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We Are Doing It!

By Judith Lollik-Andersen

In 1979, when LeGrant Gable, then chief of police, sent mailings to the community, outlining what it would take to begin a volunteer fire department, the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department was formed.

The original board of directors was Jimmy Graves, chairman; Frank Biddle, Vice-chairman; Willo Blackburn, Stan Brown, and Sam Cash. Officers were Maxine Baty, secretary; Eleanor Tate, treasurer; and Patrick Tate, attorney.

A fire truck was purchased for \$12,000. An additional back-up truck was obtained for \$750. Frank Mason donated the metal building used to house the two trucks and the City Council and Fire Department raised the money to buy the building formerly occupied by Jackie Smith's Gun Shop to use as a fire hall. It took six years, but by September of 1985 all of these were paid for.

Now the fire department is almost 13 years old. Lots of improvements have come their way, but, trucks, hoses, gloves, raincoats, life-saving aids, all wear out or become obsolete. Regular incidentals such as fuel, heat, lights, and telephone services continue to cost money.

In November, the *Groundhog* ran a feature article on the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and you responded. The fire department is beginning to collect needed items. They ask for your continued support throughout the new year. What better New Year's Resolution for each of us to make, than to support our fire department with a pledge.

The Fire Department is headed by newly-appointed Fire Chief, Donnie Voils, and assistant Fire Chief, Jim Roberts.

One of Mentone's Best

By Judith Lollik-Andersen

William "Ovie" Blalock was presented the Alabama State Jurisdictional "Fraternalist of the Year" for 1992 by the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society Jurisdiction of Alabama.

"Ovie" Blalock is President of local lodge #0436 in Fort Payne.

Woodmen of the World is a nonprofit fraternal benefit society, which provides insurance and fraternal benefits to nearly one-million members nationwide. In addition to providing scholarships to worthy recipients, Woodmen lodges conduct fraternal projects and programs of benefit to communities in which they reside. These projects include the presentation of equipment to fire departments, rescue squads, homes for senior citizens, the handicapped, and orphans.

The most popular fraternal program is the presentation of United States Flags. Altogether, Woodmen lodges have provided more than 450,000 flags to churches, schools, libraries, youth organizations, parks, playgrounds, civic centers, and other institutions. Woodmen of the World is the second largest purchaser of United States Flags, surpassed only by the United States Government.

This year classroom flags were donated to Moon Lake School, Valley Head School, Adamsburg School, the Child Development Center and the Rainsville Technical School.

Large Outdoor flags were donated to Moon Lake School, Valley Head School, Ider School, Rainsville Technical School, Hammondville Fire Department, Valley Head Fire Department, all Fort Payne Fire Stations, Adamsburg Fire Department, Henegar Fire Department, Valley Head Town Hall, Sylvania Town Hall, Fort Payne City Hall, Menlo Town Hall, the Depot Museum and all ambulance stations. The North Lookout Mountain Fire Department and Lookout Mountain Christian School not only received the large flags, but, received flag poles, also.

Under "Ovie" Blalock's leadership, Lodge #0436, has participated in the "Make-A-Wish" drive for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Alabama, which grants wishes to children suffering from life threatening illnesses. The Lodge has given awards for lifesaving, safe drivers to school bus drivers, history to 5th graders, and scholarships. They installed a P.A. system at their Youth and Senior Camp and did some improvements on the water slide. They have also helped with donations to Toys -For-Tots, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Fisher Rescue Squad, Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Adamsburg Fire Department, and the DARE program.



OVIE BLALOCK

OVIE BLALOCK HELPS FIREMEN RAISE THEIR NEW FLAG ON THEIR NEW POLE. PICTURED L TO R: SANFORD HARTLINE, ROBERT GREEN, OVIE BLALOCK, AND NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JIM ROBERTS.



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President's
ColumnBy
PAT SEYMOUR

Congratulations, Mentone! Your response to the plight of the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department has been overwhelming. In December of 1991, the department's bank account had less than \$100.00 in it — not even enough to pay the electric bill. The treasurer, Eleanor Tate, wrote a personal check to cover the charges. That was then, this is now. In December of 1992—after the donation blank and plea for help in the November Groundhog and Bill Patterson's hangar party that netted over \$500.00— the department's bank account shows a balance of over \$5000.00— and pledges continue to pour in! Don't you think congratulations are due to Mentone? All it took was making citizens aware of the Volunteer Fire Department's critical situation. Now, building on this comfortable cushion, MAPA can contribute even more financial support, and much of the needed equipment can be purchased. (See list elsewhere in the Groundhog.) But, the campaign is not nearly over. For those who have not made their pledge, on the back page of the Groundhog is the membership blank that generated such a compassionate response from the people of Mentone. For each \$25.00 membership, the decal shown on the back page will be mailed to each donor by Dorothy Crow, MAPA chairman of the fund-raising drive. Come on, Mentone, you are now obviously very much concerned about the needs of the Volunteer Fire Fighters. Even as you read this, efforts are underway to purchase a new fire truck. Bill Schwarz of MAPA is chairman of this ambitious undertaking. Fire chiefs all over the state have been alerted to our truck search. Many large cities will sometimes aid volunteer departments in small towns by donating still good engines as they replace their city's present ones. Maybe MAPA will get lucky with Bill directing our search efforts.

In other news, how about those Christmas decorations! Kudos are due to MAPA's Christmas Chairman, Bud Simmons, husband of Wanda Simmons, MAPA's Festival Chairman. Bud has been tireless in his efforts to keep the town's Christmas tree "on its feet". ("You done good, Bud!") He had the aid of Willard Buffington, and a long list of Mentone men, including Robert Green, Sanford Hartline, David Cryer, Tommy Gifford, Barry Sadowski, Don Voils, Jack Johnston of GTE (with his bucket truck), Dale Kirby, Eddie Kirby, Rusty Chambers, Milton Chambers, and countless others. This list goes on and on.

Many thanks to the following! Dessie Newberry, planner of MAPA's Christmas Party; members of the Garden Club, who contributed the wreaths and decorated the Christmas Tree at the Town Hall: Hope Walker, Ann Wright, Mickey Gough, Marie Dillenbeck, Betty Chapman, Mabel Kirk, Frances Rosario, Pat Seymour; and volunteer, Kathleen Johnson; Leonard Keith of Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative; Bobby Brown, also of the Sand

North Lookout Mountain
Volunteer Fire Department Needs

6 - turnout gear—\$490 each—	\$2,940.00
3 - first aid kits —\$490 each —	\$1,470.00
2 - rechargeable flashlights and chargers— \$ 99 each —	\$ 198.00
1 - smoke ventilator —\$500 —	\$ 500.00
1 - 4-1/2 inch double female fitting - \$100—	\$ 100.00
2 - air packs —\$1289 each—	\$2,578.00
1 - leader wye 2-1/2 x 1-1/4 x 1-1/4 —\$190—	\$ 190.00
2 - hand held radios \$518 each—	\$1,036.00
1 - leaf blower — \$600—	\$ 600.00
TOTAL—	
1 - brush truck - from any government surplus source anyone can help with \$??	
1 - fire truck—	\$??

Mountain Electric Cooperative, who volunteered to connect electricity to each pole in the city that had a lighted decoration; Revs. Don Brock and Oscar Hussel, and the Mentone Area Ministerial Association, who provided stockings and fruit for the children's party; the Honorable Max Cash, Mayor of Mentone, who lighted the Christmas tree, and assisted MAPA in many other ways; Al Blackburn, of the Mentone Superette, who donated the Christmas Tree in the Town Hall; Jack Jones, who organized the Christmas Parade; Bill Patterson and Linda Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Claus; and finally, all of the community who joined in to make Mentone the point of 1,000 lights on the mountain, reflecting the joy of the Christmas Season.

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The MAPA meeting and annual Christmas dinner was held at the Kountry Chef on December 1, 1992, at 7:00 p.m. President Pat Seymour, presiding, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, members, and guests. There were approximately 55 people attending. Rev. C. Dennis Mays, permanent chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer.

During the evening, Tena and Mike Cryer entertained the MAPA members and guests with Christmas Carols. George Walker led group singing.

The regular order of business was suspended since this was MAPA's annual Christmas party.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. (MAPA meets the 1st Tuesday in the month. Membership dues are \$10.00 yearly, two from the same household—\$15.00. We want you: we need you. Won't you come and join us in our efforts to work for Mentone? Dr. Pat.)

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Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and of reasonable length.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



I want to thank those persons who are responsible for putting up the Christmas tree in the Mentone Inn parking lot, and putting it up, and putting it up!! I have thoroughly enjoyed it every time I go by there. It has been pretty both day and night. The wind did try to tear it down, but someone kept putting it right again. I've also enjoyed all the other decorations on the streets and houses. So many homes were decorated, my road had at least five in a row decorated. Mae and Al Hunt's home was spectacular again. If you didn't see it this year plan to go by there next year. Mae told me that they add a new figure to the Nativity Scene every year (this year the lambs were new). All of Mentone was very pretty this year. I liked the simplicity, but we need to be careful and not let it become gaudy.

Now that the Holiday Season has come to an end, Mentone will settle down to surviving the winter. The weather so far seems to be bordering on bad. We have had some ice on the trees several times, on the roads at least once, lots of fog and rain; and, on one occasion we had thunder and lightning when the temperature was 34 degrees fahrenheit! Very strange weather! The remainder of winter is sure to be interesting.

It seems that this area has had more than its share of tragedies lately. Several untimely deaths have occurred that have affected the entire area. We all know of others who have problems that seem to have no solutions. The situation in Somalia doesn't seem to be improving very much despite the fact that our troops are there. The media keeps us so informed that we are much more aware of the things that happen all over the world where we used to hear only about the things that happened next door.

Speaking of years ago, sometime over the holidays the subject of a conversation I was engaged in turned to "outdoor johns" or toilets. Several persons in the room had had the unique experience of using one. On a cold winter morning nothing is more exhilarating than a trip up the hill to the outhouse. (Outhouses, like cemeteries, were always built on a hill.) Everyone agreed that it was the perfect place to hide when it was time to wash the dishes. The favorite reading material was a magazine entitled, **THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER**. My favorite stories were about a young farmer who never paid cash for anything. He always "swapped" with "boot". What he had at the end of the story was always quite different from what he started with. Of course, there was always a Sears and Roebuck catalog available.

Not much happening in Mentone right now. This is the time of year that I say we just try to keep "body and soul" together. Take care of yourselves, and get help if you need it. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

Something is Missing!

As you look through this month's edition of the **Ground Hog**, I am sure you will miss some of your good friends and special features. Like many of us, some of our advertisers are feeling the "January Blues" and have had to cut back their advertising for January. They promise to come back to us — but, meanwhile, we had to cut back ourselves to meet our budget. Let me assure you, your friends Bernise Crow, Bill and Sue Schwarz, and Maurine Donahue will be back next month. They do send their best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year to each and every one of you.

Speaking of our advertisers, I want to ask you a special favor. You know the **Groundhog** is free to all our readers. The cost of publishing the paper is covered entirely by our advertisers. Please let these wonderful people know that you appreciate their sponsoring our paper and that you saw their advertisement in the **Groundhog**.

Thank you and may the new year bring only the best to each of you.

Judith



L TO R: GAIL GAYLORD, ANN WRIGHT, AND, IN BACKGROUND, MICKEY GOUGH AND MARIE DILLENBECK WORK ON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

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Late Breaking News:

The Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association has nominated MAPA's Rhododendron Festival for one of the top 20 annual events in the southeastern United States. MAPA now sponsors the following events: The Gospel Music Festival, 1st weekend after Easter (Dessie Newberry, Chairman); The Rhododendron Festival, 3rd weekend in May; a booth at June Jam, 2nd weekend in June, (Gaynelle Pitts, Director); Crafts on the Brow, 1st. weekend after the 4th of July; October Colorfest, 3rd weekend in October. MAPA's overall festival chairman is Wanda Simmons.



L TO R: BETTY CHAPMAN, ANN WRIGHT, HOPE WALKER, AND, IN BACKGROUND, MICKEY GOUGH.

Rhododendron Garden Club

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on December 8th at the Town Hall Meeting Room for a covered dish Christmas dinner. Hostesses were Frances Rosario, Mickey Gough, and Jean McGehee. Polly Cameron delighted the members with her beautiful program, "Christmas Music". Following the program, the meeting was adjourned.

There will be no meetings for January and February, 1993. The March meeting will be on March 9, 1993, at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Norma Williams will give the devotional; Ken Thomas will present the program "Wildflowers"; and the hostesses will be Alyce Springer, Bernise Crow, and Helen Hill.

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SHIRLEY HUSSEL WORKS WITH TRACY COOK DURING STUDY HALL AT M.A.C.



CHILDREN SUNDAY

M. A. C.

MOON LAKE AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

BY EVELYN GRAVES

In the summer of 1992, Jean Corey shared with Marsha Hurt her idea for an afterschool program for children of the Mentone community. Marsha shared Jean's enthusiasm for such a program, and they met with Reverend Curtis Bridges, pastor of the Moon Lake Baptist Church, discussing their ideas and plans since they felt that his church would be ideal for the program to be implemented because the children from Moon Lake School could walk over to the church after school. Others would take the bus from Valley Head up the mountain and join them there. After receiving Reverend Bridges' approval of the program and his pledge of support to help in any way possible, Jean and Marsha talked with other ministers in the area to share the vision, explain the program, and to seek their support. They then started spreading the word to community people they felt would want to help. The response from churches and individuals was amazing. People began calling them saying, "We want to help - what can we do?"

It was decided that Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 to 6:00 o'clock would be the date and time set for M.A.C. for eight weeks during October and November. Through the cooperative effort of Mentone churches, M.A.C. met at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. The following schedule was adhered to throughout the program:

- 3:00 - 3:30 Study Hall - Children were divided by grades and did home work. Adults supervised and tutored.
- 3:30 - 4:00 Recreation and snacks.
- 4:00 - 4:15 Assembly - Songs and story telling by Jean Corey and Curtis Bridges.
- 4:15 - 4:50 Classes - Divided by age groups, the classes had Bible teaching and crafts.
- 4:50 - 5:15 Practice for Moon Lake Players Production, "Santa's Favorite Christmas Story".
- 5:20 - 6:00 Supper



SNACK TIME!

OSCAR HUSSEL HELPS JENNY WESLEY WITH HOMEWORK.



JEAN COREY TELLS A STORY TO EVERYONE DURING M.A.C.



IN PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS PLAY WHICH WAS HELD DECEMBER 6TH, AT MOON LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH.



CURTIS BRIDGES TELLS THE M.A.C. CHILDREN ABOUT MONGOLIA AND HIS PLANS TO GO THERE AS A MISSIONARY.

Meals were provided by Moon Lake Baptist Church, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Mentone Church of God, Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, and Mentone Wesleyan Church. Volunteers from those churches taught Bible lessons and crafts, helped with recreation, meals, snack time, study time, story-telling, and assisted with the play practice. Snacks were provided by Jimmy and Lynette McCary. Glenn Miller was in charge of recreation. Study hall and tutoring were done by Barbara Cavin, Connie Hughes, Oscar Hussel, Shirley Hussel, Ed Burrows, Dianne Burrows, Jean Corey, and John Corey. Play practice was conducted by Marsha Hurt, Lynn Castleberry, and Polly Cameron. Serving as table dads were: Jim Jones, Brandol Jones, Ed Jones, Terry Hutcheson, Larry Hooks, Lucien Desilets, Don Brock, Mike Bare, Jerry Smith, Randy Addison, Tom Anderson, Ed Burrow, Jim Ellis, Doug Hoyt, and Curtis Bridges. Dallyne Jones and Blanch Jones were overseers in the kitchen, with different churches rotating in providing the meals and serving them. At meal time there were skits of Mr. Manners and The Amazing Dr. Bedos. Both Jean and Marsha feel that the "success" of the program rested in the cooperation among the different churches. The "strength" of the program was the commitment of the adult volunteers, and the "highlight" was the responsiveness of the children.

The fall session of M.A.C. concluded with a Christmas play held at Moon Lake Baptist Church on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30. Despite the cold and ice, the church was full and the children gave a wonderful performance.

Plans are being made to resume the M.A.C. program in the spring.



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JIM JONES IS A TABLE DAD DURING THE SUPPER HOUR.



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The United Church Ministry prepared about one hundred fifty "goody bags" for deserving people.

Venna Livingston attended the Christmas play at Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church. Her grandchildren, Janie and Wade Mercer were performers.

The Sunshine Club had their Christmas party Dec. 17th at the home of Dorothy Blackburn, with a bountiful covered dish luncheon and a Christmas tree with gifts. The house was beautifully and lavishly decorated. Those present were: Opal Tatum, Addie Hall, Gladys Stott, Ruth Pickett, Leona Chadwick, Karen Freeman, Jean Jones, Bess Bauerle, Evelyn Clark, Sue Cooper, Mary Elizabeth Porter, Lilly Bowden, Gladys Cobble, Billie Harper and Eloise Brown.

Laura Margaret Allison went to Florence, South Carolina, on December 5th and spent five days with Ansley and John McGinnis, her daughter and son-in-law. They brought her home and spent a day or two with her.

Margaret and Donald Cobble, of Columbia, S. C. had an early Christmas with his mother, Gladys Cobble. They were joined by Linda and Mickey Cobble from Chattanooga.

We have a beautiful Chrismon tree at Valley Head Methodist Church. The lovely Chrismons were made by Helen White and Virginia Livezy. Some were added each Sunday and the meaning of each explained.

Geraldine Hawkins spent a week in B.M.C. DeKalb, then was transferred to Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, where she had surgery. She is now recovering at home.

I was sorry to hear of the death of Walter Hayden. He had been ill for a long time. He will be remembered as spending some time, years ago, with his sister, Alba Brown, in Valley Head.

Bryan Beasley lost his grandmother, who died in Gadsden. To their loved ones, and to Vernitice Young and Carmel Gifford, who lost their brothers, sincere sympathy.

Kim Cash Manning and Jeff Manning are now residing in the John Barnard house.

Martha and "Hoot" Gibson entertained a group of friends who had ties to and pleasant memories of the former owners of their house, the Erskine Tedford Davenports. The house was originally a log house, built by a Dr. Walker. The Gibsons have restored and remodeled it into a show place. It was included in the Tour of Homes. It is beautifully decorated inside and outside.

Jack Hutcherson, who was born and reared in Valley Head, (now residing in Springville, Alabama), visited our church on Sunday December 20th. He also visited Bill White.

The Valley Head Christmas parade was very, very good. It was an outstanding achievement under the direction of Vickie Biddle with Bob Johnson, of Channel 9 TV in Chattanooga as Grand Marshal, with his usual urbane and charming manner.

The Carolers from Valley Head Baptist Church delighted many people with their visits and uplifted many peoples spirits.

The Ivester Pope family is always faithful to send Christmas greetings to Valley Head Methodist Church. He is the former pastor.

Tommy Allison, of Arden, North Carolina, spent the night recently with his mother, Laura Margaret Allison.

Wanda and Huey Manning and son, Denny, visited Janie Longshore, recently.

Mary Louise, Ted, and John Holleman entertained the following family members at Christmas dinner on Dec. 20th at their home: Janie Longshore, Mary Frances Tate, Betty and "Red" Adams, Michel and Jimmy Adams, Becky, Billo, Abby and Amy Holleman, Adelaide Biddle, and Gladola and E.T. Holleman.

Larry Longshore flew by plane to Salt Lake City and joined his daughter, Laurie and a group from the Outdoor Club of the University of Idaho, during Thanksgiving week, for a backpacking and camping trip in the Canyonland National Park. They found the Anasazi Indian ruins (cliff dwellers) very interesting. They had some 15° weather and were not allowed to have a fire in that national park. Br-r-r-r.

Nancy Hawkins came and took her mother-in-law, Vesta Hawkins, home with her to

Birmingham to spend Thanksgiving with her family.

Melinda and Jeff Adkins entertained with open house and a time of fellowship at the Methodist parsonage on Monday, December 20th, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m..

I hope and pray that 1993 will be the best year ever, in every way, for everyone in the whole, wide world!



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Reverend Bill Jennings has been called to Moon Lake Baptist Church as interim pastor effective the first Sunday in January. Robert B. Van Cleave has been called as Youth Director effective the same date.

Renovation is nearing completion for the Valley Head Baptist Church, and services are expected to resume in their own sanctuary by the middle of January.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to worship service at 9 a.m. every Sunday. The service is conducted by Rev. Jerry Davis, who is also pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne.

St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has called Reverend Newell Anderson as rector effective the first Sunday in January. The congregation is anxious for his arrival.

A fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration was given by the children of Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Mays, pastor of Mentone United Methodist Church, on Sunday afternoon, December 27, at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne.

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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN -PROPERTIES-

GREAT ADD-ON POTENTIAL - Reduced from \$37,000 to \$32,000. 1 Bm downstairs and Loft Bm 1 Bath cottage, interior finishing required. Located on DeSoto Parkway, Minutes from Mentone.

BROW ROAD NORTH - Mentone 9.1 acres West Brow (sunset view) 3 miles from Mentone on Scenic Drive. \$25,000.

MILITARY ROAD ESTATES - Located in Cloudmont Resort 3 acres on the West fork of Little River. Own the Rock where a Civil War rifle was found. \$33,000.

A VIEW FROM THE LOOKOUT MTN. WEST BROW - Above Fort Payne 75 acres located off Merdock Rd. at Fischer Crossroads. Reduced from \$160,000 to \$74,500. What a bargain, don't let this one pass you by. Over 800 ft. of brow frontage with woods and a creek that runs through the middle of the property.

RENOVATOR'S DREAM - Old home in downtown Mentone, 9 ft. ceilings, 5 rooms and 1,200 sq. ft. of imagination, would make this home a great rental or residence. Also 12x70 mobile home with additional income producing now. All this located on 2 acres with a creek that runs through the middle. \$30,000 with owner financing available. Cutler Road, Mentone.

HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN MENTONE - Scenic drive, 6 beautiful wooded lots 50'x150' each. Must be sold as a whole. Large rock formations accent the land, with city water available, facing west so the sunset can be seen. \$24,000.

OLD GRIST MILL SITE ON LITTLE RIVER - 5 acre tract with 350' of water frontage. \$30,000.

FLAT LANDING FORD ESTATES - 3 acre river tracts on the East fork of Little River. Wooded with 200' of water frontage. Great for tubing or rafting. \$18,000.

LAKE LAHUSAGE - 3-4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home on 5 fenced acres 400 ft. on river. Great room downstairs with fireplace. Too many amenities to mention. Handicap accessible. \$110,000.

THE ONE AND ONLY CANYONVIEW FOREST - (subdivision) 5 acre tracts overlooking Little River Canyon National Preserve and adjoining 2,000 acres of wildlife management area. Many tracts to choose from. Few w/waterfalls, creeks and all on private access. Appt. only. Starting at \$25,000.

ALL PROPERTIES SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT
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CHARMING WEEKEND RETREAT - Rock in your rocking chairs on the front porch of this 2 bedroom cottage nestled on a large wooded lot inside the city limits of Mentone. Also featuring a garage with apartment possibilities. Only \$43,000.

WHAT A BARGAIN! Lots of house for little money - Three spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living and dining room, den with fireplace, large eat-in kitchen, utility room, attached greenhouse all sitting on 2 acres east of Mentone. Only \$54,500.

EXECUTIVE SPLENDOR ON LITTLE RIVER - Canoe down Little River and dock at your own private entrance to this magnificent home. A series of decks and steps will lead you through a fairytale of native fern, mountain laurel and rhododendron to the screened porches overlooking the river. Step inside to the huge greatroom with rock fireplace, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, recreation room, sitting room and storage areas galore. You can live in relaxed natural elegance. Shown by appointment. Priced in \$200,000's.

BUILD YOUR OWN LOG CABIN on this secluded acreage in Mentone. 20 acres of quiet, peaceful tranquility can be yours today for only \$33,000.

BEAUTIFUL SIX ACRE TRACT - Build your dream cottage on these heavily wooded acres located on DeSoto Parkway just outside of the Mentone city limits - \$30,000.

LOOKING FOR ELBOW ROOM? Move your family into this roomy 4 bedroom house, featuring a fully-equipped kitchen, full unfinished basement, central heat and air on 2 wooded acres in Mentone. Additional acreage available. \$58,500.

SECLUDED PRIVACY IN DOWNTOWN MENTONE - Hidden by large trees, Dogwoods and Rhododendron, this 4 bedroom, 2 bath house offers many amenities. Fully equipped kitchen, including freezer, tile baths, 10x30 screened porch with tile floors, lots of storage space, great laundry room and much more. A must see priced at \$85,000.

SPECTACULAR SUNSETS - From this tri-level A-Frame on the Brow in Mentone. Featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, kitchen and dining area with rock floors, Great Mountain stone fireplace, sunporch, patio and 2 decks. All for only \$79,500.

PEACEFUL LIVING IN MENTONE - Enjoy the peace and quiet surrounding this 2 bedroom, 1 bath weekend cottage in the Alpine area - completely furnished and ready to move in. Sitting on over 3 acres. Only \$37,000.

This is a partial listing of our Mentone properties.
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God's Minute By RUBY BROCK

**Trust in the Lord with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own under-
standing. Prov: 3:5**

Therefore, Trust God: When the way is dark and
the burdens are heavy. When our heart bleeds and
our job is threatened. When our friends are unkind
and our enemies persecute. Still Trust God.

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CLOUDLAND - This tri-level home in a serene setting features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with fireplace, kitchen with large eating area, screened porch, deck and garage. Only \$58,000.

CLOUDLAND - 156 acres with approximately 1/2 mile Little River Frontage. Priced at only \$625 per acre.

CLOUDLAND - Spacious, light and airy describes this 3-bedroom, 2 bath, new modular home on approximately 11 acres. This nice home also features a large kitchen with eating area, living room with fireplace, den, deck, central heat and air. Priced at \$72,000 and shown by appointment only.

MENLO AREA - This 89+ acre farm, currently being used for cattle, has approximately 1320' paved road frontage, creek, stocked pond, a three-bedroom, one bath house and several barns. Priced at \$115,000.

MENLO - Well insulated 3-bedroom home features central heat/air, thermal windows. Large landscaped yard and has above ground pool with deck, patio, garage with attached carport and paved drive. Drastically reduced - Call for your appointment NOW. Only \$59,000.

MENTONE, ALABAMA - Beautiful brow lot contains approximately 5.6 acres with 300' of brow frontage. Priced at only \$22,500. Co-Broker of Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND - Approximately 50 acres on Lookout Mountain in Alabama. Mostly cleared, pond and small creeks. Reduced to \$800 per acre. Co-Broker of Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND - Walker County - This beautiful home on the brow features a large living room with fireplace, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen with built-ins, solarium deck, large laundry room, central heat and air all on approximately 2 acres. Shown by appointment only.

CLOUDLAND - Beautiful brow lot with 190' of brow frontage and containing approximately 1.28 acres. Great buy at only \$16,000.

LAKE LAHUSAGE AREA - This beautiful, three-bedroom home offers a large living room, sun room, kitchen with breakfast area, one full bath, combination utility room and 1/2 bath, carport, central heat and air and thermal windows on a nicely landscaped yard. Priced to sell at only \$89,900. Co-Broker of Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND - 250 acres with beautiful hardwoods, small pond and creek. Great for your own private hideaway or hunting preserve. REDUCED TO \$500 PER ACRE.

CLOUDLAND - This 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, ranch style home has been freshly painted and recarpeted just ready for your family to move into. Priced at only \$49,000.

MENLO - NEW LISTING - Great older home in city limits. This large 11-room home built around 1900 features 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, storm windows, central heat and air, new roof, some vinyl siding and a nice level 150' x 140' lot in nice clean neighborhood. A must to see for the person who is looking for an older home to remodel and decorate. Priced at \$59,900.

LOOKING FOR A NICE FARM? - JUST INSIDE GEORGIA - MENTONE VICINITY - Approximately 52 1/2 acres featuring a newly remodeled home with 3 or 4 bedrooms, deck, 1 1/2 baths, central heat and air, vinyl siding and other amenities. Outbuildings, barn and lake complete this beautiful piece of property. Call today for an appointment. Priced at only \$99,900.