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ALABAMA KOREAN VETERANS HONORED

By Evelyn Graves

The Korean War has for far too long been known as "the forgotten war." The many men who served in Korea and survived have not forgotten when they left home and family for Korea, nor when they were moved to the firing line. They have not forgotten the sound of bombers overhead, the bombs bursting, and the devastation all around them. They have not forgotten seeing a buddy killed in action, and they have not forgotten seeing the wounded evacuated, nor being one of the wounded who survived. All of these things and many more are still a very vivid part of their memories.

On June 30, 2000, a very impressive ceremony was held as part of the Opening Ceremonies Program at the 2000 Alabama Sports Festival XVIII at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex. A crowd of approximately 8000 veterans, athletes, friends and family participated as the Alabama veterans were honored on the 50th Anniversary of their service.

A prelude was offered by the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Choir/Orchestra, and special music was presented by the group throughout the ceremony. A beautiful presentation of The National Anthem was rendered, followed by the Korean National Anthem. The Armed Forces Salute was done by the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Orchestra, as well, when veterans were asked to stand as the theme song for the particular branch of service in which they served was presented.



Jimmy Wright (L) of 2nd Infantry Division and Jimmy Graves (R) of 151st Combat Engr. Battalion from Mentone. They are wearing the medallions presented to them at the ceremony. Delmus Smith of 151st Combat Eng. Battalion (not pictured) was also honored.

Medals were presented to each Korean veteran in attendance and to family members of the deceased veterans with the statement being made, "On behalf of the State of Alabama, the Korean Freedom League and the Alabama Sports Festival, thank you for your enduring sacrifice and loyal service to the United States of America for all mankind worldwide who live in a free and democratic society. Your patriotism, valor, and courage will never be forgotten."

Addresses were made by Alabama Lt. Governor Steve Windom, Speaker of the House Seth

Hammett, and Consul General Kwang-Sok Ryu, Republic of Korea, who each assured the veterans that their service in the Korean conflict had not been forgotten.

A statement was made by officials of the Alabama Sports Festival, "The Alabama Sports Festival is truly honored to have had the opportunity to honor Alabama Korean War Veterans and family members of Korean War Veterans killed in action, disabled or deceased veterans. We especially thank the Honorable Secretary General Jeong-Pan Nam, Korean Freedom League, Seoul, Korea, and the Honorable Consul General Kwang-Sok Ryu, Republic of Korea, for the major role that they played in honoring our Alabama Korean War Veterans."

It was truly a memorable occasion for the Alabama Korean veterans. Two buses of veterans from Co. C, 151st Combat Engineer Battalion and their wives rode together from Fort Payne to the event and were

able to recall some of the happenings of the war as they visited together. They were all very appreciative of the honors they received at such a beautifully planned program.

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- Tuesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone
- Wednesday, August 9, SCHOOL BEGINS
- Monday, August 14, 7 p.m., Mentone Town Council, Town Hall meeting room
- Third Weekend in August, Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 17, 18, 19, 20 -450 MILE YARD SALE
(See info throughout paper.)

- Tuesday, August 22, Municipal Elections for mayor and council
(See election information on page 18.)
- Monday, September 4, LABOR DAY
- Third Weekend in October, October 20, 21, 22
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

My article for July was written before we had our picnic. We had a great group attending. There were lots of visitors and we hope those who live in the area will join MAPA and attend our regular meetings. As always, the food was delicious affirming that we have some of the best cooks you can find. Of course, I ate way too much, but I suspect I was not alone.

We are getting ready for the "450-Mile Yard Sale" the third weekend in August--August 14, 15, 16, 17. We still need donations for the MAPA booth. There is someone at the American Legion Hall from 8:30 till 10:30 a.m. each Saturday morning through August 12, to accept your items. If this is not convenient, call Lucy Mathews at 634-3645. He will arrange another time for you to bring your donation. Pick up for large items can be arranged, also. If you do not get an answer, please leave a message. He will call you back as soon as possible. This is a good opportunity to make room for new "treasures"--we will be happy to take the old ones.

We are also getting ready for Colorfest. The dates this year are October 20 - 22, and Betty Bain is chairman again. If you need further information, you may contact Betty at 634-4490 or me at 634-3645.

Lola Mae Blalock is making the quilt to be given away on Sunday at the end of the festival. This year, the pattern is "Monkey Wrench", and it is done in dark blue, light blue and white. She does beautiful stitching in her quilts that anyone would be proud to have. A \$1.00 donation to MAPA entitles you to one ticket on the quilt. Any MAPA member can help you obtain tickets.

During the August meeting, we had thundering, lightning, and rain. I suspect that kept a lot of people from venturing out to join us. Nevertheless, we had a good attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time. We enjoyed having Bernise and Homer Crow's daughter, Joyce Cooper, with us.

We do not have a meeting during January because of the weather, and we voted to skip the February meeting, also. For the past several years, the February weather has not been very good. We will continue with all other meetings as usual.

The next MAPA meeting will be September 5, at Dessie's Kountry Chef at 7:00 p.m. We would like to invite you to come be with us.

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All meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.



**Dottie Earp—Volunteers sorting paint donated by local business
CASA of DeKalb County -
A UGF Member Agency**

CASA (Care Assurance Systems For The Aging & Homebound) works to keep DeKalb County's elderly, homebound, and disabled citizens independent, happy, and in their own homes as long as possible. Jonnie Justice, CASA Executive Director said, "This allows them to enjoy a fuller life in the most cost-effective way. CASA is able to accomplish this with the help of our volunteers."

Ms. Justice explained some of the many and varied services provided by the CASA volunteers: transportation to the doctor, shopping assistance, working at CASA food drives, working in the clothes closet and food pantry, and delivering groceries (either from the CASA food pantry or from grocery store), visiting, and telephone reassurance.

Some CASA volunteers make minor home repairs, build wheelchair ramps and handrails, and paint homes. Paints

and materials are donated by local businesses. This spring, CASA volunteers planted extra vegetables in their garden and are now bringing the fresh produce to the CASA office to share with those who are unable to garden.

Ms. Justice said, "CASA services are provided free of charge to our clients. We are able to do this because of the support from UGF of DeKalb County, donations of food, clothing, and furniture and because of the dedicated volunteers."

CASA volunteers include men and women of all ages and from all walks of life. Ms. Justice said, "We would love to have you volunteer with us—please call 256-845-2049, or visit our office at 310 14th St. NW. in Fort Payne."

CASA of DeKalb County is one of 11 agencies to be funded by this year's United Givers Fund Campaign.

**UGF AGENCY SPOTLIGHT
AMERICAN RED CROSS-
DEKALB COUNTY CHAPTER**

In October, 1863, The International Red Cross and The Red Crescent Movement were created to provide nonpartisan care to the wounded and sick in times of war. The Red Cross emblem was adopted as a symbol of neutrality and was to be used by National Relief Societies.

The American Red Cross was formed in 1882 due to the dedication and devotion of Clara Barton, who had earned the title "Angel of the Battlefield" by her unselfish acts of mercy to the fallen during the Civil War.

Today, the American Red Cross is still guided by its dedication to humanity and a desire to promote mutual understanding, friendship, and lasting peace among all peoples.

The DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross was organized and chartered in November 1917. The local chapter remains committed to providing relief to victims of disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

This past year has been a busy one for the local Chapter according to Linda Clark, Chapter Chairman. She said they responded to 68 disaster calls, serving a total of 1,722 disaster victims. The January ice storm presented a challenge early in the new year. They taught 1,664 people First Aid and CPR, 276 people were taught swimming and lifeguarding, and 18 people were trained in disaster services. The Red Cross Hospital Volunteers gave over 15,000 volunteer hours this past year to DeKalb-BMC Hospital. The Red Cross is the contact between servicemen and their families in the event of a family emergency. This past year, 43 Armed Forces emergency messages were sent.

Ms. Clark said there is currently a critical need for all types blood. Several blood drives have been held in recent months here in the county. The Times Journal is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, August 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Times Journal office, 811 Greenhill Blvd. NW in Fort Payne.

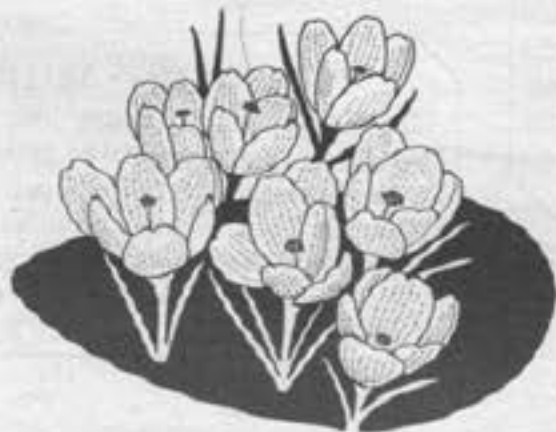
The Red Cross office is located in the Activities Building at 111 Grand Avenue South in Fort Payne. For more information about Red Cross services, contact Linda Clark at 256-845-0202.

The DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross is a UGF-member agency. It is one of 11 agencies to be funded by the upcoming United Givers Fund campaign.

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the following places if you missed the one on August 3, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at The Times Journal in Fort Payne:

- Trinity Methodist Church, Rainsville,
Sunday, August 6, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.
- DeKalb BMC, Fort Payne,
Thursday August 10, from 8 a.m. to 6 pm

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Happy belated birthday wishes to **Jim Lyday** who turned 80 on July 22. For his birthday, he wrote a poem, entitled "Eighty," and read it at his birthday celebration. He and Penny wanted to share it with the readers. You can find it on page 16.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell went for her regular checkup and they found two kinds of breast cancer. She goes regularly for her mammograms, and this time the doctor found the cancer. She would like to remind all women who have NOT gone for regular checkups and for mammograms, that they need to schedule an appointment. Friday, Aug. 4, she will be in the hospital in Huntsville for removal of the tumors. Keep her on your prayer list.

Others needing your prayers are **Rovene Truett, Betty Chapman, Cindy Jones, Joyce Cooper, Kathryn Jones, Herman Jones Jr., and Eunice Strickland.**

Keep the **Jack and Olive Jones** family in your prayers. They have had a lot of health problems themselves, and now some of their children and their spouses are fighting some tough health battles.

Sue and Bill Schwarz spent some time recently with Lydia Speed and her family. Keep Lydia on your growing prayer list, too. She's not doing well.

Congratulations to **Catinna Marie Brown, Lisa Somerville Jones, and Matthew Grant Terrell**, all of Valley Head, who made the president's list for the spring semester at The University of Alabama.

Anna Rively of Valley Head, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Los Angeles. She was one of 340 high school juniors and seniors selected to attend. She is the daughter of Lisa O'Tinger.

Chad Chaney, of Valley Head, was named to the presidential honors list at UAB. He had a 4.0 GPA.

Emily Rutledge, of Mentone, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Birmingham Southern College.

Gerry Disney celebrated her birthday on July 4th with her many family members.



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Randle Rice hopes to get on the list to receive a new heart. Keep him in your prayers.

Deepest sympathies to the families of those who passed away recently:

- Connie Castleberry Walker, 38, Valley Head, July 3;
- Mrs. Sue Finster Cooper, 82, Valley Head, July 12;
- Willie B. Meadows, 97, Mentone, July 16

Arthur "Lightning" Goss turned 89 on July 24. Only 11 more to 100!

Pardon my error in last month's Birthday listings: **Dessie Newberry** and her grandchildren, **Alex Wooten, Danyale Kyles** and **Glenn Cryer** are in August not July. They are listed below.

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

- 1- Jessica Ivey, Dorothy Shelden, Las Cruces, NM (81);
- 2 - Ginger Gray, Tricia Black;
- 3 - Russell Pearson;
- 4 - Dessie Newberry, Kathleen Mitchell;
- 5 - Hope Martin;
- 6- Dessie Newberry;
- 7 - Alex Wooten, Jonathon Dean;
- 8 - Marzee Painter;
- 9 - Harry and Brenda Hopper (Anniv.), Daniel Smith;
- 10 - Lisa Hartline;
- 12 - Danyale Kyles, John and Jennifer McGee (Anniv.);
- 13 - Jim Stout;
- 14 - Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie;
- 15 - Chester Green, Robbie Collins;
- 16 - Steve Black;
- 17 - Buckshot (Ronnie McMahan), Jean Clark, Sandra Pruitt;
- 19 - Summer Easler, Beth Whisenant, Herman & Kathryn Jones (Anniv.);
- 20 - A.C. Windom;
- 21-Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shrader, Mrs. Eddie Langston, Annette Black;
- 22 - Deborah Sharp, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Berthell;
- 23 - Jimmy Hall, Brandon Whaley (10);
- 24 - Nicole Hulan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenzie (Anniv.);
- 25 - Brenda Hall;
- 26 - Glenn Cryer, Luke Crouch;
- 28 - Patrick Conniff Murphy;
- 29 - Kim and John Johnson;
- 31 - Jaime Carter (22).

It's back-to-school time very soon: **August 9** is the first day of school in DeKalb County. Please be watching out for students waiting for buses or walking to school. Remember, our children are our future. They are very precious to us all.

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HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY

Christopher Glen Black celebrated his 4th Birthday on July 17th. Christopher is the son of Chris and Denise Black of Blake. His Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Black of Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bridger of Pisgah.

It's a Girl

Congratulations to **Nick and Annette Black** of Blake. They are now the proud parents of a baby girl! **Jordan Lindsay Black** was born on Thursday, July 20th, right in the middle of the big storm. She weighed 6 lbs, and was 19-1/2 inches long. She and her mother are both doing great. Lindsay's birth makes Ms. Annie Young and Ms. Erma Black both great great grandmothers for the first time. Her grand parents are Durrell and Lynn Owens of Blake; Carolyn Hackworth of Rainsville, Wayne Hackworth of Section, and Glen and Wanda Black of Blake. Great grandmother is Ms. Betty Guffey of Rainsville.

HAPPY 86TH BIRTHDAY

Ms. Erma Black celebrated her 86th Birthday on July 28th. She was married to the late Cletus Black of Blake and is the mother of Glen and Thaniel Black of Blake. She became a great great grandmother for the first time, and is thrilled with her new great great granddaughter.



Andrew Phillips

Andrew Phillips graduated with honors from Auburn University, with a BS Degree in nursing. He was named by the SGA as the outstanding student for the School of Nursing, and held office as Legislative Chairman for the Alabama State Nurses Association. He is employed by Duke University Medical Center in the cardio-thoracic ICU. He is the son of Glenn and Connie Phillips, of Valley Head.

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Girl Scout Troop 1012

will be registering on August 22 from 5 pm. to 7 pm at the Valley Head Baptist Church. All girls over 5 years old may register. Call April Nix, at 635-6298 for further information.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We are into the first full month of summer and things are slowing down. It has been a warm month for the last one, but then, it's normal. Our mountain breezes are still refreshing.

We enjoy the nice view from our deck at home, which is a changing vista every day. One morning we can see forever as the song says, "On a clear day." Then, other mornings are misty and hazy and our distance viewing is limited. Then some mornings the entire valley is shrouded in fog and it looks like a sea.

Then we can see storms coming our way because they usually come from the Sand Mountain area and it gives us time to get things under cover. And, as in the case of the heavy wind storm we had recently, we

took cover in the basement. I have never seen stronger wind. It broke tree limbs all over the place and one tree was broken down. It took half the shingles off our house and gave Homer another big job. He worked part of two days and then got Michael Vaughn to finish nailing on new shingles. The storm covered a wide area in the Southeast, and many homes were without electricity for about four hours. With all the wind, we only got a shower of rain.

We spent several days in July with our daughter, Joyce Cooper, in Columbus, SC. She had cancerous tumors removed from the colon and two others in the general area. The doctor who did her surgery, Dr. Morrison, had been to Mentone and served a week as camp

doctor at Alpine! Small world. He thinks he got all cancer cells and Joyce is improving. She is coming to spend some time with us and we look forward to having her. The doctor wants her to eat heartily and gain some weight. She is awfully thin. I know how to put weight on anyone, just look at me!

(Bernise was unable to complete her column by press time because she has been extremely busy. Look for her complete column next month.)



Amelia Lolli, sitting next to Huey Mathews at a recent MAPA meeting, is holding up part of the door prize she won. Amelia asked, "Where is the other glass that completes the set." Bernise Crow said, "It's being washed." (Photo by Bernise Crow)

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Lilies in the Valley

Twenty-two members of the Rhododendron Garden Club traveled to the home of Marzee Etheridge in Ider, where Mrs. Etheridge welcomed them into her home and garden. Her Garden areas are a breathtaking display of seas of day lilies. From the left: Hope Walker, Patti Bryan, Dallyne Jones, Phyllis Cochran, Mary Ellen Fielder, Flo Kirby, Marzee Etheridge, Lucette Dix, Betty Chapman, Margaret Baker, Dorothy Cyr, Martha Wood, Mary Crow, Peggy Roark, Christina Wise, Virginia Setz, Shirley Hussel, Mickey Gough, Dot Blalock, Ruby Daniel, Jan Wilkinson

(This photo was taken by Bernise Crow, but was not developed in time to appear with the article in last month's issue.)



DONALD GORDON SMITH IN LOVING MEMORY

Donald "Don" Gordon Smith, 80, of Turlock, died Wednesday morning at his home. He had lived in Turlock for over 25 years.

He was born in Indiana Harbor, Indiana, on May 28, 1920—the fifth of six children. He graduated high school in Valley Head, Alabama, and received a B.A. degree from Brothers College and went on to receive a B.S. Degree in Theology from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Don Smith married Martha Dean Dobbins on June 3, 1942, and they moved to California in 1946. Don was a minister with the United Methodist Church in various California towns until 1963. In 1964, he moved his family to Delhi where, for the next six years, he owned and operated various Care Facilities. In 1970, he received his real estate broker's license and, until his death, he worked with various real estate investment projects. He loved to grow tomatoes and banana squash, as well as various flowers around the house. He also grew apricots and peaches in his front yard, which he shared with many neighbors.

Don is survived by his wife, Martha Dean Dobbins Smith. They had six children: Martha Ruth Smith (deceased), Donna Mae Smith of Modesto, Carol Irene Eldridge (husband Roy) of Modesto, Gordon Dean Smith (deceased) (wife Barbara), Paul Leland Smith (wife Gail) of Turlock, and Susan Joy Hatton (husband Dan) of Seaside. He is survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren: Julie Reich, Joshua Smith, Joseph Smith, Michelle Eldridge, Dominic Eldridge, Buddy Boissiere, Lucky Boissiere, Amanda Smith, Dakota Eldridge, Kaelan Eldridge, and Spencer Dean Reich. He is also survived by one brother, Claude Smith of Birmingham, Alabama, and one sister, Janice Golden of Los Angeles, California.

A private family memorial will be held later. Remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1765 Challenge Way, Suite 115, Sacramento, CA 95815.

In 1993, the Don and Martha Smith Scholarship was established. This year's recipient was Donnie Davis, who lives in Valley Head, and graduated from Valley Head High School. Donnie plans to attend Northeast. His parents are Harold Davis and Barbara Davis.

Down the Primrose Path of Passion, Art and Gardens

By Ann Hamilton

Without our passions for such things as art and gardening where would we be? Admittedly, passions have been known to take individuals down the wrong paths. Art and gardening are two that usually act as catalysts for growth. Both have touched my life in this way. I only dream of planting gardens, I paint them instead.

Splashes of watercolor are my tools that create my versions of gardens of Iris, Day Lilies, Tulips and many other lovely things. I laugh and tell my master gardener friends that this is the way I tend my gardens. I plant them using my brushes to paint flowers, butterflies and whatever my mind fancies upon the soil of my canvas. They allow me to be a part of the DeKalb Master Gardener's Association. I've learned that even I can contribute. I took the course last year that prepares members for the volunteer work they must do. It also teaches them many things about horticulture and other aspects of gardening. The course is sponsored by Auburn University and will soon be offered again. If you are interested, just call the county agent's office in Fort Payne.

Earlier this year, I visited my first Mentone garden. It was on the grounds of Bill and Ann Wright. Ann is chairman of our association. She and Bill are very passionate about caring for their gardens and sharing them with others. For days after this experience, I dreamt of giving up art, moving to a woodland area and spending my days planting and tending to tropical plants. It was only a dream.

Did I say that—Only a Dream? I believe dreaming is necessary to having a productive life. I believe it is also essential for passion. Perhaps some day I will

have that garden. For now, my first passion, though, is art and the gardens I can grow with it.

One of those gardens is that of helping to build self-esteem in children. Creating art is so natural for young children and is something they can cherish for a lifetime. Yet, I enjoy teaching others, as well. I have a theory that, if I can teach an individual to see with their imagination rather than their eyes, I can teach them to create art.

It is a hard thing to do except in the very young. They see this naturally. Facts and knowledge get in the way too soon when formal education begins.

I think this is why I like gardeners so much. They appear to me to be able to see in ways that many others don't.

It is in this setting that art naturally occurs. It may result when a child is playing with blocks or a gardener is planting roses. Often they are unaware of the significance of what they are doing.

It isn't necessary to know how to draw or ever learn to draw to create art. There are many other ways of doing so. Becoming aware of shapes, colors and sizes in nature is a way of beginning to learn about the techniques used in making art. Sometimes a saw and a piece of wood are better tools than paints and brushes. The putting together of art objects can become a passionate surprise. One that deserves repeating.

If you've forgotten how to dream, take a walk through the paths of those in Mentone who haven't. The area tended by its gardeners and artists provides the perfect setting for the wonderful discovery that awaits you.



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MAPA Picnic a huge success

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The photos to the left were taken on July 4th at the MAPA picnic. They were not developed in time to go with the article in last month's paper, and are being included here with a portion of the article reprinted.

Bernise Crow gave a history of the accomplishments of MAPA.

There were approximately 42 people, and possibly more, enjoying the MAPA picnic--lots of good, delicious foods, enough for seconds, good fellowship,--and the scene from the Brow Park overlook. July is the month for the Crow family reunion and Homer and Bernise brought their family members and guests. Penny and Jim Lyday brought Gary and Suzanne Fleming and their two sons, Jonathan and Jeremy. Betty and Rick Chapman brought their daughter Cindi Hyland from McDunn, NC. Hope and George Walker brought Maureen Brewer. Mickey and Sherman Gough brought friends Dedee and Merrill Matlock. Other guests were Neil and Betty Harris McCombs, and Betty's granddaughters, Bethany, Sara and Laura Murray. Ruby Brock brought Margie Coots. Phyllis Cochran brought Ann Hamilton. Also attending were Olive and

Jack Jones, Dessie Newberry, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, and Lucille Crowe.

Officers present were President Marilyn Mathews and her husband, Huey, who is her assistant, Vice President Dot Crow, Treasurer Dessie Newberry, Secretary Marie Dillenbeck, Member at large Hope Walker, Parliamentarian Homer Crow, and Ruby Brock, Chaplain. A photo of Marilyn Mathews can be seen on page 2. As president, she writes a column monthly.

During the evening, Jack Jones asked for a show of hands as to the number of past presidents. Homer Crow, Bernise Crow, Dessie Newberry, Jack Jones, Sherman Gough, and Marilyn Mathews. Several past presidents served more than one term.

Jack Jones also gave a brief history of Pea Ridge, which can be seen from the Brow Park overlook. He told the group how he moved several log cabins from Pea Ridge to his properties in Mentone and Cloudland, GA.

Homer brought two flavors of homemade ice cream: strawberry and oreo chocolate.

Next year, make plans to be with MAPA for its annual picnic on the brow in July!



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Partial Family Reunion

(Photo taken by one of the staff at the Holiday Inn in Gulfport, MS, just prior to those pictured above leaving on Sunday, July 16, to return to Texas, Alabama, and Georgia)

Front: Kumi Dillenbeck, Joey Dillenbeck, Tammy Green, Marie Dillenbeck

Back: Brian Green, Randy Green, Teresa Brown, Brenda Green

They all met in Gulfport, MS, July 14, 15, and 16, to celebrate several things: Joey and Kumi's 6th Anniversary (July 8), Brenda's birthday, July 30 (Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40--does she actually look 40? NOT!), a return to the Gulf Coast, a chance to briefly visit with grandchildren (not shown, photos to be developed by Brenda Green), Elizabeth (14th birthday 7/6), Jolce (9th birthday 7/13), Robert (7th birthday 7/25), and Katherine (11th birthday 8/15)--Teresa's children all have summer birthdays. Not able to attend the get together were the twins, Lorelei Lauro and LeLani Dillenbeck, from Virginia. Lorelei is married to John Lauro and they have two children, Sarah and Kristen. We enjoyed our visit--it just didn't last long enough.

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GREETINGS FROM THE DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD!

First off, we would like to thank you for all your generous donations. Those donations have been put to very good use by purchasing radios, medical supplies and new uniforms. We were also able to continue work on our squad building and purchase a surplus ambulance to be reconditioned and put into service in order to better serve our communities.

In November of last year, several of our members attended the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads annual convention in Mobile. While there, we were able to take advantage of many classes in order to continue our rescue and medical educations.

Our building is coming along nicely, although we still have a way to go before it is completed. The office and wiring are done and next on the list is painting and patching.

Our chainsaws were busy during the January ice storms. All of our members were out cutting and clearing trees in order to make streets passable for power and phone crews and the public. We were also busy helping our neighbors clean up, but there is still a lot left to do.

As you know, tornado season is almost upon us and one thing the squad would like to do this year is get chainsaws and generators to help in case the worst happens and a tornado hits our area. We are working on several angles to do this, but we need your help.

Please keep us in mind when you consider giving donations this year. If you have any suggestions for ways that we can better serve you, please do not hesitate to write us at PO Box 213, Mentone, AL 35984, and let us know.

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2000 District roundup



Submitted photo
DeKalb County 4-Her Logan Chambers of Moon Lake School recently participated in the 2000 Huntsville District 4-H roundup compact tractor event. This contest was held on the campus of Alabama A & M University. 4-Hers learn by doing to make the best better.



Logan Chambers
HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY

Logan Chambers celebrated his 11th birthday on July 23, 2000. He is the son of Rusty and Angela Chambers of Mentone.

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Corner**By
SUE SCHWARZ

I hope everyone is having as good a summer as Bill and I are. We have really been enjoying being at home here in Mentone. We are still working at getting settled, and I guess that will be ongoing for a while. We are also still cleaning up stuff left by the storm (or shall I say, just getting to it.)

I have been especially enjoying two recipes this summer. One is for a tomato tart that Maureen Brewer shared with me several years ago. If you grow basil or know someone who does and will share, this is a great dish. The tart and a salad, a roll and/or some fruit makes a nice light meal. The other one is for Lemonade Pie. A friend of mine shared this with me and I also found it in a cookbook I have here. It is especially refreshing on a hot summer afternoon. I double this recipe and TRY to keep one on hand

Tomato Tart

1 9" pie shell (I use those you buy in the refrigerator section at the Grocers)

2 Cups of shredded Mozzarella Cheese

A generous amount of chopped basil (1/3 C or so)

4 medium sized tomatoes sliced 1/2 inch thick

2 T olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste.

Prepare the pie shell, layer the ingredients in the order listed and bake at 400° F for 40 minutes or until the crust is browned and the tomatoes are soft.

Lemonade Pie

1 6 oz can frozen lemonade concentrate

1 can sweetened condensed milk

1 cup whipping cream whipped (or the equivalent of cool-whip)

2 T lemon juice (optional)

1 T grated lemon or lime zest (optional)

1 9-inch graham cracker crust

Combine lemonade mix and sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice (if desired). Fold in whipping cream or whipped topping and put mixture into crust. Sprinkle the lemon or lime zest on top. Cover and freeze. If you buy prepared graham cracker crusts, the insert that protects the crust makes a nice cover. This pie needs to have several hours to freeze solid and needs to be treated like ice cream. Keep it frozen until you are ready to serve it and store it in the freezer.

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Sunday, August 6, from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.
- DeKalb BMC, Fort Payne,
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Missionary at Work



Jean Gauld in Vienna Austria, April 1999

Jean Gauld has been to several countries doing missionary work: Noldovia, Russia; Masada, Israel; Beijing, China; Robe, Japan, and Vienna Austria. Here is a recent letter from her that she wishes to share with others.

July 10, 2000

Dearest Friends,

How my heart misses you already....if I didn't know we would be meeting in our prayers, I would really be sad. But I will just be enlarging our family, so I am joyfully looking forward to ministering to His children in Tel Aviv, some in a Convalescent Home, others in street meetings all over Israel (in the month of October).

For the past year, God has been preparing me, meeting with older seasoned missionaries, ministering to my son, Doug, who is now on staff at Hyde School in Connecticut.

I remember the last time I was in Mentone. Brother Al remarked the Lord was going to launch me forth from Birmingham, and so it is. Please keep in touch. Write to me in care of Glenda Jones and she will forward your letters.

% Glenda Jones

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Phone: 205-620-3294 (for prayer updates)

I will be counting on your prayers for physical strength and protection. If there are other needs, He will show them to you. The Lord gave me a scripture the other day, Isaiah 61:11 - "I will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth on the earth."

I feel so secure in your loving prayers and financial support and joyful knowing of the Father's blessings coming back to you.

Shalom, Lovingly in Him, Jean Gauld

NEWS FROM THE SHED

The Shed would like to say thank you for supporting our business in Mentone. The fourth was a blast; several people came to the community fireworks show. Every year for the last few years, The Shed has had a wonderful show in memory of Robert (Spoke) Baker. This year, the head count was several hundred. Where did they all come from? We have no idea, but thank you all for your support.

We would like to give the Mentone Fire Department a special thanks. Due to the insufficient rain, we were really hesitant to have the show, but with the support of the fire department, it was wonderful. All donations made to The Shed went to the fire department for their support in being there just in case of a fire. Thank you guys, we could not have done it without you.

The Shed is a growing business. Each and every year, we are always doing something different. Because Mentone has become a hot spot, many new businesses have opened on our side of the mountain. Stop in at all the new businesses to welcome them into the community because they all need our support.

Come in and see the butterflies and get free advice on how to promote your perennials to give you a 2nd and 3rd time in bloom this year. All of this is free to the public along with any gardening advice we may have to offer.

We do gardens for you, and each and every year, we hope to add a new garden to the grounds. We do this not only for presentational purposes, but also for your benefit on how best to grow and maintain your own gardens. For each and every one of you, regardless if it is for landscaping, gardening, or decorating your home with pretties around Christmas, we are here as friends.

Many people have stopped in and asked why have I not put a column in The Groundhog, lately. Circumstances have delayed me in writing my next column, but as I promised I deliver it now. I love to share all the information I have on plants with you and want to let you know that you must feel free to stop by anytime to get monthly tips from us or just browse through our gardens. There's no charge, just come in and look around as long as you like.

I think in the fall I will be doing a gardening show on tips for the garden and on getting your garden ready for the winter. I will be down in the bed for a few weeks, but that doesn't stop me from sharing gardening information with you. Just pray for my body to quickly recover from surgery. Once again, thank you for being there for David and me and continuing to support our dreams.

David and Cheryl Baker, The Shed - (256) 634-4038

The Town of Mentone has a new Water Board

Annual quality report from the Fort Payne Water Board shows no problems with city water

The Town of Mentone purchases its water from the Fort Payne Water Works Board. Recently the Fort Payne Water Works Board released its annual water quality report on Allen Branch Reservoir, the Big Wills Reservoir and the Tennessee River. The results are from a state certified bacteriological testing laboratory in Fort Payne and compiled from monitoring during 1999.

On June 27, this report was posted in four places around Mentone so that the Mentone residents could review the report. The report is posted at the Mentone Post Office, Mentone Superette, Mentone Town Hall bulletin board, and Ruby's Variety. You may review it at any of those locations, or you may come to the town hall during weekdays from 8:15 to 11:45 to review the report.

It documents contaminants in the form of bacteria, soil runoff, discharge from petroleum sources, erosion of natural resources, corrosion from plumbing systems, runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, discharge from textile-finishing factories and the impact of water chlorination. In

each category, no violation is noted.

"We're pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements," Manager Paul Nail said. "All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk."

"The report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water."

"We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water."

He said the water works conducted a high-rate filtration study on its water treatment plant earlier this year to increase the plant's capacity from the current rate of 6 million gallons per day to 9 million gallons per day.

"The successful completion of this upgrade in production capacity will

benefit both the direct consumers and the other purchasing utilities who depend on the Fort Payne Water Works for their water and ensure that there will be an adequate supply of water to meet their needs well into the future," Nail said.

"We at the Waterworks Board of the City of Fort Payne work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap," said Walter Summerville, board chairman. "We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future."

The Town of Mentone has recently formed the Mentone Water Board. The members are Chairman, Bobby Brown, 6 year term; Vice Chairman, Jimmy Wright, 4 year term; Ed Jones, 2 year term; Jean McGehee 4 year term; Dick Keefer 2 year term. Marie Dillenbeck was appointed Secretary/ Treasurer. The Mentone Water Board invites its customers to attend any of its meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Mentone Town Hall.



A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The Summer scene is lush and green, but in the last few days has not been so serene, as storms have hit Hammondville and Valley Head. Trees down and stables damaged at Winston Place, Chevron's station roof, a rafter fell at one of the school buildings. Fortunately, no major damage or injuries, but everyone is thankful for the rain, for the earth was thirsty.

Many have enjoyed happy vacations. It's good to go and do while you can.

Jane and Mark Gibson and children, Jordan and Matthew, from Dallas, Texas, spent several days with Martha and Hoot Gibson and Dot and Bill Blackburn. After returning home, they went to Wyoming. They have bought a ranch in the country outside of Dallas as a second home.

Linda Blackburn has been on a week's tour of Russia and Sweden. She was very much impressed by the beautiful architecture.

Mrs. Keith Spring and little daughter Katilyn, from Mooresville, NC, spent a day and night with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman, recently.

Violet Barker from DeLand, FL, and Anna Daniel from Deer Trail, CO, (and dog Jake) spent two weeks with Evelyn Clark, recently. They had many visits from relatives and friends while there, including Steve Brannon from Brunswick, GA; Bill Holloway and son, Seth, from Moulton, AL; Bill Eidson and daughters, Jessica and Carly, from Birmingham, AL; Susan Hambrick and daughters, Katy and Kelly, from Birmingham; Ertis Ponder and Doris Walker, from Gadsden; Loy Clark, from Birmingham; Sydney and Jeanie Stephens, from NC.

Cindy and David Meadows, Emily Brown, Beverly Wright, and Patti Brown went to Navarre Beach, FL. Unfortunately, they could only stay one night because they were called home because of the death of David's grandfather, Willie Meadows. Mr. Meadows was 97 years old. He had six sons, three daughters, twenty grandchildren, thirty-four great grandchildren, and eleven great, great grandchildren--seventy-four descendants!

Mary Taylor's daughter, Rosemary Norton and son, Taylor and his friend, Chance, from San Antonio, TX, spent several days with her. Mary celebrated her 86th birthday, July 24. She received beautiful flowers from her granddaughters and lovely cards and gifts.

Juanita and Eugene Smith were surprised by a visit from Leon and Pauline Dean, from Talladega, AL, on Sunday afternoon. She and Eugene grew up together in Pell City and had not seen them in several years. They were touring the eastern seaboard. Their motor home was camped at Sequoyah. They attended church with the Smiths on Sunday night. It's so good to hear that Eugene received a good report from his doctor after surgery.

The Valley Head Baptist Church reports good results of their Youth Revival. Michael Lee from Ider was the speaker and had some good singers.

Ansley McGinnis, (Laura Margaret Allison's daughter) is recovering from a broken ankle at her home in Florence, SC.

Pam and David Dean and children, spent three days at Pigeon Forge. Doris and Kenny Chamlee also spent three days at Pigeon Forge and enjoyed several shows, including "Memories" and Kenny Rogers impersonator.

Chris, Gracie and Dillon Brown spent three days in Gatlinburg.

Everyone on Road 611 is happy that road work is being done to improve the road.

Hazel Johnston, from Ringgold, GA, spent last week with her niece, Sadie Cooper. They called Bobby Hawkins and heard that Howard is much better since he has moved to Pensacola, FL, getting about better without his wheelchair or walker.

Richey and Lulu Phillips spent the weekend of July 21, with their little granddaughter, Madison Wadsworth, at Auburn, while her parents, Annette and Howard could have a little vacation at the beach. They have their six year old grandson, Daniel, this weekend. Richey has agreed to take my place as Hammondville UGF Chairman. After more than ten years, regretfully, I must give it up. I enjoyed visiting and meeting people, and everyone was good to cooperate, and I am sure they will continue to be, and Richey will do a good job. We always exceeded our quota. Al Hammond did a good job with it last year.

Norma Hulan went to Danville, KY, for the birth of a granddaughter, Sidney Michelle, born to Jamey and Kris Hulan, July 25. Christine and Walter Brooks are Sidney's proud great grandparents.

Morgan Drugs has a new substitute druggist, Adrian Pendergrass, from Rainsville.

Dr. Robert Ringer had a war buddy, Tommy Granger, that he hadn't seen in over 20 years since his tour of duty in the Korean War, where they served as combat engineers. Imagine Dr. Ringer's surprise when Granger walked into the Marianna, FL, restaurant where he was eating in 1975. They have been friends ever since. They were among 1100 Alabama Korean War veterans who received medals of honor as part of the opening ceremonies of the 18th Alabama Sports Festival at B.J.C.C. Arena in Birmingham. A crowd of approximately 8000 veterans, athletes, friends and family watched as the veterans were honored on the 50th anniversary of their service--according to an interview with Dr. Ringer, by The Birmingham News. Dr. Ringer visited his brother, Ed, recently, and they visited another Korean veteran, Lloyd Summerour and wife, Hazel, at Hixson, TN.

I attended the Tittle-Martin reunion, July 8. Our crowd was off a little. There were forty there from several different states. A delicious meal was catered at the Slygo Baptist Church fellowship building. The first words I hear are "Did you bring us a poem?" That is expected of me every year. This time, I wrote "Precious Treasure" and read it, and I'm including it in The Groundhog, as I think it is for everyone.

Mozelle Crow has spent several days at Riverview Hospital in Gadsden, having a rough time with tests. Hopefully, they have found her problems and can take care of them with medication. We hope she will soon be well.

Kim and Anson Keller, from Tuscaloosa, are spending the weekend with her parents, Brenda and Buddy Burnett. Hopefully, Buddy's sister, Vivian Clark is better, if they can get her to eat and gain strength.

Lillie Bowden joined 48 others on a ten-day tour with Quest Tour Group. They went to Milan, Italy; Lake Lucerne, Switzerland; and Gurish, Switzerland. At Oberammergau, a small village in Germany, dedicated to the original "Passion Play," they attended the play, which was in a very interesting theater built to seat almost five thousand, and it was full of a reverent audience. The performance lasted almost all day and was really great--so realistic. They went to Innsbruck, Austria; rode gondolas in Venice; saw Michelangelo's original statue of David in Florence; spent a day and two nights in Rome; went to Vatican (Pope not home); saw St. Peter's Basilica (tomb of St. Peter), the Catacombs. The countryside was beautiful with fields of sunflowers--beautiful buildings and castles everywhere with lovely art work and carvings--even the lampposts on the streets. So many motor scooters on cobblestone streets, but extra good highways. It was noted how they preserve old ruins, which are history that we destroy. The Alps were unbelievably gorgeous--some with snow. Lillie has had several wonderful trips and is making a scrapbook, which inspired me to add two lines to my poem, as that will be part of her precious treasure. She is selling her beautiful house to her grandson and is building a smaller one nearby to move into.

Congratulations to all graduates and achievers. There are so many--may all you do give you success and happiness. School starts in a few days, make the best of this precious time!

Precious Treasure

The mind is a marvelous treasure chest,
Of all the rest, it is the best.
It contains special precious treasure
Whose worth is counted beyond measure.
It contains all the memories of life,
Its joys, happiness, cares and strife.
How precious are memories of childhood days--
Carefree, fear free, cared for ways!
Memories of home--most precious place,
That hearts will always love and embrace.
The dear ones who made it a special time,
With love and devotion so sublime.
Memories of youth and happy school days--
Mischievous, debates and wonderful plays;
In sports so much strength was spent
Not realizing to get knowledge was meant--
Remembering wisdom from good books read
And kind and good words of appreciation said--
Thinking of church picnics, Easter and
Christmas cantatas.

The good we did--satisfaction it got us--
Remembering flavors of bygone days,
Grandmother's cooking merits ultimate praise.
Home comfort stove cooked things so good,
But it took work and lots of wood.
Much hard work those times involved,
Now, smart minds many problems have solved,
The fresh real butter from the cold spring house
The best tasted meat from the old smoke house
So much delicious food for eating,
So many friends and relatives meeting and greeting
Remembering scenery of trips nearby and afar,
Appreciation for wherever we are,
Happy memories we should accentuate,
Tragedies and sadness try to eliminate,
The good times always outweigh the bad,
The joys and blessings lighten the sad.
We remember with love the ones who are gone,
In our minds and hearts, they will always live on.
As the years fly by, each faster than one before,
We rely on our precious treasure of memories
more and more.

With those who are interested and really care,
We like to reminisce and our treasure share.
This treasure chest needs a special key--
To guard its sacred sanctity.
As we meet today with kindred hearts
A special message the day imparts--
To add to our precious treasure,
For it has brought us much joy and pleasure!

--Eloise Brown

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She seemed to lose the will to live on,
Now united in peace without pain,
They can enjoy music and singing again.

--Eloise Brown

back to school



MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

The first day of school is August 9. This year's theme at Moon Lake School is Camp Moon Lake. Activities and locations will carry camping themes throughout the year.

We anticipate breaking ground for the new school/ community library in the next few months, and we are so grateful to the many people who have contributed toward the facility.

The first PTO meeting for this school year is September 12 in the gym. September 4 will be a holiday. School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 8.

SAT scores are back, and the students did very well. The sixth graders scored the highest of any sixth graders in the county. The parents will be receiving SAT reports from their children's scores in the near future.

Watch out
for the



VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

By Lisa Moore

School will begin on August 9th! Can you believe it is almost that time again? I am sure Valley Head will be different without Mr. L.A. Smith, Mr. Campbell Smith, Mr. David Vincent, Mr. Mack Whiteside, and especially "Mr. Slu". All these fine men retired during the end of the 2000 school year, and they will all be missed. Congratulations to them all, and we wish them good luck and happy retirement.

The band is getting all geared up for the 2000-2001 marching season. Band Camp was the week of July 31st thru August 4th. Rookie Camp was the week before that. Our band kinds work hard, and we should be proud of them.

The Valley Head Band Boosters and Band Students met their new band director on July 11th. Mr. Spencer Johnson of Rainsville now holds the position. Mr. Johnson is a graduate and former band director of Sylvania High School. He is excited about his new year here at Valley Head. We wish them all a great year. A sad note to add about Mr. Johnson. His brother passed away suddenly on July 12th. Our prayers go out to the Johnson family and friends.



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Mountain Crafts & More

By Ann James

Mountain Crafts & More, now offers more items for your shopping pleasure. A new building just opened offers a room filled with Christmas items and unbelievably low prices.

A second room with children in mind offers items from hand made stuffed animals to China dolls. Beautiful hand made baby blankets, and for that special gift, check out our line of hand crafted angels. We also feature beautiful dresses with that special event or holiday in mind.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. 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.

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

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites 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.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting 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 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday, Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM, First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

Mentone Wesleyan Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00-7:45. For additional information, call church office, 634-4210, Pastor Randy Addison. All are welcome!

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabelchner.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Linda Tucker welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of the United Methodist Women meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 PM, in the fellowship hall, except for July and August each year. The Mountain Laurel Unit meets on the Second Sunday of each month during Sunday School at 10 a.m.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. There are two remaining "Super Saturday" events for children in grades 1 through 6 - August 19 and September 16. Children from the community are welcome. If your child will be attending, please call the office between the hours 8:30 and 11:30 AM weekdays. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome to join them in worship services or special events.

Lighthouse Fellowship Greetings, Mentone! All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM CST; morning Worship - 11 AM CST. Events: Look for more information concerning our upcoming gospel singing.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church will be having our Homecoming, on August 20, 6 - 7 PM, and will be featuring an all male group from Calhoun - "No Doubt." Times are the same August 21-25, we will have revival at 7 PM nightly. George Palmer will be the visiting preacher. God has blessed our small country church. It is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM. "Children's Church" also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. See the 2000 singing schedule below.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Singing Schedule 2000

Sunday, August 20 - Homecoming: Sunday - No Doubt
August 21-25 - Revival - George Palmer, 7 PM
Saturday, Sept. 23 - Willing Vessels, 7PM
Saturday, Oct. 28 - The Hasty's, 7 PM
Saturday, Nov. 18 - The Greensons, 7 PM
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OTHER PROPERTIES

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- (16) WEEKEND/SEASONAL RENTALS, available on the Brow and Downtown Mentone. 1,2,3 Bedrooms. \$95.00 and \$125.00 nightly. Call Angela Wood for more info.
- (17) COUNTY ROAD 633, WOODED TRACTS from 10 acres and up, ranging \$2,000 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner Financing to qualified buyers.
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- (23) 1987 MODULAR HOME ON OVER 1 ACRE, 3 Bdrm 2 Bath with Fireplace, and lots of Cabinets. Front and Back porches C/H/A. Excellent condition, and ready to move into. One mile from Mentone. \$65,000.



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Cecil Baty Celebrates 72nd Birthday

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I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live
until I'm 81.
But, if I haven't finished
all I want to do,
Would you please let me stay awhile,
until I'm 82?
So many places I want to go,
so much I want to see—
Do you think you could manage
to make it 83?
Many things I may have done,
but there's so much left in store.
I'd like it very much to live to 84
And if by then, I'm still alive,
Then, I'd like to stay to 85.
The world is changing very fast,
so I'd really like to stick
And see what happens to the world
when I am 86.
I know, dear Lord, it's a lot to ask,
and it will be nice in heaven,
But I'd really like to stay around
until I'm 87.
I know by then I won't be fast,
and sometimes, I'll be late,
But it would be oh-so-pleasant
to be around at 88.
I will have seen so many things
and had a wonderful time,
So, I'm sure that I'll be willing
to leave at 89. (Well— maybe.)

—Jim Lyday
on his 80th Birthday
July 22, 2000

P.S.

Lord, if it's not too late,
I'll negotiate again.



Cecil Baty, Lynette Land, and R. L. Land

Photo by Marilyn Campbell

July 17, the immediate (as well as extended) family of Cecil Baty gathered in the yard at his home in the Baty community at Mentone for a combination cook-out and birthday celebration—that soon took on the appearance of feeding the multitude—in honor of his turning 72 years old. The occasion evidenced a certain fluidity with people arriving and departing all day. In an effort to escape the heat and yet be outside for the birthday celebration, a large, blue tarpaulin was put up to shade the celebrants from the sun, and, to a certain degree, the breeze even cooperated.

The cooking started in the late morning with Mr. Baty's three sons, Edward, Billy, and Ricky, and neighbor Mack Scott manning the numerous grills—all of which emitted the best smells imaginable. Barbecue chicken—with and without sauce, hot dogs, and hamburgers were cooked in massive amounts and served with assorted breads, tomatoes, onions, various condiments—mustard, mayonnaise, ketchup, coleslaw, green beans, chips, potato salad, baked beans, banana pudding, two kinds of chocolate cake—neither of which had candles—that absolutely everybody completely forgot to sing "Happy Birthday!" over, strawberry ice cream, canned peaches, and no telling what else on solid color white plates and red plates with matching red cups and red and white napkins that sported a sassy saying about being entirely too young to be old.

Mr. Baty had a wonderful time at his birthday celebration, and it appeared that everybody else did too. Keeping up with Mr. Baty should be a lot easier for his family and friends from now on due to the fact that his sons got together and presented him with a brand new answering machine and a portable telephone that can be carried all over the house and even outdoors if the need arises. There was a general assortment of other gifts for Mr. Baty's birthday, but the biggest by far was a wonderfully elaborate stereo that, when it comes to music, does almost everything but dance with him. An attempt was made to keep a running list of everybody in attendance at Mr. Baty's birthday celebration, but a few names may well have slipped by the very best that the accounting committee could do.

Edward and Veronica Baty (Mr. Baty's eldest son and his wife) from Trenton, Georgia, were there along with their daughter, Robin Shrader, who also lives at Trenton. The Edward Batys have another daughter, Starla Graves, who resides in Germany with her military husband, Joe Graves, and their two children, Brimney and Courtney. While Starla, Joe, and their two little girls were unable to be there for Mr. Baty's birthday celebration, their spiritual presence could most

definitely be felt and appreciated. They will, no doubt, receive a full accounting of the entire occasion in family letters during the coming days and weeks.

Mr. Baty's sister, Mrs. Margie Coots of the Baty Community at Mentone was on hand for the celebration as were two other sisters, Mrs. Burma Womack and Mrs. Dale Taylor, of Trenton, Georgia.

Mr. Baty's middle son, Billy, and his wife, Debbie, of the Baty community at Mentone, attended along with Jennifer Davis who has long since acquired family status among the Batys.

Mr. Baty's brother-in-law (the late Mrs. Baty's brother), Mr. R. L. Land, and his wife, Lynette, came from Rainsville for the occasion. Mrs. Land did much of the behind the scenes preparations and clean up that were so very necessary for the celebration to be the success that it most definitely was.

Ricky Baty, Mr. Baty's youngest son, was on hand for the celebration of his father's birthday; and, after church, he was joined by his friend, Ms. Charlotte Payne. Later, Miss Tessie Baty (Ricky's daughter and Mr. Baty's granddaughter) and her friend, Dwight Bulloch, along with Colby Baty (Ricky's son and Mr. Baty's grandson) joined the party. Mr. Baty has three children—all of whom were present to help him celebrate—and four grandchildren—three of whom were there for the occasion. How is that for percentages?

A general assortment of local neighbors and friends from the community on hand for the occasion of Mr. Baty's birthday celebration included Mack Scott, Elvira Fitzgerald, Jane Galloway, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell.

Johnny Bell and his lady friend, whose name was omitted from the list, were there for the celebration along with her younger sister, whose name was also omitted. Leslie Bell had in tow a retinue of two charming young ladies and a young man, whose names were also omitted from the list. That entire group left soon after eating lunch to go swimming.

Among the late comers were Mrs. Lucille Tucker, Mr. Baty's sister-in-law (the late Mrs. Baty's sister), Buck Tucker Tina Tucker, and two children, the very lovely Misses Katelyn and Felicia Tucker.

Mr. Baty's cat, who is known as "T.C." and who generally leads a somewhat sedate and seldom interrupted life, left home for the occasion due to the fact that all those people got on his nerves, but Coco Scott, a quite large and very brown dog, was much in evidence for the celebration to say nothing of the tid bits that were dropped around the grill.

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Accident Report Quotes

Many have experienced the confusion of traffic accidents and have had to try to summarize exactly what happened in as few words as possible on insurance or accident forms. The following quotes were taken from these forms and were eventually published in the Sunday, July 26, 1977, edition of The Toronto.

•Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

•The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.

•I thought my window was down but found out it was up when I put my head through it.

•I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

•A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

•A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

•The guy was all over the road; I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

•I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

•In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

•I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car.

•I had been driving my car for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

•I was on my way to the doctor's with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

•I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for a vacation with injuries.

•As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

•To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

•My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

•An invisible car came out of nowhere struck my vehicle, and vanished.

•I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hand, I found that I had a skull fracture.

•I was sure that the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the roadway when I struck him.

•The pedestrian had no idea what direction to go, so I ran over him.

•I saw the slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off my car.

•The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

•I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

•The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.

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CLOUDLAND - East Brow - We are pleased to offer this wonderful Brow home. The view at lakeside (left). The Home (right) - features - Great room-vaunted ceilings-mtn stone fireplace-custom kitchen w/ pickled oak cabinets -



Master suite - Garden tub - shower - walk-in closet - 2 additional bedrooms, full bath, utility room, walk-in pantry - large screened in porch - deck - hot tub - HVAC - infrared back-up - fenced, 1.5 acres. \$165,000



CLOUDLAND MENTONE - 151 acres, with 10 mile of river located below the dam at Lake Lanoka - easy access - water available, \$4,000 per acre.



ON THE MARKET IN CLOUDLAND - GA - 2,000 sq ft. home features first floor kitchen 26" x 26" tile, utility area, dining room w/ french doors opening to screened porch, living room w/ fireplace, master bedroom, full bath. Second floor - 2 bedrooms, full bath, wonderful porches, central HVAC. Shop house & 6 acres with an additional 15 acres available. (No. G-88)



"A VIEW FROM THE TOP" Prime is proud to announce our affiliation with "Laurewood". Grow lots and homesites atop Lookout Mountain. Imagine, your own mountain acreage, walking each morning with the sun as it highlights your spectacular valley view. The perfect spot for summer or permanent home-private community. Owner financing with terms to suit your needs. Plans available.



CLOUDLAND - LOWER BROW - This lovely chateau located off the brow features 1,680 sq. ft., great room with kitchen, fireplace with gas logs, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, loft bedroom and full bath plus partially finished basement/corport, 16x15 screened porch, new decking, central HVAC. Best location on the mountain. Partially furnished. \$175,000 (No. G-19)



CLOUDLAND - IN THE PARK, needs a little TLC. On the market - Oct. 4. \$30,500



ENJOY THE VIEW from the top of Lookout Mountain in Cloudland, GA! Just listed, this 2-year-old custom-built mountain home! Pine board and batten blends with the view from the top of the brow that you can enjoy from your 12x34 deck! Massive mountain rock in the back yard overlooking the stream! Hike in our back yard, all 3+ acres of it, to the waterfall! In the evening, start a fire in the rock fireplace and relax in the great room that has a vaulted ceiling and overlooking full bedroom! Two other bedrooms are located in the west wing along with one full bath! Professionally decorated, it's worth the drive to see if privacy is on your agenda! Central HVAC, satellite dish, custom kitchen cabinets and all appliances! Riverfront! Offered at only \$165,900. (No. G-2)



MOUNTAIN RETREAT - Cloudland - Cherokee Co., Ala. - This home offers 2,700+ sq. ft. featuring family room with stone fireplace, large kitchen with 2 dining rooms, master suite, 2 additional large bedrooms, full bath, large utility room, 12x80 front porch & 14x80 back deck, 2 acres +/- with an additional 40 acres available. \$125,000. (No. A-33)



SAFE HAVEN - Mentone, Ala. - Chateau offers great room with stone fireplace, bedroom, full bath, 2nd bedroom upstairs w/ deck, 2 outbuildings. Situated on 40 acres of uncut timber. "When privacy is a must." \$159,000. (No. A-32) (Photo to right)

EAST BROW - SCENIC VIEW LOTS All our lots offer uncluttered views - watch the sun and moon rise in elegance. -Cooper Ridge - Talaga Creek traverses northern boundary of this 92+ acre tract of rolling hills with beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. Private entrance, county water available. Reduced per acre. No subdividing. (No. G-44)

-Cloudland - 1175 - State Line Road - T-2 - 44+ AC - small lake - Some frontage on Hwy 117. \$2000 per acre.

-825+/- ACRES - Looking for that private get away? Look no further than this 825 acres located in SW Cherokee County, AL on the GA line. Secluded with mountains, valleys, streams, and plenty of open land for pastures. Plenty of wildlife, too! Deer, turkeys, and quail abound! Only 25 minutes to Centre, AL, or Rome, GA! Power and telephone service already on the property. A great opportunity - Serious inquiries only. \$850 per acre. Financing available.

-MENTONE 60 AC - Great potential for development. \$4,000.00 per acre. A-96

-MENLO, GA - Jamestown Hwy. 22+ ac. OPEN/Pasture/Road frontage - 1 creek inside the city - Gas, Water, Sewage Potential - Potential Potential. \$3,750.00 per ac. No subdividing.

-EAST BROW - Hwy 157 - 2.67 ac. 200 ft. of Brow. One of the best views on the mountain. \$80,000. Financing Available. G-7

-LAKE LANOKA - "Ready to move in" 1000 sq ft. home features first floor: living room w/ fireplace - large kitchen/dining combination, appliances - Master bedroom open to living room - screened porch with custom lighting overlooking Lake - full bath. 2nd floor: 2 bedrooms & full bath. Landscaped - outdoor cooking area with customized Mtn. Stone Grill. Part furnished Central HVAC. A must see - \$155,000. A-67

-500+ ACRES, on Little River, road frontage on 3 sides, hardwoods, \$4,000/acre.

Cooking Classes this Year in Mentone!

Date: August 22nd - 6:30p.m.
Date: September 26th - 6:30p.m.
Date: October 24th - 6:30p.m.
Date: November 14th - 6:30p.m.
Date: December 12th - 6:30p.m.

All Cooking Classes will be held at the Community Center in Mentone.



Mentone Municipal Election Information

On July 5 - the Mayor gave notice of the city election. Candidates may begin qualifying once notice is published. Qualifying forms are available from the municipal clerk.

The Fair Campaign Practices Act requires all candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a list of from two to five persons who will serve as their campaign committee. Candidates may serve as their own committee, but must still file a form to this effect with the PROBATE JUDGE. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST FILE THIS FORM WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF QUALIFYING TO RUN FOR OFFICE. THIS FORM MUST BE FILED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CANDIDATE HAS REACHED THE \$1,000 THRESHOLD UNDER THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT.**

Also, the Ethics Law requires candidates to file a statement of economic interests with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. **THIS STATEMENT MUST BE FILED ALONG WITH THE QUALIFYING FORM.** A candidate for municipal office may request a five day extension to file the statement of economic interests. The request must be made through the MUNICIPAL CLERK. The statement of economic interests must be filed with the MUNICIPAL CLERK, within the five day extension. **THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE NAME OF ANY CANDIDATE WHO FAILS TO FILE THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY THE DEADLINE.** Incumbents do not have to file the statement of economic interests as they are required to submit an annual report which is on file with the ETHICS COMMISSION.

July 18, 2000 - (third Tuesday in July preceding the date set for the election) - **Last day to qualify to run for municipal office.** The statement of candidacy qualifying form must be filed by 5:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, with the MUNICIPAL CLERK. Forms are available from the clerk. There is a \$10 fee required.

July 24, 2000 - Last possible day for candidates to file with the PROBATE JUDGE a statement showing the names of their campaign committee.

All dates for municipal elections are posted in four places in town: Mentone Town Hall bulletin board, Ruby's Variety, Mentone Superette, and Mentone Post Office.

August 22, 2000 - Election day is the fourth Thursday of August. When necessary, a run-off election is held the third Tuesday following the regular election, which is September 12.

All political advertisements must be clearly marked with a statement that the communication is a paid political advertisement. This statement must contain information which adequately identifies the person or committee that paid for or authorized the ad.

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



My "hummers" are back!! I thought that all of the hummingbirds that I had last year had moved on to sweeter nectar, but now they are back. I have to wonder if they were waiting for warmer nights just as some vegetables and flowers have been. I have as many as twenty around my feeders and many more in the trees just a few feet away. There are some that sit and wait for others to come to the feeders just so they can "dive bomb" them. They are determined to fight. In fact, they fight so much that they don't all get to eat. We have the Ruby-throated hummingbird here. Sometimes it seems that we have more than one species, but we don't. The mature male has a red throat and the younger males and the females do not. They are all an iridescent green with white tips on their tails. They fan out their tails when fighting, supposedly to look larger. (It doesn't work, they are still tiny.) Maybe we should all take a lesson. Puffing out our chests and strutting around doesn't make us one inch taller and just makes us look ridiculous.

The politics in Mentone is really starting to heat up. We have three persons running for the office of mayor. They are Gerald Bailey, C E Britt and Larry Gray. Only one place for a council seat has a contest. Eric Kirby and Dick Keefer are running for place number one. All of the other places had only one person sign up for them. These persons will be declared elected by the present town council. They are: Linda Brown, John Corey, Wesley Griffith and Jean McGehee. The election will be August 22, 2000, the polls will be open from 8 AM until 6 PM. On August 12, the polls will be open from 8 AM until 5 PM for on-site absentee voting. To do this, you must declare that you will be out of town on August 22 and, thus, unable to vote then. If you are not going to be in town on either of these dates, you can request an absentee ballot from the town hall by telephone, mail, or in person. You will need to mail the ballot back or drop it off at least five days prior to the election date. I hope that everyone who can will vote. There are qualified voters lists posted in four places in Mentone. If you do not find your name on the list and think that you are qualified to vote in the Municipal Election of the Town of Mentone, call the town hall at 634-4444.

The water situation in Mentone has been to the critical stage several times this summer. The eight-inch line is still not in place, so we have to rely on the storage tanks. When the camps are in session, we use just about as much water as the pumps at the falls can pump. We have to depend on the tanks filling up at night. If this doesn't happen, we have a

problem. Jimmy Worthy has done a great job of checking on everything this summer and has managed to keep water supplied to most of the town most of the time. The work has started again on the big line. Maybe with this in place we won't have this severe shortage in years to come. There isn't a shortage of water, it's just that the pumps can't pump it fast enough.

This has been a wonderful summer so far. Maybe one reason is that it is the first summer I have not worked in over fifteen years. I have enjoyed having time to make jam and jelly, to work in the flower beds, and to sit on the porch and watch the birds. We have two large porches, and I do not understand why it became the trend to build houses without porches. I remember the porch at my grandmother's house, we did everything out there! We made homemade ice cream, peeled peaches, broke beans, and did a lot of talking. My grandmother was what we called, "a worker" so she had to have something to do to be still long enough to talk to me. I was always glad when she sat down on the porch for a while. Now I sit on the porch with my grandchildren. I can only hope that my words will stay with them as my grandmother's have with me.

Recently I had an occasion to help a cousin find some old photos of a mutual grandfather. I found a picture of me with him when I was two years old. This was my great-grandfather Cochran. I was propping my elbow on his knee like we were bosom buddies! It seems that I was born with what is now called the "Cochran Ego." Sometimes it is a good thing, but sometimes it can get us in a lot of trouble. Quite often we have to have help getting our foot out of our mouths. It is one of those traits that continues from generation to generation. I can see it in my Dad and in my grandchildren. Isn't the human mind an interesting thing? Why are we like our grandparents? Why are some genes dominant? Why don't we all think alike? Why can't we get along with each other? What causes road rage? Why do we have tempers? What causes autism? What makes us tick?

I'll leave you with all of these questions that seem to have no answers. Maybe if we could live long enough we would be able to answer some of them. Scientific exploration may someday answer them or maybe we are not supposed to know the answers.

I hope that you have enjoyed your summer. There are still more days ahead for swimming and other summer activities, but they are getting fewer. School will be back in session before you receive another issue of The Groundhog. Please be aware of this and watch out for our children. You need to especially be aware that there is a school speed zone at Moon Lake School now and the police are there every day. We have so many drivers on Highway 117 who do not realize they are coming into a town and do not slow down. This is very dangerous at the school and also in town. It is up to those of us who live here to be especially watchful and careful.

Take care of yourselves and remember that when you reach the end of your rope, make a knot and hang on!

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Anita Shankles Mosaics

By Ellen Spangler

It's always good to see a local artist mature in her artwork and get recognition. Anita Shankles, from Fort Payne, is such an artist. Mountain Mamas is pleased to have some of her things at our shop. Her work is currently on display in Heritage Hall Museum in Talladega. Her work has been in area shows in AL, GA, and TN.

Anita worked in pen and ink for a number of years. Then, after an illness in her family forced lifestyle changes, she found that her direction as an artist was changing, too. She began working in mosaic about 4 years ago. Anita says, "I enjoy the fragmented images and patterns in mosaic. I work with ceramic tile, glass, and china, and I am exploring the possibilities with beads. I have begun bead-weaving, which, to me, is almost like a mosaic in miniature."



Ms. Shankles has studied mosaics with Sherry Warner Hunter in Tennessee, learning sculptural techniques in concrete and mosaic. Since there are many more ways for her to continue exploring mosaics, it will be interesting to follow her work in the future.

Come to Mountain Mamas Craft Shop and see the work of more than 30 local and regional women artisans. We're just a mile East of the GA/AL line on GA Hwy 48 (that's AL Hwy 117).

We're open FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, NOON to 6:00 pm. GA time



First Place Winners of Tri-County horseshoe tournament—Dennis Broom (left) and Tommy Brownlow (right), both of Summerville, GA.

Photo by Mary Alice Stout

TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue will participate in the WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE August 17-20. Donated items are being collected to sell. If you would like to donate, please call Chief Taylor Adams at 706-862-6515. We can have one of our members pick up your items.

Plan to eat your snacks and meals with Tri-County during your yard sale visit. A BREAKFAST of sausage biscuits, fresh donuts, and coffee will be served. The later day menu will include HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, BBQ, ICE CREAM and COLD DRINKS.

Tri-County members will be selling handmade items, such as, blueberry jam, birdhouses, and baked goods. ALL proceeds go to the Tri-County equipment fund. They are located at the AL-GA state line on GA Hwy 48, where AL Hwy 117 ends.

A HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER was held by Tri-County in Cloudland, GA. All proceeds went to the equipment fund. Another tournament is planned for the Fall. For information, contact Chief Taylor Adams at 706-862-6515.

Tourism Talk

By Patty Tucker, Executive Director

DeKalb County Tourist Association

The time is fast approaching for the start of the World's Longest Yardsale. Last week I mentioned how busy our office has been due to this event. Each year at this time the yardsale garners a widespread media support that keeps the phones ringing at our office, the Gadsden/Etawah tourism office and the Tennessee headquarters in Fentress County.

A new medium now, besides the telephone, is the World Wide Web. Thanks to the wonderful one-hour program HGTV aired this past June, viewers of the program went straight to the internet. The show was a great program but did not give its audience a contact reference for more information. Many viewers, however, had no problem logging on and finding our website. We spent two hours the following morning just answering email requests from people who saw the show. Occasional emails are still coming into our website to this day as a result of the program.

I enjoy getting email from people all around the world that have logged into our website. Sometimes it is not their comments but something else about their message that grabs my attention. One we received recently, in relation to the yardsale, is one of those that gave me a good laugh. She made the remark in her email that "as you can see by my address, I do love yardsales." Her

address began with didiseeyard-sale, which lets you know she is going to have a ball at the World's Longest Yardsale. She will think "did I see a yardsale."

Other sources so far this year where news about the yardsale has appeared is Country Living and Alabama Living. Both these magazines printed a small paragraph about the event with our phone number attached that keeps yielding big results for us. Another magazine that listed the event in their August calendar was Southern Living. This time though our address was given instead of a phone number. It has been fun these last two weeks going to the Post Office and seeing the mail coming from across the Southern United States. I am sure the U.S. government appreciates the plug as much as we do.

The yardsale will also see, and has already, appearances in newspapers and other publications all across the country before it gets its start on August 17. Local and national television news crews will also be out in full force. Southern Living has created a program for TV where the pages of their magazine literally come to life. The show airs on the Turner Broadcasting Station Turner South. They have contacted us and will be among some of the television media filming the yardsale. They have plans to film segments of the event for a one-hour

documentary to air on Turner South next year prior to the sale.

The fascination over this 4-day event never ceases to amaze me. In its 14th year now, the yardsale continues to gain momentum each year. It is a fun event, no doubt, and those who attend provide one of the best forms of advertising money can't buy, word of mouth. But it all started as a dream in which the media played a big role in turning into a huge success. Media in most forms is a very powerful engine. I will use Southern Living as an example here. T-shirts that we had printed for the yardsale several years ago proved to be nothing more than a novelty. Folks loved them and called their friends and family over to look at them but not too many people actually bought the shirts. The following year, August 1998, SL printed a one page story about the sale that included the sentence, "the DeKalb County Tourist Association has shirts that say I drove, I stopped, I shopped till I dropped," and that was all it took. People hunted us up looking for that shirt. They didn't care what it looked like, all they cared about was that it was in SL, and they wanted it. We even sold the shirt I was wearing to a lady from Hawaii. She said she came to the yardsale for that shirt and was not leaving without it.

Now that is the power of the media!



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MAPA PARTICIPATING IN THE 450-MILE YARD SALE AGAIN THIS YEAR

PLEASE HELP US!!!!

MAPA is participating in the 450-mile yard sale again this year and we need your donations. We offer you an easy opportunity to dispose of items which you no longer need or want.
NO CLOTHING PLEASE.

The American Legion has been kind enough to let us store the items in the Legion Hall on Cove Road until the sale. A MAPA member will be there to receive donations from 8:30 to 10:30 each Saturday morning from July 15 to August 12.

Arrangements for other delivery times can be made and large items can be picked up - just call Huey Mathews at 634-3645. If there is no answer, please leave a message. He will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

DATES FOR THE YARD SALE ARE
THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 - 20.

Who knows? You might find something you would like to buy to replace the items you donated.



McNutt Reunion

Where: Valley Head Park
When: Sat., August 5th
Time: Starting 12 Noon
Help us make this a growing "Family Reunion."
Let us all get together and keep
"OUR FAMILY" together!!

For information, call:
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Groundhog publishing date is the first Thursday of each month. The September issue date is September 7th. It will be delivered on the 8th and 9th. Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th-20th of each month. Thank you to everyone who meets this deadline.

14TH ANNUAL WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE, AUGUST 17 - 20, 2000

The World's Longest Yard Sale was on national TV on June 14. HGTV, Home and Garden Television, aired an hour-long special filmed during the last sale in 1999. The special was shown twice, once at 9 PM CST and again at midnight.

HGTV's Chris Wragge visited Gadsden during the sale and filmed the one-hour program leading viewers through a shopper's paradise and enticing them to take in the event in person at this year's 14th annual event, Aug. 17-20.

HGTV is headquartered in Knoxville, Tenn., and is distributed to more than 61.7 million U.S. households as well as in Canada and other international markets.

The network is devoted to bringing comprehensive information on home remodeling, crafts, gardening, landscape design, decorating and more to their viewers. Shows of

special interest, like the yard sale show, provide a wide range of programming.

The World's Longest Yard Sale begins in Gadsden, traveling south to north, and ends in Cincinnati. It was formed by the Fentress County, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce as they looked for a way to pull travelers off the interstate and onto the scenic U.S. 127 corridor.

The Lookout Mountain route from Gadsden to Chattanooga joined the event a few years later, adding an additional 93 miles of rural scenic America.

The heart of the Lookout Mountain Parkway cuts through DeKalb County, bringing more 30,000 yard sale fans. The event boasts more than 450 miles of yard sale bargains, with such finds as antiques, junk, collectibles, dishware, pottery, arts and crafts and much more.



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.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:3-5

David lets us know the great things God will do for us, but look at what he asks us to do. Trust, do good, if we want to be fed. Delight in the Lord. Commit thy way unto the Lord if you expect Him to bring it to pass. If we do all he asks, we won't have to worry. God will keep his promises. Have a good month.

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays
from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

•August 2 & 16 & 30

•September 13 & 27

•October 11 & 25

•November 8 & *

•December 6 & *

•January 2001 3, 17 & 31

*(Vacation)

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD

on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

and in HAMMONDVILLE
on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department to participate in 450-mile yard sale in August

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department will be having their annual yard sale again this year during the 450-mile yard sale in August at the Fire Hall in Mentone. We are really low on donated items for the sale.

If you have any items that you might be willing to donate, please contact Jim Roberts at 634-4701 or Gail Chambers at 634-4507.

We ask that clothing articles be clean and in wearable condition.

Last year was a very successful sale. We are confident that this year will be even better--especially with your help through your donations and support you give to the Fire Department.