

# the GROUNDHOG

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## Helen Turner .....

### The Art Of Giving

Helen Turner has seen the dark side of living on the mountain, the side that included growing up poor in a time when there was not much public sympathy or support. "People seemed less compassionate then," she recalled those early years, "and we were often the brunt of cruel jokes and were ridiculed just because we were poor. But I feel those times made me stronger and gave me the compassion for others that I feel now, for it is concern born from shared experience."

Although Helen's world was colored in somber hues, she found brightness and light within herself, because adversity could not reach the depths of a soul destined to find beauty in bleakest circumstances. The family was quite large and as is often the case when material goods are hard to come by, the children made up for it with caring and defense of one another. Helen had to learn early that her responsibilities included caring for the others. This self-reliance brought out the creativity within her, and she quickly became adept at any work that was done with her hands.

As a very small child, Helen would spend hours drawing, and at five could sew drawstring purses and other simple items: "Mama would miss her scissors and would find me making something." By the time Helen was ten, she was making all her own school clothes as well as most of the clothes for her brothers and sisters: "I sewed whenever I had the time. Between babysitting, fieldwork, housework and school, my life was pretty much concerned with survival, but there were plenty of happy times too."

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## A Synopsis Of The Keeper's Reign

The Keeper's Reign . . . is about times ahead. Those days that most men fear, when events pre-destined become real — the here and now.

It is about the future of human kind. And it all begins with "The Keeper's Reign."

Set in the not-too-distant future, "The Keeper's Reign" is a vivid and intriguing account of the beginning of the end of civilization (as we know it) on earth.

The characters are realistic, the settings relevant and recognizable, and the pace unrelenting.

Al and Leigh, a modern man and woman, begin as strangers in circumstances and adventure beyond anything they ever dreamed might happen in their lifetimes.

Scenery as diverse as a southern Appalachian mountain top, the tropical oceans, and ultimately, the Middle East in turmoil and upheaval, provide the backdrops of triumph and tragedy for the couple, as well as Al's brother and his wife.

A beagle pup, Apoca, adds joy and brief respite from the otherwise harsh and depressing real world situation.

Step-by-step, event-by-event, the extraordinary roles Al and Leigh are destined for are unravelled, explained, and ultimately accepted.

Before their very eyes they are on the edge of — the world is on the edge of — what man has speculated about (and prayed about) for nearly 2000 years.

It is a classic tale about the ultimate showdown — the final struggle between good and evil.

And it all starts (or ends?) with the The Keeper's Reign.



Jeremiah and Father



Artwork By Jimmy Frazier

## The Keeper

## Howard Cash Marsh: A Surprising Author

Some excitement is coming to Mentone soon, for one of the mountain's own has proven to be an author of merit and his first novel will be available locally sometime in January.

Howard Cash Marsh is the son of Charlie Marsh and Dorothy Cash, whose parents are Cassie Cash and the late Albert Cash. He was born in Chattanooga, but his foundation is here, for some of his early years were spent in Mentone and he has always considered it his home. Many family members live here and this is the place he feels he is meant to be.

Cash, as he is known locally, moved about a lot in his growing-up years because of transfers with his father's work — he lived in twelve states, some thirty cities, attended thirteen schools and four colleges. When asked how this constant uprooting contributed to the man he is today, Cash replied, "All that I have ever done has brought me to the point I am now and helped to give me experiences most people never have. I feel those years were a learning experience that culminated in the book I wrote called *The Keeper's Reign*." Cash continued, "I feel the book has a special message. It marks the end of several years of searching for answers to questions that plague all of us." Cash began his writing career doing short stories for friends, then the idea for the book came to him, and it has been in the works for at least four years. "I have given up a lot to complete this novel, for I have devoted my every waking hour to it for a long time."

*The Keeper's Reign* is a romantic adventure set in the Biblical future, and Cash is hard at work on a second volume. The setting is Lookout Mountain in Northern Alabama, and that is intriguing to any reader interested in our area. Because the book covers other sections of the world, it is international in scope and should be read by all who enjoy deep contemplation along with their entertainment.

Cash has a son, Jeremiah, whom he sees as often as possible. "Jeremiah is a very bright child, and I am proud of him. We are close and share a lot with one another."

Cash is very much interested in the unfortunate people of the world, especially the children: "I would like for the book to do well enough for me to donate part of the proceeds to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, as they are one of the worthiest charities in the world." He talks of wanting to make a real difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and dreams of the day when the money and support will be there to help him accomplish some lofty goals such as setting up a foundation which would provide a place for every child who needs a loving home. "Not everyone gets the chance to change things for the better, to influence the outcome of young lives, and if I were to be so fortunate as to be one of the few, I would consider my life well spent."

Howard Cash Marsh has set a path for himself that is fraught with uncertainty, but there is no indecision on his part, for he has a horizon firmly planted in the fertile soil of his mind, a holy grail. Only time will tell whether he will go the distance. Our money is on him.

## Seth Banks Wins State Honor



The *Groundhog* is proud to announce that one of its contributing editors, Seth Banks, of Marion, Indiana has been selected as a 1986-87 winner in that state's "Invent America!" competition. Seth's invention is the "Kool-it Box Drink Cooler" and was selected as the best new student invention in third grade in Indiana. He is a third-grade student at Francis Slocum Elementary School in Marion, In. and is the son of Ben and Anita Cash Banks. His grandparents reside here in Mentone, and are Roberta and Max Cash. His great-grandmother is Cassie Cash of Mentone.

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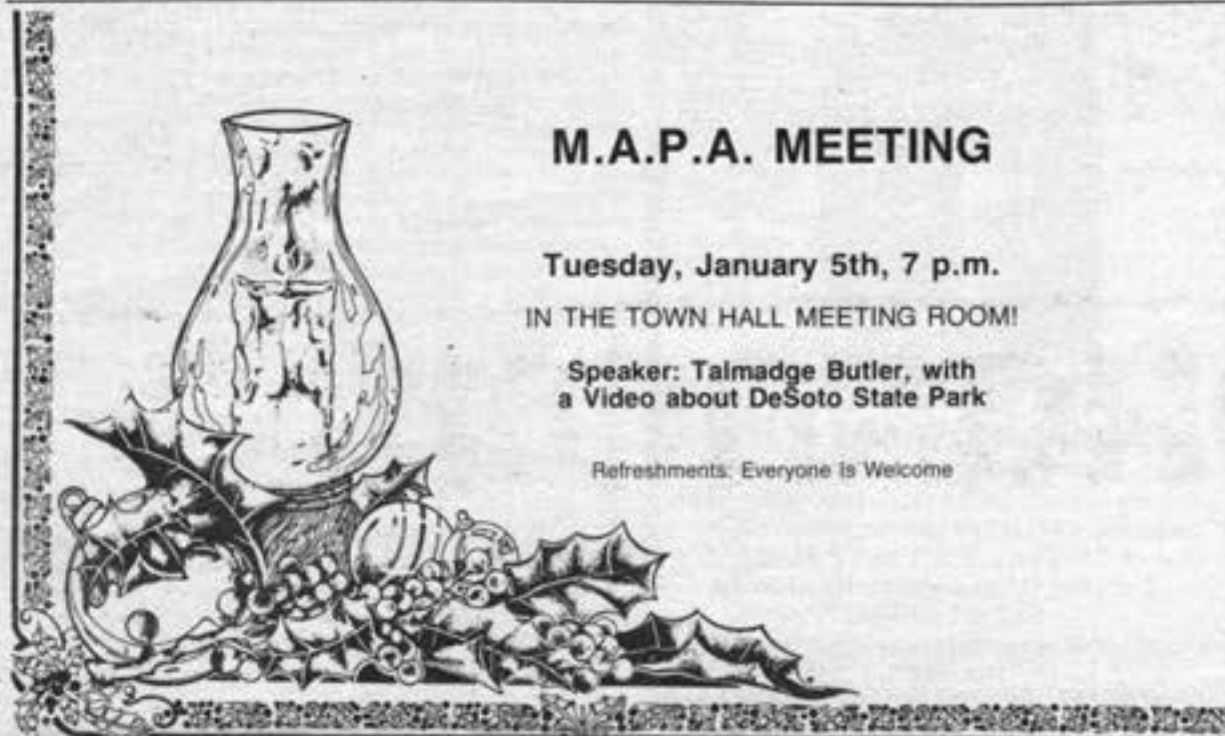
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## M.A.P.A. MEETING

Tuesday, January 5th, 7 p.m.  
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Speaker: Talmadge Butler, with  
a Video about DeSoto State Park

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## From The Editor

By Mickey Strickland



Season's  
Greetings

from

The Groundhog

### Letter To The Director

Dear Friends,

What a surprise to drive in and see the side of the mountain burned around the many homes. We are so grateful to the hundreds of firefighters who fought the fire. Our thanks to each one who showed concern and spent hours of labor to save our homes. This small help is given to the Mentone volunteer fire station as a token of our appreciation.

— Bernard and Marie Jones

(NOTE: The Joneses are neighbors of MAPA Director and Mrs. Riedesel. The "small help" was a generous check of \$100 to Fire Chief Hershell Pruitt).

### Our Town With Linda Brown

My holiday wish for you is that you will be healthy enough to enjoy life, wealthy enough to have a few extras and wise enough to appreciate both. Let's all remember the true meaning of Christmas as we enjoy the family and parties, the special music and the gift giving.

Personally I love this season. The mood is one of peace and good will — even strangers on the street smile and nod hello. You write to hear from friends that you haven't heard from since last Christmas, family members come home and once again the family unit is complete. Church congregations get together just to enjoy being together. It is so much easier to give and receive gifts gracefully. The TV shows have less violence and more love. The houses, parks and streets are decorated with lights and greenery, all of this because a baby was born in a stable 2000 years ago.

We have several people in our community who are having some health problems at this time. I ask that you think of them in a special way. I know that this is a part of the process of living, but in a community as close as Mentone, when one hurts, we all hurt.

Several persons from Mentone participated in the Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by the Fort Payne Three Acts Club. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the "Castle" of Jeff and Josie Cook. It is all we expected and more. All of the homes were beautifully decorated. I heard so many people say how much they appreciated these families opening their homes for this tour. All proceeds will be used for scholarships.

Sunday, Dec. 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. the Church of God of Prophecy at Mentone will present a program of poems, songs and skits entitled "Light Thou My Candle" a Biblical drama, "The Broken Staff," will then be presented. The public is invited.

The community choir of Valley Head and Mentone will present "A Country Christmas" at the MUMW Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. and at Valley Head Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to this lighthearted but meaningful Christmas presentation.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a happy New Year. Linda Brown, 634-4755, Route 1, Box 271, Mentone.

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# The Groundhog

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### Finance Classes To Be Taught By Local Broker

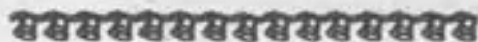
David Brouwer, Investment Representative of the Fort Payne office of Edward D. Jones & Co., will be teaching a 10-week Adult Education course to be held on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 starting Dec. 7 at Northeast State Junior College. Proceeds from the course will go to charity.

Brouwer has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of Connecticut and was working with MONY in Pensions and Equities before joining Edward D. Jones in late 1984. He and his wife, Donna, live in Fort Payne with their daughter, Alexandra.

The classes will cover all types of investments including saving accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, gold and silver, real estate, collectibles (stamps, jewels, antiques, etc.) and mutual funds. Detail as to how these different investments fit into an individual's personal financial plan will also be discussed.

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## MOUNTAIN WATCH

By Charles White McGehee

When news came of the death of former governor James "Big Jim" Folsom, certain personal memories surfaced with me. In 1946, during my bachelor radio days in Birmingham, many of my meals were taken at the Charcoal Steak House, just around the corner from the Dixie Carlton Hotel where I lived. One evening a tall, warm man was ushered in the front door by the restaurant manager Frank Merrill. Frank brought him over to my table, saying "Jim Folsom, I'd like you to meet Charles McGehee." Later in his campaign for governor, Folsom came alone into the Charcoal, walked over to my table and said, "Charlie, how are you?" I've always envied people with memories like that. This was not the only unusual attribute of this man. He was a populist, somewhat ahead of his time. During the gubernatorial campaign his opponents spread a rumor that Folsom was backed by the labor unions. He bought time one day at 12:15 on a statewide radio network. He began the speech saying, "My opponents have accused me of being backed by labor. I want to say here and now that I welcome support of labor, just as I welcome the support of Baptists, teachers, Negroes — people in all walks of life." It was a classic example of good politics, almost as ingenious as the mop and pail he carried to rallies, demonstrating that he would mop out corruption in government, and that he needed a pail-full of money for his campaign.

When Jean and I lived in Jacksonville, Fla., and were Mentone persons only during summers and holidays, we eagerly devoured Ruby O'Rear's "personal" column in the Fort Payne Times-Journal. We were hungry for news about snowstorms and local politics. Nothing would have met our needs more than a GROUNDHOG each month. This is apparently the attitude of some 150 families who join the Mentone Area Preservation Association, principally for the purpose of receiving this publication. There is absolutely nothing like it in America. It combines the attributes of a monthly newspaper and magazine. As former editor, I congratulate Mickey Strickland's creativity. Mickey is possessed of a spontaneous style, yet writes especially well. She is drawing in local writing talent, and in these columns is bringing out the best of Mentone. At a recent meeting of Landmarks of DeKalb County she was introduced with the question, "How many of you people read the GROUNDHOG?" There was much applause, demonstrating how widely we are read in the county. We are entering our sixth year. It is safe to say that each year the GROUNDHOG has grown better.

For almost a half century I have received letters from my brother-in-law John Bohonis. From Washington, D.C., he has written about events in the national Capitol, the growth of his daughter and son, and the flow of life in general. His wife, my little sister Evelyn, once told me that he has kept carbons of all the letters he has written. This consists of a running record of family history, a treasure any archivist would relish. One of the joys of my graduation into the realm of retirement is that I have time to write as many letters as I choose. I don't keep carbons of most of them, although a friend once said that any letter worth writing is worthy of a carbon copy. In the past, the correspondence of noted persons represents some of our finest literature. Use of the telephone, bargain that it is, and the speed of today's travel, is diminishing the art of letter-writing. Few experiences equal the opening of each day's mail. One of my greatest gratifications lies in going to the ancient Underwood 5 and typing my thoughts to a friend. It is now a pleasure, not a duty as in the busier days.

Although I enjoy the excitement of the holidays, I've never been a good shopper. Especially do I feel deficient about gifts for my wife Jean. During the busy time of my career I have been guilty of having my secretary choose her gift. Only twice have I really come up with winners. Jean is a William Faulkner scholar. One Christmas I managed to get paperbacks of all of his novels and had them nicely bound. She was overwhelmed. The other seemed deficient at first, but is now a masterpiece. In 1949, just after our marriage, when we had moved into our first apartment in Birmingham, I bought her a Dutch oven. It was wrapped, and at the time I was a bit ashamed of it as a gift. But now 38 years later it is a priceless masterpiece. The skillet is used almost daily and the kettle quite frequently. The iron, which at the time of purchase was dull gray, is now a museum-like coated black. The two pieces when combined are a most efficient cooking utensil. Heat is quickly generated. I prefer it to a wok when cooking Chinese Green Pepper Steaks. We've made chili a number of times with it atop the wood stove. Jean routinely uses it for soups of many kinds, stews, straganoff, spaghetti sauce and New England boiled dinners. So it is that this treasured object of art and practicality hangs in our kitchen, improving with age, beginning its 39th year.

### Want The Hog?

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## In Memoriam

Raymond David Blalock

A patriarch of the mountain died in November, leaving behind a legacy of honesty and dedication to duty, home and family that will live for generations.

Raymond David Blalock was born in 1901. He and his wife, Lillian Irene Petty, were married for 65 years. There are five children of the union, Martin, Willis, Ovie, Ann Wright and Gladys Crane.

There are also 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

CHARLES W. ADAMS

Charles W. Adams, 88, of Mentone, died Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Shigley Adams, Mentone; one daughter, Rebecca Burns, Huntsville; stepdaughters, Grace Pullen, Mentone, and Eva Clark, Fort Payne; one son, James Adams, Chattanooga, Tenn.; stepson, Robert Green, Mentone, Ala.; sisters, Alma Barron, Summerville, Ga., and Tommie Headrick, Tampa, Fla.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren. Mr. Adams was a retired school teacher.

## The Gift

By Howard Cash Marsh

Cracks in the walls of the earthen structure, and doors of loosely fitted boards let in the cold. These same and only openings caused the draft which pulled at the flame on the wick of the oil filled lamp. Smells of hay and animals filled the building.

Other than the sound of labor and an occasional shifting of hooves on the dirt floor, the quietness of just before dawn was uninterrupted. And then, drawing the first breath of life into its tiny lungs, the baby's crying pierced the still of night.

Their eyes met. But words weren't spoken because they knew each other's thoughts — that His baby was conceived by the One who had made them both. Tears ran down their cheeks, because neither fully understood, and yet both believed.

This was the magic of the first Christmas, and it is my hope that the magic and mystery of this day transcends through the centuries to give your heart the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas — the gift of love.

Cash  
1985

## HARVEST FESTIVAL MOON LAKE

The Moon Lake Harvest Festival was held Nov. 14 in the new gym. The festivities included games, raffles, crowning of King and Queen and lots of good food. This year's King and Queen was in Mr. Berry's second and third grade room, Amy Crane and Kirt Miller. The runners-up were Mrs. Schrader's first and second grade, Jason Owen and Shelley Ingram. And last, but not least, Mr. Bell's fifth and sixth grade, Kevin Helms and Sally Sharp. A grand total of \$6,285 was raised.

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## How About A Community Friendship Quilt?

The newly remodeled Town Hall meeting room has a wall that needs something special. Grace Howard has suggested that each of us make a quilt square, signed and dated; leave it at The Hitching Post and when enough have accumulated, the quilting can begin. The square should be 9½"x9½". (Ask Grace)

## The View From Cloudland

THE GROUNDHOG welcomes Janice Smith as a new contributing editor. Janice resides in Cloudland with her husband, Robert, and children, Pamela and Jason. Janice is the daughter of the late Lonnie and Lena Galloway. We of the staff are happy to have her aboard.



For church, community, family, birthday announcements or general interest comments, call Janice Smith at 1-404-862-2292.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church will present their Christmas play, "I Would Rather Have Jesus," Sunday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. Christmas tree with Santa Claus will be held after the play with refreshments served in the fellowship hall following Santa's visit.

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church will be delivering Christmas fruit baskets to needy families in the area.

### HISTORY IN BRIEF

Cloudland was the dream of John W. Ledbetter, a land developer from Rome. He purchased and divided the land on Lookout Mountain, which is now known as Cloudland, into a subdivision in the early 1920s. This area was originally known as the Cloudland Park. The Cloudland Park was intended to be a resort area to accommodate and attract wealthy visitors looking for cool mountain breezes and scenic views.

The Cloudland Park was the place to be in the early 1920s, with two hotels, stores, a tennis court, golf course, dance pavilion and numerous summer homes in the area. The Cloudland Post Office, Cloudland Elementary School and churches were built to serve the growing population. Camp Juliette Low was also founded in the early 1920s as a Girl Scout Camp.

The Lookout Mountain Development Company almost completed a hotel on the banks of Lake Lanoka. After the depression ended plans for the Lanoka Hotel, it was used for convalescing World War I veterans and as a campground for the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Only a few signs of Ledbetter's earliest dreams remain. The two hotels in Cloudland have burned. The golf course is now a pasture. Weeds cover the original tennis court, the dance pavilion is gone, and the school and post office are closed.

Today, Camp Juliette Low is the oldest operating camp on Lookout Mountain. The Son & Lib Trade Center founded in 1935 by Sonny and Lib Woods is still in business. A number of Cloudland's original homes are still occupied.

Cloudland continues to grow with new homes built and a large number of people making Cloudland their permanent residence. A fine restaurant, stores, greenhouses and other summer camps have also been developed. Cloudland has several churches, a Volunteer Fire Department with two stations, its own water system, Property Owners Association, community park with tennis courts and playground equipment.

As the old saying goes, "There is no place like home." Cloudland is still the place to be.

## News From Valley Head

By Eloise M. Brown

Each year the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is of shorter span.

It seems only a week — much too short according to our plan.

Thanksgiving was a time to "gather together."

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Allison were guests of their son, Thomas, and Mrs. Allison in Asheville, N. C. Also present were Ansley and John McGinnis and daughters, Courtney and Alison from Florence, S. C., Elizabeth and Mark Allison from U.N.C. at Charlotte.

Sandra Deerman of Fort Oglethorpe was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Olin Taylor.

Mrs. Byron Biddle and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Biddle at Henagar, Ala.

Mrs. Vesta Hawkins and son, Charlie Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts and sons, Chris and Nick, all of Birmingham, Ala., Geneva Smith, Velma Hammonds, Myra King and Ralph Hawkins of Valley Head, Ala.

Velma Hammond has returned from a visit with Mrs. Earl Hulan in Batesville, Miss.

Mrs. Byron Biddle has returned from a tour of the New England States.

Mrs. B. W. Tate, Janie Longshore, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Holleman, Bill Holleman, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Holleman and John Holleman spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. James Adams in Gadsden, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hall of Lindale and John Hall of Boaz, Ala., shared their dinner with Mrs. Alice Davenport last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hawkins and I had Sunday dinner at the Sylvania Eastern Star Hall. Members of the Eastern Star serve dinner on the first Sunday every month. They are working so hard to provide central heat for their new hall.

Bonnie Fredericks and daughter, Megan, of Charleston, S. C., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones. Bonnie is the fiancée of the Jones' son, Roy.

Edna Farrar of Atlanta and Kerner Wright of Chattanooga, Tenn., visited Pat Baurle, recently.

Earl Phillips is recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident at the Rehabilitation Center of University Hospital in Birmingham, Ala., and expects to come home soon.

Mrs. Cindy Barrett has the flu. There are several cases of flu and virus.

My granddaughter, Robin Darby, and husband, Ray, and daughters, Sharon Elise and Kirsten of Baldwin, Mo., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with me. We visited Mrs. Thelma J. Brown in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown, Amanda and Barry II, Mr. and Mrs. David Meadows, Beverly, Alison, Scot and Jason and Robert Brown visited with us Thanksgiving evening.

The GROUNDHOG cheated me of six great-grandchildren in the last issue — instead of two great-grandchildren, as stated, I have eight. Since they told me they were wondering which ones I disowned, I thought I should correct it.

Thank you, so much, Charles W. McGehee for the complimentary note. I value your opinion, as I always enjoy your columns. It will encourage and inspire me to greater effort.

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"When I was in school I would make paper dolls from crepe paper and fabric scraps — cheerleaders, brides and grooms and such, and I would sell them for ten cents apiece. I realized I had something of value to offer — something that made up for the hurt I often felt."

Helen used the experiences of her formative years to help her relate to the people she worked with at the Child Development Center. Until funds were cut and her position phased out, she worked directly with underprivileged children, often picking them up at their homes, bathing them and giving them a good meal before getting down to the basic of learning. "I also went into the home to help the mother learn about basic nutrition and homemaking. Sometimes I guess I took too much of a personal interest, but I have never regretted my involvement."

Helen also worked for the EFENEP program. Helen was Program Assistant in the beginning but worked her way to supervisor. Her duties included going into the homes of lower-income families just as her other one had: "We taught families to make the best of what they had. They learned about gardening, sewing, canning, baby and child care, nutrition, cooking and budgeting. I don't think people realize all the help that is available through the Auburn Extension Service or how much that program provides to the whole state of Alabama."

These phases in her life taught Helen much: "There's not money enough to buy those lessons. I learned that it

makes no sense to take nutritional recipes into a home with no food in it. People must be made aware of all the governmental and community help that is available to them now."

The compassion Helen learned as a little girl added a touching dimension to her relationships with her clients: "Sometimes, they just needed someone to talk to, someone who understood and had been there. It is not enough to dole out a few stamps and a little food and money; kindness and understanding must be given also — for any of it to make a difference."

One of Helen's favorite pastimes is flying. She earned her pilot's license years ago and owned her own plane at one time. "When I was a small child, I would stand in the yard and watch the planes go over and I dreamed of breaking free from the earth and leaving all my burdens behind. I could feel the stars in my eyes."

Helen has always loved dolls and has made them from the time she first began to sew. Each one is special to Helen, and great care is given to detail. She does the head and arms and legs in ceramic, then sews the body and makes the clothes. Her creations are lovely and reflect the care Helen shows in all her work.

The woods and fields of the mountain are special to Helen, and she sometimes goes to them for comfort and just "to pull it all together." She loves the country, and her crafts and artwork are often taken directly from the environment. She dries wild flowers, roses, plants and herbs to use with muscadine vines to create fragrant

wreaths which she sells in her shop "The Old Pioneer Christmas Shop" in Mentone. She makes so many unique things that it is impossible to list them all, and she is forever creating new designs.

"The Old Pioneer Christmas Shop" is so named because the cabin is very old, and Helen liked the idea of having a Christmas tree up all year. "To me, Christmas is happiness, and I wanted that feeling to continue all year 'round." The shop has a big fireplace in which the logs are kept blazing and an old rocking chair can be pulled up close to warm the toes. The shop glows with good cheer, and Helen's smiling face is very much a part of the feeling that is there.

Helen has never forgotten where she came from, but with the remembering there comes no bitterness or self-pity. She has chosen a path of learning and creativity that has allowed her to grow as a person and with that growth came strength — of heart, faith and love. And this beauty of character is a part of all she does and everyone she touches.

As Kahlil Gibran spoke in the *Prophet*, . . . And there are those who have little and give it all; these are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty. There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward . . . and there are those who give with pain, and that pain is their baptism. And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth."

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# Night Of The Tenth Moon Party, A Success

Ray and Sandra Padgett's Annual Night of the Tenth Moon Costume Ball was quite an event with people and goblins from all over the area attending. Harvard Hester, Terry Hutcheson, Jim Christopher and other local artists provided the music and it set the pace for the evening. Costumes were in abundance and ranged from the outlandish (David Mays as a bumble bee) to the sublime (Dr. Susan Heape as an ancient crone). There was a raisin who heard it through the grapevine, two executioners without handiwork, a couple of maids and many more outrageously funny outfits, but the puzzle of the evening was Dr. Albert Einstein and the French Coquette who accompanied him. Everyone is still dying to know who they were, as they did a lot of P. R. work but never revealed their identities. Tables were laden with party foods of all sorts, and it was evident that Ray and Sandra had gone all out to make this the most festive ball of them all.



David Mays was beautiful.



Velcome to my party.



Zora, Sharon and Terry make merry.



Chef Roy and Indiana Bruce



Guess Who?

# A Message From The Dekalb Council On Alcohol And Drug Abuse

Each year the National Safety Council asks that we participate in National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week, scheduled for the week of Dec. 13 through 19.

The slogan this year is "R.O.A.D.: Risks, Odds and Decisions." The risks of driving under the influence are substantial. You can rationalize all you want, or think that it only happens to the other guy. You'll only be fooling yourself. The odds are against you.

Alcohol is a depressant, not a stimulant. It acts on the central nervous system like an anesthetic to lower or depress the activity of the brain. As you drink more, your reactions become slower. Alcohol dangerously affects vision causing such impairments as faulty depth perception, distorted color vision and reduced night vision.

Are you fully aware of the risks involved while driving under the influence? Are you prepared to have your life turned upside down as a result of driving under the influence? Every time you choose to drink and drive, there are a number of things that could happen, and all of them are bad.

The risk of having an accident is the most dangerous gamble of all. A person with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 is 25 times more likely to have an accident than a sober driver. A person is typically considered intoxicated if driving with a BAC of .10. (A reading of .10 on a breath testing machine indicates 10 one hundredths grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath). Studies have shown that driving ability begins deteriorating as low as .04 (or less depending on many factors such as whether the person has eaten, low tolerance to alcohol, or has taken some other drug in addition to the alcohol).

Arrests for DUI have doubled in the United States in the last five years. The penalties are becoming more severe. The drinking driver is being treated as a major highway safety problem. The following is the law on DUI in Alabama.

## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE THE DUI LAW

CODE OF ALABAMA 1975: (Section 32-5A-191, Driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances).

A person shall not drive or be in the actual physical control of any vehicle while:

1. There is .10 percent or more by weight of alcohol in their blood;
2. Under the influence of alcohol;
3. Under the influence of a controlled substance;
4. Under the combined influence of alcohol and a controlled substance;
5. Under the influence of any substance which impairs the mental or physical faculties.

### 1ST DUI ARREST:

SENTENCE: Up to a year in jail.

FINE: Not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000.

LICENSE: Suspended for 90 days.

PROBATION: For up to two years.

EDUCATION: DUI School.

### 2ND DUI ARREST: (WITHIN FIVE YEARS)

SENTENCE: Up to a year in jail (may be at hard labor). MUST SERVE 48 CONSECUTIVE HOURS IN JAIL or give 20 days of work in community service.

FINE: Not less than \$500 or more than \$2,500.

LICENSE: Revoked for one year.

PROBATION: For up to two years.

### 3RD DUI ARREST: (WITHIN FIVE YEARS)

SENTENCE: Up to a year in jail (may be at hard labor). MUST SERVE AT LEAST 60 DAYS IN JAIL.

FINE: Not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000.

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### OTHER THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN:

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# Moon Lake Students Learn Indian Lore

Moon Lake Kindergarten students, teachers and helpers enjoyed a fun and informative day at DeSoto State Park Nov. 20 as the first recipients of a program begun at the park to teach children the value of their heritage and environment.

Bill Bosworth, naturalist at the park, was host to Gay Godbois' class of 18 students. Helpers were Cecil Keefer and Debbie Gold and special guest, Edna Rogers, who is the Indian Studies teacher for the county. Bill began the day by telling stories from Indian lore about the forest and the animals that live there. The class also got to touch the preserved animals and other objects from the forest.

Each child was given an Indian name and a medicine wheel to wear with the new name on it. There was a break at mid-morning that allowed the children to learn Indian games outside, and all those participating enjoyed this exercise.

After a picnic lunch in the Interpretive Center, Talmadge Butler, Park Manager, presented each child with a certificate of attendance. After a learning session in the Center which included learning about animals homes, it was time to go to a real cave used by the Indians long ago.

Bill is a natural with the children and gives each child special attention yet manages to keep the group together and learning as a unit. The children formed a large circle around a hole in the floor of the cave as Bill told them of the ways in which the Indians lived in harmony with the earth. He told of the importance of the circle in the life of the tribes, and each child placed a small stone around the circle. Bill then lit a fire in the center of the circle as he spoke of knowledge of the Indians and how it can be used today.



Making a medicine wheel.

The new DeSoto State Park Environmental Education Program fills a need for hands-on learning experiences that instill in children a love and concern for nature and for others who have gone before who have bequeathed the land and its creatures to them. It is entirely appropriate for state parks such as DeSoto to provide this opportunity to children, for in their hands rests the hope of the preservation of the natural world and for the lessons to come from the lore of the people who originally cared for it adds a historic dimension.

For more information on this innovative program, call 205-845-0051 or write DeSoto State Park, Route 1, Box 210, Fort Payne, Ala. 35967.



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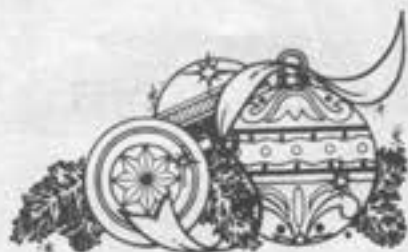


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# SETH BANKS

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Seth was awarded a \$200.00 savings bond; his teacher, Marilee Murphy, won a \$250.00 grant and his school received \$500.00. A \$1,000.00 grant went to Seth's school district. Seth's invention will now move on to the regional competition. Regional winners will win a trip to Washington, D. C., to compete in the finals nationally. Invent America is a national contest sponsored by the United States Patent Commission and Master Card. Any

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## DEKALB WELCOME CENTER

The Welcome Center concept for the state of Alabama was begun by former first lady Lurleen Wallace. The first one was built near Mississippi and seven more have been added since that time, including the one on I-59 in Northeastern Alabama. According to Pat Shippey, who manages the Center near Valley Head, Mrs. Wallace particularly wanted the decor and structure to be done in such a way as to place an emphasis on **Welcome**.

The property for the DeKalb Welcome Center was selected on the basis of the way it would adapt to a country rustic look, and the location was right, being placed strategically for travelers coming in on I-59 from Tennessee, Georgia and parts further north. There is a hiking trail that winds up a hill behind the Center where one can get a spectacular view of the surrounding area. Wildflowers were planted on the trail by Doyal Benefield, formerly with the Parks service.

The Center sits on 32 acres of what was once known as the Thornberry farm. The structure was designed by the firm of Dean and Fox from Anniston and the design has been so popular that at least one church parish building has been patterned on it. The builder was Caldwell Builders from Huntsville. The structure has over 6,000 square feet and cost right at two million dollars, with 90 percent being donated by the Federal Government, and the rest provided by the State of Alabama.

The structure is all wood, with a huge stone fireplace and rocking chairs placed strategically around the main room and on long porch that covers the front of the building. There are conversation areas with couches and chairs and literature available in several sections. Wicker, wood, and colorful cotton coverings make up most of the materials and Pat Shippey used a lot of thought, effort and persuasion to obtain just the right effect.

After the basic framework was developed, Pat was allowed to select decorating items and this she did with particular care, as all the pieces had to be made in Alabama: "I searched for the best pieces at the best prices and got a lot of favorable response from business people and craftsmen who often took reduced payment in return for being a part of the concept."

"Our Center is unique in that local citizens had input into the development and furnishing of the building, including site selection," Pat told *The Groundhog*, "and people who are involved in community affairs such as Ramona Beck and Sis Martin were allowed to make decisions which would affect our Center and its impact on tourism. That makes the Welcome Center here a joint effort with local citizens being a part of the process."

Local civic organizations donated various items, and the Rainsville Church Pew Company donated two beautiful pews. Often a store would let Pat have the items at their cost.



The DeKalb Welcome Center was opened and furnished on the lowest budget of any in the state, and the staff there has been told time and time again that it is the nicest one anywhere in the country. The willow furniture was purchased from Bruce Bon Fleur and once graced the gardens of Cragmere Manna at Mentone. It was handcrafted in Guntersville, Ala., by David Hand and Pat just had to have pieces for the Center when she saw what painstaking craftsmanship went into each item. All the other items in the Center were added a piece at a time until it was just right.

The Center is not just a rest stop on the way to some place else; it offers amenities such as free Coca-Cola products (one of the few Welcome Centers who still do) that are entirely donated by the Coca-Cola Company. The hosts at the DeKalb Center make reservations for travelers, offer planning and work out itineraries and make sure that every person who comes into the Welcome Center is greeted in a manner which will cause them to want to

spend more time in Alabama." Pat Shippey tells of many travelers who start out getting directions to another state, and end up planning their whole vacation right here with the help of the staff at the Center.

"We don't have the hustle and bustle and things such as other states have like theme parks and such, but we have natural beauty and a wide range of scenic areas that appeal to all kinds of people," Pat Shippey told the reasons for the selection of Alabama as a vacation site, "even some Alabamians are not aware of all this state has to offer, especially right here in this area with its mountains, rivers, DeSoto Falls, Little River Canyon, DeSoto State Park, Mentone with its old hotels, shops, Log Cabin Deli and friendly people, and without the frantic rush. When the change of leaves come, there is no place any prettier than down home in Alabama."

Pat Shippey developed a system of records keeping that breaks the visitors down into groups depending upon where they are from and this system is now being used at other Centers. This helps the Tourist Association to be aware of trends and to determine where the focus needs to be to best showcase Alabama as a vacation spot.

Tourism at this point in time is Alabama's number one business.

The DeKalb Center decorates for each holiday, and there is a tradition of making handmade ornaments that began when the center first opened and there was no money in the budget for decorations. "I went to Stott's in Fort Payne and bought supplies," Pat tells of that special holiday, "and we gathered around a table in the main lobby making the ornaments. When visitors came in and saw what we were doing, they began to donate ornaments, and now we have the most fantastic collection." A Mr. Dawson at Fyffe donates a tree, and it is completely covered with all handmade items.

"We gather cedar and pine and make wreaths and decorate all around the building and people are so impressed with the warmth and feeling of the Welcome Center. Often we will pop corn in the fireplace and share it with travelers."

The southland is known the world over for its hospitality and the Welcome Center in DeKalb County is just another example of the warm, friendly attitude of this part of the country. The Welcome Centers stand at the gateways to one of the most beautiful and provocative states in the Union, and stand ready to tell of one of the nation's best kept secrets — Alabama. From the ocean beaches of the coast to the high mountain ranges in the north, Alabama has it all, and as long as there are dedicated individuals such as Pat Shippey and her staff at the DeKalb Welcome Center more and more travelers are going to feel right at home in the "state of surprises."

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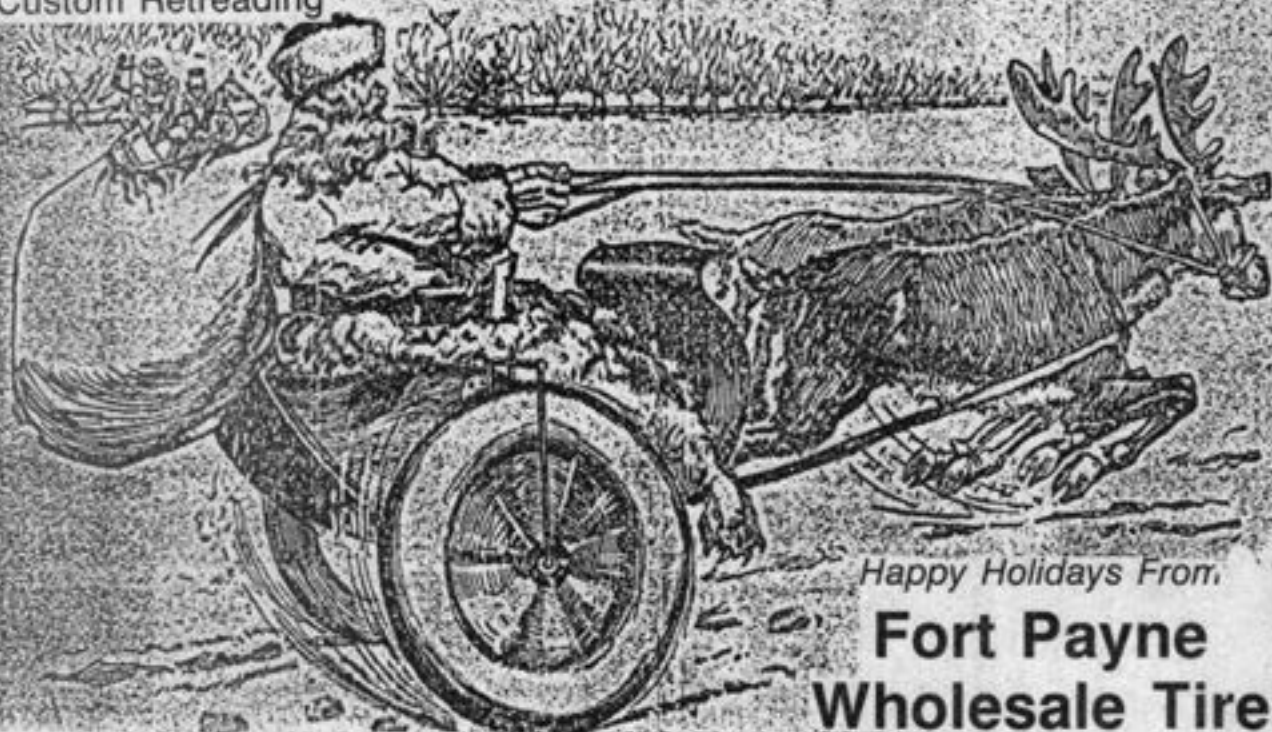
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