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Miller Dam At Desoto Falls Once Supplied Electricity To Mentone Area



MILLER DAM though originally built as a hydro-electric project, now creates a swimming area for Little River at the Falls. Swimmers like the area behind the falls. Other visitors wade in the pools below.

How to provide electricity to the residents of Mentone, Fort Payne, Valley Head, Collinsville and Menlo, Georgia was a question that challenged Arthur Abernathy Miller to build the first hydroelectric power dam in North Alabama at the Little River Falls in 1925.

Although built nearly 70 years ago, the dam is as solid today as it ever was according to inspections by engineers from DeSoto State Park and the Army Corps of Engineers. The dam is under the supervision of DeSoto State Park and has been owned by the State since the 1950's.

The lake behind the dam offers recreation for swimmers and boaters. The dam area is a favorite site for tourists who come to see water cascading over the 100 foot drop at DeSoto Falls. The rock walls around the falls are often scaled by rappellers and rock climbers.

Occasionally local rescue squads are alerted to save individuals who attempt dives from the rock ledges surrounding the pool below the falls. The injuries, frequently serious, have been known to result in death.

Before the dam was constructed, A. A. Miller used steam and then diesel machinery to manufacture electricity for Fort Payne.

At first Fort Payne was furnished with electricity from dark until midnight. Then, after a number of local ladies purchased electric irons, power was supplied on Thursday afternoon so the ironing could be done. In 1922, Fort Payne became Alabama's smallest city to have 24-hour "full-service" electricity.

After deciding on DeSoto Falls as a suitable location for a hydro-electric generator, Miller began construction of the dam which first was built to a height of 10 feet. Contributions from area residents enabled him to build the dam another 10 feet. There were no paved roads to the construction site so, Miller along with his partner Pfifer Smith, built a road.

He and Smith also established the DeSoto Falls Development Company and planned a residential community on the land around DeSoto Falls. They circulated an attractive brochure to appeal to "those who appreciate grandeur of scenery, the lure of the out of doors, and the comfort of a delightful summer climate."

The brochure called the area "the wonder section of the far south."

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A Piece Of History

BITS AND PIECES

From Zora Strayhorn's History of Mentone

THE HISTORY OF CRAGSMERE MANNA

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Ferrell purchased Cragmere in 1937. "Hello" Ferrell was this district's representative in the Alabama State Legislature during the late 1950s.

The Ferrells were active in civic and church affairs. Nina Ferrell did hand weaving, was a good cook, and an enthusiastic gardener. Some flowers, trees, and shrubs around the grounds of Cragmere Manna are the original plants from Nina Ferrell's tender care. She conducted a "Studio Tea Room and Gift Shop" on the place. They built a new home on the brow before they sold to Jack and Olive Jones of Cloudmont Resort in 1969.

In 1981 Cragmere was sold to H. Bruce Bon Fleur of Daytona Beach, Fla. The new host and owner of Cragmere Manna restaurant in 1986 is Randy Still, "The Country Gourmet."



MAPA OFFICERS SERVE ANOTHER YEAR. Elected to serve a second year in the Mentone Area Preservation Association are (from left) president's assistant, Sherman Gough; secretary, Mickey Gough; president, Homer Crow; treasurer, Harrell Jenkins.

For Our Visitors

Begin at the Hitching Post, the Mentone equivalent of a Welcome Center and Chamber of Commerce. They are glad to give directions and suggestions to make your visit to Mentone memorable. The Lookout Mountain Parkway Association information Center is located across Highway 117 and can also aid in your trip to Mentone and travels around Lookout Mountain.

Shopping in Mentone is a unique experience. Visit the shops at the Hitching Post, the Log Cabin Village and Weaver's (entrance at the Log Cabin Deli Parking area) for beautiful handcrafted items, artwork, antiques and collectibles.

Standing outside the Hitching Post, you can look across the highway at the Victorian Mentone Springs Hotel. Looking to the left, across DeSoto Parkway, you can see the Mentone Inn and St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Church, built around a log cabin said to be Mentone's oldest structure.

DeSoto Falls is about two miles down the Parkway. Five miles farther are DeSoto Park and Lodge, and Howard's Chapel, built against a giant boulder, where were placed the ashes of the well-known Colonel Milford Howard.

This is just the beginning. Ask questions. Keep in motion.

WHERE TO EAT ON THE MOUNTAIN

- (1) Just across from the Hitching Post — The Log Cabin Deli.
- (2) Across from Mentone City Hall — The Kountry Chef.
- (3) About two-and-a-half miles down the Parkway — Cragmere Manna.
- (4) Further down the Parkway — DeSoto Restaurant.
- (5) Back on 117 east — Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland, Georgia.

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ONRW APPROVED FOR LITTLE RIVER

Little River and its tributaries have been designated an "Outstanding National Resource Water" by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The designation was approved June 26, unanimously by the Environmental Management Commission which oversees ADEM.

The new designation will control pollution on the river by prohibiting new point-source discharges. This refers to any direct discharge of wastewater or other pollutants from industrial or municipal source that would be piped directly into the river.

It also prevents the expansion of existing point-source discharges.

In instances where the river is affected by non-point source discharge such as agricultural run-off not channeled through pipes or drains, "best management practices" will rule.

The Times Journal of Fort Payne in an article by Nia Bryan quotes James McIndoe, chief of ADEM's Water Quality Branch as saying, "farmers need not worry. Anything they were already doing legally can still be done."

"There are environmentally safe ways to do such things as use chicken litter on the fields. You wouldn't want to put it right beside a stream, of course, but there are proper ways to do it."

The ONRW designation places a burden on the Department of Environmental Management to maintain the present water quality level of Little River. Studies of water purity have showed the river to be one of the highest in water quality in the state.

Little River is the only river in Alabama to have been designated an Outstanding National Resource Water and joins a small number of rivers nationwide which have received the designation.

At a public hearing in May, ADEM heard oral statements from 20 people, some pro and some con on the ONRW status for Little River. ADEM also received 48 written comments before the hearing record closed May 23. ADEM responded to the comments in a written statement which was mailed to all those who made statements or sent comments to the agency.

Some of the commenters who opposed the ONRW designation believed it placed undue restrictions on property owners and would be a burden to property owners.

ADEM's response stated that ONRW only prohibits new point source discharge and expansions of existing point source discharges. There are no pending applications for the discharge of treated wastewater into Little River at this time.

"Land use and zoning controls are not encompassed within the ONRW designation," they said.

Comments were also received recommending that action on ONRW be postponed until the issue of a National Park is resolved.

"The ONRW designation for the proposed waters and the proposal for National Park status are separate actions being considered by different levels of government, and may proceed independently," the ADEM response stated.

Another comment against ONRW claimed that it would lower the value of property adjacent to waters proposed for the designation. There were also commenters in favor of ONRW that felt the designation would increase property values.

ADEM's response said, "None of the commenters substantiated their opinion that property values would be affected by the proposed ONRW designation for the identified waters, nor did any commenter quantify any alleged increase or decrease in property values. Any alleged effect on property values is merely incidental to the regulation of water quality in the identified waters, which are waters of the State."

The designation of ONRW for the Little River was made just four months after a petition from Friends of Little River and DeSoto State Park was made to ADEM.

Mentone resident Desmond Disney, president of Friends of Little River said the ONRW designation for the river fulfills one of the primary objectives of FOLR. The Cahaba River Society in Birmingham headed by Don Elder had applied for ONRW status for the Cahaba but was turned down.

Industrial development on the Cahaba has already affected that river. At the present time, over 100 discharge permits are on file for the Cahaba. Only one is on file for Little River and that is issued to DeSoto State Park.

DeSoto State Park superintendent Talmadge Butler, has not used the permit in over two years. The park constructed its own waste water facility to avoid discharging into the Little River.

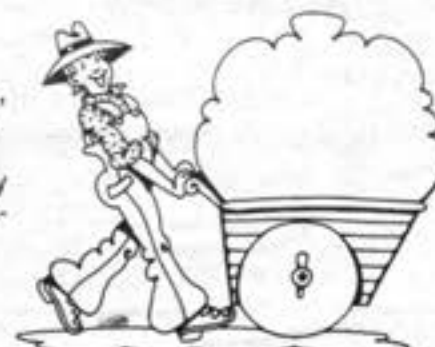


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The deadline for all material for **The Groundhog** is the last day of the month preceding publication.

Valley View

By Eloise M. Brown

The congregation of Valley Head Methodist Church enjoyed a special treat last Sunday, when Baroness Ingrid Von Stetten, an opera singer from Germany, sang so beautifully. She and her husband have been spending a month at Mentone.

Adelaide Biddle went on a tour of Frankenmuth, Holland, Saginaw, Mich., and Macinac Island on Lake Huron. They stayed at the Grand Hotel, which she said was really grand! No motor vehicles are allowed there — just horses and buggies, and bicycles. They attended the Bavarian Festival at Frankenmuth. They saw Delft Pottery and wooden shoes made and the Clomping Dance in wooden shoes. They stopped at Nashville/Columbus, Ind., and saw the Little Grand Ole Opry.

Mary Louise and Ted Holleman and Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis vacationed in Daytona Beach, Fla.

E. T. and Gladola Holleman visited her sister and brother in Paris, Ky., recently.

Oval and Tom Young from Bacaville, Ca., visited his sister, Venna Livingston and other relatives.

Randall Hawkins of Chattanooga spent Father's Day weekend with his parents, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins.

Brownie Tuttle went by plane to Houston to visit her stepdaughter, Mary Tut Wisted, her husband, Tim, and children — Tanya, Jeremy, Joshua and Roger Swaney. Roger graduated as Valedictorian from the Houston Police Academy.

David Ringer and his daughter, Ashley, and son, Spencer, from Florence, Miss., were guests of his nephew, Ed Ringer, and attended the Methodist church.

The Valley Head U.M.W. met at the home of Velma Hammond and Vesta Hawkins, with Geneva Smith as co-hostess, and Eloise Brown, presiding; after the Secretary and Treasurer's report by Laura Margaret Allison, Frances Longshore presented the Bible Study, "Freedom is Freeing." Others present were Mary Louise Holleman, Adelaide Biddle, Geraldine Hawkins, Elizabeth Coleman, Frances Tate and Venna Livingston.

Laura Margaret Allison spent a week with her daughter, Ansley McGinnis, and family in Florence, S. C.

Nancy Larmore is still seriously ill. We wish better days for her.

Jewell Palmer's recent visitors were granddaughter, Christa, and her husband, Lester Smith and their daughter, Megan, from Montgomery; granddaughter, Traci Admiski, her husband Billy, and son Billy, from Marietta.

The Sunshine Club met for their June meeting with Gladys Stott, Gladys Cobble presided, Addie Hall gave the opening prayer; others present were Willie Mae Palmer, Bess Bauerle, Geraldine Hawkins, Vernice Young, Jewell Palmer, Evelyn Clark, Eloise Brown and Ruth Pickett, who gave the Secretary's report.

Mary Crow and her daughter, Jane Blansit, have returned from a trip to Cancun, Mexico Resort Area. They toured the Mayan Indian ruins at Chicken Itza. Jane said it was interesting to see how the people lived. She climbed nearly one hundred steps of the Temple of the Sun. She said it was worth it to see the landscape of thick tropical growth and to make pictures.

Helen and Larry Longshore, Billie Millican and John Gothard took twenty teenagers to Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park for two weeks. They enjoyed camping and hiking to high Alpine Tundra above tree line, although they were hampered in this by so much snow. They saw wild animals and beautiful flowers, such as Lupine, Sage, and Balsam Root. They reported that over two million visitors tour this area per year.



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a time for rededication
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If you enjoyed your stay in Mentone, why not keep up with our events year-round? The Groundhog will keep you posted on the latest happenings. A year's subscription to the Groundhog is included with your Mentone Area Preservation Association membership of only \$10. MAPA publishes the Groundhog and also sponsors the October Colorfest, May Rhododendron Festival and many other community activities. Just call (205) 634-4731 or send your check to: MAPA, P. O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.

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Our Town

With Linda Brown

Can you believe this was the fifteenth craft festival? We have gotten better each year and this one was no exception. The exhibitors were excellent craftspeople. I never cease to be amazed at what the human mind can conceive and hands can create. Those who came to see all of this were orderly and peaceful. Everyone seemed to be enjoying being with others. Of course, one of the biggest drawing cards is the beauty of Mentone and especially Brow Park. We should really be proud of this feature of our town. When was the last time you watched the sun set from the brow of Lookout Mountain?

Having said all of this, I now come to the real stars of the show, the volunteers. Without the help of all of these people we could not have the festival. Months before the event, much planning has been done and the groundwork laid. Almost 300 applications are mailed to exhibitors. Barbara Blalock does all of this. As she receives each response, she must decide if the crafts are of good quality. Does the show already have this type exhibit? And, does it meet the qualifications set by the festival committee?

She then responds to each application. When the show is filled she then has the task of assigning each exhibitor a space. This is not easy as each has a special need; a canopy, large items, space to hang items, sun or shade. You name it and she deals with it. Then on Friday before the show, she is at the park helping early arrivals find their site. She is back by 7 a.m. on Saturday to help the majority of the exhibitors set up.

Barbara is only one of many who help with the festival. The Rhododendron Garden Club members greet each visitor at the gate. They do a terrific job each year and greatly contribute to the success of the show.

A new feature this year was the medical tent staffed by the DeSoto Rescue Squad. They checked blood pressure and helped with any emergencies. Thanks to them for this service.

The food was served by the local fire department, the Mentone Church of God and the Valley Dancers. It was all delicious and well served this year. This is an invaluable contribution and without it we would not have the festival.

Another group that helps in a quiet unassuming way is the American Legion members. They put up all signs, rope off the roads, put up the barrier fence and did anything I asked them to. After the festival they quietly took it all down and now it is stored for another year.

The fathers and mothers of the Dixie Youth baseball teams of Valley Head and Mentone park all of the cars. They do a fantastic job and probably contribute more to the success of the show than any other group.

One of the unique features of the show is the presentation of entertainment every hour. Ovie Blalock is in charge of this and does a great job getting interesting groups. Most of the entertainment is clogging and square dancing, with groups coming from Valley Head, Scottsboro, Rainsville, Cedartown, Summerville and Chattanooga.

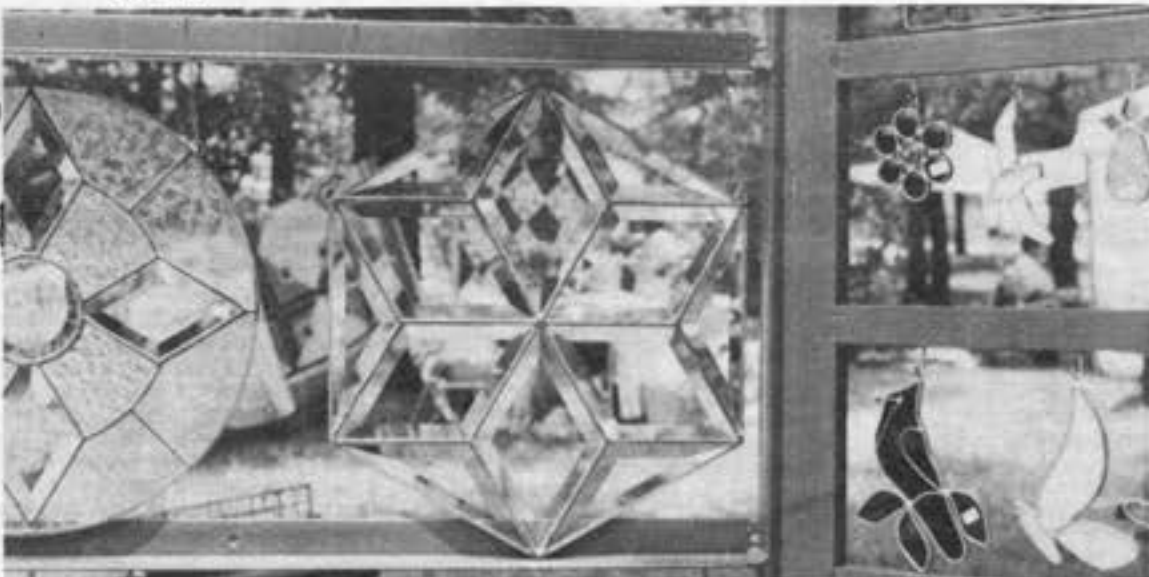
One of the most important tasks is that of advertising. Grace Howard has taken care of this for years and continues to do a good job in getting the word to all the radio stations, TV stations and newspapers. Thanks, Grace!!!

I would like to know how many local people are involved in this endeavor, but I do not. So many work for all the organizations and never expect so much as a thank you. To everyone who helped in any way, I want to say, THANK YOU!!!

All of the profit goes back into the community of Mentone. I will publish a complete breakdown of all the monies in a later edition of *The Groundhog*. Again thanks to everyone!!!



WOOD CARVINGS LARGE AND SMALL are a hobby of Jerry Dawson of Wildwood, Georgia. Dawson was one of the 85 craftspeople at the recent Mentone Crafts Festival.



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Country Journal

Our rainy season continued through the month of June, with one entire week without any sunshine. Our house smelled musty, and mushrooms were growing in clusters all over the lawn. It has been very hard to keep the grass cut. But everything has continued to grow and bloom anyway. This is much better than drought when everything is parched and dry.

Our peach, apple, plums, blueberries and grapes are loaded with fruit. What a pleasure it is to have an abundance of fresh fruit.

In between keeping the antique shop and making blackberry jelly, I found time to go to two auctions recently. If you have never been to an auction, you should go and see how one is conducted. Of course ours are on the country level, and not to be confused with Sotheby-Park-Bernet or other sophisticated ones in New York. But they are conducted in much the same manner. When you get to the estate where the sale is being held, you sign your name, address and phone number on a sheet of paper, and they give you a card with large numbers on it. This is your bidding number for the day. Then, if lucky, you get a seat under a tent where the merchandise is tagged and numbered for the benefit of the secretary who catalogs all purchases, and puts the number of the buyer by that number.

Auctioneers are a particular breed — both knowledgeable of antiques, collectibles, used merchandise, tools, and even automobiles. A good auctioneer keeps things lively with a bit of humor, and by moving fast. Some people come for a particular kind of purchase, and if things do not move fast, he becomes bored. For a large sale you are given a listing of things offered, and each thing is numbered. This gives you a chance to move about if necessary until the number in which you are interested comes up for sale. To bid on an item, you may call your offer out audibly, raise your hand with your number on it, or just nod your head. Be careful not to scratch your head, or wave to someone or the auctioneer may take this sign for a bid!

The particular one Shurlee Froehler and I attended last week was at Centre, Ala. There was a large crowd and things went for astronomical prices. We sat there dumbfounded, waiting for a good price on something we could purchase. I have never seen bids this high for ordinary objects. We decided that some of the bidders must have relatives, and the things had sentimental value for them. One milk churn brought over \$400!

I finally bought a bedspread and two quilts that were more reasonable than the other things. The home was a nice one, and there were no children so things had to be sold to the highest bidder. There must have been nieces and nephews there to pay the prices things brought. There is a bit of sadness when you watch hordes of people going through personal things that someone valued while they lived. It makes me know that no matter how little one owns that a will should be made to prevent this sort of thing happening.

At an estate auction, one learns some history and a little about the lifestyle of the person or persons who owned the merchandise. Some of them have lovely handmade quilts, crocheted afghans, and beautiful embroidered

things. Some people collect different things that you know took many years to amass.

So get out your old tennis shoes, put on your blue jeans, take a cushion with you, and go for an experience you will never forget — and you just might get hooked on them. Country auctions are the most fun because there are more interesting things on which to spend your money. I usually get so wrapped up in trying to decide which item to risk a bid on, that I get a headache. But it is really fun. Usually close to the end of the sale boxes full of small stuff goes for a nominal fee, but at this one nothing went cheaply.

We had a good time driving over to Centre, which is just past Weiss Lake — one of the most scenic areas around us. I had forgotten just how lovely and how large the lake is.

I am very proud of our bike path — sidewalk in Mentone now. The Rhododendron Garden Club has spent money and hard work to plant rhododendron and dwarf nandinas along the path, making it look settled instead of sticking out like a sore thumb. It is a pleasure to walk down to the Kountry Chef Restaurant and enjoy the landscaping planned and executed so well by Ann Wright and her husband — Billy Wright.

Our new president, Hope Walker and her husband, George, worked hard one day mowing, pulling weeds, and generally cleaning the area of the walk. H. P. Goss mowed some there last week.

We had many interesting visitors during June Jam week, but two young ladies took top honors in my opinion. They were Cookie Thompson, and Iris Reynolds — half sisters who did not know each other existed until a few weeks prior to the Jam. Cookie Thompson said her Dad left home when she was small, and she did not see him again. After she was grown, she wondered about her father and how she could find some information about him. Someone told her to contact the Veterans Association, because her dad was in service at one time. The V. A. was happy to comply, and found that her father had passed away, but had another child living in Kentucky. They gave Cookie the address and phone number, and so they corresponded and decided to meet in Nashville and come to the Jam! What a good time they had getting to know each other.

Another family worthy of note, was the Gholstons. They were looking for the grave of their father, Leonard Gholston. I gave them directions to both Little River and Bankhead cemeteries, and they found his grave at Bankhead Cemetery. They stopped by on their way home very pleased to not only find the grave, with a nice marker; but to also find that the cemetery has a perpetual fund for caring for the final resting place.

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Happenings

By Emily Smith

Fourth of July celebrations, large and small, took place all around our area this past week.

One of the biggest celebrations in Alabama was a "Thank you" reception for Desert Storm participants held in Montgomery at Maxwell Air Force Base. State dignitaries including Governor Hunt, Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom, Jr., Speaker of the House Jimmy Clark, Chief Justice Sonny Hornsby, former U. S. Senator Jeremiah Denton and other top ranking officers of each military branch joined to salute Alabama veterans who were part of the Persian Gulf War.

Nearby in Henagar, the Potato Festival was a big hit as always. It started with a parade then at Henagar's Park, great food and entertainment made a memorable Fourth for Festival goers.

A fund-raiser for the new football field at Valley Head was held at the Hammondville City Park. Barbecue plates were offered for sale by the Valley Head Athletic booster club. Games and activities for everyone were enjoyed.

This issue of the paper is a combined July-August edition. The Groundhog is taking off to Great Britain for a few weeks. While we are there, the Rev. Andrew Frearson of Home-in-Cliviger, England will be staying at our home. He will be preaching at St. Joseph's on Sundays and exploring during the week. He is a Civil War buff and is looking forward to seeing Chickamauga and other nearby Civil War battlefields and, he says, to meeting people.

Mentone does seem to attract visitors from all around the world. Ingrid von Stetten originally from Germany and her husband are staying in Mentone this summer. She is a trained operatic singer and has been visiting different churches and graciously singing for Sunday services.

It's hard to believe it but the beginning of school is just around the corner. There is still a little time left for summer vacation and fortunately for us we don't have to look very far to find some of the most spectacular scenery and nicest climate around. That's good news for a bargain vacation!

Stephenson Graduates

Cathy Kerby Stephenson graduated this spring from Auburn University with a B. S. degree from the School of Human Sciences. She graduated *Magnum Cum Laude* and plans to continue her education working toward a doctorate.

She is the daughter of Elbert and Jackie Kerby and granddaughter of Sue and Bill Goodridge of Cloudland and the late Jeff and Melissa Kerby of Mentone. She is also the niece of Lola Mae Blalock.

St. Joseph's Praise And Healing Service

Praise and Healing Services are being held at St. Joseph On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone on a monthly basis. The next one is Sunday, July 14th, at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Boyd Nixon of Atlanta's Campus Crusade for Christ who has recently returned from two (2) evangelistic missions into the heartland of Russia; he will tell about the powerful move of God which is underway in this once atheistic nation. The time together will also include praise singing and a time of prayer for healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone — regardless of denomination or religious background — is welcome to attend and receive prayer for God's healing touch in their lives. Please join us at St. Joseph's on Sunday night, July 14th, at 6 for an evening of praise and encouragement.

For more information, contact: St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church, DeSoto Parkway and Highway 117, Post Office Box 98, Mentone, AL 35984 Phone 205-634-4476.

Mosely Attends Seminar

Sue Mosely of Atlanta, the daughter of Venna Livingston of Valley Head recently attended a management training seminar for senior level women in Annapolis, Maryland. She is the assistant milk marketing administrator for federal orders in the district covering Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mrs. Mosely graduated from Valley Head High School and from Jacksonville College with a degree in accounting. She is married to Sam Mosely and has two daughters and one son.



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"Imagine a long, narrow high mountain having a spring-fed river flowing for hundreds of miles along the middle of a high plateau, plunging over a sheer precipice for a fall of over a hundred feet, flowing peacefully through a rock-cliffed gorge for miles below the falls, and finally as if satisfied with its triumphant journey, winding its way gradually to the valleys below," read the description of Little River.

Fishing in the lake stocked with bass and bream was also a selling point for the subdivision.

One of the first homes built in DeSoto Falls Park was Miller's own home. Lee Crow of Mentone supervised the construction as he did with many other mountain homes including Nippersink Lodge also built in the subdivision. Pfifer Smith also built a home near his business associate.

The Depression slowed down the prospect of a thriving development for Miller and the Mentone area.

Miller was a brilliant self-educated electrical engineer who settled in Fort Payne in the 1920's. He had furnished electrical power for two towns in Virginia and one in West Virginia before coming here. He was born in 1872 in Lincoln County, North Carolina and died December 26, 1943.

Along with his interest in providing electricity, he also established ice companies in Fort Payne and Collinsville. It is believed that he had one of the first electric refrigerators in town after converting an old ice box.

Miller also owned two different automobile dealerships in Fort Payne.

Engineering must run in the Miller family. His grandson, Jim Wise was recently featured in a DeKalb Advertiser story by John G. Chambers. Wise was awarded the "Distinguished Achievement Award" by New Mexico State University for his accomplishments in telemetering in electrical engineering.

Wise lived in the Miller home overlooking DeSoto Falls with his brothers Bill and Lyle during World War II. His father, Col. James Armonie Wise Sr., died in 1946. Jim and his brothers attended Valley Head High School for a few years. When Jim discovered they did not offer advanced physics he decided to make a change in his schooling. Without his mother's knowledge, he caught a ride with Mrs. Crumley who lived in Valley Head and taught school in Fort Payne to take the class at DeKalb County High School.

His mother remarried S. R. (Bob) MacSpadden, and she now lives in Fort Payne. Mrs. MacSpadden said Jim enjoyed music and wanted to play in the high school band. The family soon thereafter moved to Fort Payne. Bill Wise, a retired Army Major, lives in the Sinai Peninsula and works for a company that maintains military bases. Lyle Wise lives in Decatur and works as Programs Administrator for Charter Hospital there.

Mrs. MacSpadden is one of two surviving daughters of A. A. Miller. Her sister, Fern lives in Los Angeles.

One of the most spectacular views of the falls is seen from the Miller home on the rim of the gorge at DeSoto Falls.

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June Jam Draws Music Lovers



A SEA OF PEOPLE attended June Jam X. They stretched from the practice field of the high school all the way to the Middle School in Fort Payne.

A Biography Of Alabama

By Kay Knight and Greg Fowler

WHERE DOES ONE BEGIN WHEN attempting to tell the success story of four talented men — three from rural Alabama, one from southcentral Massachusetts — who, with diverse musical styles, cast the mold that would make them superstars?

We begin with the backgrounds of these multi-talented individuals — again, three similar, one different — and the events that would bring them together as Alabama.

Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry and Jeff Cook, founders of the group, were born and raised in northeastern Alabama. They were no strangers to the hard times of country living, or to the close-knit family ties that also come with growing up in the rural South.

In the tough years before and during their music career, Owen worked laying brick, painting, farming and hanging sheetrock before going to college and earning a B. A. degree in English. Gentry ran a theater, laid carpet, bagged groceries and worked on a farm. Cook got his first taste of the music business as a nighttime DJ at the age of 14, then after finishing high school, received a degree in electronics and worked as an electronic technician. Mark Herndon grew up a military kid, his dad a Marine pilot, so he learned early the frequent moves of a military family. A college education soon gave way to dreams of stardom as he played in various bands, mostly rock and roll, before crossing paths with his now fellow-bandmembers.

First cousins Owen and Gentry got together with distant cousin, Cook in 1969 to jam, which led to the formation of the group Young Contry. In 1972, the three cousins, along with friend Bennett Vartanian, officially formed the group Wild Country. It was in 1973 that the foursome decided to give up their day jobs and pursue their dream of playing music full-time and becoming successful at it. The place they found gainful employment was at a waterfront nightclub in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina called the Bowery.

Owen, Gentry and Cook (along with six or seven drummers who came and went in the coming years) put in seven long, hot summers as the Bowery's house band. They played six nights a week, for tips. It was no vacation, but it was steady employment, and a vehicle for being heard by thousands of tourists who congregated to the beaches every summer. Wild Country soon had a loyal following

in Myrtle Beach, and they were also able to begin showcasing the songs they'd now begun to write. Wild Country became known as the Alabama Band in 1977. From the Bowery emerged a unique, distinctive sound and presence — anchored in precise, three-part harmonies — that is now known as Alabama.

In 1977, Alabama landed its first oneshot record contract with a small, Nashville-based label called GRT, which was actually more interested in the group's original songs than in them as a band — an attitude shared by the major country labels. The Alabama Band released its first single, "I Want to Be With You Tonight," an original composition. It went to No. 77 on the national country charts and was beginning to garner the band some national attention when the record label went out of business. Complications in a production contract kept the group from recording for the next two years, but by 1979 things finally started to look up for the Alabama Band.

Enter Mark Herndon, who brought with him his high-energy rock and roll background and a new excitement and enthusiasm to the group. Soon afterward, Alabama landed a spot on the annual New Faces Show at the 1980 Country Radio Seminar. RCA executives caught the show and immediately signed the foursome. Their very first RCA single, "Tennessee River," went to number one. Soon country music history was being made.

Alabama's record sales are in the neighborhood of 40 million now, something that makes a statement in itself about what the group has done for country music. Alabama was the first to bring in the demographics that encompass rock and roll without alienating country audiences — and that is something that is very hard to do.

Most everyone would have to agree that it will be a long time, if ever, before another country act will surpass what Alabama has done. They are very much a major part of the history of country music, and Alabama is responsible for making Nashville and the country music industry much more receptive and open.

Each year in June since 1982, ALABAMA has hosted their annual benefit concert The June Jam in the band's hometown of Fort Payne, Alabama. Since its early beginnings the concert has generated over two million dollars for State and local charities and service organizations. June Jam coordinator, Gaynelle Pitts and assistant Denise Stogner, work year round to prepare for this mega con-

What could 67,000 people possibly have in common?

On Saturday, June 15, 67,000 people filled the hillside behind Fort Payne High School to share their mutual interest — June Jam X. From 10 a.m. until after midnight they heard an all-star line up of some of the top country music artists ending the day with Alabama.

June Jam officials said this was the largest Jam ever. Ticket sales reached 67,000 and the audience at the Jam numbered close to 70,000.

It was a field day for country music fans as they listened to Clint Black, Ricky Van Shelton, Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, Joe Diffie, Mark Chestnutt, Aaron Tippin, Eddie London, Ray Kennedy, Neal McCoy and Doug Stone. Groups Wet Willie, Baillie and the Boys and, Gipsy Kings were also on the hill.

Several of the popular artists including Clint Black, Ricky Van Shelton and Garth Brooks, appeared early in the day. They had other shows to perform Saturday night.

Clint Black, in his trademark black ten-gallon hat thrilled listeners with "A Better Man." The crowd gave approval to his rendition of "Steamroller Blues."

Ricky Van Shelton's recent hit "Rocking Chair" recorded with Dolly Parton has set his career on an upward swing. He sang several '60s hits like "Pretty Woman" and "Great Balls of Fire" showing a versatility that June Jamers heartily approved of.

Popular with both country fans and with an increasing number of young people is Garth Brooks. He performed at the Jam with a wireless headset microphone that enabled him to move freely about the stage. Brooks appreciated his audience and interacted with them throughout his set, singing "The Dance," "I've Got Friends in Low Places," and "The Thunder Rolls."

A salute to the U. S. Armed Forces made the audience proud to be Americans. Early arrivals were treated to the sight of the Coca-Cola Six Pack skydiving team.

The earliest arrivals staked out the best sites, close to the center stage. Some had camped out in line at the gate for days to assure their prime spots. The June Jam audience came prepared for a full day in the hot sun with lawn chairs and coolers of cold drinks. Throughout the afternoon the lawn chairs were put to use for naps.

Medical teams were kept busy treating cases of heat distress and dehydration. Volunteer firefighters joined local rescue squads and the DeKalb Emergency Medical Services Council to provide quick relief for the June Jam visitors.

Many local groups, including the Mentone Area Preservation Association, had concession tents serving soft drinks, sandwiches, ice cream and other treats.

"We scooped a lot of ice cream," Scooter Howell of Rocky Hill Dairy commented.

Volunteers manned the gate, various hospitality tents, and performed a variety of tasks. The job of coordinating the June Jam is a year round one and Gaynelle Pitts and her staff did an excellent job.

The June Jam ended with the appearance of Alabama just after 10 p.m. They began with a video of local sights and people set to Alabama's music. Then the lights of the set came on and showed a 1950's diner with a gigantic jukebox in the middle. When Alabama took the stage, the Jam audience took to their feet.

Alabama performed for over an hour and a half. After ten years of June Jams the audience knows there are some traditions and they love them. For example, during the song "Old Flame" flashlights and lighters went on throughout the audience.

For fans of Alabama and country music, it was a "perfect day." As one audience member pointed out, the June Jam is the best investment of \$25 you can make. Most other concerts sell tickets for nearly the same amount but only last a few hours and feature one headline artist.

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Mountain Almanac

By Curtis O'Daniel
DeKalb County Agent

The weather is still getting lots of conversation these days. I looked at some rainfall summaries for June and for the year for our area this morning and from June 18 through June 24, the following amounts of rainfall was recorded — Grove Oak 1.51, Crossville 2.09, Geraldine 2.76, Valley Head 1.41.

Total rainfall for the year at Crossville is 31.64 through June 26. Normal is 29.88 so we have 1.76 inches over normal or 106 percent of normal at Crossville. At Valley Head, actual rainfall is 32.87 and normal is 30.77 for this time of the year. Thus, 2.10 inches over normal for 107 percent of normal. The overcast weather is causing more problems than the rain. Farmers and gardeners are having to wait to get into their fields and gardens and hay cutting has been impossible so far this year.

FLEA CONTROL — Fleas have been a big problem around the homes and in the homes this summer. If you have dogs and/or cats, there is a real good chance you have fleas in your home and they are tough to handle. The female fleas lay tiny, dry, white eggs on the pets and on their bedding material. Hot, wet weather favors flea egg production and we have been having some of the favorable weather. When the eggs are laid on your dog and/or cat, they will fall off the pet while he is in the home. Each female flea will lay 300 to 400 eggs in her lifetime a few at the time. It will take 1 to 12 days for the eggs to hatch and the larvae will avoid light by crawling into cracks, crevices, under furniture and into carpet or rugs. A regular vacuuming with a vacuum cleaner with the beater or brush will remove lots of the fleas and eggs but some will escape.

After a week or two in the larvae stage, the fleas are ready to come out to feed. A common signal for the adult flea to come out to feed is some physical disturbance like vibrations of any kind. This accounts for the large numbers you will see after returning from a vacation.

I am telling you all of this so you will better understand what and why you must follow several steps to rid your home of fleas. The key to successful flea control is regular treatment of the home plus the treatment of your pets. The pets will bring in more fleas if not treated regularly and one flea collar per year does not constitute good treatment of the pet for fleas.

Flea control usually requires both chemical and non-chemical treatment plus the knowledge of the lifecycle of fleas. Cleaning and treating of the pet's bedding every two weeks plus vacuuming and cleaning carpets, floors and under furniture is a must for any luck at all. Treat the inside of the home as well as surrounding yard, etc.

PESTICIDES FOR FLEA CONTROL ON THE DOG AND CATS

Malathion — 5 percent dust — Dust thoroughly but not too much.

Sevin — 5 percent dust — (Same as above).

Malathion — 0.25 percent dip.

Flea collars.

PESTICIDES TO USE IN THE HOME

Ronnel — (Dust or Spray).

Diazinon — 0.5 percent spray.

Pyrethrins — 0.5-5 percent synergized spray — (Temporary relief).

Chlorpyrifos — 0.5 percent spray.

PESTICIDES FOR FLEA CONTROL IN THE YARD

Diazinon — 0.5 percent — (Treat every two weeks).

Sevin — 5 percent Dust — (Treat every two weeks).

Malathion — 5 percent dust — (Treat every two weeks).

Ronnel — 1 percent spray — (Treat every two weeks).

You can use any of the pesticides mentioned above to treat out-buildings, barns, kennels, dog houses, etc., on a two week schedule. Yes, it is all right to put the materials mentioned for treating dogs and cats on the dogs and cats. It is also safe to use where you have children but follow the directions on the labels. If you are extremely allergic to many different things, you might have to try different pesticides to see which one bothers you the least. Remember the two week schedule because it is important if you are to have any luck! An occasional spraying might kill some of the adults but a good crop of eggs is there to reinfest the house again plus "Old Bullit" is still going in and out of the house.



THE ROCK SHELVES below Miller Dam are a great place to slip and slide in the cool waters of Little River.

Car Buying Tips Told At Mapa

Mentone Area Preservation Association members were given a lesson in buying automobiles by Doug Hoyt at their July meeting. Hoyt is a Mentone accountant and has worked in car dealerships for a number of years.

"Never impulse shop for a car," was Hoyt's first bit of advice. Before shopping for a car, make a list of the features you want, then fit the model to your needs. You should know what kind of car you want before you go to the lot.

"Go at night to the car dealer and look at the cars when there is no one there to make a sale. That will give you a better idea of what is available and how much it will cost," he advised.

The most important thing for a buyer to know is what the factory cost of the car is. This is not the same as the sticker price Hoyt said.

"What you want to know is what is on the factory invoice. The car dealer should show you that if you ask. If not, go to another dealer," he said.

The factory cost is also listed in Consumer Reports and in other publications that are available at the public library.

"When you are ready to negotiate a deal, work off the factory price and know how much profit the dealer should get," he explained.

A ball park figure for dealer profit is \$750 on a \$10,000 car or \$1,200 on a \$15,000 car.

Hoyt advised that buyers beware of add-ons that are unnecessary. This includes credit life insurance, over-priced protection packages (scotch guarding, undercoating, etc.) and documentary fees. The only appropriate fee is for tag and tax he said.

"The dealer wants to satisfy you, he's graded on it by the factory," Hoyt said. He feels that at the present time buyers can make a good deal on a car.

He also reminded the audience that proper maintenance of a car is vital.

"Take care of your car and it will treat you right. Routine maintenance like changing your oil regularly will keep your car running longer," he said.

Hoyt is originally from Miami and is the son of an automobile accountant. He worked at Valley View Ranch for a number of summers and became acquainted with Mentone as a young person. He now works as an accountant for several area businesses.

Country Cooking

By Nova Dean Kilgore

EASY HOMEMADE PIZZA

In bowl combine:

6 teaspoons baking powder

4 cups flour

2 teaspoons salt

Combine:

1 1/2 cups milk

2 1/2 cups wesson oil

Pour all at once over flour mixture. Mix with fork, then shape into ball. Knead until smooth. Roll out to about 3-12 inch sheets. Place on greased cookie sheets.

Combine:

4 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste

2 1/2 cup wesson oil

2 teaspoons garlic powder

1 teaspoon pepper

2 1/2 cups water

2 teaspoons oregano

1 teaspoon salt

Put on top of crust, add fried hamburger, cheese or sausage, onions or green peppers. Bake at 400 for 20 to 25 minutes. Tomato juice may be thickened and used as a substitute for tomato paste.

CRAZY CAKE

3 cups flour

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup cocoa

2 teaspoons baking soda

2 cups water

2 teaspoons vanilla

3/4 cup oil

2 tablespoons vinegar

1 teaspoon salt

Sift flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt into 9 x 13 inch cake pan. Make 3 indentations in the mixture and put vanilla into one, oil into another and vinegar into the third. Pour water over all, stir with a fork and bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes. Top with topping.

TOPPING

1 cup sugar

1 cup hot water

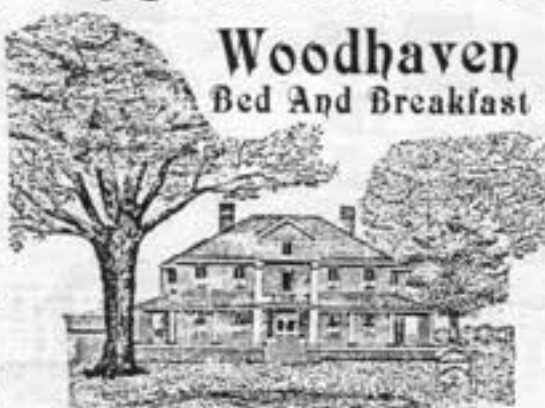
3 tablespoons butter

1/4 cup cocoa

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 teaspoons vanilla

Mix sugar, cocoa, hot water, cornstarch and butter, cook until thick (like pudding). Stir in vanilla and spread on hot cake.



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