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Shigley Family Enjoys Reunion in Mentone



"The Shigley Swimming Hole"

Descendants of Henry F and Melissa Keith Shigley gathered at The Mentone Community Church Family Life Center on July 14th for a family reunion. More than 80 relatives enjoyed visiting and reminiscing about days gone by through stories, tales, and pictures. At noon a bountiful lunch was spread and no one would dare go away hungry. Margaret Crowe, the only surviving child of H.F. and Melissa Shigley, attended with two of her daughters. Marie Waters who is Margaret's daughter brought a beautiful "Shigley Heritage" digital storybook that she had compiled and was published by Creative Memories. It chronicled the Shigley family from the late 1800's when Henry and Melissa were married and homesteaded land near DeSoto State Park and included pictures of all the children at various stages of life. They raised 12 children while Henry did contracting work and started several Sunday schools. He also helped start the church where this reunion was held. His final home in

Mentone was the house that is known as the MERF House behind Moon Lake School.

Five generations were represented at the reunion and they came from Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, Indiana and Minnesota. The Ernest Shigley, Sr. family had the most members present with 26 in attendance followed by Lizzie, Ethel and Nona's family with 13 each. Grace Jones family had 7 present while Clarence had 5 and Margaret Crowe had 4 family members. Three from Rona Smith's family attended. The four sisters not represented were Belle Warren, Edna Jones, Stella Silk and Ruby Daniels.

A Veteran's table was set up to display pictures and memorabilia in honor of family members who had served in the Armed Forces.

Interestingly, a great-grandson, David Warnke, heard of a swimming place called "The Shigley Hole" while staying at DeSoto Park Lodge and began to inquire as to where this was located.

On the following Monday, several family members went on an adventure looking for this place. As it turned out, it is located on what is now known as the Wilderness owned by Bobbie and Ray Zakary. Just knowing that ancestors had worked this land and swam in the same area brought a sense of reverence to this beautiful place.

It was a wonderful day to visit with kin, many of whom had not seen each other in years, and some were new to the family. At day's end, the consensus was to keep in touch and not let our descendants forget the rich heritage we have. Many commented that it would be necessary to add another day to our gathering in order to visit with each person. Marie Crowe Waters summed it up when she said we owe it to the memory of our grandparents to fellowship together and keep a link open from one generation to the next.

The picture of Aunt Margaret with all nieces and nephews present was not available at press time.

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MESSAGE FROM THE M.A.P.A. PRESIDENT By Amelia Kirk-Lolli

Thank you one and all for attending M.A.P.A.'s July picnic on the brow at Mentone's Brow Park!

It was wonderful to see so many new faces. I hope all will join and participate, bringing new ideas. The food was excellent and the weather really cooperated and was beautiful, as was the sunset later.

The new officers were installed and the bylaws were read.

Our Fall Festival - Colorfest - is next on October 20th and 21st. So, I am hoping we will get a lot of help from some new members and our regular members who have always worked very hard.

One of M.A.P.A.'s goals is to some day have a building to house the History of Mentone. When people come to visit Mentone, they will be able to see what our town was like and how it was started. We need people who have old pictures, that they are willing to share or have M.A.P.A. make copies that can be put on the walls, along with the histories of each of the families represented.

We welcome positive input, and if you would like to come, we meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at Dessie's at 6:30 PM.

THE HISTORY OF MENTONE, ALABAMA [Part 3]

(Part 2 was in the June 2007 issue of The Groundhog)

All rights of this paper given to the Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone, Alabama 35984 (only) with one requirement - that it be printed as written with nothing deleted. Signed Neida E. Howe, November 18, 1980
(NOTE: The History of Mentone is being printed in segments in following issues of The Groundhog)

The Masons were so happy in their new home that his son, Ed Mason of New York, was soon attracted southward. On his arrival, he bought a tract of land at Vernon's Gap, and having pursued a course in surveying while in college, he began laying out a town. He advertised the place near and far, calling attention to the pure water and exquisite scenery. Slowly, home seekers began to arrive on the mountain: some remained, others went away. Among the early arrivals came Horatio T. Libby from Maine. Others who came about the same time were Charles N. Maxwell and son Frank, L. O. Warren, Alvare Tyler of Portland, Maine; T.F. Sprouts and Professor TN. Taylor, who taught school at Mentone and Valley Head. My mother went to school with him. Mr. Libby homesteaded 200 acres of land, on which his son Ralph resided. In 1854 George O'Rear lived on Lookout Mountain near Mentone, at a site known as Ellison's Precinct. O'Rear's house was the first with two stories on that part of Lookout Mountain and the second house to have glass windows.

In 1884, Dr. Frank Caldwell struck the top of Lookout Mountain with faith so strong in its future that he built an inn known as Mentone Springs Hotel. Caldwell was boarding with John Mason's family, and when the hotel was finished, he was puzzled over a suitable name. At the breakfast table one morning, he mentioned the problem to the Mason family and asked Alice Mason, the daughter of John Mason, to suggest a name. Miss Mason had recently read press reports of Queen Victoria of England stopping at a place in France called Menton (spelled Menton).

The news item stated that the meaning of the word was a musical mountain spring, whereupon she declared that inasmuch as the water from the spring on top of the mountain flowed with a ripple, she believed that Mentone (spelled Mentone) would prove a most fitting name. At that moment, Mentone, Alabama, came into existence on top of Lookout Mountain.

In 1892, Dr. Caldwell sold the hotel to Charles Loring of New Orleans. Under Loring's management, the hotel gained in popularity and became an important competitor of Chattanooga's Lookout Mountain hotels. In 1914, the hotel was purchased by A.A. Chapman and Dr. J.N. Chaney of Rome, Georgia. They remodeled the existing building and added a two-story annex containing 24 rooms, each with a private bath. Water was pumped from the river for this. The Mentone Springs Resort was widely advertised as one of the most healthful and attractive spots in the South during the season from June 1 to October 1. Among the scenic attractions nearby were Eagles Nest, which offered an extensive and beautiful view of the valleys, Sand Mountain, and in the distance the Cumberland Mountains. Also, the famous DeSoto Falls, many unusual rock formations, and breathtaking views of Little River Canyon (then known as Mays' Gulf) attracted visitors. Recreation at the Resort included swimming, fishing, tennis, bowling, croquet, billiards, box golf, dancing, and a playground

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Dorothy T. Shelden
Mentone, Alabama

Dorothy T. Shelden, 87, of Mentone, AL, passed away July 9, 2007, at Collinsville Health Care and Rehab. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Survivors include: daughters, Lois Wag, Oquawka, IL; and Marie S. Dillenbeck, Mentone, AL; sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne (Peggy) Shelden, Huntington, West Virginia; Dale (Tessie) Shelden, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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11 great great grandchildren: Makayla, Michael & Benjamin Wag; Daegan, & Chloe Ronner; Jaydon Wag; Paul McGriff; D.J. Lloyd, Mercedes & Shaunice Pearson; Addison Gaddis.

[The Environment] To the Woodshed

Submitted by Lucy Mitchell

The average American uses up 75 cubic meters of solid wood a year in paper and other products—the equivalent of about one ancient tree. Across the globe, 32 million acres of trees disappear each year for their wood or to make way for urban sprawl or farmlands. With them go key sources of oxygen and global cooling. Worldwide, wood consumption is projected to grow 50% by the year 2050. Think you can't make a dent? Recycling paper is a start. Reusing 7 million tons of paper will save 40 million trees.

Birmingham News 7-8-07

(Emphasis added by Groundhog staff)

Paper Recycling Coming to Mentone

Fort Payne Recycling Project to have a recycling bin in Mentone to collect the following paper products:

Old Corrugated Containers, Mixed Residential paper, Newspaper, and Office Paper

There will be a recycling bin at the Town Hall in Mentone that will be available for all those who are interested in recycling paper products. This is to make it more convenient for residents of the towns of Valley Head and Hammondville to recycle these products. You may bring the above items and place them in the appropriate slots in the bin. The projected date for this to start is: August 15.

However, if there is no bin behind the Town Hall, August 15, please stop in at the Town Hall and Marie will take the items. Mr. John Walker of the Fort Payne Recycling Center is in charge of the project and said that the projected date is August 15.



The World's Longest Yard Sale

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

From priceless antiques to rusted farm equipment, items for the beginning collector to seasoned one who has been nurturing a collection for decades, everything from the practical to the frivolous. From gently loved children's toys to sturdy new rocking horses, store bought items and hand turned pens made from local hardwoods. The World's Longest Yard Sale that takes place from August 2-5 has something for everyone.

As you travel down Highway 117 through Mentone, every square foot seems to be covered with a myriad of treasures. A little bit of everything for the committed shopper can be found in this small community during this period. A nicely manicured yard adjacent to the Mentone Post Office becomes a marketplace teeming with 18 vendors, many of whom have spent a year getting ready. Some will even be set up to demonstrate their craft.

The World Longest Yard Sale is 450 miles long beginning in Kentucky and ending in Gadsden. The Alabama portion is 93 miles long. It began modestly 18 years ago and gets larger every year. Many people take their annual and travel the length of the sale beginning with an empty vehicle and ending with every square inch packed often including the passenger's lap covered with their finds. Some come to shop and some just come to look but often the lookers are converted shoppers before the sale ends. Wear your comfortable shoes and bring your patience and the World's Longest Yard Sale just may become an annual event for you and your family too.

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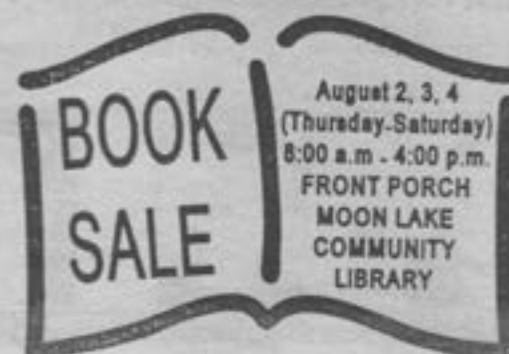
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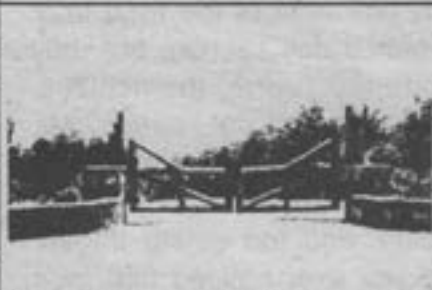
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Mr. Baty and Mr. Cuzzort Celebrate their Birthdays With A Catered Event

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Sunday afternoon, July 15, Mr. Cecil Baty and Mr. J. R. Cuzzort celebrated their birthdays together at a combination picnic-birthday party at Mr. Baty's home. Mr. Baty turned 79 on Monday, July 16, and Mr. Cuzzort's birthday was Sunday, July 15. Apparently, Mr. Cuzzort has stopped numbering his birthdays, but he is still enjoying celebrating them.

The celebration started outdoors, but, shortly before time to eat, the heavens opened and saw fit to rain on the party, so everything was moved indoors. Everybody had been watching the sky with an eye toward a sudden move, so nobody was really surprised when that happened. The decorations consisted of Happy Birthday balloons in the trees.

In the past, Mr. Baty's birthday celebrations have often centered around cookouts on the lawn. However, this time the weather forecast was such that outdoors was really not a viable option. Therefore, the family opted for a catered meal of chicken tenders, potato salad—regular and mustard style, baked beans, potato wedges, coleslaw, boiled corn, rolls, and bottled soft drinks. Because nobody had put a lot of effort into cooking it, all the food was especially good to the people, who were eating it. Mr. Baty's family got most of the food from Wal-Mart's deli section, but they boiled the corn themselves. When time to eat came, Mr. Baty's granddaughter, Mrs. Starla Baty Graves said a very nice blessing, and the eating began. Have you ever noticed that food somebody else fixed always tastes so much better than what you cook yourself?

After the meal, Starla led the singing of "Happy Birthday" for Mr. Baty and Mr. Cuzzort. There

were two birthday cakes to be served, but neither of them had candles. One cake had yellow layers with white icing and blue decorations on it while the other cake had yellow layers with white icing and coconut. Both cakes got very good reviews from the crowd. Mr. Baty's favorite ice cream has always been strawberry—"that's the best kind," he always says—so there was plenty of strawberry ice cream on hand to serve with the cake.

Attending the party were Edward and Veronica Baty (Mr. Baty's eldest son and his wife) from Trenton, Georgia, Mrs. Starla Baty Graves (Mr. Baty's granddaughter and Edward and Veronica's daughter) and her daughters, Brittany and Courtney, also of Trenton, and Mrs. Robin Baty Schrader (Mr. Baty's granddaughter and Edward and Veronica's daughter) and her brand new baby son, Connor, and they live at Trenton as well; Billy and Debbie Baty (Mr. Baty's youngest son and his wife) of Mentone, Jennifer Davis, of Mentone, who has been an unofficial member of the family for years; Sherman and Charlotte Goss of Mentone, Mrs. Joanne Cuzzort (wife of Mr. Baty's co-celebrant Mr. J. R. Cuzzort) of Mentone and Sylvania, Glenda Williams, Irene Willingham, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Johnny Bell, Leslie Beeson, all of Mentone, Tyler Beeson of Fort Payne and Mentone, Mrs. Margie Coots (Mr. Baty's sister) of Mentone, and Tiffany Wallace and Stacey Bowman of Mentone. Coy Crow came in after the eating was over, but he wished Mr. Baty a Happy Birthday anyway.

Everybody seemed to have a wonderful time, and Mr. Baty enjoyed the entire event.

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The length of a session varies, somewhere between forty-five minutes and one hour is common. There may be soft music playing during your Reiki session. Most people become very relaxed during even their first Reiki treatment and the practitioner will give you ample time to "wake up" before you move off the table. There is time available for conversation about your experience, including any questions you have about Reiki.

It takes some time to recognize how deep the healing can go. We typically live so far away from a sense of well-being that we lose sight of what we are missing. Although people generally know very quickly if Reiki is of interest to them, for some, the recognition takes longer. Give yourself the time you need.

Ultimately, we all have to decide for ourselves what heals us and what we are able to make a part of our lives. Something that helps us feel better and achieve relaxation is valuable. Life is full of stressors and countless stimuli are continually amping up our systems. Even machines have to stop for care and maintenance, and we need to stop and give care and attention to ourselves. Reiki can help to fill that need.

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The Chicken Story

By Beverly Smith

Being a chicken raising hillbilly, when I moved to Alabama, naturally, I had to have chickens. After all, Alabama hillbillies should have chickens. Anyway, I've had problems with varmints killing my chickens, so I try to keep them closed up in their pen at night to protect them. I set a trap at night and catch Ferrell cats, opossum and other such critters. This particular night though, a couple of hens were sleeping on my utility trailer parked under the carport by my travel trailer, and the rooster perched himself on a woodpile next to the chicken pen, which was under the light. About 10:30 that night, I hear a ruckus and go out to see what was happening. I saw a large (well large for a cat) animal heading toward the highway--couldn't really make out what it was exactly. I went out and looked around and the rooster was nowhere to be seen. I figured he was hiding under something but I didn't see him anywhere. Well I wasn't happy that he was gone, he was a good rooster. He kept the hens together and took good care of them. I went to bed and figured I'd just have to wait for one of the teenagers to grow up and maybe there would be a rooster among them.

At 5:00 in the morning, I am awakened by the hens clucking and jumping down off the trailer; so I get up to see what was going on outside. I opened the door and the hens were heading toward the front. All of a sudden I hear in the distance a rooster crowing. I got dressed and grabbed a walking stick and headed out toward the road. I could hear a rooster in the distance--wasn't sure whose rooster it was, although I hadn't heard any other ones around. I went toward the crowing; meanwhile the hens were heading out front clucking back and forth with the rooster; so, apparently, it was THEIR ROOSTER. As they were talking back and forth ERRR E RRR RRR, CLUCK CLUCK CLUCK, I went across the highway going into the woods and I saw the rooster coming out of the brush. Suddenly, I realized that as he survived his terrible plight with the night creature, now he was going to get hit by a truck!! So, there I am at 5:00 in the morning standing in the middle of the road with a stick slowing traffic. Luckily, the traffic wasn't heavy at that hour; I only had one white pickup from the west and one red pickup from the east. I can imagine the stories they had to tell about the chicken trying to cross the road and the crazy woman trying to help it!

In the meantime, one of the hens was heading out to meet the rooster, so she was also in danger of getting creamed. Finally, he made it safely across the road and I shooed the hen off the road and they were safely back in their own yard. Thank goodness!!

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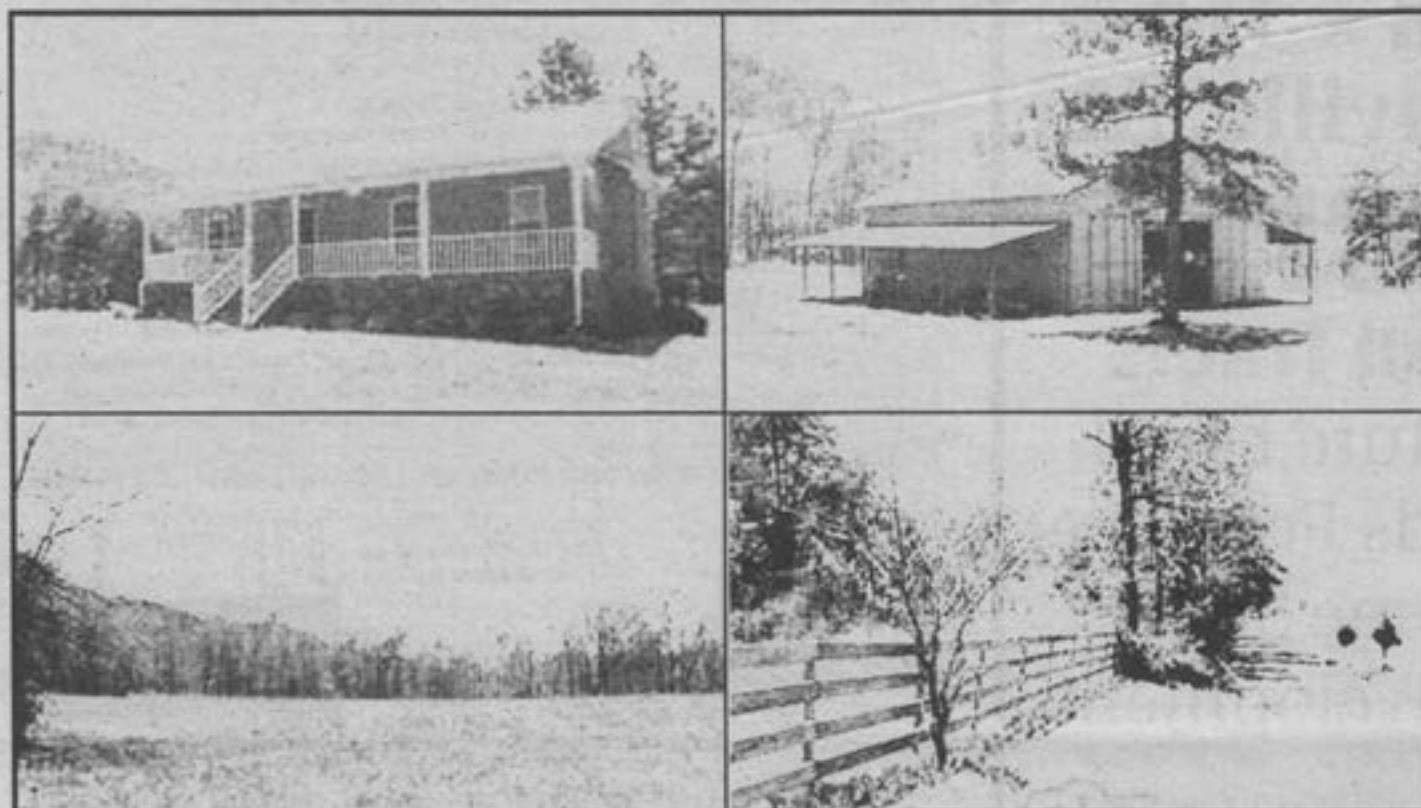
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Among the earliest guests of the hotel was a Dr. John E. Purdon, formerly a British army surgeon, who was so impressed that he attempted to form an English colony at Mentone, but failed.

In 1918, two Birmingham brothers, John B. And Bert A. Ingram, bought the property and organized the Mentone Hotel and Realty Company. For two seasons this company employed Frank A. Robertson, professional hotel operator, as manager, with Miss Jessica Ingram, sister of the owners, serving as hostess during the second season.

In 1920, the Alabama Baptist State Convention formed a corporation to purchase the hotel with all improvements and 200 acres of land for their summer activities, but discovered that the State Convention could not participate in such corporations. A Private corporation was formed by eight Baptist leaders, and provision was made for convention assembly privileges for a 10-year period. The first Baptist assembly was held at Mentone by the Baptist Young People's Union with approximately 110 young Baptist attending in August, 1921. Thereafter, the summer assemblies were held in June of each year, and the hotel facilities were made available to the general public for the remainder of the season. The last Baptist assembly was held in 1931, the owners not being able to maintain it due to the depression. The hotel was leased to several different operators, none of whom were able to achieve much success during this period. Consequently, the hotel remained closed for several years. Ed H Moore of Birmingham acquired the company stock and sold it to the J.L. Todd Company of Rome, Georgia. On July 4, 1950, the buildings and lots were sold at auction to the highest bidders. Ben Hammond of Rome bought the hotel to use as a summer home. H.L. Murphy of Summerville, Georgia, bought the annex. It was remodeled and operated as the Sunset Hotel. Now owned by Frank Young and Frank Rotch, the annex is known as the "White Elephant."

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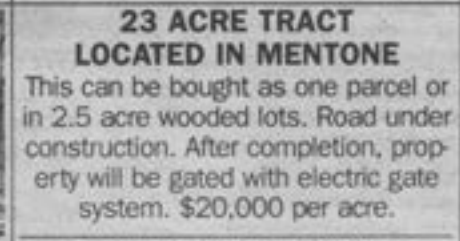
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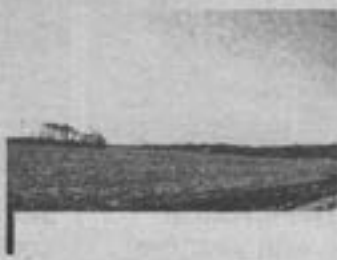
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Dinosaurs - Archaeoptery - Achilles

By John Baty

It was more than sixty years ago, I guess, that I killed my Mother's Ancona hen. The slaying was totally wanton; no pre-meditation, planning, not even rebellion nor anger. I was throwing rocks at whatever target presented itself. The hen casually walked around the house—and into history. After the first rock, she ran; but I followed and kept throwing. Eventually one connected and the hen was dead.

Killing chickens was a common experience at our house. Mama would wring their necks and prepare them for cooking. No big deal.

I picked up the hen, carried her into the house and showed her to my Mother. "You wanted chicken?" she said. "That's my last Ancona. If I had known, I would have helped you find another." She didn't scold nor punish, but the way she looked at me and said it, carried a far greater blow than any physical force. She prepared the hen, cooked her and set the steaming chicken on the table. I tried to eat, but, somehow, I just wasn't in the mood for chicken. She never mentioned it again.

Later, when I was some older, we talked about it. "I used to have a lot of the Anconas," she said, "but had gotten down to only one." "What happened to the others?" I asked. "They killed each other," she said.

The Ancona chicken was named, I am sure, for Ancona, a providence in Central Italy. One of the Leghorn types, a Mediterranean bird, a Black Leghorn from an old breed. As layers, the Ancona is not far behind the renowned White Leghorn.

I asked if she would like me to find her some more of the speckled black chickens. "No," she replied, "I've been through all that and they would just beat each other to death."

"Game Chickens," so-called, have been selected for two centuries or more for belligerence toward each other; the males — and sometimes females. But Anconas are Leghorn type, your typical "Fog Horn Leg Horn." I'm sorry! But Leghorns lay eggs and the hens don't usually kill each other. But these....

Two years ago I was at a Flea Market not noted for its animal section and walking the outer fringe, I saw three black chickens in a cage. "Let me sell you those," the man brightened and suggested. "They are of an old breed called Anconas; rare now, worth a lot more than I am asking." "Yeah, I know," I said. For some inexplicable reason which I do not choose to examine, I brought the two hens, identical twins, and the rooster, home with me. The cock had some wicked spurs which I removed with a hacksaw — no pain to speak of. Examining the spurs, I said we would name the cock Achilles for his "heels."

We raised five young females and several strapping young roosters. I sold the roosters at the Flea Market and I'm sure they made good eating for a family of small children. We had given the chickens good care. We kept one young rooster and the five pullets. We penned the young rooster separate from the old cock for obvious reasons and kept the seven pullets and hens together. Ere long, pandemonium erupted in the hen house. The pullets were fighting, screaming, scratching, pulling hair (well feathers) with murder written in their faces. Two or three had been virtually scalped, the skin torn on the backs of their heads. It was unsettling at best. I separated out the most unpopular ones and eventually they healed. During the winter, an Opossum slid under the wall and killed

one of the original hens. The other older hen died by choking on an apple peel. We had the five pullets and two roosters. When the pullets started laying they forgot about fighting and got down to business. We feed some fifteen to twenty eggs per week to the 'possums down in the hollow. No one wants eggs. Cholesterol I guess.

I went outside one day and she said: "While you are out there, Kino needs water, he turned his jug over." "Kino?" I said. "You know, the Franciscan who came to America to Christianize the natives of the Southwest, and named San Francisco and wrote the theological explanation of the appearance of Halley's comet. I named the young rooster Kino from that story. Or was it the second generation Kino in Steinbeck's *The Pearl*? Anyway, he is Kino!" "Kino it is," I said.

Some call the chicken stupid. We advise caution. The chicken has a powerful startle reflex, true, and may appear addled — brained. But consider: What other animal, excluding man, stands up on two legs, throws out his chest and with agility and grace, stalks about?

Chickens (all birds) are reputed to be descended from reptiles. The feathers modified scales, the claws reminiscent of some Dinosaurs, etc.

Trouble arises in proving that contention. The fossil record exhibits a gap from somewhere around the time of the last Dinosaurs to Ol' Achilles out here, and the various crustal plates of the earth have been diving down into the melting pot for a complete work-up, reappearing without the needed reptilian — Kino transition fossil evidence.

Archaeopteryx was supposed to have settled it. A true transition fossil. His find was gleefully hailed by evolutionary biologists as the long awaited "Messiah" of fossilism. Those theologians with a literary bent pooh-poohed the find as meaningless. There was much theoretical hair-pulling and clawing. Both opponents of the fracas ill conceal their bias and I have only Achilles and Kino as possible evidence. Chickens can talk to each other. They have quite a vocabulary. But I wish they could speak...in English...you know....



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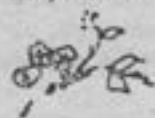
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Rhododendron Garden Club News

By Linda Brown, Secretary

Summer in Mentone, this was the title of the Small Standard Flower Show presented by the Rhododendron Garden Club. The show was held on July 10, 2007 at the M.E.R.F. Community House in Mentone. So far as can be determined, this was the first flower show to ever be held by only one garden club in DeKalb County.

A flower show consists of two divisions: Horticulture and Designs. The horticulture exhibits were displayed in the kitchen area on long tables covered with white cloths. The designs were displayed on top of the piano and in the meeting room on round tables, covered with white cloths.

The doors opened at 7:30 a.m. for registration of floral material with the judging beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Horticulture Division was open to the community of Mentone and the Designs Division was open to garden club members only. Twelve designs were prepared and exhibited and the specimens of horticulture was to numerous to count.

The designs were much more than flowers stuck down in a vase. A design is an art form, as though you were painting with flowers. Four of the designs had to be what is classified as small, which meant they had to be eight inches or less in all directions. One was red and yellow roses in a tea cup and saucer. Another one was in a tiny pot suspended from a chain and one was yellow daisies in a black paint can top. These were placed on top the piano to be viewed and judged.

The larger designs on the tables were very interesting and you could tell that much thought had been given to each. One was orange daisies in the recesses of the root of a stump. One featured yellow roses and green peppers. Another was a design of mostly wild flowers. Others featured rocks, water and other creative articles as a compliment to the beautiful flowers and foliage.

Considering the damage our plants have received from the late freeze and the drought conditions, the horticulture exhibits were much better than had been expected. Exhibited in the Annuals, Perennials and Bulbs Sections were specimen ranging from Echinacea (Cone Flower) to Gladiolus. The Arboreal Section featured Oakleaf Hydrangea, other flowering shrubs and deciduous foliage. There was a place for vines, African violets and other container grown plants, hanging baskets and herbs. The show changed the decor of the house totally and was a beautiful sight to see as you entered the door.

The judges for the show were Ann Houston from Fort Payne, Peggy Benefield from Henegar and Mimi Potthoff from Hampton Cove. They stated that the show was very hard to judge because all of the entries deserved a blue ribbon. They awarded twenty-four blue ribbons and numerous red, yellow and white ribbons. The next regular meeting will be August 14, 2007 in the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. The program will be Tree Identification presented by Gene Galloway, retired Vocational Agriculture teacher.

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Kara Miller,

Mentone Student Accepted into People to People Academic Program

Kara Miller joined a select group of students representing their schools, communities, and states as People to People student leaders. Miller was accepted into the People to People Future Leaders Summit in Baltimore, MD, held on June 13-22, 2007. All students accepted into a People to People program must meet rigorous academic and leadership requirements. Miller was nominated and accepted the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The People to People Future Leaders Summits on law, medicine, leadership, theater and the arts, and international diplomacy bring together outstanding student leaders from around the globe to focus on leadership, team building, community service, college admissions, and professional aspirations. Students work on an action plan to make a difference in their communities, develop skills to help them lead tomorrow's world, and build their college résumés, while earning academic or service-learning credit.

Participants also gain insights to guide their educational and professional careers, and benefit from a strong focus on college admissions. Through workshops, presentations, excursions and discussions, student leaders attain a clear advantage as they pursue and fine-tune their selected fields of interest. Students will have the opportunity to meet with admissions officers and gain valuable advice for navigating the college application process. In some locations, students will be able to tour several area universities.

The 2007 People to People Future Leaders Summits will convene at Columbia University, Georgetown and George Washington Universities, Johns Hopkins University, University of California, Los Angeles, and Stanford.

The program is coordinated by People to People Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information please visit www.fisleaders.org.

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BOOK SALE!! The Summer Book Sale will begin at noon on Thursday, August 2nd and will continue until Saturday, August 4th. The hours of the sale are 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. We have the sale under the front shelter of the Moon Lake Library.

Come by and visit with us during this time. We have books on almost every subject. We have hardback books, paperback books, old books (well taken care of), new books (read only once and that was downhill both ways), text books, cookbooks, how-to books, biographies, autobiographies and many other subjects.

We appreciate all of the donations we have received for this sale. Most of you know by now that the Acquisition Committee reviews all of the books and DVD's to see if we already have them on our shelves. If not, they are processed for our patrons to check out or they will be carried to a book store to exchange for books which we do need. After this inspection, the books are put into the collection for the book sale.

It is time to renew your membership to the FRIENDS of the Library program. You can renew or become a FRIEND by making a donation of \$20.00 or more to the library. We want to give a pen to each one who renews their membership or becomes a new member. The pens have the rubber grip on the side which makes it so much easier to write with. Most importantly, they have the Moon Lake Library logo. Please ask for one, if we forget to give it to you when you renew.

Our FRIENDS are a very important part of our library. We offer them first choice at all book sales and try to schedule other activities for them. Some of them are volunteers who keep the library open. They are all very dedicated to this undertaking and I really appreciate how easy it is to schedule days for them to work. I feel that they put forth a lot of effort to keep the library on their day. You might want to express your appreciation to them when you are in there. Our library is set up to operate on volunteer labor and funds. We are not funded by any agency and have no paid employees.

It is time to order your 2008 Community Calendar. The calendars have ads which list the phone numbers and addresses of many of the businesses in town. Most of the meeting dates for clubs and organizations are listed and the schedule for the school year will be included. The primary purpose of the calendar is to let you know the birthdays of your friends and neighbors and you get all of the other information as a bonus. The price is still only \$5.00. Last year we designed the calendar so that you would have more space to write in your appointments, etc. We hope that you liked this and plan to do this again. Order yours from a member of the board or use the form provided in this issue of The Groundhog. A form will be sent home with each MLES student in September. Fill this in and return it to the office of the school and they will be picked up.

Jan Wilkinson and I met again with a different group of young people from Camp Coca Cola at Camp Adahi in Cloudland, Georgia. This time we asked them to hoe and weed the flower beds in front of Moon Lake Elementary School. The beds

were in need of some attention and the young people did a wonderful job of cleaning them. The bed directly in front of the school was really a mess with grass and weeds. They were very persistent and got most of it out. This gives a more welcome appearance as you approach the front entrance of the school. These groups are always fun to be with and we appreciate them asking to come to Mentone to do service projects such as this. Some of them stated that they do that kind of work at home and some had never dug in the dirt. Some were delighted to find an earth worm and others ran and screamed. It was a fun time for us and we hope that they went back to camp with a good feeling.

DeKalb County schools will be starting the first week of August and this will include Moon Lake Elementary School. This changes our agenda at the library a little. We ask that you do not drive into the parking lot of the library during school hours. Do not leave books or DVD's beside the front doors and do not use the drop box during school hours. This is a security issue and we ask for your cooperation with the school on this.

A plan for a drop box for DVD's is being considered. This is not as easy as one for books because these are breakable. Please be patient with us until we can put this into effect. Now, you must bring DVD's into the library on open days, do not put them into the present drop box. We are still working out the bugs with the DVD program and this is one of them.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library will be Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the library. The library will be open for the public during this time and we urge you to continue to use the library during our meeting. Call Jan Wilkinson, 845-5048, to be placed on the agenda.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library

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Church News

By Evelyn Graves



The Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9AM 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 Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship, Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the Valley Head United Methodist Church. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM.

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 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor- Wilbur Atwood, Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Burnel.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road NW (DeKalb County Road 85), Fort Payne. Phone: 256-845-4842. The community is welcomed. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Bible Class every Wednesday @ 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor 256-845-4314.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastor Ken and Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor. Everyone is welcome.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

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

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Summer Schedule: Sunday - Coffee Fellowship 9:30AM followed by Worship 10:00 AM in the Family Life Center; Wednesday - Small Groups for Adults, Youth Group and Kid's Classes 6:30 PM.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Sunday School is at 10AM with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Sunday evening - 6PM. Wednesday evening - 6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM(9AM GA time); Church Services 11AM(10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM(5PM GA time).

New Oregon United Methodist Church, 1204 New Oregon Drive NE, Ft. Payne, AL 35967. The activities of New Oregon include: Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Evening worship at 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning fellowship time is from 9:20-9:40 a.m., followed by Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and all activities of the church.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m.

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Colossians 3:1-3

Rules for Holy Living

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on earthly things, for you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

(NIV Study Bible)

The text challenges us to see the waters of our baptism as a new mindset, a new community, a new ethic in order to confront evil practices. Being set free from earthly things can allow our freedom for love of God and neighbor as Jesus would have us do.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, September 10, 2007
Monday, October 8, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Monday, December 10, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works Building prior to the meeting date and time. The location of the meeting will also be posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 meeting dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, as follows:

Thursday, September 27
Thursday, October 25
Tuesday, November 13
Thursday, December 20

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00PM in the Mentone WaterWorks office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2007 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be as follows:
August , Special Meeting

Thursday, October 18
Thursday, January 17, 2008

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- August 2,3,4,5 - WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE 450 Miles along the Lookout Mountain Parkway route from Kentucky to Gadsden, AL
- Mondays - August 6,13, 20, 27 - 5:30PM, N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
 - Monday, August 6, 6:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad Meeting
 - Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting, Dessie's
 - August 9, FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
 - Monday, August 13, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
 - Tuesday, August 14, 10:00 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House
 - Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
 - Thursday, August 23, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
 - Monday, September 3, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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These families lived in Cherokee and Dekalb Counties, both arriving in the area in the 1840s. I would love to correspond with anyone who is a descendant of these families as I am working on their histories. I am personally a direct descendant of all of these families.

Please contact Richard Sisson

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