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Hostess, Historian, Lady Of The Mountain

Some know her as author of **A History of Mentone**, gaining prominence in this centennial year; others know her as Hal's wife; still others remember her as a postal clerk. But mostly, Nelda Estelle Ellis Howe is known as one of Mentone's most elegant residents.

This versatile lady's parents both taught school. Her grandfather White came from Pickens County, South Carolina, to the area near Fort Payne named for him, White Hall, in 1835. Her mother's family came from Washington County, Abingdon, Virginia in 1837.

Charles Tolbert Ellis, Mrs. Howe's father, owned a general store in Valley Head where Morgan Drugs is now and taught, too. Her mother, Pallie Margaret White Ellis, was Valley Head postmistress for twenty-five years, living on the family farm at Sequoyah Caverns (owned by Grandfather Ellis) during the time the Democratic President Wilson was in office, then returning to her post office duties in 1922.

Nelda was four and a half years old with two younger brothers when her father died. Gladys Charles was born five months later, named after her father. One brother died in 1922 when he was only 15 years old, and the other brother passed away last October 7th.

Nelda's mother went to school at the old Baptist Church, located on the hill in the curve between Valley Head and Hammondville. Her father went to school in Sulphur Springs, Fort Payne, and Henagar. He taught at Henagar when her parents were married in 1902.

The Ellis home in Valley Head was on a hill, north of the present Baptist Church. When she



NELDA HOWE

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Mayor, Council Election-July 10

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Mentone Chooses Mayor, Council On July 10

The office of mayor and four of the places on the Town Council will be contested when Mentone voters go to the polls at the Town Hall on Tuesday, July 10th. Only Councilman Hobson Kirby of place four is unopposed. Councilman Jimmy Wright did not register for re-election. Kenneth Crowe, holder of place 3, relinquished that slot and is challenging Lee Davenport in place 5.

Because MAPA is chartered as a non-profit organization under laws of the State of Alabama, The Groundhog cannot take sides in a political campaign. To provide equal opportunity for the various candidates, Eleanor Moerlins, features editor, contacted each of those registering for a statement. Donna Buckley, advertising manager, made available to all candidates the opportunity to run an ad in this issue of The GROUNDHOG.

Mayor Rob Hammond, who has served the unexpired term of Mayor Sam Barrett who resigned, issued the following statement: "First of all, I hope everyone exercises their right to vote on July 10th. In reality, the next mayor and town council of Mentone will be faced with some difficult problems. The greatest single problem is to secure additional water supplies. This is crucial to all of us. We must also maintain basic services, police protection and street upkeep, with limited funds. The only promises I can make to the voters of Mentone are, that if elected, I will work hard with the council to solve these problems, and I will try to insure that our tax dollars will provide us with the most services."

Opposing the mayor is H. Bruce Bon Fleur who gave the following statement: "To me, and I believe to a growing number of Mentone residents, the issue in the mayoral race is the question of leadership — and which candidate is best suited to provide the positive, forward-looking type of leadership this town needs now, and in the future. As founder and first Director of MAPA, my ability to lead effectively and fairly, and my dedication to community betterment, has been openly and routinely demonstrated. I am looking forward to personally talking with as many Mentone citizens as I can during the next few weeks. I am excited about Mentone's future, and I am committed to preserving its past."

PLACE ONE

First to announce for the place vacated by Jimmy Wright was operations manager for the computer center, Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, Ray Padgett, who with his wife Sandra is now owner of the Mentone Springs Hotel. "Since moving here three and a half years ago with my family, most of my energy and emphasis has been toward the restoration of the Mentone Springs Hotel. We still have a lot of work to do, but I want to direct that time and energy toward civic matters. I have management skills and ideas that could benefit our town. It is my hope that you will choose me as your representative for Place One. I am a good listener and will always be open to your problems. My rural upbringing makes me appreciate the specialness of Mentone. I will always be committed to maintaining those qualities that make Mentone a special place."

Opposing Padgett for Place One is Richard C. Meadows. When contacted by The Groundhog he issued the following statement: "I am interested in the best for Mentone. I am retired from the Federal Aviation Administration and have lived in Mentone for five years. I would appreciate your consideration for Place One for the town council." Richard Meadows and his wife Jane are natives of Birmingham. He attended Phillips High School and for two years served as air traffic controller in Miami before going to Mobile for service in this capacity for twenty years. The Meadows are now permanent residents of Mentone.

PLACE TWO

Incumbent for Place Two on the Town Council is Max Cash. A veteran of the city government, he at one time served as mayor for a brief period. On the council he has served two full terms and one short term. A federal employee, he is mail carrier for Mentone.

Opposing Mr. Cash is Amelia Kirk-Brooks, a native of Mentone. Her parents, Mabel and Frank Kirk, returned to Mentone over eight years ago. Amelia's main goals for Mentone are "to definitely have a sidewalk built for the elderly, children, and handicapped so that they can walk to the post office without fear of getting killed." She wants more police protection, and help to the fire department. "Hopefully, a participation from all the people to help Mentone preserve its natural beauty and be interested in all aspects going on in the town." Amelia Kirk-Brooks owns and operates the Mentone Inn Ben 'n' Breakfast and is vice president of the DeKalb County Tourist Association and secretary of MAPA.

PLACE THREE

First to announce for this slot vacated by Kenneth Crowe was Jean McGehee. She is a member of the board of directors of the Annual Crafts Festival, Corresponding Secretary for the Rhododendron Garden Club, an active member of the Mentone Area Preservation and Associate Editor of its publication The GROUNDHOG. It was in the latter capacity that she

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Eighth Annual Crafts Festival On July 7-8



Council Votes Funds For Brow Park Shelter

Eight visitors attended the June 4th meeting of the Mentone Town Council: Amelia Brooks, Linda Brown, Stanley Brown, Bruce Bon Fleur, Sharon Barron, Sandra Padgett, Sallie Davis and Sammy Cash.

The council voted to give \$450 from the town's funds toward rebuilding of the brow park shelter. Another motion passed was to give \$200 to the Dixie Youth ball team if the Valley Head town council gives similar funds.

Bruce Bon Fleur requested private voting spaces for all elections held in Mentone. He was assured that this would be granted. Mrs. Davis asked the city to close the street between her house and her son's house. She was told to bring in a letter from Dave Blalock, whose home also adjoins the area.

The council voted to let the Morgan family have water for their swimming pool if there is enough water this summer. James Flannigan is to mow the town parks this summer.

Sharon Barron presented photographs and requested the council's help in a drainage problem and potholes in the road parallel to 117 back of the Hitching Post.

Several of those present expressed concern about the dangerous traffic problem in downtown Mentone.

A letter to Alabama Band requesting help on the proposed sidewalk construction was presented by Amelia Brooks of MAPA, and council members agreed to sign the letter and send it to the boys in the band.

Officials and Times Given For Election

On July 10th Mentone voters will go to the Town Hall and not the Fire Hall to cast their ballots. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Clerks will be Linda Brown and Betty Jo Johnson. Inspectors are Herman Hughes, Peggy Howe, and Joe Stephens.

It is still possible for individuals living in Mentone to vote by going to the voter registration building across from the Court House in Fort Payne prior to July 1st.

The new officers assume duties on Monday, October 1st.

Senator Lowell Barron Speaker At July MAPA

State Senator Lowell Barron will be the featured speaker at the July 3rd MAPA meeting. The meeting will be in the Mentone Springs Hotel at 7 p.m. Every candidate for mayor and council in the Mentone July 10th election has been invited to attend the meeting. There will be ample opportunity for each candidate to speak briefly and to answer any questions. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this meeting.

MAPA members will vote on the slate of officers suggested by the nominating committee at the June MAPA meeting. Director, Homer Crow; Vice Director, Donna Buckley; Secretary, Amelia Brooks; Treasurer, Shurles Frohler. Zora Strayhorn is in charge of refreshments.

ONLY MAPA MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR THE NEW FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS JULY 1st WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MAIL IN DUES OF \$10 TO BOX 50 OR TO BRING THEIR CASH OR CHECKS TO THE MEETING.

President Linda Brown of the Mentone Crafts Festival Committee announces the construction of a new brow park shelter just in time for the eighth annual show July 7 and 8. The town council voted to give \$450 toward the shelter, MAPA is giving \$600, and the Crafts Festival will underwrite the remainder. Dave Blalock is the contractor.

Mrs. Brown has also completed the list of exhibitors for this year's festival, part of Mentone's centennial celebrations. There are some 75 exhibitors and demonstrators this year. The show will be bigger and better than ever, with more variety of crafts and entertainment.

This will be the first opportunity to purchase the Centennial Plates, keepsakes of this 100th birthday year for Mentone. There will be demonstrations of old timey crafts such as blacksmithing by Robert Lee of Mentone and quilting by Maggie Cordell. Mayfret Whitley will be weaving her pineneedle baskets. Jimmy Griggs from Fort Payne will be back with his display of bees and honey.

Entertainment will feature Silver Creek Band both days (see article elsewhere). There will be banjo picking by the Cassidys and square dancing by the De-So-Toe Squares both days. Clogging will be by the Little River Cloggers, Dixie Darling Cloggers, Misty Mountain Cloggers, and the Yankee Doodle Dandy Cloggers.

On Saturday the United Methodist Church Women of Mentone will have a bake sale. The food shelter will be managed by the Mentone Church of God on Saturday, and on Sunday the Little River Cemetery Committee will have food there. The latter group will have a devotional from 8:30 till 9 on Sunday morning. Parking will be by the Little League fathers.

Stitchery this year will be exhibited by Melba Crane and Artie Jenkins from LaFayette, Georgia, and by Nancy Shelton from Chattanooga, who makes silk ties. Janet Woodall from Valley Head will have handwork as well as Katherine Gray of Oxford, Mississippi. Marie Shadgett of Mentone will demonstrate lap quilting and sell her woodcrafts. Frances Hinson of Ft. Payne will demonstrate loom weaving. Freida Wall of Rising Fawn will have trapunto pillows and quilts. Mrs. Nesbit Thompson of Silver Creek, Georgia, will have stitchery, also. Marie Tucker of Valley Head and Lola Mae Blalock of Mentone will have baby stitchery. Ann Mellen from Lansing, Michigan, will have handwork and demonstrate batik. Grace Forrest from LaFayette, Georgia, will have quilts for sale. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin King from Camden, Alabama, will have handwork, as will J. M. and Vera Rinehart of Marion, Alabama. From Pelham, Alabama, is Ann Campbell with stitchery.

Ceramics and pottery will be displayed by Dorothy Lacey, Chatsworth, Georgia; Margaret Howell from Chattanooga; Darlene Clifton Keith of Mentone; Scottie West from Woodville, Alabama; Bill and Patricia Amos from Rome, Georgia; Eva White from Decatur, Alabama; David Mays of Mentone; Tommie Hill and Sara Fortnev from Chattanooga;

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July Groundhog Award



The July Groundhog Award goes to Cragmere Manna Restaurant. Owner Randy Still has created a new entrance that is easier to enter from the parking area. The former Rhett Butler room is now the foyer. The large room that was previously used for the entrance area is now the Hello Ferrel Dining Room. The Ferrells were former residents at Cragmere, and this room was actually their dining room.

The renovations have enlarged the seating capacity of the restaurant while keeping the atmosphere intact. Randy has landscaped extensively with flowers and with hanging baskets. The pond with fountain just outside the screened porch is now in operation.

The award committee is composed of Mabel Crow Kirk for MAPA, Nelda Howe for the Rhododendron Garden Club, and Max Cash for the Town Council.

MAPA Minutes

The MAPA meeting was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel on June 5, 1984. Mabel Kirk, associate director, presided. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,463.92. The Groundhog presented MAPA with \$500.

The Rhododendron Festival committees reported. Marty Griffin suggested we have only one run each year in October. This was approved. The boat ride profit was \$244.68, thanks to Warren Coppedge. Grace Howard announced that \$303 was made from the sale of Maggie Cordell's quilt. Sale of the rhododendrons brought in \$263. Leona Chadwick of Chattanooga donated \$13.50. A letter was approved to send to Alabama Band for help in the sidewalk funding.

The nominating committee composed of Bruce Bon Fleur, Bernise Crow, and Jean McGehee reported on the slate for the new year: Director, Homer Crow; Associate Director, Donna Bukley; Secretary, Amelia Brooks; Treasurer, Shurlee Froehler.

It was moved and seconded to write the check for \$600 to give to the town to aid the Crafts Festival Committee in rebuilding the brow park shelter.

(Condensed from the minutes of Amelia Brooks, secretary).

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CREDITS:
ON HAND\$501.16
DONATION1.00
AD SALES1,410.00

DEBITS:
Harry Barnes (camera)\$150.00
U. S. Post Office14.06
Donna Bukley, sales commission105.60
Jean McGehee, sales commission105.60
The Summerville News Co.532.25
Marie Sadgett, gasoline24.00
U. S. Post Office58.33
MAPA donation500.00
\$1,489.84
BALANCE ON HAND\$422.32

Mentone Springs



Shown above by the famous Mentone Springs is Donna Bukley, Advertising Manager of THE GROUNDHOG, Vice Director elect of MAPA, and immediate past coordinator of the Rhododendron Festival.

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Brow Briefs

Congratulations and thanks to Lynette McCary and Marie Shadgett for the beautiful flowering triangle bed by the Superette. Lynette is a consummate gardener, having been the prime mover in the Rhododendron Garden Club's planting of rhododendrons all around town.

Sammy Cash reports from the Fire Department: A 30,000 gallon swimming pool for Don Morgan has been filled, as a fund-raising project. Mrs. Jesse Whitehead's home caught fire because of an electrical storm. The house was saved before too much damage was done. The Fire Department urges everyone to exercise extreme caution with trash burning during this dry period.

Leonard Shigley reports that the Rescue Squad was responsible for parking cars, patrolling and guiding cars at the June Jam. All area rescue squads were involved.

Mr. Shigley also reports that the next meeting of the American Legion will be on July 20th.

Vicious Groundhog Attacks Woman

An article from the May 29th Birmingham News states that a groundhog attacked an 88 year old woman in Owings Mills, Maryland. Mrs. Frieda Meginnis was weeding a flower bed when the groundhog bolted from under her house, bit her on the ankle, and threw her off balance, knocking her to the ground.

The groundhog continued to bite Mrs. Meginnis until she managed to fling it into a nearby pond. She received stitches on her scalp, left arm and ankle at Baltimore County General Hospital. The groundhog was later caught and killed.

(Contributed by Jim Walbert, Birmingham).

New MAPA Members

Out-of-town members for the new fiscal year of MAPA which begins July first are: The Lerkins, from Bricktown, N. J.; Margaret L. Whitehouse, Terrace Park, Ohio; Mrs. Madeline W. Lewis, Cordele, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vann, Jr., Birmingham (and Mentone); Ralph Hammond, Arab, Alabama; Hugh Reed, Jr., Centre, Alabama; Elizabeth Howard, Fort Payne; Jim Garrett, Birmingham; Chester O. Stephens, Jr., Selma, Alabama; Mrs. Phyllis Murphy, Scottsboro, Ala.; Glenda K. Barnes, Birmingham; Charlotte Siener, Birmingham; Joann L. Florence, Eclectic, Ala.; Richard Steinberg, Fort Payne and Mentone; and W. R. Evans, Fort Payne.

Remember, out-of-town readers, if you wish to continue to receive THE GROUNDHOG, you must send postage or join MAPA for the new fiscal year.

To MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50 in support of the objectives of MAPA, desiring to join with others in preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, I enclose \$10 for voting membership for one through June 1985.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
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VIEWPOINT

Charles and I left Mentone on Thursday, May 31st, for a visit with our son Stuart at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Son McGregor was to come down from Boston to rendezvous with us there. On Saturday, June 2nd, I'd planned to leave the three men in Charlottesville and to drive a couple of hours up into Pennsylvania to Chambersburg where my 35th Wilson College class reunion was being held. We had also arranged to have a re-consecration of our wedding vows on our 35th anniversary in the old hotel with friends from Birmingham and Chattanooga on our return from the Virginia trip.

Since I don't like to drive the 530 miles all in one day, we'd planned to stop overnight. Late in the afternoon Charles felt severe pains that he thought meant a recurrence of kidney stones. We immediately went to the Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Virginia.

Luckily for us, it was a model hospital. The chief surgeon was on duty and told us that it wasn't kidney stones, but gall stones. He suggested they treat the infection so that we could return to have surgery closer to home. So we spent five days there, and not a single grouch or slouch did we find in the whole hospital. Stuart and Pam came over from Friday until Sunday, but we persuaded McGregor to wait until later in the summer to visit with us.

When we came home, we spent a day and a half telephoning friends to research the best place to have Charles' surgery. We considered the big cities, but physician friends had high praise for Dr. Alex Walker. We'd planned to wait a few days, but on Thursday again, Charles felt more pain. Dr. Walker operated on Friday morning at Baptist Medical Center in Fort Payne.

I was afraid I'd have uneasy feelings going back onto the hospital floor where Mother had been so ill. However, instead of being depressed, I was soothed by knowing the nurses on "Walker Hall" and by knowing my way around the hospital — how to use the stairs and how to get to the snack machines and the cafeteria.

The first person we saw after Charles was taken to his room was Betty Bowman, Lola Mae Blalock's daughter. Mrs. Bowman teaches nursing and has been working in the hospital some this summer, too. What a perfect first nurse she was!

We had requested no visitors (largely from past experience with our congregations), but Grace Howard and Virgil Noland came, and I liked seeing each of these neighbors.

While the surgery was going on, Mother and Daddy's minister, the Rev. Jerry Davis, from the Presbyterian church, sat with me. His wife is a nurse on the second floor. Donna Bukley came by, too, and another day she managed to take a peek at Charles. Donna and Jerry are like family.

Charles and Frances Atchison came by from Birmingham (they were to have come for the anniversary party) on their way back from Chattanooga, and they got a quick look at Charles, too. The only persons who actually visited with him were our Chattanooga Unitarian minister, Jay Abernathy, who came twice, and Vern Farnum, the hospital chaplain, who is our friend.

Once Charles was back into a regular room after an overnight in the ICU, he relied heavily on Larry Gray to help him in and out of bed until he could make it on his own. Larry was a wonderful person to have around; strong in spirit as well as body, he was fun to talk with about Mentone.

Almost daily I saw Ruth Kuykendall, who never failed to stop and ask about Charles. One day Mae Shigley, who works as a volunteer, brought in a beautiful red rose. Jackie Elrod had brought a bunch of them to the hospital. The rose lasted beyond the florists' flowers.

Elizabeth Howard offered me a place to sleep in her sick-bed room the night Charles was in ICU. She is out of the hospital now, too, and we're glad. I've never met a more generous person than Elizabeth. All of the cards and notes we received helped tremendously, too.

I went up to the ICU waiting room to check on a couple of families I'd met there. Clyde Jones was sitting with her sister Jo Carson, her niece Lynn Hammond, and her aunt Grace Scott. Clyde's mother, Mrs. O'Rear, was in the ICU. Now she is back home, too. Despite the circumstances, it comforted me to see Clyde with her strength of character.

The first person to telephone after the surgery was Rob Hammond. No where else we've ever lived has the mayor shown concern for us. And the first person to drop in after we came home Sunday morning, Father's Day, was Colquitt Jones, resplendent and caring in his police uniform.

Now, I don't have to go away from Mentone to appreciate it. But there's absolutely nothing like coming up the mountain when you've been away for a while. Twice I came home to shower and to get clean clothes and to check on Daddy (Ruth Treadway, from Summerville, and our neighbor Sallie Davis took excellent care of him).

Each time as I drove up the mountain, the air became cooler and the familiar scenery came into view, and I had that great feeling of being in the one place on earth I'd rather be than any other. — Jean McGehee

Erratum

ERRATUM: Simmie Sherman Vernon earned 50 cents a day, not an hour, when he worked on building the Mentone Springs Hotel.

Mountain Cookery

If you would like to be a part of the mountain cookbook, we urge you to jot down your favorite recipes and mail them to Box 50, Mentone. This month's recipes come from our features coordinator, Eleanor Moerlins.

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

3-4 whole chicken breasts Boil 30 to 40 minutes and bone.
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 can of milk
2 cans green chilis, small
2 small cartons of sour cream
salt and pepper to taste

Mix all together and heat. Lay flour tortillas on the bottom of a 13 x 9 greased casserole. Pour on 1/2 of the chicken mixture. Sprinkle grated cheese and 1/2 cup chopped onions. Layer more tortillas, repeat chicken mixture, cheese and onions.

Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes. Allow to cool 10 minutes before serving.

CHOCOLATE DELIGHT

This is very moist and serves a crowd.
1 Devil's Food Cake Mix — Mix as directed on box.
Pour 1/2 in a greased and floured 9 x 13 pan and cook for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven. Have ready: 1 package Kraft Caramels melted over hot water and mixed with 1/2 cup of canned milk and 1 stick of margarine.

Pour caramel mixture over baked cake. Spread 1 large package sem-sweet chocolate chips over caramel mixture, then pour other 1/2 of cake mix batter over the chocolate chips and bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes. Do not overbake. Cool before serving.

Mountain Greenery

Harrell Jenkins moved to Mentone in 1971 and started gardening with a small 15 x 40 foot area. He's made a lot of changes over the years and now has extended the size of his garden to 35 x 150.

Mr. Jenkins began raised bed gardening because of excess moisture and lack of space. These are two of the many advantages of raised beds. He can also plant earlier because the soil drains and warms up faster. There is very little weeding because of the quantity planted in each bed.

He has his own shredder and uses wheat straw, leaves, etc., for mulching. This cuts down on watering and keeps tender young roots warm in cool weather and protects them in warmer weather.

For the past two years Mr. Jenkins has used no commercial fertilizer and is strictly an organic gardener. He has planted castor beans to, he hopes, ward off moles. An electric wire around his garden keeps other varmints away.

As all plants need their own PH factor, Mr. Jenkins plants accordingly, using a small tester. He attributes natural fertilizers for keeping the soil in good shape. Also, with the raised beds, he never walks on the beds, thus preventing the soil from packing.

Diversification is half the fun of gardening, and Harrell has an amazing variety, including asparagus, artichokes, garlic, beets, tomatoes, beans, spinach, peppers, refrigerator watermelons (4-5 pounds), cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes, celery, limas, sweet peas, butter peas, burgundy beans and cellulose.

His flowers planted in and around his vegetables are just as varied. Last fall Mr. Jenkins planted five blueberry bushes. There is a grape arbor at the lower end of his garden, and a peach tree stands in the middle of the area. Eleanor Moerlins

Rhododendron Garden Club

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at St. Joseph-on-the-Mountain Church for its regular June meeting. Hostesses were Lynette McCary and Dorothy Reeder. Twenty-six members were present, along with seven guests. Betty Johnson gave the devotional on trees.

President Helen Hill appointed a committee of Mabel Kirk, Betty Chapman, Peggy Tutwiler and Nelda Howe to be in charge of the centennial tea in October.

Milton Howard gave the program on "Trees in the Forest." He noted some 125 varieties of trees in this country, with the greatest number, 65, in Kentucky. Other states with numerous kinds of trees are Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland and Wisconsin.

Nevada has the fewest varieties, with only 10; other states having few kinds of trees are Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado. In the East there are principally the pine, oak and evergreens. In the West is the famous giant sequoia. The oldest of these trees is from 4 to 5,000 years old, from 250-300 feet high, and 24 feet in diameter.

Mr. Howard showed a selection of slides of trees starting from Lake Louise, Canada, down to Florida's Everglades, West to California, and back to Mentone.

The next meeting of the club will be on Tuesday, July 10th, at the home of Ann Wright. The program will be on "The Lovely Rose," and members will be able to view the Wrights' lovely roses.

Mentone Centennial Celebration Weekly Events Are Announced

Bernise Crow, chairwoman of the Mentone Centennial Committee, announces plans for the week-long Mentone Centennial Celebration from October 13-21.

On Saturday, October 13th, there will be a special Children's Day. The Fire Department and Rescue Squad will be in charge of the entertainment. Sunday will be Churches Day. There will be gospel singing in the Brow Park.

Monday will be Merchants' Day. Discount prices will be in effect at local businesses. On Tuesday the Crafts Festival Committee will be in charge of old time craft demonstrations. On Wednesday, October 17th, the American Legion and the town officials will be in charge of Pioneer Day with patriotic speeches.

The Centennial Committee will sponsor a costume contest, dinner on the grounds, and clogging on Thursday. On Friday there will be ghost story telling, a bon fire, and a wiener roast.

Saturday will be the Mentone Springs Hotel Day. There will be tours of the hotel, horseshoe pitching and food all sponsored by MAPA.

The final day of the week-long event will be a tea honoring the descendants of the founding families. This will be sponsored by the Rhododendron Garden Club.

The Other Centennials . . .

Sharing Centennial significance with Mentone is the Ringland Circus, which opened May 19, 1884, at Baraboo, Wisconsin, now the home of Circus World Museum and Circus World Museum Library.

When the circus began the season in April at Madison Square Garden in New York City, the theme was "The Ringland Centennial." On May 20 at the Maiden Bridge Arts Center in Maiden, N.Y., a photographic essay entitled "The Ringlings: A Centennial Family Portrait" opened and will continue through July 22nd.

The Metropolitan Opera, also formed in 1884, highlighted its 100th Anniversary with a CONCERT AT THE MET: A Century of the Performing Arts. The live performance was later televised on Wednesday, May 18th. This three and one-half gala featured such stars as Izhak Perlman, Placido Domingo, Margo Fonteyn, Lillian Gish and Rudo Nureyev.

Methodist churches throughout the nation are observing their Centennial with special services.

The Other Mentones . . .

Mentone, Indiana, which celebrated its 100th Anniversary two years ago, was also named for Mentone, France. Its newspaper is running a series on the USA cities named Mentone, and our Mentone was first.

The article ran in the April 11th edition of the Akron-Mentone NEWS. Based on information provided by The GROUNDHOG editor, it is accompanied by a photo of the Mentone Springs Hotel, relates the statistical information of the town of Mentone, and a historical outline.

There is some possibility that Wayne Tombaugh, chairman of the Mentone, Indiana, Centennial, will be an honored guest of our Centennial committee during the 8th Annual Crafts Festival on July 7-8, one of the features of our Birthday Celebration.

NOTE: There is also a Mentone, Australia. "Lemon Aid Lively Up This City" is title of a color photo feature of the Annual Lemon Festival at Mentone, France, from the April 17th edition of National Enquirer, made available to the Groundhog by Zora Strayhorn.

The article under the photos of the Temple of Lemons and the lemon-studded plane follows.

"Everything's coming up lemons in Mentone, France — 100 tons of the yellow fruit decorated the city during the 51st annual Lemon Festival recently. Mentone was the first European town to export lemons, and city fathers threw the first fruit gala in 1933. This year's festivities boasted 900,000 oranges and included three days of parades with fruits from the world's major citrus producing countries.

"The gala's central attractions are the town's gardens where freestanding structures decorated with fruit are erected among lush palm trees and brilliant flower beds. This year's fruit creations included a lemon-studded plane and the Temple of Lemons. The fruit on the structures are held by elastic bands to the structural skeleton beneath them."

For all of Mentone

**HAMMOND
FOR MAYOR**

Paid Political Advertisement By Rob Hammond

The Centennial Committee is composed of the heads of local organizations. Linda Brown is secretary-treasurer. Other members are Homer Crow, MAPA, Helen Hill, Rhododendron Garden Club, Leonard Shigley, American Legion and Rescue Squad; Sammy Cash, North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District, Ray and Sandra Padgett, owners, Mentone Springs Hotel; Donna Bukley, coordinator Rhododendron Festival, Mary Griffin, coordinator of the spring and fall runs.

Special committees are Brochure, Sandra Padgett, Sharon Barron and Homer Crow, Logo, Mary Griffin and Rob Hammond; Events, Ray Padgett; Publicity, Donna Bukley and Charles McGhee; Museum and Welcome Center, Bernise Crow.

The men in town are urged to grow boards for the big October celebrations.

Mentone Chooses

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began attending town council meetings as reporter and decided to run for office. Her principal stated aim is to aid in providing more open access to the deliberations of the council.

Opposing Mrs. McGhee is Stanley Brown, member of one of Mentone's best-known families and also a member of the Crafts Festival Board. "As a native of Mentone," he states, "I am interested in maintaining the peaceful nature of our town that attracted our first families 100 years ago. While providing necessary services to all of our residents of today, I am especially concerned with the condition of our roads and will work hard to find a way to improve their deteriorated condition. Your vote will be appreciated on July 10th."

PLACE FOUR

Councilman Hobson Kirby is unopposed.

PLACE FIVE

The incumbent is Councilman Lee Davenport. He is clearly the veteran of the local governmental body, having served on the original council from 1936 to 1941 when the local government was first chartered under the state constitution. Most recently he has been on the council for the terms 1976-80 and 1980-84.

Choosing to oppose Mr. Davenport is Kenneth Crowe. Kenneth is now ending his first four-year term on the council. He reports in his statement that he has always supported the work of the fire department in his votes. Mr. Crowe is determined to work for better police protection and toward the goal of Mentone having its own independent water system once again. He is an employee of Shaw Industries in Valley Head and is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Crowe.

Centennial Bibliography

For this year of the Mentone Centennial there will be an emphasis on history. For those of you who want to explore our heritage, here is the basic bibliography as best the editors can ascertain:

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Centennial Calendar

July 7 and 8: Eighth Annual Crafts Festival, over 85 exhibits, entertainment, practicing crafts of 100 years ago such as churning, quilting, blacksmithing; period toys, ribbons for various categories, participating local organizations. Linda Brown, president.

Oct. 13-21: The Mentone Centennial Celebration; week-long events with special days dedicated to schools, churches, history, the Mentone Springs Hotel; climaxing with the second annual Groundhog Classic Run with runners from throughout the Southeast. Bernise Crow, chairperson.

Dec. 14 and 15: Christmas at Mentone; Community Chorus sings, lighting of the community tree; gala decorations, arrival of Santa. Ed and Geri Disney, chairpersons.

Silver Creek Adds Sparkle To Crafts Festival

Like the making of a fine wine, the making of a fine — of a better than just good — band requires certain things: quality ingredients, carefully blended; patience and attention to details; faith in the product; time and timing; and ultimately, proper packaging.

If and when all of these things come together, then something very good and very worthwhile happens. And while Mentone may not be able to claim credit as the producer of fine wines, it certainly should be proud of its role as home turf and promoter of one of the South's finest and most-likely-to-succeed bands, Silver Creek.

Wisely, the Mentone Crafts Festival Committee has scheduled several performances of Silver Creek, a local band, each day during the upcoming Crafts Festival, July 7th and 8th at the brow park in Mentone. Admission to the event is \$2.00 for adults; children under 12 will be admitted free.

Silver Creek is not your ordinary local band. These guys are first class singers and musicians who have stuck together, and to their style, and put on a heck of a good show. They have performed in Ohio, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama (of course), and have warmed up concert crowds, fronting for stars like George Jones and Joe Stampley.

The performing members of Silver Creek include Jimmy Blalock, Dennis Hicks, Chris Roberts and Al Southern. The group is managed by John E. Kyle, and their producer is Bill Haynes.

The sound of Silver Creek is unique in that the harmonies are stacked. Jimmy and Chris share lead vocals, with Al providing the third part harmony. The effect is a fuller, sharper sound accented by a masterful blend of keyboard, drum and guitar playing.

The group performs an extraordinary variety of songs, some of which are originals written by band members. At any given Silver Creek concert you are likely to hear such tunes as *Sweet Home Alabama*, *Fire and Smoke*, *Dreams Die Hard*, *Rocky Top*, *Swingin'*, *Tulsa Time*, *Nothing But the Radio On*, *Dixie On My Mind*, Merle Haggard songs, and many other country and popular classics. Among the group's more requested originals are *Fire Burning* and *Georgia*.

While individuals have come in and out of the group during the years, Silver Creek's nucleus has remained intact and in touch for about 15 years. Jimmy, Al, and Dennis have been with the band the longest, with Chris joining a couple of years ago.

Jimmy Blalock was born in Fort Payne, the eldest of five children. He presently resides in Mentone with his family. He began singing to an audience at the age of six as a soloist in his church choir. He has been playing drums since he was 14 years old and has played professionally as far south as Orlando, Florida, to as far north as Thule, Greenland.

His drum style provides the heavy dance beat, bottom rhythm that the Silver Creek sound rides upon. Jimmy enjoys performing in front of people and hopes "to make mucho bucks and get a little recognition" as a member of Silver Creek.

Dennis Hicks was born in Chattanooga but spent his teenage years growing up in Valley Head where he still lives and works. Like Jimmy, he first began playing a musical instrument at age 14. He began performing publicly in a group the following year. Part Cherokee and part cut-up, Dennis brings a complimentary presence to Silver Creek, as well as an abundance of natural talent on the bass guitar.

Al Southern, a native Georgian, acquired his first guitar when he was just 12 years old. He taught himself to play, a characteristic of many super-talents, and over the years has developed his own unique style of lead guitar.

His goal, as with the other members of the group is "to really make it, to get with a major label." A rock mason by trade, Al is a true professional and vital member of Silver Creek.

Chris Roberts, the newest and youngest member of the group, hails from that hotbed of new country, Fort Payne. A talented lead vocalist and keyboard player, he is the spark that ignites every Silver Creek performance. To say that he gets into the music would be an understatement. Chris literally and visually expresses nearly every note the band sings and plays.



*Al Southern, Chris Roberts,
Dennis Hicks, Jimmy Blalock*



Dennis Hicks



Chris Roberts

According to Chris, "We've really got something different and exciting to offer our audiences." And give it out, he does. In fact, according to the other members of the group, "Chris has the groupies — we have wives."

As mentioned previously, it takes a combination of things to make a product, an idea, or a group come together into a form that will catch on with the public in a big way. It takes a special person who is not only aware of unique talent, but someone who can help take that talent and organize and promote it into a commercially desirable and economically profitable entity. With Silver Creek that person is John E. Kyle, the group's manager.

John is a businessman first, a dreamer second. Yet unlike previous managers, he is able to balance out the artistic desires and enthusiasm with the financial realities and time demands required to make Silver Creek a success.

He is the front man for the group, a role all of the group members are more than willing for him to fill, and he has their complete trust and faith.

Things are already beginning to gel for Silver Creek. Recently they cut a demo tape in Nashville and in mid-June participated in a showcase presentation before representatives of major producers and recording labels in Nashville. The phone may be ringing any time now with good news for us all — Silver Creek is rising — we'd better watch out!

— H. Bruce Bon Fleur



Al Southern

Crafts Festival

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Sandra Glover from Rock Springs, Georgia; Sue Cannon from Cloudland, and Helen Turner from Mentone.

Woodworkers will include Janice and Leland Bohannon from Fort Payne with twig furniture; Roy and Clarence Kennett from Valley Head; Emily Cox from Brentwood, Tennessee; Charles Glenn from Arab, Alabama; Rodney Thrash from Grove Oak, Alabama; Bigge Newman from Harrison, Tennessee; Marvin Kennmore of Chattanooga.

Painters exhibiting will be Lenette McLeod from Heflin, Alabama; Joyce Jackson from Summerville; Robert Rakestraw from Rome, who will do on-the-spot charcoal portraits; Phyllis Murphy from Scottsboro; Wilma Denny of Dothan; Mary Allen from Scottsboro; Bobbie Shores from Dawson, Alabama; Linda Pickett from Whitwell, Tennessee.

Ruby Maddox, the herb lady, will return from Marietta, Georgia; Carol Germek from Birmingham will also display herbs.

Photography will be exhibited by Bo Hayes of Birmingham and by James and Susan Worley from Valhermogo Springs, Alabama.

Leather craft will be shown by G. M. Marler from Harrison, Tennessee. Ronald Weddell from Smyrna, Georgia, will be demonstrating leather working, also.

Dusty Hoffman, a welder from Clarksville, Tennessee, will demonstrate her sculpture. Billie Harper from Valley Head will have soft sculpture to show; Sandy Brittain from Ft. Payne will have pressed flower designs, and Priscilla Stensby from Huntsville will have 3-D plaques.

Carl Sheldon from Grant, Alabama, will have stonecarving and gems; John and Esther Avery from Chattanooga will have rock tumbling and jewelry.

Linda, Roger and Earl Templin from Calera, Alabama, will display and perform on their handmade dulcimers. Alecia Lambert from Fyffe will show Christmas crafts; Marguerite Haralson from Ft. Payne will have examples of her calligraphy. Barbara Johnson from Signal Mountain will have silk and dried flower arrangements.

Harold Whitley from Ft. Payne will have stained glass as will Mark and Judy Kirkham from Decatur, Alabama.

Once again the ladies from the Rhododendron Garden Club will have plants, seeds and dried arrangements for sale. The Crafts Festival Committee will also have sun visors for sale.



Jimmy Blalock

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Where To Stay . . .

With vacation season upon us and the usual influx of visitors, especially camper parents, a review of Mentone's lodging places is in order.

The Mentone Inn, on Old Hotel Square, is open for the summer, providing overnight accommodations and breakfast. The inn is listed on directories of Bed 'n' Breakfast availabilities on a nationwide scale.

Built in 1927 in traditional American style, and operated as the DeSoto Lodge for almost a half century, the inn was purchased in 1975 by Amelia Kirk-Brooks. She renovated the property and restored it to its original style.

Interiors are in tongue-and-groove, clear-grain pine from Mississippi. In addition to twelve rooms, each with bath, there is a 3-bedroom cottage, with baths, sitting room and porch. The inn caters luncheons, dinners, parties and receptions.

Mrs. Brooks was born in Mentone, but lived in San Diego, California, for many years while her husband served in the Air Force. She is secretary of the Mentone Area Preservation Association and vice president of the DeKalb County Tourist Association. Her husband is a business consultant in Fort Payne.

Nippersink, one of the southeast's quality inns, caters largely to regular guests who return year after year. Built in 1934 on the bank of Little River as a summer home for Mrs. Eugenia Taylor of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, it is appropriately named because Nippersink is the Cherokee name for "little river."

In 1944 Nippersink was bought by Miss Annette Tucker and Miss Elizabeth Lowe, who transformed it into an inn. Sleeping porches were converted into guest rooms, baths were added, and the dining room enlarged.

In 1973 Nippersink was bought by Mrs. Osceola Haude, an accomplished musician who was especial-

ly interested in quality food preparation. Under the Hauges' guidance, the inn broadened in popularity. In 1979 the Hauges retired, selling Nippersink to Geraldine and Ed Disney, who had operated a camera shop in Atlanta and had purchased a cottage near the lodge.

Ed and Gerry Disney are assisted in management by their son and daughter-in-law Desmond and Kathy, who live year-round at Nippersink. Also on the staff for the summer are daughter Teresa Disney Cox and her husband Ples, varying their duties as teachers in Florida with various roles about the inn.

As part of the Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort, owned and operated by the Jones family, chalets and cabins are available now on a year-round basis.

The six chalets are furnished, carpeted, air conditioned, and heated in the style of motels. Each chalet houses from four to six guests. Two are on Little River and the others are around the golf course.

There are four log cabins. The largest houses up to 10 people. The cabins are fully equipped and have fireplaces. Group accommodations are possible for churches, bands, and other organizations, but they must bring their own supplies.

During summer the Saddle Rock golf course is open seven days a week. Clubs and carts are available for rental. It is an 18-hole, par 63 course, teeing off from a 30-foot rock tee to the first green. Also, the well-known ski run is converted to grass skiing. Tennis, hiking and fishing are available too.

DeSoto State Park on the Parkway south of Mentone is open on a year-round basis. Situated in the park which contains Little River Falls, Little River Canyon, and the Resort Camping area, the Lodge is constructed in unique fashion around the park's original stone building.

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*** Personal Data:**

FAMILY: Husband Bob Brooks is consultant to GameTime in Fort Payne. Children are Kathy, a stockbroker in Sacramento, Larry, in the Navy, and Cindy, at Erlanger School of Nursing. Two grandsons. Daughter of Mabel and Frank Kirk; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crow of Mentone. Amelia is secretary of MAPA and Vice President of the DeKalb Tourist Association.

EDUCATION: Amelia went one year to New Union School; graduated from San Diego city schools and San Diego State College.

ACHIEVEMENTS: Got signs for Mentone on I-59 going south; co-sponsored the Oct. Groundhog Run; researched in Montgomery for sidewalk, fixing slide area, and paving parkway.

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Hostess, Historian, Lady Of The Mountain (Continued From Page 1)

was a baby, the Methodist Church was next to Nelda's home. They were a close family, the children were well behaved, and they were generous, offering overnight accommodations to Mentone school children and to those farther down the valley who were stranded in Valley Head because of the weather. Once Mrs. Howe remembers that five members of the Larimore family from White Hall had to put their horse and buggy in the Ellis barn and then come in to spend the night during a bad snow storm.

The postmistress' daughter began teaching while she was still quite young — a year at New Union, and then at Blevins on Sand Mountain, each time teaching the first three grades. Her third year's teaching included the first seven grades at Crystal Lake School in Fort Payne where the Episcopal Church is now.

After her stint at teaching, young Nelda worked alternately in insurance companies in Chattanooga and Birmingham, coming home to work as a clerk in the Valley Head Post Office. In those days, the mail depended largely on the trains, and Nelda remembers working early and late, helping her mother with the mail.

In 1929 sister Peggy (nicknamed by a boy friend and never called Gladys afterward) began college in Montgomery. A month later, however, she had to return home to work in the post office because Nelda and Hal Howe had wedding plans. They were married in the morning of November 10, 1929; that afternoon Hal's daughter Olga (Tootsie) married N. B. Haston. The two couples honeymooned together for four months in Port Orange, Florida, and returned to live happily under the same roof for four years until the Hastons moved to Tennessee.

Mr. Howe was born in Freedom Station, Ohio. His family had seen advertisements of Mentone ("Fish out of the window of your home!") and played musical instruments and entertained their way to Mentone when Hal was fourteen. They returned to

Ohio, and his mother died. The family then decided to make Mentone their home.

Coincidentally, Mr. Howe's first job was as postmaster in LaHousage. He worked in the commissary there with Fred Huron, and both he and his father married. After working in a saw mill and as a grocer in Trion, Georgia, Mr. Howe bought the Huron Boarding House in 1922. It burned in 1927, and Mr. Howe built the DeSoto Lodge (now the Mentone Inn) the following year. Elizabeth Green Howe, his first wife, died early in 1929.

Nelda and Hal Howe complemented each other beautifully. He was the extroverted gregarious host, playing practical jokes and herding his guests on expeditions of sightseeing, entertaining them all the while. She was the supervisor of the hired help, the meal planner and purchasing agent, the poised hostess of the lodge.

During and after the Depression, the Howes would run up charge accounts during the winter months and happily pay their bills when the tourist season began. About ten years after their marriage, they paid off the last of the mortgage on the lodge.

Most of their guests came from Louisiana, with a large contingent from New Orleans. Guests returned year after year. Mrs. Howe had excellent summer help from the teenaged girls in Mentone. She especially remembers the Cooper girls (Bernise Crow and Jean Elrod), Bobbie and Mary Bain, Grace Huron Jones, Della Kirk, Peggy Patterson and Josephine Thompson.

In 1950 the Howes moved into Nelda's present home. After the hotel was sold in 1954, she worked briefly as substitute clerk in the Valley Head Post Office, but Mr. Howe's health declined, and she decided to remain at home.

Her home is her refuge. It contains beautiful furniture and paintings of the Alpine river area, watercolors of the old covered bridge, and her prized collection of cut glass. Mrs. Howe still enjoys entertaining and particularly looks forward to family gatherings.

"Happy Hal" Howe "got a lot out of life," Nelda

says. He enjoyed fishing and adored her brother's children, Charles and Susan. Since Mr. Howe's death in 1975, Nelda enjoys visiting her nephew in Lafayette, Louisiana, and her niece Susan in Atlanta. Her sister-in-law, Vivian, is nearby in Lafayette, Georgia.

Peggy, who married Claude Mart Howe, Hal's brother, in 1955, lives next door. The sisters have had a close relationship all of their lives. Nelda enjoys bridge twice a week and keeps up closely with local and national events. She has been a life-long reader, as were her parents.

She is active in the Valley Head Woman's Club and in the Mentone Rhododendron Garden Club. Four years ago for a garden club program, Mrs. Howe compiled a history of Mentone. "I didn't want to do it," she states, "but Mabel Kirk (then president of the club) assisted." She researched by using Grace Huron's grandmother's diary, detailing events at the old boarding house, by her uncle's knowledge of the first girls camp in the area, and by John Graham's remembrance of the Berry family's contribution to the area.

"I drew from Robert Sparks Walker's *Lookout: the Story of a Mountain*, but I gave him credit, and I remembered Hal and Mr. Libby giving Mr. Walker information, so I felt I could quote from him all right."

The booklet, further implemented by Mrs. Kirk and aided by Helen Hill, has been a best seller from the beginning and is still available for sale.

When asked what she thought about the future of Mentone, Mrs. Howe replied, "It looks very bright! Mentone is cleaner and more attractive than it's ever been. Particularly the corner by the Inn looks so much better. I've heard many people comment on the pleasing atmosphere when you first arrive on the top of the mountain."

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Calendar

Monday, July 2 — 7 p.m. — Town Council meets at Town Hall. Rob Hammond, Mayor.

Tuesday, July 3 — 7 p.m. — MAPA meets at Mentone Springs Hotel. Homer Crow, Director.

Thursday, July 5 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Department at Fire Hall. Sam Cash, Chief.

Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 — Eighth Annual Crafts Festival, brow park. Linda Brown, President.

Monday, July 9 — 7 p.m. — Centennial Committee meets at Town Hall. Bernise Crow, Chairwoman.

Tuesday, July 10 — 8 a.m. — Polls open at Town Hall for town election.

10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at Wright home. Helen Hill, President.

Wednesday, July 11 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile at Town Hall. Judy Dowlat, Librarian.

Thursday, July 19 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Dept.

Friday, July 20 — 7 p.m. — American Legion meets at Legion Hall. Leonard Shigley, Commander.

Wednesday, July 25 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile.
Groundhog deadline for August issue.

To the Voters of Mentone:

About a year ago I began attending the meetings of the Mentone town Council as a reporter, usually as the only non-official present. Initially I had no intention of running for office; these, however, are some of the reason I would like to represent you officially at these meetings:

1. At no time at council meetings have I heard a financial report.
2. The water crisis is still with us.
3. Other nearby communities have received federal grants for betterment, but apparently Mentone has shown no initiative toward such funds.
4. Four years ago no election was held.
5. Women in town deserve representation on the council.

The issues on Tuesday, July 10th, are those of adequate water supply, fire and police protection, better roads, and efficient administration of government. We cherish our small town existence, but we have responsibilities as a tourist and camping center. Above all, I will devote myself to open government.

Charles and I were married in the old hotel June 7, 1949. We built our first home here 20 years ago, having bought property 34 years ago. We have two sons, McGregor, a musician in Cambridge, Mass., and Stuart, a historian at the University of Virginia. I have a master's degree in English and taught for 20 years. Charles is a graduate of Tufts University's Crane Theological School and is an ordained Unitarian minister, having served churches in Mass., Fla., and Tenn. My parents, Pearl and Joe Devine, followed us here in 1969.

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Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship: 10:50 A.M., 6:00
P.M.
Wednesday Evening Service: 7:00
P.M. Telephone: 634-4210

ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Blackwell, minister
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 P.M.
Telephone: 634-4210

MENTONE REVIVAL CENTER

The Rev. Dewey Oswalt, minister
Sunday School: 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service: 11:00 A. M., 6 P. M.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 P. M.

CAMP ALPINE: Richard O'Ferrall,
director; camp for boys; 634-4200
June 1-Aug. 11

COMER SCOUT RESERVATION:
Bob Dunaway, director; Boy Scout
camps June 17-July 14, 634-3445.

CAMP DESOTO: Sue Henry, direc-
tor; camp for girls. June 19-Aug. 15.
634-3411.

CAMP JULIETTE LOW: Kathy Holly,
director; Girl Scout Camp in
Cloudland, Georgia. June 17-Aug.
11. 404-428-0446.

CAMP LANEY: Rob Hammond,
director; camp for boys; June
16-Aug. 11. 634-3561.

**LOOKOUT MT. CHRISTIAN CON-
FERENCE CENTER:** Anne and John
Morrison, directors; 634-3471.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP: Chris-
tian youth camp. Glenn Miller, direc-
tor. 634-3795. June 16-Aug. 11.

CAMP SADDLE ROCK: Marty Grif-
fin, director; girls' camp; June
16-Aug. 11. 634-4608.

CAMP SKYLINE RANCH Susan C.
Hooks, director; girls' camp; June
16-Aug. 11. 634-3201.

VALLEY VIEW RANCH: Nancy
Jones, director. Cloudland, Georgia;
June 17-Aug. 11. 404-862-2231. Girls.

CAMP WOODMONT: Jane Bennett,
director; boys' and girls' camp.
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