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Al Blackburn, new owner of
Mentone Superette



William Blackburn and "Brutus"



Al Blackburn, third generation grocer

THE END OF AN ERA--BUT THE BEAT GOES ON

By Dr. Pat Seymour

Some of the smoke that is being "blown" concerning Al Blackburn's new role in the operation of the Mentone Superette needs "blowing away." Rumors are flying, and it's time to dispel many of them with the truth.

Rumor: Everything is going to change. The Superette will be entirely different.

Fact: Absolutely NO big changes will be made in the operation of the store. Most of what is planned is a paint-up, fix-up type of job.

Rumor: There will be no more Brutus column in The Goundhog.

Fact: Brutus says, "How could anyone think a mere changeover of ownership could affect Moi? My superior, excellent journalistic endeavors will continue. Without Moi, the newspaper would be totally lacking

in quality. My column is the only thing that makes the tacky Groundhog worth picking up."

Rumor: There will be no more early morning coffee drinking for regulars.

Fact: The Superette will continue to open early in the mornings for sippin' and chattin'.

Rumor: William is leaving the Superette and will never be back in the store.

Fact: William says, "This is merely a switch over. I would miss the store and my customers too much if I just 'walked away.' I plan to be in and out on a regular basis."

As a Mentone resident observed, "All of Mentone loves and appreciates William. He offers something the super-slick markets cannot. He is a friend who takes a personal interest, who goes far beyond mere service in providing a familiar place that is the hub of a wheel

of friendship that represents the best of our Mentone community. You can count on William, and trust him--what better measure of a man?"

William Blackburn bought the Superette in 1962 and raised two sons and a daughter who have carried on the Blackburn tradition of a family-owned-and-operated business. His parents, J.O. and Naomi, began Blackburn's General Store in the early '20s and ran it until 1950.

In 1971 William married Willo Mae Williamson and added to his life, not only a helpmate, but a lady of charm and good humor. Wilo was tragically killed in an auto accident on the mountain April 18, 1988.

Al Blackburn is William Blackburn's son, trained by his father, and he has grown up as an integral part of the Superette. Yes, there will be a handing over of the reins, but "the beat goes on!"

Schedule of Events

Monday, July 4
Fourth of July Holiday

Tuesday, July 5, 7 p.m.
MAPA Covered Dish Meeting
Kountry Chef

Saturday & Sunday
July 9 and 10
Mentone Brow Festival
(See flyer on back page.)
(See map inside.)

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MESSAGE FROM MAPA'S NEW PRESIDENT, DESSIE NEWBERRY

July is membership month. If your membership has expired, or is about to expire, or you have never been a member and would like to be, then get on board! We need you! Your help is needed to make this year the best ever. July's MAPA meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kountry Chef Restaurant.

June was election month, and it is time to get the officers installed and on the road. Rev. David Lett will preside over the installation.

We all like to eat, right? Well, now is the time to get involved. Each one or couple will bring a covered dish (filled with food, of course); and, after a brief meeting and the installation of officers, we will have time of fun and fellowship, and enjoy the wonderful food together. Can you think of a better way to start a new year in MAPA?

New members will be welcome to join, and renewals will be accepted. Charlyne O'Rear, MAPA's new treasurer, will be present to accept your fees and give you a membership card. The meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday after our July MAPA membership meeting. Many of you have responded and accepted the responsibility of one or more duties concerning the festival. I really do appreciate your cooperation and help. It can't be done without you. More of you will be asked to help before the festival date. So get your track shoes on, we must move fast.

Remember, this is your association, and we want you involved. If you have a problem or a suggestion, then put it in writing, give it to me at the Kountry Chef, or mail it to Dessie Newberry, MAPA President, P.O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984. It will then be brought before the board for discussion. If it is something that should be discussed or voted on by the membership, it will be included in the MAPA meeting. This will eliminate lengthy meetings.

We are looking forward to seeing YOU there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I look forward to receiving *The Groundhog* each month. My family and I have come to the Ft. Payne and Mentone area for the past twenty-two years. I come up from Montgomery every opportunity I get, because Mentone is like coming home. Mentone is the only place I can truly relax and enjoy the beautiful area, which each of you take so much pride in preserving. As I drive on to the Interstate, it's not a feeling of looking forward to returning home, but one of leaving home behind. I have grown to love and appreciate your little town. *The Groundhog* is one way of keeping in touch. See you in July.

Cordially,
Pat Kennedy
Montgomery, Alabama

MAPA



MEETING

The June MAPA meeting was held on June 7, with president Jack Jones presiding. There were 22 members and one guest. The minutes of the May meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report.

The nominating committee's slate of officers was presented and nominations from the floor were allowed, and none were offered. There being only one nominee for each office, the secretary, Marie Dillenbeck, in accordance with Article IV, Section 1(a), of the Bylaws, was asked to cast the elective ballot of the Corporation for the nominees, which she did. After a second by Amelia Kirk, a unanimous vote by all present was entered. The following are the new MAPA officers for 1994-1995:

President - Dessie Newberry
Vice President - Bill Schwarz
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck
Treasurer - Charlyne O'Rear
Member at Large - Dot Crow
Member at Large - Pat Seymour

Jack Jones gave a brief parting statement, and turned the meeting over to the new president, Dessie Newberry. After thanking the members for their vote of confidence in her, Dessie stated, "A president is only as good as the people she works with, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you." She announced that the July meeting was a potluck dinner.

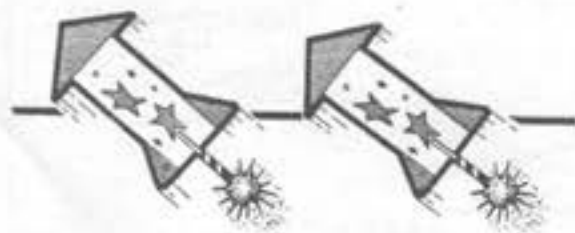
Amelia Kirk requested an opportunity to make some comments/suggestions about the Rhododendron Festival as related to her by her Mentone Inn guests. From everything she heard, it was the best festival we have had in Mentone, and the boat rides at the falls were super. Suggestions were: to move the sale of the rhododendron plants to the lot next to the Mentone Inn and have the quilt sales be by the main festival gate.

Festival Chairman, Wanda Simmons, stated that she had worked with the festivals for five years; and that, due to health problems, she was resigning as festival chairman, and asked the new president to appoint someone else to take over the festivals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be a potluck dinner and will be held on the first Tuesday of July, July 5th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kountry Chef.

The MAPA Board met with new president, Dessie Newberry, presiding. New committee chairmen were appointed. The festivals will no longer be under a single chairman. At the present time, the MAPA Board is handling the Mentone Brow Festival. Anyone who wishes to have information about the festival may call Dessie Newberry at 634-4232. Located on the back page is the Brow Festival flyer, and a location map is also found in this paper. Come and enjoy the crafts with us.





Jean McGehee



Eleanor Yates, National Garden Club President, Dr. Pat Seymour, Ann Wright, and Marie Dillenbeck



Rhododendron Garden Club News

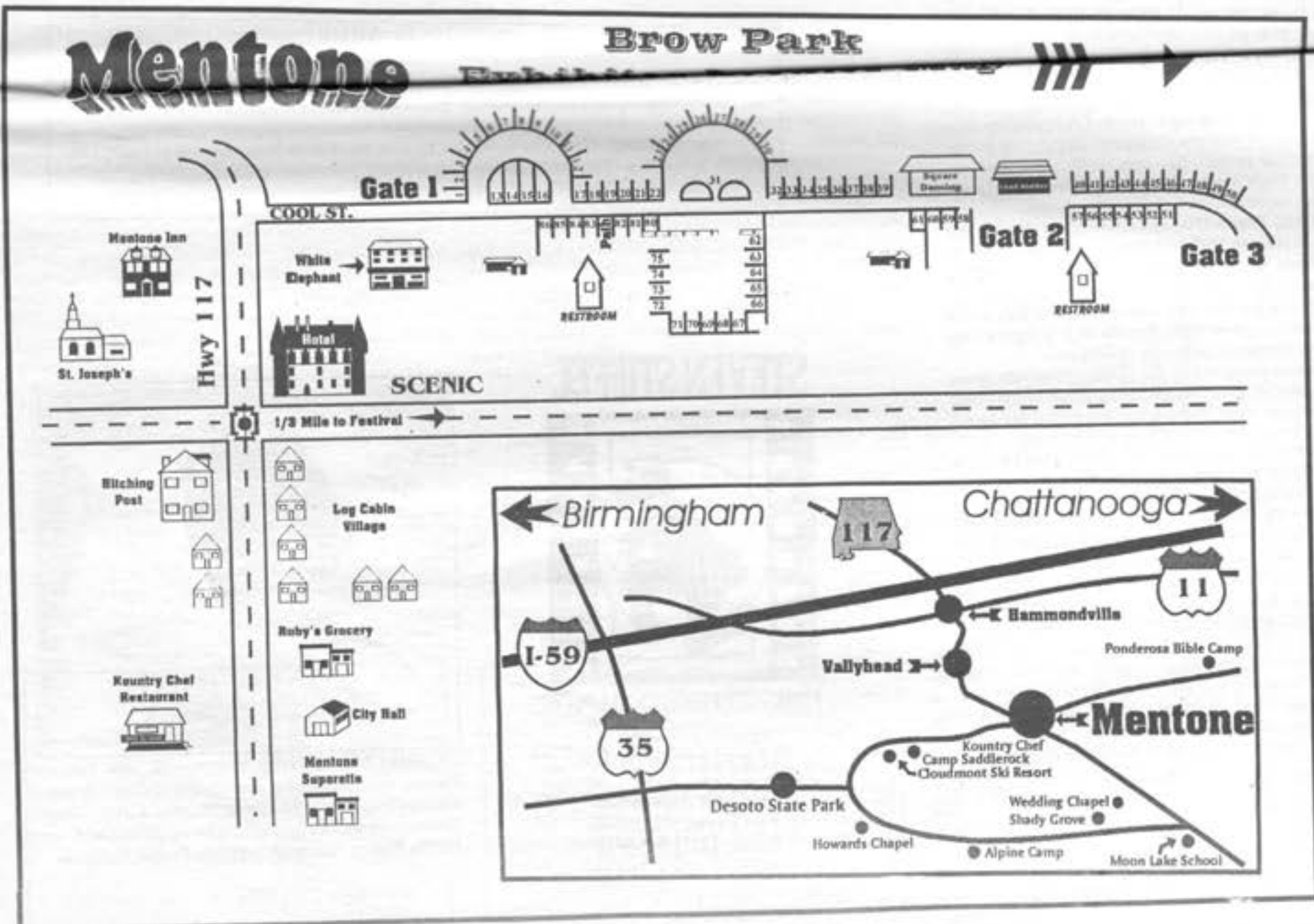
The Rhododendron Garden Club met on Tuesday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Kountry Chef parking lot in Mentone and carpooled to the Laney Gardens in Section, Al. Bill and Annette Laney gave the members a tour of their gardens and showed them beautiful wildflower gardens, ferns, and hosta. Everybody was surprised and delighted with their beauty and commented on how nice the Laney's were.

On Thursday, June 23, Jean McGehee, was the guest speaker at the Mountain Laurel Garden Club meeting, which was held at The Depot Museum in Ft. Payne. She gave a humorous presentation reading from the book,

Beds I Have Known, by Martha Smith, a garden columnist from Rhode Island. Other Rhododendron Garden Club members who were guests at the meeting were Dr. Pat Seymour and Marie Dillenbeck.

On Thursday, June 9, Ann Wright, Dr. Pat Seymour, and Marie Dillenbeck, attended the District II Annual Meeting held at Guntersville State Park. Dr. Pat Seymour was the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hattie Lide on Tuesday, July 12, at 2:00 p.m.. In addition to Mrs. Lide, the hostesses will be Pat Seymour, Marie Dillenbeck, and Virginia Bassage. The program is a presentation of two videos, "Eagles" and "Butterflies."



From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Loyal readers, you are probably aware by now that Pop is turning the store over to son Al (ear stomper extraordinaire) and taking some time off. Of course, this is all a thinly-veiled plot to diminish the great one's image in the Superette. As everyone knows, Al has always been so jealous of moi and moi's justifiable fame as a celebrity. Au contre, mon petite. Eat your heart out, flower and flick, boy. I'll still hold court for my humble admirers every day! But, enough of this depressing dribble.

Here comes Tonya Browder who's spending the summer with her Dad, Eddie. Such a short time to teach the child what true perfection is in a bulldog. All she needs to do is watch twins John and Jacob Meadows with sister Jessica humbly-presenting themselves for licking by my magnificent tongue.

Then, there's Ann Climer who never comes into the Superette without pausing respectfully to recognize moi and utter words of justifiable praise at my blemishless feet.

If all children were as intelligent and respectful as Jessica Jones, life would be much more bearable for God's gift to dogdom—moi!, of course.

A perfect example of "get-down-on-the-floor-and-magnificent." Truly, a woman of flawless taste in bulldogs.

Look, coming in the door—shy and delicious smelling Linda Clark. If only she were a girl dog, my life would be even more perfect; this lady really turns moi on. The other "high" I get is when Sible Harper and Jackie Kerby let me nuzzle their shoes. Oh, ecstasy.

Ellen and Regan Disney just knocked down their mother, Kathy, to rush to kneel by my one-of-a-kind body. I just love it when I'm afforded such complete devotion by the children.

But, it's not just the little ones who realize they are in the presence of perfection. Brenda Hall is a grown up who buys me tootsie pops and strokes moi.

Talk about cheapness in the genes! Elizabeth Jones (stingy sister of street person, Ed) just ran to the video room to keep from sharing her ice cream sandwich with me. Some families just have genetic flaws!

Don Brown always shares his Little Debbie breakfast cake, and here he comes in the door, now.

I hear Justin Scott was heart broken when I went out briefly to walk Pop and missed the five-year-old lad's visit to the Superette. He apparently wondered why my throne area between the counters was empty.

Notice the "Mentoon" entitled "The Flawless One" by Tim Wagner that is found on this page? I've gotten so famous that I have been made into a Mentoon (cartoon) character.

Remember--keep those torches burning, loyal readers. I'm not going anywhere, except to walk Pop and put him to bed. For now, "adieu." (French phrases just drip from my flawless muzzle!)



"MENTOON ARTIST"

The "Mentoon" of Brutus, "The Flawless One," was done by Tim Wagner. Tim was born in the "Mentoon" of Brutus, "The Flawless One," where he was employed by a health insurance company as a freelance artist. Tim is a close friend to Jim and Karma Howell. He loves Mentone and feels that Mentone has a lot of character as opposed to cities like Miami and New York City. He hopes to be able to do a lot of work here that will appeal to the people in this area. We may be seeing more of Tim's "Mentoons" in *The Groundhog*.

STEVEN STIEFEL



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Caitlin Marie Kirby, born May 22, 1994. Parents: Preston and Amy Kirby. Grandparents: Ralph & Irene Willingham and Hobson & Martha Kirby. Great Grandparents: Ruby Willingham, Cloudland, Ga; Lucille Blalock, Mentone; and Lola Frasier, Ft. Payne.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Summer is a busy time in Mentone, which is good. We need the business.

This has been a good year for growing things, and our beautiful flowers in our yards reflect it. The rain has been ample, and it has not been too hot. I love summer when we have plenty of moisture, a nice breeze to cool us, and it is warm enough to swim. Our pool is clean and ready, but Homer and I have had bronchitis or summer flu and have not used it. Grandson Lee Cooper is coming soon to stay a few weeks, and we will let him have it for the initial opening. Barry's little daughter, Christena will probably join us, also. Lisa is working at the Deli this summer, and will be glad to act as lifeguard for them in the evenings.

Blackberries and mountain blueberries are getting riper and soon we will have good deep dish (cobbler) pies. Nothing is better, with a dollop of homemade ice cream to top it. I must talk to David Cryer at the Kountry Chef about making some berry pies. He makes wonderful apple and peach cobblers. I was just kidding him one day and asked if he made the delicious pie, and he said he did! We have rhubarb at home, about enough to make Tom Anderson a pie. He likes that better than berry pie. Sometimes, I mix strawberries with it for a different slant and that's tasty. This must be on my agenda soon.

It looks like progress is being made on the wall on the side of the mountain. This is a little inconvenient for some of us; but, it seems, most worthwhile projects are that way. I love driving down and looking to see how much has been done. It looks like good basic foundations have been dug, and it should be there a long time. When it is faced with mountain stone, it will be a beautiful asset to Mentone, and we hope it will be a safety feature. It is reinforced with steel rods, and would prevent a car running off the side of the mountain. Big trucks are the problem, and the wall probably won't prevent them from running over them. Our road is too narrow for large trucks. I just wish there was a truck route separate from this road, and it would be safer for us and for them.

Many friends are returning to visit at the Hitching Post, and it's a pleasure to renew our acquaintances. We had friends from Chattanooga recently, who we had not seen in 15 years--Claud and Betty Ridge. That was a treat. Ernest and Doris Palmer come in occasionally, and I'm happy to see them. Becky Maddox from Rome, Ga., has a nice home on the river, where she and her husband stay some in the summer. The Lawless family

are at their home in Cloudland and have been in to see us. They are wonderful people who dabble in antiques and have just completed a tour of the entire United States. They said it was a fantastic trip.

Frances Crow, sister-in-law, came by for a while after taking her mother, Grace Jones, to Clydell's Beauty Shop. So, when there are slow times, our business is not good, but there are always good friends with whom I enjoy visiting.

This June marks the 15th year I have been in the antiques' business, and what fun it has been. There have been some times when I spent sleepless nights trying to figure a way to do repairs, from plumbing, re-doing electric wiring, putting new boards on the outside, building two rooms upstairs, working on windows, putting a new floor in some rooms, and a new roof over half the building. Old buildings take constant repairs, but they are worth it. When people come in and admire the old place, and thank us for keeping it in use, it fills my heart with joy. Many old landmarks have been neglected and let fall into disuse and, finally, demise. I will never make any spending money for myself, but will be fulfilled if I can keep the Hitching Post in good repair. There is still much to be done, but no emergencies. When we first moved into the entire building, there was a middle section where the roof had caved in, and the previous owners had just closed off that section and by-passed it. That has been completely restored, and now has a good roof on it. We have floors that need leveling, plumbing that needs repairing, and more windows to be done; and, in time, I will get it done, be the good Lord willing--and the creek don't rise!

It's good to see all the nice, well-kept lawns and beautiful flowers in our Mentone area. It's a pleasure to walk the sidewalk and pull weeds from the beautiful plants. It is with a great deal of pride that I point to this walk and say, "that is an accomplishment of MAPA, and the landscaping was done by the Rhododendron Garden Club." This is my home town, and I love showing it to visitors. Most everyone is interested in a small town with so much to offer. We have a small town with a small town feel. We are in close proximity to DeSoto Falls and DeSoto State Park. We have our beautiful camps for boys and girls, and a boy scout camp where training sessions are held for troops from all over our country. And it's cooler here than just down in the valley--another plus factor.

The Teverinos, who bought our other home, which they named The Raven's Haven, have been working on the house a year, and it looks wonderful. Bedrooms have been completely redone and decorated beautifully. You should stop by to see them. They are fine people and would welcome you, even though they are busy. They have three rooms for rent in their Bed 'n Breakfast they call Raven Haven.

The new Enchanted Gardens across from Blackburn's Nursery on Hwy 117, is another place to visit and buy unusual plants, art, and pottery. This is owned by Lyle and Heather Nicely, and is certainly an asset to the community. Lucy Mitchell, a wonderful artist of our area, has her paintings on display and works there. They are open Thursday, Sunday, and by appointment. I hope to afford one of Lucy's paintings some day.

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AMERICA

By Evelyn Graves

America...the land of opportunity...in no other country do its people have the choices and opportunities that Americans have. We are privileged people who can make the choice to stay in bed or to get up in the mornings, to go to work, or to choose some other avenue of endeavor. All Americans have the opportunity to pursue an education, to reach the highest pinnacle of success without interference from government or church or other agency. We are permitted to serve God and our country to the fullest extent, to give expression to what we believe, and to live as our conscience dictates.

America...the beautiful...in no other country do we find natural resources in such abundance. pure air, open fields, crops of grain and other foods in abundance, shady forests where we can walk and enjoy nature with its wildflowers in the spring and its color splendor in the fall--where can we look up and say without reservation, "Thank you, God, for your handiwork;" "Thank you, God, that we are Americans;" and "Help us to share your love with other countries who do not have what we enjoy."



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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

George and Jo Beabe have had both their house and their hands full, while enjoying the visit of their 7 (yes friends, seven) grandchildren. The children include Rachael Moore (10), Gadsden; Samantha (8), Robin (5), and Pete (2) Stevens, Chattanooga; Melissa (5) and Jessica (6) Hines, Tuscaloosa. Adam Moore (16) appeared before the Eagle Scout Board in Gadsden before joining the clan this weekend. Son-in-law Danny Stevens will arrive on Sunday, July 3, for a gigantic birthday party, and the Hines will fly in after two weeks in Greece and England. The entire group will converge on Gulf Shores the week after the 4th where two three-bedroom condos await the Beabe gang. The entire family gets together twice a year--the 4th of July and Thanksgiving.

Talk about a Mentone couple strutting high! Don and Yvonne Brock, owners of Madaperca Bed & Breakfast, entertained two representatives of Southern Living Magazine, recently. Lisa Harper, staff photographer, and Barbara Crews came to Mentone to visit Madaperca in order to prepare a feature for the magazine's travel guide on regional B & Bs. The ladies spent nearly 4 hours at Madaperca interviewing the Brocks and taking up many rolls of film. Yvonne Brock has been selected meeting director of the Bed and Breakfast Association meeting of the directors in Selma, Alabama.

Charlyne O'Rear is enjoying having her dad, Charles Keyt, travel to market in Atlanta when she goes to buy for her ladies' shop, The Chrysalis, located in Valley Head. Charlyne's mother passed away earlier this year in Chattanooga.

The population of DeKalb County just went up on June 25, when Brandon Tyler Hester was born to Barbie and Jimmy Hester of Hammondville. Proud maternal grandparents are Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone. Tyler weighed 6 lbs., 6 oz., and was 21 inches long. Beaming big sister, Brittany, is three years old. Paternal grandparents are Gene and Ruth Terrell and Cotton and Joy Hester, all of Valley Head.

Keep Jim and Rose Harris on your prayer list. Both are having serious health problems.

Leonard Shigley is at home in Mentone after surgery in Birmingham.

Onzie Smith gave me two giant cabbage plants for my garden, recently. The plants have grown fast and are nearly ready to eat. Yummm!

There is a real eye pleaser on Cove Road where Charles and Mary Flannigan have further improved their beautiful new home with a long white fence, beautiful landscaping, and entrance posts, complete with gorgeous red flowers. Drive by and take a look!

Rev. Edmund Crowe is hosting the annual Crowe Reunion June 2, at his historic home on Scenic Road in Mentone. Edmund's grandfather homesteaded most in that area of the mountain. Although Rev. Finn Crowe of Anniston will attend the reunion, he will undergo spinal surgery on July 5.

Wendy Manifold, popular young daughter of Butch and Denita Manifold, has had recent surgery to correct sinus damage caused by the serious car wreck she experienced. Plastic surgery procedures will begin in the near future. Hang in there, Wendy!

Susan Carter is planning a trip to Italy in order to attend the wedding of her son to a beautiful Italian young woman. Lucky lady!

Homer and Bernise Crow are suffering from his-and-her bouts with sinusitis and bronchitis this summer. Sure hope both shake these maladies soon.

Ginny Bosworth has a houseful of company from Leesburg, Fla. Daughter Mary Jane Hunt and grandchildren, Marie (5), Rebecca (14), Amber (8 mo.), and Joshua (11), will be with Ginny through July. Joshua and Rebecca will attend Ponderosa Bible Camp in August.

The Grapevine feels Rev. Jimmy Graves should consider changing his name to "JOB." On top of all his heartache connected with his daughter, Sandra Grey's recent terrible wreck, a visiting relative totaled Jimmy's beautiful Volvo last week. Then, Jimmy wrecked the car "Foots" Rector loaned him. The boils can't be very far away! Incidentally, by the time you read this column, Sandra should be back home in Mentone from Erlanger in Chattanooga. She will be staying with her father and mother at their home. Our prayers are with you, Sandra!

Sherman and Mickey Gough were visited recently by Vic and Lee Keller from North Carolina. Sherman's sister, Kathleen Rogers, and her husband, Johnny, also from North Carolina, are due for a visit "any day now." Friends Bob and Norma Spach from Dalton, Georgia, have visited the Goughs and returned home. All these people are long-time friends, having lived in Hollywood, Florida.

On June 18, beautiful Nippersink Lodge was the site for the family reunion of the Gerry Disney family. 15 adults and 2 children enjoyed a day of fun and photo viewing. Relatives came from Nacogdoches and Dalhart, Tex.; Birmingham, Ala.; Young Harris, Tenn.; Lookout Mountain, Ga.; and Mentone. Opal Ragen Cotten, using material she has gathered over many years, told the assembled relatives about pioneer ancestor, Jacob B. Ragen (1788-1872). Gerry's family will reunion next year on the Saturday before Father's Day, as usual.

Shirley Hussel has returned from a trip to Dallas, Lisa, as well as with grandchildren James (17) and Jason (7). Oscar said the Dallas Hussels have a swimming pool, and he's not certain how much that prompted Shirley's visit! (Get him for that remark, Shirley.)

Next-door-neighbors, George and Hattie Lide, have house guests from Pittsburg, Penn. Daughter, Carol Aleski, with husband, Dave, and children, Dana (12) and Michael (15), are having a great time at the Lide's lovely home. Hattie is such a fantastic cook, the Aleski's may never go back to Pittsburg.

All of Jean McGehee's friends are delighted to learn that she will be teaching English classes at Chattanooga State Community College, beginning in August. Classes will meet MWF and will include composition, literature, and speech. That college is, indeed, fortunate, to have such an intellectual scholar on its faculty! "My 7-year-old walking buddy, Ginny Ballinger, wife of Randy, and mother of Allen and Nina, has accepted an SIA appointment with grades 1-3 at the Menlo School for 1994-5," reports Jean.

Buddy and Norma Williams enjoyed a recent visit from son, Chad, an Atlanta realtor. Norma was kind enough to pass on to The Groundhog Chad's gracious comments about the quality of the paper. We can all use "warm fuzzies." Norma was hospitalized at BMC in Ft. Payne, this week, and is in room 248 for those who might like to send her a card.

George and Hope Walker received some sad news while vacationing in Quebec City with daughter JoAnn and her husband, Judge Charles Phillips of Clearwater, Fla. Word reached the Walkers that beloved friend, Monte Lampkin, of Brooksville, Fla., had died of lymphoma, on June 20. Sincere sympathy goes to Monte's wife, Marion, a frequent visitor with her husband to Mentone. A happier time is planned by George and Hope when they attend the Martin family reunion in Meridian, Miss.

Bill and Sue Schwarz (who should have been born with traveling wheels attached) will be making a trip to

Franklin, Tenn., over the 4th of July holiday. They will travel on to a reunion of Sue's family in Maryland, accompanied by granddaughter, Rachael, from Tampa, Fla.

Leland and Gertrude Cox have just flown in from Pasadena, California, where they visited with Leland's sister Vivian and husband, Ernie Kniffer. The couple also traveled to Lindsey, Calif., for a reunion of the Cox/Brown families. Son Sheldon Cox from San Francisco met his parents at the reunion. Mrs. Cleburn Brown, formerly of Henagar, spent some time with Leland and Gertrude while they were in Calif.

Alyce Springer is extremely proud of her grandson, Ryan Springer, whose team, the Dynamos, won the State of Indiana Soccer Championship. Alyce's son, Richard and wife also had tickets for the World Cup Soccer match.

Everyone in Mentone is relieved to learn that Marsha Hair is recovering at home after an extended stay in Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga. Marsha suffered from an extreme inflammation of her lower bowel and stomach. Although she has lost a lot of weight, she is eating solid foods now, and is on the road to recovery. Marsha is the wife of Doug Hair and the daughter of Jack and Olive Jones.

Tina Scruggs, daughter of Jerry and Ginger Scruggs of Rising Fawn, Ga., and granddaughter of Frances Scruggs, will be spending the rest of the summer with her aunt, Teresa Beck, in Dawsonville, Ga.

Jana Goss, daughter of Benny and Brenda Goss, spends Sundays after church jumping on her trampoline with friend Lori Tillman, daughter of "Dink" Tillman.

Talk about Lucky! Frank Kirby, dish washer at the Deli, breaks the bank at Ruby's playing the punch-out game. He won \$50 in two plays during the ten minutes I watched recently.

Marie Dillenbeck's mother, Dorothy Shelden, of Las Cruces, NM, will be visiting her daughter in Mentone. Dorothy is coming to Alabama to attend the wedding of her grandson, Joey Dillenbeck, on July 8, in Huntsville. Also coming to attend the wedding is Marie's son, Randy Green and his wife, Brenda, and two children, Brian and Tammy.

Randy Millican of Valley Head has her 7 year-old granddaughter, Tonya Browder (see picture elsewhere), visiting from Denver. Tonya will be with her grandmother through July. Tonya is the daughter of Ed and Carla Browder. Rindy's granddaughter, Brandy Browder (10), had surgery June 30 at Medical Center East in Chattanooga. Brandy, a student at Moon Lake School, is the daughter of Bobby and Terri Browder of Mentone. Jonathan Browder (13), Brandy's brother, made the All-Star baseball team this year. (See picture elsewhere.)

Deepest sympathy goes out to Ruby J. Bell and Nora Elrod, Valley Head, and Willie B. Poe and Mable Renfro, Ft. Payne, in the death of their mother, Lela Mae Morgan.

Let me leave you with my definition of the "perfect mother": A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary.



Brandy Browder

Jonathan Browder



The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

The Menlo School Gym is currently being remodeled by Ballard Construction Company and will include a new volleyball court.

A new supermarket is being constructed on the large lot next to Hall's Texaco on Highway 48. Tim Hegwood Motor Co., Inc., formerly occupied the property.

Construction on the new Sports Complex is progressing steadily. The turn lane off Highway 48 is nearly complete.

The entire Menlo area suffered a crushing blow with the sudden death on June 2nd of Henry Watson, 53, President of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. Henry was a pillar of the community, and active in numerous civic and business endeavors. He is survived by a wife, two daughters, a son, and a grandchild.

Paul Johnson retired from Menlo Lumber Co. last month. He had a long-time reputation as a loyal and dependable worker. Paul will be sorely missed, but now he will have time to travel and enjoy his family.

Deloris Bowling and grandchildren Brennon, Greg, Donna, and Zack of Sanger, Texas, recently visited the Frank Majors family.

Chastity Michele Mitchell and Jason Derrill Ledbetter were married June 25 at the Cloudland Presbyterian Church in Cloudland. Chastity is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Mitchell Jr., Menlo; the sister of Jeremy Mitchell, Menlo; the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Mitchell Sr., Summerville, and Willie B. Rich and Barbara Jean Rich, Menlo; and the great granddaughter of Enoch and Minnie Ward, Menlo. Jason is the son of Larry Ledbetter, Summerville, and Denise Ledbetter, Stockbridge; is the grandson of the late Elmer and Frankie Ledbetter; and the brother of Chris Ledbetter.

Summer film feasts will be held at 2 p.m. Mondays at the Menlo Library. The movie of the July 4 week will be "The Adventures of Milo and Otis."

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MENLO HONOR STUDENTS

Lists of Menlo Elementary School's honor students for the final six-week grading period follow.

SUPER STUDENTS

First Grade - Tiffany Black, Erica Campbell, Magan Collins, Dakota Dodd, Evie Ann Jones, Cassie Maloney, Maggie Rich, and Justin Swords

Second Grade - Chris Blackmon, Chris Brammer, Tim Bryan, Freddy Bryson, Derek Bullard, Kasey Carter, Jana Cooper, Zack Cooper, Nicole Culpepper, Erica Dover, Courtney Duke, John Hall, Jacqueline Hegwood, Jessie Hurley, Katie Kerce, Doni Lee, Shanna McDaniel, Kimberly Middleton, Cody Parker, Kristy Pena, Keri Beth Pettit, Lann Pledger, Anna Prince, Elizabeth Smith, Tina Stowe, Abby Thomas, Tyler Van Horn, Jana Ward, Ashley Wilcox, Sabrina Wilson, Jake Woodard, and Shadae Yancey

Third Grade - Jeremy Ash, Cadon Brumbelow, Sarah Byars, Anna Dotson, Caris Farrar, Anna Hall, Brittany Hudgins, Amanda Long, Casey Luther, Samantha Maloney, Kandy McGill, Clint McMurrey, T.J. Pierce, Kelli Rich, and Gavin Thomas

"A" HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade - Nick Black, Tessa Brock, Ryan Hudgins, Lee Pettitt, and Sunny Smith

Fifth Grade - Ben Dotson, James Durham, Jonathan Hegwood, Sarah Kerce, Ashley Montgomery, and Sarah Thomas

Sixth Grade - Kelly Haygood, Emily Johnson, Leslie Knox, Joseph Swords, and John Toles

Seventh Grade - Stacy Aldridge, Adam Hester, Tonya Sparks, and Kristi Wilcox

Eighth Grade - Christy Crowe, Courtney Hosmer, and Jennifer Johnson

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade - Erin deMesquita, Kasey Green, Leslie Hurley, Ryan Jarrett, Steele Lee, Lindsey Nixon, Nigel Plant, Nikki Plant, Brian Precise, Leah Stoker, Ashley Swicegood, Matthew Treadaway, Kristy Walston, and Alisha Wilson

Fifth Grade - Rebecca Bryant, Rebekah Byars, Justin Cook, Blake Gazaway, Chris Key, Nikki Miller, Christina Ray, Greg Smith, Lori Tucker, Justin Wofford, and Josh Wooten

Sixth Grade - Mathew Bierkamp, Rebecca Dunn, Lindsay Hegwood, Daniel Hunter, Amos Huskey, Carla Peace, Curtis Ray, Sean Willingham, and Ronnie Wright

Seventh Grade - Sarah Andrews, Tricia Beech, Alisha Brock, Chris Butler, Sally Cooper, Jennifer Culbert, Nikki Hawkins, Wanda Jones, Christopher Kerce, Josh Key, Jessica Mitchell, Jason Morris, B.J. Montgomery, Jennifer Payton, Angela Toles, Jeremy Treadaway, and Joseph Willingham

Eighth Grade - Lisa Autry, Maggie Rich, Mimi Cunningham, Brandy Hall, Christy Hall, Amanda Heaps, Lauren Jarrett, Blake Mitchell, Emily Moseley, Lindy Pettitt, Holly Quinn, Martin Ray, Debbie Swords, Rebecca Tapp, Bryant Ward, Kristin Whitman, and Claudia Young

STAR STUDENTS

Second Grade - Anna Prince

Third Grade - Brittany Hudgins

Fourth Grade - Nick Black and Guthrie Frazier

Fifth Grade - Rebekah Byars and Greg Smith

MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS

Second Grade - Shadae Yancey

Third Grade - Daniel Collins

Fourth Grade - Buck Collins and Matthew Paugh

Fifth Grade - Josh Groce



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GARDEN HINTS

by Madeleine Bullock

BORIC ACID is poisonous to ants. Make a drench by mixing 3 cups water, 1 cup sugar, and 4 teaspoons boric acid. Pour this mixture into the entrance of the ant colony. The ants will be attracted to the sugar and take the solution back to the queen. If this does not work the first time, add another half cup of sugar and another teaspoon of boric acid; and try again. Boric acid may be harmful to humans, keep it away from kids.

HOMEMADE sprays of garlic, onions or chives, and water have been found to repel aphids, which are tiny un-bug like looking bugs that suck the juices from the plants. The aphid may be brown, green, black, or like the ones in my garden, pink or reddish. Make a mixture of one-half cup chopped garlic or onions and one pint of water; strain out the particles, and use. It can be mixed with the lighter grade horticultural oil for the growing season. I use 5W motor oil—the oil smothers bug eggs.

I also found out that, if you have lots of ants, it means that the soil has a lot of food for them, they feed off grubs, etc. If your yard has moles, that, too, means that your yard has grubs, as they feed off the ugly things.

MORE BLOOMS: Pinch off the tops of the growing mums for more blooms. If you want more mum plants, stick the pinched off shoots into moist soil. Keep the shoots in a shady place and also keep the soil moist at all times. This can also be done with dahlias. I had wonderful success with the dahlias last year.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

It is summer time, and the living is supposed to be easy. So, try some easy cooking. The Fourth of July is cookout time, and I have a *Southwest* bean salad recipe with a taste of the *Southwest* that I like, as a change from the regular (although, one of my favorites) 3-bean salad. The other recipe is one I tried and liked, which is a light meal with a salad and bread--and, I think, delicious. The tuna, white bean salad comes from Martha Shulman's *Mediterranean Light*.

GRILLSIDE BEAN SALAD

2 16-oz cans of kidney, pinto, or black beans
(or any combination of beans),
rinsed and drained

1 to 1-1/2 C sliced celery

1 tomato, chopped

1/2 C diced, red onion

1/2 to 2/3 C picante sauce

1/4 C Italian dressing

1-1/2 t Dejon mustard

2 to 3 T chopped cilantro or parsley (optional)

Combine beans, celery, tomato and onion in medium bowl. Combine Picante sauce, dressing, and mustard; mix well. Pour over vegetables, toss lightly, cover, and chill. Stir in parsley or cilantro just before serving. Makes about 6 cups.

ITALIAN BEAN AND TUNA SALAD

3 to 4 oz. water (drain if too fast)

2 C cooked white beans

1 6-1/2 oz. can water-packed,
all white tuna, drained

2 tomatoes, diced

1 garlic clove, minced

or put through garlic press

juice of one lemon

3 to 4 T chopped fresh parsley or basil

1 t chopped fresh sage

2 T olive oil

1 T plain, low-fat yogurt or sour cream

1 T capers, rinsed

Salt and pepper to taste

Tomatoes and lettuce

Toss onions with 2 T red wine vinegar and water to cover. Let soak 30 minutes and drain.

Toss together with the remaining ingredients (including the remaining vinegar), except the tomatoes and lettuce. Serve on platter lined with lettuce and garnished with tomatoes. Makes 4 servings.



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

TANSTAFL

I'm a science fiction fan, and to those who know me, I guess that doesn't come as any serious surprise. One of the all-time master writers of good SciFi, Robert Heinlein (now deceased), wrote an outstanding novel early in his career, which dealt with moon colonists. Now, this was authored well before the days of NASA, the Apollo program, and visits to the moon by U.S. astronauts.

To make a long novel very, very short, one of the episodes concerned trade with the earth and how, as a colony of earth, the moon folks were dominated financially by earth. The colonists had found water on the moon in deep underground pools (as we find oil), and tied up in rocks as hydrates. As a result of this discovery and subsequent recovery of the precious stuff, they developed an agricultural economy. Their food crops were outstanding, and the colonists profited greatly from trade. It was a masterful piece of writing by Heinlein, for he led the reader down the primrose path, and then sprung the trap!

The chief character in this novel realized what they were selling to earth, and it was their dearest, most precious commodity--WATER. Each pound of vegetable shipped off the planet removed some number of gallons of water.

This character in the novel ended his revelation to his compatriots by saying, "There ain't no such thing as free lunch." Their wealth was temporary, at best, and would probably destroy them in the long run. So, the rest of the novel concerned TANSTAFL and its use as a rallying cry to conserve and recycle their one life-controlling resource.

Having now introduced you to the concept of TANSTAFL, let's delve into it a bit. There may be some folks out there old enough to remember the "FREE LUNCH" signs in bars during the 1930s, when merchants would do anything to attract business.

Today's merchants do the same thing. Bars these days have a snack buffet in the 5-7 p.m. time period, and then try to convince you it's free. Well, baloney! It can't be free, someone is paying for it; and that someone is the customer. Nothing is free, not even the air we breathe. There used to be an expression that nothing was free except the air you breathe. Well, now we are paying dearly for that air: higher automobile costs to try to reduce air pollution, and much, much higher air conditioner repair, as a result of trying to reduce chlorofluorocarbon (freon) content in the upper atmosphere.

You want clean air to breathe? You'll pay for it! TANSTAFL!

Want good medical help when you're sick or broken? Darn right you do. You want that shot of antibiotic, want that deep gash cleaned and bandaged, want that necrosed tissue cleaned out. Now, what do you want done with the "left-overs"? Don't put it in my backyard, put it somewhere else. TANSTAFL! You'll pay, somehow.

Want paper to write on, a newspaper to read? The price is the smell of a paper mill and barren, bare, countryside, stripped of trees. Want to get rid of the paper mill odor (We don't have it here, but the people in Rome do.)? It can be done, but how much more are you willing to pay for a piece of paper?

Ladies, do you like your pantyhose and make-up? Men, do you want your shotgun and rifle ammo, and your monofilament fishing line? They are just four examples of goods made from chemicals that must be manufactured, and the waste by-products must be disposed of. Don't like that land fill used to take care of waste products? Then, don't use the product! TANSTAFL.

It goes on and on and on. There is no end to the price you pay for all goods and services. There is no profit without a price. Some may be worth the price, others not.

Look for the hidden cost, "the free lunch," in all that you do and purchase. Ask yourself if you are willing to pay the price. TANSTAFL.

Thanks for your time, folks; see you next month. In the meantime, go through all of your "stuff" (remember, the "Stuff" article in the September 1993 *Groundhog?*), and pull some of it out and give it to the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for their garage sale on July 9 and 10. It will help them, and it will help you in at least two ways--get rid of surplus "stuff", and we'll end up with a better-equipped and trained Volunteer Fire Department.

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MENTONE RECYCLING BEFORE AND AFTER

By Fran Hawkins



I've had such good feed-back from my friends and neighbors about last month's article, I'm climbing back on my soap-box! This time, I'd like to talk about saving money, about the effort involved in recycling, and about closing the "circle" of recycling. The choices we make every day affect our lives, as well as our community.

THE "BEFORE": The easiest way to keep our landfills small and workable is to make smart decisions as we shop. This is sometimes called "pre-cycling." Avoid purchasing disposable products whenever possible—use cloth napkins (garage sales are a great source, and the napkins don't have to be ironed if used for "everyday!"). Old diapers, tee-shirts, and worn-out cotton underwear make great dust cloths and "hand-wipes," and use old, stained dish towels instead of paper ones. This will not only save trees, but save money. Consider the amount of unnecessary packaging before purchasing an item. I've often wondered why a plastic bottle of deodorant is carefully wrapped in a useless and wasteful cardboard box. Overpackaging creates an enormous amount of recycling or trash. If you don't buy it to begin with, you don't have to recycle it.

Buy items in recyclable containers. Look for the recycling symbol. Buy ketchup in glass bottles. If you like to use the plastic squeeze bottle, like I do, buy it once, and refill it many times from the glass containers. Purchase items in the large, economy size, and reuse containers when possible—again, saving money, as well as land-fill space.

THE "AFTER": The only way recycling will work, in the long term, is if we consumers begin to use our purchasing power to close the "cycle." Buy products, particularly paper and some plastics, made from recycled materials. Hammer's Recycling, phone no. 1-800-338-1438, is a company I've recently heard about that sells items made from recycled materials. Call them for a free catalog. Make merchants aware that you prefer to purchase items made from recycled materials. Talk to managers or buyers, clerks may be sympathetic, but have little decision-making power. Make your "bucks" talk to manufacturers by writing letters and/or making phone calls. Toll-free "800" numbers are usually available on the product itself, or, for most major manufacturers, by calling 1-800-555-1212 (this information call is toll-free too!). And remember, some things can be recycled just by being reused—resealable containers for lunches and leftovers instead of disposable foils and plastic wraps or bags, old clothing donated to charities or used as rags, cardboard containers reused for storage. Those computer paper boxes make great "file cabinets" and are just right for storing old tax records.

Additional places "close" to Mentone where you can recycle are:

IN BIRMINGHAM:

THE ALABAMA CONSERVANCY,

25th & 2nd Ave., North; 252-5011

Material Accepted: Newspapers, glass, aluminum, tin cans, computer & office paper, corrugated cardboard, grocery bags, telephone books, #1 & #2 plastics.

THE ALABAMA CONSERVANCY,

Eastwood Mall by Service Merchandise

Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays

Accepts same material as downtown location.

SHREDDERS, 3353 - 27th Ave., North;

252-7223; Hank Wilson

Material Accepted: Aluminum, tin cans, iron, brass, old cars, copper, steel, radiators, zinc, (but no lead), electric motors, transmissions, old appliances (strip of all capacitors), water heaters, stainless steel, and most other metals.

IN DEKALB COUNTY:

"COLLINSVILLE RECYCLE," downtown
Collinsville, AL, next to the railroad tracks; 205-524-
2954; Oliver Hall, Manager

Hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Material Accepted: Aluminum (\$.30 per lb.),
tin, brass, and copper.

IN HUNTSVILLE:

BFI, 4704 Commercial Dr., Huntsville, AL;

205-837-2670; (Memorial Parkway to University,
west on University to Ardmore, right on Ardmore, then
left at light on Commercial)

Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday;
Saturday, 8 to 12. Bins in front of offices available for 24-
hour recycling.

Materials Accepted: Glass - clear, brown, &
green (separated); aluminum & metals cans; plastic
bottles - #1 & #2; newspapers - including slick, glassy
inserts and magazines; cardboard (corrugated) &
computer paper - during office hours only.

SOUTH CENTRAL RECYCLE, 2015 Vermont
Dr., S.W., Huntsville, AL; 205-881-2362 (off Memorial
Parkway just south of Airport Rd.)

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Material Accepted: South Central buys recycle
material (prices quoted are at 6/9/94) -

Paper (no magazines) - \$.50 per 100 lbs.

Cardboard - \$2.00 per 100 lbs.

Aluminum cans - \$.30 per lb.

Container glass - \$.05 per lb.

Computer paper - \$.60 per 100 lbs.

IN CHATTANOOGA:

ORANGE GROVE RECYCLING CENTER, 40
Dodson Ave., P.O. Box 3249, Chattanooga, TN 37404;
615-629-1451.

Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday-Friday

Materials Accepted:

Will purchase at current market price:
Aluminum cans (\$.30 per lb.), Glass - food/beverage
only, brown, green, clear, blue—sorted by color and
rinsed clean of food residue (\$.75 per 100 lbs.). Prices
good 6/1/94.

Will accept for recycling: plastic jugs or bottles
(#1 & #2 only), no automotive oil/fluid, sheet plastic, or
chemical bottles.

Newspapers - clean & dry

Cardboard - clean, dry corrugated cardboard

Paper - office and mixed

Steel cans- rinsed.

They prefer paper to be in one bag and other
materials in another.

Well, I'm stepping down from my soapbox for this
month. Call me at 634-4157 with questions, comments,
or suggestions. And remember, striving to be a wise
consumer and conscientious "recycler" helps our
community, as well as our pocketbook.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Friends of Little River held its June board meeting on June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Fischer Rescue Squad building. President Desmond Disney introduced Millie Blackwell of Carson-Gaines in Birmingham, as a visitor.

After committee reports, a nominating committee was appointed consisting of Bill Adams, Tuck Meadows, and Don Lucy. The annual membership and board meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday—July 28, at 7:00 p.m., at which time officers for the year 1994-95 will be elected. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Desmond announced that \$6 million had been appropriated for the Little River Canyon National Preserve. The House committee passed on the bill and now the Senate needs to take action. (See the news release below.)

At the meeting on July 28 at 7 p.m., the issue of bi-monthly board meetings will also be taken up and voted on by the membership. There will be a speaker. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend and bring a friend.

PANEL APPROVES PRESERVE FUNDING

WASHINGTON - The House Interior Appropriations Panel passed its 1995 bill, which includes funding for the Little River Canyon National Preserve, the Bankhead National Preserve, the Bankhead National Forest, and other Alabama projects, according to Congressman Tom Bevill.

Bevill obtained \$6 million in the bill for the Little River Canyon National Preserve. The funding will be used to acquire land in the Little River Wildlife Management Area, owned by Alabama Power Company. Last year, Congress approved \$6 million for the project.

substantially completing the acquisition for the Little River Canyon National Preserve," said Bevill.

The bill also provides \$753,000 for park operations. "We are hoping to have the Preserve fully operational within the year," said Bevill. "These funds will provide for staff, equipment, office space, signs, and other necessary projects to run a top-notch unit of the National Park Service," the Congressman explained.

For the Bankhead National Forest, Bevill obtained \$105,000 to replace the old, run-down bathhouse at Brushy Lake Recreation Area on the border of Winston and Lawrence counties.

"The U.S. Forest Service has done a lot of work to renovate this area, but the old bathhouse was a problem. The new facility will enhance public enjoyment of the area and will accommodate those with disabilities," said the congressman.

The bill also provides \$500,000 to extend the Pinhoti Trail in the Talladega National Forest. "This will provide additional recreational opportunities in Alabama."



TRAGEDY CAN REAP RICH REWARDS

by Evelyn Graves

On May 31, around 9:30 p.m., our daughter, Sandra Gray, got in her car for a short ten-minute trip, leaving her children at home alone because she felt that she would be back in ten minutes. Her car left the road in a curve on Cove Road, hit the ditch, and stopped when it hit a tree head on. About 30 minutes later, we received a call from Mrs. Bertha Robinson, telling us that our daughter was at her house and that she had been in an accident and was injured. Mrs. Robinson had already called 911; and, by the time my husband, Jimmy, arrived at Mrs. Robinson's house three or four minutes later, rescue squad workers were already at the scene. An ambulance was on its way. Sandra was in a dazed condition with an obvious head injury. By this time, she did not know what had happened, where she was, or even her father's name.

Sandra was handled with a great deal of care by our local rescue squad workers and was taken to Fort Payne/DeKalb Baptist Medical Center. She was in terrible pain in her chest. After x-rays and a preliminary examination, the emergency doctor told us she had a broken collar bone, a broken sternum, "a bunch" of broken ribs, and the head injury. She was airlifted to Erlanger Medical Center by the Life Force helicopter. Sandra is an employee of Erlanger Medical Center and was recognized by one of the nurses and a doctor aboard. Enroute to Erlanger, her left lung collapsed, and a chest tube was placed in her lung.

After arriving at Erlanger, Sandra was placed in the Trauma Unit where she was carefully examined by a team of trauma doctors. Dr. White came to us and told us that Sandra also had a ruptured liver and a ruptured spleen, and that it did not look like she would survive it. He pointed out the options, which were very grim. If they were to attempt surgery on the liver and spleen, she was not stable enough to withstand the operation. He also pointed out that her liver laceration was a severe one and would require hours of "major, major" surgery. He decided, with the opinion of Dr. Barker, chief of staff, that the best thing to do was to start pumping blood into her. We wait for further word, or until time for visiting hours in the Trauma Unit.

What does one do in a situation like this? There was Allen, Sandra's 13-year-old son, who was there waiting, knowing her condition. There was Katie, the 6-year-old, back home with her paternal grandparents, asleep safely in her bed, not knowing that anything had happened to her mother. All kinds of thoughts flooded our minds, and our hearts were broken for her and for the children. We spent the night in prayer. We made one contact to one of our church members back home, and she informed other church members; and they, too, were praying with us. She called other area churches, and prayer chains were formed. We called Sandra's brother in Maryland, and his church has an organized prayer group that prays around the clock. They immediately entered her name on the list of persons they were praying for. My aunt in Atlanta contacted two churches with prayer lines in the Atlanta area. At one time, over a thousand people were on their knees, all praying at the same time in Sandra's behalf.

We stayed day after day, night after night, in the trauma waiting area. During that time, we bonded with 12 other families in similar circumstances. You never know how God is going to use you or an event or tragedy in your life.

There was Johnnie, a mother who had just suffered surgery on her foot and was in a wheelchair. A wonderful neighbor stayed with her around the clock, as she waited for some word about her daughter who had shot herself. Johnnie had two retarded sons at home, 38 and 32 years old; and the daughter, 36, was slightly retarded, also. Their retardation was caused from a genetic factor. Johnnie loves her children; and, while her main concern was for Kay, she constantly worried about "the boys," because only she knew all of the little things in their routine lives that made them happy or kept them from being upset.

There was the Boyd family whose son, Tim, was in a very serious motorcycle accident. Tim had surgery every other day—first, open heart surgery to repair a severed artery; then surgeries to put him back together. They were a strong positive family.

Then, there was the Jordan family. They were waiting to hear something about Lana, one of the daughters who suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident the day after Sandra's accident. Lana, too, had surgery every other day, one

of which lasted 13 hours. She had a small tear in her liver which was repaired. Her spleen was removed. The final concern of her doctors was whether or not to amputate her leg. Lana has three small children. Her bleeding, like Sandra's, continued to be a problem. Lana had already been given 25 units of blood, plus plasma, plus platelets during one surgery alone, and the bleeding continued. She was taken back into surgery to determine the cause, and a large hole was found on the underside of her intestine where the blood had been gushing. This was repaired and she began to mend. The bleeding stopped from her leg, and it was able to be closed without an amputation.

Prior to this, my husband had been reading Ezekiel 16:6 to Sandra every time he saw her. "And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou was in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou was in thy blood, Live." Sandra would ask him in her weak little voice on every visit, "Daddy, please read that scripture again." Jimmy had shared this scripture with others in the waiting room. Lana's sister took a Gideon New Testament up to Lana's room, placed it in her hand, and quoted the verse of scripture to her. Through all her pain and anguish, Lana never let go of the little testament.

There was the little 26-year-old mother whose husband had caught his arm in a machine and it had been cut off. He was brought in with his arm in a plastic bag. She sat by herself waiting for the seemingly endless surgery to be performed, which completely restored the arm. The next day, he was moving his fingers.

There was a beautiful family from Arab, Alabama, who waited with the husband and father who had been in a severe accident when his truck was hit head-on by a drunken driver. All of his joints were crushed, all of his bones were broken, and his jaw was crushed. They waited through endless hours of surgery every other day.

Then there were the Duncans who had been in Trauma Waiting, sleeping on the floor every night for 39 nights. Mr. Duncan, Alabama. Mrs. Duncan and her daughter, Sharon, waited patiently, but endlessly, for some sign of recognition from him, which they never received. Mr. Duncan was transferred home to Knoxville this week to be placed in a skilled-care facility to await his death. The trauma doctors predict his life to be no longer than four weeks. The neurologists say there is no brain activity.

Again, I ask, what do you do in a situation like this? We found so many hurting people there in the hospital that our lives became consumed with ministering to their needs, praying with them, sharing the scriptures with them, encouraging them in their darkest hours, while all the time, God was working on Sandra. She has had her ups and downs—the doctor removed the tube from her lung because it had become twisted and was causing a lot of pain, and her right lung collapsed. She had to have tubes in both lungs for days. So much blood had accumulated from her lungs and her liver that she was taken into the operating room and two pints of blood were removed from around her lungs, and over a gallon from her abdominal cavity from the bleeding liver. Sandra was placed on a ventilator following this surgical procedure, and her lungs began to function on their own. She is beginning to be able to sit in a chair for short periods of time. The doctors have recently told us that Sandra's liver laceration was the most severe of any patient they have seen who survived. It is healing, slowly. Later, we were told that the spleen was not ruptured, but badly bruised. Every time Dr. Barker enters her room he says, "She is truly a miracle." We are so grateful that God has spared her life. One of her nurses expressed it well when she said, "God has spared her life for a purpose—she may not know what it is yet, but her life will have a different perspective."

Sandra has received hundreds of cards and letters and the family has received thousands of telephone calls from concerned friends and family. The staff at Erlanger has been wonderful to her. The nurses and doctors she worked with daily in Same Day Surgery have come by every day to check on her. They have extended their homes to us for rest. We had to decline because we did not feel that we could leave the hospital. The churches in the Chattanooga area take turns in providing food for the Trauma Waiting families every Tuesday and Thursday. It usually consisted of sandwiches, cake, and something to drink. It was served in the break room just

outside the waiting area. It was truly like manna from heaven. I do not believe those churches will ever know how much this seemingly simple act of kindness meant to all of us. We were able to take our food back into the waiting area so we would not miss any calls. There were pay phones, which were available to us, but there was a desk phone that rang only when there was some message from Trauma Unit. When that phone rang, a hush came over the entire waiting area. It meant one of two things—either a patient had come through surgery, or the family was being summoned upstairs for bad news. We always used that phone to call upstairs to inquire about Sandra's hematocrit count. If it was stable, Jimmy would shout to the whole waiting area, "Her blood count is 34" or whatever it might be at that time, and all of our friends would cheer in unison.

Jimmy's life and mine will never be the same. We are so sensitive to the smallest things—the pain of others, and also the many things that have been done for us during this time. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us: first, Mrs. Bertha Robinson who called the ambulance for Sandra and notified us; the members of the DeSoto Rescue Squad who proved, again, how wonderful they are; the doctors and the staff at the hospital in Fort Payne for their prompt and attentive care for the short period of time Sandra was there; Life Force; our Mentone friends who have called, stayed with us in Trauma Waiting, and prayed and been there for us; and the concerns of other churches. We are especially grateful for those who donated blood for Sandra. We could not have a better church in the whole world, and the members have been absolutely unbelievable in their concern for us—both from a financial standpoint, and from the support in relieving us during some of those long nights of waiting. One precious pastor came to the hospital and handed me a plastic bag of quarters when he left. He will never know what that meant to us in the days ahead for telephone calls and for just a package of crackers from the vending machine at mealtime.

The bond that was established as a result of Sandra's accident between those lives we touched and those lives we were touched by in Trauma Waiting is an everlasting bond. Truly, our lives will never be the same. Tragedy can reap rich rewards.

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Summer, you set me free from Winter's prison walls, took me outside to see vast beauty that enthralls!

Clayton Blansit is blessed with a "green thumb." His yard is always full of beautiful flowers. Clayton has adopted the triangle at the intersection of Highway and 11 and Carmichael Road, and has planted a beautiful bed of flowers there. How nice it is to improve spots where you are to add beauty to the scene.

Nancy Hawkins has returned to Birmingham after spending several days with Vesta Hawkins and Velma Hammond. They also had as recent guests Kathryn Hulan from Batesville, Miss., and her son, Bob Hulan and his daughter Katie from Baton Rouge, La.

Jean Jones was called to Hackleburg because of the illness of her father, Clyde Holcomb. He is now much improved. Roy Jones' wife, Bonnie and children, Rebecca and John Paul from Chesapeake, Va., are now visiting Jean and John.

Mary Louise and Ted, and John Holleman, and Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis, enjoyed their vacation in Daytona Beach, Fl.

Jessica Barrier from Crestview Fl., is spending a month with her grandparents, Billy and Floyd Harper.

Sorry to hear that Martha Hawkins suffered a broken hip, and is recovering from surgery in a Rome, Ga., hospital.

We had an inspiring song service at our church May 29. George Walker sang "The Stranger of Galilee." Michael Young, from Ponderosa Bible Camp, played the guitar and sang a sermon in songs. Melinda Adkins sang a special song dedicated to the soldiers who fought and defended our country. On June 26, we had a fellowship dinner at the Valley Head Methodist Church after the morning worship service. Our pastor, Jeff Adkins served delicious smoked turkey breasts, and we had a bountiful feast.

Mary Lyle Longshore Cashion, from Haleyville, Al., visited her mother, Frances Longshore, for several days,

recently.

Thomas Larmore remains very ill. He is at the Galleria Oaks Retirement Home in Birmingham.

We extend a hearty welcome to Marsha and Marty Biddle and family to Valley Head and Hammondville. They bought Maureen Hammond's house.

Rachel Manning has returned home after an extensive trip to Portland, Oregon, and Victoria, B.C. She visited her sister, Frances Rodman, at Portland. She enjoyed seeing the Butchart Gardens and the largest Sitka Spruce in the world in the Olympic Rain Forest.

Sue and Foyl Cooper have been "gadding about" a lot, lately. They went to Dunlap to visit their new great grandson, Tyler Morgan Hitchcox, son of Tammy Gray and Doug Hitchcox. Sue spent the day with her grandchildren, Nickolas Steven and his sister, Alexander McCall Davis, in North Chattanooga. They are the children of Kelly and Eddie Davis. Sue also visited her famous artist brother, Howard Finster and wife, Pauline, at Summerville for two days. Then she and Foyl attended the wedding of their grandson, Brian Scott Lee, to Donna Johnson, at a mountain chapel in Gatlinburg.

Doris and Jim Carmichael attended the 50-year reunion of Jim's Valley Head High School graduation class on June 18th at Black's Best Western in Fort Payne. Twenty-three graduated and seventeen were present.

Mildred Millican came from Naples, Fl., recently, to visit relatives here for several days.

Patti Brown has returned home after serving on a Federal jury in Birmingham.

The Sunshine Club met June 23 at the home of Lillie Bowden. Sue Cooper read the scripture, and Leona Chadwick gave the devotional. Others present were Bess Bauerle, Geraldine Hawkins, Billie Harper, Gladys Cobble (who presided), and I. I read a June poem and Gladys Cobble read a poem, "Good Ole Days," written by Lillie Bowden's father, Mack Hatchet. Lillie told us many interesting facts about her father. Many sick people were remembered in our thoughts and prayers, as well as the bereaved. Lillie expressed appreciation to the club for their help in her time of loss of her husband. The Sunshine Club won't meet until our picnic in September.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of James Curtis Gray and others who have passed on. Mary Abbott recently passed away at her home in Rossville, Ga. She will be remembered as a former resident. Also Louise Blake.

I hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe July 4th and appreciates the meaning of the day.

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Eloise Brown



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(3) **EAGLES ROOST** - Hwy 157 North Cloudland Ga. Breathtaking view from this 2-acre East Brow Tract, with large rock cliffs on the edge of Lookout Mountain, where the Golden Eagles soar. \$26,000. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty.



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OTHER PROPERTIES

LITTLE RIVER LAKE LAHUSAGA - 5 acres with pasture, fruit orchard, rock walkway to the river, rock patio, and BBQ. Large shed with 2 wells, septic, and small building, with electricity and plumbing, which can be lived in. Also, fenced for livestock. 300 ft. of river frontage, and 500 ft. of paved-road frontage. \$59,000.

WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF - Located on the Brow (West) DeSoto Parkway, Mentone city limits. 4500 sq.ft. ROCK with 5 bdms, 4 baths, Large Great Room, glassed patio, rock and Maple floors throughout. Separate 2-bdrm efficiency in the house with central H/A. Too many amenities to list. \$350,000.

ALMOST NEW - 2 bdrm, 2 bath, CH&A, enclosed sun deck, guest cottage and/or workshop finished. Located off DeSoto Parkway, Mentone, city water. \$62,000.

CHARMING MOUNTAIN HOME - 2 BR, 2 BA, w/3rd room as den or another BR. Large utility room, vaulted ceilings in living room &

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HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat

TROUT: When driftboat fishing for trout, concentrate on the first 12 to 24 inches next to land. Here, the shoreline provides escape from the current, ambush, points, and food. It's almost always where the biggest trout hang out. After your fly pulls a few feet, false-cast and deliver it to the next stretch.

BLUEGILLS: Bluegills can be taken on a variety of lures, but the very best offering is a tiny soft-plastic grub on a leadhead jig of 1/32 to 1/8 ounce. Reel these lures in slowly with occasional pauses in coves and near weeds, brush, points, and dropoffs; and you'll be rewarded with some of the biggest panfish you've ever seen.

WHY FISH STRIKE: Fish often appear to act on impulses understandable in human terms. For example, they seem to strike a lure out of playfulness, curiosity, jealousy, annoyance, or greed, as well as hunger. When they strike a lure out of playfulness or curiosity, they usually hit it lightly, slap it with their bodies or tails, or miss it altogether. At such times, trailer hooks can boost your luck.

In angry or jealous moods, fish tend to strike a lure when it sees another fish pursuing it. Sometimes, a fish seems eager to corner all the food for itself, striking greedily even when stuffed to the gills. Fish often strike out of hunger, in which case, they tend to take lures deeply.

DEER: Whenever possible erect your deer stand or ground blind so the sun is behind or to the side of you. This way, it will be shining on the quarry, rather than in your eyes.

SHOOTING WITHOUT A CATCH: If you have trouble with the recoil pad sticking to your clothing when you're mounting the gun, try spraying the butt pad with polyurethane varnish to make the gun mount smoothly.

BOW HUNTING: When an animal approaches your has his head down. Raise the bow and draw back in one slow, fluid motion.

FIRE SAFETY: You can never be too safe when using fire in the woods. Here are some safety tips compiled by the American Canoe Association.

1. Bigger is not better. A large fire gives out lots of heat and drives people away. A small fire allows people to sit close to it.
2. Use fire grates. Avoid using rocks; burn marks last forever.
3. Clear a fire circle down to mineral earth to keep the fire contained. Replace duff or soil after the fire is out.
4. Check local fire regulations before departing on a trip.
5. Never leave a fire unattended. Be sure the fire is out when leaving. If ashes are too hot to touch, the fire is not out.

MAN'S BEST FRIEND (defined by work): Canines can be broken down into six groups according to their original use by humans.

The sporting group—dogs that hunt by air scent—includes pointers, retrievers, Labradors, setters, weimaraners, and cocker spaniels. The hound group includes dogs that follow ground scent, such as the Afghan, beagle, basset, bloodhound, dachshund, foxhound, saluki, and greyhound. Working dogs serve as guides, guards, and herders; they include the Doberman pinscher, German shepherd, collie, Great Dane, Newfoundland, Saint Bernard, Shetland sheep dog, and Siberian husky. Terriers (from the Latin word for "earth," *terra*) traditionally hunted by digging and flushing out burrowing animals. The toy group consists of dogs that serve as human companions, and includes the Pekingese, Maltese, Chihuahua, toy poodle, Yorkshire terrier, pug, and Pomeranian. The non-sporting group is a miscellaneous class of canines with large necks, and strong dogs, such as the bulldog, Boston terrier, chow chow, dalmatian, and poodle.



Refreshments after ceremony



Valedictorian Jeffrey Bullock, Salutatorian, Candace Fuller, and Amberly Denham



Mrs. K. Johnson and various parents

MOON LAKE GRADUATION

by Madeleine Bullock

Moon Lake's 1994 graduation ceremony on May 28, 1994, was a huge success; and the turnout of parents and relatives was record breaking! By the time the event started, both sides of the bleachers, plus chairs on the floor, were filled in the gym. They served the usual refreshments, including the big, lovely cake. Then, the parents scattered around outside and mingled, instead of going home. It was a really great event this year.

From the student grapevine, Jack Corey and Amberly Denham, both 6th grade graduates, are two students who will not be going on to Valley Head High School, but to Fort Payne High School.

Photos by Madeleine Bullock

MOON LAKE 4-H NEWS

by Madeleine Bullock

On June 14, Jeffrey Bullock went to the District I, 4-H Round-up that was held in Cullman at the Civic Center. His woodwork project was a magazine rack. The design for the project was supplied by the 4-H teacher, Mr. Shackelford.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT VALLEY HEAD

The following students made the honor roll for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year.

Seventh Grade

A's and B's: Eric Crane, Toby Crider, Carl Tipton

Eighth Grade

All A's: Rene Brendle, Terri Campbell

A's and B's: Chad Mosher, Tim Harrison

Eleventh Grade

All A's: Kim McKinney, Lisa Smith, Krystee Tillman

A's and B's: William Lee, Gerry Bain, Chris Hammon, Jody Wagner, Tony Wilbanks, Michelle Chappell, Cyndi Cherry, Adrienne Hall, Leah Sharp

Twelfth Grade

All A's: Amy Hall, Chrissy Norman, Sally Sharp, Jay Wagner

A's and B's: Donna Brock, Cricket Brown, Tonya Crider, Heather Hulan, Angie McBryar, Loretta McGee, Jamie Phillips, Heath Blalock, Michael Flannigan, Jeremy Hope, Toby Manifold, Darrin Smith



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The Browns: Elizabeth, Jody (holding Jolee), Teresa, (holding Robert), and Katherine

Happy Birthday!!

to Elizabeth Brown, who will be 8 on July 6; Jolee Brown who will be 3 on July 13; and Robert Brown, who will be 1 on July 25. They are the grandchildren of Marie Dillenbeck of Mentone and Betty Lou Brown of Gulfport, Miss. They live with their parents, Teresa and Joseph (Jody) Brown, and their sister, Katherine, in Gulfport, Miss. (Also, Happy Birthday--July 21-- to Jody.) The children's great grandparents are Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Eula Cleo Brown of Hemphill, Texas.



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CLOUDLAND - NICE BROW LOT - 2.33 acres with 317.48 feet of brow frontage - Spectacular View - \$25,000.

CLOUDLAND - Beautiful brow lot with 190' of brow frontage and containing approximately 1.28 acres. Great buy at only \$16,000.

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HEAD RIVER AREA - Approximately 155 acres, heavily wooded with 2000+ feet of road frontage - wet weather creek - \$800 per acre.

CLOUDLAND - Highway 48 - Approximately 8 acres with rock and siding, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath home and frontage on Highway 48 and East Fork of Little River. Log outbuilding, garden spot, and lots of rhododendron and mountain laurel complete this desirable property. Ideal for home or business. Shown by appointment only, and priced at \$60,000.

GARDNER ROAD - Menlo-Alpina Area - Large 3-story log home, features large foyer, living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, utility room with 1/2 bath, master bedroom, bath on main floor; 2 or 3 bedrooms, den and bath on top floor. Central heat and air. Pine floors, bedrooms have carpet over pine. Large front porch looking toward mountain. Paved drive leads to 2-car garage in the unfinished basement. This dream house sits on 15 acres. Priced at \$150,000, and shown by appointment only.

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By Jim Gaylord

This past month has been very busy for the squad. We have worked 12 accidents and 8 calls for sickness. We treated about 26 patients in all. We worked two terrible wrecks on I-59 within one-half mile of each other, which resulted in three deaths. This is probably the busiest month yet for the squad. It's especially good to see our new first responders answering calls and helping out.

We also had two of our main fund raisers: parking cars at the June Jam—two, very busy days with most of the squad turning out to help; and the photo drive. Thank you for your support. We sure hope you enjoy your pictures.

Our semi-automatic defibrillator is also here and we are just waiting to get our state permit so we can put it into service. We will be one of the first volunteer squads to have one of these fine pieces of equipment in Northern Alabama, thanks to three very generous donations.

We still want to encourage you to get your HOUSE NUMBERS posted. This will help us find you in your time of need.

Please remember, in "summertime" the population here about triples, and many people are unfamiliar with this area. Take a moment and help someone if they seem confused or lost.

Also, if you should come upon an accident, please help to make the scene safe—DO NOT move any injured persons unless their lives are in dire danger. Call 911 as soon as possible. This call can make a difference in lives saved and in less pain and suffering. Many times, a few encouraging words and assurances help ease a victim's anxiety and excitement.

We continue to need more volunteers to help provide the many services that we provide—water rescue and dragging operations, rope rescue, searches for lost people, and, of course, medical and accident calls. If you would like to help and can be of help to us in any capacity, please contact, Mike Kennamer, Co-Captain, 1-205-634-4484, or Jim Gaylord, Co-Captain, 1-205-634-4535, for more information.

Have a happy and safe month—drive carefully, buckle up, and don't drink and drive.

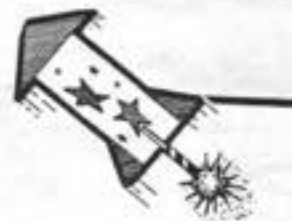
911 FOR EMERGENCIES

By Jim Gaylord

Yes, 911 is up and working. We have, for our county, a new dispatch center in the old Activities Building in Ft. Payne. It has three dispatcher consoles with everything they need within arms' reach. They can talk to neighboring county police, fire, and rescue personnel. Also, they can alert all police, fire, and rescue squads within the county. When you call in from a phone in a private home, your name, address, and phone number will come up on a computer screen, along with a brief description of directions to your house. You will be asked to tell them the nature of your call and which "service" you will need. 911 is to be used for emergency only. If you are calling from a pay phone (no charge), or from a cellular phone, please state you are on a pay phone or cellular phone, and give the location and nature of your call.

The phone number for NON-EMERGENCY calls is 1-205-845-3801.

This new service will help speed up response time, as all services are now dispatched from one location. Please teach all children the correct way to use 911, and also stress the seriousness of using 911 for EMERGENCY ONLY.

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William Crow

**Council on Aging
Welcomes new employee**

The DeKalb County Council on Aging welcomes William Crow as the Work Program Coordinator for the Sock Program, which is located in the basement of the DeKalb/Ft. Payne Senior Center.

Mr. Crow was born and raised in the Valley Head area. During the years of 1936-1976 he served as part-time mayor of Valley Head. He became full-time mayor in 1984, retiring in October, 1992.

He has stayed busy helping wherever needed and said, "When we're older we need something to keep our minds

sharp." He is enjoying his new work at the Senior Center.

The Director of the Council on Aging, Carol Beddingfield states, "The Foundation on Aging Sock Employment Program is very fortunate to have such a well-liked and respected individual to supervise the program."

Mr. Crow's sense of humor will bring sunshine to our employees. His dedication to the community will be an asset to all of our aging programs. On behalf of everyone, I welcome Mr. Crow to our "aging family."

**Corey Beth Gregg**

celebrated her 1st birthday 3-21-94.

Parents are Amy and Butch Gregg of Fort Payne.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Haas, Donna Haas, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Harrison of Fort Payne and Jerry L. Gregg of Rome, GA.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Moon Lake Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School each evening at 6:00 from July 11-15. The Boy Scouts of the church are in New Mexico at this time for a two-week-127-mile hike. The young people of the church presented an impressive pageant entitled, "The Pledge," on Sunday evening, June 26. Curt Miller, son of Glenn and Linda Miller, will be on a missionary trip this summer. Curt is joining a group of 20 young people as a summer missionary to Jamaica. The program is coordinated through Camp Ponderosa and another camp similar to Ponderosa.

Reverend and Mrs. Bill Russell are taking a week's trip to Oklahoma next week to visit their new grandson.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church UMW will be hosted by Mary Crow and Jane Kerby on July 26, at 3 p.m.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have communion every Wednesday at 12:05. Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The monthly gospel singing at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be held on Sunday night, July 3rd. The singing is held on the first Sunday night of every month. Several delegates from the church will be attending the Worldwide General Assembly at Louisville, Kentucky, July 11-18.

The Mentone Church of God is excited about Vacation Bible School which will be held July 11-18. (See announcement elsewhere in the paper.)

Valley Head Baptist Church has just completed a very successful Vacation Bible School, which resulted in seven decisions, five of which were by children from other churches. One was an adult who was attending. The church is experiencing a Youth Revival this week with 25-30 young people attending each night. It is being conducted by a team from Montgomery.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomes you to worship services every Sunday morning at 9:00.

The Mentone United Methodist Church held its first men's breakfast on Sunday, June 26, at 9:00 a.m. The community was invited to attend. The delicious breakfast was provided by Milford and Becky Sprayberry from Albertville, Ala. The ladies were invited to come enjoy the food and fellowship, too.

On July 6, there will be pre-registration for Vacation Bible School, which will be held August 8-12. (See notice elsewhere.)

On June 1, the Mentone Revival Center baptized 8 converts. The first VBS has just been completed. They had a total enrollment of 52, with 28 making decisions. Beverly Henry, who is Children's Church leader, was director of VBS. July 4-8, a group from the church will attend the World Harvest Church in Ohio. Revival will be July 10-15, conducted by Evangelist Wendell Rowen of Florida. Services will be at 7 p.m. each evening. Homecoming will be Sunday, July 24, at 11 a.m. *Heart and Soul* and other groups will perform. Rev. Marlon Williams will preach in Union Park on July 26, at 6 p.m., along with other preachers. Janice Wilks, mother of Brenda Williams, has been healed of

pancreatic cancer by prayer over the last three months. The 9th anniversary of Rev. Marlon and Brenda Williams was June 8.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The election of officers was postponed until the July meeting, which will be on Monday, July 11, at Dessie's Kountry Chef, at 8:30 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MENTONE CHURCH OF GOD

JULY 11-15, 1994
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OUTREACH REACHES OUT

The North DeKalb County Outreach Program is presently involved in food distribution. The Program has a heaven-sent source of supply of food that has been made available to the DeKalb County area. The food is picked up and taken to the Community Center in Valley Head for distribution through the North DeKalb County Outreach Program. Approximately 400 families are being fed.

Even though the food is free, there are expenses involved in the handling and distribution. Help and support are needed from the public. Contributions may be sent to the North DeKalb County Outreach Program, c/o First Federal Savings and Loan, P.O. Box 378, Ft. Payne, AL 35967, and it will be deposited directly into the account. There will be a quarterly report in *The Groundhog* of the progress made in getting help to these needy families.

If you are a person or a family in need or you know of someone who has a need, then you, or they, can benefit from this program without regard to race, creed, or church membership (or no church membership). Remember, Jesus said, "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

To receive assistance, individuals may call Maureen Hammond at (205) 635-6722 at the Community Center in Valley Head.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1994 100 YEARS OLD

Continuing a tradition that began a century ago this year, the Mentone United Methodist Church will sponsor a Vacation Bible School August 8 through 12. All children in the community from 3 years old to 6th grade are invited to attend. Pre-registration will be at the church on Wednesday, July 6, from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

In May and June 1894, Mrs. D. T. Miles, wife of the pastor of the Methodist Church in Hopedale, Illinois, organized the first known Vacation Bible School in the United States. It was held in a public school building and an adjoining park.

The children studied the Bible, including finding references, spelling Bible names, learning the geography of the Bible stories, and memorizing Bible passages. Parents contributed a dollar for each child to cover the cost of supplies, many of which are still indispensable for Vacation Bible Schools today—modeling clay, sewing materials, picture cards, and topographical "sand maps."

After a century, the Vacation Bible School is still a highlight of many children's summer vacation. "Beneath The Storytelling Tree—Parables Jesus Told" is the theme for this year's school.

There is room "Beneath The Storytelling Tree" for your child. School will be in session from 9 a.m. until 12 noon each of the five days. Parents or students may register or obtain additional information by calling 634-4535, or visiting the church office on Cutler Avenue in Mentone, for pre-registration on Wednesday, July 6, from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

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Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

COLOR AND YOUR WARDROBE

Imagine how drab and lifeless the world would be if it were just black and white or some gray shade in between. But, some people have restricted themselves to just such a world. They consistently wear the same colors, limiting themselves to just two or three regular shades with which they feel safe. Since they've never learned the secrets of color, they're afraid to try anything new or different.

Others go to the opposite extreme, parading around in clashing colors and outlandish costumes. While they perceive themselves as being creative, others may see them as bizarre. Seeing them, it's no wonder that many fear to try new colors.

Knowing how to choose the "correct colors" for your clothing and makeup that harmonize with your own natural and unique color scheme will allow you to:

1. Create a healthier, more attractive appearance;
2. Draw attention to you, not to your clothing or the colors, themselves;
3. Make your skin and face seem to glow with natural beauty;
4. Enhance your best features while diminishing flaws; and
5. Eliminate costly color errors when buying clothes and cosmetics. So, getting a personal color analysis can and should be considered a frugal wardrobe investment to anyone who is interested in presenting a polished and professional look in the work place--and, by "work place," I'm talking about where you spend a great amount of your time. Office workers, public speakers, church leaders, housewives, or factory workers--we all need color.

Oh, I know you say, "I just stay home with the kids, I don't dress up every day," or "I work in a hot, old factory, and I don't wear anything nice." You do wear clothes each day; and, if you wear the colors that are most in harmony with your coloring, I'm sure you feel better, and people perceive you in a much more favorable way because your attitude is better when you look great. Think back to some of those days when more than one person said to you, "Don't you feel well today?" or "Are you having a bad day?" Chances are pretty good that the colors you were wearing were not the best colors for you, and you looked pale and tired. You know there are colors that can cause your face to appear sallow or pale, show dark circles under your eyes, or emphasize those lines that are beginning to show.

Learning the correct colors for you is one of the best investments you can make in your effort to be the best you can be. You may not feel the need to impress anyone on the job, but give yourself a break--I know you will feel better if you wear the colors that enhance your natural colors. When you feel better, you work better and are a pleasure to be around.

Some women say, "Oh! I don't buy into that color thing, I wear any color I want." That's "OK"--if just "OK" is all you want; but, if you want to look "great" every time you dress--get color analyzed.

After you're analyzed, with your color chart in hand, it's time to arrange your clothes closet! Take everything out of the closet, putting anything that is in your color chart together in one pile--now, put all the other things in another pile. Did you notice that all the things in the

first pile that match your color chart will all mix and match?

What to do with that "other pile? Trash them, give them away, put them away back in the closet out of sight, and forget them? Well, only if you're rich and/or you've no regard for your hard-earned money. There is hope for all those clothes you're not wearing. Use them as accent clothes! Example: You've learned yellow just doesn't do a thing for your face, and you have a yellow blazer? Wear it with a print blouse in your correct colors--one that has a touch of yellow in it. What to do with this navy dress, and you've just learned that navy is not on your chart? Put a beautiful printed scarf of corals, beige, yellow, and a touch of navy in it around the neck of that navy dress and look your best! There's not a color in the color wheel that you cannot wear! After you're color analyzed and with the help of your color chart, you will be confident in wearing those colors, and you will save a ton of money in the meantime.

In the months to come, we will discuss building an efficient and versatile core wardrobe around clothes you can mix and match, thereby creating more outfits with fewer clothes. Remember, being well dressed and looking polished is not the same as being a "clothes horse." We'll talk about what are the best buys, where to put the most of your wardrobe allowance for the best results, and what things to buy at the "5 & 10" and "second hand" stores to extend and enhance your wardrobe. We'll talk about why that simple, plain little black, navy, or gray dress is so important to every working girl. Here is a hint--it is one of the best investments you can make with your clothing budget!!! See you next month.

CHARLYNE O'REAR
Owner

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Fingers of accusation point at Christians every day.

There's brother John--Sunday, at church, I watched him kneel and pray.

The week's not out, but here he sits, flirting with another man's wife.

Is that what it's all about? Is this living a Christian life?"

Just look at Martha over there, she stood and said, "I love the Lord;"

But when it comes to spreading gossip, her phone's busy as a switchboard.

She can't gossip on her own, there are many waiting with itching ears;

And don't think your sins will be forgotten, they'll be talked about for years!

Oh, there are so many more--I could point each out in turn; But from these few examples, there were lessons I had to learn. I was a young Christian, unlearned in the ways of God and man. I cried, "Lord, people can't live like this, while as a Christian take a stand."

He showed me we were once under law, that could but expose our sin.

Then revealed to us that, though we tried, we could not victory win.

Then, one day, He sent His son, who died to set us free; The chains of the law were broken--when Christ died on Calvary. "Now," He said, "when I look at those who have accepted My Son's saving grace;

"It's not their sins or failure that are revealed before my face. "They are covered with Jesus' blood, and though crimson it may be;

"It washes them as white as snow--they are righteous enough for me.

Whether it be Satan who accuses you, or your fellow man points out your sin.

Don't forget you have an intercessor who's waiting to step in. Though you'll never live a perfect life--don't worry...it'll be fine. Cause when you die, you'll hear Jesus say--"

FATHER, THIS ONE'S MINE."

Mary A. Hartline Clark
Valley Head, Alabama

BAIN - WILLINGHAM

Roy and Shirley Bain of Mentone announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna L. Bain, to Ladon E. Willingham, son of Ralph and Irene Willingham, also of Mentone.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Orville and Annie Mae Jennings of Gaylesville and the late Ed and Lula Mae Bain.

Miss Bain is a 1990 graduate of Valley Head High School and is employed with Premium Hosiery Corp. in Fort Payne.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Lucille Blalock of Mentone and the late Frank Blalock; and Ruby Willingham of Cloudland, Ga., and the late Gene Willingham.

Mr. Willingham is employed with Dave Blalock Construction of Mentone.

The wedding will be Saturday, July 2, 1994, at 2 p.m. at the Mentone Church of God.





William "Wil" Albert Blackburn will be celebrating his 5th birthday on Thursday, July 14, 1994. Wil lives in Mentone with his parents, Vickie and Al Blackburn, and his sister, Alex. Wil's grandparents are William Blackburn of Mentone; Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Crabtree of Fort Payne; and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gaines of Dalton, Georgia. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WIL!**



Jim and Lea Burkhalter of Kennesaw, Ga., in front of the Kountry Chef in Mentone, pick up the Rocking Chair they won at the drawing held during the April Gospel Music Festival



DONNA R. BROCK, NATIONAL HONOR ROLL AWARD WINNER, UNITED STATES ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY, LEXINGTON, KY

The United States Achievement Academy announced May 31, 1994, that Donna R. Brock has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award Winner. Donna Brock, who attended Valley Head High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly United States Achievement Academy award winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy. The USAA National Honor Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Donna Brock is the daughter of Rev. Don and Yvonne Brock. The grandparents are Ruby Brock and Delilah Coots of Mentone.

MAPA BIRTHDAYS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

John O'Rear	June 9
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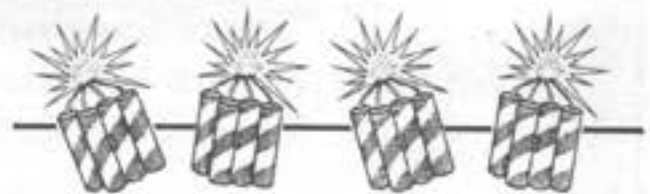


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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Ps. 34-1

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July 16	Frogs	Dr. George Kline
July 23	Backyard Habitats	Jeanne Wallace
July 30	Folk Stories for All Ages	Mrs. Gibbs Couch
Aug 6	Geology of Lookout Mountain	Ken Thomas
Aug 13	The American Bald Eagle	Ken Thomas
Aug 20	Watchable Wildlife	Forrest Bailey
Sept 3	Owls Of Alabama	Ken Thomas
Sept 10	Legends on the Lookout	Ken Thomas

Programs are free to the public and everyone is invited. The programs begin at 8:00 pm at the James L. Wynn Interpretive Fire Ring, located in the DeSoto State Park Campground. Bring a lawn chair if you have one, seating is limited. In case of bad weather programs will be held in the Nature Center, located next to the DeSoto State Park Country Store.

