones' eyes. The girls stuttered out that they reside in Dacula, Ga.

Ever heard of Chagrin Falls, Ohio? Well, you have now, disciples. Robin and Roy Darby just left with little ones Sharon and Kirksten - all were so thunderstruck by my beauty that they stepped in Al's peach basket. (It can be risky to play with fire. Some mere tourists cannot take in the panorama without reacting embarrassingly emotional.)

Moi's last visitors today were Woody Wooten and Catherine Jones from Arizona. They plan to be married at Cragmere Manor on November 4, 1995, and now want moi to be in the wedding. This would be a terrible mistake, since nobody would look at the bride, and moi hates to see grown people cry - unless it's Al or Dr. Pat!

Oops - time for a makeup call and a fitting for actor's shades - till next time - it's life on the wicked stage! The show must go on.



WINSTON PLACE SELECTED AS DESIGNER SHOWCASE HOME

The Fort Payne 3 Arts Club is sponsoring the Designer Showcase Home event at the Winston Place in Valley Head during October 1 through 15. The charge is \$10.00 per person. Luncheon and coffee and desserts are separate. Leslie Bunch, owner, said that various decorators have bid on the privilege of designing the many rooms at Winston Place. In order to have the home ready for October 1st, Winston Place will be closed all during September. Decorators will come in and decorate the rooms and show the company credits under the name of the decorator/designer. The items that are used as decorations may be purchased after the 15th.

There is also a smoke house that is being decorated by Stacy Self, of Mentone, a member of the Artist Guild. The history of Mentone will be done in murals on the walls of the smoke house.

Put this event on your calendar of things you MUST see! The funds will be used for scholarships.



Mentone is becoming known as the site of "River Oak," Bill and Ann Wright's beautiful garden. Visitors have traveled from all over to enjoy the blooming acreage. Some of the Wright's 1995 visitors have included "The Perky Planters Garden Club," Birmingham; The Chattanooga Regional Hosta Society (picnic); the Valley Head Adult Landscape Class; the Valley Head Sunshine Club; the Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Ft. Payne; the Ranburn Garden Club, Ranburn; the Ft. Payne Garden Club (video made by Mary Kent); the Rainsville Garden Club; the Ider Garden Club; the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club, Henagar; the Cedar Bluff Garden Club; and the Rhododendron Ecoteers (juniors).

Auburn University's deans recently announced students who had made the honor roll in their respective colleges. Marie C. Depaul, Valley Head, was on the liberal arts list. Two Valley Head students graduated from the University of Alabama at its recent commencement. Tracey Lynn Lewis and Richard Whitney Rockenbach both received their degrees.

Ronald Jason Willoughby, Valley Head, and Karri Denise Sizemore, Ider, were married July 29, 1995, at Five Points Baptist Church in Flat Rock.

Lindsey and Jamie Carter of Valley Head announce the birth of their son, James Dylan Carter, on July 11, 1995, at DeKalb BMC. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. He has a brother, Derek Tyler McMahan, three years old. Grandparents are Douglas and Judy McMahan of Valley Head and Judy and Gene Carter of Menlo, Ga.

College honors abound for Mentone area students. Andrea Kara Kirby, Charles W. Platt Jr., and Virginia Annette Teague were recognized at Jacksonville State University for academic excellence. James Leroy Morgan and Lillie Rebecca Wagner were honored for their grade point averages at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

In the recent terrible UPS/Jeep wreck on the Valley Head Road, it was our own Joe Smith who was first on the scene. He incredibly held up the side of the UPS truck to keep its weight off the leg of the driver until medical help arrived. Talk about one of the good (and strong) guys!

Many Mentonians were on hand to help "Buffalo Man" Jack Martin celebrate his birthday on July 31. His friends and neighbors honored him with a cookout at his home for the occasion.

Nell Kent, Dot Hopper, Becky Langston, Sybil Hopper, and Brenda Hopper went to Atlanta on July 8 to visit Nell and Dot's sister, Lucille Fuller, and their niece, Joyce Fuller, who both had birthdays on July 7. Lucille was 90 and Joyce was 67. Nell wasn't satisfied with only a day's trip to Atlanta for her "real" vacation. She's on the road again this month to visit her son Joe and his wife, Leanne, in South Dakota!

Keith Hadley's sister Renae is visiting for two weeks from their hometown of Pensacola, Fla. Renae is staying with their grandmother, Juanita Hilliard, and hopes to get in a visit with her Mentone relatives, Randy and Ronnie Hilliard and Carolyn Smith and their families. Keith drove to Gadsden on July 30 to pick her up in his new teal blue Chevrolet Silverado pickup he bought earlier in the day!

Delilah Coots is recovering at home in Valley Head after gall bladder surgery on August 1 at DeKalb BMC. Her new address is Apt. 30, Hidden Valley Apts., Valley Head, AL 35989. Delilah's phone number is 635-6558.

George and Hope Walker have entertained family members for the past week. Daughter Jan Boronei; granddaughter Jeanette Boronei (12), and little friend, Gina Ostrom (13), all of Oldsmar, Florida, an old Tampa village. While in Mentone, the guests "did it all," including Rock Castle, swimming, watermelon cutting, etc. (Oldsmar was to be the Oldsmobile Corporation's retirement village, but the Big Depression put a stop to that.) The guests flew out of Atlanta headed back home at the end of the week's visit.

Catherine Bailey's home on Cutler Avenue has taken on a new look. Son Gerald has built on an apartment so that he and wife Phyllis can be with his mother. The new addition contains a bedroom, utility room, living room, and bath. Now,

Catherine has an early morning walking companion in daughter-in-law, Phyllis!

The Edward Laney family has moved to Valley Head from Tennessee. Edward and his wife Karen own their own construction company. The children are Jona (14), Amanda (14), Jason (16), Jennifer (15), Angie (17), and David (13). The family is living at 3034 County Road 611. Karen works in mortgage investment. The Laney's say they love living in Valley Head. Welcome to the neighborhood.

Nickey Key has been in intensive care with heart problems and extremely high blood pressure.

Angie Bagley Day has undergone one-day surgery at Floyd Hospital in Rome, Ga. She is the wife of Miles and the mother of Miles Jr. and Isaiah.

The Mentone Revival Center is planning to open a Christian Academy in September, through the 12th grade. A number of staff members are currently at a one-week training session in Texas.

Teresa Clayton has assumed the directorship of Knotty Pine Camp Resort. Cabins, chalets, and camping areas make up the facility located just behind DeSoto State Park campgrounds. She and husband Charles plan many improvements for the site.

Herman Johnson is recovering at home under the watchful eye of wife Frances. He has been a patient in three hospitals over the past months suffering from gall stones and pneumonia. Granddaughters Amanda and Niki were sure glad to have Herman back home!

George Frazier brags about having the biggest pea patch in Valley Head, but all the hinting in the world won't make him share.

Crowds continue to pour into Butch and Denita Manifold's golf course, Lil Mole Run. Son Toby is back from Chattanooga to work with his dad at the course. He had a big hand in building it in the first place.

A first for the garden club in Mentone. A number of male guests attended the July meeting to hear Jim Hyland, Chief of the Alabama Forestry Division, from Montgomery, Alabama, speak on the "Control of Insects and Diseases of Trees."

Marilyn Blanton Campbell entertained her Scrabble group at a salad luncheon in her home on July 19. As usual, she is "on the move" attending an American Literature seminar at the University of Mississippi. Thursday, July 13, Marilyn was visited by her cousin, Larry Crawford, and his fellow Civil War devotee, Rick Frizell, who were passing through Mentone on their way home after a trip to an in-depth study of the battlefield at Shiloh. Larry and Rick both teach at Smokey Mountain High School in Jackson County, North Carolina. They treated Marilyn to a Tiger's Inn breakfast, after spending the night. It was Larry's mother who died recently when Marilyn went to Sylva with her family for the funeral.

Fena Smith has been in the hospital with pneumonia. Husband, Onzie, has raised one of the most productive gardens in Mentone.

Don and Yvonne Brock were honored by their daughters, Donna and Connie, at a lavish 25th Anniversary dinner and floor show at the DeKalb Theater in Ft. Payne on Saturday, July 22. Piles of gifts were presented to the "silver" couple by the dozens of friends who attended.

A "pounding" was held on July 22, for Heath Blalock's new bride, Jamie. Guests were served delicious refreshments in the couples' new apartment constructed by Dave Blalock.

Jimmy and Lynette McCary have had many relatives visit their lovely home in Mentone this summer, as has Joanne Glover.

Kelly Bunch has returned from a week spent at choir camp in Shocco Springs the Baptist Assembly ground in Talladega. She was with a group of First Baptist youth from Ft. Payne.

Mae Hunt, looking tan, trim, and lovely, is working at the new Dollar General in the old Bruce's shopping center. She invites all her old Mentone friends to shop with her--great bargains!

Lucille Crowe, Chester's wife, is recovering from eye surgery in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She is at the home of their son, Leroy Crowe and his wife Joanne.

Two deaths this month have greatly saddened the community. On July 7, 1995, Oline Edna "Mamalee" Cochran, mother of Linda Brown, passed away. She is survived by her husband, Fraser Cochran, sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Martha Cochran and David and Robin Cochran; and daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Bobby Brown and Myra and Scott Politakis. Two sisters also survive: Edith Gissendanner and Clara Jacobs. On July 16, 1995, Nona Williams, sister of Ruby Daniel, also passed away. She is survived by daughters, Clara Warrick, Lila Jean Everetts, Ellen Hurst; sisters, Ethel Adams, Grace Jones, Edna Jones, Rona Smith, Ruby Daniel, and Margaret Crowe.

The "Mentone Wedding Chapel" lady herself, Linda Kliggors, had wedding bells ring recently when she married Bill Patterson in Hawaii. Daughter, Pattie, also tied the knot in

Hawaii. Congratulations all around!

Jack and Lillian Watson held a 1st Anniversary Open House on July 16, 1995, at their lovely cabin home in the Berry Patch. Many guests toasted the gracious couple during the afternoon. Daughter Susan Calcone, catered the affair with delicious and attractive foods.

All of Mentone is the loser with the moving of the Robert Childers family to take the pulpit of Grace Episcopal Church in Anniston. Wife Terry was such a vital and delightful part of Moon Lake School, and the Childers' children, Rob and Elizabeth, were involved in all types of school and athletic endeavors. Robert led a scout troop and coached sports, greatly impacting on the lives of the children he led. It's not easy to say "Goodbye," but it IS easy to say, "God speed, and thanks for sharing our lives for too little a while!"

George and Jo Beaubé have returned from their annual family trip to Gulf Shores. Every summer, their daughters, with husbands, and children, gather in condos at the beach, and, for a week, it's the party of the Beaubé's year.

Great news! After weeks of hospitalization, Norma Williams is recuperating at home with husband Buddy taking care of her. Montclair in Birmingham was the site of her most recent surgery, and it seems that doctors finally found her problem. Welcome home, favorite person!

Ginnie Bosworth has been diagnosed with pneumonia and is recovering at home. Daughter Mary Jane Hunt and her four children will be coming to Mentone to relocate from Leesburg, Florida, this month.

Betty Harris' many Mentone friends will be interested to know that she is making her home in Oneonta, Alabama, to be near her mother.

Tammy Hopper has left for the University of Alabama, but not before having her new car hit and the back end badly damaged. Mother Syble is running back and forth to Tuscaloosa to be certain Tammy is settled in her Bent Tree Apartment before classes start.

Only in Mentone! Virginia Bassage has just made a trip to her class reunion. So what's the big deal? It was a reunion of KINDERGARTEN classmates.

Lillian McNutt, wife of Millard and mother of Penny, is not at her usual post in the Triangle Service Station. She has been diagnosed with cancer of the hip joint and is gravely ill. Keep Lillian in your prayers!

Eddie and Carolyn Coots celebrated their 25th (silver) anniversary on August 1, 1995. And they said it would never last. Congratulations to a great pair!

Hoyt and Naomi Potts are greatly relieved that their son Eugene came through his balloon heart procedure so well recently. He is recovering at home.

Marlin Cox, son of Ples and Therese, just celebrated his 13th birthday. No cake for this teenager. He ordered banana pudding! Aunt Cathie Disney and Desmond have returned from a delightful 2-day visit to Atlanta, where Cathie attended her 25th high school reunion.

Check out John and Bobbie Smith's driveway at their home on Cove Road! They've put down a concrete parking area and cherted part of the front. The work is beautiful.

Lowell McKenzie had serious back surgery on May 26, 1995, at Baptist Montclair. He is having a difficult recovery period and cannot straighten up. Wife Evelyn continues to work at Vulcraft and the First United Methodist Church of Ft. Payne.

Mattie Golden's sister Martha is quite ill and requests prayer. She is Herman's sister-in-law.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church attended its District Camp and Conference meeting in Meridian, Ms., July 19-21. Attending from Mentone were Rev. Randy Addison and wife Kathy and family; Herman and Mattie Golden, David and Rachael Lee, and James and Betty Johnson.

Van, Lisa, & Beth Moore vacationed on Dauphin Island with Lisa's parents, brother, sister-in-law, and nephew during the weekend of the 4th. They all enjoyed a trip across the gulf from Dauphin Island to Fort Morgan on a ferry, and then they drove on a few miles to Gulf Shores and Pensacola to visit the Naval Air Museum.

Doris Dean is recovering from surgery, and we all hope she is home soon being her usual cheerful self. You can't keep a good woman down.

Kathy Gray is feeling much better these days. She has been quite ill with heart trouble. Lisa Moore's sister-in-law (married to her youngest brother, Chris) is filling in for Kathy at work while she is recovering.

The new Valley Head Band uniforms and hats are in and they look "beautifus," as Lisa Moore's mother always says.

The Valley Head Band has been selling sponsor ads for the 1995 football programs. The cost is \$5 for each family. With the money raised, the band is planning to purchase a new keyboard. Any extra funds will go toward the final payments for the new uniforms.

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THE GREAT VALLEY HEAD FIRE

By Ernest H. Smith

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This picture was made from a point between the RR crossing and the little bridge by the bottling works. It shows all the ruins of the stores. All those sacks in front are full of salt. That's the depot to the right; Davenport and McKown in the middle; Maxwell and Jones to the left. This is facing North.



This picture was made from the depot, looking south. You can tell how many buildings were destroyed by the picture. All of one block was burned. The pile of white boxes to the right is soda. There were about 1000 boxes of soda (small packs) lost.

These two postcards were made from photographs taken shortly after the fire of 1913. The fire consumed one whole block of the business district. The only buildings left standing were the depot and the general stores of Davenport and McKown and Maxwell and Jones. These buildings were across the street from the fire, but may have suffered some damage.

According to traditional information, it was alleged that the fire was started by sparks and, indeed, balls of fire, from a defective locomotive stack of a northbound passenger. The fire immediately became a raging inferno, consuming everything in its path. The buildings lost in the ill-fated block were all frame, either adjoining or near one another. Also, there were some boardwalks.

The merchants suffering losses brought suit against the AGSRR and these several cases were to be convened March 30, 1914. (FP Journal, March 18, 1914.)

Again, according to traditional information, the cases were not proven and no settlement was made by the AGSRR.

While the individual losses of these merchants may not have been great, it's sad to think that, in some cases, it may have been all they had.

Anyone sufficiently interested in this tragic incident, may research the DeKalb County courthouse and discover the names of the claimants and the particulars of the individual cases.



Onzie Smith of Mentone holding a 21 pound cabbage (a one pound potato is sitting on top of the cabbage) that he grew in his own garden in Mentone.



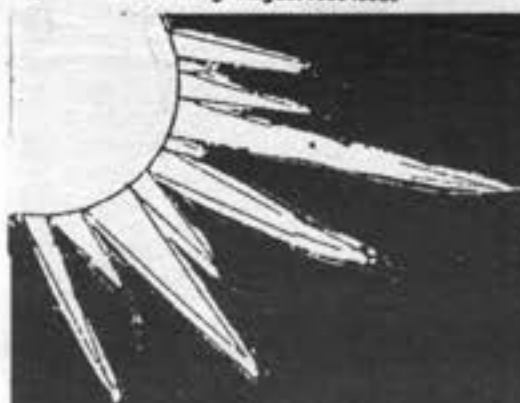
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(7) MENTONE BROW- Spectacular View- Beautiful, unique, unusual describes this finished home which offers three bedrooms, one full bath (with Jacuzzi), two one-half baths, great room with wet bar and fireplace, kitchen area features ceramic countertop and an island with custom hood, range, disposal, dishwasher and refrigerator. A two-car garage, glass-enclosed, octagon-shaped casual pool with patio overlooking pool, sauna, shower area, recreation room with pool table, hot tub, and decks are just some of the amenities. All this and approximately 700' of brow frontage! Shown by appointment only to qualified buyers. Great for a restaurant. \$295,000.



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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

On July 23, Valley Head Methodist Church was visited by three attractive girls--college graduates--who have chosen Home Missions as their careers. They were Anna Boyer, from Kansas, who will go to Louisville, Ky., to work with mothers on welfare; Sarah Purdom, from Arkansas, who will be working in Aides Hospice; and Deborah Harnish from Tampa, Fla., who will go to Dallas, Tx., to work with the unemployed to help them prepare for employment. These are very brave and unselfish ladies.

Ed Ringer went to Guntersville Lake Lodge to help his sister, Joyce Allen, from Centre, celebrate her birthday with a family reunion of Robert and Myrtice Ringer, from Marianna, Fla.; David Ringer and family from Florence, Miss., and Sara Smidt and family from Fayetteville, N.C.

Linda Blackburn and Betty Jo Lewis, from Orange Park, Fla., and Mark and Jane Gibson and children, Mathew Blackburn Gibson and Jordan Elizabeth Gibson, from Dallas, Tx., are visiting Dot and Bill Blackburn and Martha and Hoot Gibson.

Ruth and Bert Pickett entertained 79 people from Tenn, Ga., S.C., Ala., and Va., for a Cobble family reunion at their Out Back Inn. Bert and Ruth and Billie Pickett attended the wedding of Cheryl Baxley and Troy Walburn in Tallahassee, Fla., the weekend of July 21. Bert and Ruth had celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary, by attending their niece's wedding--Tiffany Monroe and Keith Askew--at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.

Gracie and Chris Brown, and Patti and Alan Ray, enjoyed a relaxing vacation at Gulf Shores. They "ran into" a group of Patti's relatives that she hadn't seen in a while, including a couple from London, England--which added to their pleasure. The men went deep sea fishing and returned with bags of Red Snapper.

Doris Dean Chamlee is convalescing at home after having surgery at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham. We are hoping for a quick and complete recovery for her.

Emily Wright Patterson came from Tuscaloosa to Valley Head, recently, and she and Annette Hixon Orr went to Madison, Ala., to visit their aunt, Ellen Skidmore and cousin, Ann Skidmore Walden.

Alan Biddle of Atlanta and Lisa Mann of Birmingham were weekend guests of Alan's mother, Adelaide Biddle. Adelaide will be the director of the Vacation Bible School at Valley Head Methodist Church, Aug. 7-11. Everyone welcome--from Kindergarten to adults.

Irma and Tommy Allison, from Asheville, N.C., spent the day recently with his mother, Laura Margaret Allison.

Juanita and Eugene Smith are happy to announce the birth of a great-granddaughter, Annie Kay Smith, born to Jason and April Smith in Macon, Missouri. She weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Debbie Smith of Macon.

We had a very inspirational song service at Valley Head Methodist Church, July 30. Gerald Craig, from Trinity Church, near Sylvania, Greg Nix from Fort Payne, and Melinda Adkins, all sang beautifully; and Juanita Smith served as pianist.

Allison McGinnis, of Florence, S.C., spent nine months in College in Palma Mallorca, Spain, getting her Master's Degree. She became friends with Alma Aguila, a teacher's daughter there, and she came home with Allison for a visit; and they visited Allison's grandmother, Laura Margaret Allison, for a few days. Laura Margaret introduced her to grits, which she pronounced, "Fine."

Gladys Cobble and Ruth and Bert Pickett attended the funeral of their sister-in-law and aunt, Selma McElhaney, in McDonough, Ga., recently. She was 96 years old.

Sue and Foyl Cooper went to Gulf Shores and brought Sue's sister, Lila (Tillie) Schlicher home with them. She spent a day and night with me; and we and Geraldine and Howard Hawkins went to Western Sizzlin for lunch. She spent some time with Christine Brooks and Mozelle Crow, and attended church at Valley Head Baptist Church on Sunday, and saw a lot of her old friends. On Friday, she, Sue and Foyl and Hannah Alexander went to Summerville, Ga., to visit Howard and Pauline Finster, and other relatives. Unfortunately, Tillie became ill and had to go to DeKalb BMC Hospital last Friday evening. She was released Monday, July 31. I hope she will be well, especially as July 31st is her birthday.

A group of 36 persons from Valley Head Baptist Church spent last Saturday at Opryland. They enjoyed their trip very much, especially, "I Hear America Singing" at the America Music Theatre. Juanita Smith described it as "very spectacular and beautiful!"

Jeff and Melinda Adkins have returned from a nice vacation June 28-July 4, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Freeport Bahamas.

Everyone enjoy the last month of Summer. It will soon be gone. Have happy and safe vacations!

Mid-Summer Rhapsody

The days have built up to full fruition,
in glad, exuberant exhibition;
All nature sings in glad elation,
for mid-summers celebration.
The flowers in loveliest colors, abloom,
seduce our nostrils with enticing perfume.
Grass is its greenest, in lush meadows lazing,
where sleek cattle are contentedly grazing.
Boughs of the trees bow with leaves fully grown--
wave in the breeze like fans gaily blown;
All plants are laden with fruits from their seeds--
we gather and store them to fill our needs.
A generous harvest is labor's reward--
with God and man in working accord.
If only I could embrace and capture
his rare feeling of mid-summer's rapture
And preserve it for Winter's bleak days
to warm my heart with its radiant rays--
I would savor its flavor in ecstasy,
and my soul would sing a happy rhapsody!

—Eloise M. Brown



Dillon Brown

Dillon Brown's broad smile reflects his joy and pride in his first fish, which he caught in one of his Grandfather "Bear's" ponds.

Dillon is three years old and is the pride and joy of his parents, Chris and Gracie Brown, his grandparents, Barry and Emily Brown, Coy and Betty Butler, of McDonough, Ga., and great grandmother, Eloise Brown, and big sister, Amanda.

Engagement



Andrew and Doris Williamson of Greenup, Ky., and Danny and Norma Hulan of Valley Head, announce the marriage of their children Kristina Williamson and James Hulan.

Kris is a 1992 graduate of Greenup County High School. She is a senior studying mathematics and chemistry at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky.

Jamey, a 1992 graduate of Valley Head High School, is also a senior at Cumberland College. He is working toward a degree in history and political science, and will be commissioned an officer upon graduation.

The couple will wed on August 5, 1995, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church of Greenup, Ky. After a honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Jamey and Kris will reside in Williamsburg, Kentucky.



Janie Longshore

On Sunday, July 16, Ted and John Holleman brought Janie Longshore from Mountain Manor to their home where Mary Holleman and Betty Adams had prepared a nice family celebration for Janie's 86th birthday. Others present were "Red" Adams, E.T. and Gladola Holleman, Billy and Becky, Amy and Abby Holleman, Adelaide and Jessica Biddle, and Laura Margaret Allison. Congratulations to a sweet lady, may you have many more happy birthdays!



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We are into mid-summer and are experiencing dry weather, heat, and some days, high humidity. It has been warmer than we ordinarily have here on the mountain. However, it has showered in spots and things have remained lush and green. I have seen it so dry that leaves fell from the trees prematurely.

Everyone seems to have a good garden, that is to say, those who do gardening. Ours is limited, but we have enough flowers and plants to keep us busy watering. We have learned by experience that the best way of watering plants, shrubs, and trees is with a soaker hose that feeds moisture slowly. It takes less water and does more good.

Chester and Lucille Crow, Roy and Jean Matthews, Ernest Smith, and the Teverinos have kindly given us some wonderful produce from their bountiful gardens. And they even picked them for us. What more could one ask for? We certainly enjoyed peaches, apples, green beans, squash, tomatoes, peppers, etc. Thank you, good relatives and friends. Nothing in the supermarket can rival the flavor of produce picked fresh from the garden and cooked immediately, or eaten right there.

We have had many couples repeating wedding vows in Mentone, and I do mean repeat. It sounds good to me. In a time when wedding vows are taken lightly, and there are more and more divorces, it's wonderful for couples to renew their vows after being married for years. Terry and Donna Hutcheson recently repeated their vows at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in a most sacred and impressive ceremony. They are very dear to Homer and me, and I cried just as if it was their first words of "to have and to hold till death do us part." Afterward, a lovely reception was given at their home by ladies of the church and special friends. We were delighted to see Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Cook there. We had not seen them in a while. We attended the beautiful reception for Don and Yvonne Brock at the DeKalb Theater, celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary. Their daughters, Connie and Donna, planned everything well. I counted fifty guests who were served very good food at decorated tables where we were seated, and I probably missed some of them. A gospel music group entertained, and we had a good time.

And on the same day as the Brock's party, Rick and Betty Chapman celebrated their golden anniversary with a party at their home on the brow. They do not look old enough to have been married that long. They must have been very young when they said their vows the first time.

Our Crow reunion was held in Oak Ridge, Tenn., at Ryan's Steak House, hosted by Lester and Annice Crow's family. We had a large room, and it was filled with Crows, in-laws, and a few out-laws! After dinner, and a few clicking cameras, we drove a few miles to Powell, Tenn., to the new home of Lester and Annice, where another feast of fruits and desserts was served on the sun porch. Then, for two hours, we were regaled with tales of comedy and intrigue, mostly comedy. Dewey held the floor most of the time. Our son, Coy, filled in with some of his escapades. We missed Mildred and Dennis Burgess and family, and Jesse didn't go. So, we selected him to be the brunt of many funny stories. He will go next year to defend himself. All our family was home for the Fourth-of-July Holidays, and we had a wonderful time. Grandson, Lee Cooper, had been with us for a month, and he was glad to see his Dad and Mom. And Joyce and Gregg were glad to see him.

We had loads of fireworks, and Lee could hardly wait to get started on them. It was wet weather, then, so we were not afraid of starting a fire.

Then, we attended the homecoming-memorial service at Sand Springs Church in Big Texas Valley just west of Rome, Ga. My father, Lee Cooper, is buried in the cemetery there, and his family—his parents, two of his brothers, a sister, and his grandparents. It was a good day of visiting with relatives and

old friends. A meal was served under a shed built for this purpose, with tables stretching a long way—it looked like there was no end to them—and there was some of the best food in the world. It is like our first Sunday dinners at St. Joseph's, except many times the amount. There was a good sermon in the morning, and gospel singing in the afternoon. This is the church my great grandparents attended in the days just prior to the Civil War. The Sand Springs are a little walk from the church and are clear, bubbling, sandy pools of clean water. It is very unusual. The water gives the appearance of boiling, with sand mixed with water. But the water is very cool and good to drink.

I hope future generations keep this tradition of worship and fellowship alive after we are gone. This is where we find our roots and stability. My cousin, Ralph Cooper, filled us in on some of our ancestors. His son, Barry, has been working on family history for many years. He will publish the book when complete. He said that the Coopers were Quakers and settled first in Penn., and then moved to South Carolina and on to Georgia. This was most interesting to me because I had never heard this information.

It is time for us to go on vacation, but we have not finalized any plans yet—maybe a short one now, and go to Australia in late fall.

Stay cool and enjoy the summer. We will wish for some of this warm weather soon.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



How do you say goodbye? I have a hard time saying goodbye to anyone at anytime. When my children come by the house and start to leave, it's hard for me to say goodbye. I usually say, "See you later," or something to that effect.

The hardest goodbye I have ever said was on July 7, when my Mom passed away. Even though I would never wish for her back because of her health problems, I still was not ready for her to leave me. I have had her all my life. She was always there. She was and is a part of me, not only through the genes passed out, but because of the things I learned from her. I do things like she did. She taught me much of what I know about coping with situations and life.

This hurt and emptiness that I feel has been soothed by the love and concern the community of Mentone has shown to me and to my family. I appreciate so much all of the cards and notes that so many of you have sent to me. Many of you brought food to the house, and that was so nice, because it's hard to concentrate on the everyday things at such times of stress and grief. So many people did not know of Mom's passing until the paper came out. The called me or told me in passing how sorry they were. Some of you sent flowers or gave me a gift as a remembrance of my mother—these were appreciated more than I can ever tell you. Many of you came to the funeral home and to the funeral, this was a special thing for you to do. My family is grateful for your support. Thanks to all of you who held good thoughts for us and knew from experience what we were going through. I have stated before that I truly love Mentone and the people who live here, and this is true.

Thanks again to all of you, and I will be back with my regular column in September or October. Stay well, stay cool, and stay happy.

IN AUGUST

(This seasonal article and others to follow are from a scrapbook belonging to long-time Mentone resident, Mary Weigand. The large scrapbook of her favorite seasonal articles by various authors was found recently in a storage chest at "Madaperca" by Don & Yvonne Brock.)

IN AUGUST, the sun has warmed the sweet-fern into its most spicy fragrance. August is the month of bee-balm, blossoming in shady places. I know a garden like a showy quilt, spread under trees, a quilt patterned with the bright ruby crowns of bee balm. This is the month of dahlias, zinnias, phlox, and marigolds. Pickerel weed is bluer than the river in whose coves it grows. Gentians light the river bank with small blue bulbs.

Bird songs are not so plentiful as in June or early July, but the song sparrow still sings, and a little bird I know as the "preacher," who carols forth to all who listen: "You hear it. Do you believe it?" Crickets sound their slow music all day, and earth moves to the rhythm of it.

There are fresh vegetables from near-by farms. Great red beets, yellow wax beans, tomatoes and cucumbers, sweet corn and summer squash. Kitchens are delightful places when dinner is cooking or when the cook is pouring raspberry jam into jars.

Then let us warm ourselves with August. Let us not forget to sing a heartfelt Doxology for all the color, fragrance, richness in which we revel.

NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Gail Worthey

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District - Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Dept.) is busy planning the 3rd Annual Labor Day Weekend Bar-B-Q. The Bar-B-Q will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at the fire hall.

Bar-B-Q pork or beef plates or sandwiches, with trimmings and drinks will be sold. Also, ten (10) \$100.00 bills will be given away the day of the Bar-B-Q. You do not have to be present to win, so purchase your tickets from any Volunteer Fireman or Board member. We invite everyone to come by and indulge in some good Bar-B-Q and at the same time support the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. would like to send thanks out to everyone who has responded to the letters that were sent several months ago. We have received several donations, and, hopefully, there's more to come. The Fire Dept is always in need of funds to keep operating efficiently.

Thanks also go out to Mr. Jim Ellis for donating a thermostatically controlled gas heater for the Firehall. It will be most helpful to use in heating the building more safely and efficiently during cold weather.

The Fire Dept. responded to several calls during the month of July: an electrical call at the Glover home on Cove Road; an automobile accident near Hammondville; a medical call at a residence just off Hwy. 117; a woods and truck fire at the residence of Van Taylor; several firemen responded to assist in the search for a fugitive that had escaped from a Tennessee prison; a woods fire near the Mentone Cable headend - which was a controlled burn, but the firemen were later called back to remove and extinguish a burning tree that had fallen across the roadway. They wielded their chain saws and quickly had the tree cleared from the roadway; a house fire call came in to a home on Hwy. 117-this call turned out to be a false alarm - (The Fire Dept. would like to remind anyone who calls in an intentional false alarm that they are subject to prosecution, as this is a crime.); and a structure fire on the Worthey property on Cove Road.

Remember Saturday, September 2nd, the 3rd Annual Labor Day weekend Bar-B-Q. Come and eat in or take out.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD

By Ilene Green

We haven't reported in a while, but your rescue squad is still on the job. Our calls to respond to emergencies have been fewer lately. Emergencies seem to go in cycles, many for a while, and then not so many. We're thankful for these slower times.

Our most recent project was working the June Jam. Some members parked cars and several worked the medical facilities inside the Jam.

We'd like to thank the following:

- the National Guard at Hammondville for hauling the fill dirt for our property behind the fire hall;
- George Roberts for arranging this; and
- Bill Guffey for providing the fill dirt.

Recently, Captain Richard Douthat, along with Robert Crumley, captain of the county-wide Rope Rescue Unit, attended a water accident management course at Carraway Methodist Hospital, Dept. of Hyperbaric Medicine, in Birmingham. Tuition was paid by the DeKalb Co. EMS Council. Mr. Douthat received training in scuba rescue and accident management, and received certification from Divers Alert Network to administer oxygen to diving accident victims.

The squad is planning to participate in the 450 mile yard sale Aug. 17 - 20. If you have items you'd like to donate, please call 634-4770 after 5:30 p.m., 634-4207, 635-6424, 634-4813, or 634-4800.

The squad is always looking for people interested in serving their community. So, if you'd like to become a member or are just curious about what we're all about, you're welcome to visit us any first or third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mentone American Legion Hall. Stay safe and try to stay cool!

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As the camping season nears completion for 1995, many reflections are made by campers, as well as staff as memories are being formed, lifestyles are being changed, and growth is being experienced. The Groundhog is sharing some of the comments and in-depth assessments of camping experiences shared in different camp programs and locations by both counselors and campers. Camping is such an integral part of Mentone's history as generations of boys and girls have found roots in its beautiful, wholesome environment.

This essay, entitled, "Alpine Is" was written by Taylor Siegrist, age 15, of Nashville, Tenn., as part of a camp activity.

Alpine Is

Alpine is a safe haven from the cares and worries of the secular world. You can come here, relax, and bask in God's creation. You can see the beautiful trees that act as living sentinels watching over us, you can smell the cool brisk mountain air, you can hear the gurgling streams, and you can feel the sunlight warming your entire being. In everything at Alpine, you can feel God's glorious presence. Alpine is a place you can go to be yourself. You don't have to put on the fake facade of acting like everyone else to be in "style." The best part about Alpine is by far its Christian roots. Alpine definitely strengthens your relationship with Christ. Alpine makes you yearn to be with and in Christ. That is the single reason that has kept me coming back for 8 summers. Alpine is a place that begs to be enjoyed and loved. It is a place where friends gather from all parts of the U.S. Alpine is definitely a character builder. It uses Christ to shape your character correctly, and it works. Alpine instills many wonderful internal and external values, which I love. **Alpine shows you the insides of the hearts and minds of many great college students and some graduates.** That sets up many great role models. Alpine, through its Christian values, gives you a new hope in life. It also establishes a strengthened faith that God is real and that creates a desire for God. At Alpine, you can love and feel loved by God. Alpine is a place to experience God and Christ, in love and in many other ways. At Alpine, you can see what life is beyond your home town. You can see many different cultures and views. At Alpine, you just feel right and good. It is a place you belong. Alpine helps you establish and keep goals in life. Alpine makes you think about your life and life in general. Alpine makes summer fade into fall wonderfully. At Alpine, every year gets better and better. Alpine is a place where people care. You can share your thoughts and people will listen. You are not persecuted for a Christian lifestyle at Alpine, but you are raised up. God bless Alpine!

Alpine is all these things to me and more. I wish I could put all my thoughts and aspirations about Alpine on paper, but they would fill books and books. All in all, what Alpine most means to me is Christ-led.

-Taylor Siegrist, Nashville, Tennessee

As I lay in bed, frustrated, angry, and disappointed, the tears ran down my face. While my mom tasseled my hair and comforted me, I nearly shouted out, "If people like me at Alpine, why don't they like me here? I don't understand; is it really that different?" It was the end of the summer, and the next day I was to begin the eighth grade. I was lonely, scared, and not ready to go back to school. The summer had passed too quickly; gone was little league, the pool, and lazy June-bug days, but farthest removed was Alpine. My second year back had far surpassed my expectations. My cabin had been great, almost all my activities had been fun-filled and athletic, and my counselor had been really cool. He had even taken me aside, called me a leader, and asked me to be responsible for making things go well while he was "out." I simply could not understand why at camp things were so positive and elsewhere I felt so differently.

Soren Kierkegaard writes, "Life is lived forwards, but



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understanding backwards." Now, several years and a few grades later, after living the life of the camper and moving into the role of the counselor, I have begun to understand why Alpine was such a different place to me and why now it is such a sacred place.

I first came to camp as a "warrior;" it seemed such an odd name, only now do I realize how such nomenclature is appropriate. I was fresh out of the sixth grade, and Alpine Camp for Boys seemed like a place filled with excitement.

After four weeks, I was hooked. I came back for three years as a camper, each year only getting better. Over these three years, Alpine became a place where I experienced new and different things, such as rock climbing, a sport not indigenous to my native southwest Georgia, had fun, fun, fun, and learned a lot about the God my parents believed in, but in a different way. Now, I know that Alpine became a place where I had fun, but more importantly, a place where I learned about true meanings of acceptance and respect. I also believe that Alpine was the first place where I saw people, other than adults, living a Christ-centered life. All this I learned as a camper, but little did I understand until I came back as a counselor.

Just as my experience as a camper was filled with fun, acceptance, and growth in knowledge and respect of God the Creator of Earth, I so thought my time as a counselor would pass. After a busy year of college where novel experiences had filled a year with new friends and challenging classes, I was ready to return to the mountain and all its majestic beauty and savor a summer of working as a counselor in the peace of all I had known as Alpine Camp for Boys. From the beginning, it was not what I expected, but better than I could have hoped. I arrived fully expecting to know most of the counselors; yet, to my surprise, the only people I knew had been counselors when I was a camper. Noticing that Bill Boyd and John Pound were now my "contemporaries" came along with the realization that I was in a position of undeniable responsibility and incredible importance. For some reasons, I was relieved when kids arrived, and I was soon lost in keeping my kids straight and working to make tennis all that it had been when Coach Montgomery had been here. Quickly, I realized that being a counselor was a tough job; however, I simultaneously realized that kids were starved for attention and love and that giving had an inherently reciprocal relationship with receiving.

After the summer had passed and the boys and I were home, my strength returned, and I realized that Alpine was a special place, not because of the beautiful mountain or the activities in which we participated, but the people that gathered and the God they loved. As a camper, I fell in love with Alpine and counselors that would come and serve kids through their love of Jesus Christ. Coming back as a counselor, I learned how true that was, but also what a truly special place Alpine is for kids of all ages.

Tee Gatewood

School: Wake Forest University

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CAMPI

By Evelyn



Camp Skyline provides an environment of exciting fun and recreation. Its goal is to provide a quality camp experience that will offer an excellent staff in a wholesome environment for campers seeking a Christian influence ... and to truly instill in the minds of campers and staff that "making a difference" is truly a worthy cause! The proof of that statement is in the fact that both staff and campers return year after year.

CAMP DE SOTO

If you were to visit Camp DeSoto around lunch time on most any given day, the sounds of some 250 campers' voices from the dining hall may be heard singing songs like, "I Wanna Go Back to Camp DeSoto" and truly many of them do return year after year. Some of them return as counselors. None of them can go home the same as they were when they came. Camp DeSoto's motto is: "A month at Camp DeSoto is an investment for a lifetime." In Camp DeSoto's environment, campers and counselors are strengthened in their faith in God, in their moral values, and in the lasting friendships which are formed. What a wonderful way for a girl to have a summer of fun and recreation in a wholesome environment! One of the camp songs seems to say it all concerning their summer experience: "Up there on that mountain is my camp of summer dreams, A month is never long enough for me, it always seems..."



Ponderosa Bible Camp

camp laney for boys

CAMP LANEY August 1, 1995 quotes



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Alicia Principi - Birmingham, AL - 6 year camper: My six years here at Saddle Rock have been a very fulfilling and meaningful experience. Camp is a wonderful place, and I wish that every kid could have a chance to enjoy it. I have learned so much about myself, and camp has taught me a lot about life in general. Some of my strongest friendships have been made here at camp, they have lasted since the first day. Saddle Rock will always hold a very special place in my heart, and the memories that I have made here will last forever.

Sara Elizabeth Burke - Atlanta, GA - 9 years camper/counselor: When I think of camp, words such as fun and laughter come to mind. Many memories are stored away in my mind of countless people, activities, stunts, and accomplishments from recent years, as well as long ago.

As a nine year old, I came to camp for the first time. I knew no one; I had never seen Saddle Rock before. Being extremely shy, camp was difficult the first few days, but I soon found myself acting like I never thought I would! I lost my fears of trying new things; I learned to be courageous. I knew I had a blast of a time. I also knew, even at that age, that I had grown immensely.

As my years at Saddle Rock have progressed, I have learned that the friendships established here are built on a solid rock foundation. The first thing we have in common is a love for camp and from there the friendships blossom and branch out.

As a counselor, my most valuable lesson tells me that patience is a virtue. Though the children are delightful, you can sometimes lose your patience. I have learned to relate to, understand, and enjoy the company of children, a gift that cannot be replaced.

Laughter is therapeutic, and I laugh more at camp than I do during the whole school year. We laugh about everything, whether it be silly or truly amusing. Perhaps this laughter explains why I feel gratified and light hearted when I return home, with the exception of my annual "campsickness." Every year, when I return to Saddle Rock, relief and peace flood my heart as soon as I step from my car. Camp on the outside is fun, but growth, love, and relationships lie below the surface.

Our country's westward expansion was accomplished by those that wished to leave their old way of life behind, traveling the trail west to a new home and way of life in spite of many dangers and hardships. Using this as our summer theme, many campers joined the Ponderosa Gang to "Travel the New Life Trail," exploring the New life in Christ.

The goal for each camper at Ponderosa Bible Camp is to enjoy a **blast** and a **blessing!** From a camp evaluation form completed by the camper, we gleaned some of the following comments about these two areas.

List some of the things you enjoyed most:

Hikes, chorus time, Christian fellowship, nice people, swimming, devotions, my counselor, drama class, basketball, cabin time, rappelling, activity time, Bible studies, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, everything equally, volleyball, river, canoeing, being with friends, warball, campfire, skits, quiet time with the Lord, frisbee golf, the science speaker, riflery, food, coming to know Jesus, being with brothers in Christ, science experiments, encouragement, pool, game time (Scuds & Patriots, Dragon Tail), missionary time, Spanish songs (from missions time), counselor hunt, crafts, chapel service, mail call songs, fishing, archery, friendly atmosphere, God & I time, outdoor education class, everything!

List some of the spiritual lessons or values you learned:

How to deal with my best friend's suicide. Always trust in God. I don't know where to begin. To keep a clean heart and mind. Building the stepping stones for God's calling. That God cares about you. What it is like to be a missionary. Keep pure for marriage. My first year here I was saved, and each year I come closer to the Lord. Whatever God has for me to do is the thing I'm best suited for. Giving up to God to allow Him to work through me. Respecting parents when dating. Dedicating my life to the Lord's service. I learned how to be saved. That everyone is special to the Lord. To have higher expectations of the guys I date. To be a lady. Learned a lot about creation and evolution. Put God first. Who really created everything and more. I made a personal commitment to have daily devotions. What to do on a date. I learned how joyful a life fully devoted to Christ could be. Morals. Not having sex before marriage. I learned that evolution is a total and complete beyond a shadow of a doubt fraud! You can't be mad at someone then go worship God. Don't be ashamed to say you know God. You can be a missionary in your own neighborhood. I committed my life to Christ. That God created everything on earth, and He can do anything. That people need the Lord. Put the past behind and go on. God is awesome!

By Glenn Miller, Camp Director

My name is Pamela Brown, and I attend Bryan College where I will be a Junior this year. This summer, I had the privilege to work as a senior counselor at Ponderosa Bible Camp. Above all the fun and activity, I learned that it is not my strength but God's that will cause me to succeed as a counselor; I found that I must stay focused to my purpose of reaching children or else those little daily aggravations could get the best of me. By taking time alone with God every morning before the campers awoke, I was able to remember my purpose and not get "sidetracked doing the King's business and forgetting the King" as our Program Director, Mike Young, would say.

Camp has been a priceless experience for me because I suddenly found myself responsible for twelve children physically and spiritually. Each camper is unique and special, although some found more creative ways to teach me patience than others did. Above all, I have learned that when I make a mistake as a counselor, that God is big enough to work through even my mistakes.

Camp opens a unique world to a child in that they leave their most familiar setting for a week where suddenly there is no television, radio, telephone, or Nintendo to distract them. It is then that for the first time they can sometimes see themselves for who they really are. For this reason, many children see areas in their lives through the week that need re-thinking. Mr. Glenn Miller, our Camp Director, sums up our camp in that we desire that all children have a "blast and a blessing." Ponderosa Bible Camp gave me the opportunity to work with children from different age groups, ethnic, financial, and religious backgrounds, and this has taught me that, although children seem very different, they are really quite the same in that they need love, listening ears, and the same Lord who loves them all equally.

"Camp is good practice for being a responsible citizen in a free society." Rob Hammond, Director, Camp Laney.

"I've made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun. I can't wait to come back next year." Robbins Taylor, Camper, age 11, Montgomery, Ala.

"The counselors are great. I especially love the pool staff." Durham Brown, Camper, age 15, Atlanta, Ga.

"The dances are the best. I danced with twelve different girls." Ben Garrett, Camper, age 15, Atlanta, Ga.

"I liked the dance, but I didn't dance with my sister even though my parents said I should." Howell Burke, Camper, age 11, Montgomery, Ala.

"A lot of times during class, I'll remember things that happened at camp and laugh. I look forward to getting back up here every year." Crawford Craig, Camper, age 14, Atlanta, Ga.

"I didn't think I was going to make it back to Laney this summer. When I found out I could, I was so excited! I love this place!" Ben Osburn, Camper, age 15, Birmingham, Ala.

"This was my first year at Laney, and everything was great! I can't wait to come back and see everybody." Jack Turner, Camper, age 11, Nashville, Tenn.

"I can't believe the food was so good!" Hank Snow, Camper, age 9, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"Skit night was great. All of the counselors are so funny and nice." Christopher Lyon, Camper, age 8, Mobile, Ala.

"The best part about camp is tribe hunt. I haven't been found in five years!" Lee Johnson, Camper, age 15, West Point, Ga.

"At Camp Laney, safety is first, but fun is number one!" Charles Kohn, Counselor, Montgomery, Ala.

"I like project adventure best. I got to climb a tower, but I wasn't scared, because I was tied to a tree." Carter Coleman, Camper, age 8, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

"I don't want to go home!" Radcliff Menge, Camper, age 13, Winchester, Va.

"Food, fun, free time." Camden Betz, Counselor, Rome, Ga.

"Living at Camp Laney is a love affair that continues daily." Christopher Turner, Assistant Director, Camp Laney.

"Camp is a lot of fun and I love this place; but it's the people that make it great." Carter Young, Camper, age 14, Atlanta, Ga.

"Everything is great. Oh, except I'd like to have girls here." Ryan Hardwick, Camper, age 15, Greensboro, N.C.

"The slow moving water of the Little River provides a constant peace in my life." Robert Cox, Staff, Gainesville, Fla.

"I can't imagine being any other place in the summer. Camp Laney, you're the best." Whitney Chapman, Assistant Director, Camp Laney.

"This is the best place in the whole, wide world." Evan Price, age 9, Decatur, Ala.

"Knowing that I'm going back to Camp Laney gets me through school. I've made friends here that will last me a lifetime." Ryals Stone, Camper, age 14, Blakely, Ga.

"Being back at Camp Laney gives me a chance to slow down, see some old friends, and catch up on my reading. Just kidding about the reading." Christopher McClinton, Counselor, Montgomery, Ala.

"I think Camp Laney helps me to be a better person." James Wise, Camper, age 14, Birmingham, Ala.

"The staff does a great job. They're always having fun. I want to be a counselor when I'm old enough." Will Thuston, Camper, age 14, Birmingham, Ala.

"Camp Laney is heaven on Earth." Duncan McNeel, Camper, age 14, Marietta, Ga.



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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

"Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink," except bottled, that's what my family and I encountered during our car trip through several states in July. The very worst was in west Texas. A sister-in-law informed me that it was really liquefied rock, and you can bet I believed her--the water was THAT bad-tasting. Colorado also has horrible tasting city water, and for a state that popular with celebrities, you'd think they would do something about the water. I did not get to taste that famous Rocky Mountain spring water. That's perhaps because I did not buy any of the bottled water--maybe that's the only place you might get a taste of the famous water.

Wal-Mart has a section on water filters and cartridges. I wonder why none of the people in those states has tried to put a water filter on their line instead of buying bottled water to drink. Another sister-in-law buys her filtered tap water for a quarter a gallon at the big supermarket in west Texas. One would think that it would be more economical to get a water filter on her kitchen line. Oh, well, as the saying goes--it would be a very boring world if all people were alike.

The first thing we did when we got home was drink as much crystal clear, sparkling, sweet filtered well water as we could--and we all sighed with relief. Now, my whole family appreciates good water a lot more, and I am there to remind them what a very precious resource we are gifted with here in Alabama. Let's not waste it, and do our best to keep it that way.

WATERING: In the veg. garden, some supplemental watering is needed, especially from mid-summer to early fall. Most veggies need 1/2"-1" of water a week--and don't we wish Mother Nature was that obliging and kind! Dry weather can strengthen some vegetable plants by forcing them to develop deep roots that can seek out moisture. However, the quality of other crops suffers when plants get too little water. Tomatoes and melons need plenty of water early in the season when they are initiating foliage and fruit. However, as the fruit ripens, its quality improves if dry conditions prevail. It's the opposite with lettuce, cabbage, and other leafy greens, which need more water as they approach maturity.

You can tell when your plants need water--leaves droop at mid-day, and if they still look wilted the following morning, the plants are suffering. If you don't water in time, and the soil dries out completely, replenish moisture gradually over three days avoiding abrupt changes that may cause tomatoes, melons, carrots, cabbage, and other such vegetables to literally split their sides--ruining your crops.

WEEDING: start weed control early and keep at it throughout the season. Some vegetables benefit from extra soil hilled up around the base of the plant (tomatoes, young corn, potatoes, and squash). If you have areas where weeds have been a problem in the past, use a double layer mulch of newspapers covered with organic material such as leaves, straw, grass clippings, or shredded bark. Another solution is to cover beds with a sheet of black plastic. It does double duty as a soil warmer before planting and as a very effective barrier to weeds. If you use black plastic, buy the thickest sheets, and use them over and over again. Don't leave the plastic in place any longer than necessary, as exposure to sunlight will degrade it.

Personally, I use all the junk mail, magazines and newspapers in the garden. I cover the weeds with them, then dump a shovelful of soil on top to keep it there.

FALL VEGETABLES: most all of the vegetables you planted in spring can be replanted for a fall/winter crop. Mid to late summer is the time to sow broccoli and other cool-weather vegs. If you have had a hard time in germinating the seeds in the dog-days weather, try this trick by Pat Stone, editor for BACKHOME magazine.

1. Dig a shallow trench, line it with well-aged compost or good garden soil.
2. Scatter broccoli seeds in the trench, cover the seeds shallowly with more soil or compost, water the trench thoroughly, then lay boards across the trench.
3. Check under the boards every day. Then remove them as soon as you see small, pale yellow seedlings come up.

You can plant the seeds thickly, then thin and transplant them after you take the boards off. You could also just space them out when you first plant and leave them in place to mature.

Use the same technique for starting all fall crops for your garden.

COMPOSTING: spraying your compost with a simple soap spray can help speed the decomposition process. Fall compost is often not ready for spring. Spray the layers of leaves with a soapy solution, such as Murphy's Oil or any other non-detergent soap.

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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO"
BLALOCK

●Michael Sellers Jr. has been named to the Dean's List at North Georgia College. He is a physical education major. Tara E. Hawkins, Lisa Gale Cordell, and Charles G. Frasier Jr. made the Dean's List at Floyd College. Congratulations to all of these fine young scholars.

●Two local students graduated from Floyd College at the recent commencement. Robin Faith Brown, associate of science degree in human services, and Beth H. Hall, associate of science degree, cum laude. Kudos all around!

●New Pre-K expansions will allow 20 four-year-olds to attend classes at a new center in Menlo. The Menlo Center will be located at the Menlo Housing Authority, in a converted public housing unit. Donations and a volunteer effort are sought to renovate the unit and to construct a playground area for the children.

●Telephone customers in Lyerly and Menlo are to receive ballots in the mail asking them to select a long distance carrier. Alltel customers are asked to complete and return the ballots as soon as possible before October 11. Those who do not make a selection will be randomly assigned a carrier. For more information, call 857-4774.

●Residents have been asked by the Menlo City Council to comply with a voluntary water restriction. Heat and lack of rain have caused the city's water tank to drop to below half full.

●The following couples were married recently: Terri Tonia Ellenburg and Jeffery Lee Denier were married at the Chelsea Baptist Church, Menlo. Anthony Phillip Carroll and Lynda Kay Johnson were married July 1 at the home of Ed and Joanna Thoreson, Menlo. Melissa Hampton and Timothy Womack, were married at Chattooga Baptist Fellowship. Amanda Dawn Cavin and Shawn Edward Bryson will be married on August 12 at 5 p.m. (Central Time), at Chesterfield Baptist Church.

●Rose Ann Williams, Menlo mail carrier, was a real on-the-scene heroine when she saved a trailer located on her route from a devastating fire. Many household items were saved because of her quick thinking.

●The score for Menlo Elementary School on the writing portion of the Curriculum-Based Assessment (CBA) was 201 - four points greater than the state average of 197. The test was administered in January. Emily Bolton, curriculum director for county schools said, "We have some terrific writing teachers at the eighth grade level, and this score also shows the foundation that has been laid for students by teachers in earlier grades."

●Sincere condolences to the families of:

Harold O. Nix, 82, who died on July 1, 1995

Roy Lee Howard, 70, who died on July 10, 1995

Charles Alfred Boyd, 59, who died on July 21, 1995

Coleman Hill Wood, 88, who died on July 21, 1995



BIG GIRL

Madison Brooke Bentley is the 6-1/2-month-old daughter of Barry and Stephanie Bentley, Summerville. Madison has 13 living grandparents. They include grandparents Mike and Brenda Woodard and Eloise Bentley, Menlo; Gene and Callie Bentley, Trion; great-grandparents Bernard and Leona Shaw, Lyerly; Mrs. J.B. Woodard, Summerville; Clicky Wooten, Fort Payne, Ala.; and great-great-grandparents J.W. and Omer Chitwood, Summerville, and Jim and Edna Shaw, Attalla, Ala.



THREE YEARS OLD

Jordan Charlton Butler celebrated his third birthday July 1 with a Lion King party. He is the son of Charles and Kelly Butler, Calhoun. His grandparents are Benny and Sue Morgan, Menlo; the late Dot Baugh, Summerville; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Butler of Duluth. Great grandmother is Mrs. Hazel Nixon, Summerville.



5-1/2 MONTHS OLD

Parrish Blaine Wilson is the 5-1/2-month-old son of Larry and Michelle Wilson, Summerville. He is the grandson of Terry and Linda Money, Summerville; Betty and Jeff Brown, Trion; and the late Grady Wilson. He is the great grandson of Edna Parrish, Menlo, and the late Julia Money, Summerville. He is the great-great-grandson of Mrs. Willie Parrish, Menlo. He has one brother, Brett Michael Wilson.



FOUR YEARS OLD

Matthew Willingham celebrated his fourth birthday June 2. He is the son of Tim and Julie Willingham, Menlo. He is the grandson of Wayne and Ann Pritchett, Menlo; Junior and Diane Willingham, Gaylesville, Ala.; and the late Emma Sue Willingham. He is the great grandson of Roy and Wilma Patterson, Summerville; Brooksie and Silas Mitchell, Centre, Ala.; Lula Belle Atkins, Centre, Ala.; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pritchett. He is the great-great grandson of Quessie Patterson. He has a sister, Ashley, 19 months.

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Penny McElhaney celebrated her 10th birthday at home with her mom and stepdad, and Beth Moore on July 13th.

Jennifer Davis received many lovely gifts at her two showers. One was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mr. Leonard Davis. The other was held at highpoint Church of God. Good luck to Jenn and John. The big day will be on August 12.

The Hammondville Fire Dept. will have a B.B.Q Chicken Supper on August 5th at the station.

School begins on August 17th.

Tyler Hales joined Beth Moore at the Mexican restaurant for lunch one day. They ate lunch and, for dessert, they had ice cream from the Ice Cream Parlor in Valley Head.

Wendy Manifold and Ransom Wilkinson invited Beth Moore and Vance Carden to see Batman Forever. They all had a wonderful time. Wendy and Ransom also took Beth to See Pocahontas.

The Band had band camp recently. They are working VERY hard on the new show.

All 7th graders at Valley Head will be happy to know that Mary Pearson will be back this year! She went to live in Utah with her father for one year and has decided to come back to Valley Head. She and her brother, Russell, are both back in Valley Head. Welcome back, guys!

Only in Mentone! Danna McCarty of Camp DeSoto scotching her brakeless old truck with a huge block of wood in front of the Superette.

Congratulations to young Valley Head artist, Paige Bethune (5), who forecast the weather on Thursday, July 27, 1995. Her weather art appeared on the front page of The Times-Journal.

Many, many happy returns of the day to August birthday celebrants:

2nd - Trisha Black

4th - Barry Goss

5th - Hope Martin

10th - Lisa Hartline

13th - Marty Goss Holloway

14th - Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie

17th - Ronnie McMahan, Jean Clark, Adelaide Biddle, Sandra Pruitt

18th - Margie Goss

20th - Anthony Windom, Darrell Mitchell

22nd - Berthel Moore

24th - Thomas Harrison Sr.

25th - Dot Hopper

30th - Jesse Crabtree

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: DeWayne & Laura (Harrison) McKenzie - 24th.

Let me leave you with this thought on kindness from Alexander Pope.

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To hide the fault I see,
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me!"



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George Payne, a member of the Yarrab Shrine in Atlanta for 17 years, and a charter member of the newly-formed Chattooga County Shrine Club, is shown standing by this intriguing car. Labor Day 1995 is the date this car will be given away, and all the proceeds will go to Community Center, Inc., and the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. One does not have to be present to win.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



There will be a Bible School at the Valley Head United Methodist Church August 7-11 from 6-8 p.m. It will include children through 8th grade, and will provide one adult class. The UMW meeting is August 29 with Melinda Adkins and Helen White as hostesses. The regular fifth Sunday night singing service was held on July 30.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church is sponsoring a Youth Retreat to Ocoee for rafting on September 2-3. If anyone would like to join the youth group on this trip, contact Mark Watkins, Youth Director, at 634-4078. There are a few places still available for this trip. The theme for the retreat will be "Not Ashamed" from Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ..."

The women of Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church honored Mrs. L.A. Smith with a baby shower recently at the unique cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Stiles on the bluff above Little River, with Mrs. Stiles serving a delightful luncheon.

The worship services are at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

August 6 is Membership Sunday at the Mentone Church of God. Vacation Bible School will start on Monday night, August 7, and will run through August 11. The time is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday morning, August 13, will be VBS Commencement. Rev. John Childers, State Youth Director, will be bringing the message during that service, and it will be followed by a special VBS dinner. August 30 will be Youth Night, and a special service will be conducted by the youth. Every Monday evening, a non-denominational prayer meeting is being held at 7 p.m. A revival will be held September 3-8, with Rev. Ken Stroup from Tuscaloosa, Ala., serving as the evangelist. The services will be at 6:30 each week night.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. Communion is held at 12:05 p.m. each Wednesday. Church school and other activities will begin again in September.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church had several delegates to the Conference July 19-22. They were James and Betty Johnson, Herman and Mattie Golden, Edmund Crowe, and Pastor Randy Addison and family, along with David and Rachel Lee who attended the latter part of the conference. A Singspiration was held on Sunday evening, July 16. Reverend Gordon Stallings filled the pulpit in the absence of the pastor who was away for the conference.

The wedding of Sally Sharpe and Shaun Wheat will take place on August 5 at the Valley Head Baptist Church. On Sunday, August 6, there will be eight baptisms--6 from one family and 2 from another family. There will be a church-wide dinner following the baptismal service. The Baptist Bash at Sequoyah Caverns will be held on August 19, where there will be fun and fellowship for all.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be celebrating their 80th annual Homecoming at the church on Sunday, August 13, 1995. Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m., worship at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon, and singing in the afternoon beginning at 1:15 p.m. The special guest speaker for the day will be Rev. Randy Howard, World Missions Secretary of the Church of God of Prophecy. Rev. Howard will also be sharing current conditions around the world as witnessed during his recent travels. Guest singers for the day will be The Watson Trio from Cleveland, Tennessee. The trio sings extensively throughout the Southeast and Eastern United States and has appeared in Mentone on previous occasions. Previous pastors have been invited. The public is hereby invited to attend this special day.

Everyone is invited to attend the Gospel Singing on the first Sunday night of every month. August 6 and September 3 are the next two Gospel Singings.

Everyone is invited to tune in to the Mentone Revival Center radio broadcast every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on AM870.

The youth of the Mentone United Methodist Church made a trip to Birmingham on July 29. Those who went had a great time shopping in the mall, going to a movie, and eating their favorite foods. The Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) is planning two more trips. One is September 23, the football game with Vanderbilt, and the other is in January 1996, a ski trip to North Carolina. To help fund the trips, the youth will be having fundraisers: car washes and yard sales. They also will be asking for contributions.

On July 30, a video series entitled "Seize the Day" was begun for the adults. Rev. Jimmy Maxwell is conducting the series by Tony Campolo. If you would like to learn how to attempt impossible things for God, please come and attend the rest of the informative sessions each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

A new Sunday School class is beginning for those born between the years 1945 and 1965. Come and be a part of this new class.

The Administrative Council will meet Sunday, August 6, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Union Hill Baptist Church participated in Homecoming 1995, held at the VFW Fairgrounds on July 23-28. This was a homecoming for Reverends Max Tucker, T.D. Burgess, and Jimmy Graves. They were all ordained to preach by the same church in the same year, had pastored churches in the city of Fort Payne, and had all served in Korea in the same division at the same time. It was a wonderful time for them as they came together again after 40 years in a city-wide revival. Union Hill Baptist Church provided the music for the services on three different evenings.

The RAs have been doing fundraisers all summer for a trip and have earned around \$800.00. With part of the money they raised, they purchased an air conditioner for an elderly lady who is sick. On Sunday, August 6, there will be a baptismal service with four persons being baptized. Three of them are from one family, and are the grandchildren of Reverend Knight of Henagar, Ala. Reverend Knight will bring the message at this service.

Lee's Chapel Baptist Church will have a quartet, "Hometown," from Walker Town, N.C., as guest singers on August 6, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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Sports on the Scene

By Phil Harris

How many wins did Coach Jim Kirby record as coach at Valley Head High School between 1983 and 1991?

Who were the last four head coaches at Valley Head, and what years were they coaching? *Answers later.*

•Fort Payne finishes second in the 14-year-old division boys state baseball tournament held at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. The Fort Payne All-State had dramatic late inning wins over Auburn-Montgomery and Hartselle, before falling to Hueytown 10-0 in the finals. Hueytown advances to the World Series in Mobile beginning August 5th. Congratulations to Coach Ronnie Crabtree and the Fort Payne All-Stars. The hosts made a real fine showing. Jonathan Browder of Mentone was a member of the team.

•Former Valley Head standout John Kirby has been unofficially hired as head coach at Pisgah. John is the son of former Valley Head coach Jim Kirby. John formally has served as a volunteer assistant at Valley Head, before graduating from Jacksonville State. He has served as an assistant at Tallahassee (near Auburn) and Dade County, Ga.

•Jerry Brown returns as an assistant coach for Valley Head. Former graduate at VHHS, Brown was hired after three seasons as assistant at Dade Co. Jerry will work with the offense and defense lines. Brown was also a graduate of Jacksonville State.

•High School preps begin football practice next week around DeKalb Co. Sylvania will probably be the class of the county once again. Chad Murdock (RB), Chad Anderson (RB), and Labron Turner (QB) will lead a very talented group. Long into the fall, Geraldine, Crossville, and Collinsville look to have very strong clubs. Plainview and Valley Head have a shot at breaking into the top echelon, if they stay healthy. The Bears will depend heavily on their running game. Danny Bryant coming off a knee injury that caused him to miss spring practice will be depended on heavily. The Tigers top returning players are Daniel Vest (RB), Tim Smith (FB), and Jim Phillips (QB). These three play key defensive roles, also. If these players go down, so go the Tigers. Ider and Fyffe will be down from what they were last year. Fort Payne will have to totally rebuild their defense that will be anchored. Scott Guinn (LB) and Damen Underwood (QB) will be a worthy admission.

•Valley Head looks to improve on a 3-7 season. Coach John Tidmore (6-15) is entering his third year at the school and will depend highly on 13 returning seniors. Gone is top tackler and FB Gary Bain. The Tigers returned QB-DB Jim Phillips, FB-LB Tim Smith, and RB-LB Daniel Vest. Coach Tidmore's keys to the season are the first game at Gaylesville and the first home game the next week against Fyffe. Wins in these two games will bring fans to the ball games, and support equals wins. The Tigers will be strong at the offense and defense lines. Depth at defensive back and offensive back field is a big concern for Tidmore. If Vest, Smith, and Phillips stay healthy, look for a lot of wins out of this group of Tigers.

Answer to trivia: 1. 50; 2. Jerry Pullen (81-82), Jim Kirby (83-91), Paul Ellis (92), and Jon Tidmore (93 -Present.)

•Local softball team, CBS, finished third in the Men's Upper-Middle Division of the summer softball. CBS won eight of their last 10 and ended with a 10-7 record.

•Finally, Kevin Worthey has organized a new softball team that will begin play in the fall softball league at Ft. Payne Sports Complex. Thanks goes out to Pat Seymour & Associates and Carl Jones Construction for sponsorship and support. On behalf of Kevin and the rest of the team, thanks Pat and Carl. I only wish there were more people in the world that cared about young people as much as Dr. Pat.

National Sports at a Glance

By Phil Harris

San Francisco and Dallas again are the class of the NFL. Dallas will be improved over last year, but will it be enough to off-set the 49ers dominance? San Diego will be out to prove they were as good as last year. Miami, Pittsburgh, and New England will challenge the Chargers for the AFC crown.

Guess per pick: AFT Title game Miami vs. Pittsburgh
NFC Title game S.F. vs. Dallas
Super Bowl S.F. vs. Pittsburgh

BASEBALL has hit the dog days of summer. The Braves and Cincinnati are dominating the National League. The Braves are on cruise control in the east as their pitching staff is taking over. The Reds are battling the injury bug as the bench continues to come through in the clutch. Houston, thanks to Jeff Bagwell coming to life, is now within shouting distance of the Reds in the central division. Now Bagwell is out with a broken hand, the Astros are in trouble. The West will come down to the Dodgers pitching or the Colorado Rockies hitting. It should be exciting.

Cleveland continues to rule the American League. The Central Division is theirs to lose. California has been the surprise of the American League. The Angels are pulling away in the west. The east is still up for grabs. Boston's lead has shrunk, and now Roger Clemens is hurt again. The Yankees and Orioles have made trades for David Cone and Bobby Bonilla, respectively. This should be the race to watch the rest of the season. If the season were to end today, here would be my top awards:

Cy Young National League: Greg Maddox (Atl.)
American League: Tim Lincecum (Bos.)
MVP National League: Derek Bell (Hou.)
American League: Mo Vaughn (Bos.)

AUTO RACING: The NASCAR points standings continue to be led by Jeff Gordon. Only 178 points separate positions one through five. The Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis is the next important race for Gordon, Sterling Marlin, Dale Earnhardt, Mark Martin, and Ted Musgrave. As each driver looks for momentum to carry hopes of a points title, the Brickyard is a great start.

Well, that does it for another month. God willing, I will see you next month. (FOOTBALL TIME!!! in one month.)



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Engagements



Keith - Burke

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keith Jr. of Mentone announce the wedding of their daughter, Rebecca Cheri, to Mr. Scott Gary Burke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burke.

Cheri is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keith Sr. of Mentone, and Mr. T.W. Smith and the late Betty Smith of Pisgah. She is a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, will attend Northeast State Community College, and is employed at Toys-N-Tots Daycare.

Scott is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Burke of Collinsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dunlap of Crossville. He is a 1995 graduate of Collinsville High School. He is employed at Sand Mountain Electric.

The wedding will be at Collinsville Baptist Church on August 26, 1995, at 4:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Davis - McGee

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis of Valley Head announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Dawn, to John L. McGee, son of Maurice McGee of Fort Payne and Aileen Hunter of Mentone.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Myrtle Blansit and the late Loy Blansit of Valley Head and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kellie Davis of Henagar. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Valley Head High School and the Gadsden State Cosmetology program. She is now co-owner of the Clip Joint Beauty Salon in Mentone.

Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Lucien McGee of Ft. Payne and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thomas. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Fort Payne High School and is presently employed with Purity Dairies of Nashville.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, August 12, 1995, at 5:00 p.m. at the High Point Church of God. A reception will follow at the church. No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and family are cordially invited to share in their joy.



Sharp - Wheat

Darrell and Nancy Kelley of Gaylesville, Ala., announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Sally Ann Sharp, to Timothy Shaun Wheat, son of Ronald Wheat and Kathy Wheat, both of Mentone.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Anthony Sharp, and the granddaughter of James and Louise Sharp, all of Valley Head, and James and Clara Pell of Mentone.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School and is currently attending Jacksonville State University.

The groom is the grandson of the late Frank and Lucille Blalock of Mentone and Verlie and Bernice Wheat of Steens, Mississippi.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Valley Head High School and is currently employed at AnCro Specialties in Ft. Payne.

The wedding will be at Valley Head Baptist Church on August 5, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. All friends and family are invited to attend.



Jones - Stanley

Mr. and Mrs. Gary D. Jones of Murray, Kentucky, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Sue, to William Alan Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stanley of Fort Payne, Alabama.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Calloway County High School, a 1991 graduate of Murray State University with a B.A. in Chemistry, and a 1995 graduate of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Valley Head High School, a 1990 graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. in Animal and Dairy Science, and a 1994 graduate of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine.

The wedding will be held on August 26, 1995, at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



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WHAT'S VELVET? Antler growth is a phenomenon made all the more curious by the summer antler overcoat we call velvet. So what exactly is velvet? In simple terms, it's an extension of the deer's skin that envelops the growing antlers. Like skin, antlers in the velvet stage can bruise, bleed, and suffer frostbite. Antler velvet is the fastest-growing tissue in the animal kingdom, exceeding .39 inches per day. Its shedding is spurred by increased testosterone output—taking deer from several hours to several weeks to complete the process.

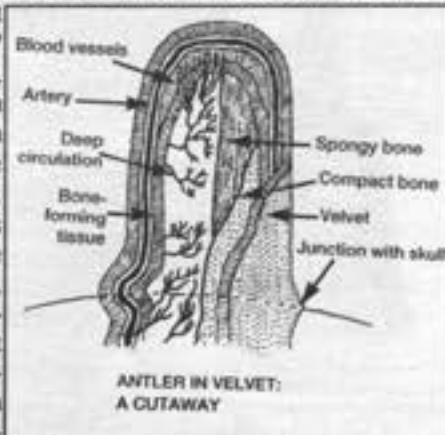
ALABAMA: Deer hunters here enjoy a long season—November through January—and a liberal limit of one buck a day. Overall, the herd of 1.5 million animals is stable, according to the state Deer Studies Project leader David Nelson. "The exception would be slight increases in low-density areas in the northern half of the state," Nelson said, "and slight decreases in high-density areas in the southern half."

Last year 300,000 deer were harvested; Nelson expects a higher take this season. "Warm weather suppressed deer movement during the '94 to '95 season," he noted. "I would expect, with a normal or cold winter, the deer harvest for '95 to '96 will be higher."

Densest herds are found in southern Alabama, with trophy bucks most common in the center of the state, especially the Black Belt region. One Boone and Crockett-class buck was killed last year. Wildlife management areas with good deer kills include Barbour, Oakmulgee, Skyline, and Choccolocco. Management areas with highest trophy potential are Little River, Lamarion, and Black Warrior.

ACROSS THE SEASONS: Deer are social animals and are attracted by the sight, sound, and scent of other deer most of the year. Danger is the downside of using a decoy, because it can draw fire from other hunters. Never carry a decoy exposed, and always set one up in a position that keeps you out of the line of fire of other hunters. Non-scented soaps, deodorants, and cover scents minimize or mask human odor. Cover scents should match natural scents in the area.

In well-balanced deer herds, rutting activity is intense and relatively brief. A prolonged, low-intensity rut generally indicates too many does and low buck competition.



DEFINING WILD

For the Native Americans, the wilderness was not savage until the white man arrived.

"We did not think of the great open plains, the beautiful rolling hills and winding streams, with tangled growth as 'wild.' Only to the white man was nature a 'wilderness' and only to him was the land 'infested with wild animals and savage people.' To us it was tame. Earth was bountiful and we were surrounded with the blessings of the Great Mystery. Not until the hairy man from the East came and with brutal frenzy heaped injustices upon us and the families we loved was it wild for us. When the very animals of the forest began fleeing from his approach...it was then for us the 'Wild West' began." —Chief Luther Standing Bear, Ogala Sioux.

TO RECOIN A PHRASE

WILD-GOOSE CHASE: This saying was derived more from horse chasing than from geese. A wild-goose chase was a horse race in which the horses were forced to follow the leader at fixed intervals, one horse never allowed to overtake another. They eventually became exhausted—hence the idea that a wild goose chase is an impractical and ill-advised search for something nonexistent or unachievable.

PASS THE BUCK: No one in their right mind would pass a buck around, or would they? This phrase owes its origins to the early games of poker, where the dealer was identified by passing him a pocketknife, which often had a buckhorn handle.

CAMPING INFORMATION

CAMP-STYLE CLEANING: The next time you forget to bring scouring products on a camping trip, and find yourself stuck with a pile of greasy pots and pans, use a handful of cold ashes as a substitute. Wood ashes are abrasive and work just as well as the real thing. Use a damp rag to work the ashes around, then rinse thoroughly.

DOUBLE DUTY COOLERS: To keep your food cold on a camping trip, pour tea, lemonade, or fruit juice into small plastic screw-top milk or soda bottles, leaving them a quarter empty. Then freeze the bottles solid and spread them inside your cooler as you would ice. They will hold their temperatures for up to two days, save space, and supply refreshing drinks as they thaw.

HOW TO QUIT SMOKING: No matter where you stand around an evening campfire, the smoke always seems to follow, burning your eyes and lungs. The reason is simple: Smoke is attracted to large objects, which create a partial vacuum the smoke tries to fill. So the next time you build a campfire, build it near an object that is larger than you, such as a large boulder or a bank of soil. You can also create your own smoke attractor by stacking some extra wood about a foot from the fire.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Information provided by Jimmy Wright of the Mentone American Legion Post 215.

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony was held on Thursday, July 27, 1995, in Washington, D.C., during the events scheduled from July 26 through July 29. This was a ceremony to thank the veterans for their countless sacrifices made during and after the Korean War. They have had little or no thanks up to this time.

Waylon R. Bell, Jimmy Berry, Herman Golden, Edward D. Jones, Randle G. Rice, Delmas R. Smith, Roy L. Strickland, Jimmy Wright, and Harry D. Smith, were all in the military during the Korean War era. There are probably many others in the Mentone area. However, they are not listed on the membership roster of the American Legion Post 215.

The magnificent memorial expresses the enduring gratitude of the American people to our fighting men and women.

WEATHER WORDS

Every reason in the natural world not to get dependent on your weatherman.

We are so accustomed to seeing TV meteorologists with their satellite pictures of clouds, their radar and their little wands flipping across maps of the nation that we forget they haven't been with us forever. For thousands of years, humans have successfully predicted the weather by observing the sky, clouds, plants, animals, and other signs in nature. Consider the following:

- Fish surface before a storm to feed on insects that are flying closer to the water because of decreased atmospheric pressure.

- Tree leaves showing their undersides indicate a sudden shift in wind direction, which usually precedes rain.

- Groups of birds flying low or perched on utility wires are signs of an impending storm; the less dense low-pressure air that accompanies bad weather makes it harder for them to fly.

- Bees buzz back to their hives in a straight line when rain is on the way.

- A ring around the moon usually means rain within 24 hours.

- Frogs croak more before a rainstorm. Since they can't tolerate much evaporation of moisture from their skin, they tend to stay underwater when the humidity is low.

- If the points of a crescent moon look unusually sharp, prepare for high winds. If they look blunt, rain is moving in.

- If the temperature rises sharply between 9:00 p.m. and midnight, expect rain—soon.

- Wild animals become quite restless before a storm, sometimes losing much of their native caution. Moles increase their burrowing activity, and wolves are said to howl more.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Comfort Tips

- Seal the seams of the tent according to the manufacturer's instructions. If you don't, it will leak. Period.

- Take your pillow from home. More useful than a frying pan and lighter than an ax, it will improve your chances of a good night's sleep. Or bring just the pillowcase and stuff it with combinations of your camping clothing to a comfortable height and density.

- Take a chair. Most First World people aren't comfortable crouching around stoves and fires or even sitting cross-legged for very long. The Crazy Creek Power Lounger weighs less than two pounds and will save your lower back (1-800-331-0304).

- Use a headlamp to free your hands. In the back country, take candles along and melt their bottoms to the tops of wide-mouth Nalgene water bottles. They make adequate stands.

- Eat the foods you like. Real eggs can be carried in plastic cartons. Mini drip filters keep the coffee addicts happy. Use insulated plastic mugs with snap-on lids. They prevent spills in the tent, keep beverages hot, and, unlike classic tin cups, allow people to drink without scalding their lips. In sandy or sloppy conditions, improve the neatness of meal-times by cooking on a groundcloth.

- Bring extra fuel to heat water, a two-quart pot, and some biodegradable soap. The world looks happier, and packs feel lighter, after even the most minimalist bath.

Don't Run Around Looking for It...



Happy Birthday to You!



HEATHER NICOLE DANIEL

celebrated her **6th** birthday on Aug. 2, 1995.

She is the daughter of Donald and Margie Daniel of Hammondville. She has a sister, Brittany Danielle.

Grandparents are Stella Pierce of Hammondville and the late Rev. Clarence Pierce, and Gertrude Daniel of Sulphur Springs and the late R.C. Daniel.

ROBERT TAYLOR STEELE

will celebrate his **2nd** birthday on Aug. 5, 1995.

He is the son of Artie and Karen Steele of Mentone.

His grandparents are Victor and Regina Wooten of Fort Payne and Sabrina Freeman of Fort Payne and Clara Steele of Mentone and the late Robert Steele.



Birth



QM3 Michael Scott Hope of Naples, Italy and Lisa Strickland Hope of Mentone announce the birth of their daughter, Jilian Caroline Hope at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She weighed 6 lb. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are J.C. and Betty Hope of Adamsburg and Roy and Mickey Strickland of Mentone.



Jessica McKenzie

Jessica McKenzie celebrated her 2nd birthday, on May 20, with a party at home among all her friends and relatives. She received many gifts, but her favorite was her swing set from Mommy and Daddy. Her proud parents are Dewayne and Laura McKenzie of Valley Head.



Katherine Hope Martin

Katherine Hope Martin will celebrate her 3rd birthday on August 5. Hope is the daughter of Michelle (Chambers) Martin of Mentone, and Matt Martin of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Sanford and Juanita Hartline and Milton and Gail Chambers of Mentone, and Don and Carolyn Martin of Fort Payne. Great grandparents are W.A. and Polly Chambers of Mentone.

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Marie Dillenbeck



Jim Hyland, Alabama Forestry Division

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, July 11, 1995, at 2 p.m. at the Mentone Town Hall. Hostesses Hope Walker, Alyce Springer, and Diane Kuehl, served delicious refreshments.

Marie Dillenbeck, president, called the meeting to order. The collect was led by Dr. Pat Seymour, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dorothy Cyr. The president recognized the guests who were present: Annette Orr, Mentone Mayor Max Cash, Jack Jones of Cloudmont Resort, Chester Crowe, George Walker, George Lide, and Jim Bassage, who had come to hear the program.

The president suspended the regular order of business to allow Jim Hyland of the Alabama Forestry Commission, to present the program, "Control of Insects and Diseases of Trees." Mr. Donald Cole, DeKalb County Forester came with Mr. Hyland to assist in any manner he could. Mr. Hyland showed a video and explained the damage various insects and diseases cause to our trees. Dogwood Anthracnose leaflets were passed out to the members. The program was very interesting and many questions were asked of Mr. Cole by the members and the guests. The Rhododendron Garden Club was honored to have Mr. Cole as their speaker.

Following the program, the order of business continued. The minutes were read and approved as was the treasurer's report. Dr. Pat Seymour won the drawing for the hostess gift, which was maple syrup from Maine and beautiful note paper, donated by Hope Walker. There was no new business.

Under old business, Ann Wright gave a status report about the butterfly garden at Moon Lake School. Ken Kirby donated a load of dirt for the project. Plans are under way for the Fall District II meeting to be hosted by the club.

There being no further business, the president thanked the hostesses for the refreshments. The meeting was adjourned, and it was announced that the next meeting would be at the home of Jo Beube, and Dr. Pat Seymour has the program, "Flowers and Trees of the Bible."



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Robert and Ilene Green and Kenneth and Gail Chambers attended the 1995 Honda Goldwing Wing Ding at Greenville, S.C. during three days of the Fourth of July weekend. They rode their Hondas to Greenville, S.C. and stayed at the Royal Inn. This Wing Ding happens once a year, and seven different countries were represented, and bikers from all over the United States attended.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. Psalm 63: 3-4

David seemed to be going through difficult times; but, instead of complaining, he looked at the lovingkindness of the Lord, and began to praise and bless the Lord. When things seem to be out of control, try praising and blessing the Lord, lifting up your hands in His name. Things will get better. Try it and see.

NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

3RD ANNUAL BAR-B-Q

Saturday, September 2, 1995,
beginning about 10 a.m.

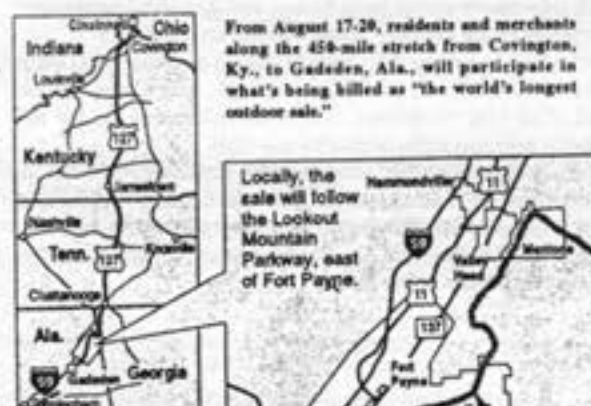
at the Fire Hall,
in downtown Mentone.

Take-out or eat in.

---ALSO---

Raffle tickets on 10 \$100 bills
To be given away
on September 2, 1995.

World's longest outdoor sale



From August 17-20, residents and merchants along the 450-mile stretch from Covington, Ky., to Gadsden, Ala., 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 roughly 25,000 people participated in the sale.

The ninth annual 450-Mile Outdoor Sale

WORLD'S LONGEST OUTDOOR SALE (450 MILES) SET FOR AUG. 17-20

The ninth annual 450-Mile Outdoor Sale is expected to be better than ever this year. This year's sale, stretching from Covington, KY, to Nocalula Falls in Gadsden, is scheduled

August 17-20. Tourist Association Director Bill Witcraft is urging residents to start organizing now.

From one end to the other, the road will be alive with antiques, crafts, food, history, music and gorgeous scenery. "Any resident of the county can participate in the yard sale," Witcraft said. "They just need to set up in a safe place along the parkway with ample parking. If it is on private property, they need to get the owner's permission." Sellers can open shop as early in the morning as they wish, and can stay open as late as they wish, he added.

Any food products must meet Health Department standards.

If anyone has saleable used goods but they do not wish to participate, Witcraft urges these people to drop off their boxes of items at the Tourist Association office in Traditional Square across from Western Sizzlin Restaurant. Used clothing is discouraged, he said. The Tourist Association will sell these items in their booth in Mentone. Proceeds will go for the promotion of events sponsored by the Tourist Association all over DeKalb County.

Already Witcraft has recorded in a Montgomery TV studio a broadcast that will be shown on a public television channel, promoting the sale. It is expected to air three or four times a week, he said. Also, the sale has been featured on the entire front page of the travel section inside the Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel, a daily newspaper, Witcraft said.

The 450-Mile Outdoor Sale is a continuous stretch of family, church, club, and civic organizations who display their for-sale items during the four-day event. Wide publicity over the years has turned the August happening into something of a mecca for flea-market enthusiasts. Thousands of travelers make the trip in search of hidden treasures for very little cost.

Not only does the trek serve as a fun excursion for the family, but it is also an opportunity for local tourism officials to brag about their county. Last year, Witcraft said he "must have talked to 1,000 people. Traffic was literally bumper-to-bumper."

Last year, Gene Erwin of the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association said he traveled the stretch from Nocalula Falls to Mentone, and counted a total of 196 vendors along the way.

Witcraft said many people make the whole trip in four days, having designed their plans to end up in their home town at the close of their journey. Many drive trucks or vans, which they load full of merchandise they collect at their countless stops along the way.

Last year, the 450-Mile Outdoor Sale drew reporters from around the world and twice the shoppers from years prior, which have numbered around 25,000.

DeKalb County officials and roadside barbers gave interviews with reporters from Huntsville, Anniston, Chattanooga, a Japanese journalist, a London newspaper writer, CNN reporters, a consulting editor of the Louisville Gazette, and with Texas television producer Tony Burden.

The first sale was 350 miles long, but was extended the following year when the southernmost 100 miles of Lookout Mountain Parkway were added, from Chattanooga to Nocalula Falls in Gadsden.

The parkway stretches the length of DeKalb County along the brow of Lookout Mountain, through Mentone, DeSoto State Park, Five Points, along Scenic Road to Dogtown, Loveless, Mount Vernon, and Collinsville. The road travels a short distance through Cherokee County before entering Etowah County.

For more information on the 450-Mile Outdoor Sale, contact the Tourist Association Office at 845-3957.