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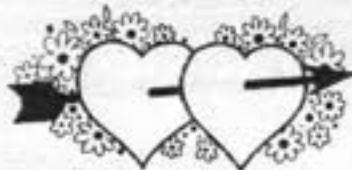
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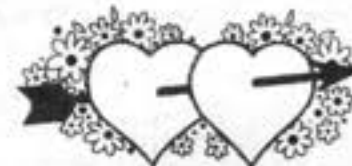
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February 1998



Love is Forever

By Evelyn Graves



My father, Herman Jones, met my mother, Kathryn Ellis, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, when Mother, her sister, and a friend were visiting an aunt, and Daddy was in Chattanooga delivering produce to the curb market for sale. He was accompanied by his brother, Carl, and his friend, John Culberson. They visited John's aunt who happened to be a next-door neighbor to Mother's aunt. They were all sitting on the front porches, and Mother's sister, Evelyn, began to play the guitar and sing. Because of her beautiful singing voice and the fact that Mother, her sister, and her friend, Hazel, were all beautiful girls, the young men were immediately attracted to them and came over to meet them. Before the afternoon was over, the girls had agreed to accompany the young men to the Hamilton County Fair which was being held in Chattanooga at the time. Two couples had to ride in the back of the truck, and they became quite well acquainted before they reached the girls' home at Kensington, Georgia. This was a distance of some thirty miles from Chattanooga, and Mother says she felt she had always known them. This is a special characteristic of the Jones family. They never meet a stranger and always make everyone feel at ease.

Mother and Daddy continued a courtship for two years while seeing others from time to time. During that time, Mother's sister who had become unofficially engaged to John Culberson, became seriously ill with Bright's Disease, and during the weeks prior to her untimely death at age 19, she told Mother, "Kathryn, I hope you will marry Herman. He loves you so." He was there for Mother during Aunt Evelyn's sickness and death and the immense grief that followed, and during that time, Mother realized that she loved him too.

Mother was an extremely intelligent young woman who received a superior high school education for her day and time. She attended one year of high school at Cedar Grove High School, one year at Central High School in Chattanooga, and three years of high school at Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Georgia.



Herman Jones and Kathryn Ellis in 1932

She repeated the subjects she had taken at Cedar Grove because she was not satisfied with them. As a result, she had 3 years of French, 2 years of Spanish, and 3 years of Latin. She finished at the top of her class. She was in the first graduating class at the newly-built Gordon Lee High School. She stayed in the dormitory for 3 years and worked in the dining hall to pay for her room and board. She graduated in May, 1933. There was no possibility of her going to college because of the lack of funds, and there were no jobs in existence for women in the area where she lived.

In August, 1933, Mother and Daddy were married

and moved to Mentone. Nine months later my brother, Herman Paul Jr., was born. He occupied Mother's days and brought much joy to the family. Almost three years later, I was born. Mother spent a lot of time with me, teaching me poems and songs, and as my brother began to learn the alphabet and numbers, so did I. He hated school and cried every day. Finally, the principal told Mother to let me come to school with him if it would make him happy. She did not send her 3-year old to school every day but only on days that were so hard for Bubba. I loved school, and the principal enjoyed taking me from classroom to classroom to perform for the students. He always had me stand on the teachers' desks so that I might be seen and heard. I remember one day when I arrived, the principal was standing on the porch of the school. He spoke to me and asked me what new things I had learned. I told him I had learned all the books of the Bible. He asked me if I would say them for him. I asked, "Do you want me to spell them for you also?" Of course he did, and that was my "thing" for that day.

The information in the previous paragraph is only mentioned because it was the reason for a tremendous change in Mother's life. In my second year of school, the principal, along with the Superintendent of Education, paid a visit to Mother and told her that because of her unusual abilities for teaching children, she was being offered a job as teacher at Moon Lake

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●Saturday, February 28, 6 p.m.,
MERF Community House - pot luck dinner.
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MAPA CELEBRATES 16 YEARS AT FEBRUARY MEETING



At the February 2nd meeting, President Jerry Waters called the meeting to order and conducted a business meeting prior to the celebration for MAPA's 16 year.

The number one item on the agenda was the upcoming Rhododendron Festival to be held the third weekend in May, May 16-17, 1998. A lot of discussion took place and many good ideas were proffered. Karl Yatooma volunteered to be this year's chairman, with many other members volunteering to help out in areas where a need occurs. It was decided that the booth applications needed to be in the mail as soon as possible. With a chairman in place, the members were eager to help out in whatever capacity they could. Be watching future issues of The Groundhog to see the results.

An entertainment budget was set and Doreen Waters will be seeking quality entertainment for the festivals once again. Bernise Crow and Doreen will head up the Rhododendron Queen Pageant, too.

Homer Crow announced that 23 of the 40 Rhododendron that were purchased by MAPA to be planted at Brow Park and donated to the City of Mentone had been stolen during the weekend of January 24, 25. The members agreed that a reward should be offered for information leading to the individuals who took these plants. Boy Scout Troop 106 in Mentone planted the 40 Rhododendron and the 40 Mountain Laurel. If anyone has any information, please call the Mentone Town Hall at 634-4444.

Instead of a quilt to raffle off this year, it is hoped that a stained glass rhododendron will be available. They are checking with Chuck Peters who does excellent work.

Following the business, Bernise announced that Founders Day was Groundhog Day 1982. MAPA is very proud of what has been done and accomplished by this organization over this period of time. After reviewing the goals, she determined that only two had not been accomplished: rebuilding a covered bridge and having the whole Mentone district declared an Historic District. To qualify as historic, buildings must be over 50 years old.

A beautiful birthday cake and delicious refreshments were served to the hungry members. Bernise took photos, and maybe next month, we can see a few of those.

LOST: Hoyle McCarty loaned his book on the genealogy of the Rape Family. Would the person who borrowed it please return it to Hoyle McCarty? Call 634-4253, or take it to 51 County Road 939, Mentone, AL 35984. Thanks!



WEATHERMAN

Punxsutawney Phil and his handler, Bill Deeley, pose for the crowd Monday, February 2nd, in Gobbler's Knob, Pa. The famous groundhog saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter.

Ron Sparks speaks to combined meeting in Mentone

Ron Sparks, Director of E911in DeKalb County, Alabama, came to a combined meeting at the Mentone Town Hall on Monday, February 9. Representatives from the town council, the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District, the DeSoto Rescue Squad, and the Mentone Police Department were all on hand to discuss the possibility of erecting a tower to accommodate a repeater system for these agencies to aid in receiving 911 calls, or some other method of effecting better communications. Because of the geographic location, this community has a communications problem in all departments. Mr. Sparks discussed several ways to try to solve the situation, one of which is to apply for a grant, since these agencies are all volunteer citizens. With a better system in place, more effective responses to emergency situations will take place. Keep watching future issues to see what takes place.

\$\$ REWARD \$\$

for information about the theft of 23 Rhododendron plants (or more) that were planted by Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106 on the brow at Brow Park in Mentone. Many Rhododendron were purchased by the Mentone Area Preservation Association to beautify the park. After they were planted, the Rhododendron were donated to the City of Mentone. If anyone noticed or saw anyone removing the Rhododendron during the weekend of January 24, 25, 26, please call 634-4444, Mentone Town Hall. Thank you!

Readers,

please note the various articles throughout this issue demonstrating cooperation between the various organizations, churches, schools, individuals, and businesses in the "War on Litter" campaign started by the Rhododendron Garden Club. It speaks well for the citizens of the area, that they are volunteering to "do their share."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was NO TRASH to pick up any where because everyone was putting it where it belonged? Think about it! It starts with each of us teaching our children and they pass it on to their children, and so on and on and on!

Marie Dillenbeck, Associate Editor



SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



SPORTS ON THE SCENE

High School Basketball is winding down another eventful season. Plainview's boys won the DeKalb County basketball tournament over four-time defending champion Collinsville. Fyffe's Lady Devils won an unprecedented fifth straight county title. The Devils escaped with a thrilling overtime victory over Crossville.

The area tournaments begin this week, every team gets a fresh start. Each team has one ultimate goal: "The road to Birmingham." All eighteen local teams have worked hard and now perseverance and luck keep them alive.

Some county teams have a better chance at regional tournament bids at Jacksonville than others. Plainview, Collinsville, and Crossville have the best shot on the boys' side. The 3A Bears and Lions have very talented teams and are playing well. Collinsville is just as steady as ever. Their ... has been the regionals at Jax State. Can the Panthers make it back to the final four? I would not bet against them!

The girls' side has several great teams. Fyffe and Valley Head have been the most successful teams in the county. Both have stiff challenges, but experience always helps. Fort Payne and Geraldine are teams to watch. The Lady Wildcats have very stiff competition in 5-A. The Lady Dogs must derail Fyffe.

The top two teams in each area qualify for sub-region games. The area champion plays at home, the runner up must travel. A win in the sub-region qualifies that team for the regional tournament at Jacksonville State. Two wins at Jax State means a trip to the final four in Birmingham. Two more wins and its state champions. Sounds easy, eh? Many have failed.

Here's a look at how DeKalb County teams have fared this year:

GIRLS

Valley Head (18-11) - The Lady Tigers finished 10-0 in 1A Area 13. They are a heavy favorite to win the area title. Coach Holloway's team expects to be in Birmingham. I'm in agreement with Coach Mike Cochran of Fyffe. If Valley Head plays like they did against Fyffe the last time (68-66 loss), they will be in Birmingham on February 24. Good Luck, Tigers!

Fyffe (27-2) - 2A Area 14 champs and county champs. The Lady Devils chase a fifth straight state title. Sand Rock may be the best 2A team in Northeast Alabama. Fyffe has to get by Geraldine or Section first. 2A is tough this year.

Ider (7-16) - Ider has improved since Coach Hammonds took over at mid-season. Problem is, they are in the toughest area in the state, 2A area 14.

Plainview (8-14) - The Lady Bears have been competitive. Beating area opponents Pisgah or NSM is a tall order for this young team. Next year, may be Plainview's year.

Collinsville (8-17) - The Lady Panthers have fallen from grace. A second round area match up with Valley Head could be the end.

Fort Payne (14-9) - The Lady Cats play super defense and are playing well going into the 5A Area 13 tournament. Gadsden and Athens are two big hurdles to cross later.

Sylvania (4-17) - The Lady Rams have struggled all season. They need a lot of luck to win in 3A Area 14. Pisgah and NSM are tough.

BOYS

Valley Head (7-16) - The Tigers finished third in 1A Area 13. They play Gaylesville first. Coach Tidmore's Tigers have played well against area opponents. They must defeat Cedar Bluff to qualify for the sub-regional. They have hung tough in both area games against the Tigers. They have a chance. Good Luck, Tigers!

Fyffe (8-14) - The Devils finished the season with a couple of wins. They played Geraldine in the first round of the 2A Area 14. The winner gets Skyline.

Ider (10-12) - Ider takes on Section in 2A Area 14. The win-

ner qualifies for the sub-regional. Ider plays hard as a team, a good sign for tourney time.

Crossville (15-8) - The Lions are talented, but inconsistent. If consistency comes, watch out. They should win the 3A Area 13 title.

Plainview (14-8) - The Bears are big and shoot well. Plainview is good enough to make it to Jacksonville. With a 6'6" and a 6'8" player, Coach Mitchell could be the sleeper in 3A.

Geraldine (9-15) - The Dogs play Fyffe in the 2A Area 14 tourney at Skyline. The winner gets Skyline. Not much consolation.

Collinsville (21-7) - The Panthers have been the most consistent team in DeKalb County over the last six years. They will be the favorite to win the 1A Area 13 title. Jacksonville is a great possibility.

Fort Payne (14-14) - The Wildcats are good. 5A teams are just better. Fort Payne is a team no one can look past.

Sylvania (11-11) - The Rams are playing well, but depth is a problem. They need some luck in the 3A Area 14 tourney at Plainview.

Congratulations to **Richard Fuller** for making the All DeKalb County football team. **Kyle Freeman** made the All-tournament team in boys basketball. **Ashley Blalock** and **Amanda Hall** made the girls county team.

Several payers are getting recognition for their football talents from the area. Here are some of the players who have signed scholarships:

Keith Trimew	Scottshoro	West Alabama
Bart Raulston	Sylvania	Alabama
Zac Holt	Scottshoro	Navy
John Foster	Sand Rock	Jax St.
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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Devoted fans and loyal readers, greetings from Atlanta. Moi's life between the counters is topsy-turvy right now. However, Al, who loves moi dearly, felt that moi should have a change of scenery for a time. So, moi is hard at work here in the Atlanta area helping keep major crime and theft to a minimum. Atlanta is no Mentone—for sure. Moi misses all the little ones, though, as they hold nothing back when it comes to adoration—and moi does love to be adored.

Al's brother Byron works with the humans moi is keeping company. The young guy, Jeff, lives with his dad. He is the youngest of four boys and the only one who isn't married yet. Jeff's dad is retired, but working as a security guard at night for some warehouses. Moi is the greatest there is at anything moi does, so being the splendid watchdog that moi has always been while between the counters in Mentone, what could they do but put moi to work. Riding in the pick-up and patrolling the warehouse is not what you readers have known this magnificent one for—but moi IS the BEST! No doubt about that! So, being the BEST THERE IS, what could moi do but offer to help out by going with the security guard. Don't get moi wrong, the boy is okay, but moi prefers the mature individual, who can really appreciate a specimen such as moi. However, at night, moi keeps the young one company on his bed. When he matures more, moi is sure he will appreciate moi properly.

Al sent word that the town clerk's dog, Prissy, has been getting a little out of hand—kind of uppity—prissy, I say! Her mom doesn't appreciate the way she takes off through the park when it gets time to go home. She really likes HP Goss, because he takes time to scratch her back when he comes in the town hall. So, Prissy heads over in HP's direction and her mom has to chase her down. That's what happens when you don't get a REAL dog. Al also said that Prissy found the greatest smelling object in the park and rolled in it and just smelled wonderful—so Prissy thought. Her mom wasn't very fond of the odor. Just doesn't appreciate the finer smells in life, I guess.

Well, moi has to go, it's about time to make the rounds again. A great canine's work is never done. Talk to you next month. Maybe the photos will be developed by then and shared with moi's fans throughout the United States. Hope to see you soon.

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Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

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I'm sad to report to the readers that my good friend **Malcolm Brewer** of Fort Payne and Mentone passed away on Feb. 9. He fought a good fight for many years. His wife and life companion, Maureen, took mighty good care of him. Not only is she going to miss him, but a lot of others will, too. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone and made a person feel good just talking to him. When he couldn't get out to meet people, he used the telephone to lift their spirits. (See writeup on this page.)

Congratulations to **Guy and Ginger McCarty** of LaFayette, Ga. They are the proud parents of a son, **Brady James McCarty**, born January 29, 1998. Grandparents are Hoyle McCarty of Mentone and Arline McCarty of Mentone and Bismark, ND.

Governor Fob James was at the DeSoto State Park for a ribbon cutting ceremony highlighting the renovations completed at the park.

Jean Gauld sends her greetings from Southern France. She said it's not too far from Menton, France. Jean is on a mission to spread the good news of the Gospel wherever God sends her, and to give her testimony. So far, everywhere she has gone, she was welcomed by heavenly messengers at every port. What a wonderful message to send back to her friends.

Several local people have been ill and/or in the hospital: **Benny Goss**, back surgery; **Rudy Bell**, surgery. We wish each of them a speedy recovery.

Jesse Crow was in the Veterans Hospital in Birmingham, recently. He is back home and recuperating. Glad to see you back in Mentone, Jesse.

Rev. Jimmy Graves was in Erlanger in Chattanooga for surgery, and is back at home recuperating. Keep Evelyn (and Jimmy) in your prayers as he improves.

Lottie Davenport was taken to the hospital in Ft. Payne, recently. Hope she's back home and doing well.

Ruby Daniel is at the Fountains in Ft. Payne, Room 212. She said she's happy about the move and would love to hear from all her friends.

January 29, was a big day for my daughter-in-law, **Kumi Dillenbeck**, (and me, too). She received her citizenship papers in a ceremony held at the Federal Courthouse in Birmingham. She was among 68 who were sworn in. Her husband, **Walter Dillenbeck**, is stationed in Korea for a year. Korea is her birthplace. I had the honor of attending the ceremony, and was impressed with the amount of work it takes to become a citizen of the United States. When one is born here, no test is required, one is automatically a citizen.

While driving east on Alabama 117 toward Georgia, if you have not already noticed the recycling project across from Blackburn's Nursery at **Pat Blankenship's** house, please do so. Pat said that approximately 350 to 400 cans make up the star that she has out front. You need to look soon, as she said it's about time to take it down. She also does the tin man and the tin woman (See a previous issue of *The Groundhog* for a picture.) At a time when everyone is concerned about recycling, her projects are right on target.

The **Valley Head Band** has set the date for their annual Auction. It will be held this year on Saturday, March 21, 1998. Please help them if they ask for a donation. Remember that it all goes for the band. Please tell everyone you know to be there and support the band.

The **Valley Head Band Boosters** are once again selling chances on a quilt. It is a Full/Queen size "Blue Star Wedding Ring" design. The quilt is on display at the Valley Head Water Works Board and chances are \$1.00 each. They may be purchased from any band booster or at the Water Board office.

Mother's Market in downtown Valley Head is now open in the old Post Office building. They have daily lunch menu items which are very healthy and tasty. Go by and try one of them.

Get well wishes go out to **Beth Moore's** grandmother **Moore**. She had a stroke and had to be in the hospital for a few

Dr. J.M. Brewer, longtime dentist in Fort Payne, passes at age 83

Dr. J.M. Brewer, a longtime Fort Payne dentist, died Monday, Feb. 9, 1998, at University Hospital in Birmingham. He was 83.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, at First Baptist Church, with the Revs. Dennis Mays and Fred Higgins officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery, with Wilson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dr. Brewer was born June 24, 1914, in Cherokee County, son of the late S.M. and Mary Emma Cartledge Brewer. After graduating from Gadsden High School, he earned the A.B. degree from Jacksonville State University while teaching two years at Gadsden. He also attended Peabody College in Nashville, then served as principal and elementary teacher in Crossville.

Dr. Brewer attended Howard College (now Samford University) in Birmingham and Emory University Dental School. He also studied at Oglethorpe College and High Point College in North Carolina. He earned the D.D.S. degree from Emory in 1943 and was licensed to practice dentistry in Alabama and Georgia. He spent three years in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and was discharged at the end of WWII with the rank of captain.

In 1946, he came to Fort Payne and began his dental practice on the second floor of the



Dr. J.M. Brewer

Killian Building downtown. He retired in 1994, having served the people of DeKalb County for 52 years.

Dr. Brewer was a member of the Civic Club, Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, Fort Payne Water Works Board, Cahaba Shrine Temple, Fort Payne Masonic Lodge, Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club, United Givers Fund, Community Action Agency and American Legion. He also served as American Red Cross Chapter chairman and president of the DeKalb County Tourist Association. He was a deacon for more than 40 years and Deacon Emeritus at First Baptist Church, and he was on the board of directors of First Federal Bank of DeKalb County. Professionally, Dr. Brewer

was a delegate to the American Dental Association National Convention and was active in the Alabama Dental Association, serving as vice president 1970-71, as president-elect 1971-72 and president 1972-73. He was a member of the International College of Dentistry, the Pierre Fauchard Academy of Oral Surgery and the C.C. Bass Dental Study Club.

Dr. Brewer was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Suzanne Brewer in December 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Maureen Roberts Brewer of Fort Payne; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stephen and Faye Brewer of Fort Payne; a daughter and son-in-law, Anne and David Rinderer of Poland; four grandchildren, Ann Michele Hill, Stephen James Brewer Jr., Robert Lee Dellinger, and Erin Elizabeth Selva; two step-grandchildren, Tammy Hottinger and William Sparks; and one great-grandchild, Blake Dellinger.

Pallbearers include Bill Stephens, Brent Black, Paul Thomas, Charles Stephens, Jimmy Young, Jimmy Eberhart, Robert Wilson and Bill Scruggs. Honorary pallbearers include George Black, Terry Hutchenson, Floyd Abbott, Clyde Kean, Clyde Traylor, James Ray Kuykendall, Boyce Black, Robert Beck, Dr. Richard Ferguson, Fort Payne dentists and directors of First Federal Bank.

days during January.

Happy (additional) February Birthday/Anniv. wishes to: ●3- Don and Marquita Brown, anniv.; ●13- Carol Busby; ●15- Teri Campbell; ●26- Eula Mae Robinson; ●27- Barbara Mathis; ●28 - Justin Brown. (See January issue for other February birthdays.)

Happy March Birthday/Anniversary wishes to ●1- David Battles; ●2-Robbie Freeman; ●3- Dean Freeman, Gaynell and Jimmy Worthey (25th Anniv.); ●4-Mildred Couch, Denise Brown, Leslie Thornberry; ●5- Shelby Langley, Eiko Key; ●6- Inez Guffey, Shawn Vernon; ●7- Clyde Jones Tallent; ●10- Francis Day, Spencer Harris; ●11- Johnny Brown; ●14- Teresa Storey; ●15-Luther "Junior" King; ●16-Penny Davis Scott; ●17- Savannah Smith; ●18- Sherry Lewis, Melinda Hall, Scott Tate; ●9- Michelle Moore; ●21- Mary Johnson Chambers; ●22- Johnny Cooper; ●23- Meredith Moore, Michael Stephens; ●24- Jimmy Phillips; ●26- Stephanie Worthey; ●28- Cindy Bethune, Sam and Toots Whatley - 40th Anniv.; ●30- Robert Johnston; ●31- Ruby Daniel (90).

Remember, school will not be in session on President's Day, Monday, February 16. Don't forget to fly your flag.

There will be a DeKalb County Youth Crusade, Feb. 22, 23, 24, at 7 p.m. at the Rainsville Civic Center. Plan to be a part of it.

Sympathy to Jo and George Beaubé of Mentone, and family. Jo's brother, **Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Glenn Ray Sullivan**, 74, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died Jan. 29, following a battle with cancer.

Our deepest sympathies also go out to other families who have lost loved ones:

•Phillip Lee Walker, 57, of Mentone, who died Jan. 13

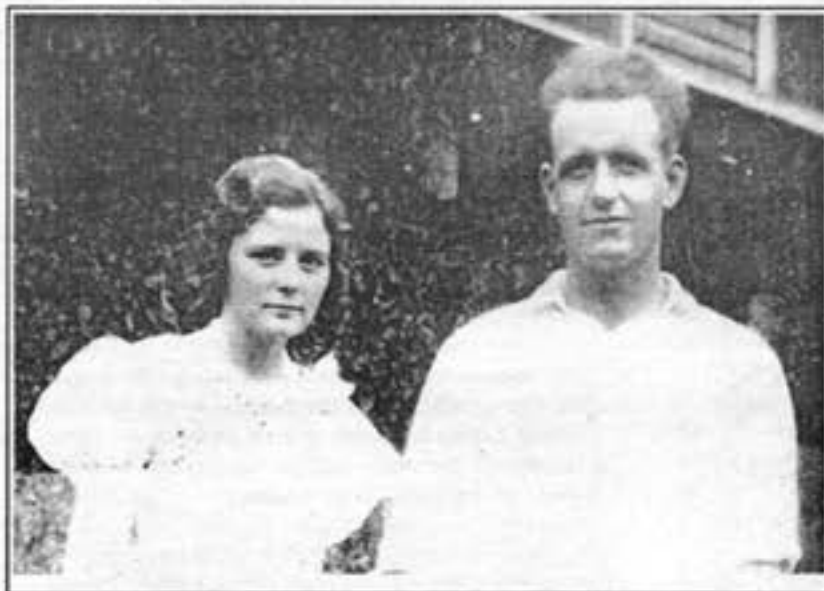
•Floyd D. Phillips, 93, of Valley Head, who died Jan. 20
•Jimmy Baty, 52, of Mentone, who died Jan. 24
•Mary Longshore, 85, of Valley Head, who died Jan. 25
•Grace Scott, 77, of Mentone, who died Jan. 26
•Robert L. Daniel, 92, of Mentone, who died Jan. 26
•John Blankenship Jr., 57, of Mentone, who died Jan. 26
•Mary Clark, 65, of Mentone, who died Feb. 4
•Carolyn Eberhart, of Ft. Payne, who died recently

This past month has been very difficult to deal with due to so much illness and the loss of so many of our loved ones. I'd like to end this month's column with the following:

My wish for you...

When you're lonely,
I wish you love.
When you're down,
I wish you joy.
When you're troubled,
I wish you peace.
When things are complicated,
I wish you simple beauty.
When things are chaotic,
I wish you inner silence.
When things look empty,
I wish you hope.

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
Matthew 21:22



Kathryn and Herman Jones

Photo taken in August of 1933--the week they were married.



The Jones Family: Herman, Kathryn, Bubba, and Evelyn, taken in 1940

School. She was delighted to have the opportunity to do what she loved best. Her mother, and her sister before her, were teachers, and this was certainly not foreign to her. From that time forward, she was a teacher at Moon Lake School, teaching and going to college until she received her degree. She was principal of the school for the last 17 of the 34 years she taught. She was a good school administrator, a wonderful teacher, and she touched many lives through her love for children and her intense desire to see them learn. She was recognized by the County School System as being outstanding in her field, and she was named to various committees serving the county system.

Daddy, along with his father and brothers and later my brother, were master builders and they built many homes in the Mentone area. Most of the houses along the brow of the mountain were constructed by them. They ventured as far as the Cloudland brow with their building, but they never had to leave home for a job. Daddy spent over 50 years building Mentone. He promised so many people that he would "be there Monday morning" to begin their job and was unable to get to it that he was laughingly called, "Promising Jones." He had a great deal of pride in what he did and wanted to please everyone. He paid his helpers more than he paid himself and bought the materials wholesale and never charged a penny more than what they cost him. I suggested to him that he should give himself a raise, and he said, "I had rather have friends than money." He valued friendship, and once told Bubba, who hated going to funerals, "You are not going to have enough friends to bury you."

Daddy was a city councilman for many years, a job he thoroughly enjoyed. He was the Democratic Beat Committeeman in the Mentone beat for many years also, and he thrived on chiding the opposite party. I am sure he was far too vocal many times, but I believe most people understood that he was "a Democrat and a Ford man." Anything outside of this was not to be considered. He worked as City policeman for a year or more at one time after his retirement.

My parents provided a wonderful home life for Bubba and me. Life was simple, wholesome, and creative. We did not have a lot of money, but we did have a lot of love.

Daddy is now in North Jackson Nursing Home as the result of a stroke and later a broken hip. He always looks forward to our visits and always introduces us to the staff, even though we have met them time after time. "I want you to meet my beautiful wife," and then adds, "and this is my small daughter." As they scan my 5'10" - almost 200 pound frame, they look somewhat bewildered. He introduces Bubba who is 6'2" and 225 pounds as his "small son." I suppose we will always be children to him. As we leave, he always cries a little bit, holds on to Mother and says, "I wish I could go home with you. We started out together."

Yes, they started out together, but life has a way of taking its toll, and many times things don't work out as planned. These are the hard things that we face as we go through life. Love is the lasting thing that we can hold onto.



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By Marie S. Dillenbeck

A MESSAGE TO OUR SON

Ken, by honoring you for your accomplishment of Eagle rank, the original six of Troop 106 is now a complete Eagle family! The pride and joy we feel as you join the ranks with your older brother Curt, our first Eagle, almost equals that which we felt when you joined our family over 16 years ago! So many caring people have had a special part in guiding you to reach this highest rank in Scouting- and we thank each of them!

Ken, I am not surprised that you were able to arrive at this milestone in your life. After helping you only a short while when trying to teach you to ride a bicycle, I was called in by the phone. I was amazed to see you on your own when I returned. You have always demonstrated determination and self reliance in your work, especially for school. We are proud of your personal organization and the neatness and care with which you approach your work. I suppose the help given you on your Eagle Project was the most help we were able to give!

Our prayer for you is that God will use all things in your life, including the preparation and skills of scouting, and work them together for good... that tough times will build you in character, that good times will keep you grateful, that testing times will strengthen your faith, that prosperous times will enrich your giving.

Ken, our prayer for you is that through all the times of life you will continue to grow into the man God desires you to be. God bless you!

Congratulations and trusting you God's best!
All our love,
Dad and Mom (Glenn and Linda Miller)

Isaiah 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. *30* Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. *31* But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Psalms 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

ACTIVITIES

Of Personal Growth

- Member of Moon Lake Baptist Church Youth Group
 - Freshman/Sophomore years at Fort Payne High School -
 - Alabama History/World Geography Achievement Award
 - C P Biology High Achievement Award
 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 - Master's Minority
 - Students Against Drunk Drivers
 - Wildcat Marching Band - Trumpet
 - Junior year at Alabama School of Mathematics & Science
 - Canoe Club
 - History/Archeology Co-President
 - Key Club
 - Member of Christian fellowship club - SALT
 - Students Against Drunk Drivers
 - Soccer Team
 - Yearbook Staff
 - Summer Mission Trips
 - New Mexico, 1996
 - Costa Rica, 1997
- A BOY is the only thing GOD can use to make a MAN!



Kenneth Daniel Miller

Merit Badges Earned

Eagle Required Badges	Elective Badges (continued)
Camping	Collections
Citizenship in the Community	Cooking
Citizenship in the Nation	Fingerprinting
Citizenship in the World	Firemanship
Communications	Hiking
Emergency Preparedness	Indian Lore
Environmental Science	Leatherwork
Family Life	Mammal Study
First Aid	Motorboating
Lifesaving	Music
Personal Management	Pioneering
Safety	Public Speaking
Swimming	Pulp and Paper
	Railroading
	Reading
	Rifle Shooting
	Rowing
	Scholarship
	Space Exploration
	Wood Carving

Major Scouting Activities

Come Scout Reservation	1993, 1994, 1995
Junior Leadership Training	1995
Order of the Arrow	1996
Washington, DC	1995
El Salvador	1996
Philmont Scout Ranch	Scheduled 1998

Eagle Trail Advancement

The Eagle Badge represents:

- accomplishments in scouting skills shown by earning 21 merit badges, including 11 required ones,
- teamwork as a member and leader of his troop and patrol, and
- demonstrating scout spirit as represented by living the scout oath and law

Less than two percent of all boys in scouting achieve the Eagle Scout Award. Mentone is fortunate to have had 100%

of its six original scouts achieve this award. They believe in and live the

Eagle Scout Challenge

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is trustworthy" is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably not only because honor is important to him but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his church, his troop, and his community. May the white of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is loyalty. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty that means devotion to community, to country, to one's own ideals and to God. Let the blue of the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be courageous. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but also the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God, with faith in his fellow-man, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of the Eagle badge remind you always of courage.

The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be cheerful. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile the red, white, and blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout award, which has its ends turned up in a smile.

The final responsibility of an Eagle Scout is service. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others helped him in his climb to the Eagle. The performance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when he enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always "Be Prepared" to put forth his best.

You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting's highest award. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guide for tomorrow and onward.

This is what is required of a young man to become an Eagle Scout. Surrounded by his family, friends, and fellow scouts, Kenneth Daniel Miller accepted the Eagle Scout Award at the Eagle Court of Honor at Moon Lake Baptist Church on December 22, 1997. Living up to the challenge is what we all expect from Ken. Mentone is truly blessed with fine young men who met this challenge and are ready to commit themselves to the requirements of the Eagle Scout Rank. Congratulations, Ken, on becoming the sixth scout of Boy Scout Troop 106 to become an Eagle Scout. We know you will succeed in all that you do.



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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

February, so contrary, how do your breezes blow? you tease of Spring, the Robins sing, then you bring the snow!

The mountains really got the snow—but we were cheated. I didn't get enough for snow cream, but I'm not complaining. So many people in Chattanooga and other places had a rough time with floods and power outage. Once more, we were lucky.

There is so much sickness—Dr. Coleman suffered a fall, his wife Elizabeth and Laura Margaret Allison have the flu. Laura Margaret's daughters, Peachie Cearley and Ansley and John McGinnis have come to be with them.

Geraldine Hawkins is recovering from a stroke.

Lillie Bowden is recovering from foot surgery.

A.J. Brown is recovering from a serious staph infection.

We hope all of these and all who have been bitten by the busy "Flu Bug" and pneumonia will soon be completely well.

Jewell Palmer has also had the flu, and Gail Brennan, from Montgomery, came to be with her at her apartment in Fort Payne.

Cindy Butler of Cartersville, Ga., spent several days with her sister, Carol (Gracie) Brown and family. Gracie took her home and spent the weekend. Their father, Coy Butler is recovering from surgery.

Bill ("Hoot") and Martha Gibson have returned home from Dallas, Texas, where they went to baby sit their two grandchildren while their parents went to Colorado to ski. All of them had a wonderful time!

Bill and Dot Hett from Fort Valley, Ga., visited his sister, Lillie Bowden, recently.

Martha Joan and Gerald Killian and grandson, Nicholas, spent a week with her mother, Olene Roberts, recently. Their son, Tom Killian, graduated from U.T.C. with a degree in Environmental Engineering. He will be working in Marietta, Ga.

Ruth and Bert Pickett and Billie Pickett, and Elizabeth Bauerle have all been sick, but are able and glad to be out.

The Sunshine Club will meet with Jean Jones, Feb. 26.

Lynn Jenkins was invited by a friend to dinner at the Blue Moon Cafe in Fort Payne, Jan. 27. She was very pleasantly shocked to find Janet Cooper, Louise Hammonds, Sadie Cooper, Debra Owens, Linda Troxter, Jean Jones, Brenda Watson, Olene Roberts, Juanita Smith, and Barbara Terrell—all there to give her a surprise birthday dinner—complete with a birthday cake.

Congratulations to Chad Chaney, who was on the President's List at Northeast Community College; and Rene Brendle, who was selected as an Outstanding Youth for the Optimist Club of Fort Payne's Youth Appreciation Week. Congratulations to all other achievers—keep up the good work!

I think everyone appreciated the beautiful sunshine today (Sunday, Feb. 8). All these dark, gloomy, wet days made us realize more how wonderful it is. Springtime is just around the corner. We "shall rejoice and be glad in it!"

Buds stretch and yawn to greet the dawn,

Retreat again to sleep,

Jonquils arise, look at the skies

Lay down their heads and weep.

Part of the scent, turns timid green,

Then fades away to gray.

Make up your mind, what will we find

When we awake with day?

Earth stirs and tries to life arise,

But surrenders to freeze—

February, do no vary, blow us a warming breeze!

Pauline Gilbreath Wright

July 11, 1926-January 30, 1998

She went along from day to day,

In her quiet unassuming way.

As her Christian heritage she exemplified,

As on her God she constantly relied

For strength and hope which she steadfastly held

And her pain and suffering never dispelled.

Her family knew her as a perfect example,

As a pattern to live by, with serenity so ample

To meet any trouble or situation

With dignity and sweetness and no vexation.

She lived for others and no unkind word

About anyone from her lips was heard.

She lived with hope for a better day—

Now that day has come her way,

And lifted her spirit to a happy place

Where she will live with God's love and grace.

All who knew her loved her, and she loved every one.

Remember her example so when your work here is done—

If you have lived right—you will have faith, hope and serenity—

We will meet and live together in that blessed, blissful eternity.

—Eloise Brown

This was read at her memorial service on Saturday, January 31, 1998, at Heritage Funeral Home in Chattanooga.

Her survivors are son, Karl Wright, of Fort Payne, sister, Emily Brown, and brother, Caudell Gilbreath, of Valley Head, and several nieces and nephews.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

Here we are again, another new year and so close to the end of the century. This century has brought on a real technological age for all mankind, all aspects of our lives is now run practically by technology, and I hear a lot of people saying that this is heralding the end of the world, because of the things they are doing with technology. In my opinion, it is heralding a new age, and life has to evolve. All the stories of the end of the world is really scaring my boys, and one won't even learn to accept the technology. He is afraid that he will be one of the ones that will not "go to heaven" because of the "evil" changes. I try to explain to him that that is the reason the Almighty gave us the brains and knowledge, to advance and survive. Like the prehensile civilization, they had to learn to use "new technology," and that was the wheel, the hunting tools and so on. We now have electronic technology, and we were blessed with the knowledge, and we must use it wisely and correctly. But, I am only one against a lot harping on the evil's of all the technology. It looks like I am losing the battle with him, and that came about because Dr. Seed wants to set up a cloning center for humans—that really scares him.

All this technology has given us superior animals and seeds for the future—seeds and animals that have been genetically altered. That could benefit us, what with the diseases now that are resistant to all antibiotics and medical treatments and with the lack of farming land due to the population explosion and the concrete jungles.

When we moved here to Mentone, on our road there were only two families, the Kerbys and us. Now, the whole place is filled. The rural road sounds like a highway at all hours of the day and night, and not all the neighbors have been very friendly.

Not all the changes have been for the best, a lot of companies are only looking at the bottom line, the dollars and cents, instead of the health of the human race, by trying to introduce deadly herbicides, pesticides, and steroid medications for poultry and farm animals, which cause health problems in humans. The government is having trouble trying to keep track of it all, but it is totally impossible. So, in a way, it is up to us—the common people—to help see that our families and neighbors are safe.

For Christmas, I was given an orchid by a neighbor. They did not know the name, but they said that it has a purple bloom when it blooms. I have tried to find info on orchids, but I had to make a trip to the library. I did find out that they are not parasitic plants like I thought, the mistletoe is a semi-parasitic plant, as it gets its nutrition from the tree on which it is found. The orchid I have uses the coconut tree as a support only, and I found out that it is very easy to take care of, easier than African violets. As this orchid likes humidity, I placed it in a pot with rocks in the bottom, above the kitchen sink. Rocks in the bottom of the pot or in the plate makes humidity for plants that need it. I did not use potting soil or any type of soil, as this orchid lives off the piece of coconut tree that came with the orchid roots attached to it. Orchids will not grow in garden soil, instead use Douglas fir bark. Mix two parts bark to one part perlite. Use fine grade bark for paphiopedilums (they are exotic relatives of the familiar lady's slippers), medium grade for the other types of orchids. For best growth and bloom, re-pot once a year since fir bark breaks down and orchids need loose, fast-draining medium.

Apparently, to make African violets bloom, try putting a piece of apple in beside it, if fruit flies bother it spray the apple with pyrethrin (usually sold in the pet section in the department stores). If any of our readers are online, they can usually log on to the Martha Stewart web site every day, if they can't watch or tape her daily half hour show (www.marthastewart.com).

(e-mail: MadeleineCircleBRanch@juno.com)



HAPPY "1ST" BIRTHDAY



Reid Hammon Hulan

Reid Hammon Hulan celebrated his 1st birthday on January 17, 1998. A Winnie the Pooh party was given for him at the Minvale Life Center, where his family (mom and dad Jerry and Robin, and brothers Blake and Jared) and friends celebrated with him.



Dylan Colton Lewis

Dylan Colton Lewis was born on Sept. 30, 1997. He is the son of proud parents Jerry and Wanda Lewis of Mentone. The proud grandparents are Charles and Betty Mitchell of Summerville; Emma Jo Lewis of Valley Head, and the late Jessie Lewis. (Dylan is pictured at three months.)



Grace Scott 1920-1998 Thank You

We would like to thank our neighbors, relatives, and friends for the kindness, prayers, and beautiful flowers. We would also like to thank them for the cards, food, and most of all, for being there with us in the recent death of our precious mother.

The Grace Scott Family



Teri Campbell Nominee for DAR Good Citizen Award

Teri Denise Campbell of Valley Head High School is the daughter of Jonnie Faye Benefield.

Her activities include: Beta Club (9-12), Secretary/Treasurer (9, 11), President (12); Yearbook Staff (11-12), Production Editor (11), Editor (12); Track Team (11-12); Cheerleading Squad (9-11), Captain (11), Benita Gifford



Teri
Campbell

Wright Golden Megaphone Award; Basketball (9-12), Captain (12), All Area, Best 3-Point Shooter, Leading Rebounder, Oneonta Christmas Tourney - All Tournament Team; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9-12); Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar Delegate (10); Alabama Girl's State Delegate - County Coroner (11); Winner, Valley Head Women's Club Essay Contest (11); Who's Who Among American High School Students (9-12); Adopt-A-Mile (9-12); Toys for Tots (9); Fruit Baskets for Elderly (9-10); Care Packages for Elderly (11); Operation Christmas Child (12); Food Drives (11-12).

She has worked as a waitress at DeSoto State Park Restaurant, a sales associate in a local shoe store and as a tutor for younger high school students. She is active in church youth group activities and enjoys exercising and attending sports events. Her career goals include attending a four-year college and majoring in political science. After receiving the bachelor's degree, she plans to study law at the University of Alabama Law School and become a local practicing attorney.

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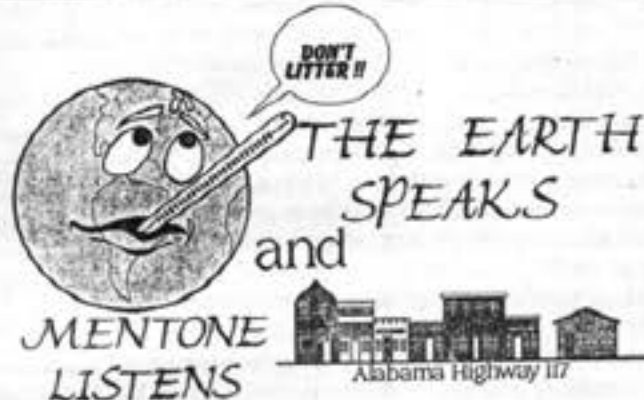


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TRIBUTE TO ROBERT L. "BOB" DANIEL 1905-1998

Robert L. "Bob" Daniel, 92 of Mentone, died Monday, Jan. 26, 1998, at DeKalb Baptist Medical Center. The funeral services were held on Jan. 28 at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, with the Revs. Dennis Mays and Linda Tucker officiating. Burial followed in Little River Cemetery in Mentone.

Mr. Daniel was born April 1, 1905, in North Carolina, the son of William Henry and Mary Paschal Daniel. Bob was born and raised on his father's tobacco plantation in Guilford County, near Greensboro, N.C. While he was at Central Wesleyan Methodist College near Clemson, SC, he caught the eye of one of Mentone's Shigley girls, Ruby. He was the only fellow she'd seen on campus she'd consider dating. Friends arranged a meeting that lasted 71 years.

After graduation from college, Mr. Daniel attended a business college in High Point, NC. His first and only job, which lasted over 44 years, where he worked as an operations supervisor with Nabisco. Assignments in a managerial capacity took the Daniels to Greensboro, Newport News, Va., Charleston, SC; Tampa, Atlanta, St. Louis, and two stints in Miami, the last one from 1952 until his retirement in 1970.

At the beginning of his retirement, Ruby and Bob stopped off to visit her family and friends in Mentone, before they took a trip out west. Bob succumbed to the charms of Mentone, and he and Ruby retired to this area and bought a house on the brow.

After moving to Mentone, Bob was elected mayor and served Mentone from 1972 until 1976. It was during his term as mayor that a major clean up of Mentone began. Mr. Daniel got out and cleaned up the property adjacent to the Town Hall building to create a small park, now known as Ed Mason Park, cleaned other areas of Mentone, and maintained Brow Park. While Mr. Daniel was mayor, at the request of the Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone was voted a bird sanctuary. Compulsory garbage pickup was instituted during his tenure and litter pickup was done on a regular basis. Mr. Daniel worked hard to improve and preserve the beauty of Mentone, because, in his own words, he was a "working mayor." He wanted the citizens and visitors to be as proud of Mentone as he was, and he worked hard to promote Mentone in a positive image.

He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church and Webster Grove Masonic Lodge #84 in Missouri.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Shigley Daniel of Mentone, now living at the Fountains in Ft. Payne, a daughter and son-in-law, Colleen "Bobbie" D. and Edgar I. Hilderbrand Jr. of Mentone; two sisters, Lorene Angel and Mamie Wilson, both of Summerford, NC, two grandsons, Edgar Hilderbrand III and Robert Hilderbrand; and five great-grandchildren.

Wife Ruby has requested that all donations in memory of Bob be made out to the Mentone United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 90, Mentone, Alabama 35984.



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MY FAMILY HERITAGE

By Ellen Pruitt

My family heritage partially belongs to Mentone, Alabama. My mother, Louise Cordell Pruitt, was raised in Mentone. Her parents were Mitchell (born Feb. 6, 1906) and Ruby Keith Cordell (born Sept. 18, 1909). My mother has one brother, Clyde Cordell, who lives in Redding, California, and also one sister, Helen McMicken, who lives in Marshville, NC.

My grandfather has one brother, Manuel Cordell, and two sisters, Eula Battles and Ruby Smith, who are still living. My grandmother has a brother and a sister still living. They are John Keith and Clara Coots.

Mentone will always be home! I have many memories there because it seems like my life became alive in Mentone, Alabama!

I asked my mother how she and Daddy met. (She has always wondered how I can come up with so many questions. As I was once told, if you want to know something, ask.) She told me that they met at a box supper at Moon Lake School. Sam bought her box, and the climax of that story is that they have had 47 happy years of marriage.

Summer time was a special time for my sister Vickie and me. During the summer we got to spend a week with Mamaw and Papaw. Our favorite day was when we went to Fort Payne to buy groceries. Papaw always parked in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot, and then he would go across the street and sit in the City Park as we walked up the sidewalk and stopped in all the stores. My favorite store was Black's Clothing Store. We walked until stores ran out. Then we crossed the street and walked up that side of the street and went in those stores until we got to the Park. But before we came home, we always stopped to have lunch.

The old Jack's was where we always ate. It was Papaw's favorite place to eat. These memories are very special to me. Driving down Gault Avenue always makes me think of my grandparents.

Mamaw cleaned houses for people in Mentone. During the week we were there, she took us with her. She cleaned the Blackburn's house, and after she was finished cleaning, she would go to the store to tell them what she had done. I am sure Mr. William gave candy to lots of children, but Vickie and I were always happy when we left with our candy from Mr. Blackburn's store.

One of my favorite places to go was when Mamaw cleaned Mrs. Noojin's house. It overlooked DeSoto Falls and was a beautiful site! The house had a huge picture window in the living room. I remember always sitting in front of that window hypnotized by what I was seeing.

Being the youngest grandchild always brings rewards. I remember one time when Mamaw sent Papaw to Valley Head for milk. I got to go with him. He stopped at Slim Mathis' store for the milk. He told me that I could have an ice cream if I wouldn't tell Vickie -- it would just be our secret. It was our secret until about two years ago. Family life was what made my grandparents happy. They loved having their family around them.

One way we hold on to this family life is the Cordell reunion on the fourth Sunday in August at Little River Church when brothers and sisters, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all come together. It feels great!

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President, Desmond Disney, announced that the next two board meetings are **Tuesday, February 17** and **Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. central time**, at the **Fischer Rescue Squad Building, Fischer, Ala.**

Important issues will be discussed at the February meeting: the Rhododendron Garden Club's litter pick up day (Saturday, February 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by refreshments and entertainment at the Mentone Community House. See notices elsewhere.); participation in ONRW classification for the Georgia (headwater) portions of Little River; River Care 2000; and a newly established project by Auburn University and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System on sustainable development.

Plan to be at the board meeting and get involved in any one or all of the above areas. These are important issues for our area.



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Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to services each Saturday, 9:30-10:45 AM, Sabbath School, 11:00-12:00 worship service. Services are currently being held in the Woodmen of The World Hall in Valley Head, Ala. Bible Studies are held each Thursday at 7 PM. Everyone welcome.

Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9 o'clock each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers at these services.

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

Moore Lake Baptist Church meets for Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 AM. Worship and Children's Church is at 11:00 AM. Youth Choir meets at 4 PM. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. Men's Prayer Time is at 6:45 AM each Wednesday at the church. Team Kid meets on Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 PM. Adult and Youth Bible Study is at 6:30 PM each Wednesday. JOY will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM, February 26.

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

The Mentone Revival Center invites everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The Church of God of Prophecy invites you to attend worship services at 11 AM each Sunday. Youth Services are held every third Sunday night.

Mentone United Methodist Church invites you to regular services at 11 AM each Sunday, with Sunday School at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bible study continues each Wednesday at 11 AM in the fellowship hall. Following the study, a light lunch is served.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10:00 and 11:00 AM services and evening services will be at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

The members of Harmony Grove Baptist Church, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on County Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship - 11:00 AM; Evening Worship - 6:00 PM.; Wednesday Night Prayer - 6:00 PM.

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- 2 teaspoons cumin seed
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 head garlic, separate cloves/peel
- 1 pound greens (spinach, collards, turnips, or combo, washed/chopped)
- 1/3 cup plain yogurt or sour cream, garnish
- 1/3 cup salsa, garnish
- cilantro, chopped for garnish

1. Spray a large iron skillet with Pam and in it heat the oil over medium-low heat. Add the onions and saute until the onions are very soft but not burned, about 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, spray a large heavy pot with Pam and transfer the sauteed onions to it. Add the lentils and stock. Deglaze the skillet with a little of the water, and add the deglaze to the soup pot. Bring to a boil, then turn down the heat and simmer gently till the lentils are extra-soft, 45 to 60 minutes. Add the cumin seeds, salt, and pepper.

3. Scoop out a ladle full of soup, and puree it in a food processor with that wonderful head of garlic. Add the garlic-lentil puree to the soup and return the soup to a boil. Drop in the greens, partially cover, and let simmer another 10 to 15 minutes. Correct the seasonings and serve. Garnish with a dab of yogurt or sour cream, some salsa, and some finely chopped cilantro.

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Pictorial Review of trip to Israel in December 1997



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Up-close view of Rev. Al Cherbonneau and Bernise Crow riding a camel in the desert



Shirley Woolaway at the yard-exit--place for baptizing on the Jordan River near where Jesus was baptized



Dr. Allen Ross, Bible Professor



Jericho

Lynette McCarty, Annette Shugart and Shirley Peden

What a wonderful experience it has been to travel to Israel and follow the history of Bible times. It made the whole scripture so vivid and interesting and gave me a whole new incentive to read and study more.

Israel is a thriving country. Located on the southeast coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Israel has an area of 8,000 square miles, with its capital in Jerusalem. It is 80% Jewish, but many other Christians and Muslims make this country their home. More than one million immigrants flooded into Israel between 1948 and 1962.

We began our long journey from Atlanta via Lufthansa Airlines flying to Frankfurt, Germany, and from there to Tel-Aviv. It's a long flight, but we were able to sleep some. There were nine of us from St. Joseph's Episcopal Church: Rev. Al Cherbonneau and wife Jan and their exchange student from Germany--Hanno Perrey, Annette Shugart, Helen Longshore, Lynette McCarty, Bob and Shirley Peden, and me. We are a lively group, and we had a good time sharing all the exciting things we saw. There were 23 in our entire group, most of them from Pennsylvania. Dr. Allen Ross, professor of biblical studies, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, hosts these Shoresh tours several times a year. Shoresh is a Hebrew word meaning "root." These tours were started to acquaint believing Christians with not only history of the land, but to have them learn about the people there who are believers in Christ.

We began our tour in the southern part of Israel, at Arad, a city on the edge of the Negino Desert. We stayed two nights at the ARAD Hotel, which was very nice, clean, and food was excellent and kosher! What a spread for a buffet breakfast - everything from pickled raw fish to scrambled eggs, casseroles, fresh fruits, juices, coffee, and wonderful breads. We had a Bible study session on our first evening, but we were a bit weary, and I'm afraid some of us napped.

The next day, we visited a museum visitors center where many early Jewish artifacts were displayed--some pottery from Abraham's time. We continued on by bus to the desert area where Abraham would have traveled with his large family and his animals, much like the Bedouins do who live there now. We saw the tent structures where Bedouins live with their herds of sheep and camels. We all took a camel ride and

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enemy would have cut off their supply had they known where to find it. We could hear the water rushing in at intervals.

Most of Jerusalem is controlled by Muslims. There are three holy days in the city: Friday is for Muslims, Saturday for Jews, and Sunday for Christians. Many shops are open most days, displaying beautiful woven goods, olive wood carvings, leather goods, pottery, and wonderful fresh produce. Oranges, bananas, dates, apples, and pomegranates are grown in Israel, and we had all these marvelous fruits on our buffets at all meals.

Roses and many tropical flowers were blooming. Bougainvillea was blooming everywhere except in the desert.

We followed the Dead Sea on our way to Jerusalem from Arad, and saw how beautifully clear and blue the water is. This surprised me. I thought it would be a dirty color. Some of our group went floating in it. One cannot sink. The salt makes a person stay afloat. It was fun to watch. Bob Mullins said the sea is slowly drying up because Jordan has closed some of the supply of water feeding it. What a shame. There are salt sculptures all around, some referred to as "Lot's wife."

We visited Qumran ruins and saw the cliffs where the Dead Sea scrolls were found in 1947. We visited Masada where Herod's big castle stood on a high mountain on the Sea of Galilee. There were some movie props left there from the movie by the same name filmed here, starring Peter O'Toole. Now, I want to see the movie. Most of our group walked the steep trail up the mountain, but I preferred to ride the gondola. My knee was not up to the hike. Dr. Ross was kind to go with me on the gondola where we saw most of the ruins.

We visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, Cana, and Capernaum. All these places we have read about all our lives become alive right before our eyes. What a blessing!

We drove all around the Sea of Galilee, which is 600 ft. below sea level, the only fresh water lake at that level, and could vision in our minds Jesus calling Peter and Andrew from their fishing boats to come follow him. We saw the spot where the multitude was fed from the five loaves and a few fishes. We had communion right near the spot. Helen Longshore waded right into the sea, shoes and all. She wanted a feel of the water where Jesus walked on it.

This is hard to condense. Many wonderful things are omitted but one might tire of too many details. I hope to go again, and study some more before going.

Shalom!

P.S. So sorry to report that Mr. H.M. Hulan, whose poem, "Mentone-A Garden Spot of Summer," we printed in December, died while I was away. He sent many nice pictures to me in a scrapbook, which I will treasure.

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In Memory of my Niece

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I just wanted to write to remind Mentone of our precious Jennifer and also to say "thank you" to the gentlemen who found her car. I'm sorry that I haven't thanked them before now. I guess things were just too difficult at the time to make the appropriate thanks. It's hard even now. But I send much thanks to them and wish them the best for the holidays.

You all know Lee (Homer's grandson) and me as "Lee's Mom." But I'd like you to remember us as Jennifer's grandfather, her cousin and aunt. We still love and remember her and always will.

Also, I want to thank everyone in Mentone for their graciousness during my summer visit to my parents' home. I felt so at home. Mentone is a special place with special people.

Joyce Crow Cooper

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November 25, 1997

(Editor's note: This did not arrive in time for our December issue, and was inadvertently overlooked for the January issue. Please accept our apologies.)

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

ben entertained by the Bedouins in a large tent where served warm bread cooked over an open fire, and hot strong coffee roasted over the coals was served last. on cushions in a circle and were entertained by their who made music from a mortar and pestle-like instrument had used to grind the coffee. It was a delightful experience.

Arad, we went to Jerusalem and viewed the old city. How beautiful! The old stone walls surrounding the city still there. It was a wonderful sight to see and walk through the gates where the men of the Bible walked. We stayed at Christ Church, which is just inside the Jaffa Gate. This church is a huge compound complete with guest rooms and restaurant, where we stayed five nights. This is the largest Protestant church in the middle east and is Anglican in style, but is sort of a mission to all other people. The church held a service in the church on Saturday night, and we were there. All the people who cook, serve meals, and are volunteers. A couple we met, and who went along on part of the tour, were Ed and Helen Plenty from Georgia. They had been there a year. What a great opportunity to visit Israel, have a place to live, and earn a little money. It would be an experience for young people for a lifetime. Rev. Lockhart is the minister of the church.

Our guide was Bob Mullins, archeologist and Bible scholar who could tell us the history of the village and history according to archeological finds and read scripture from the Bible.

In the old part of Jerusalem, we followed the steps of Jesus from the Mount of Olives via Delorosa (means way of suffering) to the Garden of Gethsemane to the place of crucifixion. It is a sad trek as we remembered the sufferings of Jesus. We visited The Church of the Resurrection, which stands where Jesus was buried.

Now the ruins outside the walls of Jerusalem, where the palace stood, with the Kidron Valley below. We went down many steps to the big gushing spring that supplied water for David and his people. He had an underground tunnel leading to the spring where they could get water without being seen by the enemy. Water was a premium and the



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Just for Valentine's day, this month I am not making excuses, I am giving you two recipes that are really good and probably have more of those naughty things that we all feel guilty about eating. Enough said. Enjoy them, and Happy Valentines Day. I have tasted both of these treats, but did not have recipes for them until I found the *Martha White's Southern Sampler Cookbook*. It is a compilation of mostly the good old tried and true southern recipes. The first one is **Brown Sugar Pound Cake with Caramel Glaze** and the other one is for **Scotchies or Butterscotch brownies**, as I was told.

Brown Sugar Pound Cake

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar, (about 1 pound)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 5 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3 cups sifted Martha White All-Purpose Flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- Caramel Glaze, below

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Cream butter, shortening and sugars together in mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in vanilla. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix well after each addition. Stir in pecans. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick inserted one inch from edge comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; turn out onto wire rack and cool completely. Drizzle with Caramel Glaze, if desired. Makes 12-15 servings.

Caramel Glaze

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir in brown sugar; cook for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add milk and continue cooking until mixture boils, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; gradually stir in confectioners' sugar; add vanilla; stir until smooth.

Scotchies

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- 1 1/4 cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup Martha White Self-rising Flour*
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan. Melt butter in large saucepan over low heat; remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients in order listed, mixing well after each addition. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown and beginning to slightly pull away from sides of pan. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into 2-inch squares. Makes 16 squares.

*If using Martha White All-Purpose Flour, sift 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt with flour.

Tom Roark Speaks To Rhododendron Garden Club On Container Gardening

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the Mentone Town Hall at 2:00 o'clock the afternoon of January 13, 1998 in its regular monthly session. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order. Dorothy Cyr did a very inspirational devotional when she read from the Bible about the daily lives of women in that day and time. The ladies present came to the rapid conclusion that life in that day and time was quite difficult. Betty Chapman led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Wilkinson welcomed all present, recognized the guest, Martha Wood, who became a new member before she left, and thanked the hostesses, Flo Kirby, Marie Dillenbeck, and Gethryn Giles, for their obvious efforts and the delicious refreshments.

Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll, and the ladies answered with the name of a favorite or unusual plant container. Mrs. Campbell continued with the reading of the minutes from the November meeting. The December meeting consisted of the Christmas Luncheon, and Ann Wright gave a program about Christmas plants. Since that was basically a fun time, no minutes were taken at that meeting. In the absence of Treasurer Barbara Blalock, the financial reports were postponed until a later time.

Committee reports were given. Karen Wright reported on the four junior garden clubs at Moon Lake School. In the state of Alabama, Arbor Day is a whole week. This year that is February 22 through 28. President Jan Wilkinson reported for the Horticulture Committee giving a timely tip on poinsettia cuttings. Ann Wright reported on the favorable reaction she had received on the flower arrangement that she had done for the DeKalb County Sports Hall of Fame.

Litter is an increasing abomination in the world in general and at Mentone in particular. With that in mind, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club have literally declared war on litter, and they are in the process of drafting troops. So far, church groups, school groups, civics groups, and the community in general have already been enlisted to do their part for the war on litter effort. The Rhododendron Garden Club's War on Litter will kick-off on February 21 and will continue as an ongoing effort through March 7.

The Rhododendron Garden Club's War on Litter has scheduled its first day of organized litter pick up for 9:30 a.m. on the morning of February 21 starting at the Mentone Town Hall and concluding with a celebration featuring entertainment and refreshments at the Community House at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Max Cash will be issuing a proclamation on behalf of the town of Mentone declaring war on litter and encouraging everybody to be responsible and put litter where litter belongs.

Under new business, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club agreed to send a letter to the treasurer of District II Garden Clubs of Alabama stating that they think the effort to create a Butterfly Garden at the National Garden in Washington to be a worthwhile project and a good idea. The ladies are also planning to order plant markers to use in their gardens to label the different plants so that everybody can tell what they are. A survey was taken on what the ladies want in future programs.

Birthdays, illnesses, and deaths were mentioned, and an acknowledgment card from Lynette McCary was read.

Mrs. Peggy Roark introduced her husband, Master Gardener Tom Roark, who then proceeded to give a very worthwhile program with a common sense approach to container gardening. He answered questions that people are always wondering about. For example, 1) How do I tell if a plant is healthy before I purchase it? 2) How do I know when to water my plants? 3) What kind of containers should I use? 4) When do I plant what? Most of what he said made so much sense that everybody sat there wondering why they had not thought of it already.

Mr. Roark started out explaining about the limitations of space and the lack of depth to the soil were two of the best reasons that people went into container gardening in the first place. He went on to say that most people water their container grown plants to death, because an overwatered plant manifests many of the same characteristics of a plant that is in need of watering.

The hostess gift was won by Eleanor Teverino. The next meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club will take place at the Community House on February 10. The April

meeting will take place at the Martha Berry Home, Museum, and Garden at Mount Berry, Georgia. The ladies will eat lunch there and have guides for the museum and the home and have either the horticulturist or the head gardener take them through the garden. That should prove to be a special event.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Garden Clubs of District II, and the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs.

"WAR ON LITTER"

The Rhododendron Garden Club has declared "War On Litter." Ambitious plans for an ongoing, community litter control project are in the works. Community suggestions, ideas, and volunteers may call Lois Pearl 634-3097 or call the Mentone Town Hall 634-4444 to volunteer in any way to help win this war on litter. Individuals and groups are needed—churches, scouts, clubs, all are welcome to help with this effort. Let's clean up Mentone.

More information will be forthcoming. Check the bulletin board at the Post Office or the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. Spring cleanup goal: Kick off and Major Clean-up day is February 21. Individual Home Clean up - March 7.

Let's be proud to call Mentone home, volunteer in any way you can. All offers to help will be welcome. Thanks for your help!

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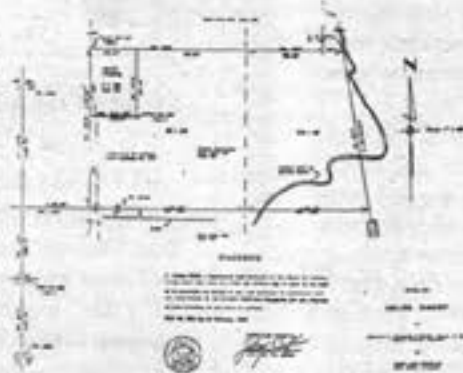


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ASPECT is placing more students "Exchange Student News"

Kimberly McNutt, an Aspect coordinator, and her staff, are involved in the placement of exchange students from other countries and have already placed many students. There are still openings and they are looking for families in not only Mentone and Valley Head, but Plainview, Fyffe, Section, Northeast Jr. College, and the Atlanta, Ga., area.

Lisa and Beth Moore are enjoying their new addition to their family. Adriana Miranda, an exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, made her entrance to DeKalb County, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 13. Lisa, Beth and Lisa's parents, Glen and Wanda Black, made a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., to pick her up at the airport, there. They are all having lots of fun and learning many things from each other. Adriana is a junior at Valley Head High School and is already making many new friends there. They have already decided that it will be hard to let her return to her home in Brazil in June. The Moore family are interested in a student from Germany.

Policeman Kenneth Busby and wife Carol and family are currently hosting Juan from Columbia. They will be receiving Lydia from Munster, Germany, next August.

Tommy Well and family are hosting Daniel from Germany, and they have selected Ilse from Holland.

The Galloway family are hosting Linda from Sweden, and have chosen Diana from Germany.

The Hancock family is now hosting Carlos from Colombia, and they have the rare opportunity to host a Russian student named Artem.

Pastor Al Cherbonneau, of St. Joseph's on-the-mountain Episcopal Church, and wife, Jan, now host Valley Head student Hanno from Germany. They have chosen Revital, a college student from Holland and past resident of Israel.

On Saturday, January 17, the Aspect students all met at the Western Sizzlin for an orientation meeting with their Aspect Coordinators, Kimberly McNutt and Carol Busby. They exchanged late Christmas gifts and afterward went skating with their new families at the skate center in Fort Payne. They had so much fun being together that they decided to go on a bowling trip to the bowling alley in Ft. Payne on the next weekend.

These students take care of their own finances. The host families' expense is the grocery bill.

Presently, there are openings in the following schools:

Valley Head - 3/ now hosting 5

Plainview- case by case/ now hosting 5

Fyffe - 4/now hosting 4

Section - 5/ now hosting 2

Atlanta area - 4/ now hosting 4

Northeast Jr. College open/ now hosting 0

Please consider hosting one of these exceptional students.

From Kimberly and her Aspect staff to all the host families and school principals, a BIG THANK YOU!

For more information,
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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!! Here we are back to the month of love again. There seems to be many reasons for this day that is set aside for showing love. I suspect the real reason is that a snow storm had caused someone to be house bound and after many hours of boredom, they decided that this month needed something besides Groundhog Day. So they thought of celebrating a day of love. We should not have to have only one day to show love for everyone, but since we do, let's take full advantage of it. Send everyone you know a Valentine card or call them on the 14th. Go visit someone or take them to lunch.

So many things are going on in Mentone that it gets to be mind boggling. The town has the grants in place for the expansion of water lines and continues to work toward the goal of water to new areas and also the guarantee of the availability of water. Leaks on main lines and lines to homes continue to be a problem. If you see water standing where you think it shouldn't be, call 634-4444 and let Marie know or leave a message on the machine. These leaks are expensive and cost the town money that could be better used elsewhere.

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Firefighters and the board of directors are working together to get some training sessions in place. Many people have asked about the possibility of a lower fire rating so their fire insurance will be less. A rating of even one point lower is very hard to achieve. There would have to be more fire hydrants, more water pressure to them, more training for the volunteers and the meeting of other requirements to lower the rating even one point. The goal of every volunteer and director is, first and foremost, to have a fire department that can readily respond to any emergency. It is also a goal of all to increase our rating and reduce insurance rates. There has been some talk at the meetings, no action yet, of purchasing a new fire truck. This is a dream of all the volunteers and directors, to have a truck that they can depend upon when an emergency occurs. File this information in one of the little closets in the back of your mind and be ready to respond when they decide to start a fund for a new truck.

The DeSoto Rescue Squad has set another goal for all the service organizations in Mentone. That is to have a communications system that would connect all emergency units of any kind. This would include the fire department, the rescue squad and the police. They are looking at the availability of a grant to help with this. This would be an invaluable resource in case of emergencies. When you think of the area in which we live, you realize the dangers that are lurking on all sides of us. Within a short span of Alabama Highway 117, you have an intersection at the top of the mountain and a very narrow bridge over Little River. Both sites are just "an accident waiting to happen." Let's do all that we can as a community to be prepared when it does.

The Rhododendron Garden Club and the town of Mentone have declared war. War on litter that is. So litter had better watch out, with both of these agencies declaring war and with all of the other organizations helping with the battle, litter and trash don't stand a chance. You can join the forces by being at the town hall at 9:30 AM on February 21st (rain date: 28th). This is very much needed in Mentone and all of DeKalb County, maybe other towns will declare war also. (Interstate 59 is in terrible shape, litter wise. If anyone who has the authority to set a clean up campaign in place is reading this, maybe that can be done soon. We should at least present a CLEAN DeKalb County to the rest of the nation.)

The Community House is planning for several improvements. Some of these are a ramp for the handicapped, the completion of decorating the rooms by the churches who are responsible and other improvements that will add to the pleasure that this facility adds to our lives. They are having a pot-

luck dinner soon (look for information elsewhere in this issue.) I attended the last one and I can tell you that they are a lot of fun. That is a good place to meet with people that you don't see everyday. I enjoyed listening to Nell Kent sing the last time and hope she will be there again. If the people aren't enough to make you want to come, the food was wonderful!!

Mentone has lost many great citizens to death this year. We will miss them all. There always seems to be a hole left in the fabric of life when anyone has gone. The death of friends causes us to realize just how much each person we know becomes a part of us. My love is with these families at this time of adjustment.

My thought for the month is this: things are not always what they seem, so take the time to check out the facts before you make a judgment. Think what you base a judgment on, your own ideas and experiences are all you have. You cannot know how another person is thinking or what they are feeling at any given moment. Sometimes we say things that should never have been said and do things that should never have been done. Just watch the news of our county, state and nation one night and you will see evidence of this. Take time to love and be happy.

Rene Brendle a 1998 Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Award Winner



Rene
Brendle

Rene Brendle -
A senior at Valley Head High School, Rene is ranked second academically in her class. She has been active in cheerleading and plays basketball. Rene is a member of the Beta Club, the Bible Club and the yearbook staff. She is a student council officer and has been a homecoming queen attendant.

Rene is very active in her church and is currently involved in a fund-raising activity to go to Mexico. Rene, the daughter of Junior and Patricia Brendle, plans to pursue a career in nursing.



CONGRATULATIONS TO RITA MARLENE BIDDLE AND JOHNNY LEE WYNN

Rita Marlene Biddle and Johnny Lee Wynn were united in marriage Dec. 19, 1997. The wedding took place at the Gatlinburg Chapel, Gatlinburg, Tenn. The lovely double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Anderson of Gatlinburg.

The bride is the daughter of Calvin Biddle and Ruby Blalock, both of Mentone.

The groom is the son of Donnie and Susie Wynn of Gaylesville, AL.

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By Jennifer Smith

February has already proven to be a busy month for us in the DeSoto Rescue Squad. We have started working on our building, by cleaning up and gathering much needed building supplies. Builders Supply in Fort Payne recently donated \$100.00 towards our building fund. Tuesday, February 3, 1998, Grady Dalton from the DeKalb County Commission presented us with a check for \$ 1000.00. (See photo in next month's issue.) Half of that money will be used for medical supplies and half towards our building renovation.

We are also looking forward to our February 9th meeting with Ron Sparks from DeKalb 911. The meeting will be at City Hall and representatives from the Rescue Squad, Fire Department, Police Department and the City Council will be in attendance. Mr. Sparks will discuss grant money that is available for a communications upgrade for the Mentone area. As most of you know, there are numerous "dead" spots on the mountain that cause problems for pagers, radios, and cellular phones. Hopefully with grant money, we will be able to have a tower put up to help with these "dead" areas. And that will enable all the Emergency Response organizations to serve the community more effectively.

The Squad will be among the volunteers for February 21st, Mentone Clean-up. Everyone is welcome! Just be at City Hall Saturday, February 21st at 9:00 A.M., grab a trash bag and help get this unsightly litter off our roads. Mentone deserves to be kept as beautiful as nature intended!

We would also like to welcome Matt and Tammy Pilson, Nathan Wilson, and Gwen Douthat as new members to the squad. Anyone interested in joining may talk to any member or come to one of our meetings. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 6:30 P.M. at the Community House. Please join us! Anyone with questions, comments, or donations may contact:

Richard Douthat 634-4813

Jennifer Smith 634-4577

Lisa Scott 634-4207

DeSoto Rescue Squad is a non-profit, all-volunteer Emergency Medical Response unit. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DeSoto Rescue Squad
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HONOR ROLLS

Menlo Elementary School has named its A and A-B honor rolls for the second nine weeks grading period.

Those named were:

A HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade - Allen Ballinger, Klein Borgschulze, Kahle Calkins, Amanda Coleman, Spence Davis, Amanda Hegwood, Lori Hunter and Chelsey Ward.

Fifth Grade - Hope Burge, Bryanne Hatt, Sarah Hedgis, Miranda Hurley, Amanda Johnson, Matthew Middleton, Maggie Rich and Ben Swords.

Sixth Grade - Doni Lee.
Seventh Grade - John Brown, Anna Hall, Casey Luther and Kenya Webb.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade - Adam Blackwell, David Brown, Heather Hill, Mary Morris, Trevor Pledger, Whitney Powell and Amber Williams.

Fifth Grade - Heather Brown, Justin Canada, Adam Ellis, Sara Jane Hunter, Tabatha Justice, Amanda Lavender, Carrie Patty, Justin Swords and Justin Ward.

Sixth Grade - Chris Blackmon, Derek Bullard, Courtney Duke, John Hall, Katie Kerce, Kim Middleton, Keri Beth Pettitt, Anna Prince, Leanna Robinson, Mac Tribble, Jana Ward, Ashley Wilcox and Shadae Yancy.

Seventh Grade - Cory Crawford, Caris Farrar, Samantha Maloney and James Swanson.

Eighth Grade - Tessa Brock, Jennifer Carroll, Kasey Green, Jennifer Jones, Amy Prince and Sunny Smith.

SUPER STUDENTS

Menlo Elementary School has named its Super Students for the second nine weeks.

They are:

First Grade - Isaiah Bagley, Cody Bentley, Vanessa Blackmon, Tyler Buice, Carla Burkhalter, Patrick Canada, Jacob Dotson, Evan Ellis, Jennifer Floyd, Melody Gideon, Matthew Gilhooley, Mason Gilreath, Ryan Hamilton, James Hedgis, Maggie Johnson, Megan Jones, Colby Luther, Jennifer Marmet, William Middleton, Cody Morris, Joey Niks, Mishaela Rayls, Travis Rogers, Courtney Sanford, Ashlee Swanson, Will Turner, Aaron Wentz, Jesse Wigley, L. B. Williams, Jordan Willingham, Matthew Willingham, Shana Wood and Erin Young.

Second Grade - Benton Birge, Briana Blackmon, Casey Brown, Cody Cavin, Crystal Cordell, Mary Gayton, Brian Gilhooley, Chris Hatt, Justin Hicks, Rachel Johnson, Kim McGuire, Megan Mitchell, Whitney Powell, Chelsea Stoker, Meagan Tabb, Alex Tribble, Jacki Williams and Damion Wofford.

Third Grade - Megan Adams, Savannah Blackmon, Cassidy Chance, Stephanie Cordell, Chuch Gayton, Bailee Hawkins, Kursten Hedgis, Skyler Hughes, Levi Jackson, Matthew Lewing, Sabrina Middleton, Will Murray, Emma Pickle, Rhiannon Raines, Devin Rayls, Emily Sink, Ashley Thompson, Allison Willis and Brett Wilson.

STAR/ MOST IMPROVED

Menlo Elementary School has named its Star and Most Improved students for the second nine weeks grading period.

Those named were:

STAR STUDENT

First Grade - Maggie Johnson and Mishaela Rayls.
Second Grade - Jordan Smith and Jacki Williams

Third Grade - Sabrina Middleton and Emily Sink.

Fourth Grade - Kahle Calkins and Amanda Hegwood.

Fifth Grade - Amanda Johnson and Maggie Rich.

Sixth Grade - Derek Bullard and John Hall.

Seventh Grade - Anna Hall.

MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

First Grade - Jobe Harper and Erin Young.

Second Grade - Shelia Langston and Shaun Younce.

Third Grade - Cassidy Chance.

Fourth Grade - John Marmet and Jessica McGuire.

Fifth Grade - Jason Boyd and Megan Collins.

Sixth Grade - Elizabeth Smith and Jana Ward.

Seventh Grade - Jimmy Ballinger and Joanna Doan.



War is declared

Mayor Max Cash of Mentone has signed a proclamation declaring his support for the Rhododendron Garden Club's War on Litter in Mentone. He is encouraging everybody to be responsible and put litter where it belongs. The ladies of the Club are drafting troops from school groups, civic organizations, churches, and the community at large. The War on Litter will kick off Feb. 21 and will continue through March 7. The first day of organized litter pick up is set for 9:30 a.m., Feb. 21, starting at the Mentone Town Hall and concluding with a celebration featuring entertainment and refreshments at the Community House at 11:30. (L-R) Jan Wilkinson, President; Cash; Lois Pearl, Co-chair.

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By Marie S. Dillenbeck



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Hamilton County Fair
1st place in Antique Tractor DivisionJohn O'Rear, April 1960
on 1950 Ford Tractor

Highway 58 Christmas Parade in 1997

John O'Rear's father was a farmer and John is fortunate to have inherited the 1950 Ford Tractor that was purchased from Mr. H.E. Ferguson on March 29, 1950. (See the copy of the original bill of sale on this page.) This tractor was used on their farm and still is in good running condition. John is shown on this tractor when he was home from Fort Sill, OK, in April 1960. He has since restored the tractor—he finished the renovation of the 1950 tractor in 1994, after having had it apart working on it for three or four years,—and is so proud of it. If you ask him, he'll show it to you in a minute. John takes it to various antique tractor shows and other events in the area, such as Ider Mule Day, Highway 58 Christmas Parade, and the Hamilton County Fair at Chester Frost Park in Chattanooga, where the antique tractors are a separate show within the fair. Charlyne, his wife, goes to all the shows with him. She is shown in one set of the pictures to demonstrate the height of the wheels on some of these antique tractors, in particular, one made by Aultman & Taylor.

John is shown standing next to his Ford tractor during the 1997 Hamilton County Fair when he won 1st place in the tractor show, and also 1st place with his 1968 pick up truck in the antique

car class at the fair. They were both separate events. John wasn't very proud! Just ask him.

While John and Charlyne were on their way to a trip out west to Denver in 1991, they had Jo and Howard Carson with them. They passed the Boon, Missouri, Tractor Show, a week after Labor Day, when John put on the brakes and turned around to see what it was. All four of them got out and spent the entire day at the show, vowing to go back. It was the 31st Annual Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association, held in Boonville, Mo., Sept. 8-11. The second time the O'Rears went, they took Bert and Ruth Pickett with them. Some of the hundreds of tractors that were at the show are pictured on the next page. It's hard to imagine equipment like that if you've never been around it before. They even have peddle tractors for kids to ride on, and pull weights behind them—just to get them hooked on tractors. It works, too.

If you ask John to tell you about his antique tractors and his love for them, be prepared to spend a good bit of time. He can swoop you up in his excitement and it becomes contagious. The pictures he and Charlyne have in scrapbooks are worth the time. They just don't make machines like they used to.

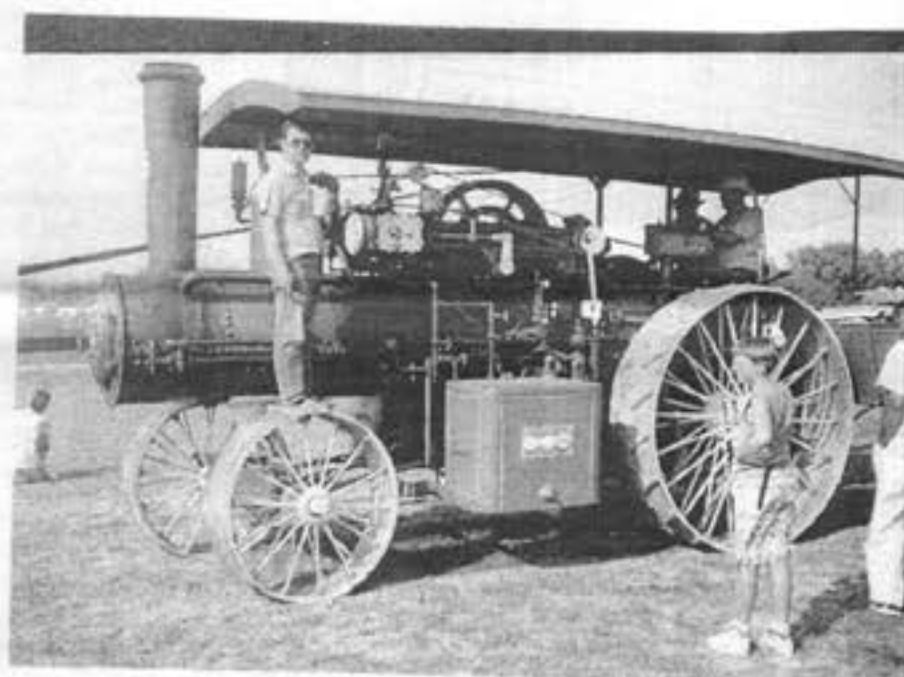
Pictures of Antique Tractors exhibited at the 31st Annual Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association in Boonville, Missouri, September 8-11, 1991



**Aultman & Taylor Steam Engine,
Charlyne O'Rear (Note size of wheels)**



Diesel - early 1900s



**Early 1890s (radiator is to the side)
One wheel pulls and one holds the tractor up.**



Steam engines around the turn of the century

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

Monday, February 16, there will be no school in commemoration of Presidents' Day.

Thursday, February 19, at 9 AM, at the DeKalb Theatre, 5th grader Andrew McCole will represent Moon Lake at the DeKalb spelling bee.

Friday, February 20, is litter pickup day at Moon Lake, which is in conjunction with the Rhododendron Garden Club Community "War on Litter" pickup program. It will kick off with a 7:45 assembly. The campus grounds and classrooms will be cleaned by students and staff that day.

Saturday, February 21, basketball players and cheerleaders will be honored and awarded at the annual Sports Banquet sponsored by the Moon Lake Athletic Club. The event will be held at Fort Payne Best Western from noon until 2 PM, with featured speaker, Matt Hammond.

Friday, March 6, school pictures will be taken of individuals and classes.

Tuesday, March 10, PTO will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, March 12, will be Family Reading Night at Moon Lake School, 6-8 PM. This will be one fun night of reading together as a family. There will be a guest speaker and other special events.

On Friday, March 27, at 1:45 PM, a magician will present a program in the school gym which will help us get ready for Spring Break which begins the next day, March 28, and continues through Sunday, April 5.

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Dates set for 15th Annual Home & Garden Show

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 15th annual Northeast Alabama Home & Garden Show. Directors have been working for several weeks to plan for another successful event, which is designed to help buyers and sellers meet in one central location for the benefit of everyone.

The show is scheduled for March 21 & 22, 1998, at the Rainsville Civic Center, with the public invited to attend from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, and on Sunday from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 P.M. For security purposes, the doors will not be open for public viewing prior to these times, or after hours.

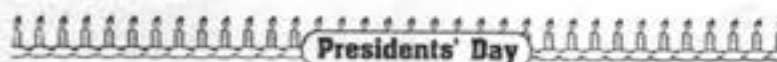
For years, the Home & Garden Show has provided a tremendous opportunity for new businesses to be introduced to the public. It has also helped to familiarize folks with existing businesses, company changes, and new products that may have been added.

Parking and admission to the show is free. Then, just inside the front door, attendees will receive a free program to guide them to the location of each exhibitor. They will also have the opportunity to register for the Grand Prize drawing each day of the show. Many exhibitors will have registration at their booth for prizes they will give away during the two-day show.

Thousands have attended these shows, and this year may prove to be an even larger crowd because of the interest from exhibitors and the items they plan to display. Several new exhibitors, as well as those returning from shows in the past have reserved their space for this year. Items are for sale at individual booths, and some will be offering special sale prices exclusively for this show.

According to show President Dave Downer, there has already been a great deal of interest for this year's Home & Garden Show. "We are excited about all the inquiries pertaining to booth rental and space availability. Messages are checked daily, and our directors are returning calls as quickly as possible", said Downer. "Based on the exhibitors already lined up for the show, everyone attending this year can look forward to many new and creative ideas for the home and garden area", he concluded.

Limited space is available for exhibitors. Interested businesses should call now to avoid a late fee, which will be accessed after February 16th. For booth rental information, dial (205) 638-3575, leave a message, your name and telephone number on the voice mail. Your call will be returned.



The final cleanup of canyon will be on March 21

DeSoto State Park has scheduled its annual cleanup of Little River Canyon for March 21. This will be the 10th and final year for the award-winning environmental project.

Most of the Little River Canyon property has transferred from DeSoto State Park to the National Park Service. The cleanups, if they continue, will be the responsibility of the National Park Service.

This year's cleanup will be at 9 a.m. registration will be at the Little River Bridge on Highway 35, in the new parking lot. Volunteers should wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sturdy shoes, and bring a pair of gloves. Dress according to the weather forecast.

Park Superintendent Talmadge Butler said this year's cleanup will be similar to others in the past. Crews will work the roadsides along the canyon and on roads approaching it. The National Park Service will be cooperating again this year, he said.



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(3) **CLOUDLAND, GA. EAST BROW**, what a view from these 2 1/2 to 3 acre tracts, located on Valley View Lane. Large Rock formations, wooded, private, with over 100 ft. of breath-taking edge of the world view. Starting at \$32,000. **LOTS 2 & 3 SOLD**



(4) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES** Wooded lots, starting at \$6000. Lakeside and pasture lots starting at \$10,500. Combination lots for more acreage. Mentone area, County Road 106. Restrictive covenants. Owner financing available.

(5) **3 acre tracts at MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** available, prices starting at \$27,500. ALSO available 3 acre Tracts on the East Fork of Little River. \$30,000. Restrictions apply for River protection.

(6) **WALK TO MENTONE** from this darling 2 bdrm, 1 bath cottage located on South Cool Street. Large deck on back, C/H/A, new carpet and vinyl. Will consider owner financing or Lease Purchase. **REDUCED to \$47,000.**

(7) **ATTENTION LARGE FAMILIES, EXTRA** Large Brick Home, with 4 Bedrooms, 3 full Baths, Separate Dining, Living room and Den. Central H/A, full basement. 3 Fireplaces and too many amenities to mention. Located on Paa Ridge, Henagar, 1.7 acres, City Water. \$169,000.



(8) **13 ACRES ON EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER** - Wooded and Scenic with 350 ft. of river frontage, with a Large Flat rock in the middle of river perfect for sunbathing or relaxing. \$78,000.

(9) **DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE** and fun with two homes in one. Close to Lake Lohasage with access to water. This 2 story home has new carpet and vinyl. 2 fully equipped kitchens. 2 dens, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. 1 acre. \$90,000. **Reduced For Quick Sale \$80,000.**



(10) **CUSTOM DESIGN AND BUILT HOME**, Mentone, 3 Bedroom 2 Bath, formal Dining with Tray ceiling. Living Room has a Stack Rock Fireplace. 12x24 deck, CH/A. Lots of Cabinets in Kitchen with top of the line Appliances, and many appealing Extras. \$135,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) **CLOUDLAND, GA** - Home or Business could be the agenda of this 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, approx. 1,800 sq. ft. completely fenced. Stone fireplace C/H/A rustic pine paneled on 1 acre. Located on Lookout Mountain Parkway, Hwy 48. \$55,000.

(12) **HWY 157N, CLOUDLAND** - 2 BROW LOTS WITH 150 FT of East brow view. Approx. 2 acres each. Great for building that weekend getaway. \$45,000 each. May owner finance.

(13) **MENTONE** - Wooded lot off DeSoto Parkway, Road 933, city water available. Cleared, ready for building. \$12,500.

(14) **WALK THE NATURE TRAIL THROUGH HUGE ROCK FORMATIONS**, on this 76 acres of woods with 1/2 mile of Yellow Creek, and water branches running through it. Also included, Brand new 3 bdrm home with C/H/A, Greatroom open to kitchen. Ft. Payne, 1/4 mile off of Hwy 35 South. \$255,000. May divide.

(15) **MENTONE - WOODED LOT** off of DeSoto Parkway, 2 miles from State Park. City water available. \$13,500.

(16) **AVAILABLE WOODED ACREAGE**, Secluded with private access, 10 acres and up. \$1,500 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner financing available to qualified buyers. Restrictions apply.

(17) **ROCKY TOP ESTATES**, Brow and wooded lots for sale. New addition now open with new road and underground power. Property joins DeSoto State Park at back entrance, Co. Rd. 66. Prices start (wooded) \$14,500. Brow \$25,000 to \$35,000. Selling Fast.

(18) **30 ACRES ON THE WEST BROW**, Old scenic road, minutes from State Park. Enjoy the privacy, peaceful woodlands, and panoramic view. Priced at only \$135,000.

(19) **OAKWOOD SUBDIVISION** - 3 plus acre wooded and Pasture tracts available. Located in Mentone, County Road 106. Restricted Covenants. For permanent or Vacation Residential Homes. \$11,000 to \$12,500.

(20) **ADJOINING DESOTO STATE PARK** - and across from Howards Chapel, great commercial property or to build your Log Cabin. 5.5 acres with over 400 ft. of paved road frontage, Co. Rd. 165. Large rock formations. All for \$38,500.

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Junior I Ballet Students

L/R: Katie Herndon, Alaina Starke,
Lauren Grisham, Brittany Hester, Kayla Hazell

Ballet

BALLET! That word conjures up a world of images: dazzling leaps in which the dancer appears to defy gravity and hang suspended in midair; bold, multiple turns; strength to jump and lift and balance; in other words, the quickness, balance, strength, and coordination of an athlete. Another image is that of exquisite grace, elegance, and beauty, of long flowing lines, of the whole body—head, eyes, shoulders, arms, hands, legs and feet working in perfect harmony, in other words, the aesthetic harmony and beauty of the artist. Beautiful, powerful music, stories of enchanted forests, fairies, princes and princesses, exquisite costumes, a disciplined, but magical, art form these all are ballet. It is also the sweat, frustration, sore muscles, tender feet and frequent class in order to one day be good enough to perform; it is the elation of finally conquering a difficult step, of breaking through that physical or mental barrier to a higher level of achievement. It

is the sense of well-being and refreshment of rigorous physical activity after a day at work or school. Ballet is the lush romanticism of "Romeo and Juliet", the technical fireworks of "Sleeping Beauty," the magic of "Nutcracker," the exuberance of "Rodeo." Ballet transforms the abstract into beautiful physical creation.

Timothy and Margaret Murphy, a husband and wife team, are the directors of the Alabama Highlands School of Ballet, in Valley Head. They saw the need for a classically oriented dance school in DeKalb County, which would cater to all interests: from those who merely wanted to take ballet for fun and exercise, to those serious students who aim at a professional career in dance.

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(L/R) Jim Lyday, Hoyle McCarty, Ed Ringer,
Jesse Crabtree, Luther King, Leonard Shigley



Herman Golden, John Hurt, Leonard Shigley, Jimmy Graves,
Jim Lyday, Ed Ringer, Howard Carson, Jimmy Wright, Hoyle
McCarty, Luther King, Jesse Crabtree

1997 Veterans' Day Program at Moon Lake School

On Monday, November 11, 1997, the students at Moon Lake School held a general assembly in which they honored the local Veterans. The students participated in the program. Sixth Grader Dustin Burt gave the introduction telling them that the school was glad they were there. Dr. Berry welcomed the group of veterans. Fawn Kitchens read a poem, "Day of Remembrance." God Bless America" was sung by the 5th and 6th graders. Ashley McSpadden recited the Gettysburg Address. The 5th graders presented a choral reading. Cub Scout Pack 106 under the direction of Mr. Mike Bare,

presented the colors, and all stood and participated in pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The assembly was then turned over to Commander Jesse Crabtree of American Legion Post 215 in Mentone, who made several remarks, and then asked each of the veterans to stand and introduce themselves, and tell the students where they had served. After the ceremonies, the veterans were asked to stay for breakfast with the students at the Moon Lake School lunchroom. The ladies in the lunchroom had prepared a delicious breakfast in honor of the Veterans.

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POT LUCK DINNER



WHEN: Sat., Feb. 28
WHERE: The Community House
in Mentone
TIME: 6:00 pm

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PRESS RELEASE
WHAT: THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
CENTER PRESENTS ITS 4TH
ANNUAL DINNER THEATER
FEATURING THE PLAY
"THE NERD"

By Larry Shue

SYNOPSIS: An aspiring young architect, Willum Cubbert, has often told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Steadman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life in Vietnam. He has written to Rick to say that, as long as he is alive, "You will have somebody on Earth who will do anything for you" —so Willum (played by Wes Sharp) is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of his 34th birthday party. His delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless "nerd" (played by Charles Mauney Jr.), a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence, and less tact, who stays on and on and on.... Rick's continued presence in Willum's life wreaks havoc on his girlfriend (played by Jamie Johnson) as well as his friend, Axel (played by Rex Harrison Jr.) and even with his boss Mr. Walgrave (played by Don Sharp) and his wife Clelia Walgrave, (played by Katie Ross) and their son Thor (played by Andrew Taheri). Rick's annoying presence in Willum's normally placid life has him contemplating violence—a dire development which, happily, is staved off by the surprising "twist" at the end of the play. If you like to laugh, this one's for you.

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEB. 12*
NO DINNER PLAY AT 7:30
FRIDAY, FEB. 13*
DINNER AT 6:30; PLAY AT 7:30
SATURDAY FEB. 14*
DINNER AT 6:30 PLAY AT 7:30

WHERE: DeKalb Theater
 300 Gault Ave. N
 Fort Payne, AL

COST: Tickets are: \$15.00 single w/dinner
 \$25.00 couple w/dinner
 \$5.00 general admission

All general admission tickets will be sold at door.
 Dinner is only by reservation.

For reservations or information, please contact the
 DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center at 997-9700.



The Flour Sack

(Author Unknown)
 1941

In that long ago time when things were saved,
 When roads were graveled and barrels were staved,
 When worn-out clothing was used as rags,
 And there were no plastic wraps nor bags,
 And the well and pump were way out back,
 A versatile item was the flour sack!

Pillsbury's Best and Gold Medal, too,
 Stamped their names proudly in purple and blue.
 The string sewn on top was pulled and kept;
 The flour emptied and spills were swept.
 The bag was folded and stored in a stack.
 Oh, that durable, practical flour sack!

The sack could be filled with feathers or down
 For a pillow, or it would make a sleeping gown,
 It would carry a gook and be a school bag,
 Or become a mail sack slung over a nag.
 It made a very convenient pack,
 That adaptable, cotton flour sack!

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn
 As bibs, diapers, kerchiefs unadorned.
 It was made into petticoats, shirts, and slips
 And Granny braided rugs from one hundred strips.
 Mama made ruffled curtains for house or shack
 From that humble but treasured flour sack!

As a strainer for milk and apple juice,
 To wave men in was a very good use.
 As a sling for sprained wrist or a break,
 To help Mama roll up a jelly cake
 Used as a window shade or to stuff a crack
 We used a sturdy, common flour sack!

We used them as dish towel, embroidered or not,
 They covered bread dough, helped with pans too hot,
 Tied up victuals for neighbors in need,
 And for men out in the fields for seed.
 They dried dishes from a pan, not rack,
 Oh, that absorbent, grand, old flour sack!

Submitted by Carl Conner

(Editor's note: Mr. Conner is a new *Groundhog* subscriber from Monroe, Ga. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married 52 years; and they are 79 and 81 years old, with two daughters. Mr. Conner is a WWII veteran, having survived the Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor attack. He has submitted several items, which we may use from time to time in future issues.)



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye
 love one another; as I have loved you, that ye
 also love one another. John 13:34

Have we been so busy we have forgotten to take time to show love to those near us? Jesus said, "Love one another." Many people are hurting to be loved. Take time to call someone and say, "I love you!" this February 14th, and let it come from the heart. You would be surprised the good it will do.

Happy Valentine's Day.

SPRING

ROUNDUP



It's round up time and the Fort Payne Culture Club is already making preparations for the sixth annual sale to benefit the DeKalb County Public Library. **Spring Round Up is this year's theme**; so everyone is encouraged to begin rounding up items they will contribute to the always popular sale.

Gathering, donating, and collecting began on Monday, February 2nd, and will continue through Saturday, April 4. Then, the vast inventory that has been rounded up and sorted will be set up for the public's participation in the Spring Round UP Sale, where bargains and treasures will abound. Sale dates will be April 25 thru 29.

Popular and most frequently-requested items include: hard-cover and paperback books; large-print reading materials; children's book; games and puzzles; video tapes and CD's; special interest items, such as school annuals.

Because of space limitations, magazines cannot be accepted for this year's sale. Following the spring Round UP and throughout the year Magazine sales will continue as previously in the lobby.

Proceeds from the sale will be used by the library, as in previous years, for special needs and desires not included in the regular budget.

According to Librarian Elizabeth Tucker, the demand for unabridged books on tape continues to increase; so part of the profits will be used to purchase more audio books. To assure the safe return of tapes, there is a need for an after-hours drop box exclusively for tapes, and for more attractive presenting of available items to the public, display racks are needed.

Join the Spring Round Up, Partners:
Sale contributions to the library:
February 2 through April 4