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August 1998

REMEMBERING ALICE MASON O'REAR - Namer of Our Town

Although Alice Mason O'Rear died when I was barely a teenager, I do feel that I knew her personally. Her three daughters, Ethel, Jessie, and Ruby, and three grandchildren, Hope, Alice Jane, and James, often told me stories about her that I remember to this day. While it is all second-hand information, it is nevertheless good information for I have no reason to question the facts as recounted by these members of her immediate family.

John Mason with daughter Alice, age 14, arrived on Lookout Mountain in the winter of 1872. They had left their farm in Iowa a few years after a typhoid epidemic had claimed the life of Mrs. Mason and two of the children.

On their arrival on Lookout Mountain, the Masons found lodging while searching out a suitable place to build a house. They were soon joined by sons Ed and Henry from someplace in New York. The family first settled at a place later known as Lahusage. While living there, they had several stones cut by an English stonecutter. These would later be incorporated in the building of the Moon Lake House. Then, they lived for a time at Holly Springs on the Alpine Road. Finally, John Mason found his perfect spot which he named Moon Lake. Here he built a substantial house which was to become his place of residence for the rest of his life.

Although the Masons were not the first settlers on Lookout Mountain, (Mentone area), no other family was to leave its mark as did the Masons. They were instrumental in building a solid community of dedicated pioneer settlers.

In time, Alice grew up to become quite an accomplished young lady. She was an avid reader (often at the expense of her domestic duties), a musician, self schooled in the arts, and trained in outdoor activities suitable for a young lady. One might think that she would've been better suited for the drawing rooms of Baltimore and Philadelphia. But, I never heard it said that she regretted spending her life in a wilderness on Lookout Mountain. She loved the mountain and all its natural beauty.

By Ernest Smith



**Wedding picture of Samuel O'Rear
and Alice Mason, 1885**

(Photo provided by Ernest Smith)

Apparently, her first romantic involvement was her engagement to a Charles Noyes of Boston. I've heard him referred to as the "Boston Dude"—Frontier Greenhorn. Although a young man, he suddenly died from some illness. His remains now lie in a small wayside cemetery in Mentone, long since forgotten.

Sometime after the death of Noyes, Alice married Samuel O'Rear. The wedding took place on October 15, 1885. (See copy of Marriage Record). He was

descended from two of the earliest Lookout Mountain families, O'Rear/Force. They were married at the Moon Lake home of her father, John Mason. Following the wedding, a grand ball was given in their honor by a Dr. Caldwell at his new Mentone Springs Hotel. Alice had just the previous year named the town for a place she had read about located in France. She thought the description given for the French town was very much like this place on Lookout Mountain. Thus, the town of Mentone came into being.

After the grand ball, the honeymoon was spent in Mobile, where their official wedding picture was made by the Reed and Wallace Studio. Her wedding dress, so carefully kept for all these many years, is now in the possession of the Mentone Heritage Foundation. Many other mementos are now owned by private collectors.

Samuel and Alice settled in the Bankhead Community on land given to them by John Mason as a wedding present. The home they built was a Victorian frame with bay windows. I remember that the house was near an artesian well. In the 1980s, their daughter, Jessie, gave me a few of the cut stones from the old house place which I still have.

While this article is focused on Alice, her husband, Samuel, is certainly worthy of more than a passing mention. By all accounts, he was a kind and gentle man who lived his life pretty much in the

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●Friday, July 31, 6 p.m., BENEFIT AUCTION and GOSPEL SINGING for the Donyal "Foots" Rector family at Valley Head School Auditorium

●Monday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m.

Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall

●Tuesday, Aug 4, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef

●Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
August 13, 14, 15, 16 (See back page.)
450 MILE YARD SALE

●Wednesday, August 12, School begins
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MENTONE PLANNING
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FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT, JERRY WATERS



Someone turn off the heat! I don't know if you have been as miserable as I have been so far this summer, but I am ready for some relief from this heat. I hate to even think what August is going to be like. If this keeps up, we will have to forget about a bonfire at our fall festival and find something cooler to do.

Speaking of August, let me remind you that the 450 mile yard sale is coming up the weekend of the 15th-Thursday through Sunday, August 13, 14, 15, 16. For those of you who have missed our last few meetings, we are accepting donated items to be sold during the garage sale. Thanks to the kind heart of Frances Waller, MAPA will be allowed to set up in the empty lot between the Mentone Inn and the Hitching Post in downtown Mentone. If you have some items you would like to clear out, you can contact any of the officers of MAPA and they can tell you what to do with them. Also we will need volunteers to man our garage sale location, so please come forward and lend a hand.

We had a good turnout for our annual picnic in July. We had some new members come. Rick Chapman officiated over the installation of MAPA's officers for the next year: Jerry Waters, President; Homer Crow, Vice President; Corinne Caplano, Secretary; Dessie Newberry, Treasurer; Bernise Crow, Parliamentarian; Dorothy Crow, Member-At-Large; and Lucille Crowe, Member-At-Large (absent from ceremony). Rick did a great job, and brought a sense of duty to all of the officers that were installed. I hope that the coming year will be one of renewed vision for every member of MAPA and that those who have not attended for a while will come out and join us as we try to develop the projects for the coming year.

I would also like to thank Marie Dillenbeck and Evelyn Graves for the outstanding job they have done with The Groundhog over the past few years. Through their efforts, the paper has become self supportive and a continued asset to the Mentone community, as well as to MAPA. I have heard from many people who subscribe just how much they enjoy getting the paper and being able to keep up with what is happening in our area. I also want to thank all of the advertisers and sponsors who help to keep The Groundhog in publication. With a little help from our friends, I know that the paper will continue to be an integral part of Mentone for years to come.

I will close with a reminder to come out and get involved and thank everyone for the work that has been done over the time I have been involved with MAPA.



NEW SPEED LIMITS POSTED FOR HEAD START AND MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 12 is the date all schools in DeKalb County will begin. In Mentone, new speed limits have been posted. During the hours of 7 AM to 8 AM, and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, the speed limit will be 25 miles an hour. On Alabama Highway 117, where the Head Start School has its entranceway, traveling both east and west, this will be in effect 500 feet on each side of the entrance, with the west side being 100 feet this side of County Road 631.

Signs have already been put up. So, drivers, be extra careful and alert. Tell others who are not familiar with this area to be on the lookout for the new speed limit signs.

CORRECTION

The Groundhog regrets the error in the date of birth in the article on the 100th Birthday of Ethel Shigley Green Adams. Instead of July 4, 1989, it should have read 1898.

Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member
The kind who would be missed.
Or are you contented,
That your name is on the list.
Do you attend meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and
Criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the world along?
Or are you just satisfied to be
The kind who just belongs?
Do you work on a committee
To see there is no trick.
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about a clique?
Do you come to meetings often
And help with hand and head?
Don't just be a member,
But take an active part instead!
Think this over, and remember
Do you know how to ring the gong?
Are you an active member,
Or do you just belong?

--Author Unknown



THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

My Wonderful Grandmother MeeMee

Every morning when I wake up I look forward to having a good day with MeeMee. Playing games, painting, going to Fort Payne. I'm ready for what I will do today. Some days we watch movies, design dresses on paper and sew. The thing I like most about my MeeMee is that when ever I'm sick MeeMee takes care of me. Some days we go to Fort Payne we run errands, shopping for crafts or just going for the fun of it. When ever I'm at MeeMee's house I think I'm in the best place in the world. I love my MeeMee so much I would give 1 million dollars for her. Some days she would have to work around the house, so then I can't play with her, so I get out my paints and paint her a picture to make her feel happy. I would do any thing for MeeMee if it's cleaning out cabinets or cutting addresses out of magazines. I love her so much I can't wait to see her in the mornings.

By Katie Gray

Editor's note: There is no designated day for "MeeMees" and they rarely receive recognition. However, when my granddaughter presented me with this tribute recently and asked, "Will you print it in The Groundhog?" What could I say?

To all MeeMees everywhere, Have a great day! Somebody out there loves you.

We are designating a Children's Corner in The Groundhog, where children may be allowed self-expression through their writing and art. Please feel free to submit anything you may have done that is of moderate length, and we will be happy to print it.

Winners and their Recipes in "The Great Cornbread Cook-off" sponsored by the DeSoto Rescue Squad

(Photographs are of the winners who were present on Saturday, June 20.)



Pam Crutchfield with her 2nd Place Ribbon shown with Nelle Lee

1st Place Winner - Marty Smith

Regular Cornbread Division

Corn Bread

1-1/2 Cup self rising Corn Meal
3/4 Cup Self rising flour
1-1/2 Teaspoon sugar
Enough milk to make a thin batter.
Pour ingredients into hot-greased skillet.
Bake in 425° preheated oven for 25-30 minutes.

2nd Place Winner: Tracy Coots

3rd Place Winner: Gwen Douthat



1st Place Winner - Robin Ward

Mexican Cornbread Division

Mexican Corn Bread

1-1/2 Cup self rising corn meal
2 eggs
1 Cup buttermilk
1-15 oz can cream corn
1 teaspoon salt
2 jalapeno peppers, chopped fine
2 cups shredded extra sharp cheddar cheese
Pre heat oven to 375°, put 2 tablespoons cooking oil in 10 in. empty iron frying pan (very important), put in oven until oil is hot, then add batter. Cook for 45-55 minutes until top is golden brown.

2nd Place Winner: Pam Crutchfield

3rd Place Winner: Polly Cameron



Judges for the Cornbread Cookoff were: (L/R) Mentone Mayor Max Cash, Elizabeth Romans, and Captain Richard Douthat of the DeSoto Rescue Squad (Jennifer Smith is in front of the judge's table.)



From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



had better be working. Moi doesn't want those precious little ones to get sick.

Moi hopes cooler weather comes soon so his people will let him come to the Superette and

Dearest devoted readers and fans, July is gone and the dog days of August are again upon us. Moi asked his new owners to let him come to Mentone, but they said it was too hot, and that with the "dog days of August" coming, they were going to Moi on a vacation. Since Moi doesn't have Cheryl Crane to tell me what that means, Moi hopes it's something good.

AL sent word that there's going to be a 450 mile yard sale in August, too, and that thousands of people will be coming through. That means flatlanders and cars and trucks, galore! Moi thinks NOT! Hope it's not the same time the gas tanks are going to be changed out at the Superette. Moi understands it's some kind of law that the underground tanks have to be changed.

Vicki said Wil and Alex are going to have to start school on August 12. Looks like that will be just before the yard sale. Moi thinks that's too early to start school. The air conditioning

be ADORED by all the little ones and Moi can show off his splendid physique. Being the GREAT ONE is no small feat.

Surely, Willis Blalock, Jack Lusk and L.M. Flannigan, and lots of the other regulars have been asking about me. You know it's hard to forget such a magnificent canine as Moi!

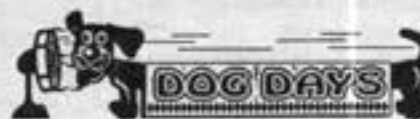
Remember that school is starting soon. Watch out for all the children on their way to school and especially after school when they come into the Superette. The new Mentone police officer, Carl Davis, told AL that new school zone signs are up to slow traffic down on Hwy 117. IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!

Well, gotta go. Time to get ready for the VACATION.



Four Generations at 1998 4th of July
Family Picnic held at Mentone

Linda Gray Jordan (Robert's daughter); Marjorie Gray, holding great grandson, Jacob Anthony Jordan, (Linda's son); and Robert Gray (Marjorie's son).
Jacob and Marjorie share the same birthday, April 2nd.



Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Kim Worthey was honored at a Bridal Tea at the Mentone Town Hall on Sunday, July 26. She and John Johnson, of Rainsville, will be married on August 29 in the gardens of Ann and Bill Wright in Mentone.

Continue to keep Nancy and Rusty Rector of Valley Head, in your prayers. Donyal "Foots" Rector fought a very hard battle with cancer and lost it on July 16th. Our thoughts are with Nancy and Rusty.

There will be a Gospel Singing and Auction for the benefit of the Foots Rector family on Friday, July 31, at 7 PM, at the Valley Head High School Auditorium. (See notice this page.)

Jim Lyday, who had hip replacement surgery on June 2, has had to return to the hospital two times, but is now doing well at home. Please continue to keep him and his wife, Penny, in your prayers as he continues to recuperate.

Congratulations to Patrick Murphy, 7, of Mentone, whose weather drawing appeared in the July 17 issue of The Times-Journal.

Ann Harcrow Pelletier and her husband Rodney and two sons visited her mom and dad recently. The boys, Justin and Jared, will have a nice vacation with their grandparents for a couple of weeks. Proud grandparents are Doy and Sharlie Harcrow of the Blake Community. (Probably, proud and tired grandparents by now!)

The Valley Head Band would like to thank everyone who helped with the car wash which was held on July 11th. It was a great success.

The third Sunday Valley Head Baptist Church dinner is the most marvelous potluck dinner you can imagine. Go and enjoy the food and fellowship and help them get their new fel-

lowship hall.

Beth Moore is back from her trip to Kearns, Utah, where she visited Mary Pearson. A message from Mary is that she misses everyone in Valley Head and sends them a great big "HELLO!" She regrets that she can't come back to Valley Head any time soon but promises to visit soon. Beth says the trip was great and, while she was there, she had a wonderful time. She visited the Great Salt Lake and many other interesting things. While we were all here sweating in the 98 degree HOT weather, she was there playing in the snow with Mary. The mountains still had some snow on them, so Beth and Mary took advantage of it. Beth says she had a great time but was really ready to come back home in a week, "Cause she missed her mom!" (Her mom missed her too!)

Adriana Miranda keeps in touch with Lisa and Beth Moore and wants everyone to know she is back in Brazil with her family and new boyfriend. She said she misses Valley Head with all its nice and friendly people and is adjusting back to life in Brazil. She has been very busy lately helping her mom at work and getting ready for her final year in school there.

Carrie Beth Matthews has been awarded the Bryant-Jordan Achievement scholarship to attend Calhoun State College. She plans to complete her bachelor's degree at Samford University. Matthews is the daughter of Welborn (Chip) and Carolyn Matthews of Danville, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Retired Lt. Col. and Mrs. W.L. Matthews, Sr., of Valley Head.

Congratulations to Jamie Nicole Blalock of Mentone, who graduated May 2 from Berry College in Rome, Ga., with a degree in Health and Physical Education. She is the wife of Heath J. Blalock.

Congratulations to Kelly Dianne Dixon of Mentone, who graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree from Birmingham-Southern College on May 30. She is the daughter of Dee B. Kelley.

Congratulations to Christopher Stallings of Mentone and Jasper P. Wagner III of Valley Head, who received bachelor degrees from Auburn University.

Jo Beube was seen out in Mentone with her grandchildren. She said it was "Grandmother's Day Out." She looked like she was having a lot of fun. Grandchildren keep you looking and feeling young. Jo is proof of that.

Alma Crabtree was please to have some "good old Sand Mountain friends" visit her last Wednesday (July 24), when her

niece, Dimple Talley, and Essie Clark and Vinna Clairdy came to see her.

Maureen Brewer didn't let a spur on her heel keep her from a wonderful trip to Highlands, NC, with long-time friends Dr. and Mrs. Jack Evans of Guntersville, AL, and Dr. and Mrs. Jim McKay of Childersburg, AL. Hope you had a wonderful time, Maureen.

Brenda Hall had bladder surgery this week in Rome, GA, and she will be unable to work for six weeks. The Dish is really going to miss her. Hope your recovery is soon, Brenda, and that you have a very Happy Birthday on Aug. 25.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Joseph (Joe) Stephens, 81, Mentone, July 7;
- Lila ("Tillie") Schlicher, 85, formerly of Valley Head, July 10;
- Miss Anne Marie Kendrick, 26, of Mentone, July 10;
- Arthur S. Crane, 95, of Valley Head, July 10;
- Donyal "Foots" Rector, 59, of Valley Head, July 16.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Austin Gifford who turned 2 years old on June 11th and little sister, Preslie Gifford, who turned 1 on July 15.

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to: •1- Jessica Ivey (3), Dorothy Shelden, Las Cruces, NM (79); •2 - Ginger Gray, Tricia Black; •3 - Russell Pearson; •4 - Kathleen Mitchell; •5 - Hope Martin; •8 - Marzee Painter; •9 - Harry and Brenda Hopper, 27th anniversary, Daniel Smith (3); •10 - Lisa Hartline; •12 - John and Jennifer McGee (3rd Anniv.); •13 - Jim Stout; •14 - Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie; •15 - Chester Green; •16 - Steve Black; •17 - Buckshot Ronnie McMahon, Jean Clark, Adelaide Biddle, Sandra Pruitt; •19 - Summer Easler, Beth Whisenant, Herman & Kathryn Jones (65th Anniv.); •20 - Anthony Windom; •21-Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shrader, Mrs. Eddie Langston, Annette Black; •22 - Kim Worthey, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Berthel Moore; •23 - Jimmy Hall, Brandon Whaley (9); •24 - "Lightning" Goss (87), Nicole Hulan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenzie (Anniv); •25 - Brenda Hall; •26 - Luke Crouch; •28 - Patrick Conniff Murphy (2); •31 - Jaime Joanne Carter (21).

School starts early this year, August 12. Be on the lookout for children as they go and come from school.

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Menlo Elementary wins critter-naming contest

An important "coronation" recently occurred near a "talking wetland trail" in neighboring Dade County with two Chattooga County students taking the honors. Dade County High School's "talking wetland trail" adjacent to the school's football stadium was the site of the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council's spring picnic.

Council members representing 11 counties, including Chattooga County, in northwest Georgia and their guests gathered in the afternoon sunshine for a horseshoe-pitching tournament followed by the council's business meeting and the highlight of the day ... the "Critter's Coronation."

During the month of April the council conducted a contest in the 75 elementary schools throughout its 11 county area. The purpose of the contest was for students to give the council's "Disney-like environmental mascot" a name.

Contest participants from the three winning schools were present and received cash prizes and certificates for their schools.

Chattooga County Commissioner Jim Parker led the crowd in a cheer as the first place winner was announced. Two Chattooga County students, Maggie Rich and Sarah Hedgis, representing the Menlo Elementary School, triumphantly crowned the critter with the winning name from their school ... "NAT, the Natural Resources Ranger."

NAT's purpose and goal is to be utilized throughout Northwest Georgia's school systems and communities to help promote environmental awareness and conservation education for all citizens.

While the business meeting was in session under the pavilion, guests attended an informative program given by Helen Gamble of the University of Georgia's Extension Service on the importance of "sun safety."

At the picnic's end, defending horseshoe-pitching champion Commissioner Parker received another winning trophy.

Following the event, participants were taken on a tour of the "talking wetland trail." The trail is equipped with solar-powered digital audio stations. Wetlands filter excess nutrients, chemicals and sediment, and provide habitat for a host of interesting creatures.

This "outdoor talking classroom," developed with the assistance from the Limestone Valley RC&D Council, is one of the best educational formats for teaching students about the environment in which we live and the importance of conserving our natural resources, according to a spokesman for the council.

The eight station "talking wetland trail" at Dade County High School was funded with grants from the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Power Company.

For more information, call 706-682-5064.



Special Photo

Critter coronation held

A happy Chattooga County crew was on hand after the critter coronation at the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council's spring picnic in Dade County. Two students representing the Menlo Elementary School received first place in naming the critter - NAT, the Natural Resources Ranger. The happy crew includes (left to right) Council Member Cletis Poole; Menlo student Sarah Hedgis; NAT, the Natural Resources Ranger; Menlo student Maggie Rich; Mrs. Susan Rich; and Chattooga County Commissioner Jim Parker.

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Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The summer has been very hot in most places, but Texas and Florida have suffered the most. Many people have died in Texas due to heat exhaustion and Florida has had awful fires caused by drought and heat. We are fortunate to live here on the mountain where there is a cool breeze to keep us comfortable. Some areas of Tennessee and northwest Alabama have had flash floods that caused the loss of homes, so I guess El Nino is still at work.

Homer and I have missed having Lee Cooper visit us this summer. He was so busy with extra-curricular activities that he didn't do so well with his studies and has been in summer school--making all A's, much to his mother's surprise and indignation, because she has been driving him to school. Maybe he will use his time more wisely next year. It seems sad not to have him with us for the summer. We look forward to having him come with his Mom, Joyce and Dad, Gregg, the first of August for a few days. Our son, Coy, and his son Dillon are coming at the same time.

On the days when we sit on the porch at the Hitching Post, Shurlee Froehler, Janette McCord and I, have fun chatting with visitors. Ruth Horton and her friend Dot, from Trion, Ga. visit often; we have had Judge W.G. Hawkins and his wife Opie, who are always welcome; Mimi Lanier, Billie Lemley and son, John, and many others who have summer homes here. Ruth and Allen Horton (Allen is now deceased) did live here a few years ago and owned the home where Rev. Allen Cherbonneau and Jan now live. The Hawkinses have a home on River Road, but their first home is in Decatur, now. Judge Hawkins will be our speaker at the August M.A.P.A. meeting at the Kountry Chef. Please come to hear him. He is an excellent speaker. Many people are fascinated with our little town and would like to live here, but they find that property is not so plentiful or as inexpensive as it was just two years ago. And the first thing they say is, "We want it to stay like it is." Of course, every time a new person comes in, things change a little.

Most of my day is spent in relating the history of the area--I just wish I knew a little more of it. I can sell them Zora Strayhorn's book or a video of the area. Visitors find it hard to believe that we have six Bed 'N Breakfast establishments, all very nice, and eleven summer camps for boys and girls. The rest of my spare time is spent in giving directions. One of the most scenic spots in our area is at Eagle Cliff (privately owned now, I think), but the road to it is rough and unpaved and I hesitate to suggest to anyone the idea of driving there unless they are in a pickup or a Jeep. I do hope we can prevail on our county commissioners to get the road paved. I read in the Times Journal the numbers of roads to be paved and I did not see this one mentioned. I think we should have been at the top of the list. There are some lovely homes on this road, which is 89 North, and it connects with the Georgia road that is paved. A few years ago an agreement was made with Georgia that if they paved their end of the road, Alabama would do the same. Georgia did theirs over five years ago and ours is still a rough dirt road. This road connects with Hwy. 136, and crossing this road one could continue past Covenant College and on to Chattanooga--the nearest route from Mentone. Someone please help us get this road paved!

The learning process is an ongoing thing. We are never too old to learn, and, if we keep learning, we enrich our lives, our way of thinking, and our behavior. If we learn by reading and studying, we are exercising our minds, and that keeps us from becoming dull and staid. (That's the way I feel when a computer language is given to me!) When we lose interest in learning new things, we become inactive and lose enthusiasm and interest in living. There is so much we can learn if we put our minds to it. I believe it has been surmised that we only use one-fifth of our brain power. Just think what might be accomplished if we used the other four-fifths! We cannot learn everything, but we could put our minds to work on one subject and learn all we could about that particular topic, and we could keep the cogs of our minds turning for a lifetime. Our cogs get rusty because we don't use them. Antiques are a fascinating hobby for me, but if I put more learning into it, it could be a more productive hobby. There are books and books to be read just to be aware of the quality of a genuine antique. And a little knowledge is dangerous. I have general knowledge on many things but not enough on a specific thing.

I like photography, but in order to do it well one must study character of people, or objects, the effects of light and shadows, timing, distance, and type of film for speed, indoor and outdoor, etc. I remember Doc Long spending a day or more to film DeSoto Falls, where I would use my automatic camera and do it in an instant. Of course, his work was professional. There is the learning process. We send our children to school, and for twelve years, which takes them through high school, they have the opportunity to learn many things if they apply themselves. Learning is an exciting challenge if we are motivated into working for it. So many young people waste these precious years, just barely making it, because they don't want to spend time studying. This is such a wonderful time for learning, because they do not have responsibilities that come later in life. There is no greater thrill than to finally be able to comprehend a problem you have studied for a long time. Wisdom and knowledge are wonderful attributes, but they are attained by applying our minds to learning. Learning can come from being aware of everything, alert, and interested.

Someone said he had never met a man from whom he could not learn something. We parents learn much from our children--patience, tolerance, long suffering, and, yes, wisdom.

In all our learning, we need wisdom and understanding. The universal learning we need is how to get along agreeably with each other, and that seems to be the hardest thing to learn, with all our wisdom and understanding.

"Learning is acquired by reading books; but the more necessary learning, the knowledge of the world, is only to be acquired by reading men, and studying all the various editions of them." Lord Chesterfield to his son, March 16, 1752

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9 AM each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

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

Union Hill Baptist Church 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 big THANK YOU goes to everyone who participated in the golf tournament on July 18. It was a huge success, with \$2400 going into the church scholarship fund. Jeff Harrison won the ball! What a prize!

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 **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Pastor Tanner states they would most assuredly be blessed by your presence. (Hebrews 10:23-25.) Women's Breakfast is every third Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Church cookbooks are now on sale for \$6.00. You may call any member to get a copy.

The time for the evening service at the **Valley Head Baptist Church** has been changed. The Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, with Worship at 7 PM. Aug. 16, 12:15 to 1:30 is the 3rd Sunday dinner to help build the new fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend the dinners. They are served potluck and are wonderful.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Team Kid is 6:30-7:30 PM. The van runs at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. The Youth and Youth Ministry team through Change

Your World are available to do whatever they can to help you (cleaning, light construction work, etc.). A new pastor, David Lee from Louisville, KY, has been called.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter is currently holding services at the Woodmen of the World hall in Valley Head. We invite all to attend. Sabbath School and song service 9:30 to 10:45, worship service is 11 to 12. We also have prayer meeting and Bible study each Thursday at 7 PM. Pastor Wilbur Atwood, lay pastor Bill Pyke. Come enjoy a vegetarian fellowship meal, every 2nd Sabbath. Lots of good, healthful food & Christian fellowship.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Sunday evening service at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. (All times are EST). The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church**, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome.

St. Joseph's on-the-mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Adult Education at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

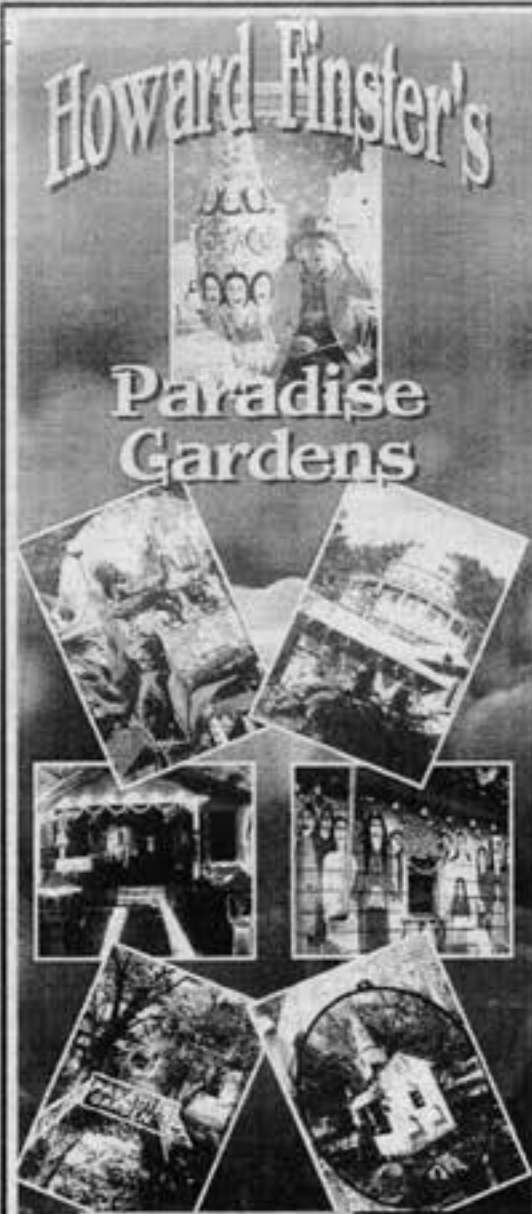
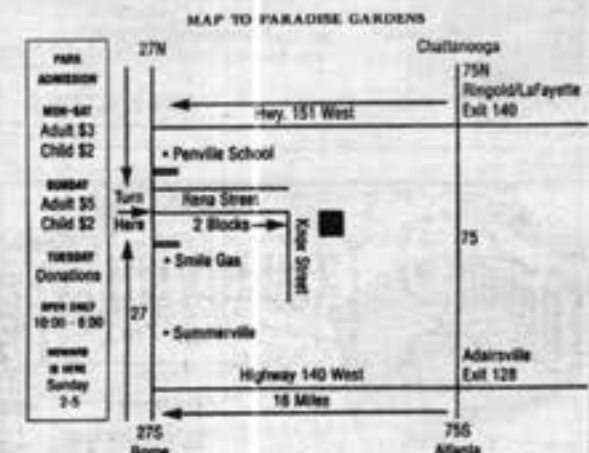
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The world renowned folk artist, Reverend Howard Finster, first began his creation of Paradise Gardens around 1961. These sacred grounds have become one of Georgia's top ten tourist attractions. Thousands of visitors come each year to wander through 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.

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Paula J. Leftwich named Polk County, Florida's 1998 Teacher of The Year



PAULA J. LEFTWICH

Paula J. Leftwich, a fourth grade teacher at Southwest Elementary School in Lakeland, Florida, was named Polk County's 1998 Teacher of the Year at a reception held at Nora Mayo Hall in Winter Haven, on February 18, 1998.

Mrs. Leftwich was chosen by a panel of judges from a field of 109 candidates. A certified teacher for three years, she was chosen from each of the county schools' ten finalists, all with more classroom experience.

In her application statement, Paula said, "I have had the rare good fortune to be invited, encouraged, supported, and welcomed by a cadre of the most generous teachers to be found anywhere. As a member of their team, I have invited struggling learners to build a fire of learning with me, helped to fan the flames of some students who needed encouragement, and acknowledged some children's incendiary skills, while guiding their efforts to control the speed and direction of the burn. The kindling work is rewarding in itself, but the warmth to be savored at the individual hearths is totally satisfying. To be acknowledged by my mentoring peers as worthy of representing them as their Teacher of the Year is enough to give me goosebumps...and there's nothing like goosebumps to send me scurrying closer to the fire. I also have the good fortune of being a parent. Parents wield the foundational power of the world. They shape and send forth new life. Teachers hold the next level of generative power. Teachers accept the children sent to them, granting full faith in the potential of each one to create and carry out a unique life mission. When teachers and parents join efforts to direct the learning drive of a generation, no force on earth can withstand the result, be it ill or fair. I'm unapologetically excited about what I do. I know teaching is the job for me. I started late, I don't have a minute to lose. I love it!"

Leftwich, 43, a wife and mother of three sons: 12-year-old twins and a 15-year old, said she was encouraged to become a teacher while doing volunteer work at her children's schools. She graduated from Florida Southern College in 1995, with B.S. in Elementary Education. Paula received a master's degree in elementary language arts from the University of South Florida this year. She also received a \$10,000 fellowship from the University of Southern Florida, toward her Doctorate Degree in Elementary Education. After being a volunteer in the schools for her three boys at school, Mrs. Leftwich went back to college when she was 39 years old. She had graduated from UAB with 2 degrees when she was 20 years old.

In addition to her teaching duties, Leftwich is a PTA faculty liaison, is active in Quality Improvement Councils and conducts professional workshops. She is a life member of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and a Girl Scout leader, a Boy Scout Troop committee member, and has tutored inner-city girls in math and science.

Paula and her husband, Jim, were married at Howard's Chapel in November 1979. She is the daughter of Bud and Mary Ellen Fielder of Mentone.

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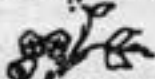
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REMEMBERING ALICE MASON O

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shadow of his wife. His daughters always spoke of Papa with great affection, but knowing full well that it was Mama who ruled the roost. He was a skilled carpenter descended from a long line of O'Rear carpenters. He was well respected in the Bankhead community.

Samuel and Alice maintained a second home in Menlo, Georgia. They would move there during the school year in order that their daughters could attend Menlo High. I remember hearing my Grandfather Smith tell about how smart Jessie O'Rear was. He said that Alice Mason (He always used her maiden name) told him that her daughter, Jessie, graduated from Menlo High at the top of the class and was given a medal. I saw this medal at the Whitehead estate sale. I wonder if the person who bought it will ever know anything about the remarkable young lady who earned it and that she spent most of her life teaching. All three daughters were a credit to Samuel and Alice and to the town of Mentone.

In my opinion, Alice should be remembered not only as the namer of Mentone, but as its greatest booster. According to her daughters and others, she was forever extolling the great beauty of Lookout Mountain and Mentone in particular. It was said that she always wondered why so many Lookout Mountain settlers traveled so far in search of beauty and wonders when they had one of God's greatest creations of beauty at their own doorstep. Her daughters would go on to quote her as saying that she would much prefer to walk along the rocky bluffs of Lookout Mountain and be in awe of the grand vistas that lifts one's soul than to gaze on the Taj Mahal or enter the palace of Versailles.

In closing, I feel that it is fitting to say that, although Alice Mason O'Rear has no living descendants*, she has to a great extent gained immortality by the act of naming the town of Mentone. And by the same token, we, of the town of Mentone, are honored to have the name of this great lady forever a part of the history of our town.

*There are some step-connections.

Footnote: There was one thing I learned early about this family. If you showed them any kindness, consideration, or expressed any interest in their family, it was always returned in kind, if possible. They treasured their friends and never forgot them.

Sadly, J. B. Whitehead was the last of the family line. I remember that he came to my house with a Step-cousin, Walter (Sonny) White the day after he buried his mother, Jessie. He seemed to be concerned about the family history being lost. He said that someone should write a book about his grandmother, Alice. Unfortunately, that will probably never happen, even though she is worthy of so much recognition. I'm afraid that this little Groundhog article is about the best I can do.



Seaborn Davenport and wife Ethel
with Baby Hope.



Alice Jane Davenport White - Daughter of
Seaborn Davenport and Ethel O'Rear.
Granddaughter of Samuel O'Rear and Alice
Mason. Janie in riding habit. Apple of her
father's eye. Referred to by her Aunts, with
raised eyebrows, as the darling of the family.
Greatest defender of the Mason's proper place
in the history of Mentone.



Hope Davenport - Son of Seaborn Davenport
and Ethel O'Rear. Grandson of Samuel
O'Rear and Alice Mason. Hopey was a free
spirit and a fun guy. Several times married.
Adored by his mother, but a puzzle to his
Grandmother, Alice.

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James Beverly Whitehead - Son of Paul Whitehead
and Jessie O'Rear. Studious and private. Served as
paratrooper in WWII. Awarded Purple Heart. His
death in 1991 marked the end of the family line.

SOME VITAL RECORDS AND BURIAL PLACES OF THE MASON/O'REAR FAMILY

John Mason b. Jan 10, 1820 d. Nov 18, 1911 bur. Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al. m. 1st name unkn date of d. unkn bur. in Iowa. (She was the mother of his children) m. 2nd Caroline Gillette of Mentone, Al. date of d. unkn place of bur. unkn (She did have children by a previous mar.)

Alice Mason O'Rear, dau. of John Mason and 1st wife name unkn. b. July 12, 1858 d. Feb 11, 1939 bur. Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al. m. Oct 15, 1885 Samuel O'Rear b. Dec 15, 1852 d. Sep 16 1911 bur. Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al.

Edward Mason, son of John Mason and 1st wife name unkn b. 1848 d. 1920 Some UNID bones bur Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al. m. Della Christopher date of d. unkn place of bur unkn.

Henry Mason, son of John Mason and 1st wife name unkn b. Jan 22, 1852 d. Nov 19, 1934 bur. Little River Cem near Mentone, Al. m. Oct 11, 1877 Revena (Rena) Crow b. Mar 13, 1847 d. Aug 20, 1936 bur Little River Cem near Mentone, Al.

Ethel O'Rear Davenport, dau. of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason, b. 1886 d. 1974 bur Valley Head Cem, Valley Head, Al. m. Apr 25, 1909 Seaborn Davenport b. 1876 d. 1931 bur. Valley Head Cem. Valley Head, Al.

Jessie O'Rear Whitehead, dau. of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason, b. Sep 18, 1894 d. Feb 6, 1989 bur Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al. m. Sep 18, 1922 (Mar. on birthday) Paul Whitehead b. Feb 7, 1895 d. July 8, 1952 bur Bankhead Cem. near Mentone, Al.

Winifred (Ruby) O'Rear, dau. of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason b. Feb 23, 1900 d. Sep 1, 1984 bur Bankhead Cem. near Mentone, Al. Never married.

Hope Davenport, son of Seaborn Davenport and Ethel O'Rear and grandson of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason b. Apr 15, 1910 d. May 10, 1977 bur. Valley Head Cem, Valley Head, Al. m. 1st Faye---, 2nd Catherine Low bur. Little River Cem. near Mentone, Al., 3rd Doris Scott b. Jan 10, 1923 d. Dec 30, 1985 bur. Valley Head Cem. Valley Head, Al. (Hope has step-children living.)

Alice Jane Davenport, dau. of Seaborn Davenport and Ethel O'Rear and granddau. of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason, b. June 25, 1914 d. Apr 16, 1987 bur. Valley Head Cem. Valley Head, Al. m. Walter P. White Sr. b. Oct 12, 1893 d. Dec 14, 1970 bur Valley Head Cem, Valley Head, Al. (Alice Jane has step-children living.)

Mary Eleanor Davenport, dau. of Seaborn Davenport and Ethel O'Rear and granddau. of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason, b. Sep 9, 1919 d. Jan 18, 1923 bur Valley Head Cem. Valley Head, Al.

James Beverly Whitehead, son of Paul Whitehead and Jessie O'Rear and grandson of Samuel O'Rear and Alice Mason, b. Nov 5, 1924 d. Nov 11, 1991 bur. Bankhead Cem near Mentone, Al. Never married. (James B. Whitehead was the last of the Samuel and Alice O'Rear line.)

There was a Peter Mason in the John Mason family that I know nothing about. I do recall hearing his name mentioned, but don't recall what was said. My guess is that he was a step-son or adopted son and a son of his second wife, Caroline Gillette. The following census is given to show a connection with the Mason Family:

1880 DEKALB COUNTY ALABAMA

John Mason	60
Caroline	56 Wife
Alice	21 Dau.
Peter	24 Son

Also, I do recall seeing several land transactions in the DeKalb County Deed Books between Alice O'Rear and Peter Mason. Perhaps Alice bought his share of the John Mason estate.

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Billy Goat Bluff



Theresa Smith (L) accepts donation for yard sale Aug. 1 from Barbara Lieu, Clondland, For Humane Society **Lookout Mountain Animal Rescue Needs Sale Items**

Members of Lookout Mountain Animal Rescue are asking the local community for items to use in the upcoming 450 mile yard sale, an annual event which stages individual yard sales throughout Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia on August 13 through August 15.

The local humane society will have its yard sale location in Clondland and will be raising money for the care of abandoned and stray animals found in Chattooga County. The group's spokesperson, Sharyn Westerline, said any kind of yard sale items will be welcome. "We had lots of different donations in 1996 such as tables, knick-knacks, books, vases and pottery, jewelry, clothing, kitchen supplies, and utensils, were just a few of the items that were in demand." Westerline commented.

Theresa Smith, Director of the Organization, said tax receipts for donations of items or money will be gladly made, and the group is willing to pick up donated items. "We operate entirely at this time through the gifts of our supporters, and we appreciate anything the public may have for us to use in the sale," Smith said.

Volunteers willing to help with the groups local sale are also needed. "As much or as little time as you could spare would be of great help. We keep our location open as much as possible during the 4 day yard sale. We always need volunteers to come help us out," Westerline added.

For more information about the yard sale, and to donate items or be a volunteer, call Sharyn Westerline at 706-862-2329



Postcard of Billy Goat Bluff recently mailed to Mayor Max Cash from Judge David Rains, of Fort Payne. The Cash family owns the property where this bluff is located. The note attached said: "Max--My search for DeKalb County postcards finally produced a duplicate of Billy Goat Bluff. You said you'd like to have one, and I'm pleased to send it along with my compliments." David

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From the Mentone Troubadour

By Tony Goggans

For well over ten years, I was the master of ceremonies at Mentone's two big festivals--the Rhododendron in the spring and the Colorfest in the fall. Each year, I would meet many new people who came to be regulars twice a year in Mentone. Some were vendors, some tourists, and some were locals I had never met. I have picked on thousands of people from the stage and had some to dance as they crossed the street, and even got some of the ladies from the local churches to stand straight faced in front of God and everybody and say they had baked everyone of those pies and cookies from absolute scratch.

Hundreds of people would line the streets for the parades; and I have seen over two thousand people, maybe even more, in and around the historical downtown area of Mentone at one time. I figured out once that I had played for over 100,000 people in Mentone in the fourteen or so years that I was the master of ceremonies.

For a few seasons, even into fall, I strolled the streets and sidewalks of Mentone on Saturdays and Sundays in all the restaurants and the quaint little shops. I strolled at Cragmere for five years. Once, in the winter of 1980, I strolled at tables at the Mentone Inn where I wrote a song called "In The Inn."

Anyway, over the years, I have met thousands of people in Mentone and on Lookout Mountain. For over twenty years, almost every single morning, I have been going to Desoto State Park Restaurant having tea or coffee and writing in my journals, and meeting tourists from all over the world.

I once had the dream of owning Cragmere and putting a

chapel on the brow for some good ol' gospel music and weddings, and this would be only one part of a musical village. One time, I thought I had a backer to see the dream through, but things didn't work out. I tried to work out something to buy the hotel in Mentone. I bought what is now Valhalla (I called it Song Brook) with the intentions of building a musical village, but I ran out of money. Later, I went in with my friend who owns The Cliffs and planned a musical village on the cliffs with boardwalks, windmills and swinging bridges, but it didn't happen there either. Once, I thought I had High River Camp which is located on the north part of the West River beyond Little River Baptist Church where Granny Dollar is buried. It would have made such a great musical village with its dam on the river and its privacy. Cherokee Camp just across the Georgia line was another potential almost-nearly-to-happen musical village.

Even to this day, I have not been able to shake the dream of a musical village. A couple of years ago my wife, Dana, and I, along with my sister Susan, bought a piece of property at Fischer Crossroads, which is located almost at the center of Lookout Mountain. We restored the old house back to its original walls and floors and added a few of our own ideas. After we had turned it into a restaurant, we realized our lack of knowledge in the food service business, so we sold most of it to my brother and sisters, keeping enough to say we still own a little. I had planned to build the Village there but again my dream had fallen apart.

However, when we sold the restaurant (Little River Cafe),

we kept the lot next door with the old 1800s barn on it. I began restoring the barn.

A few long years ago when the festivals at Mentone were moved to the brow, I felt I was an unnecessary part, seeing that there was no real center of activity. Downtown, I could see vendors and shoppers in a 360 degree circle, along with the Log Cabin Deli, the little village below the Deli, the White Elephant, The Hitching Post, Gourdie Shoppe, Mentone Inn, St. Joseph's, and to add even more spice, the front lawn of the Mentone Springs Hotel worked like an amphitheater from where the stage was set up at the corner of Highway 117 and the Parkway. On the brow at the shelter, where they moved the festival, I could see only one or two vendors in front of the shelter, and that's all. Downtown I could serve as a catalyst.

Since the festivals were moved, I have constantly found myself running into people from the days of Cragmere, the Mentone Troubadour, and the downtown festivals, wondering why I wasn't doing the festivals any more and where I was playing. It is these people, and my desire to have a musical village, or at least a musical settlement, that has led me along with my brother and sisters, the Malibous, to create a thing we call "Barnyard Saturday Night." As James Bryan, the great fiddler said the other night in his performance at Barnyard Saturday Night, "This is an event where you can escape the television and get reacquainted with your neighbors, and the local kids can run freely with tourists' kids."

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

It's hard to accept the fact that we are beginning the last month of Summer. Summer doesn't last long enough—but then, what does?

There have been vacation trips and family reunions. I had to miss my Tittle-Martin reunion because I had cataract surgery, July 6, in Birmingham. My eye is doing fine.

Karen and Mark Freeman had his mother's (Mary Smith Freeman) family and relatives reunion at their home on July 4. They had a large crowd and lots of fun.

Linda Blackburn from Orange Park, Fla., spent three weeks with her parents, Dot and Bill Blackburn. She was accompanied by her friend, Betty Jo Lewis. Mark and Jane Gibson, and children, Mathew and Jordan, from Dallas, Tex., also visited Dot and Bill and Martha and Hoot Gibson. Mark and Hoot and Linda enjoyed playing golf at Terrapin Hills, and especially at the Honors Golf Course in Chattanooga.

Sue and Foyl Cooper visited the Joe Blalocks recently. Several family members were there and they enjoyed playing beautiful music together.

Vesta Hawkins and Velma Hammond enjoyed a three-day visit from their nephew, Bob Hulan and his wife, Gwen, and daughter, Kate, from Baton Rouge, La.

Al and Judith Hammond, and son, Matt, and his friend, Deana Crane, spent a week in Panama City, Fla. Al and Judith went on, afterwards, to New Orleans for three days.

Sadie Cooper went with Jean and John Jones and their granddaughter, Rebecca, to Sevierville, Tn., where they spent several days.

Jimmy and Janet Cooper and sons, Patrick and Brent, enjoyed a trip to Atlanta to see the Braves play baseball.

Van and Teresa and Tyler and Lana Cooper have also gone to Atlanta to see the Braves play.

Laura Margaret Allison has returned home from a visit with her daughter, Ansley McGinnis and John, in Florence, SC. She received a favorable report from her ophthalmologist there after her cataract surgery. She also spent several days with Peachie and David Cearley in Alpharetta, Ga., and they brought her home.

Lillie Bowden enjoyed a bus tour sponsored by Jacob's Bank, to Ivy Green, Helen Keller's home; the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in Tusculumbia, AL; and the Renaissance Tower at Florence. She also visited her daughter, Jo Welch, in Chattanooga, recently.

Welcome to the world to Noah Grant Waters born to Alex and Misty Waters, Saturday morning, July 18. Proud grandparents are Joe and Helen Waters.

Howard Hawkins is now residing at McArthur Elderly Care Center near his son, Robert and family in Brewton, Ala. We hope he will be happy and contented.

Harry and Marty Smith went to Crow Mountain and returned with delicious fruit to share with others.

1st Lt. and Mrs. James Hulan from El Paso, Tex., visited Norma and Danny Hulan, July 12-16.

Donald, Edna and Coley Morgan are vacationing in Gulf Shores. "Mr. Mack" is always good to fill in and when needed at Morgan Drugs, which is appreciated.

Doris and Jim Carmichael visited Myree Dooley at St. Barnabus Nursing Home in Chattanooga. She is very ill. Ralph and Lucile Hixon, from Greensboro, NC, visited Jim and Doris recently, and they dined at the Little River Cafe, at Fischer, which was very meaningful to Ralph, as it was his great grandfather Fischer's old home place.

Our sympathy to Donyal Rector's family, as cancer claimed his life.

Congratulations to Michael Stack II, who has been recognized for academic achievement as a U.S. National Honor Roll award winner. He is the son of Susan and Wade

Higginbotham and grandson of Alvin and Edith Cox. Edith is recovering from knee surgery. Betty and Pete Wills came from Ontario, Canada, and spent two weeks and helped care for her. A thief had the gall to steal Alvin's weed eater in broad daylight from behind Susan's house, while he was eating lunch. Edith has one more therapy session, and we hope her knee will be good as new.

Emily Brown is recovering at home after having laser gall bladder surgery in Birmingham.

Jan Crow Pullen and children, from Texas, are visiting Dot and "Jug" and Mozelle Crow.

Dillon Brown visited his grandparents, the Coy Butlers, in Cartersville, Ga.

Mayor Kenneth Hammond and his workers have done a good job making Valley Head look better. I'm sure everyone appreciates the improvement.

I am indebted to Christine Brooks for several items, as well as locating some of Tillie Schlicher's poetry books (Mozelle Crow's) since we couldn't find ours, and I wanted to use a poem she had written in her memory. She not only located it, but delivered it and a bag of goodies to me. She is always willing to help. She is a sweet neighbor, and a good samaritan.

May August bring cool breezes, good health, and joy to everyone!

Many of us have lost another dear friend, Lila ("Tillie") Schlicher. This is one of her poems from her book. She had the soul of a poet and words to express her love for God, for people and nature, and she did walk closely with God.

We'll Never Walk Alone

Have you met a man named Jesus?

You won't ever walk alone.

He'll be there to comfort you

As along life's road you roam.

We may have many heartaches

And tears along the way

He will never leave us

As we live from day to day.

We all have a friend in Jesus

He'll be present in our home

And when troubles come

We won't ever be alone.

Yes, I met a man named Jesus

And I bow at his dear feet

Knowing that I am unworthy

As His presence is so sweet.

When we know a man named Jesus

We will never walk alone

He'll be there to ever guide us

And gently lead us home.

He did gently lead her to her heavenly home from Gulf Shores, Ala., on Friday, July 10, 1998. She was buried at Head Springs Cemetery.

Rosy Phlox

I have some lovely rosy Phlox
That peek in my window at me,
And despite all of life's hard knocks,
They grow tall and sturdy and free.

Their roots struggle thru rocky sod--
They have no food nor loving care,
But they are a bonus from God.
Their beauty and their cheer to share.

Their blooms nod in greeting to me,
As breezes their petals tease,
My spirit is lifted to see
Their smiles and their efforts to please.

From season to season they linger--
Sun does not fade them away--
Tempting with beckoning finger,
"Forget work and come out to play."

O yes, dear Phlox in my window,
Your beauty is precious to me!
The blessing of cheer you bestow
Brings strength and gladness so free!

--Eloise Brown

1998-99 UGF CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN NAMED

Joni Baker Justice has been selected to serve as the Campaign General Chairman for the 1998-99 United Givers Fund Campaign which will get under way in mid-September. Since 1985, she has served as Executive Director for CASA of DeKalb County and serves on the boards of ALIVE (Alabama Leaders In Volunteer Efforts) and AGS (Alabama Gerontological Society). She is a past recipient of the W. M. Fritz Vocational Service Award.

Justice says, "I am proud that CASA is a member agency of United Givers Fund. This has allowed me to see first hand what we can accomplish when we work together. In the 14 years working at CASA, we have touched thousands of lives in many ways. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of all the people involved with UGF."

She and husband Steve, who is Director of the Alabama I-59 Welcome Center, reside in Collinsville. They have six children—Jamie, Jill, Penny, Stephen, Michael, and Danny, and three grandchildren, Andy, Ethan, and Ben. Jonnie is also active in her community where she serves on the Library Board as Chairperson and on the Collinsville Beautification Committee.

Ms. Justice said UGF shows what our county can accomplish and how we care for each other. She says this year's campaign theme, "40 years of Caring", was chosen in celebration of UGF's 40th anniversary coming up in October and as a reminder that the same caring spirit continues in DeKalb County today. She said she is proud of the fact that all of the monies given are used to benefit DeKalb County residents.



Joe Stephens
Memorial to Joe Stephens
By Jerome Stephens

Joseph Davis Stephens was the son of Clarence and Tally Stephens of Birmingham, Alabama. He was born in Birmingham in 1917, the second of 4 brothers. Joe and his three brothers, Clarence, Jack, and Charles, lived in Homewood. He attended Homewood High School where he was a star on the football team. He made his football shoes by nailing cleats onto his dress shoes. He always told the story about how he played one game with the nails stuck in his foot.

After high school, he was to attend the University of Alabama, but WWII started, and he and his brother, Charles, joined the Merchant Marines. It was in the service that he began to help people. He was a Purser's Mate and assisted the doctors in surgery and helped the patients in the hospital ward. He spent most of WWII in the Pacific supplying troops with needed military supplies.

During the Service, he married Elizabeth Ann Salie of Birmingham. Betty lived in New York City while Joe was in the Service.

After the Service, he returned to Birmingham and started his career with Prudential Insurance as an appraiser. His first son, Jerome Stephens, was born in Birmingham.

When Jerome was one year old, Joe was transferred to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he worked for two years. He was then transferred to New Orleans. Seven years after Jerome was born, his second son, Michael Stephens, was born.

Each year, the Stephens family would spend their Summer vacation in Mentone in the house built by Betty's father, Jacob Salie, in 1941. After a successful career with Prudential, Joe retired, and he and Betty moved to Mentone in 1972. It was there that he decided to resume his medical career.

He got a job at the hospital in Fort Payne (now the Fountains) and worked the midnight shift as an orderly. While working, he studied to become an EMT. I think it was motivated by the need to get off of midnight shift and his desire to ride the ambulance. He Passed the EMT exam and spent many days attending to accident victims.

Word of his medical experience soon spread throughout the mountain. He began getting requests to help elderly people with home care. He continued to work at the hospital until he was forced to resign for medical reasons. However, he continued to help the elderly in the community and was involved with the Mentone Rescue Squad.

Joe was the last survivor of his family. The youngest brother, Charles, died in his 30s. His brother, Jack was the third brother and died at the age of 65. The oldest brother, Clarence, was 88 when he died in 1995. Joe's wife, Betty, died in 1994. He is survived by his son, Jerome, and his two children, Roney and Justin, and his son, Michael, and his three sons, Jason, Justin and Jacob.



New Business in Valley Head Creekside Antiques

Creekside Antiques in Valley Head opened in July. Karen Browder is owner-operator. She was reared in Fort Payne. She and her husband became interested in antiques through friends who are also in the antique business. Karen likes meeting people, enjoys knowing their interests in antiques and what collections they have. It makes it easier to help them locate what they need.

Karen's interest in antiques is growing daily, she finds it to be an exciting business. She expects to keep the business small because she likes it that way. She loves this area and would like to move here family here.

Karen invites you to come by and browse and enjoy her shop as she does.

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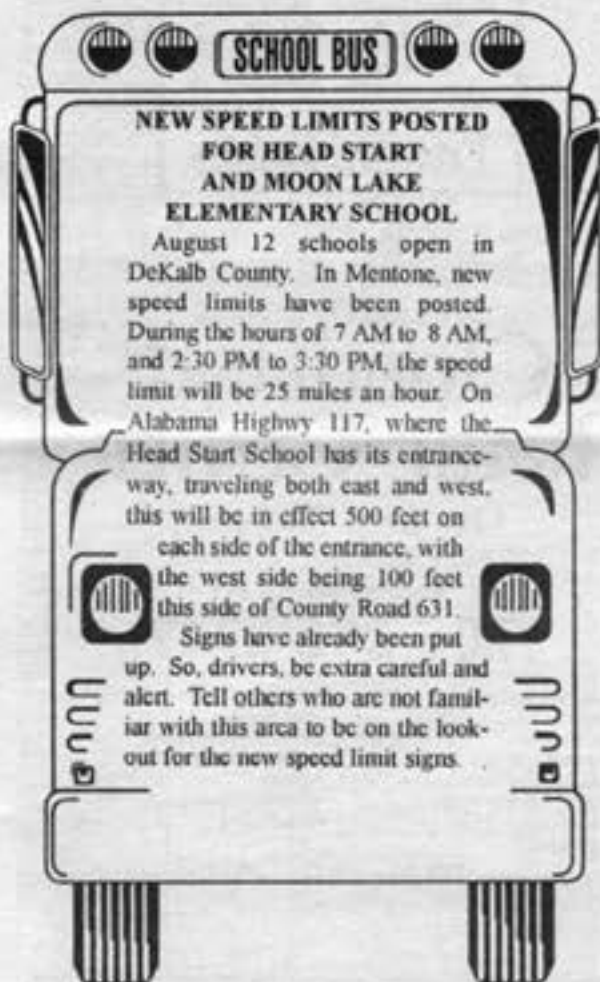
By Jennifer Smith

Mother's Market, Valley Head

- 1 large egg plant 1-1/2 lbs)
- 3-1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup tahini
- 3 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/8 tsp. Pepper

Preheat oven to 400°.

Cut off and discard stem end of eggplant. Place eggplant on a baking sheet & bake 1 hour, until flesh is very soft and skin is slightly shriveled. Remove from oven and cool slightly. Cut eggplant in half. Using a spoon, scoop the pulp into a large bowl. Discard the skin. Mash the pulp with a fork and add remaining ingredients, mixing well. Place mixtures in a blender. Do not let it blend until it is soupy. Chill several hours or overnight to blend flavors. Serve with pita bread or crackers.



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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Summer is a great time and, if one enjoys fresh fruits and vegetables, there is no better time of year. I found a recipe for green beans that I had clipped from some magazine and hope you enjoy as much as we have. We have wonderful friends who have kept us supplied with green beans. The other recipe is for marinated squash.

APPLE SALAD

Salad:

- 2 large Red Delicious Apples cored but unpeeled and cut into chunks
- 2/3 cup crushed pineapple, juice reserved
- 1/3 C celery, diced
- 2 Tablespoons raisins

Dressing:

- 3 Tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt
- 2 Teaspoons mayonnaise
- 1 Tablespoon pineapple juice
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1. In a medium bowl, combine the salad ingredients.
 2. In a small bowl, combine the dressing ingredients, and blend the dressing with the fruit mixture.
- Makes 4 one-cup servings

CARROT SALAD

- 2 Cups grated carrots
- 2 Tablespoons raisins
- 2 Tablespoons toasted walnuts chopped
- 3/4 Cup celery, chopped
- Marzetti light coleslaw dressing to taste, (about 1/2 Cup)

Mix all ingredients together and chill 30 minutes or until ready to serve. Makes about 3 cups.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

Well, here we are, halfway through the gardening year, and from what I see, and hear, the gardens--both flowers and vegetables--have been doing exceedingly well in this area, so far. Now, we just have to get through the hottest and driest part of the gardening period. Maybe, now that El Nino has gone, we won't have such a dry summer like last year.

From reports, the farmers market seems to be doing a very brisk trade in vegetables. The bad problems in Texas and Florida have helped us here sell more from our own gardens and has kept the prices reasonable. Farmers don't have to sell too cheaply or compete with the vegetables from out of state. We do sympathize with the people in the west and in Florida. Nobody should have to go through that, not in this day and age.

As I said, we are now in the middle of the gardening period and one should take sympathy on the strain put on the soil from producing all these wonderful edibles and flowers to gladden our eyes and hearts. So, take some time out to rejuvenate your soil the organic way. A good tonic for the soil now is: 1 can regular beer, 1 cup ammonia (which is nitrogen), 1/2 cup liquid dish detergent, 1/2 cup plant food, 1/2 cup clear corn syrup. Mix those ingredients together, then use one cup per gallon of water to spray the yard or veggies.

I have found another flower that seems to thrive here on the mountain, it's carnations--not just the regular "pinks", but the single/double/triple petaled variety. I planted a few last fall and have been treated to masses of the most fragrant blooms all spring and now summer. As long as I keep them dead-headed, they keep blooming. Carnations are a perennial and like full sun with well drained alkaline/acid soil. They spread quickly, so, it's a good idea to dig them up and divide them every 3 years. They are heavy bloomers, so feed them on a regular basis and during a dry winter, and keep them watered.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy all the bounty from the gardens around here. The tomatoes have always been a speciality in this area--they are ALWAYS sweet, no matter what, and can be eaten right off the vine if it has not been sprayed with chemicals.

(MadeleineCircleBRanch@juno.com)



Marie Desoubeaux, Janette McCord, Leslie Bunch, Terrance McCabe and Shurlee Froehler, relaxing and talking out front of the Hitching Post

Picture taken by Bernise Crow

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Happy "79th" Birthday



Dorothy Shelden

Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, NM, will celebrate her 79th birthday on August 1. Her five children, Marie Dillenbeck of Mentone, AL, Lois Wagy of Oquawka, IL, Wayne of Jacksonville, NC, Dale of Las Cruces, NM, and Ivan Jr. of Albuquerque, NM, all wish her a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. We are also looking forward to next year—the big 80. We love you, Mom!

Also, Dorothy, your Mentone friends have been asking when you again will be coming to Mentone to visit. It seems like more than a year since you were here last. Please hurry back!

A Fisherman's Prayer

God grant that I may live to fish
Until my dying day
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's safe landing net
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged
As big enough to keep!

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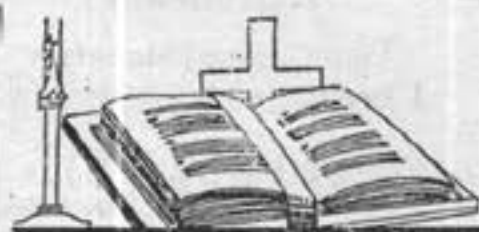
The Artists Guild
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Mentone Area Preservation Assn. will be set up on the corner at the blinking light in Mentone.

North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District - Volunteer Fire Department will be participating Thurs. /Fri. ONLY, Aug. 13 and 14, at the firehall, Hwy. 117, Mentone.

All local restaurants will be open: Dessie's Kountry Chef, Caldwell's Restaurant; The Dish; Log Cabin Deli; Reilly's Deli & Grill; (The Cliffs & Cragsmere-evenings)



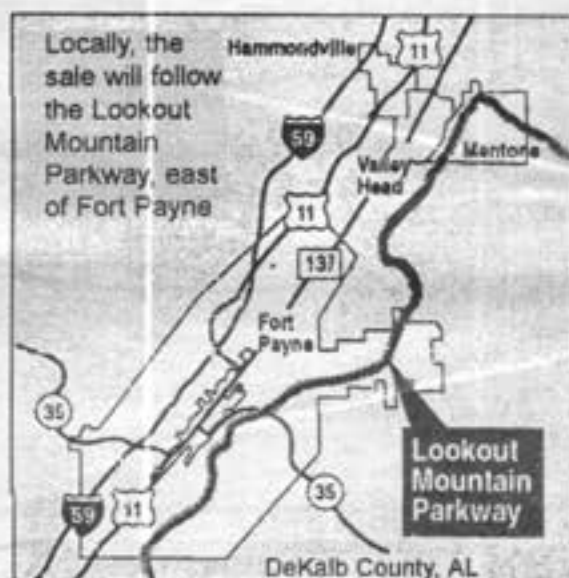
God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6

Do we take time enough to pray as we should? Do we take time to thank God for His many blessings? I'm sure we take time to make our request known when we are in trouble. But let us be careful that we take time to pray and give thanks to God as we make our request. God can answer.

Give Him a try!



The 1998 World's Longest Yard Sale - Thursday-Sunday: August 13-16, 1998

Place: The Lookout Mountain Parkway and U.S. 127 Corridor

From Gadsden Alabama, to Covington, Kentucky

By Patty Tucker, Director, DeKalb County Tourist Association

Residents and shop keepers along the Lookout Mountain Parkway are gearing up for the biggest event to ever occur on the scenic mountain drive. The 12th Annual World's Longest Yard Sale is scheduled to begin Thursday, August 13 and go through Sunday, the 16th.

Travel 100 miles along the Lookout Mountain Parkway from Gadsden, AL, to Chattanooga, TN, where it continues from there along the U.S. 127 Corridor to Covington, Kentucky, and crosses the river into Cincinnati, Ohio. Last year, Alabama alone, had as many as 1,000 vendors and the whole 450 mile stretch of yard sale had as many as 3,500 vendors. Treasures of all kinds can be found at the yard sale. You will see antiques, collectibles, furniture, dishwares, garden fresh produce, quilts, crafts, and anything else you could imagine. Food vendors will also be set up in some locations and several communities along the way have organized entertainment for this weekend.

Anyone can participate as a vendor in the yard sale. If you do not live along the yard sale route, but want to set up a booth, just make sure you get permission from the landowner to use the property. Businesses and organizations with

space available are usually glad to let you use their land. Some may charge a small fee, others may not. The more congested an area is with vendors, the more fun and enjoyable it is for those attending the yard sale. So, don't be too quick to shy away from a space thinking it will be too crowded. If you want to sell food items, such as grilled hamburgers, barbecue, hot dogs, or other foods, you will need to obtain a permit from the health department.

There are quite a few places we are aware of that you can call for vendor space. Several of those are in the Fischer Community of Lookout Mountain: Timesaver Convenience store, Alpine Mountain Shoppe, and the Fischer Rescue Squad building. Call Terri or Howard Babb at the Timesaver at 256-845-1190, Tony or Dana Goggans at the Alpine Mountain Shoppe at 256-844-6500, or Tim Williams with the Fischer Rescue Squad at 256-845-1156. We are checking around the community to find where there is space available, so call our office (DeKalb Tourist Association) at 256-845-3957 if you need that information, or email us at patty@peop.tdsnet.com. Check us out on the internet at www.hsv.tis.net/dekbtour

The Tourist Association will have a booth in front of Terri's Timesaver at Fischer. We will have several different items for sale, but the most popular item is our t-shirts that say, "I Drive, I Stopped, I Shopped Till I Dropped." It also says, "The Lookout Mountain Parkway, America's Most Scenic Shopping Mall." The shirts were mentioned in the August 1997 issue of *Southern Living* and are available now at our office located across from Western Sizzlin' for \$10 & \$12 each, depending on the size.

If you like yard sales, then this is one that can't be missed. It is just a matter of finding a starting point and working your way back home. We look forward to seeing you out there.

