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## Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 3, 8:00 p.m.  
Program: Legends on the Lookout  
Ken Thomas, Naturalist  
DeSoto State Park Campground

Sunday, July 4  
Fourth of July Celebrations

Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.  
MAPA Meeting  
Dessie's Kountry Chef

Saturday and Sunday, July 10 & 11  
Crafts on the Brow Festival  
Brow Park, Mentone

Saturday, July 10, 8:00 p.m.  
Program: The American Bald Eagle  
Ken Thomas, Naturalist  
DeSoto State Park Campground

Saturday, July 17, 6:00 p.m.  
Program: Snakes  
Scott and Robert Glenn  
DeSoto State Park Campground

Saturday, July 24, 8:00 p.m.  
Program: Bats  
Keith Hudson  
DeSoto State Park Campground

Saturday, July 31, 8:00 p.m.  
Program: Birds of Prey  
Ken Thomas  
DeSoto State Park Campground

## FIRST ANNUAL CRAFTS ON THE BROW FESTIVAL



The time for the annual arts and crafts festival is here! For the past sixteen years the festival was under the capable leadership of the Mentone Arts and Crafts Festival Committee. Late last year, the committee decided that they would be unable to continue sponsoring the festival. MAPA was given the opportunity to try to continue with the tradition of the festival. This will be MAPA's first summer-time festival.

The Crafts on the Brow Festival is scheduled for the first weekend after the Fourth of July--July 10 and 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wanda Simmons, coordinator, feels that this promises to be one of the best festivals ever held. There will be a great variety of exhibitors, 55 different ones as of the date of publication, with more applications being received. There will be woodworkers, a booth distributing Hampton and Pennington prints, a good assortment of jewelry, hand-made quilts, and other hand-work of all types, just to name a few.

Tommy Sprayberry from Chickamauga, Georgia, will be at the festival again making T-shirts.

There will be plenty of good food. Breakfast will be served by one of the local churches on Saturday. Barbeque will be served by another of the local churches. There will be other concessions serving food throughout the day. A new delight is sugar-free, fat-free yogurt with fresh fruit.

There will be three gates with MAPA volunteers, Rhododendron Garden Club members, and other community-minded individuals attending the gates. Admission for adults will be \$2.00. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Parking is being handled by the American Legion and the Boy Scouts. Tony Goggans, Mentone's Troubadour, will be the master of ceremonies for the entertainment. Several groups will also be involved, including the "Dixie Darlings," a clogging group from Summerville, Georgia. There will be square dancing and other forms of entertainment. Portable restroom facilities will again be available in two different locations.

The proceeds that are derived from the gate fee will go to MAPA to be used for the benefit of several non-profit organizations, local ball teams, DeSoto Rescue Squad, North Lookout Mountain Fire Department, and for other area needs, particularly those benefitting young people in the community.



Sanford Hartline, Dewey Crow, and Jesse Crow prepare to raise the banner

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**1993 FARMER'S MARKET OPENING**

The Farmer's Market will open at the VFW Fairgrounds in Fort Payne, Friday, July 2. This is a later opening date as vegetables are later than usual this year. Some gardeners and truck farmers have had some vegetables coming in but not enough to open the market until now. They should have more vegetables ready by July 2, so come by the VFW Fairgrounds for some fresh, locally-produced vegetables.

**NARFE**

DeKalb County Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 20, at Western Sizzlin. Jean McGehee, Secretary, Mentone Heritage Foundation, will discuss the conversion and future of the old Mentone Hotel.

## THE GROUNDHOG

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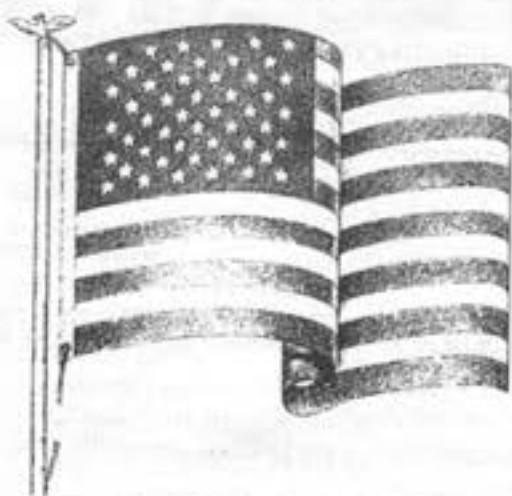
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## M.A.P.A.— President's Column

By  
PAT SEYMOUR



As the 1992-1993 MAPA year draws to a close, a review of the Association's completed projects seems to be in order. The list of contributions of these dedicated members to the Mentone area is mind-boggling!

Through fund-raising blanks run in the Groundhog, thousands of dollars were raised for the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. Dot Crow spearheaded this effort and, also, chaired the committee for the Moon Lake School-Fire Department benefit in February. David Cryer designed the decals and lent his creativity to numerous other MAPA projects, including design of the MAPA logo.

This past year, among Mentone areas benefitting from MAPA's efforts, were the Rescue Squad, the Valley Head and Moon Lake Schools, the American Legion, the Valley Head High School Band, the sports teams at Valley Head High School, and the City of Mentone.

The announcement box at the Mentone post office was redecorated by Bob and Marion Solomon, with the help of Luther King Jr., and a storage building was obtained by Bud Simmons to store all items belonging to MAPA.

Cherlene, and numerous holiday activities were organized for area children.

A fund-raising campaign provided a marker for the Isbell's grave in Little River Cemetery, and a joint effort with the State Highway Department obtained a \$1,000,000 native rock wall replacement commitment for Highway 117 up the mountain.

Two annual festivals, the Gospel Music Festival and the Crafts on the Brow Festival were undertaken by the membership, increasing the number of visitors and the amount of revenue coming into Mentone.

Pickups, directed by Sherman Gough along Highway 117, for MAPA's Adopt-A-Mile, were held regularly. Also, an arrangement has been made with the DeKalb Circuit and District Court Judges to use convict labor for pick up of Highway 117 down to Valley Head.

Space does not permit a complete listing of the many benefits to Mentone provided by the 1992-1993 membership. Suffice it to say, leading such members has been an honor and a privilege. Their total commitment to service, volunteerism, compassion, and decency far exceeds that of any other organization I have presided over. The integrity and decency of the 1992-1993 MAPA membership has been awesome, raising MAPA to an unprecedented level of respect in the Mentone community. Thanks for being there 1992-1993 members, and thanks for affording me the privilege of being your president!

Better to suffer an injury  
than to inflict one.

**MAPA JUNE MEETING**

The MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on June 1, 1993. President Pat Seymour presided and called the meeting to order. She welcomed board members, members, new members, and guests, recognizing a number of the new members.

The minutes were read and the treasurer's report given.

George Beaubé, chairman of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers as follows:

President - Pat Seymour  
1st Vice President - Sherman Gough  
2nd Vice President - Wanda Simmons  
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck  
Treasurer - Dessie Newberry  
Parliamentarian - Homer Crow  
Member At Large - Dot Crow

George announced that the procedure for voting would follow Roberts Rules of Order. Nominations were taken from the floor. Dorna Hutcheson nominated Homer Crow for President. J.P. Nation nominated Donna Bouldin for 2nd Vice President. There were no further nominations. Bruce Bon Fleur made a motion that the vote be by secret ballot, which motion was seconded. The nominating committee passed out ballots to the membership. Dorna Hutcheson requested that she be allowed to cast a proxy vote in behalf of her husband, Terry Hutcheson, who was not present. The nominations chairman stated that there were no provisions in the Bylaws for proxy votes, and the request was denied.

While the votes were being counted, the president proceeded with the meeting. The upcoming and new MAPA festival, Crafts on the Brow, was discussed.

Following the festival discussion, the nominating committee made their report on the 1993-1994 officers for the year 1993-1994 are:

President - Homer Crow  
1st Vice President - Sherman Gough  
2nd Vice President - Donna Bouldin  
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck  
Treasurer - Dessie Newberry  
Parliamentarian - Pat Seymour  
Member At Large - Dot Crow

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, the president announced that a wake was being held from 7-9 that evening for Sammie Cash, one of MAPA's faithful members of many years, and that those wishing to attend the wake could do so after the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Erma McAdams, Marie Dillenbeck, and Jo Beaubé.

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## NEW PASTOR

The Mentone United Methodist Church has been assigned a new pastor by the United Methodist Conference. Originally from the Gadsden area, Reverend M. David Lett, was called to preach when he was 13 years old and did some lay-speaking during his teen years. He joined the U.S. Army at age 17 and volunteered for service in Viet Nam. When he came off active duty in 1974, he went to work for the State of Alabama and became active in Republican politics. After nearly a 20-year lapse, David came back into the church in 1988 and rededicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

Rev. Lett's said, "My personal theology is that the picture of Jesus that most preachers paint 'taint necessarily so'. I think Jesus was a very plain, caring, and stern preacher, who would probably be turned out of most churches today. I think the most graphic example of what He calls us to do can be found in Matthew 25. He says 'I was hungry and you didn't feed me, naked and you didn't clothe me, lonely and you didn't visit me.' The leadership of the church of that day asked, 'When did we not do all this Lord?' Jesus said, 'When you didn't do it to the least of these.' I really believe that the church of 1993 needs to read this scripture a little more closely."

Evangelism is David's main interest. He is active in the Emmaus Walk (Spiritual Formation for United Methodists), works with the Kairos (Interdenominational Prison Ministry), and has been invited to Candler School of Theology this summer to take part in a new program named "Congregational Development and Revitalization." Rev. Lett said, "I guess, putting it in a nutshell, I enjoy telling people that Jesus loves them."

Some of Rev. Lett's goals for this coming year are to become active in the Ministerial Association and to work toward some community Christian activities. He said, "I am very pleased to be in Mentone. I appreciate the beauty I have seen, both of the landscape and of the people. I just want to become a part of this community and be available when someone needs me. I pray that EVERYONE in this community will feel free to call on me, no matter what church affiliation (if any)." Rev. Lett is staying in the Methodist Parsonage on Cutler Avenue.



Rev. David Lett

## ORIGINAL GROUNDHOG EDITOR DIES

The Reverend Charles White McGehee, writer, Unitarian-Universalist clergyman, and civil rights activist, died of pneumonia June 19, 1993, at Baptist Medical Center, Fort Payne, Alabama. Mr. McGehee, 79, was a native of Summit, Mississippi, where he edited two weekly newspapers. He worked for radio stations in McComb, Mississippi, and in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1949, he married the former Jean Devine of Birmingham, at Mentone, Alabama.

In 1959, he graduated from Crane Theological School, Tufts University. Mr. McGehee led Unitarian-Universalist congregations in Upton, Massachusetts; Jacksonville, Florida; and Chattanooga, Tennessee. McGehee served his denomination and community with distinction, receiving numerous honors and awards.

After retirement to Mentone, he was the first editor of *The Groundhog* and wrote a twice-weekly opinion column for the *Fort Payne Times-Journal*. McGehee's articles, essays, and reviews have appeared in a wide variety of national publications.

In addition to his wife, Jean, he is survived by two sons, McGregor Scott McGehee, a Boston musician, and Charles Stuart McGehee, a West Virginia historian. A memorial service was held June 27 at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 7405 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, Florida 32211, where he was minister emeritus. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the church.

There will be another memorial service for Charles White McGehee on Sunday, July 11, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church 3224 Navajo Drive, off Germantown Road on I-24. (No flowers, please.)

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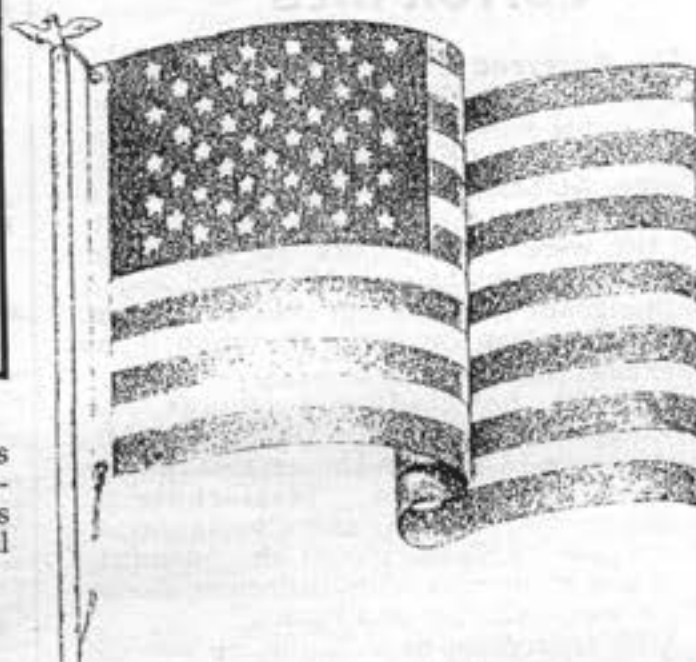


### River Watch

Because of extensive remodeling that he is doing to his home, Bill Schwarz did not submit his River Watch column. Shown below is a picture of a portion of his remodeling. He'll be back next month.



Bill Schwarz remodeling the kitchen



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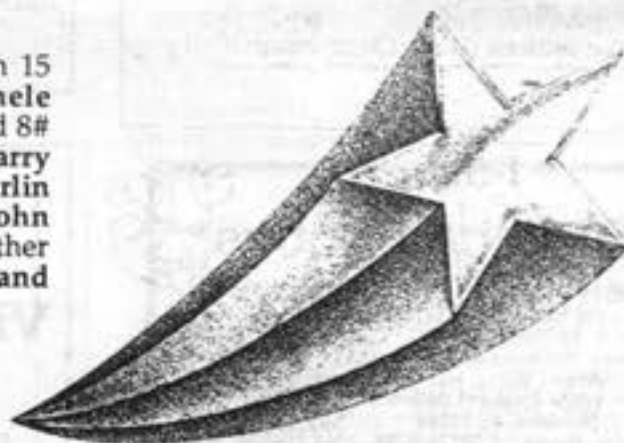
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## It's A Boy!

The first baby in the Hopper family in 15 years has been born to John and Michele Kincer, Jr. The baby boy "Trey" weighed 8# 10-1/2 oz at birth. Grandparents are Harry and Brenda Hopper of Mentone, and Marlin and Joanne Clines of Ft. Payne, and John Kincer, Sr. of Rising Fawn, Georgia. Other relatives include aunt and uncle, Sible and Danny Hopper of Mentone.



## DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD

FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

The DeSoto Rescue Squad, a voluntary rescue services organization, will receive sealed bids on the sale of a used three-quarter ton, "4x4" military truck. The truck, along with a spare engine and other spare parts, will be sold to the highest bidder.

The truck is sold "as is--where is", and carries no warranty, written or implied. The truck must be removed by the successful bidder from the premises within 30 days of the bid's being accepted. Payment may be by cash, certified or cashier's check, or money order. Personal or business checks may be accepted at the discretion of the treasurer of the Rescue Squad.

The squad reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The truck may be seen by appointment by calling Mike Kenamer at 634-4484. Two weeks prior to the opening of bids, the truck will be parked in the parking lot of the American Legion Hall for viewing at the convenience of the bidders.

Bids received by mail only addressed as follows:

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Bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the DeSoto Rescue Squad on July 20, 1993, at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Kenamer, Captain  
DeSoto Rescue Squad

The DeSoto Rescue Squad would like to thank everyone who gave recipes for its fund raising project. The cookbooks have arrived and are available at the following locations:

Little River Hardware in Mentone  
C'lene's Sewing Shop or Tiger's Inn in Valley Head.

The cost is \$6.00. All proceeds will be used for equipment and training of the DeSoto Rescue Squad members.

Jim Gaylord, who recently joined D.R.S. is currently enrolled in the E.M.T. program at NEASCC.

Again, the Rescue Squad would like to thank you for your support.

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Henry Ford

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## The Recipe Corner

By  
SUE SCHWARZ

Barbeque and fresh fruit are on everyone's mind this time of year. I am repeating a wonderful recipe for Blackberry Cornmeal Muffin Cake in case you didn't save it from last September, and introducing you to a barbeque sauce that is fat free and delicious. We are having a great summer, and hope you are, too.

### Blackberry Cornmeal Muffin Cake

By Mary Jane Swanner

#### Cake

2 C all-purpose flour  
2 t baking powder  
1 C yellow cornmeal  
1-1/2 C buttermilk  
3/4 C unsalted butter--room temperature  
2 T minced orange peel  
1/4 t salt  
1-1/2 C sugar  
3 large eggs, room temperature  
3 C fresh blackberries or  
frozen, unsweetened, thawed.

#### Glaze:

1/3 C orange marmalade  
3 T sugar  
3 T unsalted butter  
1-1/2 T whipping cream  
Additional fresh blackberries

For cake: mix first four ingredients; cream butter, sugar, and orange peel until light and fluffy. Blend in eggs one at a time, fold in half of dry ingredients. Stir in buttermilk and blackberries. Gently fold in remaining dry ingredients. Bake in greased and floured 12-cup tube pan or bundt pan at 375 degrees F for 50 minutes or until cake begins to pull away from pan and tests done. Let cool in pan 15 minutes. Invert on plate, cool completely, and glaze.

For glaze: combine first four ingredients in small saucepan; cook over low heat until sugar dissolves and butter melts, bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer until thick and bubbling, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes. Cool and spoon glaze over cake. Garnish with additional berries, if desired.

### Barbeque Sauce:

By Barbara Legendre

2 C dark brown sugar  
4 t Coleman's dry mustard  
2-1/2 t salt  
1 t pepper  
3 t ginger  
2 t cinnamon (optional or to taste)  
4 8 oz cans tomato sauce  
2 C cider vinegar  
3-1/2 t Tabasco sauce (or to taste)  
1 medium onion, grated  
4 cloves garlic, crushed

## CRAIN--BLALOCK

Rhonda Crain and Barry Blalock were married Saturday, June 26th, at the home of Barbara and Ovie Blalock.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Carolyn Crain of Menlo, Georgia. Parents of the groom are Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her sister, Tracy Payton, as matron of honor, and her cousin, Holly Davis, as bridesmaid. The bride's niece, Lindsey, was flower girl; and her little cousin, Justin, was ring bearer.

The groom's father, served as best man and his friend, Kevin Smith, was groomsman.

After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, the couple will reside in Mentone.



Rhonda Crain Blalock and Barry Blalock  
Photo by Barbara Blalock

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## CHILDERS-FURLINGTON

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The bride was given in marriage by her father, Adis Childers; Suzanne Palmer was maid of honor, and Stewart Ashley was best man. Other attendants were Lea Smith, Karen Bain Powell, Sammy Lacey, Laura McCullough, and Brandi Brown.

Music was furnished by the Valley Head Faith Walkers, accompanied by Theodore Shrader and Jack Lyons. Darlene McKinney sang "Battle Hymn of Love," and Bobby Green sang "The Wedding Song."

Eddie Colvard did the barbeque and all the "trimmings" were furnished by family and friends.

Rev. Bill Hall conducted the ceremony. It was directed by Joyce Hall and Helen Longshore.

After a honeymoon at Gulf Shores, the couple is at home in Fyffe.



The horses and wagon were bedecked with flowers and carried the newlyweds, Glenda Childers and Jimmy Furlington, to the top of the hill. This was a favorite spot of Glenda's late mother, Mary Childers. The driver is Allen Scott.



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## A Friendly— Valley View

By  
ELOISE BROWN

### Valley View

The Valley Head UMW met at my house May 25, with Geraldine Hawkins as co-hostess. Helen White led the Bible study of Amos. Others present were Elizabeth Coleman, Laura Margaret Allison, Adelaide Biddle, Mary Holleman, and Velma Hammond.

The Sunshine Club met May 27 with Jean Jones. Present were Sue Cooper, Bess Bauerle, Carmel Gifford, Jewell Palmer, Vernitice Young, Evelyn Clark, Anna Daniel, Ruby Gifford, Geraldine Hawkins, and Eloise Brown. Jean demonstrated cosmetics by making Ruby Gifford and Anna Daniel more beautiful.

Suzanne Palmer has returned to the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa to pursue her Master's degree.

Congratulations to Tracy Lynn Warren (granddaughter of Nora and Charles Elrod), who made the Dean's List at Floyd College in Rome, Georgia.

and ~~and~~ ~~and~~ Ben Gashion, Chris Satcher, were recent guests of Mary Lyle's mother, Frances Longshore.

The Wood Reunion (descendants of Maggie and Will Wood) will be at the Hammondville Park, July 25.

Gladys Cobble, Ruth Pickett, Selma McElhaney, and Betty Jo Bracken, went to McDonough, Georgia, to celebrate Minnie Hood's 94th birthday. Gladys Cobble also recently attended the Cobble-Muse Hosiery Mill annual reunion in Chattanooga.

Larry Longshore has taken a group from Northwest Georgia High School on a camping and seventy-mile canoe trip down the Buffalo River, which is near Harrison, Arkansas. The river is classified as a wild and scenic river.

Gladola and E.T. Holleman visited Gladola's sister, Gene, and husband, Oscar Poe, in Paris, Kentucky, and Gladola's brother, Adrian Cannon, and wife, Betty, at Georgetown, Kentucky.

Sarah Hillhake of Boise, Idaho, was a recent guest of her schoolmate and sorority sister, Laurie Longshore. Sarah enjoyed helping Laurie haul hay. They also attended June Jam.

Evelyn and Loy Clark and Anna and "Hank" Daniel have returned from a trip through North and South Carolina. They toured the old plantations and points of interest and, especially, enjoyed the cruise to Fort Sumter.

Doris and Jim Carmichael visited Myree Dooley at Chattanooga Rehabilitation Hospital. They report that Myree is much better and, hopefully, will soon be home.

Ed Ringer has come home after a visit with Robert and Myrtice Ringer in Marianna, Florida, May 21-24. He returned to

Montgomery and attended the Alabama Retired Teachers' Association Executive Committee Meeting on the 25th.

Descendants of Horace, Herbert, Bill, and Chester Cooper had a reunion, Sunday, June 13, at Sequoyah Caverns.

Venna Livingston, and Sue and Suzanne Mosley went to Washington, D.C., May 21, for several days. They visited the White House and stood where President Clinton held his first Press Conference. The red carpet was still there. They also visited the Capitol, Washington and Lincoln Memorials, Kennedy's grave at Arlington Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial Union Station, and the Smithsonian. When Venna returned home, several members of her family came to her house for a reunion and to attend the Decoration of Mountain View Memory Gardens on Sand Mountain. On June 6th, she attended her granddaughter, Carmen Moseley's, Baccalaureate service; and, on June 9th, her graduation at Brookwood High School Stadium at Lilburn, Georgia. (600 graduated.) In the meantime, she attended grandson, Ben Mosley's, piano recital on June 7th at the Baptist Church at Snellville, Georgia. On June 10th, she went to

Chattanooga Valley Elementary School to watch granddaughter, Janice Mercer, play softball. She is a very busy person.

Sincere sympathy to the family and friends of: Mack Laws, son of Mildred and Taylor Laws, who died recently in Georgia; Ruth Hartline, who was a faithful member of Valley Head Methodist Church as long as she was able; and Mavis Hawkins, whose sudden death was a shock to the community.

Darrin Smith came with my great grandsons, Scot and Jason Meadows, to my house to fish; but they found one of my very long, black and slinky critters (snake, that is), more interesting. They were fascinated by its ability to climb to the top of a tree so easily. It was probably looking for birds' nests to raid—that is a bad trait the snake has, but, hopefully, it keeps snakes worse than it, away. Beverly and Shane Wright also "enjoyed" its maneuvers.

Oh, yes, lest I forget. There was a small error in my poem "To Ralph," which was in the May Groundhog. Instead of "The ability to make the ordinary thing--thing should have been sing. One word can make a world of difference.

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## TRIBUTE TO "SAMMIE" CASH

Charles White McGehee  
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June 2, 1993

Dear Mrs. Cash,

Shortly after we moved permanently to Mentone, there was a gathering outdoors of some type at the old hotel. Since then we have sought each other out at such events as MAPA, the festivals, and especially at the voting booth.

When I edited the *GROUNDHOG*, Sammy was one of the first local leaders I featured in the cover story. It gave him praise and recognition for the span of his life, citing his career as a forest ranger, presiding over the planting of millions of seedling trees, his capable leadership of the Lookout Mountain Fire Protective District, and stating that as local fire captain he gave us a deeper sense of security in our homes.

One the areas in which I felt closest to him was his role as a leader in the county Democratic Party. It was always a special event when he brought the constant parade of candidates to our home. While they gave their positions, Sammy remained silent mostly, but he usually got across the element of approval with a wry grin implied, "Can you imagine this guy getting elected?"

We usually agreed on politics because we both were obviously FDR New Deal Democrats, saying yes to life and having confidence in a benevolent government that cared for its people.

This was the cornerstone of his life, that he seemed to truly care for people, in the larger, not the superficial sense. He radiated kindness and concern.

As for you, across these years you were quietly his principal support, knowing he was an individualistic man. Obviously you are going to miss him deeply. In their fumbling ways, relatives and friends will seek to give you comfort, and I know you will do your best to remember the thousands of good things and erase the few that are best forgotten.

You both loved Mentone, reaching out in your quiet ways. You have been on the minds of Jean and myself since learning the news of that sad trip to the hospital in Birmingham.

With affectionate sympathy,  
Charles White McGehee

### Editor's comment:

Charles McGehee was editor of the *Groundhog* from the time it was a newsletter in 1982, until July 1985. The first issue of the *Groundhog* was April 1983. The feature story on Sammy Cash was run in Vol. 1, No. 2, May 1983. Found in the *Groundhog* files was the picture of Sammy Cash that was in the May 1983 issue. That picture can be found on this page. The residents of Mentone will sorely miss Sammy Cash, as well as Charles McGehee.

## A TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND SAMMIE

By Evelyn Graves

My memories of Sammie and Clara Cash date back to a very young age. I was, perhaps, three years old when I remember Clara coming to visit and bringing me a beautiful piece of yellow fabric with a delicate floral design for Mother to make me a new dress. It was my favorite dress, and I always called it "my Clara dress."

A few years later, Clara and Sammie married; and they both took me "under their wings." I always felt that I was the little girl they never had. Sammie loved all children, and they were all special to him; but I felt that he and I had a special lasting relationship that followed even until his death. As I grew to be a teenager and then a young woman, Sammie and Clara visited in our home at least once a week. Sammie always came in with a smile on his face and a paper bag under his arm. He would hand it to me and say, "Here, Sis, fix this for us." We all sat around and talked and laughed and enjoyed our ice cream.

Sometimes, Sammie brought his forestry reports for me to type for him. He always tried to pay me for my work, but I always refused to accept it. It would not be long until Sammie and Clara would come again to visit my family, and he would bring a box for me to open. It would be something that they had chosen that matched my room, or something that I had expressed a desire for. He always compensated me in some way for the things I did to help him.

As long as I was employed by the State of Alabama, I was never at liberty to participate in the elections other than to cast my vote; but when I retired, Sammie was so happy that I could be a part of what he enjoyed so much. Being a free American and having the right to vote as he pleased was a privilege that Sammie fought for during World War II. He was grateful for that privilege. He loved his country, his church, his family, and his friends.

I am grateful that I could know him in the way that I did. There was never any pretense with Sammie. He lived a life of simplicity, happy with what he had. I regret that the Father's Day card I had bought for him this year was never mailed. God called him away before that time. I regret that the 50th wedding anniversary celebration I had promised him and Clara will not materialize, but I rest in the knowledge that he is celebrating life in a way that we cannot understand until our time comes to join him.



Sammie Cash as Mentone Fire Chief

## MENTONE LEGEND, "SAMMIE" CASH DIES

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Sam W. "Sammie" Cash, age 79, of Mentone, Alabama, died Monday, May 31, 1993, at Montclair Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham. Mr. Cash was a native of DeKalb County and a retired forest ranger. He was a member of Moonlake Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 125 in Mentone, beat committeeman for a number of years at Mentone.

Mr. Cash, who had been a long-time supporter of MAPA, is survived by his wife, Clara Green Cash; sister, Grace Scott of Mentone; brother, Bill Cash of Mentone; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Wednesday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at Burt Funeral Home, Valley Head Chapel, with Revs. Bill Jennings, Edmond Crowe, and Don Brock officiating. Burial was in Bankhead Cemetery. Pallbearers were his nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Mentone American Legion Post 125.



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Fort Payne Middle School (Reading) -

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## RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, June 8, at Stonehenge, the home of George and Hope Walker. The Walkers were once stationed in England, and the first time they saw this home on the brow overlooking the valley, they said it should be named "Stonehenge," in honor of England.

Hostesses were Hope Walker, Norma Williams, Jo Beaubé, and Gail Gaylord. New club president, Ann Wright, provided a beautiful centerpiece of red and white roses, mingled with astilbe, which decorated the table in the gazebo where the meeting was held. The 22 members and one guest enjoyed the delicious refreshments while viewing the peaceful valley below.

Lynette McCary gave the devotion, reading several Bible passages relating to seeds.

Committee reports were heard; and president, Ann Wright, read the horticultural committee report for Jean McGehee, who was unable to attend. Lynette McCary, Special Projects, announced that plans had been made to beautify the grounds at the post office and at the triangle, with Ed Mason Park being worked on in memory of all deceased club members.

Following the reports, Ann Wright introduced the guest speaker, Aubie Mae Dean, who presented the informative program, "School Ground Improvement." Mrs. Dean is president of the Azalea Garden Club, 2nd VP of DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, and served the past four years as the School Ground Inspection Team Coordinator. All participating schools in the School Ground Improvement Program are judged on litter control, waste receptacles, and landscaping. The club discussed how it could help Moon Lake School.

The next meeting will be a combined picnic and field trip at the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright on July 13, at 5:30 p.m. Guests will be the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club of Henagar. Everyone is to bring a sack lunch.



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The Isbell Marker (for Jim, Willie, and infant) was set in place on Friday, June 18, and the dedication service was held on Father's Day, June 20, at the Little River Church Cemetery. Rev. Edmund Crowe delivered a prayer of dedication. Attending the services were Geraldine Blalock, Ruby Brock, Clara Cash, Rev. Edmund Crowe, Tom Crowe, Marie Dillenbeck, Arlene Fowler, Evelyn Graves, Rev. Jimmy Graves, Juanita Hartline, Sanford Hartline, Paul Johnson, Mary Johnson, Brandy Johnson, Junior King, Christine Padgett, Nita Rogers, and Pat Seymour.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Isbell Marker fund may do so by sending a donation to the Isbell Marker Fund, P.O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.



(Left to Right) **Front:** Ruby Brock, Christine Padgett, Pat Seymour, Geraldine Blalock, Clara Cash, Rev. Edmund Crowe, Junior King; **Back:** Sanford Hartline, Paul Johnson, Nita Meadows. Not pictured: Mary Johnson, Brandy Johnson, Arlene Fowler, Nita Hartline, and Marie Dillenbeck



Rev. Edmund Crowe dedicating the Isbell marker

Evelyn Graves, writer of February 1993 *Groundhog* article, "Where There's Love," standing behind the new Isbell marker.

### Little River Cemetery Fund

All those wishing to make contributions to the Little River Cemetery Fund for the upkeep of Little River Cemetery, may send their donations to the following address:

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The program schedule for each of the following THURSDAYS is:

|         |                                          |
|---------|------------------------------------------|
| June 3  | Circus Day                               |
| June 10 | Animal shelter                           |
| June 17 | Gem and Minerals                         |
| June 24 | Naturalist                               |
| July 1  | Charlotte Gentry                         |
| July 8  | Safety                                   |
| July 15 | Party and Awards to the Top Two Readers! |

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**Oh! The Places You Will Go**, by Dr. Seuss, will be read by Martha Stanley.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends: your involvement with a child/children this summer can make all the difference in whether the library program is an exciting adventure or a frustrating disappointment for that child.

### TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD ENJOY READING

- **HELP YOUR CHILD SET A REALISTIC BOOK GOAL** for the summer. Try to encourage a goal that will challenge the child but not so ambitious that book enjoyment becomes a chore or successful participation too great a challenge.
- **OFFER TO SHARE STORIES** at bedtime or as dinner conversation.
- **ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SHARE FAVORITE STORIES** with you.
- **SHOW GENUINE INTEREST** in the stories or programs your child discovers during the summer.
- **APPRECIATE ALL BOOKS YOUR CHILD SELECTS**, even the ones that look "too easy." Summer is a time for FUN, after all, and you can always guide your child to a more challenging book the next time you visit the library.
- **READ TO YOUR CHILD.** Even if children are able to read themselves, they still enjoy hearing good stories read to them.
- **READ YOURSELF!** And make sure your child knows you enjoy reading. There is nothing like a good role model.
- **HELP YOUR CHILD ATTEND** special library programs. Many children appreciate going with friends. Your child might like to be able to invite a friend or two to attend also.

#### Tips for children:

- **MAINTAIN A READING LIST**-put your name and grade on the front of the reading list, and on the reading list, write the name of the book and the number of the pages in the book.
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# THE JONES FAMILY

By Evelyn Graves

The first segment of the Jones' family history in the June issue of *The Groundhog* concluded with Simeon Lovejoy coming to Mentone to live with his cousin, Almeda Jones. For the sake of brevity, this segment will deal with the family beginning with Almeda Jones and her descendants. She was Almeda Crow and was married to Thomas A. Jones on July 8, 1880, at Mentone, Alabama. Almeda was the daughter of Lewis Crow and Emma Day. Thomas was the son of Eldridge Jones and Elizabeth Lane.

Children born to Thomas and Almeda were Ernest Norman who married Minnie Burgess; Fred Allen who married Bertie Brown; Eldridge Louis who married Josie Hixon; Annie, who only lived two months; Emma Lou who married Jim Carmichael; Herman C.; Hardie Lee who married Maude Colquitt; and Joe Blalock who married Foye Dougherty.

The oldest son, Ernest, owned and operated Citizens Bank at Valley Head. He was a gentle man with a great deal of compassion for people in need. Ernest was a good businessman and was well-respected in the community. His sons were Thomas; E.N., Jr.; and Guy, who operated the bank until their deaths or retirement. Their sons, Thomas, Jr.; Gordon; and E.N., III (Buzz) continue to operate the bank. Ernest and Minnie also had three daughters, Annie Bailey, Lillian, and Christine.

The second son born to Thomas and Almeda was Fred Allen. He was a strict disciplinarian to his eleven children, but demonstrated a great deal of love to them and to the grandchildren. Thomas was a man with a strong sense of humor, and no one ever visited in the home who was not entertained with his dryness and originality. This was my grandfather, and I could write a book about him and never even penetrate the surface. He, too, was a benevolent man, always giving where there was a need. It was not unusual for him to take his sons and, together, they would build a house for someone whose house had burned or who was in desperate need, never taking a penny for their work nor for the building materials that it took to build it. Fred Allen's eleven children were: Carl Brown; Herman Paul who is married to Kathryn Ellis Jones (my parents); Evelyn Selman; Mary Ruth McCord; Almeda Blevins; Gertrude Cox; Eva Johnson; Fred Jr.; Lester; James Thomas; and Marjorie Berry. Carl, Eva, Evelyn, and Lester have passed away.

Eldridge, the third son, operated a store in Valley Head next to the bank. It was a typical country store with everything a family would need to feed and clothe them, including hardware supplies, feed and seed, and all types of dry goods. He was a rather "laid back" type man; was always pleasant; was a good salesman; and, he, too, had a good sense of humor. I can remember when I was a child and we would stop at his store. No matter what the item was that we were pondering over, he would say, "Take it on--it's a good one--Josie's got one just like it." The story is told of his sitting in front of the store one day when a woman came out of the store with a large sack of feed on her back. Eldridge watched

her as she loaded it onto a truck and remarked without ever leaving his chair, "I'd give anything if I was as stout as that woman." Eldridge and Josie had three children: Hixon, Geraldine, and Eldridge, Jr.

Emma Lou married Jim Carmichael, and they had two children: Pauline, who was married to Bob Stalvey; and Jim, Jr. She died when Jim, Jr. was five years old.

Herman C. Jones died of appendicitis when he was 17 years old.

Hardie is the father of Colquitt, Elizabeth Romans, Lovejoy, Mary Louise Cauthen, and Edward Jones. I can remember good times at their house as the children played musical instruments and sang. They were all talented musically. Uncle Hardie enjoyed teasing the children, especially my brother and me, it seemed. Lovejoy is now deceased.

Joe Blalock Jones is the father of Brandol Jones and Wynema Elam. He and Aunt Foye were very close. Joe had a heart condition, and Foye always took very good care of him. He enjoyed fun and loved his family very much. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Aunt Foye will be remembered as a teacher at Moon Lake School for a number of years. She and I had a special relationship, and there was nothing that she would not have done for me.

I miss all the great uncles and aunts; they had a tremendous influence on my life, as did my grandfather and grandmother. The Jones family was very much a part of Mentone. The earliest records I have found date back to 1806. There were other families who were among the early settlers also--the O'Rears, the Masons, the Crows, and I am sure there were others.

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## From Behind the Counter

By  
BRUTUS



Well, it's 5:30 a.m., and another day on my rug behind the Superette counter has begun. I wish William would come up with some new treat for my breakfast! Milk and peanut butter crackers is just not what real "he-man" dogs crave. But it means a lot to him for me to be grateful all over the place, so I try to "woof" it down. Thank the Lord for Sible Hopper and Don Brown! One pitiful whine and here come the honey buns before those two real dog lovers go to work. I can always get through my hectic day knowing Jackie Kerby will be good for an ice cream sandwich after work, and praise the Lord for Willis Blalock who always shares his dessert with a starving dog!

Talk about stress! Today's the day the rug man comes to change out our rugs. There is no way I'm giving up mine! Every week, just when it's softened up, wallowed down, in he comes to jerk it from under me. "No way, this day," rug man.

Things are beginning to look pretty good. Billy Cash's truck just pulled up. Anybody could recognize the sound by all the rattles. Billy always is good for some teasing and humor him. Makes him feel better. It seems like I do a lot of cheering up folks. That can take a lot out of a dog by the end of the day.

Hey, nearly time for lunch. How time does fly! Al, Mae, and William may fix banana sandwiches and Little Debbies, and that means the same for me. I just wish one time somebody would come in the Superette with chip and dip, my favorite. Real food for a real dog.

Oh, great--time for the ice cream man, Pat, with that tempting towel hanging off his belt. This is gonna be the day when I make that towel mine. Prepare to be stripped, ice cream man!

Well, here come the kids to give me the attention a fine specimen of a dog, such as I, truly deserves. The parade today includes Will Blackburn, Loren Kean, Regan and Ellen Disney, Steele and Doni Lee, Wesley and Erin Campbell, and Alenta Wright.

Shane Ingram just burst through the door. That Shane is a real junk food junkie, and Uncle Charles Flannigan ain't far behind!

Guess I'll sign off for now. It's time for me to drag William all over the yard by my leash. Pop probably needs to go. I know I do!

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# The Church News

By  
EVELYN GRAVES



The Moon Lake Baptist Church honored their Youth Director, Brad Van Cleave, and his bride-elect, Cathy Miller (a student at Shorter College), with a shower on June 27 at the church. The wedding will be held in Lawrenceville, Georgia, on July 10th. A church-wide social, sponsored by the Youth, will be held at the home of Dewey and Nancy Smith on Saturday, July 3.

The Boy Scouts, including a troop from Florida, presented a very impressive program in the morning service on June 27.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church will have a 4-day revival beginning July 11. Dink Hilyer will be doing the preaching. There will be a cookout at the church on July 11 for the entire church.

On Tuesday night, July 13, there will be a dinner at the parsonage for the members who had birthdays in April, May, and June.

The UMW met with Velma Hammond, Vesta Hawkins, and Geneva Smith as hostesses for the June meeting. The meeting was held at the home of Velma Hammond.

There will be a revival at the Valley Head Baptist Church on July 11-16. The evangelist is Wayne Tarvin. The guest music director is Buddy Strickland. The services will begin on Sunday morning, July 11, at the regular worship hour, and the nightly services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Immediately after the revival, the Youth are going for a week on a Dawson McAllister retreat in Panama City, Florida.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have a special service on the 4th of July to celebrate Independence Day.

During July, each Sunday morning, at 10:00, there will be snacks and fellowship; at 10:30 is the worship service. At 6:00 p.m., each Sunday, with the exception of July 4, there will be an informal time of prayer and praise. There will be no evening service on July 4.

The Mentone Church of God will sell barbeque plates or sandwiches at the Crafts on the Brow Festival on Saturday, July 10.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church experienced great services on both Mother's Day and Father's Day with families coming home and being together in church. No special events are planned for the month of July.

The church services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church continue at 9:00 each Sunday morning. Anyone interested in attending these services is welcome.

A special Independence Day service is planned for Sunday, July 4, at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy. The Alabama State Convention of the Churches of God of Prophecy will be held in Birmingham on July 15-18. During the state meeting, the state

bishop will be appointing pastors to the churches in Alabama. A new 2-year term begins on August 1 for the churches. Delegates from the Mentone Church will attend the meeting, as well as the pastor, Reverend Don Brock, who is a member of the State Questions and Subjects Committee. This is a committee which deals with doctrinal issues.

The Union Hill Baptist Church has begun some remodeling beginning with the Youth Department. The educational facility for the youth has been enlarged, new carpet has been purchased, and the whole area has a new coat of paint.

The Mentone United Methodist Church welcomed their new pastor, Reverend David Lett, with a covered dish dinner after the services on June 27. Retired pastor, Reverend Dennis Mays, and his wife, Florence, attended the dinner. On June 20, Rev. Lett's first Sunday, the owners and the counselors from Camp DeSoto were guests at the 11:00 worship service.

Wednesday afternoon play days continue to be a success.

(See article about Reverend Lett elsewhere in the paper.)

## NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ministerial Association will meet at 8:30 on Saturday morning, July 3, at Dessie's Kountry Chef. There will be an installation of new officers at this meeting. The Association has no plans to be announced at this time.

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## Beauty Tips

By  
CHARLYNE O'REAR

### KEEP YOUR COOL!

Can you keep your cool when all those around you are loosing theirs? THEN YOU'LL STAY COOL, MY FRIEND.

It always helps to remember to stay as relaxed as possible during these long hot summer days. All those people rushing around, fanning themselves, and talking about how "HOT" they are, need to "slow down," take life in a lower gear while it's so warm—they can always get back in high gear when fall rolls around.

Heard someone say the other day, "Think I'll go down back of my house and sit in the shady stream and cool off," not a bad idea. A tepid bath with bath oil or just plain baking soda is a very refreshing way to keep cool. Here are some more ideas for keeping cool.

Invest in a pair of dressy shorts for your body type! Choose light and airy sand-washed silks or micropolyesters. Pair with a T-shirt for a relaxed look or a jacket for a classic, pulled-together style.

Shine with comfortable, metallic flats, or the new, braided leather sandals. If you choose the multi-color sandals, be sure they are in your colors.

Update your white (cool) or cream (warm) summer Tee with a pair of small rounded shoulder pads.

Keep cool with:

Loose shapes that promote air circulation between you and your clothes.

Fabrics that "breathe" with you, like cotton, silk, and linen blends!

Switch to shorts or skirts instead of pants. You'll feel cooler and look less wrinkled.

Wear ultra-sheer hosiery for an instant cool down. There are panty hose made just for summer and warmer climates. Thicker hosiery with spandex traps warm air in!

Remember! ALWAYS WEAR A SUN SCREEN AND SUNGLASSES!

Cool, lite meals are a help, too. Salads, congealable foods, and iced coffee are good for these sweltering days.

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## JAPANESE BEETLES TOUGH TO CONTROL

By Curtis H. O'Daniel  
County Agent, DeKalb

Japanese beetles have been around the U.S. since 1916 and have been around northeastern Alabama for several years. This year, they are causing some problems where foliage feeding is heavy. I have had several calls from homeowners around the area as to what they are and/or how to kill them.

They are easy to identify and hard to kill! The adult Japanese beetle is 3/8 inch long and is metallic green with copper-brown wing covers. Five tufts of white hairs project from under the wing covers on each side, and a sixth pair at the tip of the abdomen distinguish them from similar beetles. The tufts of white hair appear as spots when viewed from the top.

The adult Japanese beetles feed on at least 300 species of plants, including roses, fruit trees, ornamentals, and even poison ivy. They usually feed in groups and prefer plants that are in the sun. They feed on the upper surface of the leaves leaving the leaves skeletonized. They are daytime flyers and feeders and feeders.

Egg laying begins soon after the adults emerge and mate. The eggs are laid 2-4 inches in the ground, and they lay 1-4 every 3 to 4 days with each female generally laying 40 to 60 eggs during her lifetime. The eggs hatch and the beetles begin to emerge in late May, and peak emergence will occur in June. The newly-hatched grubs feed on grass (lawns) roots prior to emergence, and the adults feed on foliage after they emerge; so both stages are destructive.

Birds, moles, skunks, raccoons, etc. may damage lawns in their search for the Japanese beetles. Folks often call the County office about some type of pesticide that they can use to get rid of moles and/or to reduce the digging by birds, etc.; and I usually tell them that these critters are after grubs, etc. The grubs are a favorite food of moles, etc., and getting rid of the predators leaves the insects unchecked. Mild winters like we have been having the past few years is good for these types of grubs and lets numbers multiply. We need a hard, ground freezing winter to kill insects that are in the ground.

Japanese beetle control is difficult and pesticides will help, but several applications will be necessary before results are obvious. If you see a few on, say, a rose bush, pick them off by hand and kill them. As numbers increase, you will need to start using an insecticide. Diazinon and Oftanol are registered for home use on noncrop plants.

Carbaryl (such as Sevin 50% WP) can be used by homeowners for some control. Keeping the insecticide on the plants will be the trick. I have alluded to the long emergence season of the beetle, and the fact that adult beetles lay lots of eggs over a long period of time, and, thus, the reason for continuing control.



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By Cameron Hawkins  
of Rising Fawn, GA

Climbing high, heads in sky;  
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We're only visitors to the greatest art of all.

Some could only see the terrain,  
Others understand, so they claim.  
I, well, I do both.  
For now, mountains are not mere places up North.  
I see them with respect and awe;  
I cower and renege as if facing an impregnable wall.

Words cannot relay my thoughts;  
Between two realms I am caught.  
I speak in jibberish, words deranged,  
When contemplating this realm, I see things so strange.

The structure of this area  
Must seem beautiful even to God Himself.  
Only the Lord knows when He will end it all;  
Still, I believe He will allow the mountains to stand tall.

Two separate worlds split my mind  
The electrical and economical worlds of mankind.  
Yet not far away lies a land where animals live and die,  
Where huge mountains tower over smaller peaks.  
In another place, under musky sky,  
Skyscrapers tower over simple streets.  
In the mountains —  
That's where I want to call home.  
In the presence of creation I will stand;  
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## MENLO MUSINGS

On Sunday, July 4th, there will be a combined worship service of the Churches of Menlo. It will be held in Lawrence Park. Dress will be casual, and the time is 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to stay for fun and games after the services and enjoy barbeque plates to be prepared by the Lions Club.

Lathaviel Dunaway retired on April 30 as a rural route carrier in Menlo.

Rose Ann Miller, substitute for eight years, was appointed a full-time rural route carrier on May 1st, 1993.

Sheila Weaver is the new substitute carrier on the Rose Ann mail route.

Menlo Postmistress, Joanne Christian, attended a postmasters meeting in Chattanooga on June 25. Ms. Christian has been named to the Board of Directors of the PEACH program in Summerville. This program secures jobs for mothers on welfare, in order to move them out of the system and allow them to enjoy a worthwhile career. It is a part of the Department of Family and Children Services. Joanne has also been elected Chairman of the Board of the Menlo Housing Authority, after serving an extended time on the board.

All camps in the Menlo area are full. These include Juliette Low, Adahi, Woodmont, and Valley View Ranch.

Design Cuts Beauty Shop on 7th Avenue is being redecorated inside and out. Owners Jane Canada and Cindy Mitchell are proud of their new facility.

Theresa Canada, Mayor of Menlo, received her BS degree, in May 1993, in Math and Social Sciences from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

Mr. Bill Caveness' son and family has been visiting from overseas. They will be in Menlo for several weeks.

Maxwell Restaurant was the successful bidder on the Chattooga County Jail food contract. Elaine Maxwell is the owner.

Green Mountain Gallery, a gift shop, will open soon in Cloudland across from the Lookout Restaurant at the caution light. Owners are Ricki Hopkins and Diane Stewart.

Leroy "Bud" Tucker is recovering quite well from his auto accident. He's now out and about.

Robert and Foy Lee Styles have returned from a seven-day tour of the far West. Sites visited included the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and points in New Mexico. The Styles' yard continues to delight everyone in the Menlo area.

Tim Hegwood Motor Company is moving to the old Chevron station site West of the four-way stop in Menlo. The new facility will include a car lot, offices, and a show room.

Charlene Powell, librarian at Menlo Library, is recuperating at home and doing fine.

George "Buddy" Jones is recuperating at home following the very serious car accident in which he was involved.

Vance Adams is continuing to provide his gourmet cooking services to many families in this area.

Wayne Morgan of Mentone and Janice Durham of Menlo were married on June 26. The couple is residing in Mentone.

Jeff Blalock of Mentone and Rhonda Crain of Menlo were married on June 26. See their announcement elsewhere.

## LITTLE RIVER FUDGE

On May 31, Jack Pyle and Sherri Clay from Birmingham, opened the Little River Fudge Shop in the log cabin craft village in Mentone. In their shop, they offer the following flavors of fudge: chocolate, chocolate pecan, peanut butter and chocolate swirl, amaretto chocolate swirl, rocky road, chocolate walnut, butter pecan, strawberry, maple walnut, and peanut butter. In addition to fudge are six flavors of hard and stick candy and homemade spice mixes. The shop is air conditioned to keep the fudge fresh. Little River Fudge is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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## The Country Journal

By  
BERNISE CROW

The full bloom of summer has arrived with a bounty of good, luscious fruits and vegetables. The birds have raised one family and are starting another.

Most spring-flowering plants have long since shed their flowers, and the summer perennials are coming into their glory. Perennials are my forte—they need less care than annuals and do not have to be planted or sown every year. We have hundreds of hostas just coming into bloom, and astilbe that I never knew about until this year. They are lovely with a fern-looking foliage and stems of pink or pale yellow flowers. I have dried some that did well and will be nice with money plant (lunaria) for a winter arrangement for the house.

We have been saddened by the death of three of our friends in the community—Charles McGehee, who published the first Groundhog paper and many subsequent issues. He was a sage—a man of wisdom, a good writer, and a staunch supporter of Mentone. We shall miss him for a long time. Sammie Cash, who was a good community-minded man, helped many people who needed assistance with financial problems. He was a friend of ours for many years. And Ray Froehler was a relative newcomer to Mentone—coming here from California. He was a retired Navy man who came looking for a place like this and was very fond of Mentone. He worked many long hours helping us with the Rhododendron Festival and the Colorfest. He did everything from cutting corn stalks for decoration in October, to getting signs painted and put up before each festival. There are members of associations and there are working members. Ray was a worker. And Dessie Newberry, owner of the Kountry Chef, has lost her mother, Mrs. Jessie Brown. Jessie was a dainty little, smiling lady, who would sit over in the corner of the Kountry Chef and roll tableware in napkins. She loved to be with people and talk to them, and we loved talking to her. We shall miss her.

There is a time for all of us to quit the walk of life, so we should not grieve, but cherish the pleasant memories of those we loved so well. Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" says it so well. "Sunset and Evening Star, and one clear call for me—and may there be no mourning at the bar, when I put out to sea." Rev. Robert White of Valley Head, always used this poem in his eulogies.

All through life there are bright spots when a new baby is born; and at the same time, death takes another one. We must be able to accept the facts of life as they are, and enjoy the precious moments when we have good, beautiful days. Life is fleeting, happiness is brief, but we seek it with all our might; and the strange thing about happiness is that it comes in small packages and at the most unexpected times. All at once, everything takes on an unexpected glow—all is right in

our little corner of the world, and we feel a warm glow—a peaceful and calm state of mind. We should learn to enjoy each new day as a fresh beginning and try not to mar it by thinking evil thoughts against others. Be patient, tolerant, and loving—and it will all come back to you.

We are busy planning Homer's family reunion at our house, July 3. Our granddaughter Jennifer Crow and Charles Pullen will exchange wedding vows the same day at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. We ask your prayers for their happiness as they exchange vows—the beginning of a new life together.

## MATRIARCH DIES

Mrs. Jessie Young Brown, age 90, of Fort Payne, Alabama, died Sunday, June 27, 1993, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Brown was a native of Tennessee, born December 13, 1902, daughter of the late Robert Young and Cleter Smithson Young. She was of the Protestant faith and retired from Standard Coosa Thatcher Co. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert E. Brown, Sr., on January 3, 1956.

Mrs. Brown is survived by daughters, Katherine Wright of Fort Payne and Dessie Newberry of Mentone (Ms. Newberry has begun her second term as treasurer of MAPA); sons, Robert E. Jr. and Carl E. Brown of Marietta, Georgia, and Edward Brown of Manchester, Tennessee; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and brother, Robert Young of Huntsville.

The funeral was held Tuesday, June 29, at 1 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, with Reverends Jim Griffin and Don Brock officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## RID FLEAS FROM YOUR CAT OR DOG

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Once the fleas are off the dog or cat, you must conscientiously vacuum its resting places to get rid of flea eggs. When you do this (repeat every six days for 24 days), put a flea collar in your vacuum bag. This will keep the fleas from hatching and escaping back into the house.

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## VALLEY HEAD HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head High School Senior Class of 1952 celebrated a reunion at The Humble House, home of fellow classman, John Jones, on Saturday, June 26. There were eleven of the nineteen graduates in attendance. Jean prepared a lovely meal for the occasion, and John served as the waiter. The class enjoyed a wonderful evening of reminiscing and re-enacting events of the past. John Jones provided beautiful organ music from the 1950s.

Those present were Mary (Hammon) and Carl Hoge from Fort Payne; Jean (Barnard) and David Cassady from Huntsville; Eloise (Craig) and Ray Mathews from Pinson, Alabama; Virgie (Lyons) and Ernest Murdock from Fort Payne; Bobbie (Bain) and John Smith from Summerville, Georgia; Ethel (Bain) Manifold and friend, Joe Gregory, from Mentone; Evelyn (Jones) and Jimmy Graves from Mentone; Mary (Biddle) and Earl Lucas from Mentone; Hoyt and Treva McElhaney from Valley Head; Barry and Emily Brown from Valley Head; and the hosts, John and Jean Jones. Those members who were unable to attend are Carmie (Steele) Dill; Velda (O'Rear) Smith; June (White) Harrison; Nancy (Chadwick) Wilkes; Virginia (Fraser) Platt; Nelson Ellis; and Dorothy (Beason) Ledford.

Our hearts were saddened as we paused to remember one member who was taken by death, Wallace Lacy, Jr. He was always a class favorite.

Next year, the class plans to meet at the home of Jean Cassady in Huntsville.



(Left to Right) Front: Ethel Manifold, Bobbie Smith, Jean Cassady, Eloise Mathews; Second Row: Evelyn Graves, Virgie Murdock, Mary Lucas, Mary Hoge; Back: Barry Brown, John Jones, Hoyt McElhaney

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## God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
wherewith Christ hath made us free, and  
be not entangled again with the yoke of  
bondage. Gal. 5:1

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| DATE    | PROGRAM                 | SPEAKER            |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| July 3  | Legends On The Lookout  | Ken Thomas         |
| July 10 | The American Bald Eagle | Ken Thomas         |
| July 17 | *Snakes                 | Scott/Robert Glenn |
| July 24 | Bats                    | Keith Hudson       |
| July 31 | Birds of Prey           | Ken Thomas         |
| Aug. 7  | Legends On The Lookout  | Ken Thomas         |
| Aug. 14 | Owls Of Alabama         | Ken Thomas         |

Programs are held in the DeSoto State Park  
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to the public, and everyone is welcome. For  
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Naturalist, DeSoto State Park, at 845-0051.

\*Special note, Snakes program in camp-  
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