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THE CARMICHAEL FAMILY

By James Carmichael

The Carmichaels came to America mainly between 1747 and 1800, but according to one source, John Carmichael arrived in Boston, Ma., 1652. Some settled in New York, some in Pennsylvania, and also Virginia; then they came on to No. Carolina, So. Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida. Now, they can be found in every state of the United States.

The Carmichaels are Scotch-Irish, coming to America from Scotland and Ireland. They heard of America, that it was a better place across the ocean where the land was rich, and with little taxes to pay. They could be their own bosses and also they could worship as they pleased. All this helped them to decide to leave their native land for America.

The Carmichael name appears to have originated about 1100 AD in Lawarkshire, a county in the Lowlands of Scotland, in which the city of Glasgow is located. It appears as Kermichael and Flanmichael, Chermichael, Karemigel, and Kermichel. The present spelling, Carmichael, first appeared in a charter granting the church properties to Sir James Douglas issued by Robert the Bruce, King of Scotland, soon after his accession to the throne in 1306.

From the Pennsylvania area, my branch of the Carmichaels came to East Tennessee. They settled around the area of Loudon, Madisonville, and Tellico Plains, Tenn. There, my Grandfather George Pomeroy Carmichael Jr., met and married Annie Elizabeth McMurray. They had seven children—four girls and three boys. They were all born at Tellico Plains, Tenn. My Grandfather was a farmer and, to the best of my knowledge, they moved to Alabama for more land and better farming.

My father and his family moved from Tenn. to Alabama about one mile south of Valley Head in the late 1800s. They settled on a farm at the foot of



Carmichael Family Picture

Back row (L/R): Annie Ellen Carmichael, Joe Francis "Polly" Carmichael; Katherine Lee Carmichael, James Pomeroy Carmichael Sr., Boyd McMurray Carmichael, Grandmother Annie Elizabeth Carmichael;
Front Row (L/R): Margaret Jane Carmichael, Grandfather George Pomeroy Carmichael Jr., and Otto Grey Carmichael. (Picture believed to be made after moving to Valley Head, Alabama) (Photo provided by Jim Carmichael)

Lookout Mountain. In that area, were the McKowns, Davenports, and Whites.

My Daddy told me of the good times they had going up to Alpine swimming and picnicking. Also the times they went to Moon Lake for bicycle racing around the lake. I guess that is where he met my mother, Emma Lou Jones. They married on Dec. 25, 1909.

The Carmichaels were very active in their church. They were all Methodist at that time, but, since then, others have become Baptists and Presbyterians.

Both Grandfather and Grandmother Carmichael died before I was born, so I didn't get to know them.

The children of George Pomeroy and Annie

Elizabeth Carmichael were:

1. Boyce McMurray Carmichael, who married Lizzie Davenport, Jan. 11, 1903. She was the daughter of John and Lutishia (Hammond) Davenport of Valley Head.
2. Margaret Jane, born 10-3-1876, fell from a horse and died 11-19-1895.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, August 4, 7 p.m.,
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Tuesday, August 5, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef

- Thursday thru Sunday, August 14, 15, 16, and 17,
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(See page 16.)
- Monday, August 18, School Starts in DeKalb County

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We would like to thank everyone for their cards, the food, the visits, and most of all the prayers for our mom's recovery from her surgery. You have brightened her days as she is stuck at home, and we can never thank you enough for all you have done.

Thanks again,
Carolyn Coats
Debbie Flannigan
Brenda Goss,
Emmett & Jo Bain

EDITORIAL

By Evelyn Graves, Editor

Tony Camp, District Engineer with the Alabama Highway Department, has had numerous inquiries about the new guard rail on Highway 117 on the brow side of the mountain. He says, "Yes, it is rusty; it was installed deliberately rusty to blend in with the natural rock wall," and Mr. Camp added, "It cost more to get it that way." Usually when the rails are put through the galvanization process, they come out shiny and conspicuous, and to avoid the galvanization process with the given feet of rail for this particular project, the cost was greater.

I would like to speak for all of the community in saying that we appreciate so very much the guard rail. Traffic seems to increase every week up and down the mountain, and it gives an added sense of security to have the sturdy rail in place.

Thank you, Mr. Camp, and your department, for attending to our needs here on the mountain. I like the rustic look and feel that it adds character to Mentone's natural surroundings.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mrs. Graves,

We spoke on the phone Saturday about the article in the Groundhog. That you might better understand the information I need I am sending what I have on the Bundrens and the Redwines.

According to the article in the paper, Granny Dollar says she was one of the first in her area to marry an Indian. The second one was Nancy Bundren, daughter of Wiley and Avis Redwine.

There were three sons and six daughters from the union. Some of the daughters migrated to Georgia. I hope this is where I can find a connection to our Mary.

If you know of any Redwines in Alabama, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Again, thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Brooksie Vines, Box 476, Trion, GA 30753

READERS: If you have any information or know of any connection to the Bundrens or the Redwines that might help Mrs. Vines, please contact her at the above address.



RHODA

To celebrate the Rhododendron Festival on May 17, Susan and Bill Coyne and R.E. and Mary Ann Nelson opened their homes on Little River to several friends. Guests from La, Alpharetta, Birmingham, and the mountain enjoyed a day of Bar-B-Que, pontoon boat rides to view the gorgeous rhododendrons and mountain laurel, canoe rides, horseshoes, homemade ice cream, and, of course, a trip into town to savor the beauty and charm of the village, and the festival on the brow.

Guests were greeted at the driveway by RHODA. Isn't she cute?



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37: 3, 5

The key word in this scripture is trust. The word trust is to have faith, believe without doubt. What a promise, if we will only trust the Lord and do good, we can have a place to dwell, be fed, and He will answer our prayers. Why worry about the future if we will only trust the Lord.

Try trusting, and do good.

MAPA August Meeting



Come and hear Jamie Collins, Vice-President of The Isaac Group, L.L.C., Entertainment Enterprises, a film company, who will be the speaker at the Mapa meeting on Tuesday evening, August 5, 1997, at 7 p.m., at Dessie's Country Chef. Mrs. Collins, her husband Kyle, Emily Carpenter and her husband, will be making a film. Scenes will be shot in the Mentone area from Little River Canyon all the way up to and into Mentone. The film will be developed by Charles Grant, a well-known Hollywood actor and producer, and shown in movie theaters all over. They will be using some local talent, so come and see if you can be one of the local actors used in the film. It will take 21 days to film, and the filming will be done in the month of October, in the town square, at DeSoto Falls, at one of the camps, and in various places around Mentone, including footage during the October Colorfest and Groundhog Run. Don't miss this meeting. **Remember, 7 p.m., August 5, Dessie's.**

Natural Food Buying Club

There will be a meeting for people interested in starting a natural food buying club, Sunday, August 24, 5:00 p.m. at Nippersink Lodge. If you have any questions; you may call **Therese Cox** at 634-3610.

SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Auto Racing

NASCAR is having one of its most competitive seasons in recent memory. The Winston Cup points championship is up for grabs. Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin, and Terry Labonte have been jockeying for positions 1, 2, and 3 for several weeks. Each race is important from now on. Dale Jarrett, Jeff Burton, and Dale Earnhardt are still in the running. They need a lot of luck. Mark Martin has been the most consistent driver of late. Look for him to be the man to beat, down the stretch.

Basketball

Phil Jackson has signed a one year contract extension, to coach the Chicago Bulls. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen will resign contracts, and the Bulls will rein as champions of the NBA in '97-'98. What else is new?

Pro Football

Pre season is upon us and the NFL welcomes the new Tennessee Oilers, via Houston. Of course, we have two area teams to root for. The Falcons and the above mentioned Oilers. Can Alabamians force themselves to cheer for anything with Tennessee on it? (I think not!) Most will go on, half heartedly, keeping up with the Falcons, after college football with-draws hit on Sundays.

Groundhog pick: Super Bowl - Green Bay vs. Denver

Baseball

The Atlanta Braves are a little out of character. Over the past six seasons, the Braves have dominated the second half of the season. This year injuries have hit Atlanta like never before. Kenny Lofton, Terrell Wade, and Javier Lopez have spent time on the disabled list. Several others have had nagging injuries. Just wait. About the middle of August, they will roll into another World Series. Braves vs. Baltimore, in October.

College Football

The national championship is up for grabs, no clear cut favorite has been established. Notre Dame, Penn State, Tennessee, Florida, Colorado, Nebraska, FSU and Washington have gotten most of the press. This could be one of the most exciting seasons ever, for NCAA football.

Groundhog preseason top ten: 1. Florida, 2. Colorado, 3. Tennessee, 4. Penn State, 5. Washington, 6. Nebraska, 7. FSU, 8. Notre Dame, 9. Texas, 10. North Carolina.

Groundhog final top five: 1. Tennessee, 2. FSU, 3. Washington, 4. Colorado, 5. Florida. Yes, the Vols National Champs!

The SEC championship race shapes up to be a good one. The West seems stronger top to bottom, than the East. Question is, can they compete with the beasts of the East? Tennessee and Florida are the class of the SEC, currently.

Groundhog SEC preview: East - 1. Tennessee, 2. Florida, 3. Georgia, 4. South Carolina, 5. Vanderbilt, 6. Kentucky

West - 1. LSU, 2. Auburn, 3. Mississippi State, 4. Alabama, 5. Ole Miss, 6. Arkansas.

Sports on the Scene

The DeKalb County Sports Hall of Fame (DCSHoF) is finally a reality. Many of our high school coaches and players have gone unnoticed through the years. Now everyone involved in high school athletics will get to see what has made DeKalb County sports what it is.

Thirteen former coaches and players will be inducted in November. Four living Alabama Sports Hall of Fame members: Ronnie Haushalter, Hugh O'Shields, L.D. Bruce, and Nelson, automatically qualify. Nine other members, elected by committee, get to see their names on the Hall of Fame wall. The Hall will be at the Rainsville Civic Center.

Nominations are being accepted by the Fort Payne and Rainsville Chambers of Commerce. You must be a member of the Hall of Fame (\$25 fee for person and \$100 corporate or business sponsorship) to nominate anyone. If you are interested in joining or need information on the DeKalb County Sports Hall of Fame, please contact Phil Harris at 635-0830 or the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce. The DCSHoF needs financial help, because hugh plans are in the works to honor the former greats.

The mens summer league softball has come to pass. Local softball teams Mentone and CBS had very average seasons. Mentone finished with a 7-9 record in the mens lower league. CBS ended with a 5-9 record in the middle league at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. The fall league begins in the middle of August.

The Valley Head Tigers open the season in one month. New head coach Jerry Brown is excited, and hopefully it will expand throughout the community. The Tigers have not had a winning season since 1991. Hopefully, Coach Brown can turn the Tiger program around.

Fyffe, Sand Rock, Cedar Bluff, and Plainview are the powers on the schedule. The Tigers should be equal to or better than the rest. Valley Head will be very much improved. Good luck Tigers!!

The *Groundhog* preview: Valley Head 5-5, 2-1 area runner up.

Next month, we will preview the DeKalb County area races. One final note. Summer league baseball has just ended for Mentone/Valley Head little league teams. Coby Harrison was the only player elected for the all stars in Rainsville. One other player, Corey Kirby, made the all star team at Fort Payne. Congratulations, Corey and Coby!

Well, that does it for another month. May God bless.

1997 Valley Head Football Schedule

Sept. 4 - Geraldine	H
Sept. 12 - Fyffe	H
Sept. 19 - Sand Rock	A
Sept. 26 - Cedar Bluff*	H
Oct. 3 - Ider	H
Oct. 10 - NSM	A
Oct. 17 - Plainview	A
Oct. 24 - Gaylesville*	A
Oct. 31 - Collinsville*	H
Nov. 7 - Section	A

*Area game

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dearest devoted readers and fans, July is gone and the dog days of August are upon us. Moi asked Cheryl Crane to read what dog days are. Cheryl looked it up in the encyclopedia and said it is periods of hot, sticky, uncomfortable summer weather, occurring in July and late August. Well, moi makes sure to stay clear of dog days by staying between the counters in air conditioned comfort.

AL finally took moi's advice and has begun painting the Superette. Moi highly approves of the shade of green. A canine such as moi should have only the best decorated castle to stay in. Moi mentions a castle only because moi overheard Marie and Evelyn taking about the James Carmichael family having a castle in Scotland, wherever that is. Willis Bialock said his home is his castle, and Jack Lusk just nodded his head. L.M. said he didn't want a castle, it took too much money to keep it in shape.

The Superette was invaded by little people from Rome, Ga. If that's what an invasion is, moi is all for it. Mary Rebecca Watson, Meridith Aubrey Ansley, Ana Glass, and Brice Elizabeth Watson all came in together to worship the great one. They know royalty when they see it, even as young as they are. Royalty stays in castles, moi has been told.

Three attractive children from Pell City swarmed in with their mother, and Trent, Tyler and Holly Thomas all came straight to the magnificent one to pet and make over moi. Children have no problem pouring out their affections on this stupendous canine.

Clare Fugitt and Amelia Fugitt of Marietta, Ga., arrived at the Superette. They, too, were awed by moi's awesome presence.

Moi was misinformed by AL recently. AL told moi that he was being taken to a "spend-the-night" party where Lula Belle, moi's favorite, would also be an overnight guest. Liar, liar, pants on fire! Pop had an early morning eye doctor appointment in Atlanta. Moi bought a new pair of pajamas to take to the "spend-the-night" party, which turned out to be a terrifying night at the hated DeKalb Animal Hospital in Fort Payne. No Lula Belle, either.

Would you believe, some adult visitors from Clearwater, Fla., Chris Hamilton and her friend, Russ Randall, came to the Superette especially to see the great one. They were visiting with mom and dad, Sue and Bill Schwarz, and said they couldn't leave Mentone without stopping to pay their respects. After seeing the magnificent one, the canyon, park, nature center, and other sites just didn't compare. Chris's children, Rachel and Gwennie, dropped in to adore moi in July while they were visiting Sue and Bill. Guess their mom was jealous and just had to "drop by."

Remember that school is starting soon. Watch out for all the children on their way to school. Be mighty careful not to hurt any of them.

Well, Pop's anxious to get home, so moi will hurry and lead him up the path to the house where we can both get out of this heat and get some good rest after these long days between the counters.

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THANK YOU!

The Mentone Baseball team (8-9-10 year olds) would like to say thanks to everyone who gave donations and stopped by the car wash on July 12. With special thanks going to the Valley Head Chevron who allowed the team to use their facilities.

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Mentone Grapevine 11

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

One of Mentone's real gentlemen and a well-known resident, C. T. "Railroad" Parker, died early Saturday morning, July 26. His friends will really miss him. It is a great loss to the Mentone area. Keep his family in your prayers. There will be a memorial service announced in The Times-Journal for late in August. Be watching for the date, time, and place.

Erma McAdams spent a weekend with her mother in Chattanooga, "resting," by starning her mother's porch. Erma works long hours at Wood Lumber Company in Fort Payne, and enjoys an occasional trip to see her mother, where she can rest.

Jack Jones is recovering from recent surgery. He is doing fine, but is anxious to get moving and be out and about. He's not one to rest very much. There's lots to do and people to see and talk to, and we all know Jack loves to talk and tell stories. He's famous for that.

Malcolm and Maureen Brewer recently were hosts to their friends Mickey and Ed Bobo, and Ed's brother, all from Rising Fawn, Ga. The Brewer's Mentone home on the brow overlooking the valley has a fantastic view.

Malcolm Brewer recently received a 50-year gold Masonic pin for his 50 years of service to the Masons. Congratulations, Malcolm.

George and Hattie Lide enjoyed their visit from daughter, Carol Aluski, and her family, from Pittsburgh, PA. Husband, Dave, and children, Dana and Michael, were here for the Fourth of July celebrations.

Bill and Sue Schwarz returned their two grandchildren, Rachel and Gwenne Hamilton to Clearwater, Florida, then rested a few days and enjoyed a visit from Sue's daughter, Chris Hamilton and her friend, Russ Randall, from Clearwater. Then, they headed up to Maryland to visit Sue's mom, Ruth Porter in Oakland, MD. Welcome back to Mentone, Sue and Bill.

The Mentone Superette has undergone a paint job. See what Brutus has to say about that.

Jesse Crow and Nellie have a beautiful front yard. The flowers are just gorgeous, even though we've been having some "HOT-DRY" weather, lately. If you get a chance to drive by on Cove Road (behind the Mentone Superette), see the canna's and especially the white hibiscus that is in full bloom as this issue goes to press.

Jim and Barbie Hester in Valley Head had a tremendous fire in their shop. No one was injured, but the fire destroyed welding equipment, acetylene torches, 4-wheelers, lawn mowers, tires, tools, weed eaters, and lots of other equipment. With a lot of fuel around, it burned HOT, HOT, HOT!

Sorry to hear that Johnny Cooper isn't feeling well. Get well wishes go out to him.

Congratulations to Scott and Susan Gifford on the arrival of their new daughter, Preslie Kara Gifford on July 15. She weighed 7 lbs. 7-1/2 oz. and was 20" long. Congratulations to Austin (2), also, because he is now a big brother. Proud grandparents are Tommy and Barbara Gifford of Valley Head and Denny and Nelda Reagan of Sunbright, TN.

Newlyweds Nick and Annette Black had big plans to spend their first vacation together in Dunham Island, but, needless to say, plans were changed by a big guy named, "Denny." They decided to go to the Smoky Mountains and had lots of fun there.

The Community Walking Park area at the MERF Community House has been paved and is now ready for walkers. For his Eagle Scout project, Eagle Scout Jake Pinholster planned the Community Walking Park. Because of the rainy weather, paving of the walking area had been postponed—but IT'S READY!! Get walking, folks! Better go early in the mornings to beat the heat.

Congratulations to Camilla Yamada, granddaughter of Maureen Hammond. Because of her leadership abilities in the school environment, Camilla was selected as one of 34 participants in the High School Leadership Rome X Program. Camilla is a junior at Darlington School in Rome, Ga., where

she excels in academics and sports.

Good luck to Coach Jerry Brown and the Valley Head Tigers on the 1997 football season. Go get 'em guys!

Ashley Harrison of Valley Head made the Dean's List (All As & Bs) at Gadsden State Community College for the spring quarter. Congratulations Ashley.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Sue Payne from Hammondville. She recently had surgery. Sue is the sister of Ads Childers.

Congratulations to Judy Windom on receiving her applied Associate Degree in Paralegals from Northeast State College.

Attention all Valley Head Band Students: Music Camp will be held on July 30, 31, and August 1. Band Camp will begin on August 4, and run until August 8. There will be a picnic for all band students and parents on Friday, August 8, at DeSoto State Park, beginning at 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baly recently had as their Sunday guests, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clendenning of Rome, Ga. Dr. Clendenning is a professor at Berry College in Rome. Also, Wala and Paulette Israel of Birmingham. The Reverend and Mrs. Sanford DeBerry of Gaylesville, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Acry of Centre, Mr. and Mrs. Al Acry of Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilborn of Fort Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Steele of Fort Payne. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all. Friends are happy to see Frank is recovering nicely from his recent by-pass surgery.

Congratulations to Alfie and Kristi Chambers of Birmingham, who had a little girl, Emerson "Emmy" Ann, on July 23. Emmy weighed 8 lbs. 7-1/2 oz. and was 22" long. Grandparents are Jim and Jan Briley of Birmingham, Milton and Carol Chambers and Sanford and Junius Hartline, all of Mentone.

Lorelei Lauro, Sarah (4 years), and Kristen (18 months) from Springfield, VA, visited for a few days with Grandma Dillenbeck. Marie's daughter, Lorelei, traveled many hours and miles with the two little ones, and didn't even look harmed and worn out when they arrived. She's quite a driver and the children are good travelers. It was a great visit, but it was too short," according to Marie. From Mentone, the three traveled to Huntsville to visit "Uncle Joey" Dillenbeck and wife, Kuma, and tour the Marshall Space Center, then to Montgomery, and on to Gulfport, MS, to visit with sister, Teresa Brown and her family. Just before Hurricane Danny hit the MS Gulf Coast, Lorelei and the children left and arrived home safely.

Reservations for vegetarian cooking classes are being taken now. If you are interested in healthier living and delicious food, sign up now!! Classes starting very soon. Register now by calling Stan and Linda Lawton (634-4658) or John and Dore Foreman (634-4021). Classes starting very soon.

The Mentone Baseball team (8-9-10 year olds) would like to say thanks to everyone who gave donations and stopped by the car wash on July 12, with special thanks going to the Valley Head Chevron who allowed the team to use their facilities.

Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Lea Smith Long, and Joshua Hughes, all of Mentone, were recent luncheon guests of Marilyn Campbell in July. Marilyn has visited with many folks this summer, including members of her family: her mother, Mary Blanton of Rome, Ga., brother, Daniel C. Blanton, his wife, Sharon, and her son, Ryan Stoupe, her sister Jane Blanton from Lincoln, NC, who was visiting their mother. Others were Mary Shepherd in White, Ga., in Selma, Mrs. Teresa Baker Kelly and her son, Ryan, and Teresa's husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kelly, and Teresa's mother, Mrs. Gladys Baker, as well as a group of the ladies Teresa teaches with at the Selma Middle School. Marilyn and Teresa and Mrs. Grace Andrus went to the campus at Huntingdon College in Montgomery to the Fitfest concentrating on the lives and work of F. Scott and Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald. While at the conference, Marilyn saw *The Merchant of Venice* and the Alan Ladd movie version of *The Great Gatsby*.

Congratulations to Emily Louise Rutledge who has been awarded a two-year Presidential Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in pre-engineering. Emily is a 1997 graduate of Fort Payne High School where she was the editor of the high school newspaper, *The Black & Gold Gazette*; member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD, FHA, and Senior Play. She is a member of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone. Emily is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Rutledge of Mentone.

Air Force Airman Misty D. Harrison, daughter of Steve D. Brubaker in Valley Head, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tx.

Army Private Wesley R. Gilreath, son of Lester R. and Margaret T. Gilreath of Valley Head, entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. Gilreath graduated from Ft. Payne High School in 1996.

Congratulations Tammy A. Cooper of Valley Head, who made the Dean's List for the summer quarter at Athens State College.

Andy Barker of Valley Head was awarded an Alumni Academic Scholarship at Auburn University based on his outstanding academic achievement in high school and excellent performance on college entrance exams. Andy, son of Dr. Greg Barker and Suzanne Barker, is a freshman majoring in wildlife biology.

J.E. (JEB) Bunch, won first place in the paper airplane contest and Art Award at Forest Avenue Elementary School this year. He also received an honorable mention for creativity in the Space Station Competition. He is the son of Jim and Leslie Bunch of Valley Head.

Jodie V. Keeton has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of technical sergeant. She is an ophthalmology clinic supervisor with the 375th Medical Group at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill. She is a 1980 graduate of Valley Head High School and is the daughter of Waylon R. and Dee Bell of Mentone.

Marie C. DePaul received her bachelor's degree from Auburn University at its spring commencement ceremonies at Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum on June 13.

Congratulations to the following Northeast College Scholarship winners: Wendy Dawn Hyde, graduate of Valley Head High School, and daughter of Joey and Kay Hyde, who won a Presidential Scholarship; and Nikki Smith, graduate of Valley Head High School, and daughter of William and Judy Smith, who won an Academic Scholarship.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following: ●Mrs. Peggy Wright, 84, of Valley Head, who died July 11. ●Archie Lou Hall Ford, 63, of Valley Head, who died July 12. ●C.T. "Railroad" Parker, 68, of Mentone, who died July 26.

Belated Birthday/Anniversaries for June: ●5-Alfie & Kristi Chambers (Anniv.), ●8-Sherry & Stacy Blanton (Anniv.), ●16-Kenneth Blanton (6), ●18-Phil & Kristy Harris (Anniv.), ●19-Kristi Chambers, ●23-Rusty & Angela (Anniv.), ●26-Jane & Kent Kerby, Tami & Audrey Bell (Anniv.).

Belated Birthdays wishes for July to: ●8-Daniel Phillips, ●11-Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester, ●17-Karla Hazell, ●19-Sybil Tipton, ●23-Logan Chambers, ●31-Peggy Wright.

Happy Birthday wishes for July to Emilee Cavazza (Gene Bullock's granddaughter), who turned five on July 15, and Dorothy Agaghiati (Madeline Bullock's mother) July 15.

Christopher Black celebrated his first birthday on July 17 with a Snoopy cake and lots of ice cream.

Zackary Taylor Dean, will turn 5 years old on July 30th. We hope Zack will have a wonderful birthday!

Mountain Mama's is opening an outlet pottery shop in the building next to the Hitchhiking Post on Ala. Hwy 117. They will have pottery and crafts. Go by and see what they have that you can use in your home or for a gift. Hours: Weekends 11-5.

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to: ●1-Jessica Ivy (2), Dorothy Sheldon, Las Cruces, NM (78), ●2-Ginger Gray, Tricia "Sonshine" Black (10 in clown years), ●3-Russell Pearson, ●4-Kathleen Mitchell, ●5-Hope Martin, ●8-Marcee Panger, ●9-Harry and Brenda Hopper, 27th anniversary, ●10-Lisa Hartline, ●12-John and Jennifer McGee (2nd Anniv.), ●13-Jim Stout, ●14-Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie, ●15-Chester Green, ●17-Buckshot, Jean Clark, Adelaide Biddle, Sandra Pruitt, ●19-Summer Easter, Beth Whisenant, Herman & Kathryn Jones (64th Anniv.), ●20-Anthony Windom, ●21-Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shuder, Mrs. Eddie Langston, ●22-Kim Worthen, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Berdell Moore, ●23-Juanita Hall, Brandon Whaley (9), ●24-"Lightning" Goss (86), Nicole Hildan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenna (Anniv.), ●25-Brenda Hall, ●26-Luke Crouch, ●28-"Lightning" and Flora Goss 68th Anniversary, Patrick Conuff Murphy (1), ●31-Jamie Carter.

The 4th Annual Southern Mountain Festival is August 30 at Sylva Park. There's something for everyone: arts, crafts, 5K run at 7 a.m., softball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, bingo, line dancing, games, rides, gospel singing, plenty of good food, beauty contest, and fireworks at dusk. Go have a great time.

The greatest discovery of any generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes.

-Albert Schweitzer

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN 1996 FACTS AND FIGURES

Article submitted by Jimmy Wright, Member of Zamora Shrine Temple in Birmingham, Ala. for 35 years. Seventy-five years ago, when the first Shriners Hospital for Children was established in Shreveport, La., the Shrine Nobility had no idea that this small town hospital eventually would become the forerunner of one of the finest pediatric specialty hospital networks in the world.

Today, Shriners Hospitals' 19 orthopaedic hospitals and three Shriners Burns Institutes—located in the United States, Canada and Mexico—continue to provide free, quality medical care to youngsters with orthopaedic problems and severe burn injuries.

Since 1922, this world-renowned hospital system has treated more than 552,000 children who have gone on to lead successful and happy lives.

Over 75 years, Shriners Hospitals have spent more than \$3.4 billion operating their 19 pediatric orthopaedic hospitals and three Shriners Burns Institutes. During that same period, construction and renovation costs have totaled nearly \$770 million.

The orthopaedic Shriners Hospitals are expertly staffed and equipped to treat orthopaedic disorders such as curvature of the spine (scoliosis), brittle bone disease (osteogenesis imperfecta), hand and back problems, club foot, limb deficiencies, and growth problems.

The burns institutes in Boston, Cincinnati, and Galveston, Texas—internationally recognized as pioneers in burn treatment—were the first burn hospitals in America dedicated solely to the treatment of children with severe burns. Another area of need the Shrine took an interest in a number of years ago is treating children with spinal cord injuries. The Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco Shriners Hospitals are the only national network offering spinal cord injury care to children and adolescents.

One of the extraordinary aspects of Shriners Hospitals is that all medical services they provide are totally without charge, and no insurance or U.S. government funds (federal, state or local) are sought or accepted for any of the medical care or services Shriners Hospitals offer.

Remarkable, too, is that Shriners Hospitals presently make the single largest contribution, on a continuing basis, to the care of disabled children of any organization or private healthcare system in the United States.

For three-quarters of a century, the 22 hospitals have combined to compile a number of patient statistics, including the following:

- 559,009 operations performed
- 6,752,382 X-rays taken
- 791,978 braces and prostheses applied
- 5,007,761 outpatient and outreach clinic visits
- 11,352,189 physical therapy treatments

With Shriners Hospitals approving 24,979 new applications for treatment during 1996, at year-end Shriners Hospitals' active patient roster stood at 162,126.

For 1997, the overall budget for all Shriners Hospitals totals \$425 million, of which \$359 million is allocated for operating expenses (including \$21 million for research) and \$66 million for buildings and equipment expenditures.



Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriner doctors are doing "amazing things" for Zach Mitchell

By Angela Tant, The Times-Journal

(article appeared in the May __, 1997, issue)

A 10-year old Rainsville boy who was seriously burned in a February fire is making a steady recovery with the help of a Cincinnati hospital. Zach Mitchell was outside burning leaves with his brother when he decided to pour gasoline on a fire. The gas can exploded, causing Zach to catch on fire.

Once he got to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga by helicopter, the doctors on staff knew Zach had to get to a burn center. People who have second-and third-degree burns over 20 percent of their bodies need to be sent there. Zach sustained burns to 80 percent of his body.

"Doctors had to do something fast. So they picked up the phone and the Cincinnati Burns Institute entered Zach's life.

"They are miracle workers," Zach's brother, Mitch, said. "They do incredible things at that center, amazing things. The hospital has been so good and so wonderful to us that there's no way we could thank them enough."

The Cincinnati Burns Institute is one of four Shriners Hospitals for Children specializing in acute and rehabilitative care of burn-injured children.

As soon as the Burns Institute received the call from Chattanooga, it sprung into action immediately. A transport team, composed of two pilots, a nurse and a respiratory technician, picked Zach up from the hospital and airlifted him to Cincinnati.

When Zach entered the hospital, he became one of many children who come to the institute. Last year alone, the 30-bed facility admitted 216 seriously burned children from a 1,000-mile radius who needed critical care.

In the past three months, doctors and nurses have performed a series of skin grafts which have replaced two-thirds of the burned areas on Zach's body. They also change his bandages twice a day, a painful process for the boy, who has to be medicated for these daily therapy sessions. His father, Don, helps the staff change the bandages.

Doctors at the Burns Institute believe the Mitchell family plays a major role in Zach's recovery. This is why they take time to educate them on his rehabilitation and teach them how to care for Zach.

That process has been difficult for Zach's mother, JoJo, who is rehabilitating from burns she received when she tried to extinguish the flames from her son's body. "The night I got to the hospital, the nurses took good care of me, too," JoJo said. "They don't treat anyone over 18 there, but when I went there for the first time, some of the nurses took the spare time they had at night, putting medicine on my burns and wrapping them. I told them they didn't have to do that, but they told me a part of caring for Zach was trying to get me well enough to help care for Zach."

The hospital also provides lodging for relatives. They can stay in one of six Family Care rooms. The lodging which allows family to stay at the hospital, or they can go to the Parent House, a facility located close to the hospital. There is no charge for any of the accommodations. In fact, there is no charge to the family for any of the hospital's services. The center is funded solely by the Shriners Hospitals for Children Endowment Fund, maintained by contributions and bequests from Shriners and the public. The non-profit hospital system does not accept payment from insurance companies or government agencies.

The DeKalb County area is served by two local temples who help fund the center. The Cahaba Shrine Temple in Huntsville and the Alhambra Shrine Temple in Chattanooga paid the \$2,500 tab to transport Zach to Cincinnati.

Both temples pay for the travel costs through membership dues, fundraisers, wills and bequests. "About \$5 of each member's dues goes to the Shriners Burns Unit fund," Cahaba Shrine Temple Recorder A.M. Robertson said. "The main source of our funds to transport the children comes from the Monday and Thursday bingo nights."

The temples also make money for the patients through annual candy sales, circuses and Palm Sunday paper sales, Robertson said.

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THE CARMICHAEL FAMILY

(Continued from Page 1)

3. Annie Ellen Carmichael married John Nelson Winston Jr., Dec. 24, 1902. He was the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Nelson Winston Sr. of Valley Head.

4. Katherine Lee Carmichael married William Henry Kimbrough on April 29, 1906. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kimbrough of Opelika, Ala.

5. James Pomeroy Carmichael Sr. married Emma Lou Jones on Dec. 25, 1909. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Mentone, Ala.

6. Otto Grey Carmichael married Alberta Morris on Sept. 15, 1916. She was from Birmingham, Ala.

7. Joe Francis (Polly) Carmichael married Frederick Henry Riordan on Dec. 22, 1909. He was the son of Henry and Margaret Riordan of Rising Fawn, Ga.

Several of the ancestors were well known. Howard Hoagland (Hoagy) Carmichael wrote "Star Dust", "Lazy Bones", "Two Sleepy People", and "Georgia On My Mind", while visiting friends in Thomasville, Ga.

Dr. O. C. Carmichael was President of the University of Alabama, from 1953-1957. He was a native of Goodwater, Ala.

The Carmichael Castle is located near Lanark and Biggar, Scotland. One can reach Edinburgh or Glasgow in about 45 minutes by car. The 18th Century Carmichael mansion house, now a ruin, sits in the woods in the center of the Estate and is on the original site of the 14th Century Castle.

I have a cousin in Indiana who has visited the castle. The pictures were made, in March 1997, by Randall and Kendra Young of Fort Payne who are friends of my daughter, Linda Thomas. Randall is in Scotland with Heil Corp.

The Carmichael Motto is "Always Ready."

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Ready to execute the same,
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And to glorify His Holy Name.

--Dewey Arthur Carmichael



Mr. and Mrs. George Carmichael,
Jim's Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother



Jim Carmichael Sr. and
Emma Lou Carmichael,
Jim's mother and dad



Carmichael Inn, Loudon, Tenn. (1990)



Postcard of the Carmichael Castle Ruins, Scotland.
Home of the Chiefs of Carmichael
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Jim Carmichael Sr.,
Jim Carmichael Jr.,
and Pauline Carmichael
(1933-34)

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Carmichael Church & Abbey, located in downtown Carmichael just outside the Estate (March 1997)



Carmichael Castle (March 1997)



Entrance to the Carmichael Estate (March 1997)



Postcard of Carmichael's fortified house in Eastend, Carmichael. The new home of the world famous Edinburgh Wax Collection restyled and presented in an exciting display depicting Scotland's story in a timeless historic rural setting deep in the woods on the edge of the Scottish Borders where the House of Carmichael took its name seven centuries ago.

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James Pomeroy (Jim) and Doris (Helms) Carmichael are the only Carmichaels remaining in this area. They had 4 children: Larry Carmichael (deceased), Linda Carmichael Thomas of Fort Payne, Gary Carmichael (deceased), and Emmy Ricketts of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



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Colton Heath Miller turned **one year old** on June 4th. His proud parents are Heath and Melissa Miller of Valley Head. Grandparents are Jimmy and Gaynell Worthey of Mentone, Dewayne and Fredia Miller of Fyffe, Reggie and Mayla Bell of Fort Payne.

"Happy Birthday"!!! Coley Bug



KANISSA MICHELLE SMITH

Kanissa Michelle Smith celebrated her **1st Birthday** July 11. Her parents are Michael and Donna Smith of Mentone; her big sister is Shinice Smith. Grandparents are Floyd and Ruby Smith of Mentone, Sue Smith of Cloudland, Ga., and Matt Smith of Portersville.

Happy Birthday

THANKS

I wish to express to all Zeke's friends and mine, our deepest appreciation and gratitude for their aid and assistance, both spiritual and physical at this time of so unexpected transition. I thank you from my heart.

Lucy Mitchell

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NEW GAMETIME PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SET UP AT VALLEY HEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The top photograph, (provided by Becky Barrier, shows four volunteer workers setting up the new Valley Head Elementary School playground equipment. The bottom photo is the completed project. The equipment is for Angie Bell's Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes. The volunteers who worked on Saturday, July 26, are: Steve Thornberry, a GameTime employee, who supervised the putting together of the equipment; Chad Smith, another GameTime employee; David Dean, a kindergarten dad, Eddie Johnson, Kenny Busby, Dennis and Gail Hicks, Johnny Crider, and Mr. Charles Bell. Becky Barrier said she was their cheerleader. There is still more work to be done, such as filling in the area under the equipment with dirt, putting tiles down, and covering everything with a thick layer of mulch.

Thanks goes to the volunteers who put the equipment together, Menlo Lumber Company for donating the mulch that will be placed under the equipment; the Kaolin Garden Club of Valley Head who provided lunch; Mrs. Angie Bell, Kindergarten teacher, who started the process; the DeKalb County Board of Education who provided the necessary funds, Mr. Gary Talley, Valley Head Principal; Doris Haney Dillenger, a former graduate of Valley Head and a GameTime employee; L. A. Smith for furnishing tools and auger and transit to put the equipment in place; Marty Smith, who used the telephone to get a lot of things done and worked with the DeKalb County Board of Education.

There will be fundraisers to help pay for the balance due on the equipment after the sums paid by the DeKalb County Board of Education and Valley Head School.

Join the PTA and see what you can do for your school.



Teri Campbell

Teri Campbell Is Guest At Legion Auxiliary Meeting

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

On Tuesday evening, July 8, 1997, Miss Teri Campbell was the guest of the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone where she reported on her recent trip to Girls State on the campus at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. Girls State is an intensive week long study of state and local government. The girls are divided into fictional cities and counties, and the girls, who choose to do so, run for elected offices. Miss Campbell reported that she had run for the position of County Coroner and had been elected.

Girls State is a good thing from the point of view of education, yes; but there are many other advantages too. Miss Campbell reported as how, at first, she felt intimidated by the fact that many of the other girls came from big towns and big schools, but it did not take her long to get right in the middle of it proving to herself and everybody else that a good student one place has a way of being a good student somewhere else. The ladies asked Miss Campbell plenty of questions, and she reported that she had lots of fun, met many new people, and made new friends. When the ladies asked about accommodations, they were told the dormitory was wonderful--she had stayed in Blount Hall, which soon became known as "the good dorm"--and the food was "cafeteria food." Miss Campbell laughed and told about how in "the other dorm" the young ladies had to make laws about who could shower when due to an overabundance of people and a dearth of showers. That had to have made it a truly meaningful experience.

The Girls State program has a way of whetting the girls' appetites for higher learning. When asked if she had learned anything she would be able to use later, Miss Campbell smiled broadly with her eyes shining and said, "Yes, definitely." She went on to explain that she had not decided yet what she wanted to do with her life, but, after the experience of having gone to Girls State, she was seriously considering going into some facet of law. The ladies were highly gratified to think they had helped even slightly with the overwhelming decision making process associated with a young lady's choice of her life's profession.

At Girls State, the girls are well supervised, so parents can feel comfortable letting their daughters attend and benefit from the experience of the week's intensive educational activities. Yes, Boys State was going on the same week of Girls State, but the boys were at Montevallo while the girls were at Montgomery.

The last day, the girls were taken over to the state capitol and shown around. Miss Campbell reported that to have been quite a worthwhile experience in itself.

There is no doubt in the minds of the ladies but what they have done a good thing for many years in sponsoring a young lady for Girls State. The knowledge the young lady acquires every year benefits more than that one student. When she returns to the classroom, the young lady takes with her an understanding of the workings of state and local government that she is able to share with her friends and classmates, and, coming from a fellow student, that information is more readily accepted and taken to heart than it would have been in a context of a teacher's lecture.

Miss Campbell reported that last year's candidate from Alabama, who went on to Girls Nation, was elected President. Even if that particular young lady was not from this area, the ladies still took great pride in the fact that she was a daughter of Alabama.

Garden Club Makes Arrangements

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Rhododendron Garden Club had its regular monthly meeting at two o'clock the afternoon of July 8 at City Hall in Mentone. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order. Hope Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Hostesses for the occasion were Sue Schwarz, Betty Johnson, and Hattie Lide. After delicious refreshments, the ladies settled down to business.

Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll, and the ladies answered with the name of some piece of flower arranging equipment. Marie Dillenbeck gave the devotional. The minutes of the last two meetings were read by the secretary. Treasurer Barbara Blalock gave the financial report.

The ladies then had committee reports. Marilyn Blanton Campbell gave the Horticulture Committee Report in a timely tip for encouraging the rooting a plant specimen in water by adding a very small amount of dirt to the water every day to promote the growth of root hairs. Jo Beaubé gave the Litter Control Committee Report in which she encouraged everybody--not just garden club members--to report dates, times, tag numbers, and the nature of the garbage being thrown from automobiles onto our streets and roads in an attempt to put a stop to people's making Mentone look like a trash dump. There are laws against throwing trash on the roadside, and she was simply encouraging the enforcement of said laws. Trash containers are provided for public use, so there is no reasonable justification for making that mess on our thoroughfares. The ladies were in agreement that maybe being forced to pick up some of the mess they throw out would break people from doing that. Ann Wright gave the Special Projects Committee report concerning especially the work that has been done and still needs to be done in Ed Mason Park in beautiful downtown Mentone. A work day has been set for the third Wednesday in August--that is August 20--for more effort toward the bridges and other improvements in the park. Husbands are being drafted into service to help with park improvements, and their every effort will be appreciated.

Under the heading of "Unfinished Business," the ladies also discussed the improvements to Ed Mason Park and talked about the weeding and mulching of the sidewalk area across from City Hall in Mentone. A motion was made and seconded to see about sharing the cost of that work with MAPA. Under "New Business," the books for the flower show (this

fall at the fair in Fort Payne) were distributed.

Flo Kirby introduced the speaker, Mrs. Georgia Stevens, a professional freelance flower arranger, who has only recently moved to Mentone from Chattanooga. Georgia is the third daughter of George and Jo Beaubé of Mentone as well as being a wife and mother.

To open the Flower Arranging Workshop, the first thing Mrs. Stevens did was to explain that where one is going to put a flower arrangement will dictate almost everything about it--size, shape, color, etc. She also made the important point that if one starts with pretty flowers there is not really a lot one can do to make an ugly arrangement. The whole time she was talking, Mrs. Stevens was working on an arrangement of flowers. First, she covered the oasis with greenery and then started inserting flowers. Start with a triangle, and everywhere you see a hole put a flower in it was the basis of her talk. When she had finished, she had a charming arrangement of yard flowers. Then the ladies went to tables around the room and undertook to use the flowers and greenery they had brought from their various gardens to make their own arrangements. Lessons are always learned regardless of what we do, and the ladies learned in this context NOT to put their flowers and greenery in a car trunk in Alabama in July and make a stop on the way to the meeting. That just does not work. Most of the ladies were quite taken with the variety of flowers representing the ladies' yards. There was every kind and color imaginable for this particular time of year in this specific growing environment, and the arrangements ran from simple wild flowers all the way through the highly unusual and even leaning toward the exotic. The containers the ladies took and used were as many and varied as the flowers themselves. Every imaginable material was used to make the containers.

When the ladies finished with their arrangements, they took their handiwork to the table at the front of the room to show them to everybody. The work the ladies had done in just those few minutes was overwhelming. The colors were so beautiful, and the difference in the various arrangements complemented each other rather than detracting from the breathtaking display.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Garden Clubs of District II, and DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs.

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CHRISTY FERGUSON

Christy Ferguson has been awarded a two-year Presidential Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College where she will major in pre-dentistry. Christy is a 1997 graduate of Valley Head High School, where she was class secretary and member of the yearbook staff (co-editor), Beta Club (vice president), math team, Scholar's Bowl team, basketball and volleyball. She was a 1996 Girls' State Delegate and participates in the Adopt-a-Mile Program. Christy is the daughter of Debora and Johnny Ferguson.

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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD

First Community Meeting held

The DeSoto Rescue Squad met at the Mentone Town Hall on July 1, at 6:30, for the first of its community meetings to discuss how the rescue squad can best serve the citizens of the community. Presently, the squad is meeting at the Valley Head Fire Department, which provides them with a street address and telephone number that allows them to be in compliance with the Emergency Management Services Requirements. The squad answers calls from the Emergency 911 office in the areas of Mentone, Valley Head, Hammondville, all the way to Sulfur Springs. This area of coverage has not changed.

DeSoto Rescue Squad, as are all squads, is made up of volunteers--people from all backgrounds working together to assist those in need. Many hours are spent in training throughout the year, in meetings, and going out on calls.

There is a great need for more volunteers, more community support, a permanent place to meet and train, and a telephone for easy communication. Volunteers can be any age to help with fundraisers and other matters not requiring specialized training. Everybody has something to contribute.

To be a member, one must be 18 or over, or 16 with parental consent.

Other needs of the rescue squad are: a motor for a 1979 ambulance donated by the DeKalb Ambulance Service. The purpose is to turn the vehicle into a response truck. The squad has a rope rescue and scuba rescue, in

addition to other services.

There needs to be a central place for all their equipment to be stored, and old equipment needs to be updated. A pager system is another necessity. As it stands now, the members must furnish their own to have equipment that will work.

Funds are needed to pay insurance on trucks, boats, equipment. Contact Captain Douthat for an application for membership.

The rescue squad is a member of the County Rescue Squad, and through that membership, the DeSoto Rescue Squad looks to them for better methods of operating their squad, which operates as First Response and does not transport patients. Within the present membership, there are those with Medical, High-angle Rope Rescue, Search and Rescue, and Rescue Diving Training. A Rescue Diving Instructor is also a member of the squad.

The DeSoto Rescue Squad is open to those who would like to assist others. Meetings are open to the public and anyone who would like to join us. The squad meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Valley Head Fire Department at 6:30 p.m. Should anyone be interested in an E.M.T. course, please contact any member of the squad: Richard Douthat, Melissa Douthat, Terry Douthat, Lisa Scott, Gail Crider. The Valley Head City Hall Number is 635-6814, where messages can be left for the DeSoto Rescue Squad.

Any donations may be sent to DeSoto Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 213, Mentone, AL 35984.

Litter Laws

Under Section 13A-7-29 and Sections 25-3-6 through 23-5-9, and of the Alabama Code, the Alabama Highway Patrol and the law enforcement officers of the counties, cities, and towns of Alabama are charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of Section 25-3-8, **Trash, litter, etc., upon public thoroughfare--Enforcement.**

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JULIE ANN HENDON AND KELLY CHAD BALLENGER

Mr. and Mrs. James Roland Hendon proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne Hendon, to Kelly Chad Ballenger. Chad is the son of Barbara Ledbetter and Kelly Ballenger, both of Fort Payne.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Alton and Magdalene Hendon of Arley, Alabama, and Corrine and the late Reverend Drew Wolcott of Mentone, Alabama. She is a 1993 graduate of Sand Rock High School, and a 1997 graduate of Jacksonville State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. Julie was also an

active member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, as well as a Gamecock cheerleader. She is presently employed at Leesburg Yarn Mills.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Lorine and Preston Ballenger and the late Pauline and I.W. Eberhart, all of Fort Payne. Chad is a 1993 graduate of Sand Rock High School and attended Gadsden State. He is presently employed at GameTime.

The wedding will be an event of August 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Pine Ridge Baptist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Miranda Jeana-Alison Johns

Miranda Jeana-Alison Johns, 4 months old, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Johns, of Marietta, Ga. Miranda was born March 3, 1997. She weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz, and was 20-1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Jean and Roy Matthews, of Mentone, J.B. and Gail Elrod of Fort Payne, and Ann and Martin Johns, of Atlanta.



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Local Lodge 436 Woodmen of The World Pictorial Review



Several members from local Lodge 436 attended the Woodmen of The World Alabama Jurisdictional Convention at the Marriott in Huntsville April 4-6, 1997. They brought home First Place in the Scrapbook contest and the highest score on the Fraternal Score Card. Also, their Drill and Degree Teams performed, and they received a plaque for their work: raising money for the "Make-A-Wish Foundation."



Woodmen of The World National President John G. Bookout hands gavel from Alabama Past President Ovie Blalock to new Alabama President Byron Nice.



First place trophy won by team sponsored by New Home Church



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THANK YOU

Woodmen of the World-Lodge 436 sponsored a Basketball Tournament at the Valley Head High School Gym, May 16-17, 1997. We wish to thank all the people who helped in any way: the team sponsors, players, referees, and the businesses that donated food and drinks for the concession. All proceeds go to the "Make A Wish" Foundation.



Roger & Henrietta Willbanks receiving award for Fraternal Score Card



L/R: Ovie Blalock, referees, Jimmy Phillips, Ralph Pike, and Field Representative Johnny Miller



Homer and Bernise Crow's family



Lucille Crowe's family



Frances Crowe's Family



Lester Crow family members: son Curtis and his wife, Margaret, and son Andy.

By Bernise Crow

The Crow clan had its annual gathering July 5, at Western Sizzlin' in Fort Payne. It is a happy occasion every year because most of the family stays so busy they don't have time to visit unless we set a specific time. We who are older enjoy seeing how much the grandchildren have grown in a year, and some of them have grown fast! We go over our genealogy every year and always have obtained some new knowledge of Crows we didn't know about. Recently, we had cousins visit us from San Antonio, Texas, who were descendants of Washington Crow, who was Isaac's son. Isaac was Homer's great, great grandfather. Genealogy can really get involved, but is most interesting. I just hope we can get all the materials sorted and in order and put it in book form.

There were 41 present for the reunion and several could not come. Lester was not feeling well and couldn't come, but his son Curtis, his wife Margaret, and son Andy were here from Powell, Tenn. Frances Crowe had her daughter Lila and her husband, Gene Pettet, from Clinton, Tenn. Their daughters Debra and Theresa were here with their three children; Lucille Crowe had sons Leroy and Cecil and families--Leroy's wife, Joann and

son Johnny; Cecil and Pat and son Greg. Mildred and Dennis Burgess could not come this year. Their daughter, Darla Bonte is in England for two years, daughter Sherry is in the Air Force, stationed in Miss, and son Mark and family had just moved to Texas from Pennsylvania. Jesse Crow and Nell Croley were present, from Mentone. We had three of our four children: Barry, Joyce Cooper, her husband, Gregg and son Lee; Doreen and husband, Jerry Waters. Barry's two daughters were present, Lisa and Christina. It was fun to have Christina with us from Allen, Texas. Lisa had her little son, Alex Whatley, with her. Dewey and Pam Crow from Fort Payne also were here. Most everyone came to our house after lunch for dessert and homemade ice cream. It was a good time of fellowship for all of us. And we looked through albums of pictures of previous reunions and then made more snapshots to be added to our scrapbook.

We started this annual gathering in 1976, and have not missed one since. We have lost Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crow, Clyde, Chester, and our granddaughter, Jennifer, and shall always miss them; but we continue to enjoy those who are here and welcome the new additions to the family.

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Kara Cox

Kara celebrated her 9th birthday on July 22. She is the daughter of Ples and Therese Cox and granddaughter of Ed and Gerry Disney, all of Mentone.

Friends of Little River

Friends of Little River met on July 15, 1997, at Nippersink Lodge. President Desmond Disney called the meeting to order and welcomed board members and guests to the combined annual membership meeting and board of director's meeting. The main purpose was to elect officers. The following were elected:

President - Desmond Disney
Vice-President - Joe Wright
Secretary - Marie S. Dillenbeck
Treasurer - Theresa Cox
Parliamentarian - Don Lucy

Board members Melanie Blackwell and Tory Milazzo, Sr. 2-year terms;

Rob Hammond and Joe Brown, one year terms.

James Macay, a retired lawyer, and a past president of the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association, from Rising Fawn, briefly spoke on the members recent project involving filing an application in Georgia for ONRW status for Little River, which is located and begins in Georgia.

Bill Springer, Superintendent of Little River Canyon National Preserve gave an update on progress in the Preserve and answered questions about traffic problems on Hwy 35. The parking area has been paved at Canyon Mouth Park, where they parked 2500 cars during the July 4th weekend.

Dessert and coffee were served after the meeting.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in September, September 16, at 7 p.m. at Fischer Rescue Squad Building.



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NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

At the March meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department, it was decided to release the financial report for 1996. This is being done so the public can see how the Volunteer Fire Department operates on the funds received.

Several fundraisers are held during the year. As you will see from the report at the bottom of this article, these do not bring in large amounts of revenue. A lot of work goes into planning these events in an effort to make them successful. Although some of these fundraisers do not profit as well as others, it is very much worth the work of the volunteers. (As we in the Fire Department like to say, "That's a lot of hot dogs we've sold this year!") The food booth at the Rhododendron and October Colorfest Festivals are the Departments largest fundraisers.

However, donations are our main source of income. Without the generosity of the city of Mentone, residents of and visitors to Mentone and the surrounding area, we would have a much harder job of trying to keep the Volunteer Fire Department operational. As a show of your support and appreciation for the work your Volunteer Fire Department does, please help by sending your donation to: North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984.

In other news, the Fire Department is very proud of the new addition to the Fire Hall. This addition will be used to house the First Responder Truck as soon as the truck is in operational order. This is another example of how your donations help us.

The members of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department are:

Jim Roberts, Chief, Rusty Chambers, Assistant Chief

Sanford Hartline	Jimmy Worthey
Sam Whatley	Glenn Hansen
Milton Chambers	Donnie Voils
Eric Kirby	J.J. Wigley
Dale Kirby	Robert Green
Kevin Worthey	Phil Harris
John Chambers	

Board of Directors are: Gail Chambers, Chairperson; Eleanor Tate, Treasurer (bonded); Linda Brown, Secretary; Leonard Shigley, Kenneth Kirby, Dick Keefer, and Bob Baty, board members.

If you have any questions or need any information concerning the Fire Department, please feel free to contact any of the above-listed members. For emergencies, call 911 or 634-4545 (which rings in 10 different homes). For non-emergencies, call Chief Jim Roberts at 634-4701.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 1-1-96 THROUGH 12-31-96

INCOME

Donations	\$4,044.00
DeKalb County Commission	500.00
State of Alabama Forestry Comm.	1,825.25
Rhododendron Festival Booth	902.78
Yard and Bake Sale	399.25
Softball Game	184.73
October Colorfest Booth	1,291.49
TOTAL	\$9,147.50

EXPENSES

Utilities & Operating Expenses	\$2,372.69
Insurance	1,909.01
Gas for Fire Truck	558.52
Radios & Radio Repairs	687.57
Leaf Blowers (2)	820.69
Heaters for Fire Hall (2)	710.20
TOTAL	\$7,058.68

Thank you for your continuing support!
The North Lookout Mountain
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The Fire Department will be participating in the 450-Mile Yard Sale August 14-17.
If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Gail Chambers, 634-4507.

Annual 450 Mile Yard Sale

This is the 11th year the "World's Longest Yard Sale" has covered the 450-mile distance from Covington, Kentucky, all the way Gadsden, Alabama. The 100 miles of the Lookout Mountain Parkway is on this route. Jamestown, Tennessee, is where it all began ten years ago. Art, crafters, wood crafts, hand-stitched quilts, good country cooking, antique dealers, car collectors, farm machinery buffs, and much more will be lined up all along the way to lure travelers to come and see what is being offered. There is just about any collectible imaginable. Many buyers plan their vacations around the third week in August, making this their annual adventure.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

The last few weeks have been really hot and dry here in the Mentone area, and all the vegetation has begun to show the effects of heat and drought stress. At the moment, I am hoping that hurricane Danny sends rain this way in the next day or two.

This year, my lawn and pasture have shown the benefits of the BU/milky spore treatment that I have been treating the lawn with for grubs. Now, the problem is how to stop the grass from encroaching into my flower beds, which it has done already. I accidentally stumbled upon a safe, biodegradable herbicide and mild insecticide. I am the proud mama of numerous cats and kittens amongst all my other animals, and they decided to use the lawn and flower beds beside the front of the house as litter boxes. Well, I was stumped as to what would work to stop them and take the awful smell away, apart from buried moth balls. So, I sprinkled powder laundry detergent in all their spots and all future spots they may use. Well, it worked! Within hours, all the pong had gone; and, by the next day, all the grass, clover, and any other vegetation that got sprinkled were brown and dead too! It's been a week, now, since I did that; and new grass has begun to poke through all the dead brown thatch, and the cats have stopped using the area as a litter box. I think that it was a small price to pay for the knowledge and the fresher aroma.

Due to all the rain during the first days of summer, my asiatic lily bulbs underwent slug attacks. Hopefully, by now, the slugs have been sent packing by the heat and dryness that we are experiencing at the moment.

It's a bit late now for the latest tip that I learned recently. (I wish I had learned it sooner, though.) Apparently, if you pinch off the top bud on the gladioli when it is about to bloom, you will get much larger blossoms. I shall have to try that next year when the glads bloom again. It is also time, now, to divide the iris rhizomes, dig up the whole clump and break it apart; then, plant them wherever you would like some spring color. But, keep in mind that they prefer rocky ground and a light covering of soil.

If you want to encourage blooming in your African violets, add a capful of hydrogen peroxide to a quart of water when next its time to water.

For those of you that garden or farm by the phases of the moon and the astrological signs, some facts and dates to remember are: never plant in the barren signs of Gemini, Leo, and Virgo, as they are said to be only good for destroying weeds--those dates for the remaining days of July are 29 and 30. For August, the dates are the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25, 26, 30 and 31. When the sign is in Leo and in the Old of the Moon, and when she is setting, cut the weeds, and they will disappear. It is also said that plants, trees and vegetables (and we may presume flowers, too) planted at the New of the Moon will grow vigorously.

Some other hints that I picked up along the way. ●If your shears have gummed up during pruning, spray them with penetrating oil. It will cut the gum and provide lubrication. ●For July 31st, only when the corn silk turns brown and begins to shrivel, is the sweet corn ripe. After the 1st of August, the corn ripens as much by day as by night. ●On the 10th, if we have fine weather, it indicates a fair fall. ●Keep zucchini picked daily to encourage more blooms. ●On the 11th of August, Dog Days end; and it's time to cut baby's breath, strawflowers, and other everlasting, and hang them, blossoms down, in bunches in a shady, airy place to dry. To store them, lay them in cartons lined with paper, ready for that big Thanksgiving Day dinner table centerpiece. ●From the 24th of August onward, it's time to order peonies for fall planting and all the other bulbs. Have a wonderful summer.



Beautiful Garden Wedding



HOPPER-FROST EXCHANGE VOWS

Tammy Lynn Hopper and George Wesley Frost were married Saturday, May 24, 1997, at 1 p.m. in a beautiful garden ceremony in River Oak Garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wright in Mentone.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dan Hopper of Mentone. She is granddaughter of the late Major and Dorothy Hopper of Mentone and the late Ben and Nellie Wright of Mentone.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Diaz Frost of Henagar. He is the grandson of the late George & Eschol Frost of Henagar and Pauline Ballard, and the late Louie Ballard of Dutton.

L.A. Smith performed the double-ring ceremony. Jeffrey Hopper, brother of the bride, and Anna Crow sang "Only God Could Love You More." Anna Crow sang, "When I Fall In Love", and David Humphrey sang, "Me and You."

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Krissy Harris served as matron of honor.

Any Harrison, Holly Day, Sonya Tidwell and Melissa Harrison served as bridesmaids. Alison Allen served as flower girl. The guest book was kept by Angie Wheat.

Jerrol Byrum served as Best Man. Diaz Frost Jr. and Heath Frost, both brothers of the groom, David Hopper, brother of the bride, and Keith Langston, served as groomsmen.

Gail Chambers directed the wedding.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in Moon Lake Baptist Church fellowship hall. Those assisting in serving were Debbie Flannigan, Michele Kincer, Tina Hawkins, Kim Raley, Kim Worthey, and Ella Lindsey.

After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple now reside in Henagar.

The groom's parents hosted an after-rehearsal dinner at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course Club House in Mentone.

THANKS

Thanks for all the work everyone did, and thanks, especially, to Bill and Ann Wright for the beautiful setting for Tammy's wedding. Tammy had told her mother, "Every since I was 13 years old, I have said I wanted to get married in this yard." She finally did it.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



On August 3, at 6:30 PM, the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church will have the Hometown Quartet from Walkertown, N. C., singing in the evening service, followed by a time of fellowship after the service. Gary Moore, pastor, will be teaching a MasterLife course beginning on Wednesday, September 3, at 6:30 PM. It is a 24-week course which will be divided into different segments.

Moon Lake Baptist Church has voted to purchase a new house for staff on Dempsey Street. This should prove to be a good investment. The church just completed a great Vacation Bible School, averaging 86 in attendance. Several children received Christ during that week. Sunday School workers will be going to Shocco Springs for training on Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2. There will be a musical on Wednesday, August 20, and a special group will be singing at that time. A Youth Revival is planned for August 21-23. Further details will be announced later. The first Sunday in September will begin a new Sunday School year. Promotion Day and a commissioning service for all the new workers will be held on that Sunday.

The UMW at the Valley Head United Methodist Church will meet on August 29 with Mary Crow, Jane Kerby, and Marjorie Gray. Malinda Adkins has the program.

The Valley Head Baptist Church will have their annual Baptist Bash on August 9 at Pickett's Thicket. There will be fishing, rodeo, cake walk, games, and barbecue. It begins at 10 AM and lasts until... August 31 the church will observe communion and also it will be Promotion Day. The evening service will be a vesper service at 6 PM, with a Back-to-School theme.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has built a new pavilion which is 24' x 40' and is quite nice for dinners and special occasions. The cemetery space has been enlarged, and other work on the grounds has been done. Attendance has increased during the summer and has been running in the 60's each Sunday. There will be a singing on August 16, at 6:30 PM. Special singers are Barbara and Lois and The JoyBelles. Everyone is invited. Regular services are at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

On August 9, there will be a 1-day Vacation Bible School at the Mentone Church of God, which will start at 10 AM and extend until 3 PM. There will be all types of games, crafts, and Bible lessons. On August 17, Reverend Jerry Curry from Birmingham will be speaking in both the morning and the evening services.

Union Hill Baptist Church is anticipating the building of a totally new church facility. A singing group from the church is presently at Hilton Head Beach singing for the annual National ALFA convention. They have been invited in previous years for this occasion. The church feels fortunate to have an abundance of musical talent. You are invited to attend services at Union Hill, an informal church with much to offer. Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing. A church-wide picnic is held at DeSoto State Park each 4th

Friday during the summer months. This is a church ministry to tourists and others who may be in the Park, as well as a time of fellowship for the church. There is always singing, food, and a great time. Everyone is invited.

Reverend Randy Addison of the Mentone Wesleyan Church is excited about the new sanctuary which is almost complete. They expect to have a Grand Opening between the middle and the last of August. God is really blessing in many ways and is doing good things. People are being saved and joining the church, and God is to be given glory and honor through it all. There will be a dedication service later on. Watch for more details concerning this.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has Sunday worship at 10:30 AM, with fellowship at 10 AM each Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church has Sunday morning services at 9 o'clock each week, with Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith speaking on alternate Sundays. You are invited to attend these services.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to services each Saturday, 9:30-10:45 AM, Sabbath School; 11:00-12:00 worship service. Services are currently being held in the Woodmen of The World Hall in Valley Head, Ala. Bible Studies are held each Thursday at 7 PM. Everyone welcome. Please come and visit. Pastor Attwood was part of a baptismal service in the Philippines. 205-300 people were baptized the weekend of July 19. Welcome home Lew and Darlene Keith!! The Keiths have been doing missionary work in the Philippines for the past year. The monthly fellowship dinner had a different twist this time. We served breakfast foods such as crepes, fresh fruit, salad and other delicious dishes. Everyone really enjoyed it.

The Mentone Revival Center, and Pastor Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The members of Harmony Grove Baptist Church, Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. Harmony Grove saw their membership grow by 11 new members in June, and 2 new members the 1st week of July. The youth had a lock-in on July 11, with the theme of "Having Fun at Church with Jesus." The youth have a trip planned to go to Lake Winnie in Chattanooga on August 2nd. They will be leaving the church at 9:00 AM. Next year, the youth will be looking to go on a 3-4 day retreat to Gatlinburg, TN. We remind everyone that anyone is welcome at God's Country Church located on County Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship - 11:00 AM; Evening Worship - 6:00 PM.; Wednesday Night Prayer - 6:00 PM. Coming in the next month or so, a class on "Learning how to live in a difficult world and still maintain my sanity," will begin for Young Christians. Watch for more details.

Mentone United Methodist Church completed a very successful week-long Vacation Bible School, that culminated in a covered dish dinner and commencement exercises for 22 children. Pastor Linda Tucker is conducting a five-week Bible study on the book of James. The first meeting was on July 23rd. Other meeting nights are July 30, August 6, 13, and 20, at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the Bible Study and church services which are at 11 AM each Sunday. Pastor Tucker is having open house on Sunday August 3, from 3-5 p.m., at the parsonage in Cedar Bluff.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10:00 and 11:00 AM services and evening services will be at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

J. O. Y.

There will be NO J.O.Y. meeting in August. The next meeting will be the last Thursday in September (September 25) at 11:30 AM. Bring a covered dish and a friend and come join in the fun and fellowship.

Submitted by Marie S. Dillenbeck

The following was found during the recent renovation of the room on the east side of the Mentone Town Hall. On the back it reads,

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Decoupage is the art or craft of pasting paper cut-outs or pictures on wood and has been done for hundreds of years in Europe and Asia. With more leisure, Americans have found the fascinating world of Decoupage a new and interesting hobby.

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My Church

Before I was born, MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.

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In the stress and storm of adolescence MY CHURCH heard the surge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and wooingly She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

MY CHURCH calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

William Henry Boddy, D.D.

North DeKalb Ministerial Association

New officers have been elected and will take their offices on October 1.

Kenneth Shelton - President
Bill Russell - Vice President
Oscar Hessel - Treasurer
Robert Coulter - Secretary

In His Name

Many visitors to Mentone are not particularly interested in buying anything, they are here to enjoy the mountain scenery, away from the crowded cities. One man here last week complimented us on getting things lively looking and opening more shops. He said he was here a few years ago when the Mentone Springs Hotel was in an awful state of disrepair with windows boarded. He said there was nothing here. We do have a nice selection of shops where people can purchase things, and we have a nice selection of restaurants where one may find a variety of foods. Here in the Hitching Post, we have a gourmet restaurant-tea room. Janette McCord has a nice shop where one may purchase hand-crafted original clothing, jewelry, gift items, and hand-made pottery; Sharon Barron Burke has the famous Gourdie Shop, where her little critters made from gourds continue to sell well after several years. She also has some antiques, gift items, and jewelry. Chuck Peters has his workshop upstairs where he fashions beautiful windows, doors, and creative wallhangings from

It's been a good summer, a little hot recently; but not too warm for comfort. Soon it will be passed, and we will long to have it back.

A black and white illustration of an adult bird, possibly a crow or raven, perched on a nest made of twigs. The bird is leaning forward, feeding a small, dark, fluffy chick that is sitting in the nest. The background is plain white.

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UGF VOLUNTEER PROFILE ELIZABETH WHEATLEY, 1997-98 CAMPAIGN GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Elizabeth Wheatley has served as Executive Director of the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center since January, 1993. The path that led her to this job, which she considers "her calling", began in 1989 when she returned to college after having worked as a secretary in an insurance company in Boaz for 9-1/2 years and at an agency in Crossville for 9-1/2 years. Liz says, "It was an interesting job. I learned a lot about the business and enjoyed quoting rates and helping adjusters with claims."

However, she says when her father died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 54, she was hit hard by the shocking realization that "life is short." It was then that she felt she wanted to do more with her life. So she returned to college to finish her degree.

Her first day back at school, in September 1989, she was invited to be part of a choral group that would perform in New York's Carnegie Hall in June 1990. Since singing and music were an important part of her life, she believed that this opportunity was even more confirmation that she had made the right decision.

She graduated with honors in June 1990 from Snead and Magna Cum Laude from Jacksonville State University in December 1992, but had no idea what kind of job she

would get after graduation. A key chain she had purchased seemed to hold a promise for her. The key chain had a scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 inscribed on it which read, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans for welfare and not calamity. To give you a future and a hope." And sure enough, just one month after graduation she was working at the Children's Advocacy Center.

That same month, another important event took place in her life. She started dating Brian Wheatley whom she had met in choir. She and Brian were married in September 1994. They live in the Aroney community and attend Crossville First United Methodist Church where she serves as pianist, adult choir director, and teaches an adult Sunday School Class. In her spare time, she says she enjoys spending time with her husband, nephews and family, fishing, bowling, singing, ping pong, and watching good movies.

Mrs. Wheatley will serve again this year as Campaign General Chairman for the United Givers Fund Campaign which is scheduled to get underway in mid-September. She and Brian will present a special musical number as part of the Campaign kick-off activity.

Elizabeth Wheatley, another UGF volunteer who is "Making A Difference."

Valley Head native receives national agriculture honor



Pictured are Agricultural Marketing Services Administrator, Lon Hatamiya, and Sue Mosley, who was honored for her work in creating the "Southeast Marketing Area." The area is comprised of several federal milk marketing orders. Mosley received her award during the 51st annual U.S. Department of Agriculture Honor Awards Ceremony held recently in Washington, DC.

United States Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has honored Sue Mosley for personal and professional excellence in carrying out the objectives of the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Federal Milk Marketing Order Program. The award was presented during the 51st annual U.S. Department of Agriculture Honor Awards Ceremony held recently in Washington D.C.

"Mosley's professional manner and knowledge of the Milk Marketing Order Program truly exemplifies the caliber of person we need working for AMS as we look toward the future and additional milk order reform," said AMS Administrator Lon Hatamiya. Mosley helped combine several federal milk marketing orders into the new "Southeast Marketing Area." Her efforts were influential in making the merger a success.

Mosley, a market administrator with the AMS's Dairy Division in Atlanta, Ga., is the first woman to ever hold this position. A native of Valley Head, Mosley currently resides in Lilburn, Ga., with her husband, Sam. They have three children: Carmen, Benjamin and Suzanne. Sue is the daughter of Venna and the late Wade Livingston of Valley Head.

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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

July flew away, like all months do, now. It has been a time of vacations, trips and celebrations, and reunions. My cousins, **Blanche and Bill Fuller** came over from Madison, Ala., and took me to the Tittle-Martin reunion, July 12. It was catered by the Dade County Historical Society at their building at New England, Ga. We always enjoy the good meal they serve and the fellowship of relatives and friends.

Loy Clark Jr., took his mother, **Evelyn Clark** and his aunt, **Violet Barker** to DeLand, Fla., to visit Violet's daughter, **Beth Warrensford**, for several days.

Venna Livingston and I visited **Frances Longshore**, **Helen Bankson**, and **Virginia Livezey** at Dogwood Haven, Sunday afternoon, July 13. Virginia is now at home. She had spent a few days in BMC-DeKalb. **Jeff and Melinda Adkins** were also visiting at Dogwood Haven. They had supplied us at Valley Head Methodist Church with a bountiful breakfast that morning, then Jeff taught the Bible lesson for Sunday School and then the church service.

Sadi, Van and Teresa Cooper and children, **Tyler and Lana**, and Teresa's mother, **Shirley Cook**, had planned to go to Gulf Shores, but weather news changed their plans. They went by Montgomery and visited **Barbara and Harlan Cooper** and their families and on to Destin, Fla., and enjoyed playing golf and other recreation.

Rachel Manning and 34 members of her family, from Virginia, North Carolina, Washington, Oregon, and other points, had rented five beach houses and were in the midst of the storm in Gulf Shores. It blew part of the roof off and the glass door, and the rain poured in and the wind was ferocious. The storm raged all night and the next day, and they had no electricity. All the houses on the west beach were badly damaged. Rachel said it was very interesting and exciting, but she doesn't want to be in another one.

Rachel is very proud of her nephew, **Lionel Mitchell**. He graduated from Sylvania High School, and received his Masters Degree from Auburn University. He is going to make a speech at Oxford University in Oxford, England, about his work with the Hubbell Telescope.

Ed Ringer and Adelaide Biddle joined a group from the Senior Center in Fort Payne for a historic tour of the former DeKalb County seats: Camden, Rawlingsville, Bootsville, Portersville, and Lebanon. They also visited Willstown, an early Indian settlement, and Willstown Mission Cemetery, and Milo Hoyt's Mineral Springs on Lookout Mountain. The tour was conducted by John Chambers.

Billie Harper is recovering at home after surgery at BMC-DeKalb. Thankfully, she received a good report, and, hopefully, it has solved her problems. She enjoyed a visit from her brother, **Dr. Charles Wade** and his wife, **Evelyn**, from Dalton, Ga. They spent Sunday, July 27, with her.

Carmel Gifford is recovering back at Collinsville Nursing Home after spending a few days at BMC-DeKalb.

Geneva Smith spent four days at BMC-DeKalb. She will see her doctor Thursday for results of her tests. Hopefully, she will get a good report.

Karen Williams and Ginger Gray were hostesses for a lovely bridal shower for **Christy Koger**, bride-elect of **Tommy Blevins**. It was given Sat., July 26, at the Promenade Hall.

Jason Meadows enjoyed a trip to Gatlinburg and other points of interest in the Smoky Mountains, with **Leonard**, **Amy**, and **Nathan Keith**.

Gracie Brown, Armanda and Dillon went to Cartersville, Ga., to spend the weekend with Gracie's parents, **Betty and Coy Butler**, and sister, **Cindy**. They were joined on Sat. night, July 26, by **Chris Brown** and **Scot Meadows** for Gracie's birthday dinner. Scot shared the occasion as his birth-

day was Fri., July 25. May they have many more happy birthdays. **Melinda and Jeff Adkins** and little **Amelia**, had a good trip to North Carolina, recently. They said the highlight of their trip was the Cove in Asheville, the Billy Graham Training Center.

Lila ("Tillie") Schlicher has had pacemaker surgery. She is now in rehab in Pensacola, Fla. She is feeling better and should be back home in Gulf Shores within a week.

Rev. Jimmy Maxwell, and wife, **Colleen**, from Priceville, Ala., were recent guests of **Rev. Jeff Adkins** and **Melinda** and attended Valley Head Methodist Church on Sunday.

Lillie Bowden had a wonderful eight-day tour of Alaska with the Triple A Tour Group of Chattanooga. They flew to Memphis, then Seattle and Vancouver, where they boarded the ship, **Sun Princess**. First stop was Ketchikan, Alaska, mostly a fishing village and mountainous islands. They saw a huge glacier in the city limits of Juneau. They spent two days in Glacier Bay--very cold! They took a train ride to top of White Pass, found the Yukon Territory very interesting--can't begin to tell you all they saw and did. They were amazed at the huge beds of tuberous begonias, and other large flowers--so gorgeous in Anchorage. They had luxurious accommodations aboard ship. The last night was American night. The lights were dimmed and the waiters and junior waiters paraded in bearing beautiful flaming baked Alaskas.

Karen, Mark, and Katie Freeman spent several days recently in Santa Rosa, Fla.

A group of relatives met at the home of **Emily and Barry Brown** to celebrate July 4, with a barbecue meal and fireworks. Those present were **Ruth, Carolyn and L. C. Gilbreath**, **A.J., Patti, Mandy, Justin**, and **Robert Brown**, **Billy Wallace**, **Morgan Shoemaker**, **Evelyn Mathew**, **Marisa Nicole**, **Russ**, and **Norma Wright**, **Cindy, David, Jason and Alison Meadows**, **Josh Taylor**, **Chris, Gracie and Dillon Brown**, **Larry, Lawrence and Becky Richardson**, **Jennifer Black**, **Shane and Beverly Wright**, and **Eloise Brown**, and **Emily and Barry Brown**.

Congratulations to **Sue Livingston Mosley** for her award (see article elsewhere), **Andy Barker**, **Tammy Cooper**, **Marie DePaul**, **Wendy Hyde**, **Christy Ferguson**, and all other achievers of scholastic awards, scholarships and degrees; also **Christopher Palmer** for his Army promotion and **Jobie Keeton** for her Air Force promotion and **William Crow** for his recognition for 35 years in the National Weather Service.

My daughter, **Eldonna Root**, had her last chemo treatment and is happy to be feeling much better--of course, that makes me happier.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer. It is almost gone. Make the most of each moment.



The Church

The church is a beautiful and sacred place,--
A sanctuary where we feel God's presence and grace.
It is a congregation of Christian souls
With common interests and sacred goals.
We share our joys, our sorrows and cares,
And take them to God with earnest prayers,
Praising our God with joyful song,
Hearing His message instructive and strong.
So grateful for all the blessings we share
We enjoy an atmosphere spiritual and rare.
The fruit of truth, our living gratitude,
In more than deeds--our faith and attitude.
The fellowship of kindred minds and hearts
Gives strength and purpose that never departs.
In worship in church we find inspiration
For dedication to live to justify God's creation.
God bless the church with more power and strength,
That its influence may be felt at greater length,
So more persons can be blessed and feel
This relationship with God and others
so ideal and real.

--Eloise Brown



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

August is upon us already and summer will be history before we know it. I have been enjoying the fruits and vegetables that are so plentiful now. The peach cobbler recipe was one I cut out of a magazine and hope you enjoy as much as Bill and I have. The pickle recipe is a good one to use those cukes that "got away" from you and became big as watermelons. The pickles last a long time and are good sliced thinly with meat sandwiches or egg salad.

Peach Cobbler

1 stick of margarine
1 C flour
2 C sugar (divided)
1 T baking powder
1/2 t salt
1 C milk
4 C peaches-sliced
1 T lemon juice

Heat oven to 375°. Melt margarine in 9" x 13" baking dish. Mix flour, 1 C sugar, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour mixture over margarine (do not stir). Bring sliced peaches, lemon juice, and rest of sugar to a boil and pour over batter (do not stir). Bake at 375° 40-45 minutes or until browned on top. May use other fruits or berries.

Danish Style Pickles

Peel 6 large cucumbers, split lengthwise and remove seeds. Bring to boil 1 C sugar, 1 pt cider vinegar, 1 C water, 1 large onion - sliced, 1 T peppercorns, 1 oz dill seed and 2 oz mustard seed. Let simmer 10 minutes. Add cucumbers and simmer 5 minutes more. Cool, store in refrigerator and use as desired.

Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman
Hey you, take a hike!!!

It seems all we hear is walk, walk, walk. Well, maybe it's time we listened. Walking strengthens your immune system, lowers blood pressure, reduces stress, and improves quality of sleep. Walking also improves your mood, burns excess calories, and helps control your appetite. God has given us a beautiful area in which to live. Let's make the most of it, and take a hike.

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Reservations for vegetarian cooking classes are being taken now. If you are interested in healthier living and delicious food, sign up now!!! Classes starting very soon.

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Vegan Recipe of the Month

Chee Spaghetti Bake

Cook 1 lb spaghetti noodles, drain
Saute in water, 1 C chopped onions, and 1 C chopped bell pepper.
In Blender:
1 C raw cashews 1-1/2 t salt
1 C water 1/2 C oil (add slowly)
1/3 C lemon juice 1 t onion powder
2 T sesame seeds 1/8 t celery seed
4 T nutritional yeast flakes 1 T garlic powder
1 C canned spaghetti sauce

Blend till smooth. Spray Pam in baking dish, and mix all ingredients. Bake at 350°, 30-40 minutes to heat through.

Paradise Gardens

A Folk Art Haven

The world renowned folk artist, Reverend Howard Finster, first began his creation of Paradise Gardens around 1961. These sacred grounds have become one of Georgia's top ten tourist attractions. Thousands of visitors come each year to wander through the three acre paradise of mosaic cement paths, which leads to unusual sites. Renew yourself in the meditation buildings as you read scripture messages. View the gardens and bicycle towers from the L-shaped ramp, six feet above ground. It leads you to the bicycle museum building and down the stairs to the tomb of the unknown body. Rest on one of the old church benches or theater seats. See the giant cement boot beside the old antique barn yard. Next, you will enter the Mosaic land of Howard's sculptures where the garden originated. The inventions of mankind like the old John Deere tractor, a heart machine, wooden wheels, and unusual art relics of the world all rest in the gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 PM. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

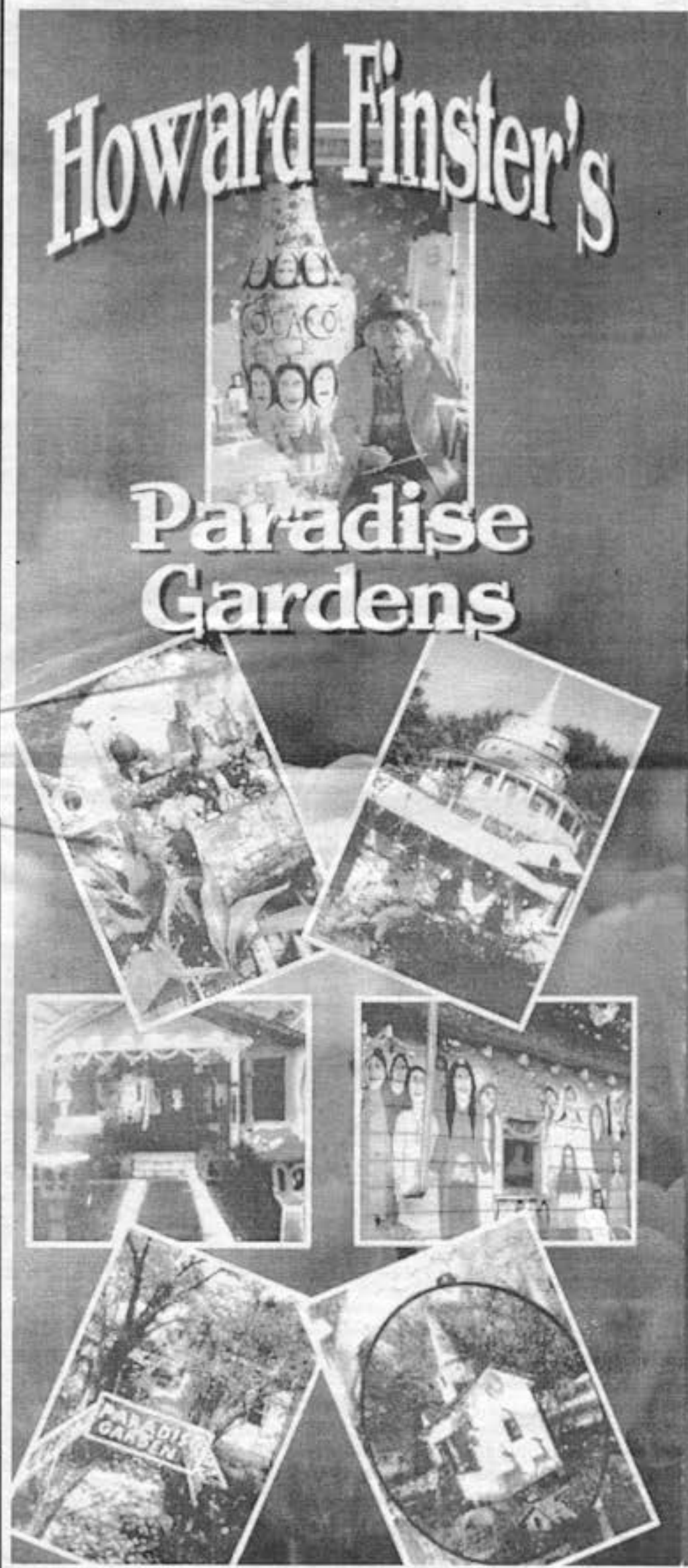
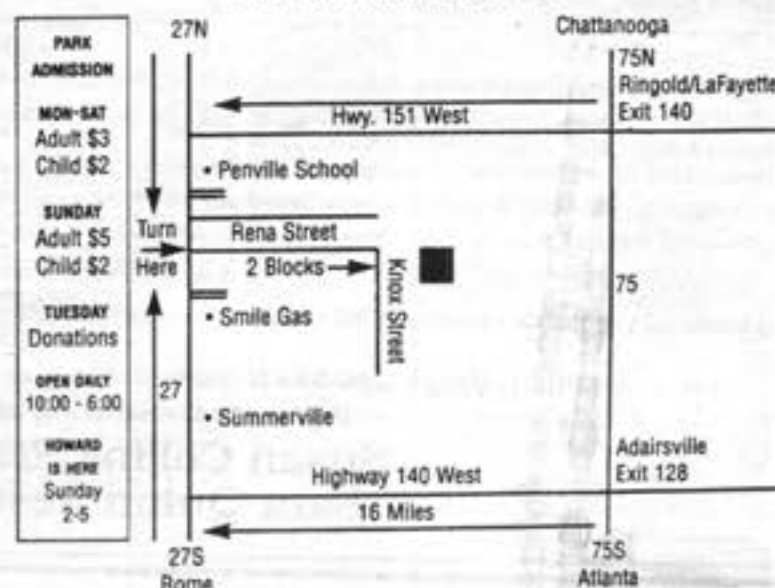
Stay Overnight at the Paradise Suite

One person only \$55, Two \$60, Three \$65 & Four \$70
Free Coffee and Cocoa

Don't miss the Annual Howard Finster Festival! Second Saturday in May, Dowdy Park

For more information, call 706-857-2926 or write to Finster Folk Art, Inc., P.O. Box 413, Summerville, GA 30747. To receive a price list or to place an order, call 1-800-FINSTER. Items for sale range from postcards to mugs, ties, prints, art and other collectables.

MAP TO PARADISE GARDENS





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(1)

Rock pathways and natural landscaping lead the way to this lofty contemporary on over 1 acre of Brow property in Mentone. Rustic Board and Batten home offers 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2 baths on 2 levels with partially finished Basement.



(3) LESS THAN 2 YEARS OLD, this rustic 2 bedroom cottage with country kitchen is situated on 1 acre. Above standard insulation with 40 year galvalum roof. \$66,500.



(4) THE SHED - Highway 117 - Mentone-Never worry about being unemployed again. This on-going business offers a retail building-3 greenhouses-upstairs apartment-display areas-5 acres and tons of possibilities. \$175,000. Call for more details.

The kitchen is fully equipped, has a walk-in pantry, laundry room, pine floors and walls and dining area with access to deck surrounding living area for easy entertaining.



(5) MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES - 3 to 6 acre tracts on the middle fork of Little River - running into Lake Lohasage. Prices starting at \$27,500. 6 plus acre wooded tracts with mountain stream. Prices starting at \$16,700.



(6) COZY AND COMFORTABLE log and frame cottage with log garage-guest house-12x24 enclosed and heated inground pool on over 1 acre with a DeSoto Parkway location. \$149,500.



Floor to ceiling glass in the 2 story living room produces a feeling of openness to the outside and a wonderful view of the valley from both the living area and master bedroom. The charm of a weekend retreat with all the comforts of home. Shown by appointment only. \$225,000.



(2) COZY COUNTRY COTTAGE - 1 acre wooded lot on East Lake Drive. Less than 2 years old. 3 BR, 2 Bath, large living, dining & kitchen. Fireplace. Front & Back porches, 2 car carport & detached garage. REDUCED to \$78,000.



(7) UNIQUE 3 BEDROOM & 2 BATH ROCK HOUSE and quaint guest cottage with over 800' on the East Fork of Little River adjacent to Lake Lohasage. \$196,000.



(8) A MILLION DOLLAR VIEW from the South Brow of Mentone goes with this 2 bedroom 2 bath home offering the comfort & convenience of full-time living. Call for more details. \$179,500.

OTHER LISTINGS

- (9) 13 BROW LOTS with additional acreage across the road for a mini-farm. Just over the Georgia line. Restricted. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty.
- (10) FABULOUS "HOME" ON THE BROW of DeSoto. **SOLD** 3 BR, 2 Bath, CH/A. 2 fireplaces, large country kitchen-pine floors-huge screened porch with glass pop-in units -too many extras to mention. \$295,000.
- (11) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL available. 3 bdrms and 2 baths will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.
- (12) PLENTY OF PRIVACY is yours on these beautifully wooded 8 acres located on East Lake Drive. Ready to build on and convenient both to Menlo and Mentone. \$27,500.
- (13) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling-heavily wooded-with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.
- (14) IN-TOWN CHARMER - 3 BR, 2 bath, central heat & air on approx. 1 acre of wooded property - \$61,500. **SOLD**
- (15) BROW LOT ON NORTH BROW ABOVE MENTONE - approx. 200' of brow frontage with a fantastic view. \$25,000.

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