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NETTIE JANE SMITH MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT GRANDMOTHER

By Ernest H. Smith



NETTIE JANE SMITH



MOTHER'S DAY 1988
Nettie Smith
and Clay Sanders, great grandson
(All photos courtesy of Ernest H. Smith)



JOHN P. SMITH AND NETTIE J. SMITH
Wedding Picture 3 August 1919



L/R: 1st row - Geraldine, Ernest, Guy;
2nd row - Levona, Dorothy, Catherine,
John P. Jr.



Nettie Smith and Christopher Robbs,
great grandson

My mother was born 25 November 1901, just south of Mentone, on a farm where Ronnie Jones now lives. The old log house where she was born is no longer there.

She was named for Miss Nettie Jones, who often remembered her namesake with a nice gift. Nettie Jones later married Lonnie Green, and they were the parents of Clara (Green) Cash.

Nettie Jane Crow was the daughter of John Morgan Crow (son of Green B. Crow and Hannah J. Crow), and Martha Levona McRae (daughter of John M. McRae and Martha A. Boyd). The McRaes had moved from Villa Rica, Ga., to Fort Payne to find work during the 1890 boom. They later settled in the Holly Springs Community where the Green Crow family lived.

My mother's parents met one Sunday at the old log church at Holly Springs. They were soon married in 1892.

The Crows were farmers and timber workers as most other families were at that time. Their living was well earned, honest, and rewarding. My mother remembers that people seemed to enjoy their lives more back then, even though the work was very hard and the days long.

In 1908, a Smith family moved from Menlo to the mountain and became near neighbors to my mother's family. The children of both families attended school at New Union, near where they lived.

Nettie Crow was to grow up and marry John Paul Smith of this family. John Paul was the son of Sherwood

M. Smith (son of Lawrence A. Smith and Mary M. Smith), and Mollie J. Powell (daughter of Houston Powell and Josie Waters).

Paul and Nettie were married 3 August 1919 in Mentone. They were married by George W. Crow (JP) at his home. The same George Crow had married my mother's parents in 1892.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- Tuesday, July, 7 p.m. MAPA Covered dish dinner/picnic Brow Park
- Monday, July 17, Mentone City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall

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MESSAGE FROM MAPA PRESIDENT, BERNISE CROW

Thank you MAPA members for your vote of confidence in permitting me to be president. Nothing surprised me more than just to be considered. MAPA has been one of my favorite organizations, and I hope we can make progress this year with the help of all of you to make it so. I am a charter member and have never missed many meetings. I was secretary and treasurer to the first president, and was very proud of our by-laws to protect and enhance the Mentone area. I know Rev. Graham Glover, Harrell Jenkins, and John Morrison were on the by-laws committee, and much time and consideration was put into the project. We also established goals we wanted to achieve--some we have been able to accomplish, some have been tabled. One main project was to have a nice community building where concerts, family reunions, club meetings, etc., could be held. That is still a prime interest to me. Some people think we should spend our money on smaller things--but I still hope for using it to purchase property and eventually have a convention hall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

May 19, 1995

Dear Editor,

I like your Groundhog paper. When we come to the park, I always look for one. I found one at my cousin's house, put out in April. I found my Great Great Grandfather's picture in it. I was so glad. I didn't think I would ever find a picture of him, Isaac Allen Crow Sr. and his Daughter Hanna. I would like to have Mabel Kirk's address. I have some pictures of his 2nd family and his 2nd wife, and my Great Grandfather Isaac Allen Crow Jr. I will share my inf. with anyone.

Thank you
Ida Thompson
Rt. 5, Box 39
Tuscumbia, AL 35674
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MAPA BIRTHDAYS JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Disney July 3
Guy Salord..... July 27
Randall Rice August 1
Dessie Newberry..... August 6
George Beube August 13



---THANK YOU---

Whether you took time to send a beautiful card, sent lovely flowers, made calls of condolences, brought delicious food, or simply gave hugs of compassion--the family of Janie Roberts would like to say; "Thanks for caring about our loss!" May God bless you all in a very personal way as He has truly blessed us with your friendship and support.

Love to all,
Jim and Phyllis Roberts

MAPA MEETING

By Marie Dillenbeck

The June Mapa meeting was held on June 6, at the Kountry Chef at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Dessie Newberry, president, and Jim Lyday gave the opening prayer. There were 29 members present, including two visitors, Tim and Margaret Lloyd-Murphy.

The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved. Penny Lyday gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

The president thanked everyone who helped at the Rhododendron Festival for their help. She then called on Homer Crow, chairman of the nominating committee, to announce the slate of officers.

Homer presented the following: Bernise Crow, President; Jim Lyday, Vice President; Wanda Simmons, Secretary; Mickey Gough, Treasurer; Rick Chapman, member at large; Ed Disney, member at large; and Dessie Newberry, Parliamentarian. Before the voting, Wanda Simmons, Rick Chapman, and Jim Lyday, requested that their names be withdrawn from the nominations, citing reasons of health. After a discussion, Jim Lyday then requested that he be included in the voting. Nominations from the floor were J.P. Nations for Vice President and Donna Bouldin for member at large. There was no nominee for the secretary, as Mickey Gough agreed to hold the Secretary-Treasurer position. Bernise Crow, Mickey Gough, Donna Bouldin, and Ed Disney, being the only nominees for the offices of President, Secretary-Treasurer, and the two members at large, respectively, were elected by acclamation. A vote was had on the position of Vice President, and Jim Lyday was elected by a majority.

Following the election, Bill Schwarz, the outgoing Vice President, installed the new officers:

Bernise Crow, President
Jim Lyday, Vice President
Mickey Gough, Secretary-Treasurer
Ed Disney, member at large (not present at meeting)
Donna Bouldin, member at large
Dessie Newberry, Parliamentarian

Sherman Gough, Adopt-a-Mile Chairman, announced that there would be a pickup on Tuesday, June 20. He also stated that the winner of the quilt at the Rhododendron Festival was Teresa King of Ft. Payne.

Jim Lyday presented out-going president, Dessie Newberry, with a large-type edition of the Bible in appreciation of her service as president for the past year.

There was no business taken up at the June meeting. It was announced that the July meeting would be a covered dish dinner; and that, due to the Fourth of July Holiday, it would be held the following Tuesday, July 11.

The meeting was adjourned, and delicious refreshments were served by MAPA members: Linda Kilgore, Wanda Simmons, and Mabel Kirk.

Later in the month, Dessie Newberry resigned as Parliamentarian in order to devote more time to her business, the Kountry Chef; and Homer Crow was appointed by the board to fill the position.

---NOTICE---

THE COVERED DISH SUPPER/PICNIC
WILL BE HELD AT BROW PARK AT 7 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, JULY 11.

The guest speaker at the next MAPA meeting to be held on August 1, is Dr. Edward R. Annis. Please mark your calendars to be sure to attend the meeting.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

An advanced watercolor class, taught by Sissy Crider, Artist-in-Residence, will begin on July 11, 1995. The classes will be taught each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Moon Lake School. Please contact Dr. Bill Berry if you are interested in participating in this class. The fee will be \$30.00 per person.

NOTE CHANGE

IN MEETING PLACE FOR JULY.
THE RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB MEETING
WILL BE HELD
AT THE MENTONE TOWN HALL
AT 2:00 P.M. ON JULY 11.

THE GUEST SPEAKER IS JIM HYLAND, CHIEF OF THE
ALABAMA FORESTRY DIVISION, FROM
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND THE
MEETING. THERE WILL BE A SLIDE PRESENTATION
OR VIDEO. COME GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
YOU HAVE ABOUT CONTROL OF INSECTS AND
DISEASES OF TREES.

NETTIE JANE SMITH

By Ernest H. Smith

My father had been discharged from the army just prior to their marriage. He served in WWI in France with the AEF (American Expeditionary Forces). He was discharged 30 April 1919.

My parents lived at several locations in the Mentone area before moving to Benham, KY, where my father worked in the coal mines.

They returned to Mentone where my father worked in the timber, then operated a road grader for the county, when Dave Jones of Mentone was Road Commissioner for our district. He later took a job with the AGSRR as a section hand. He worked at this job until his accident in 1929.

My father's accident was the third on the new Vernon Gap Road (Valley Head to Mentone) all occurring in 1929. The first two were fatalities: Fred Hammon and Robert McNew. (Valley Head news, Fort Payne Journal, 10 April 1928). My father lost a leg in this accident, which severely handicapped his ability to earn a living for his family. This situation was aggravated by the almost immediate onset of the great depression. But, somehow, my parents managed to persevere and raise their family. Life was no picnic for any family during those terrible times. While my parents found no comfort in the misery of others, it did, no doubt, tend to temper any bitterness they may have had.

Paul and Nettie were the parents of seven children: Levona (deceased), Dorothy, Ernest, Catherine, John Paul Jr., Geraldine, and Guy.

My father passed away in 1979.

My mother now enjoys satisfactory health, having a keen mind and lively interest. Like all mothers, she enjoys her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She is a member of the Mentone Church Of God Of Prophecy. She has always drawn great strength from her faith.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS

Devoted readers, it is so difficult for moi not to be smug and tacky with the parade of pilgrim's nationwide now flooding the Superette to gaze upon my wonderfulness! Word of my flawless beauty and brilliant writing has spread throughout the kingdom. Looks of astonishment and awe have been observed on faces from all over the U.S. of A.

A pair of admiring lasses from Aransas Pass, Tex., just left after marveling at the vision "between the counters." Hannah Robertson (13) and Holly Blanchard (18) could scarcely find the Superette door due to their stupefied state.

Al is so impressed with my steadily increasing fame that he is feeding moi grits with a spoon now. Foolish lad! Fertilizer breath thinks I'll fall for this attention ploy and start pushing his wilted, diseased nursery products on my public. Rub a lamp, flower boy!

Carter Ross is fast becoming a favorite of the great one. Son of the Alpine Camp doctor, the young chap lends a certain air of class to the Superette. The Ross family calls Columbus, Ga., home.

Sarah Robertson (17) and sisters, Leah (15) and Hannah (13) are frozen with mouths agape inside the Superette side door. I think I'll favor them with a mighty stretch that will probably render them unconscious when they view moi muscle display. So be it, I say. They knew the danger when they ventured in here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Brown, Naugatuck, Ct., and Mrs. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas, Troy, Ill., knocked over a whole section of canned goods when I stood up and turned my majestic form around, sinew bulging. Visitors who can't take moi's extraordinary physique should just cover their eyes and slink away, I say.

To illustrate that the press of the flatlander crowd of worshippers is so great, let me lump them together for you:

Julie Wegman (2) - Houston TX
April Brown - Woodland, MS
Hillary Michaels - Brunswick, GA
Craig & Rhonda Knight - Rome, GA
Morgan and Trent Knight - Rome, GA
Carrie and Misty Sutton - Cave Springs, GA
Francis Williams - Whitwell, TN
Carolyn Sutton - Cave Spring, GA
Mary Ann McLeer - Chamblee, GA
Mary Perkins (8) - Birmingham, AL
Wes Love - Summerville, GA
Gordon & Jennie McCollum - Summerville, GA
Lindsey Leon - Mobile, AL
Ann Eleee Tacon - Mobile, AL (See note & picture below!!!)
Mrs. George Lillick - Mobile, AL
Curry Stevenson (5) - Birmingham, AL Robert
Mary Ann Stevenson (2) - Birmingham, AL Berry's
Wes Stevenson (7) - Birmingham, AL grandchildren

WHY WORRY

Why worry so when things seem dark?
Don't hesitate to pray;
God's there to take you by the hand
And help you find the way.
Why look so weary? Put on a smile;
God is still on His throne;
He's there to guide you all the while.
You're never all alone.
Sometimes it seems that things are bad,
And maybe getting worse;
Take time to think of who you are;
A child of His universe.
Don't worry so about your cares;
God's with you every day;
Please let Him know you need His help.
He's just a prayer away.

Submitted by Ruby Brock, Mentone, Ala.

It's enough to make even the flawless one breathless!

Three year old Alex, daughter of gorgeous Vickie and contemptible Al Blackburn, is in the Superette refusing to share either her gummy bears or her apple juice with moi. A young, greedy gut who takes after her daddy! (Apples don't fall far from the tree)

Oh, here comes the sweetest lady in our fair village, Helen Frazier, who always shares with this glorious specimen of dogdom. Even on days when moi superbness dazzles her eyes, she feels me out to feed me! Sainly female.

Adorable Samantha Traylor (4) is back to see the elegant and stately one. She peeps around the counter corner, then makes her move to give and receive sugar. What a dear child.

A host of admirers are insisting on more pictures with moi, jostling each other and jockeying for a position at the right paw of this noble edifice. Being magnificent has its price as I indulge their adoration. (Again, I say, see the picture below!!!)

Pouty mouth Dr. Full-of-herself has just entered the Superette and seen the mob of moi fans--she who fancies herself as God's gift to the written word--is so resentful of my popularity, and talent. Let me pose a simple question--(simple so SHE can understand it.) How many tourists are drawn to Mentone by HER beauty and the excellence of HER writing in The Groundhog? What? NOT ONE? Moi rests my case.

If you do not think there's a God in the heavens and what goes around comes around, consider: Pop's doctor has put him on a diet for his health--sound familiar, pilgrims?

Til the dog days of August.

June 24, 1995

Dear Magnificent One, A.K.A. Brutus,
We enjoyed our visit to the mountaintop, and we especially liked meeting you!!!

Love,
Ann Eleee Tacon
Lindsay Leon



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Faith enough to make real the things of God.

Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
Submitted by Alma Crabtree.

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Food, fellowship, fireworks, and fun were the order of business on the mountain over the weekend of the 4th. The holiday was so exciting the Superette even stayed open! With Brutus between the counters, of course! Ovie and Barbara Blalock started the festivities early with a fish fry on Monday (July 3) at their beautiful farm for Woodmen of the World members, family, and special guests. The fish were from the Blalock's own lake, and the men did all the frying: fish, onions, potatoes, and hush puppies! As it should be.

Jack Martin and Railroad Parker entertained guests beside Jack's spacious lake on the 4th. Again, the men were the cooks of the hamburgers and hotdogs and corn, with the ladies bringing the "fill-ins." Attendees included Sanford and Nita Hartline, Milton and Gail Chambers, Jim Roberts, Jack Martin, Railroad Parker, Dr. Pat, Rusty and Logan Chambers, Scott Mount, Michelle Martin, Hope Martin, Opal Milligan, Christine Dersa, Angela Chambers, John Chambers, Marie Dillenbeck, Kevin Worthy, Jessie Crowe, Nellie Croley, Olene Johnson, Jean Johnson, Christie Johnson, and Robert Johnson. After all the "gorging," everybody pigged out on Gail Chambers' homemade ice cream. Yummmmm!

Ethel Manifold hosted a huge picnic for her family and friends on the afternoon of the Fourth. Pork roast, boiled shrimp, and roasted chicken breasts were the main course, with dozens of "fill-ins" to round out the menu. Approximately 50 guests enjoyed the cookout at Ethel's lovely home.

Birthday girl (July 3rd) Gerry Disney entertained Nippersink guests and friends at a celebration on the Fourth. American flags abounded, delicious food was served, and gifts galore showered the honoree. The spacious dining area and the huge living room and porch were filled with celebrants. That Gerry truly knows how to throw a party! Many, many happy returns, favorite person.

Luther "Junior" King, master carpenter, suffered a serious fall June 26, while painting the Allgood Home on the brow. When scaffolding he was using suddenly collapsed, June fell approximately 18 feet to the ground. He has numerous stitches in his arm and his head, and his leg is badly bruised. Daughter Erma McAdams who lives with her dad is nursing him rapidly back to health. (Why do bad things happen to good people?)

Summer Shelley, sophomore at Texas A&M and daughter of Michael and Judy Shelley, is a counselor and tennis instructor at Camp DeSoto this summer. Jimmy Graves is the security guard, and Dr. Bill Berry is helping out in the camp office.

Collette Kerby, owner of the Log Cabin Deli, along with son Rick, celebrated a balloon-filled birthday at the restaurant. Sharon Barron sent enough helium filled balloons to fill the front dining room! Happy Birthday to you both, Collette.

The **Good Friday youth group** has moved its weekly meeting to the armory in Hammondville. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. each Thursday, the activities are under the capable supervision of Candy Hansen of Mentone. Young people of all ages are invited to attend.

Rev. Marlon Williamson, pastor of the Mentone Revival Center, and wife Brenda, have moved with their children BreAnna and Chad to a lovely new home in Henagar. Members of the church recently hosted a house warming for their pastor and his family.

Norma Williams continues her hospital stay in Birmingham, and last week underwent a second surgery. Cards and notes may be sent to Norma addressed: Norma Williams, Patient, Room 532, BMC-Montclair, 800 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213. She is quite homesick for all her Mentone friends and would love to hear news of home.

Ginny Bosworth has her granddaughter, Rebecca Hunt, visiting her this summer. Rebecca was in camp at the Ponderosa Bible Camp. She and her grandmother visited Bill Bosworth and his family in Chattanooga for the 4th. Rebecca will be moving to Mentone next winter. Ginny, also, had an 18-year-old granddaughter from the state of Washington, whom she had never met, to visit with her mother, Patty Stevens, daughter of Bud Fisch.

Fawn Kitchens, age 8, granddaughter of Clyde Jones, Mentone Cosmetologist, after weeks of hard work, has finally done it. She has learned to ride a bike and as a reward, will get a new one! Congratulations, Fawn.

Lula Blalock has returned from a two-week visit to her granddaughter, Tracy Peters, in Anchorage, Alaska. While there, Lula saw whales at sea, beautiful mountains, glassblowers at work, took an ocean cruise, and watched Eskimo dances. Her sister, Lou, from Chattanooga, made the trip with her. Lou's son, Steve Reed, took his mother and Lula to Atlanta to begin their trip and met them when they returned.

Joe Stephens has as house guests for a week his son, Jerome and wife, Liz, from New Port, Pennsylvania. While in Mentone, the couple will travel with Joe to Birmingham where the three will visit with Louise Stephens, widow of Joe's brother, Clarence, who died last July.

Brian and Misty Williamson, who were married November 19 at the Mentone Revival Center, are expecting a baby boy this week. The couple lives in Hammondville.

Frances Rosario Blix and husband, Vic, are delaying their return to Mentone for a few weeks in order for him to handle a "flair up" illness. The couple plans to be back in their Mentone home the latter part of July. Their address is 14035 Northwest 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33168.

A Polar Beaches Sno-Cones has opened across the street beside the Rock Castle Cafe on Highway 11, in Hammondville. The new refreshment outlet offers 25 flavors of Sno Cones and is operated by **Jennifer Brubaker**, daughter of Steve and Debbie Brubaker and granddaughter of Joe Gregory. The business is open 8-5 Monday-Saturday and is beside Performance Specialties Machine Shop, run by Jennifer's father, Steve.

Helen Hill is really dancing on her toes with joy! Daughter-in-law Linda Hill, Tampa, Fla., is visiting with her while awaiting the arrival of husband, Frank Hill, who will be spending his vacation here in Mentone with his mother, Helen. Granddaughter Sandy Broadstone and husband, Steve, also from Tampa, Fla., are also spending a week in Helen's Mentone house. Helen reports that her sister Therese Bosworth is nearly through with her radiation treatments. Therese remains a home with Helen at 109 Dogwood Ave., Mentone.

Bill and Gladys Crane are back home in Mentone at 1934 County Road 631, the old Blalock home. Bill is an occasional guest sports writer for *The Groundhog*.

Bobbie Hildebrand and husband, Bud, will be serving as campground hosts again at DeSoto State Park for July and October. Bobbie is the daughter of Bob and Ruby Daniel. The couple came over to the Daniel's house for the 4th to grill hot dogs with them.

George and Jo Beube have returned from a week's motor trip to El Paso, Tex., to visit with daughter Ann and her husband, Arturo Garcia. The Beubes returned by way of Ft. Walton, Fla., where they spent time with Jo's brother, (Ret.) Gen. Glenn Sullivan. George and Jo have just completed a week's visit from their grandchildren at the Kissing Tree, the Beube's Mentone home.

Speaking of visiting grandchildren--**Bill and Sue Schwarz** recently hosted grandchildren **Rachel and Gwen Hamilton** of Tampa, Fla., for a few days at their beautiful riverside home.

Bessie Moxley is playing hostess to a house full of company at her Mentone home! Regardless of why they're here, it's great to have Bessie and Sally (little Scottish terrier) back in Mentone.

Jewel Collins celebrated a birthday last week at Marshall and Annette Orr's house in Valley Head. Enjoying Marshall's "special burgers" were a host of friends, including Fouts, Nancy, and Rusty Rector; Charlie Rogers; Shirley Collins; Robbie Collins; Haley Westbrook; Angel Westbrook; Dr. Pat; and Marie Dillenbeck.

Friends have been so generous about sharing the produce in their gardens that my household had become totally vegetarian. Gardens heard from thus far include those of **Alma Crabtree**, **June King**, **Erma McAdams**, **Ovie and Barbara Blalock**, **Snake and Bobbie Smith**, and **Shirley and Oscar Hussel**.

The hundred dollar bill given away by the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District was won by **Raven Haven Bed and Breakfast**, who gave back a part of the prize as a donation. All the members of the Fire Department would like to thank everyone who supported the fund-raising effort.

Paulette (Goss) Mitchell is recovering nicely, after a bad fall two weeks ago. She fell out her back door and shattered her wrist. Fortunately, the baby she is carrying was not hurt, and Paulette's surgery to put pins in her wrist went well.

Dot Matheny who was reared here in Mentone is in a nursing home and has requested to have notes and cards sent from some of her old friends. Her address is Colonial Pines

Health Center, 1130 Hale Street, Oxford, AL 36203.

The annual **Edmund Crowe family reunion** was held July 1 at Noccalula Falls in Gadsden. Approximately 50 family members and friends attended.

Doris from Summerville, Ga., spent an afternoon last week with Rev. Edmund Crowe after joining him for lunch. The two toured the Mentone sights.

For sale: an '86 3B/2B, air conditioned trailer, partially furnished, with central heat, washer/dryer. Located on Cutler Ave. Call 634-4390 (day) or 634-4274 after 5:30 p.m.

Please put the following on your prayer list: **Mattie Golden's** sister **Martha**; **Jim Harris** (eyes); **Britt Kirby** (physical needs); **Nona Williams** (light stroke); **James and Clara Young** (physical needs); **Shirley Dixon** (surgery); **Father of Donna Bares** (amputee); **Nelson Williams** (friend of Cash family.)

Only in Mentone: **Carrie Ruth Kirby** was playing Scrabble recently with friends on Ann Wright's patio when wind, rain lightning, intervened. Carrie Ruth, dedicated Scrabble player that she is, calmly raised her umbrella, put it over her head, and played on!

Allison Kirby, daughter of Eddie and Roberta Kirby, and a sophomore at Central College in McPherson, Kansas, has made the second semester Dean's Honor Roll. To be on the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must have a 3.0 to 4.0 grade point average. Congratulations, Allison. You done good!

Loren Kean, 6, of Mentone, drew the weather picture used by *The Times-Journal* on Wednesday, June 28. Way to go, young lady artist!

Eric Morgan, Valley Head, and **Christina Fitzgerald**, Mentone, attended the Youth Leadership Conference held June 14-16 at the 4H Conference Center in Columbiana. The event is sponsored by the Young Farmers Federation of Alabama.

Hometown athletics keep making us proud! **Peter Hurt**, **Rusty Hulan**, **Tyler Cooper**, **Kelly Bunch**, **Johnny Ferguson**, **Rob Childers**, **Corey Kirby**, **Kyle Miller**, and numerous others have brought recognition to themselves, and to their hometowns. We're proud of you, athletes.

Lots of news from **Marilyn Blanton Campbell**. She has had visitors running out her ears: Aunt Frona Johnson, Rome, Ga.; Tommy Johnson Keith, South Fork, Colorado, Al and Elizabeth Tatum Currier, and son, Seth, Cartersville, Ga.; Marilyn and Joe Stephens recently visited Joe's son, Michael, in Talladega. Michael's address is Michael Stephens, 2401-0434, PMB 1200, Sigma B, FCI Talladega, Alabama 35160-8791.

Marilyn attended funeral services in Sylva, N.C., on May 15, for Hazel Norman Crawford (Marilyn was accompanied by her mother, Mary Blanton, and her brother, Daniel C. Blanton, her uncles Hal and Cameron Blanton, all of Rome, Georgia. Marilyn's sister, Jane Blanton, of Gaston County, N.C., also joined the family for the services.

Syble Hopper, her two sisters, **Ann and Catt**, **Beck Langston**, **Marilyn Slayton**, and **Gladys** went to Gulf Shores for a week from June 25 - July 2. Tammy Hopper, Clyde Jones, and Fawn, and Debbie and Mack Flannigan joined them in the latter part of the week.

Rusty Rector enjoyed a week of Bible School in Ft. Payne with Annette Orr, June 12-16.

Chester and Lucille Crowe had just returned from a marvelous ocean cruise when they took off for a big family reunion in Oak Ridge, Tenn., over the 4th holiday. These two should have been born on wheels. They are now back in town on one of their rare visits to Mentone!

Jennifer Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis of Valley Head is being honored with a bridal shower July 9. Jennifer's fiance is **John McGee**, son of Aileen Hunter. She is a co-owner of The Clip Joint in Mentone.

Tammy Hopper and Lisa Smith have been accepted at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. They will be moving there on August 4 in order to attend the fall term.

If you want to know whether or not the new ice cream parlor in Valley Head is any good, just ask **Beth Moore**! She made three visits in one day, trying a different flavor each time.

Dennis, Sherry, Ethan, and Trevor Lewis vacationed in Biloxi, Miss., in June. They all came back with beautiful tans. (Dennis was more RED than brown!)

Alisha McElhaney has been quite sick, but she's much better now. You can't keep a good woman down.

Jean Clark enjoyed a visit recently from her sister, Helen, who lives in Nashville. Helen was a resident of Valley Head until a few years ago.

Becky Brown Storey and her baby son, Rodney, were in a recent wreck in Valley Head. Three vehicles were involved, and, luckily, no one was seriously injured.

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For the last year or so, there has been some controversy on the mountain concerning the date the old covered bridge fell in. I know when the bridge fell in! The story twines through my childhood memories the way the river shimmers and winds through the old rhododendron and mountain laurel thickets on its way to the falls. In all likelihood, I knew the story before I could talk well enough to tell it, even though it happened while I was yet a gleam in my daddy's blue eyes.

As most folks know, Daddy grew up on Lookout Mountain about a mile from where the bridge spanned Little River. He learned to swim not far above the bridge, depending on a toe sack suspended between two syrup cans to keep him afloat. And though he was only sixteen the day the bridge collapsed, that event was subsequent to one a few months before that had forever changed his life.

Now, I may not have all the facts perfectly straight, but when the main characters tell the story, they don't always agree either. Besides, my love for the tale and for the people far outweigh any small error in the telling. So, that said, let's begin with love before first sight--this is the part hardest for me to believe!

As high school boys are wont to do, one day Norman McCord and Earl (Buddy) Huron were discussing girls with young Jim Jones (Jones was still in junior high at Moon Lake), and a picture was shown of one Dallyne Tilley. The report was that not only was this young woman pleasant to behold, in the way of Monroes and Mansfields, but she was also a woman of great virtue. The impetuous Mr. Jones, who was probably only fifteen at the time, was so impressed that he stated bluntly that he would marry the girl.

By the way, while we are on the subject of Miss Tilley's virtues, I don't know what those boys said, but I am certain that they didn't exaggerate. The woman raised me, and virtues abounded along with the worthy woman bit, too. I think she was always up before dawn trying to hammer character into us all from birth to marriage and beyond--by today's theories on child rearing, we should all have rebelled, but believe me, we didn't dare. Miss Tilley was always ahead of us.

When Jim went to Valley Head to school the next fall, he met Dallyne and, through Norman, Earl, and Fuzzy Spears, developed enough of an acquaintance that he decided to ask her to the football banquet. He and Fuzzy knocked on the classroom door (in those days, the football players went to the classrooms to invite girls to the banquet), and Mr. P. W. Roberts sent Dallyne out to talk with them. Fuzzy said to my mother, "You want to go to the football banquet?"

She said, "Who with?"

"Jimmy, of course!"

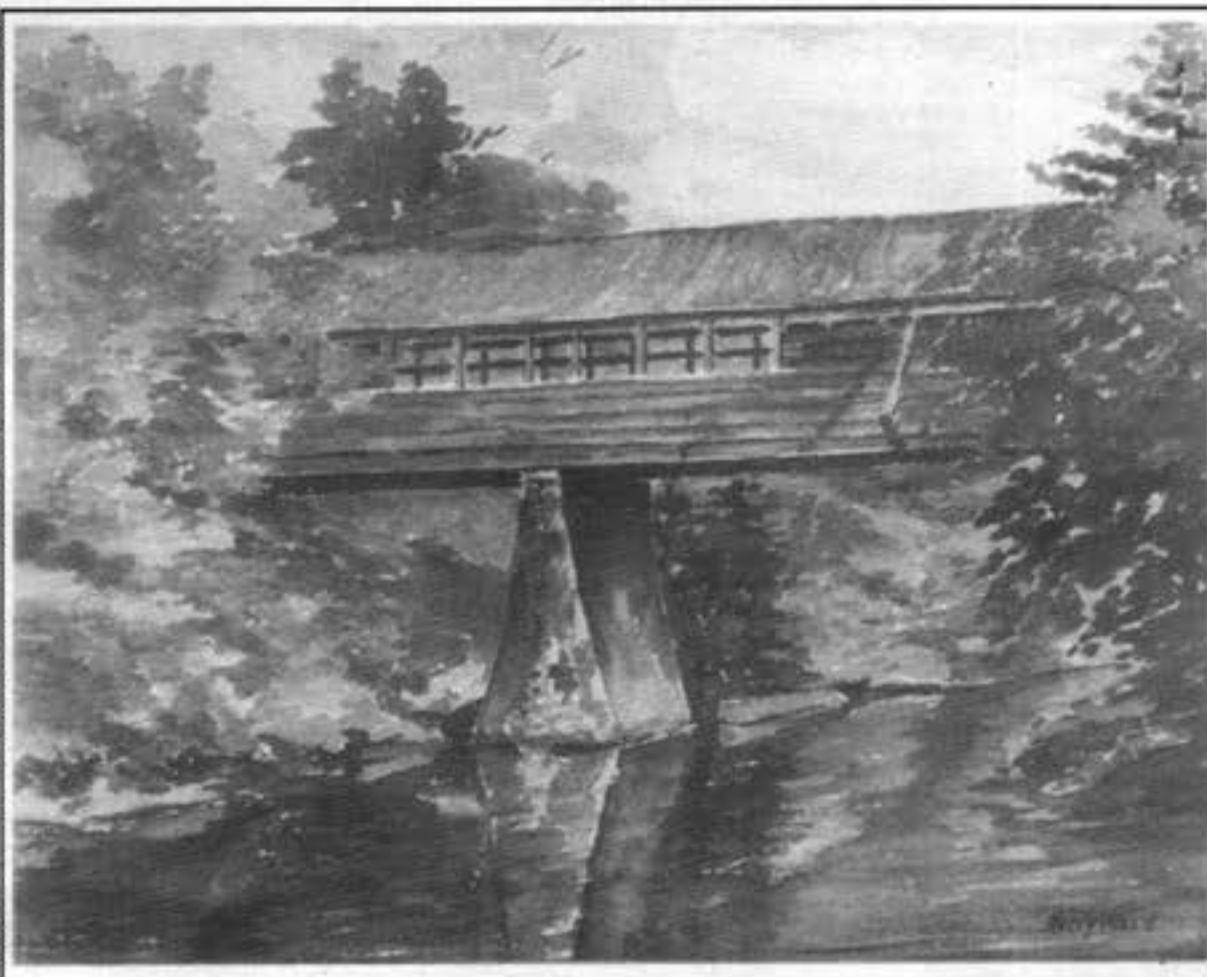
Now, Dallyne was scared to death, because she didn't think her parents would let her go, but she said she would ask them. She did, and they did, and the rest is history.

Certainly, there was a good bit of parental disapproval a few months later when the young people began to appear serious about each other. Remember, James T. was only sixteen, and Mary Dallyne was seventeen. I used to watch my own children at those ages and try to imagine how my Grandmother Tilley and Grandmother Jones felt during that courtship. But the young folks' main defense of their relationship was that they were both Baptists and had grown up drying on sack towels. I wonder they didn't throw in things about hand-cranked well buckets, communal water dippers, and outdoor toilets--all things I remember from my grandparents' houses.

The date of the elopement was set for Saturday, June 23, 1945. Jim had gone to Fort Payne the Saturday before to buy a brown wool suit, and that suit was secreted away at Aunt Almada Blevins' house. He was going to walk up to Floyd Bailey's store on the appointed afternoon to borrow Luther Kirby's 1940 Chevrolet (all these folks are cousins, in-laws, and

OF PASSION AND BRIDGES

By Sharon Jones Harris



Mason Bridge, Mentone, Ala. 1880-1945. Often confused with other covered bridges. This bridge could be identified by the central piling and opening near the top of the siding. Watercolor by the late Harry Reid, Mentone/Selma. From the collection of Ernest H. Smith.

out-laws, for those of you new to Mentone). Then, he would drive the car down Highway 157 (thus avoiding the curious eyes of Aunt Juanita and Aunt Marjorie, who kept constant vigil from Papa's front porch), turn by Moon Lake Church, cross the covered bridge to the old road and Aunt Almada's, change clothes, proceed back across the bridge, and on to Sand Mountain to pick up Mama. But lo! On Wednesday, June 20, a state truck was crossing the bridge and down came bridge, truck, men, and all. I still see weathered planks splintering and falling with sprays of water creating millions of tiny rainbows shining against the old rock pilings. The men walked away and up to Papa Jones' to call for help. Only the elopement plans were foiled.

Having little choice in the matter, on Saturday following, young Jim (as a child, when I pictured this, my Daddy was grown up--now, at forty-eight, I see him as half child, half young adult) donned his white shirt, put his tie in his back pocket and proceeded on foot to Floyd Bailey's. After securing said automobile, he had to drive past the house on the old road on the way to Almada's and again after putting on his suit. At which point, Aunt Juanita commented that Jim must be going to get married, because he left with his tie in his hip pocket and came up the road from Almada's in Luther Kirby's car in a new suit! My, how much a suit and tie signified in those days!

Mama and Daddy were married in Rising Fawn, Georgia, by Justice of the Peace Hale, with Mrs. Hale and my Aunt Ruth as witnesses. My greatest concern about this event is that, of course, they lied about their ages; does that make their marriage legal, and are we all legitimate offspring? Oh well, I reckon we won't worry about things we can't change!

At any rate, other folks are currently making lots of money on books and movies about bridges and passion, but the passion part is something I know about, too! There were seven of us (six living) and neither Mama nor Daddy was Roman Catholic--to borrow a Manning explanation, they are passionate Baptists!

Daddy would come home from work, and it didn't matter how many of us were around (and we weren't quiet children, our presence was always felt or heard)--if Mama wasn't there, nobody was. He always kissed her on coming in the door as if nobody else was in the whole world. We were shut out, but there was security in that shutting out! And if he wanted her to go somewhere with him, she always had the good sense to

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put down whatever she was doing, leave the dishes on the table or in the sink, and go. Now that I'm old enough to have grandchildren of my own (my children take note of this fact), and I've heard it said that the secret to raising children right is for their Daddy to love their Mother, I realize what that relationship we saw daily meant to us.

So, while others write of other bridges and forbidden love, the Jones children have been blessed to see the real thing up close. Love that survived and built on the impetuous fires of youth, spanned the loss of a child, pulled through recessions, endured church splits, tamed head-strong teenagers, and other things I don't even know about. Their marriage stands, a monument to all that is real and permanent, a symbol to me and to my brother and sisters and to our children that there are things that stand and last in this throw away world--as surely as the rock pilings stand in Little River to remind us of that week fifty years ago when we all began.

A good marriage is a strong cord that binds up the lives of its offspring, that holds them in the tempests and lends strength to all those who know it. So, when you have occasion to round the big curve going down to Aunt Marjorie Berry's house, look down at the river, and know that, as long as those pilings stand, they represent things that are more permanent than almost anything else in the world.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article was written by their daughter for the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Jim and Dallyne Jones. The watercolor sketch is part of the Collection of Ernest H. Smith. With his permission, this sketch was used with this loving tribute to Jim and Dallyne.



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50th Anniversary of Nippersink Lodge (1945-1995)

By Marie Dillenbeck



The rustic living room with large stone fireplace



Ed and Geraldine Disney with Margaret



Miss Elizabeth Lowe and Miss Annelee Tucker



Pleas, Therese, Marlin, and Kara Cox



Desmond, Kathie, Ragon, and Ellen Disney



John, Pam, and David Disney



Osceola and George Hauge



(Editor's Note: The following is taken from the 50th Anniversary edition of *Nippersink Lodge Favorite Recipes* by Geraldine Disney and Therese Disney Cox, Tenth Edition. The information was supplied by Geraldine Disney and is being used with her permission in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Nippersink. The book's dedication reads:

To the nicest people in the world,
our guests at Nippersink Lodge.

The Disneys.")

In the beginning, Nippersink Lodge was a summer home built for Mrs. Eugene Taylor of Murphreesboro, Tennessee. Mrs. Taylor built the lodge in 1934 as a gathering place for her family and friends during the summer months. She named it *Nippersink*, a Cherokee Indian word meaning, appropriately, *Little River*.

The lodge is located on the west bank of Little River about one fourth mile upstream from DeSoto Falls. It is built entirely of native materials, except the large cedar posts used across the front of the lodge, which were shipped by flat car from Lebanon, Tennessee. The lodge is 81 feet long and 48 feet wide. The foundation and living room walls are of stone. The remainder of the structure is built of wood cut and milled right here on the mountain. The two-story lodge contains nine rooms with baths, a rustic living room with a large stone fireplace, dining rooms, kitchen, and a screened porch with chairs and rockers overlooking the river. A balcony above the living room gives access to six bedrooms on the upper floor. Downstairs, off the living room, are three bedrooms. The lodge is furnished in handmade hickory furniture.

In October 1944, Nippersink was sold to Miss Annelee Tucker and Miss Elizabeth Lowe of Thomasville, Alabama. It was these two ladies who conceived the idea of converting the big old summer home into an inn.

Miss Tucker and Miss Lowe were school teachers who had spent a number of summers as supervisors of girls' camps in the area and had been looking for property suitable for a country inn. The adventure proved successful; and, in 1952, Tuclo Cottage (Tucker and Lowe) was built near the main lodge. It houses four bedrooms with baths and a living area. In 1960, they added Hope Cottage, a similar structure just

south of Tuclo Cottage. "Hope" because, at the time, they hoped they could pay for it.

Then came retirement for *The Teachers*; and, in January 1973, Nippersink was purchased by George and Osceola Hauge. Captain Hauge (a retired naval officer) and Mrs. Hauge built a home for themselves just upriver from the lodge; and, together, they continued the tradition of warm, friendly hospitality begun by Misses Tucker and Lowe.

Meantime, Geraldine and Ed Disney, who had been guests at Nippersink, bought a cottage just up the river from the lodge in 1977. They became friends with the Hagues; and, when the Hagues decided that they really wanted to retire, they encouraged the Disneys to take over the lodge; and they did just that in the summer of 1979. They have been happily welcoming guests ever since.

The Hagues, after selling to Geraldine and Ed, retired to Spanish Fort, Alabama. Miss Lowe and Miss Tucker made their home in Thomasville, Alabama, until Miss Tucker died in July 1989, and Miss Lowe in February 1991. See facing page for tributes to Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe. One was written by Lucy Carter, August 24, 1969, taken from page 33 of the cookbook; and the other one indicates no author.

Nippersink Lodge operates under the American plan, and advanced reservations are required.

In the November 1990 issue of *The Groundhog*, "Nippersink Lodge: You always Want To Return" was the feature article. The following are excerpts from that article. "Lee Crow did the masonry work, and the big stone fireplace with its two old mill stones on the hearth are an excellent example of his skill. 'He never cut stones,' the Disneys said. 'He would pick out stones and fit them into place.' The remainder of the structure is built of wood cut and milled on the mountain. Local builders, including Jimmy Jones' father and Leonard Shigley, worked on Nippersink."

"Another important ingredient in the success of Nippersink is the staff. The Disneys are active innkeepers, and Ed and Gerry greet guests upon their arrival and make sure they are comfortable throughout their stay. Therese Disney Cox, their daughter, is the head cook, and Desmond assists with cleanup and landscaping. Therese and her family, husband Pleas and

children, Marlin and Kara, live at Nippersink year-round. Desmond and his wife, Kathie, live in Mentone. They have two daughters, Ragon and Ellen. The Disney's youngest son, John, lives in Atlanta, and helps out at the lodge when he visits his family.

"Polly Chambers has been with Nippersink since the 1950s, and is the head housekeeper. 'Polly alone used to do it (the housekeeping chores) all,' said Mrs. Disney. 'She does have some help now.'"

Nippersink was also written up in the 1974 edition of *The DeKalb Legend*, Page 20. Here are some excerpts from that write up.

"The architect was a Mr. Weldon of Birmingham, who was a friend of the Taylors. Weldon first built Cherokee Cottage, which he lived in while supervising the construction of the lodge.

"The contractor was Fred Jones of Mentone, who was assisted by Lee Matheny, his neighbor. The carpentry work was done by Jones' sons and grandson and other local craftsmen who were eager for the employment during this depression year. Lee Crow, of Mentone was the mason for all the stone work, including the lodge's huge stone fireplace, one of the finest examples of skillful rock work on Lookout Mountain.

"The original hickory furniture, which is still used, was handmade by Robert Pullen, of Mentone.

"During the school term, Miss Tucker and Miss Lowe taught school in Valley Head, Fort Payne, and Chattanooga. Each summer, they operated Nippersink."

In *Mentone, Alabama: A History*, by Zora Shay Strayhorn, 1986, Chapter 8, "Heyday to the Depression," Page 28, a reference to Nippersink is also found.

Nippersink is a landmark in Mentone, and its continued success has been a result of the people who have visited Nippersink and who return year after year because they love Nippersink and the Disneys.

The Groundhog salutes Nippersink and its present owners, Geraldine and Ed Disney, and their family: Pleas, Therese, Marlin, and Kara Cox; Desmond, Kathie, Ragon, and Ellen Disney; John, Pam, and David Disney, and wishes them continued success with Nippersink Lodge.



TO NIPPERSINK WE GO

Dedicated Sunday, August 24, 1969 to Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe, Owners and Operators of Nippersink Lodge, Lookout Mountain, Mentone, Alabama.

A group of ladies
All sipped pink.
Left Atlanta Friday, August 22,
Bound for Nippersink.

It rained off and on
All along the way.
But everyone arrived as planned
Without any delay.

As each car would drive up
And stop in front of the Lodge,
Out the front door to meet them
The Welcoming Committee would barge.

And Annelee Tucker
And Elizabeth Lowe,
Were also there to greet each one
With a smile, a glow, and a happy "hello."

The order of this weekend
Was to be fellowship, relaxation and fun,
And I can definitely tell you
A lot of this has certainly been done.

The first main event
Was dinner on Friday at six,
And every meal the whole weekend,
Has really been more than anyone should fix.

All the meals have been
Quite generous and delicious,
And the girls that have prepared and served
them,
Are most charming, talented and gracious.

The Saturday night supper
Was so yummy,
Each one would come out
Holding their tummy.

Saturday and Sunday have been
Spent in doing the things we like,
Playing cards, sightseeing, gift shopping,
And every now and then going on a hike.

Both Friday night and Saturday night
Programs were great,
To these no one
Wanted to be late.

There are several ladies here for their very first time,
And I will call them by name,
Rose Edmondson, Lillian Nelson, Lucile Nelson and
Jessie Borden,
I feel sure they are especially glad they came.

We also have with us on this trip
Nellie Ray,
And of course she has visited
a gift shop every day.

Our sincere thanks to Elizabeth Mac and
her Committee,
For having done such a wonderful job,
As far as I can tell
Everything has gone off without even a bob.

Annelee's Devotion at breakfast this morning
Started the day just right,
Then the beautiful one that followed by
Frances Kocher
Gave each one renewed insight.

The time has flown so fast
And soon we must go,
So now we bid a fond goodbye for another year
To all the girls, Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe.

Lucy Carter
August 24, 1969



A TRIBUTE TO ANNELEE TUCKER AND ELIZABETH LOWE

"My Mind lets go of a thousand things,
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings,
And yet I remember the very hour..."

•When....with the first flurry of snow there is a hurried inventory of our "snow shelf" in the kitchen, a check of the woodpile, and a collecting of the bird books. Then, our activities are limited to keeping up the log fire, identifying the visitors at our feeders, and brewing a pot of coffee, snowbound days are days for long reflection.

•When....blueets carpet the front lawn and the wood thrush begins his flutelike song and the mountain side shows the first green-gold of spring.

•When....we hear the day-long song of the tiny Carolina wren as she builds her nest again in the same cardboard box tacked on a post in the garage.

•When....we watch the migrating purple finch at the feeder looking like a raspberry sundae.

•When....we discover the fragrant pink blossom of the arbutus often found just after the snow melts. Spring can't be far behind.

•When....on a leisurely walk in the woods the magic of finding an unexpected orange fringed orchid or a wood thrush's nest—or the excitement of finding a rare colony of lady slippers—or the pleasure of discovering that you are aware of the background symphony of bird songs, the wind in the pines and the night sounds of the tree toads. To quote Kipling, "Teach us delight in simple things and help us simplify our lives to make room for them."

•When....the Whippoorwill begins his nightly call from the roof top of Nippersink and the Tutwiler Gap is blanketed in rooster-head violets.

•When....there are few unfailing, heart-warming signs of spring, than the day-long smell of burning leaves as the camps begin to prepare for summer.

These are all the simple things around us—God's never failing evidence of renaissance.

COLLECT

A thought for the coming Easter season—Easter has come to the waiting world and all nature is silent, in breathless anticipation of a holy proclamation—

"He is not here, but is risen."

May the miracle of Easter make all the difference in your life.

[Editor's note: This is a copy of the tribute that was given to Dr. Pat Seymour, in 1991 or 1992, by Jackie Skelton, because she was aware that both Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe had been her 10th grade teachers in Selma, Alabama. In light of the 50th Anniversary of Nippersink, Dr. Pat felt that it was the appropriate time to have it printed. If someone knows the history of this tribute, please contact Dr. Pat or Nippersink. Thank you.]



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TREES

• You've probably heard moss grows on the north side of trees and rocks.

Well, it also grows on the east, west and south sides, but sometimes the moss on the south side of trees is yellower than that on the north.

• In the spring, snow lasts longer on the shady north side of trees and rocks. Look for more snow on the north-facing slope of hills and gullies, too. In arid regions, vegetation on north slopes will be greener.

• Branches on the north side tend to grow vertically while those on the south side tend to grow horizontally. The imbalance often causes dead trees to fall in a southerly direction. Base your observation on several trees. This indication is crude, but it's a start.

• Most trees change to fall colors quickly and completely. About 20 percent, however, change gradually, usually on the south side first. Don't trust any tree that looks diseased.



ANIMALS

• SPIDERS cannot spin against the wind, so their webs are usually parallel to the prevailing east and west winds. This may not hold true for new webs (which will be parallel with the most recent wind) or for webs in sheltered spots. A ground burrow and the huge ant hills one occasionally encounters are usually on the south or east side of shelter, such as a tree or a rock.

• BIRDS will often build their nests in the lee (usually the east side) of prevailing winds. Migrating birds travel roughly north or south.

• SQUIRRELS prefer to build their nests on the northeast side of trees, probably to warm the nest with the early sun's rays, as well as to avoid the hot midday sun. You can't see the nests when leaves are on the trees, so this can't be used as an indicator all year. A few squirrels, apparently colder than others, build their nests on a tree's south side, as do some tent caterpillars.



WE'RE NOT GETTING OLDER, WE'RE JUST GETTING BETTER??

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head High School Class of 1952, and spouses, met at the lovely home of Jean Barnard Cassady in Huntsville, on June 17, for a class reunion. Class members enjoyed reminiscing high school days, while they ate the delicious meal Jean and husband, David, had prepared. A tour of Jean's home gave us an opportunity to visit her art studio and to admire her paintings in every room (and to buy three of them!). She is one of the most respected wildlife artists in the south, and her work is sought by collectors throughout the United States. Our class is proud of Jean's accomplishments as an artist.

Those attending the reunion as pictured above are:

(Front row, L/R) Dorothy Beason Ledford, Jean Barnard Cassady, Eloise Craig Mathews, Bobbie Bain Smith, Ethel Bain Manifold.

(Back row L/R) Virginia Frasier Platt, John Jones, Evelyn Jones Graves, Hoyt McElhaney, Mary Hammon Hoge, Barry Brown, and Virgie Lyons Murdock.

Members of the class not present are: June White Harrison, Nancy Chadwick Wilkes, Mary Ann Biddle Lucas, Carmie Steele Dill, Nelson Ellis, Velda O'Rear Smith, and Wallace Lacy Jr. (deceased).

Eloise Brown accompanied her son Barry and his wife, Emily, to the reunion and enjoyed a visit with Jean's mother, Adis Barnard, who lives in an adjoining apartment.

The next reunion is scheduled to meet at the home of Ethel Manifold, in Mentone. A small class was always fun and, now, especially, we enjoy fitting into each others' homes and being able to feel like a family as we love and share together.



Bride and Groom leaving church



Bride and groom with friend, Debbie Hall, who was the photographer for the event



Hershell, Sandra, and daughter Katie Gray, preparing to leave for the reception

PRUITT-GRAY WEDDING

Little River Baptist Church, founded in 1861, still holds a lot of charm for nostalgic couples such as Hershell Pruitt and Sandra Gray, who chose the remote setting for their wedding on Saturday, May 27.

Allen Gray escorted his mother, and he and sister, Katie, gave her in marriage. Renee and Heather Pruitt, daughters of the groom, were beautifully attired in pink floral tea-length dresses and served as bridesmaids. Katie Gray, junior attendant, was also attired in a pink floral dress. Allen Gray and Christopher Kerce were groomsmen. James and Lee Graves, nephews of the bride, Christopher, Sarah, and Katie Kerce, and Kelsey Carlisle, nieces and nephew of the groom, along with the groom's sister, Ellen Pruitt, were honorary attendants.

The bride was lovely in an antique ivory tea-length dress. She carried a bouquet of white assortment. The groom and groomsmen were attired in gray suits with pink accessories. Vocalist, Ann Still, of Chattanooga, sang, "To Me" and "Bless This House."

Following an impressive ceremony performed by Reverend Charles Jones, the couple left the church in a handsome wagon pulled by mules, Kit and Kate, who had been perfectly groomed by Hoyle Smith for the wedding. The reception was held at Lil Mole Run Clubhouse in Mentone. The Malibus provided live entertainment at the reception.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graves, brother of the bride; James and Lee Allerton Graves, nephews of the bride, of Lothian, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Carlisle, sister of the groom, of Dahlgene, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kerce, sister of the groom, of Menlo, Ga., the groom's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pruitt of Cloudland, Ga.; Ellen Pruitt of Cloudland, Ga.; and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Pruitt of Teloga, Ga.; Dr. and Mrs. Barrett Heywood of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. Cauley Hayes of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. Debbie Hall, Ms. Kathy Walker, Mrs. Trish Merritt, Mrs. Pat Crofts, and Mrs. Patsy McGauley, all of Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. Robin Ellis and Jamie Ellis of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Still and Andy Still of Chattanooga; Jeff Lyons of Birmingham, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Graves of Rome, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones Jr. of Rossville, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. George McMichen of Charlotte, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts of Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of Ider, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Magnusson of Rome, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Dukes of Section, Ala.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parker of Trion, Ga.

Following the wedding, the couple left for a trip to the mountains for a week. They are now residing at Mentone. Mr. Pruitt is employed by TVA, and Mrs. Pruitt is an employee of Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga.

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O'REAR PICNIC 1995

By Charlyne O'Rear



(L/R) Terri Langston; the oldest member present - Carolyn O'Rear Harrell (85); the youngest - Sara O'Rear (2 in October).



Mules, Daddy (Kelly), John (9), Velda (14), and Theresa O'Rear McGuire (19 months)



Kelley O'Rear and his 1948 John Deere Tractor on the old home place

Kelley O'Rear and his 1951 Chevrolet Pick Up Truck, on the way to a singing



June 3rd was the date for the annual "O'Rear Family Picnic," and was held on the John O'Rear farm in the settlement that once was called Nightingale, near Mentone.

Those who joined John and Charlyne were: Aunt Inez, Aunt Elenor, and Cousin JoAnne O'Rear (Chattanooga). Carolyn O'Rear Harrell, daughter Ann Cole, her son Trey and daughter Terry Langston, with her two children and Sandra Parker, sister of Ann Cole (all from Collinsville, Ala.).

From Uncle F.M. O'Rear's family, daughters Callie and Jeannette (from Chattanooga); John's sister, Velda O'Rear

Smith, her son Rick, his wife Debra Smith, Velda's daughter Karen and son-in-law Jeff Prin (Chattanooga). John & Velda's Sister, Clyde Jones, and her two granddaughters Hollie and Fawn Kitchens (Mentone). James and Sue Pumphrey--they live on the O'Rear farm, and the big post oak is in their back yard. This is the second largest post oak on grounds in Alabama. Jack and Clara Norton from Knoxville, Tenn. Jack is like a brother to John and always brings a smoked turkey to these outings. John's sons, Chuck, wife Kathy, daughter Sara; and Sam, wife Debra, daughters Abby and Sweet Hannah

O'Rear (Chattanooga). Special guest, Dr. Pat Seymour (Mentone).

We sure did miss Jo O'Rear Carson's family (Valley Head.) They had to be in Chattanooga for the grandson Travis Carson's graduation that day. We ate, rode four wheelers, ate, fished, ate, talked, ate, looked at old pictures, ate, made new pictures, ate, and made ice cream and ate. I'd say we had one heck of a great time--O'Rears do like to eat.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Moon Lake Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. During those same dates, there will be a revival with services at 7:00 each evening. There will be a group from Florence, S.C., led by Barry Lord, consisting of 25 youth and 10 adults who will conduct both the Bible School and the Revival. The group will be divided and stay in individual homes for that period of time. Everyone is invited to participate in these events.

Reverend Arno White preached on Sunday, July 1, at the **Valley Head Methodist Church**, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Jeff Adkins, who is on vacation. Jeff and Melinda served a barbecue dinner following the worship service on June 25. Everyone enjoyed this. Jane Kerby and Mary Crow will host the UMW on Tuesday, July 25. Melinda Adkins will have the program.

Reverend Jenkins, pastor of the **Valley Head Baptist Church**, will be receiving his doctorate on July 7. On July 9, there will be a reception for him at the church. July 16-19 is Youth Week. There will be a visiting preacher for this week, and the meetings will be kicked off on July 16 with an ice cream supper.

There will be a bridal tea for Sally Sharp on July 16. On July 29, there will be a church-wide trip to Opyland.

The **Mentone Wesleyan Church** will be involved in the Annual District Conference in Meridian, Miss., on July 19-21. The church had its annual church business meeting on June 25, and the church showed growth in morning and evening services, as well as Wednesday evenings. This was a wonderful meeting and a very good report.

Worship services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are at 9 a.m. each Sunday. You are cordially invited to attend worship if you are not involved in church elsewhere.

The summer schedule for **St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church** is as follows: Sunday - 10 a.m. Holy Communion; Wednesday - 12:05 Noon Communion; following the first Sunday in each month, lunch is served, and visitors are welcome. Robert and Terry Childers will be moving to Anniston, Ala., during the month of July. They have completed their last Sunday at St. Joseph's. Best wishes go with them as they assume their positions at Grace Episcopal Church in Anniston.

Reverend Sterling Burroughs will be the visiting speaker at the **Mentone Church of God** on July 16. He will be speaking in both the morning and evening services.

Pastor Don Brock and wife Yvonne will be attending the **Church of God of Prophecy's** annual state convention in Birmingham July 6-9. Pastoral appointments will be made by the church's state Bishop for a two-year term. The new term begins August 1.

Pastor Don Brock and wife Yvonne will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary July 22, 1995, at the DeKalb Theater in Fort Payne. Everyone is invited. Food and music will be provided.

The public is invited to attend an adult Bible study each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** completed their Vacation Bible School on June 30. Commencement exercises were followed by a covered dish dinner under the newly built pavilion. The regular monthly Administrative Council meeting was held July 2nd.

Youth Week is July 10-14. A guest speaker from Missouri will be conducting the Bible Study and Rev. James Maxwell will be assisting. The cost is \$10.00 per child, plus lunch meat and sandwiches. Young people from the 4th grades through the 12th grades are welcome to come. There will be something for everyone: Bible study, hiking, fun and games, to name a few.

On July 22, **Trinity Methodist Church** is having a covered dish luncheon, and has invited the **Mentone** members to come and break bread with them. On the fifth Sunday, July 30, there will be a covered dish luncheon at **Mentone**. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the food and fellowship.

The **RA's of Union Hill Baptist Church** had a yard sale and cleared over \$500. The **Acteens** will be having another yard sale soon to see if they are able to exceed the **RA's** sales. Proceeds will go to mission endeavors and a camping trip. The youth, led by Barry and Brenda Wisner, have been involved in a friendly contest for a month, which culminated in a pool party on July 1, at Ft. Payne City pool. Awards were given for their swimming skills, and on Sunday morning, July 2, they were given their awards for Bible study, bringing their Bibles to each service, and for bringing a friend. Micah Haynes and Hanna Wisner were the winners of the contest. The men enjoyed a Brotherhood breakfast in June. The church gave Sandra and Hershell Pruitt a housewarming, with 31 members present. Vacation Bible School was quite successful, with 4 converts throughout the week. The new baptistry is being used in almost every Sunday night service. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m., Discipleship Training is at 6 p.m. and evening worship is at 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer service is at 6:30 p.m., preceded by youth organizations and choir practice at 5 p.m. The second Sunday in each month is singing night. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

J.O.Y.

The **Just Older Youth** will not meet again until September. The meeting will be a regular meeting at **Moon Lake Baptist Church** at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14. Invite a friend, bring a covered dish, and enjoy the fellowship.

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National Sports at a Glance

By Phil Harris

Another month has gone by as the dog days of summer are upon us. NBA and NHL playoffs are finally over, and baseball is approaching the all-star break next week at the Ballpark at Arlington. Here is quick look back and a look forward.

First, let's go with sports trivia. See how many you can get right. (Answers later.)

1. Who is currently the number one men's tennis player in the world?
2. Who's record is Cal Ripken chasing for the most consecutive league games played?
3. Who is number one on the all-time baseball hit list?
4. Who had the most votes in this year's all-star balloting?
5. Who pitched the last no hitter in the major leagues?
6. Who is the number one woman's tennis player in the world, currently?
7. Who won the U.S. Senior open in golf?
8. Which team has the most players on the all-star team and how many?
9. What city are the NHL's NJ Devils threatening to run off to?
10. What city was picked for the SEC baseball tournament championship next season?

COLLEGE BASEBALL: Tennessee finished fourth in the college world series at Omaha, Nebraska. The Vols lost twice to eventual national champion Cal St. - Fullerton. Todd Helton and crew knocked off Clemson and Stanford finishing with their best season since 1951.

BASKETBALL: The NBA playoffs was one of the most exciting in recent years. Houston and Orlando walked the tightrope in gaining the finals. Nick Anderson's four miss free-throws in game one of the NBA finals spelled doom for Orlando. The Magic never recovered as Hakeem Olajuwon and company rolled up an easy sweep in four games. The series never lived up to its killing.

HOCKEY: The Detroit Red Wings looked on paper to be the best the NHL had to offer. Detroit breezed to the finals, while the NJ Devils had to quiet critics throughout their playoff run. Nearly everyone favored Detroit to win the Stanley Cup hands down, but New Jersey's awesome team play and relentless defense turned the tables. The Devils waxed the wings in four games, capturing their first Stanley Cup title.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Another run at a National Championship for college football is only two months away. The SEC is well balanced top to bottom and this should be an exciting season. Tennessee and Florida are the favorites in the east. Georgia will be competitive and South Carolina will be good enough for a bowl bid. Auburn is the early favorite in the West. Alabama, LSU, Arkansas, and Mississippi State could make it an interesting race. Auburn's soft schedule will give them the best shot at the title.

Here are my predictions for the 1995 season:

- SEC East Champion - Tennessee
- SEC West Champion - Auburn
- SEC Overall Champion - Tennessee
- National Champion - Nebraska

Other teams to watch: Notre Dame, USC, and Florida State.

I'm picking Tennessee to win the SEC for one reason. Payton Manning, because there is no one in his class in the SEC. The Vols will lose one game, and I'll bet you'll never guess who to? The second week in October this year. (Hint, Hint.)

AUTO RACING: Jeff Gordon won the recent race at Daytona holding off Sterling Marlin and Dale Earnhardt. Marlin still leads a log jam at the top of the points standings. Gordon moved into second place while Earnhardt has fallen to third. Tedd Musgrave and Mark Martin round out the top five. Only 141 points separate first to fifth.

BASEBALL: NL - The Atlanta Braves are currently on a roll, all doubters have been silenced as Atlanta is hotter than the summer heat. The Braves proved that they're the class of the National League East, by beating the Philadelphia Phillies three out of four. Cincinnati's still leading the central, and the LA Dodgers look to be the team to beat in the West. The question is: Can the Phillies hold off Houston, Montreal, San Francisco, Colorado, and San Diego for the wild card spot? The National League is beginning to take shape, Braves pitching vs. Reds hitting in October is a good possibility.

AL - Cleveland is the best of the American League thus far. The Indians are comfortably in front of the

Central division. Boston continues to lead the east, but the Yankees are in shouting distance. The west is in a log jam, California, Oakland, Texas, and Seattle are all of equal talents. The Angels and Rangers are probably the best on paper, but don't count out the "A's" manager, Tony Larossa. If the Mariners are in shouting distance when Ken Griffey Jr. returns from the DL, they could make it interesting. The Chicago White Socks are beginning to play well and should be a factor for wild card birth.

Finally, Eddie Murray collected hit number 3000 recently in Minnesota. Only nineteen other players have accomplished this feat. Mr. Murray has now clenched his spot in the hall of fame.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA: 1-5 CORRECT (POOR); 6-8 CORRECT (GOOD); 9-10 CORRECT (EXCELLENT).

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Sports on the Scene

By Phil Harris

Mentone's (11 and 12) year olds won Ft. Payne's Major League Championship. Coach Joe Smith's team finished with a 10-2 record. They beat out Shankles Body Shop for the American League Title and Valley Mills for the Overall Championship. Eddie Manning turned in a clutch pitching performance beating Tyler Cooper and Valley Mills (made up mostly of Valley Head players) 3-2. The win for Mentone was a storybook ending to their season clenching the championship. Coach Smith's team struggled all season with their offense and the pitching staff carried their load. Good teams find a way to win, and pitching wins championships.

Mentone's (9-10) year old team finished 5-5-1, good enough for third place in the American league division of the minor league. Eric Kirby and Allen Crow did an outstanding job with a very young team. Top hitter and pitcher, Corey Kirby, was by far the starlet on this team. This young man will make more than just all-star baseball teams in years to come.

Valley Head's (13-14) year old team finished fourth in the Dixie Boys division. Coach Cotton Baggett's team got off to a 3-2 start, but fizzled a little at the end to finish 4-7.

Rumor has it that Mentone's little league team will be moving to Menlo, Ga., next season. Due to a conflict with the league in Fort Payne, it's probably best. Fort Payne wants Mentone to split up and join the draft with their players. This is a no-win situation for both sides. Mentone wants to keep players together for practice convenience and familiarity. Fort Payne is at a slight disadvantage because they have to draft different players each year, while Mentone keeps the same players together. Both sides are correct in their thinking, but Fort Payne is going to lose out. I guess Menlo's baseball league will welcome Mentone with open arms. Attendance will suffer at the Complex next season. Mentone, night in and night out, brings more fans than anyone.

The all-star sub-district is being held this year for the 13-14 year division. Beginning July 10, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 year sub-district will be held at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. Teams for Centre, Pleasant Valley, Fort Payne, and Piedmont will make up the younger groups. Mentone-Valley Head area softball team, CBS, is currently 7-7, with only two games remaining. Pretty good record considering they started out the season at 2-5.

A little recognition goes out for what I'll call the "Baseball Family of the Year." Phil and Sheila Owen would probably win this kind of award anywhere. Not only do they have three kids playing, they are in different age groups. Jason, the oldest, played high school varsity baseball at Valley Head. He also played on the Valley Head Dixie boys team this summer. Nathan played on Mentone's (11-12) year old team. Daughter Kelly played on Mentone's (9-10) year old team. Phil even moonlighted by playing softball two times a week. What I want to know is (Phil and Sheila), what do you do in your spare time?

That does it for another month. I hope I've given everyone something interesting to read about. God willing, I'll see you next month.

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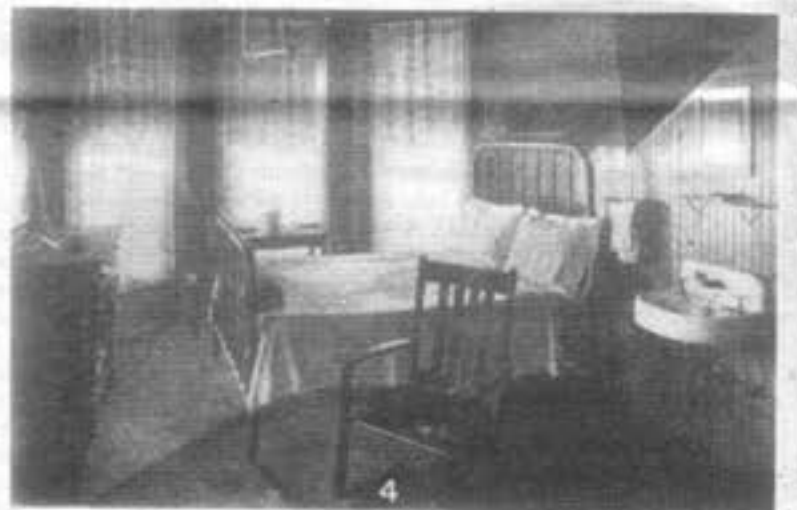
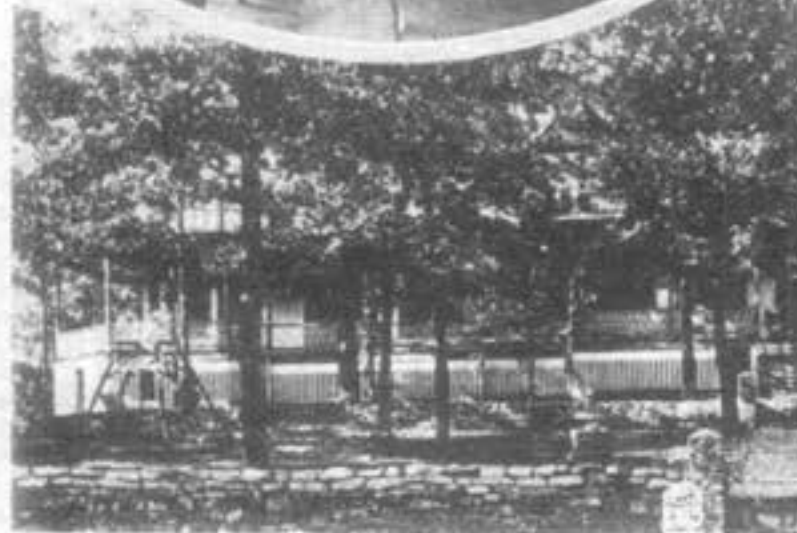
View from lodge of Lookout Mountain Camp, near Mentone (Postcard)



Sunset Rock - West Brow, at Mentone (Postcard)



Rustic Observation Deck at Brow Park, probably 1930s. Catwalk spans the distance between the ledge and the big rock. Deck appears to be anchored to a lopped off tree. Note what might have been a telescope. (Postcard-Inspiration Point)



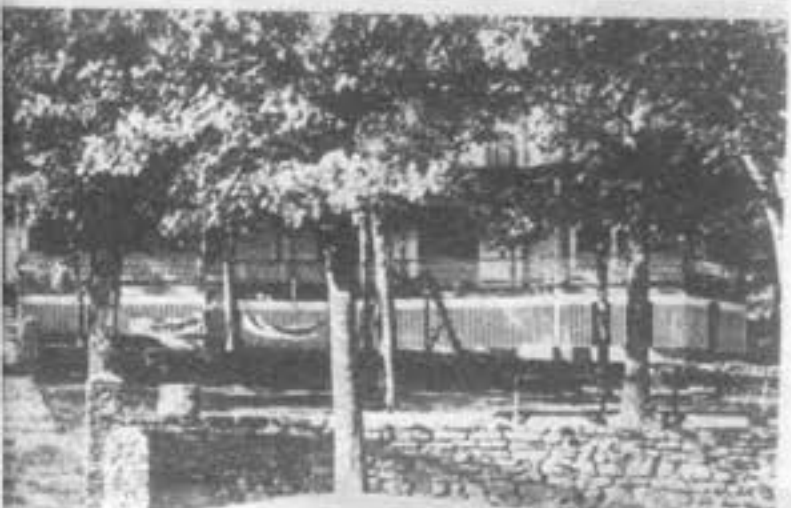
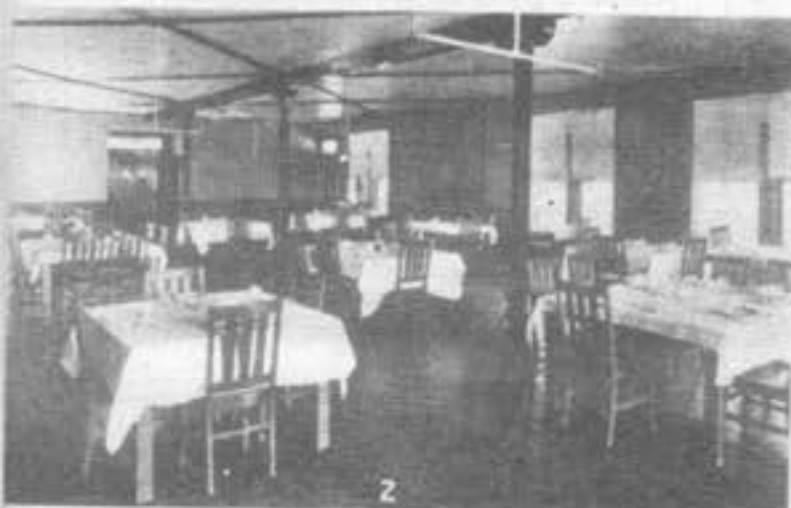
Mentone Springs Hotel (1914) with some interior scene (4) Bedroom; (5) Dining Room - cleared for dancing. This Register of Historical Places. It is now operated as a Bed picture below of sign in front of hotel taken July 3, 1995)



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of Ernest H. Smith



(1) Lobby; (2) Dining Room; (3) Hotel - front view; hotel was built in 1884, and is now on the Official N' Breakfast and restaurant (Heritage House--see



Street scene - Menton, France. Note similarity of building and sign to the Mentone Springs Hotel at Mentone, Alabama.



Mentone Springs Hotel with annex, c. 1930. This new addition was made c. 1915-1916. (Postcard)



Old Mentone Store complex and post office. Original part dating back to c.1910. Now restored and houses Crow's Nest Antiques and several other shops. Across the street is seen the service station part of a grocery store and tearoom, 1930s-40s.



Buck Low's Mountain Lodge (1940s), once under the management of Benton Culberson and wife Bamaleen. Later moved back to make room for a grocery store and service station (now Kountry Chef). The lodge is now used as a private residence. (Postcard)



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Many interesting people are traveling our way again. It's wonderful summertime, and Mentone gets its share of vacationers looking for cool mountain breezes. It is always nice to hear the comments of those who have discovered our mountain area for the first time and are ecstatic about the place.

Last week, we loved meeting a nice young lady from Germany, and other days some from England, France, and the Netherlands.

We have a good variety of Bed and Breakfast places, which gives our guests a chance to visit local homes and get a taste of our rural way of life. And I hear that most of them are full most of the time. These people who open their homes to tourists are also getting to meet many different and fascinating people. It's educational to meet a variety of those from differing walks of life—to chat with them and learn what they do, their occupation, hobbies, etc. People with shops, or any business dealing with the public, have a wealth of knowledge gleaned from just listening!

We have been blessed to have our grandson, Lee Cooper, with us again. He is lively, intelligent, handsome, conversational, inquiring, eating and helping us stay young. Aren't all grandchildren beautiful and intelligent? We are pleased that he even wants to visit us for a period of time. This will probably change in a year or two when he will have other plans with his friends. Homer has taken him fishing at Weiss Lake, where Lee also learned to water ski. Today, they have taken a friend, Michael Proia, to 6 Flags in Atlanta. They did not invite me, but my feelings are not hurt. The porch at the Hitching Post was pleasant with a cool breeze to keep it that way.

Shurlee Froehler and I had a delightful lunch at Dessie's Kountry Chef Restaurant and met good friends there—the Hawkins from Decatur and Mentone. Some of my very best friends have been made since being at the Hitching Post.

The idea of a tea room is progressing right along. I had several very supportive people who loved tea rooms and would do their best to help us make the dream a reality. It's exciting. I'll keep you posted on the progress. We have some good restaurants, but no place for a light snack and a good cup of gourmet tea or coffee.

It's time for the gathering of the clan who are descendants of Lee and Fannie Crow. This year, Lester and Annice's family hosted the affair in Oak Ridge on July 1.

Blackberries are getting ripe and it's time for a good cobbler and to make good jelly from the abundance of wild fruits ready for picking. The Teverinos said we could share some luscious blueberries and grapes from the Raven's Haven, but this year, we had to pick ours. Last year, they picked and delivered. Imagine the nerve of them—cutting out a good service. Oh, well, you can't win them all.

I hope you had a happy fourth and remembered to fly the United States flag and be proud to be an American. God bless the U.S.A. and you.

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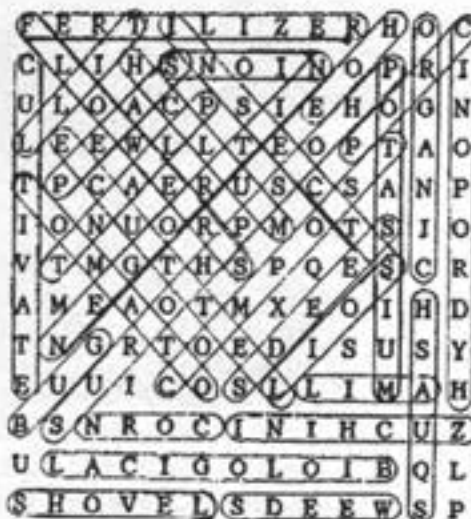
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July Sabbath

(This seasonal article and others to follow are from a scrapbook belonging to long-time Mentone resident, Mary Wiegand. The large scrapbook of her favorite seasonal articles by various authors was found recently in a storage chest at "Madaperca" by Don & Yvonne Brock.)

Only the chatter of sparrows
In the silent village;
And the little surf of the rain
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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

I must hasten to correct an error I made in last month's column. My daughter, Eldonna, called me from Maryland to remind me that the Harlan Cooper that she knew and went to school with was Sadie Cooper's brother-in-law, not her son. Of course, I knew that, but my pen was working faster than my mind.

Traci Adwiski and Billy III and Alli, from Chatsworth, Ga., visited Jewell Palmer and helped her move to Spring Gardens Apts. in Fort Payne. Traci and family will be moving to Philadelphia soon. We hope they will be happy in their new homes.

Essie and J.L. Downer attended the birthday celebration for Ada Hilyer at the Spring Grove Fellowship Hall in Fort Payne. It was her 80th birthday.

Mozell Crow, Adelaide Biddle, Christine and Walter Brooks, Louise and Charles Hammonds, joined a group from the Fort Payne Senior Center for a bus trip to Dollywood. They ate at the Dixie Stampede inside arena and enjoyed the performance. They toured Gatlinburg and the flowers were beautiful and lavish everywhere they went.

Doris Dean Chamlee had surgery at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham. She is now at home. We wish for her a quick and complete recovery.

Robert Brown, my grandson, is recovering from a neck injury suffered in an accident in Chattanooga. Hope he will soon be as good as new!

The Valley Head UMW met June 27 at the home of Velma Hammond with Vesta Hawkins and Geneva Smith as co-hostesses. I led the program on Africa, assisted by Mary Holleman and Velma Hammond. There were ten members present and Judith Hammond, a visitor.

Laura Margaret Allison entertained a group of her daughter's Valley Head High School friends with a luncheon, June 3, while her daughter, Ansley McGinnis, was visiting her from Florence S.C. Those present were Sherri O'Connell Barber from Tyrone, Ga.; Judith Hawkins Hammond from Fort Payne; Edna Smith Morgan, from Mentone; Clara Ferguson Jordan, from Birmingham; and Jackie Cooper Kilgore from Rossville, Ga. Joyce McElhaney Culberson, of Indiana, was unable to attend, but sent regrets and flowers.

Peachie and David Clearly from Irvine, California spent a week recently with Peachie's mother, Laura Margaret Allison.

On June 25, we had a nice fellowship meal at Valley Head Methodist Church. Melinda and Jeff Adkins furnished barbecue and we took the "fixins." This was after the morning worship service.

Jean Barnard Cassady and her husband, David, were gracious hosts for the 1952 graduating class of Valley Head High School, recently, at their beautiful home in Huntsville. Those present were Ethel Bain Manifold, Joe Gregory, Bobbie Bain Smith, Virgie Lyons Murdock, Ernest Murdock, Dorothy Beason Ledford, Kenneth Ledford, Jean Jones, John Jones, Evelyn Graves, Jimmy Graves, Mary Hoge, Carl Hoge, Emily Brown, Barry Brown, Hoyt McElhaney, Treva McElhaney, Eloise Craig Mathews, Ray Mathews, Virginia Frasier Platt, and Charles Platt. Susan Sims, Hunter and Cassady were also present and assisting. See picture elsewhere. I had a special invitation and enjoyed my visit with Adis Barnard. She has a beautiful and ideal cottage attached, yet apart, to Jean and David's house. We enjoyed a lavish feast.

I am happy with a visit from my granddaughter, Robin Root Darby, and her husband, Ray, and daughters Sharon, Elise, and Kirsten, from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. We will have a cookout with the family here tomorrow, July 4. I hope everyone has a happy holiday and a safe one and appreciate the meaning of the celebration.

HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

Compiled by Dr. Pat Seymour

PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED. Whenever you take to the woods, always carry a first-aid kit. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive. In fact, you can easily put together all the necessary products and store them in a resealable plastic bag. Among the basics: Band-Aids, triple-antibiotic ointment, cloth tape, sterile gauze, aspirin, sunscreen, and tweezers (for removing briars and thorns). Also, consider packing a small snakebite kit, especially in warm weather or when hunting in an area far from a medical facility.

HOT-WEATHER HATS. Some sportsmen favor wide-brimmed straw hats to keep cool, since they're lightweight. However, hats made from terry cloth or cotton may be dipped in water and wrung out. As the remaining moisture evaporates, it cools your head, in turn, lowering your body temperature.

CHILDPROOF GUNS? Gadgets and shortcuts designed to "childproof" guns may actually have the opposite effect—especially because they often give hunters and target shooters a false sense of security, which can lead to careless handling and storage habits. Even in you have "childproofed" your gun:

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3. Always check the action before you pick up any firearm, to make doubly sure it's unloaded.

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•The **LARGEST SNAKE** is the anaconda, which may attain a length of 30 feet. The shortest is the thread snake, which is about 8 inches long as an adult.

•The **SMALLEST BIRD** is the fairy hummingbird, whose wings become a blur at 50 to 75 strokes per second. This is a slow troll compared to the 200 strokes per second of flies and bees, and a tortoise pace compared to the midge's 1000 wing beats per second.

•**ELEPHANTS** will wear out as many as six sets of teeth in a lifetime, with new teeth moving forward as the old ones wear out. There are four teeth in each set. Humans have 32 permanent teeth (semi-permanent, unfortunately, for many of us), while the diminutive snail has as many as 25,000.

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THE MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Mentone Town Council has considered several matters over the past few months. At its April 3rd meeting, it was announced by the Mayor that according to the census, Mentone did not have enough low income families to be eligible for a grant to help with new water lines. Ordinance 95-2 was adopted, which declared certain real estate owned by the Town of Mentone as not needed for public or municipal purposes. The following were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments: Ed Disney (3 years); Ed Jones (3 years); George Huiet (assistant 3 years); Phil Hurt (2 years); Benny Goss (1 year). 1 Alternates: Donnie Voils (3 years) and James Lyday (3 years). Also, the Council reappointed Jean McGehee and Jim Roberts to the Planning Commission.

On May 8th, the Council instructed Johnny Ferguson, Chief of Police, to begin giving tickets for illegal parking at no parking signs.

Meadows Road was designated as a public road, and the county is to be requested to grade it.

A motion to have a city map with the new 911 addresses was made and carried.

During the June meeting, June 5, the mayor announced that Ft. Payne had increased the water rate 25%, necessitating an increase in the water rates to Mentone customers, which rate is effective as of June 1st.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m.



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MOON LAKE SCHOOL PIANO RECITAL

Moon Lake School's first piano recital was held on May 11th. Fourteen of Moon Lake's students performed a variety of piano solos. Parents, friends, and fellow students were in attendance. Dr. Bill Berry welcomed the guests, and then turned the program over to Mary Clark, who teaches piano at Moon Lake School. Each student played two selections. Those performing were: Katie Herndon, Peter Hurt, Rob Childers, Andrew McCole, Rachael Bryan, Kristen Addison, Kelly Wright, Ben Corey, Kiley Young, Jana Goss, Stuart Hurt, Kerri McMunn, Sarah Hurt, and Emmy Corey.



JOHN MARCUS CRIDER

John Marcus Crider celebrated his 4th birthday on July 7. He is the son of Johnny and Sissy Crider from Valley Head. His grandparents are Wiley and Sharon Hatfield of Sulphur Springs; Bessie and Slew Wilks and the late Leon J. Crider of Valley Head. **Happy Birthday!!!**

Love, Mommy & Daddy.



ANGELA AND RUSTY CHAMBERS

Rusty and Angela Chambers recently celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary with a trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and from there, took a cruise to Freeport Bahamas. They had a wonderful time. They're shown walking on the beach.



LOGAN RUSSELL CHAMBERS

Logan Russell Chambers will celebrate his 6th birthday, July 23. Parents are Rusty and Angela Chambers of Mentone. Grandparents are Kent and Jane Kerby, Valley Head; Calvin and Marie Blansit, Ringgold, Ga.; Sanford and Juanita Hartline, and Milton and Gail Chambers of Mentone. Great grandparents are Alfred and Polly Chambers and Mary Crow of Mentone, and Maxine Ferguson of Hammondville.



LOREN BROOKE KEAN

Loren Brooke Kean celebrated her 6th birthday on May 17, with a party held at the home of Mae Hunt. A total of 31 attended and enjoyed games and refreshments. Loren was surprised with a gift from Papa-Al Hunt—a beautiful, small white horse named "Moonshine." Each child got to ride Moonshine and to have their picture made to take home.

Happy Birthday, LOREN, and also to you, Mom, Shannon Kean, whose birthday was May 3rd; and to Papa-Al Hunt, whose birthday was May 22nd.

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MORE NONSENSE

After two months of ranting and raving on two of my political dislikes—legislators who stay in office too long and legalized gambling—I'm going to turn my attention to lighter thoughts. Unbeknownst to him, Sue's brother, George, has furnished this month's article. George gave no inkling of its origin, so we'll credit George P. Anonymous as the author...so here goes.

NAMES

If Edward is Ed
and Fredrick is Fred,
Why do they call William, Bill?
And how they get Hal
out of Harold,
is something that puzzles me still.
To call Alexandra, Sandy,
or Harriett, Hatty, is jolly;
and who was the jerk who
renamed Derek, Dirk?
We may as well call Mary Molly!
Sometimes we give people's names unto things
which is something I've pondered upon...
Why in the world would a plumber named Crapper
call his invention a John?

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The word search puzzle was submitted by Susan Ashby from Huntsville, Ala. She is the daughter of Bill and Sue Schwarz. See answer on Page 14.

Friends of Little River will meet on July 18 at Fischer Rescue Squad Building in Ft. Payne for its regular monthly meeting. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

I don't think I really understood what BOLTING was when it came to plants, but now I know what it means, and it's not a nice thing. When plants BOLT, it means that they are not going to give us the usual crop, but start making seeds instead. It is caused by higher than normal temperatures for those certain plants. So, because of that, I did not get to freeze or can a lot of the usual spring veggies. I will have to replant them in mid July to get a fall crop.

I have been busy looking for tips on how to get top yields from the rest of the vegetables.

SNAP BEANS - frequent harvesting, before seed formation, will encourage more blossoms, which, in turn, means bigger yields, as the plant is trying to produce mature seeds and finish its life cycle. Plants that are well tended should bear until frost.

CORN - If you want full ears on every plant, try hand-pollinating. Take a brown paper bag, bend the stalk gently, and hold the tassel inside the bag and shake; then, let the stalk straighten up. You will get a thimbleful of pollen. When you have enough, sprinkle a little on all the silks. You can do this every day until the silks turn brown, but once or twice should be enough. Don't shake the plants before you take pollen, as just walking down a row can send pollen flying.

CUCUMBERS - trellised vines stay healthy for a longer period so they produce fruit for a longer time—the yields triple. Another reason for increased production is to prune the first five or six LATERAL shoots. Pinching them off encourages more vegetative growth in the early stages of plant growth, rather than set fruit. The plant then has a good framework for producing more fruit later on in the season. Early yields will be lower, though; so you may want to keep a few unpruned. You must pick the fruit right away, as a single ripe cucumber left on the vine will stop production.

(When I read that about a good framework to be more fruitful, it brought to mind a saying that I heard from various people at home—that a man must look for a good framework in a woman, as that means she will be more "fruitful.")

SUMMER SQUASH - some simple techniques will give you perfect squash almost every day from early summer until frost. TWO squash plants paired should give you a good supply. Summer squash can grow an inch or more a day, and should be picked when they are about an inch in diameter and four inches long. Once the fruit matures and produces seeds, hormonal changes in the plant send messages to slow down production.

Summer squash varieties will cross-pollinate each other, as well as winter squash and many pumpkins. The cross will not affect that year's fruit, but seed saved will produce mongrels the following year.

TOMATOES - pruned and unpruned will produce the same harvest, but the good thing is that pruned, staked, or trellised plants keep the vines and fruits clean and healthy. Pruning does make the plant produce about two weeks earlier.

The tomato flower pollinates itself provided something jostles it—the wind, a gardener's leg, or insects. If several windless days ensue, you might gently shake your plants for crop insurance.

Researchers recommend that you NEVER use over-ripe tomatoes, that you can by the rules—in boiling water baths or pressure canners, and that you never taste anything that looks or smells abnormal. Molds can alter the acidity of canned tomatoes enough to permit the development of botulism.

BROCCOLI - gardeners in most areas can enjoy this production in both spring and fall; and those in California and the Deep South can coax a third crop of broccoli by growing a slow-maturing variety in winter. Raising seedlings will produce hardier plants, and the temperatures play a big role in the plants' life—seeing that the temps are in the 60-65 range is important.

Broccoli tastes best when matured and harvested in cool weather with cool nights. Start plants from seed about three months before the harvest date.

CABBAGE - cabbage develops best when matured during the cool weather and shorter days or fall. Cool weather at maturity also produces milder cabbages, frost sweetens cabbage.

Fall crops can be sown directly into the garden and later thinned. The plants that are thinned out can be used as transplants, if carefully dug. NEVER plant cabbages where it or any other brassica was grown the year before. Rotate to prevent disease and discourage over-wintering pests. A uniform moisture level will prevent heads from splitting and/or cracking. (Splitting is also caused by over maturity.)

You can help your plants produce another head or two before calling it quits. When you cut the first head, use a sharp knife and leave the stalk and roots undisturbed. It will resprout in several places with the mature roots nurturing it,



"Summertime, and the livin' is easy" to quote the songsters. Here's hoping everybody is having a great summer and enjoying nature's bounty. I have acquired two great recipes, and I think you will enjoy them, too. The first one is a chocolate lover's delight...easy and delicious. The second one came from that wonderful cook, Maureen Brewer's collection.

Chocolate Cake

Mary Grace Umstat

1/2 C margarine
1 C sugar
4 eggs (or substitute)
1 can Hershey's Chocolate syrup
1-1/2 C flour

Mix first four ingredients together, then mix in flour. Bake in a 12-1/4" x 8-3/4" pan. (I use the aluminum disposables.) Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes—let cool.

Frosting:

1 C sugar
1/4 C milk
1/4 C margarine
1 C Chocolate chips

Combine sugar, milk, and margarine in saucepan and bring to a rolling boil and let boil **30 SECONDS**. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips, stirring until melted, and quickly spread over chocolate cake, which has cooled.

Tomato Tart

Maureen Brewer

Prepared refrigerated pie crust
8 oz mozzarella cheese, shredded
2 T chopped fresh basil (or more)
4-5 Tomatoes sliced 1/2"

1/2 t salt
1/4 t pepper
2 T olive oil

Line 10" pie plate with pastry, spread cheese in bottom of pastry. Sprinkle with basil. Cover with tomatoes. Top with salt and pepper and drizzle olive oil over top. Bake in 400° oven 30-40 minutes, until crust is browned. Serve warm.

these heads will be smaller than the parent, but the taste is just as good. Some gardeners leave all the buds to sprout, ending up with four or five heads, or all but one of the buds are rubbed off, leaving one head to develop.

Late varieties of white cabbage can be pulled up in mid autumn and hung upside down by the stalk in a shed or garage, where they will keep well for months. Save red cabbage in the same way. You can also store cabbage by pulling up the entire plant and stacking them upside down in a protected corner of the yard. Cover the cabbages with a foot of leaves or straw.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS - are the hardiest of the cabbage family and can survive freezing temperatures better than hot spells. Fall crops are the best and most successful. Direct-sow around July, timing plants to mature when the days are still warm, but night frosts bring out the sprouts' flavor. The leaves that grow below each sprout turn yellow as sprouts mature—remove them to give the sprouts space to develop. Pinching off the tops forces sprouts to mature faster. Small sprouts are the most tender and need light frost to lose the bitter taste that is associated with it. Pick from the bottom up, and if a severe frost is forecast, pull up the entire plant and hang it upside down in a cool place.

Well, that's it for now. I hope that you all enjoy all the flowers and vegetables this summer and fall—I know my family and I will as I try to plant and grow the more exotic veggies that are quite expensive to buy, like asparagus, broccoli, sprouts, and such. My family simply could not get enough asparagus and snow peas, so I have tripled the beds. But, mind you, I am not a very straight-row gardener. I plant my stuff here, there, and anywhere, which drives my hubby nuts. He can't bear not to see everything in its place in a neat row. I do practice crop rotation, as I hate pesticides and try never to use them.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

By Marie Dillenbeck

Friends of Little River met on June 20 at Fischer Rescue Squad building. Eleven (11) members and one guest, Larry Bean, a representative of the National Park Service, were present.

President Desmond Disney called the meeting to order. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report given.

Bill Adams, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers:

President - Desmond Disney
Vice President - Rick Chapman
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck
Treasurer - Sue Schwarz
Parliamentarian - Don Lucy
Member at Large - Bill Schwarz
Member at Large - Melanie Blackwell

Rick Chapman moved that the nominations be closed, seconded by Sue Schwarz; all nominees were accepted by acclamation.

A membership drive was discussed, with Melanie Blackwell agreeing to chair the committee. There will be a general membership meeting scheduled at a later date.

The next meeting is July 19, the third Tuesday of July, at 7 p.m., at Fischer Rescue Squad Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



**LISA MARLENE CROW
AND SAMUEL EDWARD WHATLEY**

Lisa Marlene Crow and Samuel Edward Whatley were united in marriage at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church at 5:00 p.m., May 27. Rev. Robert Childers, Rector, officiated, assisted by Tom Anderson.

Lisa wore the wedding gown of her aunt, Joyce Cooper. The gown was victorian style with empire waist, covered with seed pearls, long sleeves, an overskirt of silk chiffon, and a cathedral length train. The attendants wore tea length dresses in floral shades of pink and green. Dowe Clifton was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Quenby Zeller, Cassidy Hudgins, Brandi Maxwell, and Tonya Shanklin.

Clay Green was Best Man. Nathan Baggett, Todd Parkison, Tim Hulgan, and Paul Blalock were groomsmen. Little Fred Castleberry was ring bearer and flower girls were Megan Smith and Keisha Powell.

Barry Crow furnished music and also presented his daughter to be married. The reception was held in the parish hall at the church and was beautifully done in pink and white by Lisa's mother, Ronda Bruckno of Charlotte, N.C. She was assisted by her sister-in-law, Cathy Watson, and Donna McCowan.

Joyce Cooper served the wedding cake and Garnett Smith served the groom's cake.

Sam's parents are Samuel G. and Rosemarie Whatley of Mentone. His grandmother is Mayford Whatley of Pomona, Fla. His sisters are Garnett Smith and Karen Powell.

Following a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., the couple will be at home in Mentone.



**MISS JAMIE NICOLE PHILLIPS
AND JOHN DAVID HEATH BLALOCK**

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Phillips of Valley Head announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Jamie Nicole Phillips to Mr. John David Heath Blalock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Blalock of Mentone.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Floyd Phillips and the late Bonnie Phillips of Valley Head and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell and Mrs. Faye Bell, also of Valley Head.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School and is presently attending Chattanooga State.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blalock of Mentone and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Mentone.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School and is attending Northeast State Community College.

The wedding will be at Lea's Chapel Baptist Church on July 15, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow. No formal invitations will be sent. All friends and family are invited.

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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

••Maxwell Restaurant was the sole bidder on meals for jail inmates and will provide the food for the next three months. Sealed bids were opened in Chattooga County Commissioner, Jim Parker's office. Maxwell's bid was \$7.50 a day.

••At 3:00 p.m. on July 14, Warner Park Zoo will be featured at the Menlo Library. At 3:00 p.m. On July 21, Shell Craft will be taught. Learn how to craft your own special treasures out of sea shells. Supplies are \$3.00 for each piece.

••According to Susan Stewart, Menlo Library Director, the Menlo Branch had 3,033 patrons last year, while 4,785 volumes were circulated through the branch, and 30 children have enrolled in the annual summer reading program offered at the branch.

•• The Menlo City Council may call for voluntary restrictions on water usage in the near future if something is not done soon about Menlo's water situation. According to Sid Swords, City Superintendent, the town's water tank was only one-quarter full of water. A well recently drilled for the town will not be usable because of high content of sulphur.

••Congratulations to Terri Tonya Ellenburg and Jeffery Lee Dosier, who were married July 1 at the Chelsea Baptist Church in Menlo. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellenburg, Summerville, and Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Summerville.

••Leonard "Len" Allen Finster, 61, died June 20 at an Atlanta hospital. He is survived by his son, Leonard Allen Finster Jr., Florida; his mother, Ruble Finster, Menlo; a brother Sam Finster, Summerville; five granddaughters and several nieces and nephews. Deepest sympathy to his family.

•• Jimmy Nelson Holder, 63, died June 26 in a Rome nursing home. Among his survivors is a sister, Geneva Rogers, Menlo. Sincere condolences go out to his family.



MENLO MARKS DARE PROGRAM

Menlo Elementary's recent D.A.R.E. graduation included anti-drug presentations by the four students shown above. They are (L/R): Amy Prince, Erin de Mesquita, Steele Lee, and Kasey Green. Flanking them are teachers Teresa Patterson (left) and Barbara Reece. On the back row are (L/R): Trooper Moe Gass of the Georgia State Patrol, County Schools Superintendent Frank (Skipper) Stewart, Summerville Police Chief Tony Gilleland, Principal Lynn Hall and teacher Susan Noel. The program marked the completion of another year of anti-drug education--D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education--and was followed by a cookout in Menlo Park.

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(3) **SOMETHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY** - Living/ dining combo, large eat-in kitchen with skylight-den-mudroom--3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 mountain stone fireplaces, large screen porch and a screened beach house for entertaining, all on a beautifully landscaped lot with Lake Lahusage frontage. \$150,000.



(4) **LOFTY CONTEMPORARY** on the Brow of Mentone. Offering 3 or 4 bedrooms - 2 baths. Fully equipped kitchen--pine floors--dressing room, and solar room. Floor to ceiling glass in the 2 story living room produces a feeling of openness to the outside from both floors. Appointment only. \$225,000.



(5) **WATCH THE SEASONS CHANGE IN THE VALLEY BELOW** from in front of the rock fireplace of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath custom log home. Fully equipped kitchen, pine floors, exposed beams in living room and central heat and air on a 7.2 acre brow lot above Mentone. Ready to move into and start enjoying the fantastic view from the large deck where you can spend many lazy afternoons. \$150,000.



(6) **LIKE NEW--LOW MAINTENANCE BRICK HOME** with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen and fireplace with insert. Room for expansion in the 3/4 basement with full bath. Sitting on a low maintenance lot with adjoining land available. \$75,000.



(7) **BRING YOUR BOAT AND COME RIGHT OVER TO THIS ALMOST NEW HOME ON WEISS LAKE.** Three acres on the water surround this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large living room, separate den, a storage basement and dock and boat ramp. Kitchen has oak cabinets and island with stove top. Front porch and back deck. \$149,900.



(8) **THE PERFECT WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SUMMER AWAITS YOU.** Come see this 1 bedroom, 1 bath home with living and dining areas. Located on an acre lot with its own boat dock at Weiss Lake. \$35,000.

OTHER LISTINGS

(10) **BROW LOT IN MENTONE** - Adjoins Crasgmere Manna with 20 acres between you and the peaceful valley setting below. Build your weekend getaway on this beautiful property. \$35,000.

(11) **THE WEST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER** flows quietly by these 3-acre wooded lots with 300 feet of River Frontage. Restricted for property owner's protection. Prices starting at \$20,000.

(12) **START YOUR DREAM HOME TODAY** on this 3-acre wooded lot with 200 ft. on Lake Lahusage. Restricted for owner's protection. \$30,000.

(13) **13 BROW LOTS** with additional acreage across the road for a mini-farm. Just over the Georgia line. Restricted. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty.

(14) **10 ACRES IN DOWNTOWN MENTONE.** Heavily wooded with a fantastic view of open pasture. City water available. \$20,000.

(15) **OVERLOOK THE BREATHTAKING GEORGIA VALLEY** from this 3.76 acre West Brow lot, about 10 miles north of Mentone. Lightly restricted. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty. Only \$22,000.

(16) **LAKE ON THE BROW** - Where else can you find magnificent sunrise and lake views in the same place? Only at Lake on the Brow. Restricted building lots 10 minutes from town. NOW OPEN-PHASE II - Look now while the choice is prime--starting at only \$12,500.

(17) **NON-RESTRICTED LAND.** Beautiful wooded and cleared lots located at Little River Canyon. Lot sizes ranging from 1-acre tracts and larger. Priced starting at \$5,500. Owner financing available.

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Susan Collins Residence--634-4695

Sara Guinn Residence --845-1881



(9) **OWN YOUR OWN WEEK-END PARADISE** with 150 feet on the East Fork of Little River. 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage and detached garage with upstairs room. Fish from your own private dock or canoe down Little River. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty. \$75,500.

1995 Fort Payne Dixie Youth League Champions



MAJOR LEAGUE AMERICAN: Mentone, coached by Joe Smith, won the 11- and 12-year-old American League division with a record of 10-2. Members of the team are Joseph Smith, Dave Goodwin, Nathan Owen, Emily Collins, Ashton Jones, Nicholas King, Jenny Wesley, David Chaney, Will Shanklin, Matthew Prestwood, Jared Fischer, Peter Hurt, Eddie Manning, Alan Hawkins, and Johnnie Wesley.



MAJOR LEAGUE NATIONAL: The Valley Mills Braves, coached by Steve Smith, won the 11- and 12-year-old division with a record of 11-3. Members of the team are Michael Smith, Tyler Cooper, Chad Hammon, Matthew Watson, Christopher Crawford, Zachary Jones, Nick Esloon, Randy Turner, Scooter Hilyer, Jerrod Putnam, Matthew Coyle and Shawne Greene.

(Grapevine, Part 2, Continued from Page 4.)

Becky Brown Storey and her baby son, Rodney, were in a recent wreck in Valley Head. Three vehicles were involved, and, luckily, no one was seriously injured.

A big Lookout Mountain "Welcome" to Andrew Akes and his family who have recently moved to the area from Florida. These are NICE folks!

The new Winston Place B&B had a busy weekend during June Jam Week. Guests were past and present football players, many from Bama. Jim Bunch played in the softball game along with former defensive line coach Ken Donahue. Coach Donahue (a close friend from my Coach Bryant years) has a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Maurine Donahue, who live in Hammondville.

Sadie Cooper, Van, Teresa, Tyler, and Lana went to Panama City just in time to meet Allison, the hurricane. They spent the roughest night in Dothan, but the Coopers returned to PC after the "all clear."

During the months of June and July, a part of all receipts taken in at the Shear Designs Beauty Shop in Valley Head will go toward new uniforms for the Valley Head High School Band. The band thanks Julie and Annette and others who helped with this event.

Tara Cahill, Beth Moore's cousin from West Chester, Ohio, visited her recently. Tara and Beth helped Campbell Smith clean out the band room at school.

Angelica Westbrooks, daughter of Tracie Westbrook and Joe Combs, will celebrate her 1st birthday July 5th. Many happy returns, little one.

Ruby Davis's daughter, Trena, was involved in an accident in front of the Valley Head Chevron. She was a lucky young lady not to be badly injured.

Deepest sympathy to the families of the following deceased:
Rick and Hugh Brandon, 30, who passed away June 15, 1995;
Mildred Battles, 76, who passed away June 16, 1995.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO the following:

2nd - Terry Hartline	3rd - Jerry Lewis, Nick Black
7th - Jimmy Blalock	11th - Alan McElhaney
12th - Bobby Smalley	13th - Penny McElhaney
14th - Jeffery Hopper	16th - Chris Busby
18th - Loy Langston	20th - Beck Langston
23rd - Christopher McMahan, Harold Gregory, T. H. Parkinson	

24th - Barbara Blansit Davis
27th - Ben Parkinson, Derrick Brown
28th - Ray Lewis, Debbie Flannigan
29th - Erma Black
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
15th - Leonard and Barbara Davis
29th - John and Lesa Moore

Let me close this month's Grapevine with the following:

TODAY IS NOW!

I shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have I done today?
I shall give out gold in princely sums
But what did I give today?
I shall lift the heart and dry the tears
I shall plant a hope in the place of fears
I shall speak with words of love and cheer.
But what have I done today?
I shall be so kind in the after while
But what have I done today?
I shall bring to each lonely life a smile
But what have I brought today?
I shall give truth a grander birth
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth.
I shall feed the hungering souls of earth.
But whom have I fed today?

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The Ice Cream Parlor located in downtown Valley Head.
Joy Hester, owner, picture inset.



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 2 p.m. at the Mentone Town Hall. The theme for June was "Trees." The hostesses were Sue Schwarz, Lynette McCary, and Shirley Hussell, who served delicious refreshments.

Marie Dillenbeck, president, called the meeting to order, and recognized the guests who were present. There were 28 members, including Jan Wilkinson, a new member, plus two guests: Eleanor Teverino, and Annette Orr. Mrs. Orr is President of the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs.

Mabel Kirk gave the devotional based on Psalms 121:1-2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Mabel read "Through the Eyes of Love" by James Dillard Freeman. She said, "Silence is a must in life, and we all must take time out for silence and love." Jo Beaubie lead the members in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. Roll call was answered by each member naming a favorite fruit tree.

The president suspended the regular order of business to allow the Federation President to present the club with several awards won at the state convention in Auburn in June. Those included Club of Distinction, the Yates Award, 2nd place in civic development (book of evidence submitted), 2nd place in the National Exxon award (book of evidence submitted and a \$250 check, 1st place in the state on the school ground improvement, and year book award. She said that there would be a handout coming soon entitled, "Networking for Birds," which is the Deep South Theme for this year. Following the presentation of the awards, the meeting continued with the regular order of business.

The minutes were read and approved as was the treasurer's report. Hattie Lide won the drawing for the hostess gift, which was a book on gardening.

Under old business, Ann Wright gave a status report about the various projects underway during her presidency. The president and the members thanked Ann for all the work she has done to help the club and especially for several of the awards.

Under new business, the president thanked Dr. Pat Seymour for the donation of the four conference tables. The new yearbooks were passed out at the meeting, giving everyone an opportunity to check the accuracy of their names and addresses. The cost for doing the yearbook was \$4.50, which was the cost of the covers. Dr. Pat Seymour donated the copying of the book, and Marie Dillenbeck donated the type-setting and the \$4.50 for the covers.

The Fall District II meeting is being hosted by the Rhododendron Garden Club and will be held at the Promenade Hall (Lookout Valley Inc.) in Valley Head on Thursday, September 21, 1995. The following members agreed to be in charge of: Decorations - Ann Wright, Linda Brown, and Barbara Blalock; Food - Jo Beaubie, Mickey Gough, and Flo Kirby; Door Prizes - Dr. Pat. Also, Barbara Blalock will be the flower show chairman.

There being no further business, Vice President Bernise Crow introduced Flo Kirby, who had the program, "Tree Families." This is the first in the series for the year. Many new and interesting facts were presented. Flo also had a book on trees which was passed around to the members during her presentation.

The president thanked the hostesses for the refreshments and the treasurer, Flo Kirby, announced that \$42.00 had been received today on the hostess gift for the club's ways and means project.

The meeting was adjourned, and it was announced that the next meeting would be held at the home of Hope Walker. Donald Cole of the Alabama Forestry Commission is the guest speaker for the program, "Control of Insects and Diseases of Trees." Hostesses are Hope Walker, Alyce Springer, and Diane Kuehl.

NOTE CHANGE
IN MEETING PLACE FOR JULY.

THE RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB MEETING
WILL BE HELD
AT THE MENTONE TOWN HALL
AT 2:00 P.M. ON JULY 11.

THE GUEST SPEAKER IS JIM HYLAND, CHIEF OF THE
ALABAMA FORESTRY DIVISION, FROM
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

PICTURES FROM THE 1995 BROWN REUNION held at home of Ovie and Barbara Blalock on June 25, 1995



(L/R) Sarah Harris, Laura Brown (Mrs. Carlton), Carlton Brown, Raymond Brown, Catherine Bailey, and Carrie Ruth Kirby



CATHERINE BROWN BAILEY'S FAMILY

(L/R) Adam Blalock, Becky Blalock, Tyler Hester, Jimmy Hester, Barbie Hester, Ovie Blalock, Brian Blalock, Jimmy Blalock, Barbara Blalock, Betty Blalock, Brittany Hestter, Catherine Bailey, Gerald Bailey, Phyllis Bailey, Lesley Blalock, Jennifer Blalock, Barry Blalock, Rhonda Blalock, Erica Blalock, Sherry Taylor, Zachary Taylor, Brian Taylor



RAYMOND BROWN'S FAMILY

(L/R) 1st row-- Carol Hazell, Alex Hazell, Kayla Hazell, Gail Smalley; 2nd row-- Linda Brown, Raymond Brown, Bobby Brown



CARRIE RUTH KIRBY'S FAMILY

(L/R) Carrie Ruth Kirby, Eric Kirby, Cory Kirby, Roberta Kirby, Eddie Kirby, Angie Lawton, Jacqueline Lawton, Alexis Lawton, Kenneth Dobbs, Elaine Dobbs, Connie, Kayla, and Matthew Newsome, and Cheyenne Keith



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3

Prayer is so very important to our well being. So many needs that only God can meet. God knew that, so He tells us to call upon Him, and He will make things right. How often do you take time to pray? Just when trouble has come your way? Take time to pray today.



TO BE GIVEN AWAY LABOR DAY 1995

1929 GAZELLE REPLICA SSK KIT CAR, with Ford chassis, 2300 cc Ford engine, automatic transmission, 2-door convertible (with top stored in trunk), wire wheels, leather interior, beige and brown, with approximately 1,000 miles.

This beautiful car was titled in 1969 and can be seen at Tim Hegwood Motor Company on Highway 48 in Menlo, Georgia. The Chattooga County Shrine Club is accepting donations in the amount of \$10.00 for each opportunity to be the proud owner of this 1929 automobile.

George Payne, a member of the Yarrab Shrine in Atlanta for 17 years, and a charter member of the newly-formed Chattooga County Shrine Club, is shown standing by this intriguing car. Labor Day 1995 is the date this car will be given away, and all the proceeds will go to Community Center, Inc., and the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. One does not have to be present to win.