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Mentone's Summer Camps—Creative Living



In a little canoe on Little River at Ponderosa.

"Spiritual self-affirmation occurs in every moment in which man lives creatively in the various spheres of meaning," so said noted philosopher Paul Tillich in a volume entitled **The Courage To Be**. He continued: "Creative, in this context, has the sense not of original creativity as performed by the genius but of living spontaneously, in action and reaction, with the contents of one's cultural life."

Each year thousands of children come to the mountain to live creatively, to self-affirm spiritually and to experience life more fully — to make new friends and to be reunited with old ones, to learn new skills, to enjoy for a time a world set apart from their own. And to take some of that world home in their hearts and minds.

Mentone's summer camps offer something for everyone, and in the case of Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center, offer it year around. LMCCC began its new lease on life in 1974 when John and Anne Morrison and their four children moved there to establish a place where individuals and groups could come and enjoy a peaceful, meditative yet joyful place in a natural setting.

The camp was founded as a camp for boys in 1928 by John Morrison's father, Gray and his father-in-law Dr. Jacob Gorman. At his death in 1958, Gray left the facility on the banks of Little River to his sons, Gray D. and John.

Sixteen years ago this summer, John Morrison and Rev. Graham Glover, now deceased, began the first Day Camp for local children. Always held the first full week in August, the days are filled with swimming, horseback riding, crafts, devotional time, ball games, and lots of good food to eat. The children come from surrounding communities and the all-volunteer staff comes from far and wide, often traveling many miles to help with this community outreach for children. This year DeSoto State Park's naturalist, Trina Faulkner, led nature expeditions. Duncan Lill, soon-to-be husband of Deedee Morrison, was the Day Camp's Project Manager. He is from New Orleans and is a medic in the Special Forces, Green Beret. Ann Minton Jones, who is a Junior High School principal the rest of the year, served as Dining Hall Director. Bruce and Ray Camer, realtors from Poplarville, Missouri, directed the gym sports. Tina Annis, who is a student at the University of Georgia in Atlanta, took care of the waterfront as Head

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Mentone Crafts Festival Big Success

Once again the Mentone Crafts Festival was a great success! Thanks to all who helped in any way. One of the main objectives of the festival committee is to help the Dixie Youth baseball program. We have helped both Valley Head and Mentone teams for several years now. Other projects have been a donation to the animal shelter in Fort Payne and various activities in the Mentone area. All profits are used to better the community and participation in the festival by community groups is encouraged and appreciated. Thanks again and the festival did break the drought — at least we take credit for it!

Mentone Crafts Festival Committee



The DeSoto Rescue Squad drew one ticket from the 200 sold at the Mentone Crafts Festival. This enabled them to give \$1,000 to the holder of the ticket and to pay for some recently purchased rappelling equipment. Shown above is Jesse Crabtree, captain, presenting the money to Richard Bridgeman. The DeSoto Rescue Squad's area of coverage is the Valley Head School district. The members express their appreciation for the help given to them by the community. The squad also sponsored a blood pressure checking station for the public at the festival.

MAPA Installs New Officers

By Bernise Crow

The new officers were installed at the July meeting at city hall. The officers are: Homer Crow, president; Sherman Gough, assistant to the president; Harrell Jenkins, treasurer; Mickey Gough, secretary; Lynn Bathurst, parliamentarian; and Rick Chapman, member at large.

Steve Noles gave a report on the status of the organization becoming incorporated as a non-profit organization. The papers were ready, and only the signatures of the new officers.

Bart Kennedy spoke to members about the bicycle race

that took place July 20, 21 and 22.

Selous Nyakunu was introduced by Homer Crow. Mr. Nyakunu spoke about his country of Zimbabwe, Africa. He said he was speaking as a private citizen, and not as a representative of Africa. He answered questions from the audience.

Wanda Simmons was elected to serve as chairman of the October Colorfest, which will be Oct. 20 and 21.

Sherman reported that our signs are being made for the Adopt-A-Mile program, which is one mile east of the city limits of Mentone.

COUNTRY JOURNAL



Bernise at the Hitching Post.

By Bernise Crow

The long days of summer have been busy and quite warm. We never seem to find time to do all the things we would like to do, but I am not complaining. I am glad I have the energy to do some of the things I dream of accomplishing.

Our house has been busy with many activities, and with the sounds of many enjoyable things, such as cooking out on the grill, and making home-made ice cream.

Our Grandson, Lee Cooper, of Columbia, S. C., spent almost a month with us, and was a special joy to us. He has all the energy and curiosity of an average 7-year-old, and is at the same time quite grown-up in other ways. He loves the out-of-doors, and found plenty of it here at our place. He eagerly awaited his Grandfather's return home from his office so he could help him "farm." Our daughter, Doreen Waters, was here at the time, and Lee liked playing with her two little Western Terriers. There was never a dull moment. He is full of energy, and never stops talking, unless he decides to sing! Seems like he took after my side of the family.

Forgive me for talking so much about our family, but in reading this I am sure you can identify with some of it. Most of us in the country have city visitors for the summer months, because there is nothing to compare with the joy of country living at this time of year. The children look forward to coming to our house every year, and we anticipate their coming to live in the place. They are forming lifetime memories they will cherish forever. In memory I return to my Grandparent's home many, many times. Our gardening chores are time consuming, such as canning beans, tomatoes, making jellies and pickles, but how sweet it is when the jars are labeled and placed on shelves in the pantry!

We have been enjoying fresh blueberries with cereal in the mornings, and now we have luscious pink grapes hanging full and ripe on the vines.

July took on a special meaning when we had the pleasure of entertaining our friend Selous Nyakuna from Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa. Selous was very kind to us when we visited Zimbabwe last year. We had especially wanted to go to Victoria Falls, which was about 500 miles from Harare where we were staying. Our dear friend, Agnes, asked Selous if he could drive us there, because we could not get plane reservations on short notice. So he took off from his work and took us there in his car. We had a wonderful trip because the sight of the falls is fantastic. He refused any reimbursement for his car, or his

time — said he would visit us sometime. We only had a week to do anything for him, but Homer squeezed in as much activity as was possible. We took him to the Smokies, which he enjoyed, and to Florida deep-sea fishing. He loved the mountain scenery right here at Mentone. He was our guest at M.A.P.A., where he witnessed Homer being installed as president, and my retirement as secretary. He then spoke to us about his country, and answered questions from the audience. Selous loved our night sounds here in the country. He lives in the city of Harare, and had never heard the sound of Cicadas that serenaded us at night during July and August.

There is nothing like breathing in the sweetness of the cool mountain breezes and sipping iced tea on the porch of the Hitching Post. My cousin Kenneth King and his wife Elizabeth say they want to reserve a seat on the porch here one week every summer. This week they have shared with us and what a good time we have had! The only disturbance was the noise of big trucks that zoom through Mentone like it didn't exist. It would be nice if they could be re-routed to an area that is not as congested as ours. Or, they could slow down a bit and that would help.

Our visitor of the month at the Hitching Post was Jesse Levy Foss, from LaFayette, La., and her lovely daughter, Sally, from Huntsville. I had not seen Jesse in 46 years! She is a beautiful lady. I thought she was the most beautiful girl I ever saw. She and her sister, Mildred, used to come with their parents to the DeSoto Hotel when I worked there in the 40's. Her father was a doctor, and they lived in New Orleans then. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Howe, who operated the hotel then, looked forward to the Levys coming every year. Jesse said she had been coming to Mentone in the summer since she was four years old. We talked about mutual acquaintances, and all the things offered at the Hitching Post then. She said the Glover boys (Billy, Graham and Alex) operated it then, and she and other friends would come for ice cream and fountain Cokes. Those were the days. She said she did not see how they made any money, because they ate up all the profit! Shortly after Jesse was here, the daughters of Dr. Heath were in the shop and we had a pleasant time reminiscing. I am sorry I did not know them earlier.

It is exciting to watch the progress on the building of a kitchen at the Mentone Springs Hotel, and the prospect of a new restaurant opening in October there. Sandra Padgett is living in the hotel now and is supervising the work. This will be a boon to us when we have our festivals. It strains the Log Cabin Deli and Cragmere Manna to handle all the people. Good luck Sandra.

Thank You From American Legion

The American Legion Post 215 wishes to thank everyone for the support of their fund-raising project at the Mentone Crafts Festival. They also appreciate the community's support of their activities throughout the year.



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From The Editor

By Mickey Strickland

On July 19 I had the opportunity, with my good friend Amelia Kirk of the Mentone Inn, to attend the Annual Meeting of the Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitors Bureau held this year at the beautiful home of the owner of Rock City, which is a natural tourist attraction near Chattanooga.

Bill and Jean Chapin live in the family home in the heart of the Rock City complex which commands a view of several surrounding communities and adjoining states. The meeting, complete with music by The Dismembered Tennesseans, was held on their front lawn which sloped to the edge of the mountain. The night view of Chattanooga was breathtaking.

Amelia and I had the pleasure of meeting Bob Bailey, dean of students at McCallie School in Chattanooga. The unique thing about Bob Bailey is that for an hour, after donning a vintage costume, he becomes a person captured in time, a piece of history brought into today, a Civil War soldier.

"Issac Johnson Bailey" takes the observer into battle, into the hardships, the death, the loss, the sometimes humorous, often pathetic world of the foot soldier caught up in a war that almost spelled the end of the young United States.

Through a homespun Southern vernacular, "Issac Bailey" weaves a spellbinding tapestry of pathos, courage, humor and dignity. He leaves us as he sets out to find his homeplace again, not knowing who will greet him upon his return. He tells of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the cries of the men to continue to fight. He gives a brief and lasting impression of the pain of the common man as he tries to make sense of events that washed him along in their turbulent wake. It is something that, once seen and felt, will not be forgotten easily.

When I asked Bob Bailey, alias Issac Johnson Bailey, why he was so interested in the War Between the States, why he chose to become so deeply involved in it, he replied that he hated war, hated the destruction, the waste, the pain, but that war in particular held for him an intense interest — not with the slaughter itself, but with the individual's response to it. He spoke of the courage, the fortitude, the strength of the soldier who had to fight when no fight was left in him, who had to kill his own countrymen, who had to keep going when the journey was almost impossible. In that struggle, Bob Bailey finds embodied the best example of the essence of courage, and it fascinates him.

And his soliloquy fascinates all who see and hear it.

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A series of community Praise and Healing Services will be held at St. Joseph On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone on a monthly basis beginning Sunday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m. Everyone — regardless of denomination or religious background — is welcome to attend and receive prayer for God's healing touch in their lives.

The time together will generally include praise singing, Bible teaching on Christian healing and a time of prayer for healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. This series of community Praise and Healing Services will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

Valley View

By Eloise Brown

The Ladies' Prayer Group of Valley Head Baptist Church took their program to The Fountains last month. The following ladies enjoyed meeting and singing with the residents: Martha Stanley, Ruth Pickett, Norma Hulgan and son, Matthew; Sadie and Teresa Cooper, Runae Burt, Priscilla Gregory, Gladys Cobble, Lottie Davenport, Olene Roberts and Juanita Smith.

The Sunshine Club met at the home of Dot Blackburn June 21. The members present were: Opal Tatum, Vernitice Young, Bess Baurle, Betty Brown, Carmen Gifford, Evelyn Clark, Jewell Palmer, Addie Hall, Sue Cooper, Tillie Schlicher, Billie Harper, Evelyn Phillips, Gladys Cobble, Ruth Pickett, Willie Mae Palmer and Eloise Brown. We admired the beautiful remodeling job of the Blackburn house.

Emily Brown attended the luncheon meeting of the Chattanooga Miniature Society recently at the home of Grace Howard at Mentone. About 20 members were there from Mentone, Chattanooga, Hixson, Harrison, Dunlap, Signal Mountain, Dalton and Pikeville. Their project was for each one to make a three inch chair out of wire and Knit Croshen.

Geraldine and Howard Hawkins have returned home after a visit with their son, Bobby Hawkins and family at Brewton, Ala. They were there during the Blueberry Festival.

The United Methodist Women met for their June meeting at the home of Velma Hammonds. Those present were: Vesta Hawkins, Geneva Smith, Brownie Tuttle, Mary Louise Holleman, Janie Longshore, Venna Livingston and granddaughter, Susan; Elizabeth Coleman, Laura Margaret Alison, Frances Longshore and Geraldine Hawkins.

Mary Louise and Ted Holleman honored Janie Holleman on her birthday with "Sunday Dinner." Others present were Laura Davenport Schnieder of Chattanooga, John Holleman, Adelaide Biddle and Mary Frances Tate.

Katherine Hulgan of Batesville, Miss., is visiting her sisters-in-law, Velma Hammond, Vesta Hawkins and Geneva Smith.

Becky and Jesse B. Scott accompanied their daughter, Jennifer, to Chattanooga, where she had dental surgery.

Doris and Jim Carmichael went to Rome, Ga., to attend the wedding of Michelle Emerson and Dr. Paul Jones. Doris and Jim accompanied by Linda and Bob Thomas and children; Emmy and Mark Ricketts and children, enjoyed a vacation in Destin, Fla.

Darrell Alexander and daughters, Sarah and Hannah, are spending a week at the Church of God Bible Camp at Oneonta, Ala. Darrell is a Counselor.

Mary Louise and Ted Holleman with Katherine and Jimmy Crumley spent a week in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Tillie Schlicher is going to Humana Hospital in East Ridge for tests.

Adis Barnard is seriously ill in Humana Hospital in Huntsville.

Sadie Cooper spent several days with her aunt and uncle, Hazel and Buster Johnston, in Rossville, Ga.

Gladys Cobble has returned home after a visit with Linda and Mickey Cobble in Chattanooga.

Becky and Jesse B. Stott and family vacationed in Gulf Shores.

I attended the Tittle-Martin reunion Saturday, July 14, at the Dade County Historical Society building at New England. They catered a delicious lunch! There were 56 present from Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, New York and Texas, and from babies to 94 years old. We enjoy getting together, so much. There is also a Genealogical meeting the day before, at Holiday Inn in Titonia, and a banquet. A member in Atlanta, who could not attend, wired five beautiful table arrangements of flowers, which were sent to members who are in nursing homes, afterwards. We have some hard workers, among them, Janie Mahan, of Wildwood, who sends out a newsletter to inform us, she can also tell you who is related to whom and how much! We have others who have prepared Family Trees and written History books. I read my poem, "Furry Tales," which was well received. We should treasure our likes with the past, for from them is continuity.



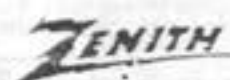
Cotton Baggot sits on laurels.

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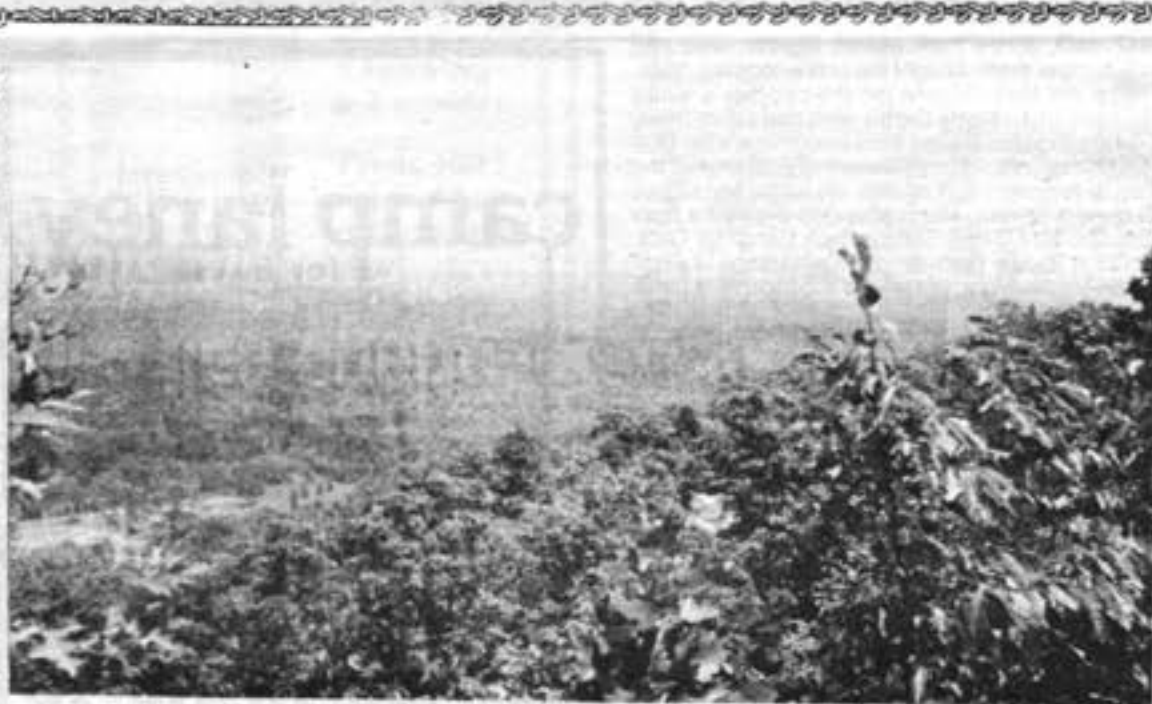


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(Camps continued from Cover)

Lifeguard. Leslee Day, a student at Valley Head High and Andy Beason from Mentone who is a welder at the Heil Company in Fort Payne, served as the Head Wranglers. Becky Fleming, a teacher from Atlanta, taught this year's crafts. Two teachers from Huntsville, Erica Medly and Dinelle Stotser, directed the music program. John Morrison II coordinated athletics. He is a fourth generation family member to work at the camp. The rest of the year he serves as the Maintenance Director. Little John, as he is called, has spent the last few years getting a degree in International Relations at a Vermont university and traveling and working all over the world, including Australia, where he worked on a ranch and Bavaria, where he taught ice climbing to troops there. He plans to stay at LMCCC for awhile to complete a novel and to help out.

The camp offers a year around retreat for churches, families, schools and individuals who just want to get away from it all. The prices are very reasonable and there are a variety of programs from which to choose. "We are going to intensify our efforts to reach those who could use what we have here," Little John told the Groundhog. "We are working on a new mail out now." Sister Deedee is in charge of communications. Another sister, Anne, lives at the camp with her two children and her husband commutes to Atlanta to work. The fourth sibling, Bennett, attends college and helps out when he's home.

Among the other services offered at LMCCC are: a clothes cabin for needy families, a home for unwed mothers, counseling for dysfunctional families — through correspondence, telephone and personal interaction, retreats for missionaries home from the field who need a place to relax, a place for wedding complete with a honeymoon cabin, various regular prayer meetings and group gatherings and all sorts of cabins for guests. "We can accommodate 150 in summer and 75 in winter at this time," Little John said. "Our main goal is to provide a place dedicated to the reality of Jesus Christ in our everyday lives — in our interactions one with another and as a community effort." A letter received by the Morrisons from Julia Tate from Huntsville, Ala., read in part: "... I wanted to tell you how nice everything was at the camp. The log cabin we stayed in was a special place. I would like to bring my husband to see it. My week there changed my life. I will never be the same." Bruce Grimes, who is president of Good News Communications of Atlanta wrote after a stay at the camp: "Tish and I are very grateful for your ministry, and we had one of the best times of our 20 year marriage at your retreat. It was special." Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center's ministry, like pebbles thrown into brook, reaches out in gentle circles to include any who need what they have to offer.

Another non-profit, Christian-oriented camp is Ponderosa which sits on 80 pristine acres with some of the most beautiful water frontage in the area. Ponderosa is owned by the Children's Bible Mission which offers an opportunity for many children to have the camping experience who could not do so otherwise. Children learn Bible verses to earn credits for camp tuition. The Children's Bible Mission relies heavily on private donations and has never turned a child away because of inability to pay. Although the camp is non-denominational

the doctrinal position, as at Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center, is basically evangelical, conservative fundamentalism. All lessons and activities center around that philosophy. Stacy Hines, a camper from Chattanooga, Tennessee wrote: "... the rappelling was fun after I learned to have faith in the seat that I was in. And I learned something, that rappelling is like having faith in God."

Glenn Miller is the director of Ponderosa Bible Camp and lives with his family year around at the complex located five miles north of Mentone. He plans many unique activities for each summer's children, including this year's most popular treat, riding Lynn Bathurst's train replica. There are many levels of physical and mental achievement at the camp, each one nature-oriented and God-centered.

Camp DeSoto has been in operation since the 1920's when it was built as a camp for boys. Sue McLarin Henry, the present owner and director, became a staff member at DeSoto in 1947. She purchased the camp in 1975. She resides full-time at the facility.

DeSoto offers four-week sessions brim-full of activities that have kept girls coming back for generations. Camp DeSoto has a very loyal clientele who eagerly look forward to summer on the mountain. This facility is perhaps the oldest camp in the area still in operation.

Camp Skyline, which is but a stone's throw from DeSoto, is also one of the oldest camps on the mountain. Eloise Hart Temple founded the camp in 1945. Edmund and Edward Cash purchased the camp from Mrs. Temple about 10 years ago and added many acres, including three huge lakes set in beautiful forested areas close enough to main camp for clientele to be offered sailing as a part of the program. Skyline was one of the first to offer computer classes and is the only one with a water slide. Susan Cash Hooks is the director and lives on campus all year with her husband Larry and two children, Kyle and Cassie. Camp Skyline also has girls returning each year whose mothers and grandmothers went to camp there.

Camp Juliette Low began as a 10-acre site donated by John and Will Ledbetter in 1921. The brothers were developers engaged in making the Cloudland wilderness into a thriving community, so when the founder of the Girl Scouts of America traveled by mule team to the area in search of a site for a leadership training site for young girls, they were impressed enough to make her desire a reality. The first season began in 1922 and was advertised as a "Girl Scout Training School at Cloudland Park." During her last year at her namesake camp before her death, Mrs. Low transferred the facility to Camp Juliette Low, Inc., a non-profit organization managed by a board of trustees.

Camp Saddle Rock began as Camp Cloudmont, a camp for boys founded in 1924 by the Young Men's Christian Association of Miami, Fla. The directors, C. W. Able and L. B. Sommers, purchased it five years later. They increased the acreage dramatically and set up the facility to be almost totally self-contained. Workers hired locally raised vegetables, butchered the meat on the premises, did all the laundry for the whole camp and took care of the camp's livestock, horses and chickens. It was "back to the land" in a big way.

In 1947 Jack Jones from Miami, Florida, who had begun as a camper there, bought the entire complex. Jack, his wife Olive and their children ran the camp as a family affair until 1982 when Marty Griffin, who had spent many years at Camp Skyline, leased then bought the site. During the years the Jones family owned and operated the camp, they developed a golf course, ski lodge and slopes and built chalets to rent. Marty changed the name from Camp Cloudmont to Camp Saddle Rock Camp for Girls. The campers at Saddle Rock have the advantage of a golf course a few yards away, as well as a convenient place for parents to stay when they come to visit. A new barn was added last year, perched on one of the highest spots on the mountain.

In 1959 Malcolm Laney, then assistant coach at the University of Alabama, and his wife Louise purchased a historic site on some of the loveliest acres on Little River. The site had originally been developed in 1887 by a doctor from Ireland who came to Mentone to practice medicine. When the Laney's began Camp Laney, all that was left standing of the original structures was an old fireplace.

In 1974 Rob Hammond, a staff member, purchased the property. He and his wife San and two young sons reside at the camp in the summer, but make their winter home in Rome, Georgia. The camp offers a fun learning experience in a magnificent setting. As with the other camps, the children are made to feel part of an extended family and meals are taken family style in the rustic lodge.

Valley View Ranch, near Cloudland, Georgia, began as a wild west addition to Camp Cloudmont in 1954. Jack and Olive Jones purchased the Fults Farm at an auction and after a few seasons, turned the facility over to daughters Nancy and Marsha and Marsha's husband Doug Hair. Nancy became sole owner in the seventies. The ranch is especially attractive to girls who love horses, as each camper is assigned her own horse to care for and to love. Most of the activities are centered around that relationship and the emphasis is upon superior accomplishment of girl and animal.

In 1934 a lodge built by Col. Milford Howard, a local celebrity who came to the mountain with great dreams for the development of the area which outran his funding, was purchased by Rufus Hyde and Richard O'Ferrell. They built more rustic structures high above Little River and Camp Alpine was born. In 1962, when Mr. Hyde retired, Dick O'Ferrell became the sole owner.

Dick O'Ferrell, his wife Alice and their daughters Toy and Carter are active environmentalists. They support Friends of Little River, the Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy. Each year lucky students from Williams Avenue school spend two days at Alpine for a "Lookout Mountain Adventure" which includes nature hikes, hands-on study of the primitive tools used by Alabama's first settlers, the Indians, and lessons in the ecology of the region as they have a great time. Camp Alpine is outfitted for winter camping and hosts many groups throughout the year.

Camp Comer Boy Scout Reservation is located on DeSoto Parkway. It represents some 11 counties called the Choccolocco Council. The local Sequoyah district includes DeKalb and Cherokee counties.

The camp was constructed by Scouters and volunteers and offers facilities all year for programs involving Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and similar groups. Trained personnel are always on duty on the site which includes hundreds of wooded acres, a 93-acre lake and lots of trails. There are sites for tent camping as well as chalets for family camping. A major emphasis in the summer program is excellence in various activities which culminates in the awarding of merit badges in such areas as rowing, swimming, archery, environmental science, wilderness survival, canoeing, first aid, cooking and many others.

Camp Woodmont began as a dream in the minds of the Bennett family — Jim and Jane, both teachers at DeKalb College in Atlanta, and their children, Alyson, Tyran and Melanie. The family planned for years until 1981 when the coed camp was founded near Cloudland, Georgia. Non-denominational with a strong Christian influence, the camp provides a wholesome outdoor experience for up to 100 campers at a time who stay from one to four weeks. The Bennett family feels a responsibility to help children appreciate nature and through that experience to learn more about themselves.

To live creatively, to live spontaneously, to understand one's significant place in the order of things is the greatest lesson children can learn. Summer camp offers the opportunity for young minds and hearts to form and shape the courage to not only exist but to make lasting contributions to society and to the planet itself. As today is greatly influenced by yesterday and profoundly affects tomorrow, summer camp can reinforce in children the ability to look forward without forgetting the past — to learn what must be brought forth and what must be left behind.

Kimberly Belvins, a camper from Chattanooga, Tennessee wrote Mr. Miller of Camp Ponderosa "... Thank you for letting me come to your camp. The cabins were very nice and reminded me of the mountains. Thank you for the trip to the river. I had never been canoeing before in my life. I love that waterfall and that mountain facing the waterfall. I felt so at peace with myself, just looking at it. To find peace with oneself, and to take that feeling into everyday life is truly a creative process that leads to the "spiritual self-affirmation" we all seek.

For a few fleeting, halcyon summer days, the children who come to camp live some of the most creative moments of their lives.



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Extract

Press apricots through sieve, add Watkins Lemon Extract, sugar, cream. Serve with most cream or with whipped cream as dessert.

Frozen Dessert

2 cups sugar
1 cup water
2 cups orange
juice
1 cup cream
2 yolks of eggs

1 cup heavy
cream
1 teaspoon any
Watkins flavor-
ing

Boil sugar and water 8 minutes, cool, add orange juice. Boil cream, add egg yolks, cook in double boiler until mixture thick-
ens. Cool and add to first part with heavy cream, beaten stiff. Freeze.

Frozen Peaches

1 can or 12 large
ripe peaches
3 egg whites

2 cups sugar
1 pint water
Watkins Lemon
Extract

Cook sugar and water to thin
syrup. Put peaches through col-
ander, add ingredients and freeze.

Frozen Pineapple Cream

1 bottle mar-
aschino cherries
4 slices pineapple
1 cup whipping
cream

1 teaspoon gelatin
1 cup sugar
1 cup thin cream
1 teaspoon Wat-
kins Vanilla

Cut cherries and pineapple in
pieces, add sugar, Watkins Vanilla
and thin cream. Mix thoroughly
and fold in whipped cream. Pack
in mold in ice or place in electric
refrigerator 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Dis-
solve gelatin before adding.

Frozen Crushed Strawberries

2 cups water
1 1/2 cups sugar
(boil 10 minutes)
1 1/2 tablespoons
gelatin

2 tablespoons
water
1 teaspoon
Watkins Lemon
Extract

Soften gelatin in cold water, add
to sugar mixture, and thoroughly
beaten following: Take 2 cups
thick strawberry pulp after wash-
ing, hulling berries, and put
through sieve. Add juice of 1/2
lemon and 1/2 cup orange juice.
Freeze. Use hand freezer.

Frozen Dessert (Refrigerator)

5 egg yolks
5 tablespoons
sugar
1 pint whipping
cream
1/2 cup shredded
almonds

1 dozen lady
fingers
1/2 cup cooking
sherry
1 teaspoon Wat-
kins Vanilla

Beat egg yolks lightly, add sugar.
Place in double boiler, cook until
like custard, stir constantly. Cool
well. Slowly add cream beaten
stiff. Line pudding mold with lady
fingers, then pudding mixture in
layers. Pack, let stand 4 hours.
Cut candied grapefruit or cherries
or nuts may be added. Makes 1
quart.

The Bald Eagle—Our National Symbol Replenished

By Seth Banks

The bald eagle is one of the most magnificent birds in the world. It is considered America's national symbol because of its supreme power and authority. However, the eagle has been very close to extinction in recent years, and only in the last few years has it started a comeback.

In the years of its abundance, it was obviously a thrill-
ing sight. An eagle may weigh 15 pounds and have a
seven foot wingspan. They have been known to live up
to 30 years in the wild and 50 years in captivity. Its vision
is at least four times more acute than a human's. It may
be able to spot another bird 40 miles away. Its hollow
bones allow the bird to soar effortlessly through the air,
easily supporting the weight of its 7,000 feathers.

The eagle's darkest day came in the 1960's. A survey
conducted in 1963 found only 417 active nests in the con-
tinental United States.

There are several reasons for the decline in the popu-
lation of eagles. The most common is that they ingested DDT
through their prey. That caused them to lay eggs too thin-
shelled to survive. Sportsmen that hunted the bird only
complicated matters.

By raising them in captivity and turning them loose as
they mature, the eagle population is growing. A number
of bald eagles were recently released in the Cloudland
area.

With help from man, our American Symbol will con-
tinue to survive.

Apricot or Peach Ice

2 cans apricots,
juice, mash
pulp
Juice of 2 oranges

2 cups sugar
4 cups water
1 teaspoon Wat-
kins Lemon
Extract

Boil sugar and water about 5 min-
utes. Cool. Put apricots through
sieve. Blend all ingredients and
freeze. For softer ice when partly
frozen, add 1 cup whipped cream,
then freeze.

Watkins Butterscotch Ice Cream

For Electric or Hand Freezer
1/2 cup light
brown sugar
1/2 cup boiling
water
2 eggs, yolks and
whites beaten
separately
1 cup gran-
ulated sugar

1/2 cup (or 4 table-
spoons level)
Butterscotch
Dessert
3 cups milk
1 cup cream,
whipped
1 teaspoon Wat-
kins Vanilla

Add boiling water to the brown
sugar, let boil 2 minutes and cool.
Whip the egg yolks with a rotary
beater and beat in the sugar. In a
measuring glass 1/4 cup Watkins
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vigorous before measuring; and
add to the milk. Beat 2 minutes.
Cool. Add the brown sugar syrup
to the beaten egg yolks, the Wat-
kins Vanilla and blend with the
cooled Dessert Mixture. When
cold fold in the whipped cream,
partly frozen, and stiffly beaten egg
whites. Freeze and let stand 1 hour
to flavor. Place in freezing tray 6
hours, stir every 45 minutes for 2
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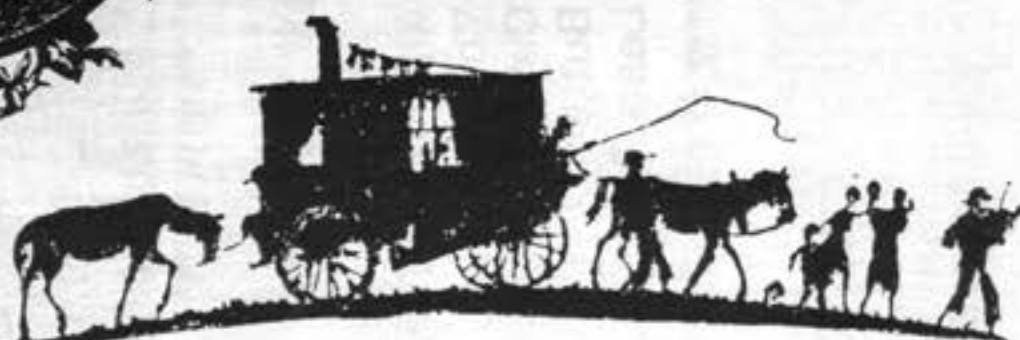


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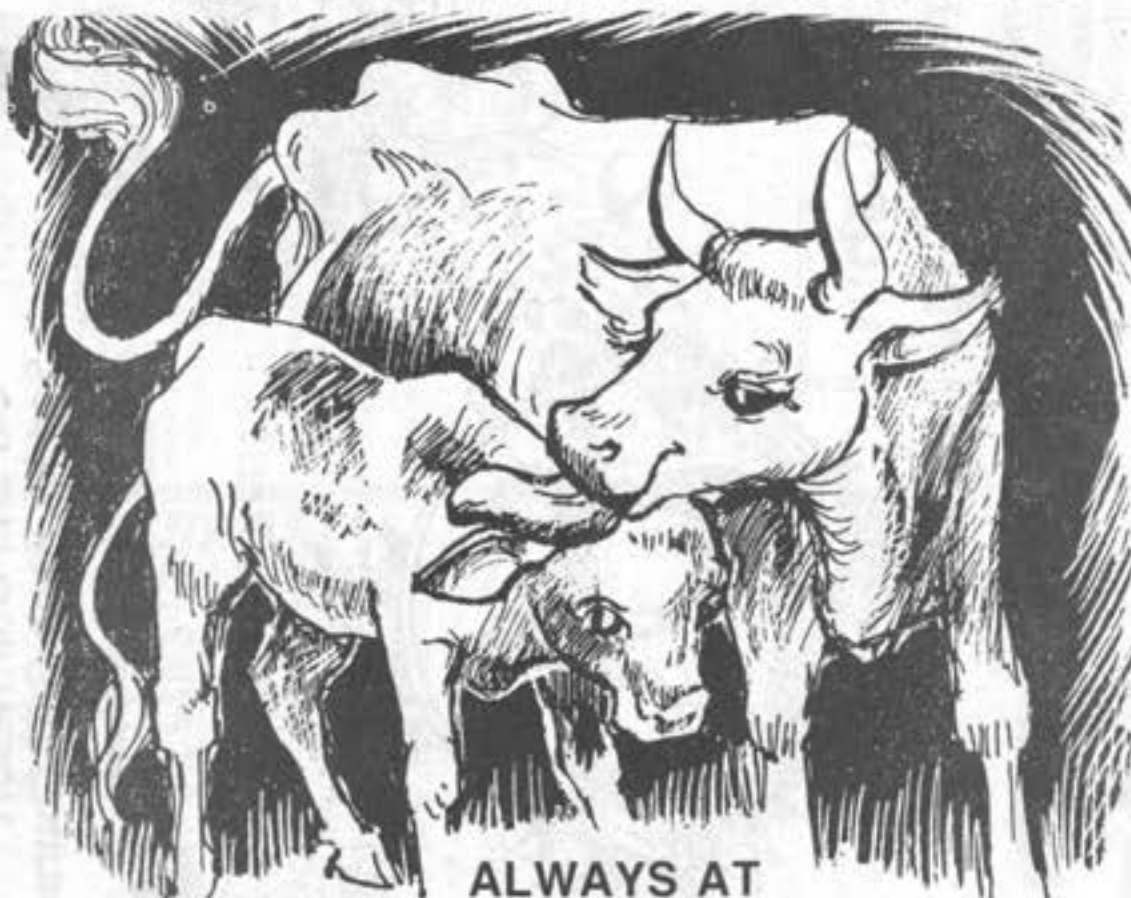
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