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"Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

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A Snake Story

By Charlotte Gentry

"I've just been bitten by a snake, and I'm pretty sure it's a copperhead."

For anyone who has ever wondered what it is like to be bitten by a poisonous snake, it can best be summarized by one word: PAIN— excruciating, crushing, incredible pain.

On June 29th, I was bitten by a copperhead. It was a baby, only 10-12 inches long. Unlike mature snakes, who have learned to mete out only enough venom (if any) to take care of the situation at hand, it seems that a young snake will inject all its venom at once. And while it is true that copperhead venom is not as deadly as rattlesnake and rarely causes death (rarely being a key word telling us that it does occur), its bite is more likely to cause extensive tissue damage and scarring.

According to the experts, it is important to keep in mind that the most *deadly* snake and the most *dangerous* snake can be two entirely different concepts. Some of the snakes with the most toxic venom, i.e., the most deadly, rarely bite people. In fact, the deadliest sea snakes are generally quite docile. And the Inland Taipan, the land snake with the deadliest venom, has never killed anyone on

record. On the other hand, the snakes that kill the most people (most dangerous) don't have venoms that would be at the top of any Top 10 list.

Copperheads, even little ones, are aggressive and don't give you any warning. They don't get out of the way. They will bite. And, it is a certainty that the bite will hurt...badly.

Now, I'm not one of those folks who is squeamish at the sight of a snake. I normally just leave a wide berth between me and one of these creatures. I am mindful of the fact an occasional encounter with a snake is pretty much a given, considering that I spend a fair amount of time in the woods in my line of work selling mountain real estate. I'm not afraid of snakes, just respectful of their right to be there. But, the night I was bitten, it was my unlucky fate to get a little too close for both my and this particular snake's comfort.

Most folks who know me are used to seeing me in cowboy boots and jeans and were surprised to hear I'd been bitten on the toe. Simple explanation is that I was wearing sandals and it was about 10:30 on a Sunday night. I was not in the woods. I was at my home in the middle of downtown Fort Payne. I wasn't watching where I was going and I was preoccupied with moving a bin of my daughter's stuff from my car to the house.

I was about to go up the first step from my driveway to the porch when I felt something hit my toe rather hard. I put down the bin, saw a stick lying on the ground and bent down to pick it up so I could find out why that stick had hurt so badly. When I

moved the stick I saw the snake move.

My husband, Hollis, was walking up the driveway and I told him I'd been bitten. He got a hoe from the garage, but couldn't see the snake in the shadows. While he went inside to find a flashlight, I took a couple whacks at it and thought I'd killed it. Then I called 911 to let them know I'd been bitten by a venomous snake, that I was headed to the DeKalb Regional Hospital and that my ETA was 10 minutes, max.

Hollis came back outside and I was already in the car, still talking with the 911 dispatcher. I'd always heard a snakebite victim should remain calm and I was determined to do just that. I wanted to take the snake with me to the hospital to be sure they knew what kind of snake it was because I, mistakenly, believed the type antivenin (or anti-venom) used was determined by the type of snake. (As it turns out, antivenin is good for water moccasin, rattlesnake and copperhead bites.) The snake was finished off with a shovel, scooped into a plastic cup, and taken with me to the hospital.



This is an actual photo of the copperhead encountered by Charlotte Gentry.

Pain. By the time we'd reached the end of the driveway the toe felt like it was in a vise being crushed to the point of exploding. I had removed my sandal, luckily, because the swelling was rapidly making my toes look like sausages and my foot like a ham. I was still on the phone with 911 and the woman told me to elevate my foot. I questioned her on this. It didn't sound right to me, so I kept my foot down. Sure enough, a few minutes later, she came back on the line to tell me I needed to keep it below heart level. Meanwhile, the vise-like pain had enveloped my whole foot. I remained calm.

We arrived at the hospital ER. I hobbled inside and the lady at the window wanted me to linger around to register. My husband apprised them of the situation, strongly suggested I needed immediate attention and informed them he'd register me later. Next thing I knew, a man arrived at my side with a wheelchair and took me back into the examining area. I didn't find out until later that this man was not a hospital employee. He was a total stranger who'd been in the ER with a friend whose foot was broken. The injured man had given up his own wheelchair for me when he overheard I'd been bitten by a copperhead. (Whoever you are, guys, thank you.)

I lay flat on my back, trembling uncontrollably because the pain had spread up to the knee. The swelling had also spread. A nurse measured my foot and ankle and made reference marks where she'd measured. Meanwhile, the snake in the plastic cup drew a noisy crowd of curious hospital staff who came in to gawk at it. Some squealed, others told snake stories, others argued

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CONSTRUCTION IS ALMOST COMPLETED on this well-crafted cedar-sided mtn cabin on an acre featuring a covered front porch, side deck, small balcony off master bedroom suite. Master bath w/whirlpool tub & sep shower. Hickory cabinetry; lovely stone wood-burning fireplace; all hardwood & tile floors. 2BR/2BA. Small workshop out back. Abundant wildlife, wet-weather stream & native plants. \$150,000. (17386)



SELLER SAYS "BRING ME AN OFFER" - New cabin on the brow in the heart of Mentone offers 3BR/2BA, peeled pine handrails, exposed beams, hickory cabinetry, rock foundation, wood & tile floors, beautiful tile work in MABA shower area, front & back porches (one with great browside views!), stone gaslog fireplace, 1368 sq ft living area. Stay in your own getaway and be a part of village life. Right behind the Mentone Springs Hotel, just down the road from Brow Park on Cool Street. Beautifully built, beautifully priced! \$249,900. (18615)



LISTEN TO THE RIVER FLOW over the dam at Lake Lahusage. It's just across the road from this lovely, well-crafted Mentone home with a wrap-around porch & a covered front porch. 4BR/2BA; stone w/ Fpl; 325' of porches (back porch is screened). Balcony off MABR. Cypress floors, groove pine walls in 2-story open great room. All appliances. Approx 1600 sq ft, 1.5 stories. Beautiful wooded lot w/small stream. \$219,500. (18887)



NEW CEDAR CABIN ON 3 ACRES in Northbend, highest elevation community in Mentone. Walking distance to village of Mentone (less than a mile). 4BR/2BA; stone w/ Fpl; 325' of porches (back porch is screened). Balcony off MABR. Cypress floors, groove pine walls in 2-story open great room. All appliances. Approx 1600 sq ft, 1.5 stories. Beautiful wooded lot w/small stream. \$219,500. (18887)



NEW 3BR/2BA CABIN IN THE WOODS in Mentone. Enjoy mountain breezes on one of the porches or the deck, relax with friends around the fire on the stone patio, or perhaps take a quiet walk in the woods. Great getaway on 8 beautiful acres w/gated entry, circle drive & nice landscaping. Privately situated about 1/2-way between Village of Mentone & DeSoto St. Park. \$165,000. (19143)



MOTIVATED SELLER! LAKE & 47 ACRES in Mentone! Rare natural beauty. 6-ac spring-fed lake w/swimming area stocked w/giant bass, catfish, large & small mouth bass. Property includes 9 RV campsites; 30 tent campsites (each w/power, water, picnic tables & fire rings); bathroom; pavilion; horseshoe & volleyball areas. Covered w/wild & tame blueberries right now! Good paved road frontage. 20 acres +/- untouched. Your own nature preserve & campground. \$564,000. Make offer! (18916)

LOTS and LAND

200' FRONTAGE ON WEST FORK LITTLE RIVER. 4.84 acre lot in restricted community offers canoeing, swimming, fishing, rock formations on the property & across the river surrounded by mountain laurel, native holly, huge hardwood trees and yellow root. \$64,500. (19048)

A LITTLE HIGHER UP THE MOUNTAIN. Almost 2 acres right across the road from the brow. Only about a mile from the village of Mentone, yet higher in elevation, where the mountain breezes blow. Porches were made for just such a place! Paved road frontage, public water, level & wooded 1.9 acre lot. (Add'l land avail) \$39,900. (19034)

22 ACRES NEAR LAKE LAHUSAGE, subdivided into lots w/each already perked; roads cut in, just waiting to be finished. Or, keep it as a whole & build your private mountain sanctuary in the middle. Beautifully wooded, loaded with wildlife, wild blueberries/huckleberries and wildflowers. \$122,000. (19021)

BUILD A CABIN OR A COMMUNITY! 15 acres with great paved road frontage (land on both sides of road!); a spring-fed pond full of fish; old homestead with septic tank, power & water in place; and it's fenced so that you can keep horses, or cows, or goats, or whatever! Raise chickens, grow a garden, get back to nature! Hey, this place can inspire you! Asking \$135,000. (18104)

1.66 ACRES, PRIVATE, LIGHTLY RESTRICTED w/power, public water (and well) & septic tank already in place! You're not just "starting from scratch" on this piece of wooded land, and that's going to be a time & money saver for you. \$35,000. (19182)



CRAFTSMAN AT WORK! Hand-hewn log cabin under construction on 1.52 ac wooded lot in Mentone features half-dovetail corners, huge beams inside! This is a substantial, hand-crafted mtn cabin w/stone woodburning Fpl, 2BR/2.5BA, 1630 sq ft living area, open vaulted ceiling LR/DR/K comb. Wrap-around porch. Centuries-old building technique blended w/the fine creature comforts in lovely Bankhead South. \$229,900. (18972)



LOOKING TO LIVE MORE SIMPLY? This privately-situated log cabin offers an affordable place to be self-sustaining with good well water (public water avail at driveway), flue for wood heater, garden already planted, fruit trees, partly wooded acre lot. Fully furnished. Great personal retreat or cabin rental possibilities. The best buy at Mentone! 1BR/1BA. Priced at only \$68,000. (18938)



MOONLAKE AREA COTTAGE, close to everything, offers huge shade trees; variety of blooming shrubs; private backyard; fenced garden spot; flower gardens; level 0.5 ac yard; quaint workshop; 3BR/1BA; lg screened front porch; private back deck; bright kitchen w/all appl; lg attic w/future space; partially-furnished; beautifully decorated. Negotiable. \$134,500. (18922)



8.42 ACRE MINI FARM, nestled in the valley. Gated entry and winding drive lead to a handsomely rustic ranch house cabin with approx 1440 sq ft; 3BR/2BA; wood interior; massive hand-built stone wood burning Fpl; full covered front porch to watch the deer stroll through the yard. Lotsa elbow room & privacy just off Hwy 11. Land is part cleared, mostly wooded. Live your dreams here. \$169,900. (19093)



VALLEY HEAD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

Mondays - August 3, 20, 17, 24, 31 - 6:30 PM,

N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting

August 10, 6PM, Mentone Town Council Meeting,

Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

(Note: the August meeting is a week earlier on August 4,

Notice posted in Town.) Call the town hall

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting

August 6,7,8,9 - World's Longest Yard Sale along the Lookout Mountain

Parkway route and the U.S. 127 Corridor from Gadsden, Alabama,

to West Unity, Ohio

Tuesday, August 11, 10:00 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, MERF House

Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall

Thursday, August 27, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting,

Board Room, open to the public

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Valley Head Water Works Board**, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL will be as follows:

Monday, August 10

Monday, September 14

Monday, October 12

Tuesday, November 9

Monday, December 14

Monday, January 10, 2010

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.

The **2009** quarterly meeting dates for the **Mentone Planning Commission**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the **3rd Thursday** of the following months:

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Thursday, January 21, 2010

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.

The **2009** meeting dates for the **Mentone Waterworks Board**, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4PM, on the 4th Thursdays as follows

Thursday, August 27

Thursday, September 24

Thursday, October 22

Tuesday, November 19

Thursday, December 17

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.

The **2009** 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, August 10

Monday, September 14

Monday, October 12

Monday, November 9

Monday, December 9

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Dorothy Shelden, in memory of;
Lucy Fowlkes, Bill Wise

2 - Halle Lepper

4 - Leroy Crowe

5 - John Wilkinson

6 - Chris Collins, Dessie Brown,
Mike Burttram, Steve Moore,
Alicia McManus

7 - Samantha Blalock, Jean Streatfeild

14 - Jakob Gilbreath, Susan Akes,
Fraser Cochran in memory of

15 - Katherine Brown, Michael Langston,
Jessica Green, Kira Mae Goodwin

16 - Donald Morgan, Cecil Baty,
Kattie Bird Cobble, Penny Lyday

17 - Coy Crow, Jason Broome

19 - Marilyn B. Campbell

20 - Jo Carson

21 - Layne Holoway, Christina Stokes,
Paula Leftwich

22 - Tony Hendon

23 - Kumi Dillenbeck, Flo Kirby

24 - Glenda Jeffery

25 - Jan Wilkinson, Emily Roberts

27 - Jeff Holaway, Anna Wootten,
Jane Faile

28 - Britany Gilbreath

29 - Billy Hulan, in memory of

30 - Scott Blalock

31 - L. C. Bone

ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Hank & Susan VanAppledoom

8 - Pete & Martha Wood;
Donna & Sam Sutton

9 - Brynda & Harry Hopper

12 - C.E. & Karen Britt;

L.C. & Sarah Bone

15 - John & Jean Streatfeild

16 - Jerome & Liz Stephens,

Sid & Karen Holcomb

18 - Cynthia & Mickey Luck

23 - Dallyne & Jim Jones

26 - Liz & Norm Baker

30 - Bernise & Homer Crow;

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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; Women on Mission meet at 1PM 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. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 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 Bunnel.

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 (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM Sunday. Bible class or Lent/Advent services every Wednesday at 6:30PM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. Everyone welcome.

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 Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman 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.

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 morning at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night and Thursday night at 6PM.

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.

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.

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

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 6:30PM. Rev. Terry Turner is the regular pastor at Moon

Lake.

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 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

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

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

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM: Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM. Evening ser-

vices begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

Special Events for August from St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will participate in this year's Longest Yard Sale, August 6th, 7th, and 8th. We will offer a variety of items for sale, and will also have grilled hotdogs, packaged chips, and a cold drink for sale. In addition to the items above, we will have for sale t-shirts with the church logo. All proceeds will go toward the repair of the bell chimes, that have been silent for several years, and are enjoyed by all in Mentone. So plan to stop by our booths located on the grounds at 21145 Co. Rd. 89. Our hours will be from around 8:30am till 4pm. Hope to see all of you there! You are invited to attend our Sunday worship service beginning at 10:30am, each Sunday morning, and sharing in fellowship after the service for light refreshments.

GOD
IS EVERYWHERE



DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 27: 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

So many of my friends and acquaintances are having very difficult times: Some have cancer or other terrible illnesses; some have lost a mother or father or spouse; some have children or grandchildren who are breaking their hearts; some have job situations which are stressing them out; I have good news. God has already addressed in the Bible, over and over, every problem any of us have. Let's turn to the holy word of God for strength. Many times when I am truly dismayed, I just open the Bible, usually to the New Testament or to Psalms and read. It always provides comfort for the "things" which are happening in life. God immediately reminds me that He will strike down my enemies and will uphold me because I trust in Him.

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Lots & Land

COMMERCIAL LOT Near main intersection on Lookout Mountain. Road frontage on Hwy 35 and also Pleasant View Road. Owner financing available! Priced at only \$12,000! (18146)

THREE MENTONE BREATHTAKING BROW LOTS! Wooded, paved road, public water available. Just minutes from downtown Mentone, Desoto State Park! Individually priced at \$149,900 (18230)

BEAR CREEK ESTATES! 3 acre building lot located on Lookout Mountain: underground utilities, water and phone available. Driveway has been installed. Private Gated Entry! Located across from Canyon Rim! Call today! Only \$45,900 (17195)

PENDING ENJOY with this 9.11 tract of land located on a private road, you can enjoy your surroundings. Only \$32,000! (18756)

BROW LOT with a Creek on Lookout Mountain! Clear Out the Perfect Spot for Your Home and Enjoy the Ridges and Mountains Beyond! Purchase Your Own Piece of Tranquility! Just minutes from Desoto State Park and Mentone! Only \$62,000! (19133)

LAND ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN mostly wooded, unrestricted home site, accessed and survey in file. Move to beautiful Lookout Mountain! \$62,000 (17730)

HEAR THE QUIET RUMBLING of the CREEK that is located on this beautiful 5 acre tract of land. Enjoy the quiet and wildlife with your own peace of heaven. Only \$22,500! (18851)

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RAMBLIN: DON'T EAT THAT!

By Bill Crane

As I write this, it is still uncertain whether the doctors are going to let Gladys and me come visit with you in Mentone during August. We may have to delay our visit to the middle or latter part of the month but I sure would like to be there on August 1 for the Blalock Family Reunion. You may ask what is so important about attending the reunion when we could visit relatives anytime. In one word - FOOD. I love to eat, and that is one of the best places to eat I know of.

Do you like to eat? Is one of the most pleasurable moments in your life sitting down to a table full of delicious food? It is mine, and that table, I should say tables, full of meat, vegetables, salads, cakes and pies made by people like Penny Lyday, Barbara and Josephine Blalock, and others at the reunion can not be topped in satisfying my hunger pain.

Woe is the state of my eating. The nutrition experts have had nothing to do but to look at the good and bad things in the food we eat. Their collective opinion is that most of our food is loaded with undesirable elements which we should avoid. According to them the saturated and trans fat, cholesterol, sodium, and sugar among others are not good for us and should be avoided. Each ingredient is bad for our heart, liver, and kidneys, or causes undesirable effects, like obesity. They especially dislike fast food saying the only fast food we can eat are french fries. Why go to McDonald's, or Hardees, if that is all you may eat? It is a sad state of affairs as far as I am concerned!

When were your good old days? What made them your good old days? Were they the days when you were first married, or were they the days when the nest was empty and you began enjoying freedom from family obligations? I think each one of us have a special time in our life that we call the good old days. Mine was when I was a kid in South Georgia. When I hear the words "the good old days" I immediately think of the Dixie, Georgia area and my childhood there in the summertime. Yes, Dixie is a name of a town. It is a small, rural cross-roads town. With its woods and fields, Dixie was truly a Garden of Eden when I was a kid. The woods were full of honey trees, wild grapes, mayhaw, plums, peach trees, pomegranate, pear trees, and blackberries, and the fields had watermelons, strawberries, sugar cane, and blueberries, all ready to eat. My mouth is beginning to water just from listing these things! We kids had a problem each morning - to go and eat only a few things, or try to eat some of all the things ripe and ready to eat. There were two swimming "holes" in the creek close by, so we could eat our fill and take a swim afterward and still keep in shape for the sport activity at school in the fall. Anyway, my good old days were primarily one of eating, and in doing so I think I established my life long desire to eat and enjoy good food. However, it also makes me more disappointed when I miss a good meal, or pot luck dinner as I do if I'm not in Mentone on the first Saturday in August.

I long for the day that I may eat what I want to. Do you?
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PETER, THE BIG FISHERMAN

by John S. Whitaker

He was a big man, tough, quick-witted, quick-spoken, and not one to be pushed around. Leader that he was, he could also follow someone he felt that was worthy. His life ended when he was crucified as a martyr for his Lord. He was the Apostle Peter.

Peter probably grew up in the city of Bethsaida, a city located on the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee was a big, fresh-water, oval-shaped lake about 13 miles long, 6 miles wide, and 145 feet deep at its deepest point. From this lake he learned to be a fisherman with hook and net, but mostly with a net to catch the unwary fish abounding in the lake. He owned his own boat, and he and his brother Andrew were fishing partners.

Near the year A.D. 30 John the Baptist was baptizing, and Jesus came also and was baptized by John, the last of the Old Testament prophets.

Two of John the Baptist's disciples followed Jesus and stayed all night with Him. These two were Andrew and an unknown disciple, probably John. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. Jesus renamed him and changed his name to "Cephas" (Aramaic for stone), and in Greek it would be "Peter." Jesus saw the potential for true greatness in Peter; thus, the name would match his character (John 1:42).

On the way to Galilee, the northern-most limits of Israel, Jesus met Philip and invited him with, "Follow me" (John 1:43). Then Philip brought his brother Nathanael to Jesus. This group of five followed Jesus in what is commonly called the Early Galilean ministry.

They were present at a wedding in Cana when Jesus turned water into wine (John 2). The total amount of water in 6 water-pots was conservatively about 135 gallons. And it was the best wine ever (John 2:10).

Leaving Cana, Jesus, his mother Mary, his four brothers, and his five disciples proceeded to Capernaum for a short visit.

Then the group proceeded southward to Jerusalem. In the old city Jesus went to the temple and cleansed it by driving out the multitude of greedy merchants.

Then Jesus did many miracles while He was in Jerusalem (John 2:23).

Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin Court, came by night to talk to Jesus. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again (born anew; born from above). This was a shocking premise that Jesus made to him. Part of Jesus' conversation is John 3:16, the Golden Text of the Bible. Nicodemus left with a different outlook and became a secret disciple of Jesus.

Leaving Jerusalem, the group traveled northward and came to Sychar, a village of Samaria. A Samaritan woman came to draw water from Jacob's well; instead, Jesus drew her. She believed Jesus to be the long expected Messiah (or Christ, Gr.). Many other Samaritans believed, also (John 4:42).

Returning to Cana of Galilee, Jesus healed a

nobleman's son—from a distance of about 20 miles.

Then Jesus made his first return visit to Nazareth, his home town. Here He was rejected by his hometown, and they even attempted to throw Him to His death from the brow of the mountain. But Jesus slipped through the crowd and got away from them (Luke 4:16-30).

Somewhere along the way, the little group broke up. Peter, Andrew, and John returned to the old occupation, that of being a fisherman. There must have been a longing to know more about this new prophet, Jesus.

One day as Peter and Andrew were seining for fish, they saw Jesus on the shore of the lake. He invited them: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). A little further on, James and John were mending their nets. And Jesus invited them to join the group also (Matt. 4:21). And they did.

As the crowd of followers increased, Jesus launched Peter's boat a short distance from the shore. Then Jesus taught the people from the ship. After the sermon, Jesus told Peter to launch out into the deep water, and then let his nets down for a large catch. Peter replied, "Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net." The nets soon enclosed a great school of fish, and the nets broke. Peter motioned for James and John, who were in a boat nearby, to come and help them. Then both boats began to sink from the mass of fish. Everyone was amazed. Speaking directly to Peter, Jesus said, "You shall catch men" (Luke 5:11).

In Capernaum, Jesus made this city the center of His miracles. It appears that Peter and Andrew had moved from Bethsaida to Capernaum, a distance of about 5 miles. The house that Jesus entered belonged to Peter and Andrew (Mark 1:29). Peter's mother-in-law lay sick of a severe fever. Jesus immediately healed her, and she then fixed lunch for the entire group.

It wasn't long until Jesus chose 12 apostles. They were sent with a special commission to preach the gospel (good news) and to heal the sick (Matt. 10:7,8). Peter's name is first in each of the lists given in Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:13-19, and Luke 6:12-16.

The only miracle recorded in all four gospels is the miracle of feeding 5000 men (women and children not included) with the lad's lunch of 5 loaves and 2 small fish. It was a spectacular miracle. Later that night Jesus came to the disciples as they rowed on the lake. Even Peter walked on the water, but he soon began to sink. Jesus extended a helping hand, and He and Peter walked back to the ship. Jesus' penetrating question, "O you of little faith, why did you waver?" must have caused Peter to look inward and examine himself.

In the coasts of Caesarea Philippi Jesus asked a simple question, "Who am I?" (Matt. 13:15).

Peter's Great Confession, "You are the Christ (or Messiah), the Son of the Living God," showed great spiritual insight.

It is a statement accepted by all who accept Jesus as their Lord: Jesus is fully human and fully God. This is the rock upon which the Christian church is built and continues to grow even today.

Many of Jesus' miracles consisted of His casting out devils (or demons) from those who were possessed. Demon possession occurs where there is great ignorance and great superstition. (This is why there is so much voodoo in Haiti.) The healing of the little boy, described as "lunatick," "sore vexed," and falls "into fire or water," (Matt. 17) had a dumb and deaf spirit: "foams and gnashes with his teeth, and-pines away," Mark 9. And in Luke 9, he is possessed with an "unclean spirit." Some of the symptoms appear to be like epilepsy, but, of course, the little boy's condition was quite different because it was caused by the evil spirit in him. Jesus actually issued a great challenge to the father: "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes" (Mark 9:23). Another great statement is, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you" (Matt. 17:20). Christ's word brought complete healing to the little boy.

Events were moving quite rapidly now for Peter. He had seen many miracles, heard great teaching, and seen crowds come and go for a period of about 3~ years. He was about to enter a labyrinth of despair.

Palm Sunday was a great day for Jesus, who, riding the peaceful donkey, was welcomed by the exuberant crowd (Matt. 21:1-9).

In the Upper Room and on the evening preceding Good Friday, Jesus washed the apostles' feet, ate the Passover with them, and then instituted a new kind of supper—the Lord's Supper, which was a memorial supper in His honor.

Sometime after midnight, Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. The sleepy apostle drew a short sword from beneath his cloak and cut off the right ear of Malchus (John 18:10,11). Jesus healed the ear and told Peter to put up his sword. He did and followed the mob from a safe distance (Mark 14:54). In the palace of the high priest and while Jesus was being tried by the Sanhedrin Court, Peter stood by a fire to warm himself. He fell—by denying his Lord three times. Each denial grew progressively worse, the third ending with cursing and swearing (Matt. 26:74). Fear and doubt possessed him; how could he have denied Jesus?

Then came 9 a.m., Good Friday, and Jesus was crucified. John was the only apostle who stood by the cross to be near the crucified Saviour.

But then came the first Easter Sunday morning. The risen Lord appeared to Peter sometime that day (1 Cor. 15:5). We don't know all the details, but it must have greatly unlifted the Big Fisherman. The empty tomb and glorious appearances of the risen Jesus were undeniable proofs of His resurrection.

At the end of the 40 days after Passover, Jesus made His glorious ascension to heaven—after He had given the Great Commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ***" (Matt. 28:18-20).

The joyful apostles made their way back to Jerusalem to an upper room. It was in this room on the day of Pentecost that the turning point of Peter's life occurred: he was filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

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A Snake Story continued:

about what kind of snake it was. The thought entered my mind that I could sell tickets to see the snake and pay for part of the hospital bill. I remained calm.

The nurse, who admitted to never having worked a snakebite case before, told me I'd have to be still so she could run an EKG. I told her the trembling was uncontrollable and was my body's way of dealing with the pain. I may have been going into shock, too. Vital signs were falling, pain was rising. A man with a name followed by "MD" embroidered on his shirt walked in and said, "Are you in pain?" I looked at him in disbelief. "Yes," I answered. I wanted to choke him. But, I remained calm.

An IV port was inserted into my arm. Mercifully, about 45 minutes after my arrival at hospital, they administered morphine. (No one bothered to warn me that it would cause me to feel, for a few seconds, like my chest was collapsing.) Eventually, the vise loosened its grip, the pain lessened. Still, I wondered why there had been no antivenin given and I wondered if I would be that 1 in 10,000 who died of a copperhead bite. I prayed.

Another 15 or 20 minutes passed before the antivenin IV was started. I was very drowsy by this time and have no idea how long it took for the 6 vials of antivenin to be administered. Due to some apparent miscommunication about the antivenin, I was transported via ambulance to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, was admitted around 4:00 a.m. and was given more antivenin. My vitals remained quite low with a BP of 81/40, so I was kept overnight Monday and released Tuesday morning.

Because of the timely administration of antivenin, I have no tissue damage or scarring. The toe remains sort of a darkish red and somewhat swollen, hardly noticeable, but I have no pain. I'm back to wearing my boots again. These days I watch a little more closely when walking around in sandals or in bare feet. I believe it was God's way of telling me to slow down and pay attention to where I'm going. Not a bad idea for all of us, actually.

(In addition to being a snakecharmer, Charlotte Gentry is a freelance writer and Broker/Owner of Mentone Realty)

Craft of the month Mood Light

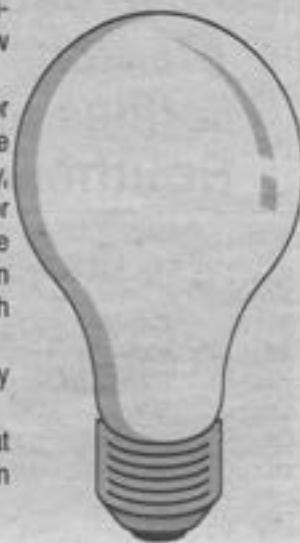
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To prevent air bubbles, do not shake paints before using. Basecoat the entire bulb, excluding the metal base, with a light coat of paint.

NOTE: Since the paints are transparent, apply additional coats as needed to reach desired color. Allow to dry between coats, colors and steps.

Paint small motifs such as hearts, flowers, bugs or balloons directly on the bulb or outline them first with liquid leading, let dry, then fill in the shape with paint or squeeze small puddles of two or more paint colors close together directly on the bulb, then swirl colors together with a paintbrush. repeat over entire bulb. Let bulb dry completely (approximately 24-hours) before lighting the bulb. Have fun making these - use them at swim parties, barbecues, or afternoon crafts with the kids.



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by Linda Brown

WORLD'S BIGGEST BOOK SALE!! So maybe I exaggerated a little. I do know that we will have the annual Moon Lake Library Summer Book Sale in conjunction with the World's Longest Yard Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7, and 8 of 2009. It happens in front of the Moon Lake Library on Alabama Highway 117. The times each day are from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., except Saturday when we close at noon. From the Alabama side of Highway 117, go to the next driveway after you pass the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Georgia folks watch for signs just as you get close to Moon Lake Elementary School. All proceeds will go to the Moon Lake Community Library.

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Beverly Ashley, librarian, asked me to remind all parents of Moon Lake School students that your child can come to the library this summer and read the school approved books and take the AR test while there. This will count towards their reading goal of the grade they will enter this fall. This is a way for your child to get a jump start on reading for next year.

The Appreciation Luncheon for FRIENDS of the library was a tremendous success. Most all of our FRIENDS attended and a wonderful time was had by all. The men did a great job grilling the hotdogs and hamburgers. Along with these we had all of the "fixins" prepared by the members of the Board of Directors. Back by popular demand were the "Singing Seniors" of Senior Lunch fame!! They were wonderful and if you haven't heard Nell Kent do her rendition of *Show Me the Way to Go Home*, you have missed a treat. Nell is a delightful person and an inspiration to everyone who is with her. Sign up to be a FRIEND before next year and join us for the happening of the summer.

Please inform us of any corrections which need to be made for your listings in the 2010 calendar. If you want a calendar, let us know and we will put you on the list. You may write to the address below, bring the information by the library or call me or Dianne Kuehl to get this done. It seems impossible that it is time for this again, but Dianne assures us that it is. Also, there is a form for a calendar on the back of the July 2009 calendar page. Use it to update or order.

Watch for information about upcoming happenings at the Moon Lake Library. We have some very good ideas and hope to put most of them into place as the year progresses. If you have something you would like to do or see done, let us know. We like your ideas best. Every time I work at the library, someone comes in and says that they just want to look around, they have never been inside. We welcome this and invite anyone to come on our open days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

To be on the agenda for a meeting, call Jan Wilkinson. Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, PO Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club met in the M.E.R.F. Community House on July 14, 2009. Dianne Kuehl, president, called the meeting to order by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and giving the thought for the day. Twelve members and four guests, Elaine Golden, Madelon David, Cynthia Asbeck and Ann Houston were present to enjoy the refreshments served by Marilyn Knight and Harriett Lillich.

Dianne introduced Ann Houston who gave a detailed program on Hostas. Ann is a member of Rainsville Garden Club and is a Master Gardener of DeKalb County and belongs to the hosta society in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Ann opened her talk by stating that Hostas are really shade plants but usually can tolerate some morning sun. Direct sun will cause the plant to blister and discolor the leaves.

Hostas can be traced back to Japan and China in the 1800's. They are grown mostly for their lush and showy leaves. They can make clumps as small as eight inches to as large as eight feet across. They prefer rich, organic soil but if your yard does not provide this you can enrich the soil with compost and other organic materials. The soil should be slightly acidic. Be sure the plants have good drainage, as they do not like wet feet. The plants like to be mulched also, but to prevent the invasion of voils, you may want to remove most of the mulch in the spring.

Ann stated that she lets her Hostas flower. This gives the plant a feeling of needing to last another year. After the seedpod appears, but before it dries and opens, they need to be cut. Ann leaves about twelve inches of stalk. This marks the spot for next year and prevents trampling of the plant.

Hostas come in many shades of green, yellow and sometimes white. The leaves can be as small as about an inch up to as large as twelve inches or longer. Some are almost a dusty shade of blue. There are 3500 different varieties of Hostas. There are many places, which sell Hostas or if you have friends, who have the ones you want, ask them to share or trade something.

Ann advised dividing Hostas when a clump has a bald spot in the middle. Dig the clump up very carefully, wash the roots clean and cut apart with a sharp knife. Be careful to not cut the roots as any that are cut or scraped will have to grow a completely new root and take away some of the vitality of the plant.

Dianne convened the business meeting by calling for reports of the on going committees. Among these reports was the Horticulture Report by Martha Wood. Martha gave a handout to everyone showing the different bulb types. A true bulb is a lily or a daffodil, a rhizome becomes an iris, the crocus comes from a corm and a dahlia comes from a tuberous root. All of these store food for next year's growth and make underground stems.

Some announcements were made and the meeting adjourned with Ann Houston being the recipient of the door prize.

Next meeting: August 11, 2009 at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 10:00 a.m. The program will be how to grow hydrangeas.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs; District II; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; and the Deep South Region.



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The first 12 chapters of Acts deal predominantly with Peter as he became fisherman for souls. There were about 3000 converts on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41). Then at the healing of the lame man, about 5000 were converted (Acts 4:4).

One of the great moments in Peter's ministry occurred when he, walking down the street, cast a shadow upon the lame and they were instantly healed (Acts 5:15).

The entire band of apostles were imprisoned (Acts 5:18). That night the angel of the Lord appeared and opened prison doors. They were commanded by the angel to continue their ministry.

Peter and John were sent to Samaria. There they prayed, laying their hands on the Samaritans for them to be filled with the Spirit (Acts 8).

Peter made a second trip somewhat west and north of Jerusalem. At Lydda, Aeneas was healed of palsy. And at Joppa Tabitha was raised from the dead when Peter prayed for her. The trip ended in Caesarea when Peter went to the home of Cornelius. Here, the Spirit fell upon the crowd of Gentiles. Peter now knew the Christian message was for everybody—all people over the entire world (Acts 10).

After the Apostle James was killed by King Herod, Peter himself was arrested and placed in prison. He expected to die as James had. But the angel of the Lord appeared and led Peter out of the prison. The prayer warriors had gathered in Mary's house, John Mark's mother. Imagine their surprise when Peter appeared at the door.

The events of the remainder of Peter's life are rather sketchy. He appeared at the Jerusalem Council to defend the doctrine of salvation by faith alone, and that no appendages of the

Mosaic law were necessary (Acts 15).

He visited the church in Antioch, Syria, perhaps as a part of his duties in representing the Jerusalem Council. However, when he withdrew from the Gentile element of the church, he was rebuked by Paul for the inconsistency (Gal. 2:11-14).

Also, he might have visited the church at Corinth and unwittingly became a part of the division in that congregation (1 Cor. 1:12).

We know that he wrote the two epistles bearing his name: The First Epistle General of Peter and The Second Epistle, General of Peter. He wanted to "stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance" (2 Peter 3:1).

Consider also that Peter may have assisted the writer of The Gospel According to St. Mark. John Mark was a convert of the apostle (2 Peter 5:13). And the abundance of short, precise statements seem to fit the apostle.

Peter probably traveled to Rome, preaching as he went. Tremendous persecution occurred during the reign of Nero (Roman emperor, A.D. 54-68). Nero set the fires that were destroying Rome, and using the Christians as a scapegoat, he blamed the Christians for his acts. Peter and many of the Christians worshipped in the catacombs under Rome. So, Peter decided to leave the city to escape the persecution. Outside the city, he saw someone approaching. As the two men met, Peter recognized his Lord, who simply asked, "Quo vadis?" (i.e., Where are you going?) Peter immediately turned around and returned to Rome. Shortly thereafter, he was captured and condemned to die by crucifixion. He requested to be crucified with his head downwards; he felt he was not worthy to die as his Lord. The year was about A.D. 67/68. Paul would be beheaded soon thereafter. WHAT A WAY TO GO HOME FOR THE BIG FISHERMAN!!

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I have been to both the mountain and the valley. The mountain is the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, where I live now. The valley is the Tennessee Valley, created of the beautiful river that runs through this place, the river that runs into the great Mississippi, into the land of the Delta and where I was born. There is the bond that these two places share.

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On this night, I happened, by chance, to be in Mentone, Alabama, a stunningly beautiful place off the beaten path not far from Lookout Mountain, where we can stand and see some of the states that share this legacy. Talking with some of the friendly people of the town, I was told that there would be some live music at a place I'd never heard of at the Mentone Inn by a young man named Lon Eldridge. I asked what sort of music he played. No one knew. I went into the inn. There was

a dining room, more like a home than a restaurant. There were no menus, just some stew and cornbread and cookies. It's a dry county, so just sweet tea and water to drink. It was more than enough. You didn't need any help to feel the power of what happened; additional assistance wasn't needed to fly from the earth that night; spirits were not needed to experience the already-present sweet, sweet spirit that filled the place.

A young man, Lon Eldridge, walked to the front of the dining room. He looked younger than me, and was wearing a nondescript shirt, slip-on tennis shoes, and a handlebar mustache that he was at least two decades too young or two centuries too late to be wearing. Without bravado, he started his show. He was gracious, and introduced his father, a local minister, and then he started to play.

The ghosts filled the room and took the empty seats around me. Though the group in the room was small and intimate; one could listen and know that we stood in the company of not only the saints and the apostles of religion and gospel, but also of the Delta blues. Saint James sat next to Robert Johnson, both nodding their heads to the music. Lon played the Blues, as I haven't heard them since my last trip to Mississippi. He had a voice as pure as Sinatra, lyrics as sharp as a knife, and talent that pierced through time and space, creed and faith.

While Lon played, another man noticed a stand-up bass standing in the corner of the room. He walked over, plucked the strings a couple of times, and nodded affirmatively. After conferring for a few minutes, totally improvised, he and Lon started another tune. A few minutes later, a violin appeared and joined the heavenly chorus with

all present knowing that the music was surely appreciated by both those on the earth and all the company of heaven. The proprietor then brought out her guitar and asked to sing along. As she improvised with Lon, her voice contributed a distinct note of Appalachia in a beautiful and haunting way to the music. And as if this were not enough, another lady then brought forth what appeared to be a cutting board. She set it on the wooden floor reverently, and then began to dance. It was a clog-type jig, maybe a derivative of the "buck-dancing" that is native to Appalachia, where the rhythmic sound created by the shoes of the dancer is as critical as the steps of the dance themselves.

Those of us in the audience knew that we were witnessing something special, something that had happened by chance, and would not ever happen

again. We were simply in a very special place at an incredible time. We were just lucky enough to stand among them, in this eclectic group of musical saints, and watch their miracle. I am almost afraid to go back because I know I will never experience this again. Yet, I know that more may be waiting there, and I want to be there when it does.

When I got home, I sat still for almost an hour, letting it sink in. I knew that I needed to write, that I might remember and share, but I had to wait for a little while. I had been to where the mountains touched the valley, and I had to return from the clouds, to the earth, before I could proceed.

*Amanda Ringer,
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Remembering the General Store

by Jim Carmichael

When I accepted the task to write an article about Maxwell and Jones Store, I never stopped to think where I could find a source of information. There is not anyone left to help me with information before the 1930's. I do understand Uncle Ernest Jones walked from Mentone to Valley Head to work at the store that would later become Maxwell and Jones. My earliest memory of the store was 1932, and that was due to the death of my mother, Emma Lou Jones Carmichael. I was born in 1926 and was 5 1/2 years old at the time. What makes me remember it so well is that Daddy bought her casket and burial clothes at Maxwell and Jones. The casket was of a gray material and she was laid to rest in a wooden box instead of a steel or concrete vault.

The time after that was vague to me until about the mid-20's when I would go over to the store with Daddy. I do know, as I have often told my children, that the store sold everything from caskets to horse shoes and harnesses, a complete line of feeds, seeds, groceries and clothes. Also there was a warehouse out back of the store along where the back of Guffey's mill is now. That was where Uncle Ernest kept fertilizer and cotton. He sold the fertilizer in the spring and bought the cotton in the fall.

After my sister, Pauline, married in 1935 during the school term, Daddy would take me to the store every morning for me to stay with Uncle El (Eldridge) until time to walk up to school. This was about the time that Uncle Ernest organized The Citizens Bank (another story). I would help out at the store, sweeping, bringing in a scuttle of coal for Uncle El.

The alley between Maxwell and Jones and Bell's Store, formerly N. S. Davenport's, led to the rear between the store and warehouse. This is where everyone would bring their wagons, pulled by mules, horses, and yes, also oxen, to hitch them while they traded and visited. The lot just west of the store building was about 3-4 feet below what it is now, and at Christmas they would put up a large cedar tree which was then decorated. Then we would have a gathering on Christmas Eve

with, I'm told, the Woman's Club giving out bags with candy, nuts and fruit. Oh! Yes of course Santa Claus was present.

I was growing up and could accept more responsibility so I went to work some at the store. It was an adventure to say the least. Uncle El was a joy to work for as he kept us busy and entertained at the same time.

We got our goods from a wholesaler who came around and took our orders. Don't ask me why but they were called drummers. I recall we got our flour by the carload brought in by rail. My daddy, who had a truck, would unload it and store it in the sideroom at the store. Customers then would buy flour by the barrel which was so many sacks. It was a job to keep the mice from gnawing a hole in the sacks. We received our sugar, beans, coffee, rice, and other goods in a sack. We would then weigh up what they would want. Most of our coffee came as beans and we would grind it. Sure smelled so good grinding!

We stacked overalls (Tom Cat made in Chattanooga), overall jumpers (jackets), shoes (Red Goose), long john underwear for men and then BVDs for summer time underwear, women's shoes, dresses, underwear and coats. It was a one-stop shop.

In the hardware department, we had horse shoes, harnesses, plows, plow points, and all kinds of bolts, washers, and garden tools. We also carried a line of guns and ammunition. Also you could buy dynamite and caps from us.

In early 1940's, Maxwell and Jones was sold to a Mr. Stone. He had other stores around and Uncle El continued operating it until after the war. He then had a small store of his own.

I worked almost every summer and on weekends when I was in high school. We had a real good business and enjoyed serving the customers.

As some will remember, after the war was over, later Jimmie Crumbley had a complete grocery store in the old Maxwell and Jones building.

Lots of good memories remain in the building of our days working there and the good people we served.

Uncle El passed away in August, 1947, and two months later in October, 1947, Uncle Ernest died.

Cecil Baty Celebrates 81st Birthday J. R. Cuzzort Celebrates 76th Birthday

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Surrounded by several generations of family—all three of Mr. Baty's sons were there as well as four of his five grand children and four of his six great-grandchildren—and a general assortment of friends and neighbors, Mr. Cecil Baty celebrated his 81st birthday, and Mr. J. R. Cuzzort celebrated his 76th birthday with a festive gathering at picnic shed number three in DeSoto State Park. This year's celebration was different from the celebrations of the past in that the girls-daughter-in-law Debbie Baty (Billy's wife) and granddaughter, Jennifer Davis, did the planning. Translated, that means the number of leftovers was far more manageable than is usually the case after one of Mr. Baty's birthday celebrations.

When he was asked about what he wanted to have served at his birthday celebration, Mr. Baty specified Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the ladies saw to it that he got what he wanted. They bought the chicken, but the "fixings"—potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, etc.—were all homemade and extremely good.

The tables were covered with a very attractive shade of butter yellow tablecloths, and the plates, cups, and napkins were multicolored with a most festive Happy Birthday emblazoned on them. The dessert plates for cake had no design on them but were a shade of yellow that matched the tablecloths as well as the multi-colored plates, cups, and napkins. Some of the plastic cutlery was clear, and other of it was white.

Mrs. Joyce Brown of Menlo, Georgia, made two birthday cakes—a chocolate pound cake and a butter pecan pound cake—for Mr. Baty from scratch, and she used special recipes that she has treasured for longer than she is willing to admit. Barbie Dowdy of Menlo, Georgia, also made a birthday cake for Mr. Baty. Hers was a chocolate layer with Cool Whip and Coconut Icing. All the cakes were extremely good. None of the ladies used birthday candles because nobody wanted to see either Mr. Baty or Mr. Cuzzort get winded blowing them out.

Several in the crowd remembered the time years ago when Mr. Baty had as many candles as he was old on his cake, and it took the assistance of all his grandchildren there at the time to help get them all blown out.

Mr. Baty and his son, Billy, who lives here at Mentone, went blackberry picking recently, and Mr. Baty froze, preserved, protected, and defended the berries.

When he announced that he wanted a berry pie made for his birthday celebration, Marilyn Blanton Campbell stepped up to make the pie. Mr. Baty no longer enjoys super-sweet desserts of any kind, so he specified that he did not want much sugar in his pie. Marilyn made his pie to his taste and served it in white Styrofoam bowls. Next to the pie, she set a bowl of sugar just in case somebody wanted his pie sweeter than Mr. Baty wanted his.

Mr. Baty especially likes bananas, and, with that in mind, Mrs. JoAnn Cuzzort of Sylvania made an absolutely sinfully delicious banana pudding for the dual birthday celebration. The fact that the banana pudding bowl was completely scraped out tells a lot about how well the crowd received that particular dish.

As they always do at their birthday celebrations, Mr. Baty and Mr. Cuzzort spent the day visiting with people and generally catching up with family, friends, and neighbors. Mr. Baty received some very thoughtful gifts, and, when asked which one he liked the best, he chuckled and gave the group to understand the one he was opening at the time was his favorite.

The group attending the Baty-Cuzzort Dual Birthday Celebration consisted of: JoAnn and J. R. Cuzzort from Sylvania, Bobby and Joyce Brown of Menlo, Georgia, Edward (Mr. Baty's oldest son) and Veronica Baty of Trenton, Georgia, Robin Schrader and her son, Conor, from Trenton, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Ricky Baty (Mr. Baty's youngest son) and Melinda Mitchell of Mentone and Fort Payne, Tessa Bullock and her beautiful daughter, Heyden, of Mentone and Fort Payne, Glenda Williams, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Jennifer Davis, Billy (Mr. Baty's middle son) and Debbie Baty, and Phyllis Bowman all of Mentone, Colby (Mr. Baty's grandson and Ricky's son) and Molly Baty and their delightful daughters, Violet-a.k.a. "Moon Pie"—and McKayla, as well as Roger and Barbie Dowdy and their handsome sons, Matt and Drew, all of Menlo, Georgia.

Rain began threatening late in the day, and the party dismissed early. Everyone in attendance appeared to be having a good time in spite of the heat compounded by the humidity that had been brought on by a mid-morning downpour.

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Thank you so much to each person who helped during my cancer surgery and recovery. Thank you for the cards, food, flowers, and most of all your prayers. I have recovered very nicely and am now back at work. A recent follow-up exam showed that everything is perfect, and I have no further problems. Your thoughtfulness during a very crucial time made such a difference.

Irene Willingham and Family

A Note Of Thanks

I just wanted to say "Thank-you" to each and every one who helped put up the American Flags in Mentone for the Fourth of July. The residents of Mentone are proud of all our Veterans

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Travels close to home

Fields of the Wood in Murphy, NC

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Fourth in a series on short trips that can be made in one day. Each article will include something special to see or do and a good place to eat while you're there.

It might seem a little strange to call a trip four states away "close to home" but it really is. Murphy, NC is slightly more than 130 miles from Fort Payne. Although the town is full of older buildings with interesting architecture, it was something special that brought me to North Carolina. Fields of the Wood is located between Ducktown, TN and Murphy on Highway 294. Even though it's an easy trip to make in one day, don't let the mileage deceive you because part of the route is a curvy two-lane road that parallels the Ocoee River. A beautiful drive, it overlooks the river that provides fun and adventure to avid whitewater rafters. If you're fortunate, you can see some of those daredevils fearlessly navigating the river below.

Fields of the Wood is a Bible Park that was built by the Church of God of Prophecy in 1945. Its name come from Psalm 132:6 which reads in the KJV "Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood." The "it" is explained in verse 5 when the writer of the Psalm talks about finding a place for the Lord.

The park came about as a vision by Ambrose Jessup Tomlinson, the founder of the Church of God of Prophecy.

The centerpiece of the park is the world's largest Ten Commandments, a 300-ft wide tableaux occupying a mountainside. The letters stand five feet tall and four feet wide. They are made of white-painted concrete. You can climb 350 steps to the top of Ten Commandment Mountain or for the faint of heart; there is a small service road that takes you to the top of the mountain. At the top, you can gaze down upon the Baptismal Pool, the Star of Bethlehem and hedges cut to read: "Jesus died for our sins." Also at the top of the mountain, you can see the All Nations Cross, a display that's 115 feet wide and 150 feet long. The flags that form the cross represent every nation where the Church of God is established.



On the ground level, there is a Golgotha memorial with three crosses, a replica of the burial tomb of Jesus, a baptismal pool and a replica of the Statue of Liberty. There is also a café and a gift shop with religious items as well as souvenirs of the park. Picnic areas and bathrooms are available on the ground level.

The Ten

Commandments Mountain faces Prayer Mountain where you can ascend a long curving stairway to the large concrete altar at the top. On the way up, there are 29 important teachings of the Bible on headstone type monuments. These

are donated by various states. The Bible teaching from Alabama reads, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Romans 14:17. "But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worst." I Corinthians 8:5. You can also drive up a service road to the altar and walk down part or the entire curving stairway.

Admission is free and the park is open during daylight hours. For more information, call 828-494-7855.

Brother's Restaurant, whose motto is "more than just a country restaurant" offers

a fun and tasty dining experience. It was voted Cherokee County's best restaurant in 2005, 2007 and 2008.

There's an interesting little gift shop in the lobby. The dining area is decorated in a western motif with most of the decorations for sale. You can order from the menu or enjoy the buffet. The menu features steak, seafood and chicken. The service is excellent. It is located at 5722 W Hwy 64 in Murphy, NC. It is a few miles past the turn-off to Hwy 294 where Fields of the Wood is located but well worth the additional distance.

Next month's trip will be to Sylacauga to tour the Blue Bell Ice Cream Factory with lunch at Buttermilk Ridge Restaurant.

