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THE SHIGLEY HOUSE TRANSFORMED INTO THE MENTONE COMMUNITY HOUSE

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The Shigley house in Mentone built between 1913 and 1916, is being renovated and will be used as a Community House. It was built by Henry "Frank" Shigley. The transformation is taking place now.

In 1880, when Frank came down from Michigan because of his health, he homesteaded property on Alpine Road, near where Mabel Crow Kirk presently lives. Frank saw a beautiful lady riding by on a horse one day, and he fell in love with her. This beautiful lady was Melissa Keith Shigley. She and Frank were married in October 1888.

Frank and Melissa had twelve children: Elizabeth, Anna Belle, Ernest, Ethel, Grace, Stella, Edna, Rona and Nora (twins), Ruby, Clarence, and Margaret. Only the youngest of the children actually lived in The Shigley House. The others had already moved away and were married in 1916.

Four of the twelve children are living today: Ethel (Mrs. Adams) of the Fountains in Fort Payne, who will be 99 years old on July 4; Margaret Crowe (Mrs. Charles), Rome, Ga.; Edna Jones (Mrs. David), Macon, Ga.; and Ruby Daniel (Mrs. Robert "Bob"), Mentone.

Ruby remembers moving into the house in Mentone when she was four years old. Margaret said she was only 9 months old when they moved into their new home in January 1916. Margaret recalls that her sister, Ethel, lived with them for a short time before she got married and moved away. Margaret and Ruby said Ethel was a telephone operator in Valley Head around 1919.

Other Shigley family members are still living in and around Mentone. •Ernest's son, Leonard Shigley, and his wife, Winnie Mae --Leonard has been helping with the renovations of The Community House. •Grace Pullen, •Eva Clark (Fort Payne, Ala.), and •Robert Green, are children of Ethel, who was married to Frank Green. Grace's husband is Bill Pullen. Robert is married to Ilene Green. •Betty Johnson, daughter of Grace and Horace Jones, is the wife of James Johnson, and they have a son Freddie and daughter Sue, who are married and have families of their own.

Frank Shigley was a builder, building homes in the Fort Payne area where he lived with his family. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Mr. Shigley started out building houses, and he helped build the Fort Payne Opera House, and the Old Hotel. Frank was a builder in Fort Payne until the boom busted. He owned property in the Wills Creek area near the present day Terrapin Hills, where he built a home for his family. Frank also went to Chattanooga, Muscle Shoals, and Dothan during WWI working to provide for his family.

Education was a priority with Frank and Melissa. When there were no schools to attend locally, the children boarded out with relatives in other areas and states. Ruby met Bob Daniel while she was a senior in high school, attending Wesleyan Methodist Junior College in Central, South Carolina. Ruby and Bob celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 12, 1996.



Frank and Melissa Shigley

Photo provided by Ruby Daniel

Both Ruby and Margaret related that after Moon Lake Elementary School burned in approximately 1923, their dad raised money for the school by sponsoring a pancake supper to help pay the teachers so they would stay and teach. Ruby remembered that he also hired a teacher to come to their home so the children's education could continue.

Margaret recalled the night the Moon Lake School burned. "It went up so fast because it was an old building. I never forgot that night. The fire lit up the sky, and we lived so close to the school. After the school burned, classes were held in the Baptist Church, which burned later, and then the Wesleyan Church. Some classes were even held at Pearl and Lee Matheny's home, near where the old covered bridge was located. At that time, we used the covered bridge to get to school. The community really opened up and helped until the new school was built."

Margaret commented, "We always had a crowd there on Sunday. Dad loved to sing and would invite people to come to the house. Mother never knew how many were coming for dinner. Singing was always a part of our lives."

"Part of my chores was to keep the water bucket filled from the pump on the porch and to keep the water reservoir on the stove filled up. I remember flowers and good cooking. Mother always had a good garden with vegetables and flow-



The Shigley House

Picture taken at the MERF open house on May 4, 1997. This photo appeared in the June issue of The Groundhog.

Photo by Carol Hazell

ers. She had a green thumb. There was a rambling rose on the fence, and we had beautiful gladiolas. Pansies, mother's favorite, were planted in a big washtub in the area where the tree has been cut down and a stump remains. Petunias were dad's favorite flower, and we had lots of them, too. I'm thankful the house is being used for something worthwhile now. Dad would be happy that it will help education and be a place for older people to enjoy, too."

Both Ruby and Margaret remember that no matter where they lived, their father made sure there was a Sunday School class. If there wasn't one, he started one. Sunday School was a very important part of their lives.

Ruby said, "When everyone got together at the house on Sundays,"--those who were working and away from home, friends, and all the children who lived at home--"good times were had."

This is the heritage of the Shigley House which, after renovations will be transformed into The Community House. The Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (MERF) purchased the house in 1995, with the purpose of enriching the living and learning of the community. This can be a warm,

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The MAPA picnic will be held at Brow Park on July 1, at 6:30 p.m. ALL ADVERTISERS for The Groundhog ARE INVITED. This is a covered dish

MESSAGE FROM

THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Jerry Waters



First of all, I'd like to thank the members of the Mentone Area Preservation Association for seeing fit to elect me as president of the organization for the coming year. I hope I am up to the task and can help all of you to see your goals for MAPA fulfilled. Eternal optimist that I am, I believe our best days are ahead of us. I also believe that if we all pull together, we can accomplish anything we set our minds to do. I want to express my deep appreciation to those MAPA members and officers who have labored long and hard during the past fifteen years of MAPA's existence and who have accomplished so very much. I know it has been a labor of love for all of you.

I'm pleased to report that, based on all the reports we have received to date, the 1997 Rhododendron Festival was a resounding success in all aspects. I believe MAPA raised more funds in this festival than we have in the last several festivals, despite the fact that we were unable to offer boat rides at Little River again this year. (I'm happy to report, however, that two boat owners from Florence, Alabama, have committed to running boats rides at the upcoming Colorfest in October. If all goes well, they will return to run boat rides for the 1998 Rhododendron Festival.) Sales of native rhododendron plants were very good. T-shirt sales and tickets for the quilt raffle were also strong. And, for the first time ever, the Rhododendron Pageant actually showed a profit! The festival attendees seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, the entertainers put on great performances, and overall, the vendors were pleased with the turnout and promised to return to future festivals.

Those members who worked to help at the Rhododendron Festival did a tremendous job, and deserve a big pat on the back. Actually, they deserve a lot more than that, but that is all we have to offer right now! Please make sure they get one. However, many of our most faithful members are growing weary. It is time for the rest of us to step up to the plate and help ensure that the work to be done on future projects is spread out more evenly among the membership. As the owner of two businesses, I know how difficult it is to find time to work on projects like these festivals. Somehow Doreen and I have been able to set aside the time needed to get the job done - just as many others have done in the past. I am now challenging every member of MAPA, including those out-of-towners, to make a commitment to get more actively involved in this wonderful organization. We need to see you at our monthly meetings. We need volunteers to work a few hours at our festivals. Most of all, we need and want your input to help us determine where MAPA is headed in the future.

It seems to me that, although a lot of people pledge their support to MAPA, no one seems to have a clear vision of where we should be headed. I am requesting your input regarding the types of projects you would like to see MAPA undertaking. I believe this can be a fun and rewarding effort if we all pull together and help carry one another's loads. I am not afraid of CHANGE. In fact, I love it. I believe there are times when the pot needs stirring to bring the stew to its fullest flavor potential. Now is such a time. We need to stir up the pot, toss around some fresh ideas and get this party moving again. That is not to say that what has been accomplished in the past fifteen years was not good enough - far from it! The excellence of our past is what has brought us to where we are today. We need to press forward, reach for the new goals we will establish together, and build on the solid foundation laid by the toils of the past.

Okay...now that I've motivated you, maybe you're wondering what to do first. Here's your first call to action: Make sure you attend our annual potluck picnic Tuesday, July 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Brow Park. Bring a covered dish and help us celebrate another wonderful year together. I would especially like to extend a warm invitation to those organizations and individuals who are advertisers in The Groundhog. We appreciate your support of our little paper, and we know we couldn't do it without you.

As for those of you who haven't yet joined MAPA, but

Friends of Little River

Friends of Little River met on May 20, 1997, at Fischer Rescue Squad Building. President Desmond Disney called the meeting to order and welcomed board members and guests.

Desmond announced that Friends of Little River had applied for and received a one-time membership drive grant in the amount of \$1000.

A discussion was had regarding an application for ONRW status of Little River located and beginning in Georgia. Three Georgia residents were in attendance requesting information for the procedure to apply.

The president appointed Tuck Meadows, Sigi Patrie, and Bill Adams as the nominating committee for the elections to be held in July at the annual membership meeting. The nominating committee is to report at the June 17 meeting.

At the June 17 meeting, Sigi Patrie gave the report of the nominating committee. The slate of officers are: President - Desmond Disney, Vice-President - Joe Wright, Secretary - Marie S. Dillenbeck, Treasurer - Theresa Cox, Parliamentarian - Don Lucy, Board members Melanie Blackwell and Tory Milazzo, Sr. 2-year terms; Rob Hammond and Joe Brown have one more year to serve on the board. The elections will be held at the next meeting on July 15, 1997.

The meeting will be held at Nippersink and dessert and coffee will be served. Members may bring their favorite dessert to share at the meeting.

The July meeting is the annual membership meeting followed by the board of director's meeting. Nominations from the floor will be welcomed. In order to vote, members must have their membership dues paid up. Proxy votes will be accepted, too, as long as dues are current.

Come and attend the next meeting. Remember, it is at Nippersink Lodge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15.



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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

I'm glad to see some warmer days and appreciate all the precious sunny rays and glad so many people are having good vacations.

Jim Carmichael had a very interesting trip as he drove with his grandson, **William Thomas**, to New Mexico, where William will work as a scout ranger at the Philmont Boy Scout Camp for the summer. (They are expecting 2,000 scouts this summer from all over the world.) They ate in the dining hall of the old historic James Hotel built in 1880. Wyatt Earp and Jessie James had stayed there and many gun battles had been fought there. There had been many bullet holes in the ceiling that were covered when they remodeled, but there were twenty-five still visible. Jim spent four days sight seeing. He visited the Summer home of Waite Phillips, founder of (Phillips 66 Oil Co. at Cimarron, and visited the original Old Town of Albuquerque and learned a lot of history.

Evelyn Clark and her sister, **Violet Barker**, went with **Margaret and Loy Clerk Jr.**, to Gulf Shores for a few days.

Jason Meadows, **Chris and Gracie Brown**, **Amanda and Dillon** have returned home after several days spent at Gulf Shores.

Adelaide Biddle attended the graduation of her grandson **Josh Biddle Carmichael** (the son of Mary Lou and David Carmichael) at E. Paulding High School at Dallas, Ga. There were 175 graduates, and he was in the top ten percent of the class and received nine athletic and academic awards. There was a picnic dinner at his parents' home afterwards. Adelaide also went with **Alan and Lisa Biddle** to the home of some of their friends for a Lobster Fest and reported the lobsters were delicious.

The Senior Center at Fort Payne gave a Wedding Ceremonies celebration and reception on June 19, honoring couples who had been married for many years. The room was beautifully decorated as a wedding chapel. Rev. Nolan Ford was the speaker, and LaKala Willingham sang "Wind Beneath My Wings." **Paul and Minnie Welden** and **Herbert and Ora Johnson** were honored for being married for 72 years.

Virginia Livezey, **Doris and Jim Carmichael** attended their uncle **John Helms'** 96th birthday celebration at Sand Rock, recently, given by the children.

Rhonda and Jim Kirby entertained with a brunch at their home on May 29, honoring their daughter, **Haley Culver**, a graduate of Ft. Payne High School. She received a 2-year scholarship to N.E. and a 4-year scholarship to Troy State University, where she will go in September. The buffet table was decorated with mementos from her high school years. Those present were **Bill and Kate Kirby** and **Jane Kirby** from Valley Head; **Lee Smith and Arlette Newton** from Valley, Ala; **Heath Kirby**, **Tim Beasley**, **Amy and Ben Kirby**, **Johnny Culver**, **Jeremy Cushen**, **Maxine Ferguson**, **Calvin Marie**, and **Kenneth Blansit** enjoyed a very interesting trip. They flew to California and rented a van for an extended tour. They went to the Napa Valley wine country and visited a winery where they tasted and learned how it was made. They were awestruck by the giant Redwoods forest. They saw St. Helens, which is just now recovering from the devastating volcano of 1980, they saw Hollywood, they attended Rev. Schuler's service at the Crystal Cathedral (its beauty was beyond description). They visited relatives in Seattle, and the Farmer's Market, went to the top of the Space Needle and Mt. Rainier. They took a ferry across to Victoria, Canada for sight seeing and visited famous writer, **Monte Ventor**.

Ed Ringer visited his niece, **Sara Schmitt** at Fayetteville, NC and **W.O. Bert and son, Mike**, for a long weekend. He

The Valley Head Methodist Church is glad to have Jeff Adkins as continuing pastor, also Melinda and Little Amelia. Jeff swapped pulpits with Jerry Holcomb of Kings Chapel Church on June 22.

Billie Harper is scheduled for serious surgery at BMC-DeKalb on July 15. Remember her in your prayers that she may have a quick and complete recovery.

Laura Margaret Allison has returned home after a visit with her daughter, **Ansley McGinnis**, in Florence, SC, and she visited the **Thomas Ansley** home in Thomson, Ga. The Ansleys were her ancestors on her grandmother's side. Her grandmother was **Margaret Ansley Riordan**.

Congratulations to **Ruth and Bert Pickett** who celebrated with dinner in Chattanooga on their 58th wedding anniversary on June 24.

Congratulations to **Robert Donald Brown II and Michele Schiller Wallace**, who were married June 22. May they have a long, happy life together.

Congratulations to **Ginger Clark Tuxbury**, who received her MA Degree from the University of Alabama, and to **Chad Chaney**, **Sylvia Crane** and **Andrew Phillips**, who made the President's list for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average at N.E. Community College for the spring quarter.

The UMW of Valley Head Methodist Church met with Geneva Smith, Thelma Hammond, and Vesta Hawkins. Mary Holleman led the program about Sarah and Hagar, assisted by Venna Livingston. Eloise Brown read the scripture. Others present were **Helen White**, **Laura Margaret Allison** and two visitors, **Arno White** and **Janie Mercer**.

The Rock Castle is open evenings Tuesday through Saturday. Regular hours are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, it is open until 9 p.m.

I dare not think of my daughter, **Eldonna's** travail as she battles cancer, so I must switch my channels of thoughts.

I opened my bedside window the other night, and I heard the frogs conversing. Their inflection and expression sounded exactly like a gathering of men expressing crops and weather as men do. I have a tree frog in a nearby tree who sings to me. Its chant and cadence is melody to me. I like to hear the Whippoorwill. It brings memories of my childhood, sitting on the porch at Wildwood hearing the lyrical whistle of the Whippoorwill on a nearby tree. I like to hear the sounds of the night and know with Nature all is well and right. I am comforted for a time by the channels of thought into Nature's realms of beauty, music, and order.

"This is my Father's world and to my listening ears,
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres."

I beg for life for one who has so much to give and is so desperately needed--and "rest me in the thought--"

"This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seem oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one."

Prayer For Our Land

Almighty God, You gave us this beautiful land,
We beseech Thee to hold it safely in your hand;
Save us from discord, violence and confusion--
Give us leaders that will spare us from disillusion--
Defend our liberties, and our people unite
In the common cause of moral decency and right.
Bless our leaders with wisdom and ability, too,
And with humility to listen and learn from You--
That there may be peace and plenty for all.
We praise You in gratitude that on You we can call,
With assurance that You can unite and heal our land,
And hold it safely in the hollow of Your hand.

—Eloise Brown

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dearest loyal readers. Another festival has come and gone (Rhododendron Festival) and visitors came daily to pay homage to the great one. The Foster family from Knoxville, TN: **Emily (7)**, **Blake (5)**, **Andrew (20 months)**, and a friend of theirs, **Blake Reed**, who came from Memphis, TN, were in the Superette. Of course, they were awed by the magnificent canine specimen between the counters.

Later, **Ryan Williams** from Alabaster, Alabama, dropped by to check on me. Wanted to know if moi was still doing the Tootsie Roll strut. Need he ask?

Danielle Hicks of Valley Head, a lovely little lass, said of course he is. She came by and bought moi a tootsie pop. Moi will do the Tootsie Roll strut forever--and that's a long time. Danielle says she reads my column every month. Even the young know a good writer when they see one.

It seems Tennessee folks can't get enough of moi. **Catie Reed** of Collierville, strolled in to set at the feet of the flawless one.

Here comes **Jessica Lee** of Mentone. She is wonderful, although not as wonderful as moi.

Wil and Al took me for a ride this past week, said we were going to June Jam, it being the final one. Well, it was a trick! They took me to the vet to see the hated Dr. McNew. Remember him? He is jealous of moi's fame and told Wil and Al that moi needed to lose some weight because of an extra 7 or 8 pounds that showed up on his scales. If he would keep his foot off the scales, moi would not have to suffer the consequences of "having to lose weight." Moi thought Wil could be trusted, but things have changed. Al has managed to brainwash this child so he would take part in the trickery of the great one.

It's still Rain, Rain, Rain. That's all it has done for weeks. When the annual bike "race" came through the weekend of June 14--Flag Day, no less--there were plenty of folks to come in and pay homage to moi. Of course, my fame has spread to all parts of the United States, and when they get back to their hometowns, they all must report as to the personal visit with the great one. See why Al and Dr. McNew are so jealous?

When the bicycle riders came through, they all came in drenched to the skin by the rain, rain, rain. The Davis family: **Lisa**, **Cliff**, **Molly (7)**, and **Anna (3)**, from Salem, SC, got just as wet as the rest of them. Moi is always glad to see the little ones--they don't try to hide their feelings like adults do. They just adored moi and weren't embarrassed to show it.

It's vacation time. Flatlanders are coming in great numbers. Moi loves the adoration they shower upon this great canine. Folks from Charlottesville, VA, **Callie Hall (13)**, **Emily Hall (7)**, and **Amy Hall (17)**, along with **Rebecca Giles (13)** and **Mary Grace Giles (11)** were in the Superette to see moi, of course. Sometimes, they purchase items to keep up their strength or quench their thirst. It keeps Al happy!

Another beautiful lass has entered the Superette. **Emily Thompson (8)** from Tupelo, MS, came a long distance just to cast her eyes upon the magnificent one. As it should be.

With all these visitors all at once, moi tires more easily, but loves all the attention. Several star-struck Alabama residents have darted in to see the great one: **Savanna Wills** from Nectar, AL; **Linda and Jerry Pitts** from Morris, AL; and **Christopher Cox**, from Gadsden. Keep coming, folks, moi is here.

Mentone Grapevine

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By Marie S. Dillenbeck

This was the final year for the annual June Jam event. They volunteers and members of the group "Alabama" have worked hard for years to provide a quality event for this area sixteen years in a row. Thanks for a job well done. We're going to miss you!

George and Hattie Lide are looking forward to their visit from daughter, Carol Aleski, and her family, from Pittsburgh, PA. Husband, Dave, and children, Dana, and Michael, will be here for the Fourth of July celebrations.

Bill and Sue Schwarz are hosting their two grandchildren, Rachel and Gwennie Hamilton from Florida. One of their outings included a trip to the Aquarium in Chattanooga. Have lots of fun, Summer is here!

Hope and George Walker returned from a trip to Maine where they visited with daughter, JoAnne and husband, Charles Phillips. While they were there, they went to Bar Harbor for lobster. They said they had a lovely time and always do. On the way back home, Hope and George visited friends in Cashiers, NC. They're quite the travelers.

Charlyne and John O'Rear held their annual "get together" under the same big oak tree on June 7. Aunt Inez O'Rear was honored. (See pictures and article elsewhere.) Charlyne and John also enjoyed two of their grandchildren--Abby and Hannah who came for a visit. Charlyne said she was busy, busy, trying to keep up with two little ones. Friends Jack and Clara Norton from Knoxville, TN, came to visit with them.

Congratulations to Kellie Crabtree and Duane Blalock who were married Saturday, June 21st at the Mentone United Methodist Church. Best wishes to the newlyweds.

Malcolm Brewer celebrated his 83rd birthday on June 24th. For his birthday, Malcolm received many phone calls and cards from his friends. Hope and George Walker, Jim and Gail Gaylord, and Malcolm and Maureen went to Rome for dinner. He said he had a great birthday. Many happy returns, Malcolm. We love you.

Ethel Adams at the Fountains in Ft. Payne turns 99 on July 4th. What a celebration that will be!

Catherine Bailey turned 87 on June 21. She's a special lady to so many people. Catherine taught school for many years and left quite a mark on the lives of those she touched.

Congratulations to Shirley Collins, daughter of Jewel Collins Rogers. Shirley was promoted to Private First Class. She is stationed at the Army base in Fort Knox, KY.

Jerry, Robin, Blake, Jerod, & Reid Hulgán just returned from a week long vacation in Gulf Shores. Now they need another week just to relax.

Congratulations to Aunt Wendy Manifold. Mr. & Mrs. Toby Manifold were helping her show off her new niece at the Valley Head Graduation. Wendy is a very proud Aunt.

Get well quick wishes go out to Kathy Robertson, the new president of the Valley Head Band Boosters. Kathy recently underwent surgery and we hope she is recovering nicely. She has lots to do in the future.

Valley Head is happy to welcome Mrs. Eunice Franklin back. Mrs. Franklin is now in the process of moving back into her mobile home in Valley Head. We are happy to have her back.

Ethan Lewis and Ben Windom joined other kids during June for one week at the Woodmen of the World camp in Albertville. They had a great time, but were really happy to get back home.

We hope Mr. Ed Ringer is feeling much better. He has been having problems with his ears lately and visiting the doctor.

Friends of Francis Rosario Blix will be glad to hear that Francis is recovering nicely from recent surgery.

Lucille Crowe had quite a "lightning" experience recently. While she was home one Saturday, lightning struck her tree.

Congratulations to Donna Renee Brock and David L. Vest who were married on June 7 at Church of God of Prophecy in Mentone.

Ashley Harrison of Valley Head made the Dean's List (All As & Bs) at Gadsden State Community College for the spring quarter. Congratulations, Ashley.

Charity Bell, Jeremy Hope, and Gail Smalley of Mentone, and Jennifer Blake, Anthony Corbin, and Glenda Haney of Valley Head, made the Dean's List for academic excellence at Northeast Alabama Community College for the spring quarter. Congratulation to each of you for a job well done.

Derek Talley of Valley Head High School attended the Alabama North Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar held May 23-25 at the University of Montevallo. He was chosen based on the leadership skills he demonstrated. This was quite an honor.

Valley Head Baptist Church recently held Bible School. Attendance was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Peggy Wright hasn't been feeling well lately. Hope she is much better soon.

Sympathy goes out to Carol Busby and her family. Carol recently lost her brother, Jim Newsome, to cancer. Jim will be missed by many because he was a wonderful man.

Congratulations to Jamie Newsome and Barbara Bridger. They were united in marriage on Thursday, June 19th. Good luck to you both.

Lisa Moore celebrated her birthday on June 10th with family and food at her Mother & Fathers in Sylvania. She received lots of cards and a special homemade cake from Ed Ringer of Valley Head. The cake was delicious.

Beth Moore recently enjoyed a partly nice weekend at her Aunt Melody's house in Atlanta. While there, Beth visited the malls and the swimming pool.

Michelle Chappell celebrated her birthday with lots of friends and cake at her home on June 10th. We wish her many more wonderful birthdays.

Ruby and Bob Daniel had visitors during June Jam this year. Mary and Rendell Cosand from Central, SC. Ruby and Bob enjoyed their visit.

Chad Chaney, Sylvia Crane, and Andrew Phillips from Valley Head made the President's List (4.0 GPA) at Northeast Alabama Community College this spring quarter. Super job! We know you worked hard to achieve this honor.

Sally Ann Wheat of Mentone made the President's List (4.0 GPA) at Jacksonville State University for the spring semester. On the Dean's List (3.50-3.99) were Laura Ann McKenzie and Leah Sharp Willbanks. Congratulations to each of you young scholars.

Many 9th graders will be sad to know that Mary Pearson has decided to stay with her Dad and Step-mom in Utah for a while. She will be greatly missed by all her friends. We wish her lots of luck and happiness.

A benefit singing to help the family of Mr. Jim Newsome was held on Saturday, June 14th. Lots of money was raised and there were many great singers who volunteered their talents. A great big thank you goes out to all who assisted with this event. All money raised was greatly appreciated.

Gene Bullock's granddaughter Emilee Cavaness (Texas) has received two awards for good citizenship. Emilee is only four and already setting a good example for little brother Christopher. Gene also had a surprise visit from his sister Dorothy and her husband Richard a few days before Father's Day. Daughter Tracy Lewis (Texas) presented her dad with a new grandson, Aaron Nicholas. Aaron was born February 18, 1997, at 11:52 a.m., weighing in at 7 lbs and 6 oz. So far, the count stands at eight grandkids for Gene.

Dorothy Shelden from Las Cruces, NM, visited for a few days with her daughter, Marie Dillenbeck. They had a great visit, but "it was too short," according to Marie. Dorothy said she would come back soon. Marie is looking forward to a longer visit next time. Her mom will be 78 on August 1st and loves to travel.

Sincere apologies to Ryan Wrigley for an error the Groundhog made in the March 1996 issue. It was reported that Jack Corey won the National Spell Off at Ft. Payne Middle School and that he went to State Level. It should have read that Ryan Wrigley was the winner and that it was the National Geography Bee. Ryan Wrigley, State Champion in Geography.

pared.

For those who love gospel singing, several people met at the Bankhead Chapel on June 2nd for the first time. A gospel singing has been planned for every 2nd Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Bankhead. Jim Lyday and Howard Carson are co-chairs of this singing. Come and sing with them. You'll come away enriched by the music.

Haley Culver of Valley Head received the Excellence in Leadership Award, a full-tuition scholarship to Troy State University. She is the daughter of Jim and Rhonda Kirby and Johnny and Patti Culver. She is a 1997 graduate of Fort Payne High School.

Congratulations to Ginger Clark Tuxbury, who received her MA degree from the University of Alabama in May.

If you like auctions and good, clean, family fun, Fran Hawk invites you to come to the New Salem Auction every Friday and Saturday night, beginning at 7 p.m., with Ray Arbor, auctioneer. The place to be is 37456 US Highway 11 in Hammondville. Plenty of items are auctioned off. Included are salvage foreclosure articles, new and used, baby items, small kitchen appliances, and much more. It is open to the public.

Reservations for vegetarian cooking classes are being taken now. If you are interested in healthier living and delicious food, sign up now!!! For more information, call Stan and Linda Lawton - 634-4658 or John and Dowe Foreman - 634-4021. Classes starting soon.

Lula McGee Blalock is doing fine at this time. With all the rain, she says her weeds are higher than her garden vegetables. Lula wishes all her friends a happy, healthy summer. Her son and his family went to visit their daughter in Anchorage, Alaska, and spent a week up there. Lula said they had a wonderful time.

Joey Combs, son of Jewel Rogers, recently found a billfold belonging to a resident of Georgia. He turned the billfold over to the Valley Head Police. The owner sent him a real nice card and a reward. Honest does pay! Way to go, Joey. We're proud of you. You really helped restore man's faith in humanity.

Happy Birthday wishes to the Brown family of Gulfport, MS, who has a lot of birthdays in July: ●6 - Elizabeth (11); ●13 - Jolee (6); ●21 - Jody (father of children); ●23 - Robert (4). Katherine's birthday is Aug. 15, and she will be 8. Mother Teresa's birthday is not until Nov. 23. Mom (grandma) wishes you ALL great birthdays!

Eloise Brown is recovering from a case of poison oak. She said it sure is annoying. Hope it clears up real soon, Eloise.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following:

- Genette Putnam, 73, of Valley Head, who died May 24;
- Jim Newsome, 44, of Sylvania, who died June 10;
- Zeke Jones, 56, of Mentone, who died June 11;
- Ida Baty, 91, of Mentone, who died June 19.

Belated Birthdays wishes for June to: ●8-Dennis Mays; ●23 Johnny Blankenship; Benny Goss; ●24 - Brenda Goss; Tyler Hester.

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: ●1 - Ann Pelletier; ●2 - Terry Hartline; ●3 - Jerry Lewis; Nick Black, Kenneth and Gail Chambers (anniv.); ●4 - Gerry Disney; ●6 - Eunice Moore; ●8 - Joey and Kumi Dillenbeck of Huntsville (3rd Anniv.); ●9 - Kaylee Tucker; ●10 - Alan Bell; ●11 - Alan McElhaney; ●12 - Cindy Harrison, Bobby Smalley (in memory of); ●13 - Tracie Pullen, Penny McElhaney, Sissy Crider; ●14 - Jeffery Hopper; ●15 - Lois Foshee (76) and to her great, great grandson Gage King. (2). Jason Dean, Gary Moore, Leonard and Barbara Davis (Anniv.); ●16 - Chris Bushy; ●17 - Christopher Glenn Black (1 year); ●18 - Loy Langston, Becky Langston; ●20 - Craig Hulgán; ●21 - Eddie Langston; ●22 - Keith Langston, Linda Clark; ●24 - Barbara Davis; ●25 - Linda Gregory; ●26 - Pam Dean; ●28 - Ray Lewis; ●29 - Erma Black; ●30 - Brenda Green (Brenham, Texas); ●31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin.

A parting thought - life is passing by so quickly, think about this statement: You can never do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. Start today, don't wait.

HAVE A HAPPY Independence Day

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Revival will begin at the **Mentone Church of God** on Sunday, July 20, and will extend through Friday, July 25, at 7:00 PM, with Reverend Buell Pitts as evangelist. There will be special singing each evening and everybody is invited to attend. On Sunday morning, July 3, Jason Smith will be ministering in the service.

The **Mentone Wesleyan Church** will have their annual Sunday School picnic at Lizard Lope Lake on Saturday, June 28. Annual Conference and Camp will take place July 23-25 in Meridian, Ms. Anyone in the church who wants to attend is invited.

A 4th of July celebration will be held by **Moon Lake Baptist Church** at Ponderosa Bible Camp at 5 PM. Everyone is to bring picnic foods, homemade ice cream, and fireworks. The next regular business meeting is on July 9 at 6:30 PM. On July 13, Dr. Howard and Mrs. Marilyn Kitchens will speak in the morning service. A Vacation Bible School Roundup will take the place of the worship service that evening. There will be wagon rides, hot dogs, etc., beginning at 3 PM. VBS will be held July 14-18 from 6-8:30 PM, for the children. The Youth will have a VBS from 9 AM - 3 PM the same week. JOY will meet on July 31 for the regular meeting. Larry Lake and Tamara Hall's wedding is scheduled for July 12 at 2 PM at the Moon Lake Baptist Church.

The UMW of the **Valley Head Methodist Church** will meet on the fourth Tuesday, July 22, with Jane Kerby, Mary Crow, and Marjorie Gray as hostesses, and will be held at Jane's home. Melinda Adkins has the program. A breakfast is being planned by the pastor some time in July, but the date has not been set at this time.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** will have communion on Sunday, June 29, in the morning service. In the evening, there will be a vesper service with fun, games, and homemade ice cream. Women on Mission will meet on July 8, at 2 PM, at the church. Weekly prayer meetings are held on Wednesday, at 6:30 PM.

Sunday School at **Union Hill Baptist Church** is at 10 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Adult Choir Practice is at 4:30 PM; Discipleship Training is at 6 PM; and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Each 2nd Sunday in the month there is a singing at 6 PM. Everybody is invited. Mid-week prayer service is each Wednesday at 6:30 PM; Youth Choir Practice is at 5:30 PM on Wednesday; Visitation is each Monday at 6 PM, and the Weigh Down Workshop is at 6:30 PM on Monday. Anyone who is interested in losing weight and becoming involved in an intense Bible Study is invited to join this group.

A series of gospel meetings are scheduled July 9 through 13 at the **Menlo Church of Christ**. Guest speaker will be Gary McCurdy of Lebanon, Alabama. Weeknight services will be held at 7:30 PM. Brother McCurdy will end his part in the gospel meeting with the 10:00 and 11:00 AM services on Sunday, July 13, but regular Sunday evening services will also be held at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to services each Saturday, 9:30-10:45 AM. Sabbath School: 11:00-12:00 worship service. Services

souls be won to Christ thru their efforts.

Mentone United Methodist Church welcomes its new pastor, Linda Tucker. She presently is attending Candler University at Emory in Atlanta. Her husband, John, is also a pastor, and he has been assigned to the Cedar Bluff Methodist Church. The couple reside in Cedar Bluff. Sunday School is at 10 AM and Worship Services at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome. An Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, at 4 p.m., at the church. The PPR Committee will meet on Sunday, July 6, at 4 p.m., at the church. Vacation Bible School will be July 14-18.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has Sunday worship at 10:30 AM, with Fellowship at 10 AM each Sunday.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church has Sunday morning worship services at 9 AM each week. You are invited to join us for worship.

Non-Denominational church, **Only Believe...Ministry**, meets in the old water works building in Valley Head. Service times are Monday - Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday - regular service, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Susan Kendrick welcomes everyone. Come and enjoy a blessing.

The **Mentone Revival Center**, and Pastor Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) invites you to attend services on Sunday morning at 10 AM. Visitors are always welcome to visit the chapel at other times also. Vacation clothes are always acceptable for the service.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church continues to meet for worship at 9 AM each Sunday morning. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith speak on alternate Sundays.

The members of **Harmony Grove Baptist Church**, Pastor Richard Pope and his wife, Tressia, invite everyone to come and discover the difference at the old country church located on County Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Harmony Grove reopened on the 13th of April, 1997. Services are: Sunday School - 9:45 AM; Morning Worship - 11:00 AM; Evening Worship - 6:00 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer - 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and experience the blessing from God. On Sunday nights in July, Pastor Richard Pope will be teaching and preaching on the subject of prayer, the key that unlocks the door. There is a Lock-In scheduled for the youth on the 11th day of July from 5 PM on Friday until 7 AM Saturday morning. We will roast marshmallows, cook hot-dogs, play games, and learn more about Jesus. There is also a trip planned for the youth to go to Lake Winnie in Chattanooga on August 2nd. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome.

J. O. Y.

The J.O.Y. Club will meet at Moon Lake Baptist Church on July 31, at 11:30 AM. All seniors are invited to attend regularly. Bring a covered dish and a friend and come join in the fun and fellowship.

The Lookout Restaurant

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Christian Martyrs

"The Hidden Stones in our Foundation"

Susannah Wesley

died July 23, 1742

(Submitted by Jean Gauld)

Ten of her nineteen children died before they were two years old, and one of her daughters was deformed. Yet, she wrote in her diary that all of her sufferings served to "promote my spiritual and eternal good. Glory be to thee, O Lord." Susannah's father refused to obey an English law of 1662 forcing all clergymen to obey the Book of Common Prayer. Five thousand of these Christians, called "Non-conformists," died in English prisons for their faith.

Her husband remained with the Church of England. For this, his barns were burned and his own disgruntled congregation had him arrested and sent to prison. During this time, she endured terrible poverty. A thief slashed the udders of the family cow so she had to find milk for her children. She said, "Religion is nothing else than doing the will of God and not our own. Heaven or hell depends on this alone."

She homeschooled her children six hours a day. One day their roof was burned by irate parishioners. All the family escaped except for six-year-old John who jumped from a window as the roof fell in. Her preacher son, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodists, was later barred from most of the churches in England.

When we rejoice with the song, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," let us remember that this was written by her son, Charles Wesley. Let us take heart in our own trials with the fact that most major spiritual battles and victories, which have affected our lives generations later, were not won with light conversations around a bowl of eggnog. They were won by the sacrifices of those hidden stones under our feet.

May we follow in their steps.

A Christian Martyr is one who: Chooses to suffer death rather than to deny Christ, or His work.... Sacrifices something very important to further the Kingdom of God.... Endures great suffering for Christian Witness.



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THE SHIGLEY HOUSE TRANSFORMED INTO THE MENTONE COMMUNITY HOUSE

(Continued from Page 1)

friendly gathering place for the people of this community.

The Community House, which has a large kitchen, large meeting room, and two restrooms, will be used to hold MERF-sponsored programs, such as free student tutoring and Spanish classes. Some other planned programs are a time management seminar, a community meal program, and computer classes using Macintosh computers that have been donated. It can become the meeting place for clubs, service organizations, and special interest clubs. Even more, it can be a local place of fellowship—a place to gather in the morning for coffee, to play cards, scrabble, checkers, or to meet just to talk about the latest events.

Several churches in the area, along with Nature's Classroom, have adopted rooms in the house. Many volunteer hours of labor will be spent in order to finish the house. The Community House will be a testimony to what can happen when people work together.

Combined with The Community House is a one-quarter mile Community Walking Park. For his Eagle Scout project, Eagle Scout Jake Pinholster, of Troop 106 in Mentone, planned the Community Walking Park. Because of the rainy weather, paving of the walking area has not been completed. As soon as weather permits, the walking park will be finished.

If you would like to know more about The Community House, you may call any of the board members of MERF. Sue Henry, chairperson - 634-4599; Don Brock - 634-4164; Bill Berry - 634-4326; Jean Corey - 634-4848; John Corey - 634-4848; Carol Brown Hazell - 634-4755; Marsha Hurt - 634-4647; Kathy Kirby McMunn - 634-4575; or Edna Smith Morgan - 634-4431. If you would like to make a donation, you may send it to MERF, P.O. Box 107, Mentone, AL 35984.

Good times will continue to be had by all who use the Shigley homeplace which is undergoing a magnificent transformation into The Community House.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB



State of Alabama Garden Club President Mrs. Mary Fay Crumley and Mrs. Ann Wright holding the first place ribbon for best flower show in the state. Photo by Reita Grant

Laurels for Rhododendron Garden Club

"Jewels of the Gulf" was the theme of the 65th Annual convention of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., held June 3-6, 1997, at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. Representatives of the various garden clubs all over the state attended the state convention and picked up the awards their clubs had won for the year.

Ann Wright, master gardener and former Rhododendron Garden Club President, went as the club's representative. She was justified in being proud of the first place ribbon the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs won for having had the very best flower show in the state. The ribbon is a burgundy and pink rosette. (See photo above.)

Ann Wright was the Chairman of the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs 1996 Flower Show at the DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair in Fort Payne. Many ladies worked very hard for many days to make the show a tremendous success, and it showed. Everybody who was in attendance at the fair last year was aware that the flower show was a "class act." Statewide awards have to be earned. A committee consisting of Mrs. Barbara Blalock, Mrs. Linda Brown, and Mrs. Ann Wright of the Rhododendron Garden Club at Mentone, and Mrs. Reita Grant of Rainsville, who is a member of the Flowering Dogwood Garden Club at Henagar, put together the Book of Evidence that was submitted for that particular competition.

The people of DeKalb County really should take pride in the fact that their flower show is so well done. The ladies of all the garden clubs put so much effort into the flower show that they are completely exhausted when the week of the fair is over, but they do an outstanding job, and the beauty of the flowers is on display for everybody to enjoy.

This fall, when it is time for the fair and the flower show, please be sure to go by and see the lovely flowers while you keep in mind that there is far more to being a garden club member than just growing and showing pretty flowers. Projects are done every year to improve the school grounds and protect the environment. The next time you happen to see one of those endeavors in progress or witness a child's reaping the benefits of a garden club project, please smile and say "thank you" to let the ladies know that their work is appreciated.

The Rhododendron Garden Club takes great pride in the fact that the Rhododendron Ecoteers of Mentone made the Blue Ribbon Honor Roll. Ann Wright brought back their certificate. The Rhododendron Garden Club also received the Club of Distinction award.

Rhododendron Garden Club Has Work Day

On the morning of Tuesday, June 10, 1997, a contingent of fourteen ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club braved the elements and met in Edward Mason Park in beautiful downtown Mentone for a work day. All things considered, the park was in remarkably good condition. The ladies raked, picked up sticks, cleaned debris from the stream, and prepared to put in new bridges across the stream in various places. It is the city's responsibility to mow the park, but there are wildflower specimens in there that the ladies of the garden club do not want to see mowed down. Therefore, they took the necessary precaution to prevent that. Along the stream is located a massive bed of ferns of various kinds—Cinnamon, New York, etc.—and the ladies hauled rocks and delineated where the mowing should stop in order to encourage the proliferation of the native ferns. While certain wildflowers are not officially considered endangered, they are out of the ordinary and not usually found. Therefore, when the ladies found the Star Grass with its fine as opposed to coarse green foliage and tiny little yellow blossoms, and Pipsissewa, which is a coarser and much larger plant with white flowers on it, in the park they took their trusty gardening implements and moved those plants to a more secure location where they would not be victimized by the lawnmower. When the ladies were moving the wildflowers, and particularly some of the ferns at the future bridge locations, they made a point of moving as much dirt as possible with each specimen in order to minimize the trauma to the plant.

The DeSoto Rescue Squad's Easter egg hunt and other activities take place in Mason Park every year, and the ladies have taken that into consideration in their work. The ladies and their plants are between the stream and Alabama Highway 117, whereas the park area beyond the stream is strictly grass, readily mowed, and saved for activities best conducted out of the wildflower beds the garden club ladies tend so diligently.

At Mentone, the soil is shallow, and the bedrock is never very far away. Therefore, when anything grows in that situation, the roots are forced to spread out instead of going down. When the ladies were working in the soil in the park, they found that every time they turned over a blade of earth, it was just full of roots of one kind and another. That is a good thing, because the more roots in the soil the more likely it is to stay in place and the less likely it is to wash and erode.

The ladies picked up trash and sticks while they were working, and they would like to caution everybody to please NOT litter when you are out this summer—or any other time for that matter—picnicking and enjoying the outdoors. President, Mrs. Jan Wilkinson, smiles and says that a good rule of thumb is the old adage "take nothing but pictures and leave only footprints."

When the date was set for the ladies to have their work day, the idea was that summer was coming and it would be warm to hot working out there. That morning was damp, raw, and a bit cool. Mrs. Sally Campbell took drinks—water, soda, tea, and hot coffee—for the ladies to refresh themselves. Jan Wilkinson brought a homemade coffee cake and shared that, too.

Rhododendron Garden Club President Jan Wilkinson thanked everybody for attending the work day and reminded the ladies that their next meeting would be on July 8, at 2 p.m. at the town hall, featuring a flower arranging seminar with a surprise guest. She also reminded everybody to bring a container, oasis, flowers, greenery, and other supplies to use in making arrangements at the July meeting.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Garden Clubs of District II, and the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs.



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DeSoto Rescue Squad

The DeSoto Rescue Squad was begun in 1963. Sam Barrett was the first captain, and members at that time were: Luther King Jr., Leonard Shigley, Sammie Cash, Ovie Blalock, Bobby Brown, Bill Russell, and Chris Johnson.

The Squad held their meeting in the American Legion Hall. Training was simpler back then, and they didn't do any medical.

At one time, the group held the honor of being first in the state in rope rescue, and also ranked at the top in the state for boat rescue. Their boats were specially made in Arkansas to the squad's specifications.

At the present time, there are ten members in the DeSoto Rescue Squad. Officers are: Richard Douthat, captain; Shawn Douthat, 1st LT; Jennifer Smith, 2nd LT; Gail Crider, Chaplain; Melissa Douthat, Secy/Treas. The members worked the final June Jam, helped with the tornado cleanup at Rainsville, and handled 15 calls since April.

They have a scuba team in addition to handling medical calls, search and rescue, traffic direction, and high angle extrication.

The DeSoto Rescue Squad is inviting the public to attend a Community Meeting on Tuesday night, July 1, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to get the community's input to better enable the squad to serve the area, which covers Mentone, Valley Head, Hammondville, and Sulphur Springs. Your suggestions and support are being requested. The squad needs the suggestions, ideas, and help of all those in their area of coverage.

Please plan to attend the meeting on July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mentone Town Hall.



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American Legion Post 215 Hosts District Meeting

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Tuesday night, June 10, 1997, American Legion Post 215 at Mentone hosted the Thirteenth District Meeting with a good crowd of some 35 people from seven posts in attendance. District Meetings are held every other month and rotate so that one takes place at each of the six posts in the district. Mentone always has the June meeting.

Post 215 Commander Jesse Crabtree called the meeting to order, welcomed everybody, and asked Chaplain Howard Carson for the invocation. Prior to the business meeting, the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 served an outstanding meal of spaghetti, fresh garden salad with a choice of dressings, garlic bread, and an abundance of desserts with coffee, tea, water, and soda to drink. The ladies received excellent and very well deserved reviews on their food for the occasion. The ladies of Unit 215 set out their voluntary donations jar and received \$58.00 that they will use to defray some of the cost incurred in their support for veterans living at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. Mrs. Joyce McGee, Veterans Affairs Representative for DeKalb County, was in attendance at the meeting, and she assured the ladies that their efforts on behalf of the veterans are indeed appreciated. As yet, the ladies have not planned their next visit to the Fann home, but they should be doing that soon.

After the meal and before the ladies auxiliary adjourned and went into their own session, District Commander John Jarvis from Post 94 at Albertville awarded Post 215's most faithful Adjutant Ed Ringer a certificate marking his first 50 consecutive years in the American Legion.

The ladies then went into their own meeting. In the absence of District President Mrs. Kathryn Bone due to illness, District Secretary Mrs. Joyce Allen from Unit 62 at Centre installed the 1997-1998 officers for Unit 215. The slate of officers is essentially unchanged: Syble Tipton, President, Penny Lyday, Vice-President, Charlotte Jo Carson, Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Climer, Chaplain, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Historian, Clara Cash, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Gertrude Cox, Parliamentarian.

In their session, the ladies discussed the upcoming state convention at Mobile and the fact that Mrs. Lyla Jarvis, of Unit 94 at Albertville, and wife of District Commander John Jarvis, is going to be attending with her husband. The ladies from Unit 215 have submitted their narrative history for judging in the scrapbook contest and hope to be recognized for their efforts at the convention.

This month, Unit 215 is sending Miss Teri Campbell from Valley Head High School to Girls State at Montgomery. A report on that should be filed at a later date.

While the ladies were in their session, the men of Post 215 installed their new officers as well. Jesse Crabtree was named Post 215 Commander again. Jim Lyday is Vice Commander. Howard Carson is Chaplain. Ed Ringer is Adjutant.



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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

Mentone has seen the most amazingly awful weather in the last few weeks. We have had so much wet and damp weather that some of us were beginning to wonder whether we were in the U.K. If it had not been for the nice comfortable temps, we might have been fooled. Thankfully, it seems to have passed for now, but the area meteorologists tell us not to count on it, as this year, El Nino is back and stronger than ever.

All this sunless, wet weather has brought us its share of problems with our gardens and orchards. All types of fungi are now running rampant on everything that is trying to survive. I have noticed a lot of damage to my lilies and roses, even though roses, as a rule, love moisture; but at their roots, lilies hate wet feet. Most of the corn crop has rotted and various other garden veggies. The nectarines have shriveled and rotted right on the limbs of the trees and had to be knocked off in case they spread the fungus.

A few indications of fungal disease are: yellowing leaves, specifically round irregular yellow-green spots that darken with time, dead spots or sections on plant or foliage, greasy-looking leaves or stems, and rusty-looking spots. Then, of course, there is the powdery mildew and molds.

The use of fungicides dates back to the late 1800s, when sulphur was used to kill fungi and other disease-causing organisms on plants and people. Organic gardeners use certain organic fungicides to help control these problems. Fungicides may act **locally** or **systematically**.

Organic farmers use **localized** or **contact** fungicides, which are **not absorbed** by the plant. They wash off or break down into simpler, non-fungicidal forms. This type of fungicide should be applied every 5 - 7 days for continuous protection. Other fungicides act **systematically**, which means that they are **absorbed** by the plant and can kill fungi in plant parts that are not treated. If you decide to use a fungicide, select the least toxic that will prevent or control the problem, and always take appropriate safety precautions. If you are going to use sulphur or copper on your edibles, use it at half the recommended rate for ornamentals. If you prefer an organic fungicide, you could mix your own by using 2 - 3 teaspoons of baking soda in a gallon of water along with 2 - 3 tablespoons of Ultrafine Oil or 1 - 2 teaspoons of liquid dish detergent.

My two experiments from last fall have shown their results. The first was getting more asiatic lilies from scaling the bulbs. Well, I did that, hoping that I was not ruining any of my prized bulbs. I was absolutely surprised to discover that the scales that I had buried after drying for a few days all had little bulblets, some had up to five or more. Now, as I gaze at and enjoy the beauty of all my lily blooms, I can't help thinking of what I am going to do to them again in the fall. The other experiment was plant some Jerusalem artichokes that I had bought in the fresh produce department at the grocery store. They, too, are doing well, they are now in the big bushy stage; and when the blooms have faded I shall pull it up to see if they, too, have a surprise for me. I should reap a harvest of many little root chokes, then.

An Easy Do-it-Yourself Test for soil pH: to test for alkaline soil, add a few drops of vinegar to a tablespoon of dried garden soil. If the soil fizzes, it's alkaline with a pH above 7.5. To test for acidic soil, add a pinch of baking soda to a tablespoon of wet soil. If it fizzes, it is very acidic with a pH of less than 5.00.

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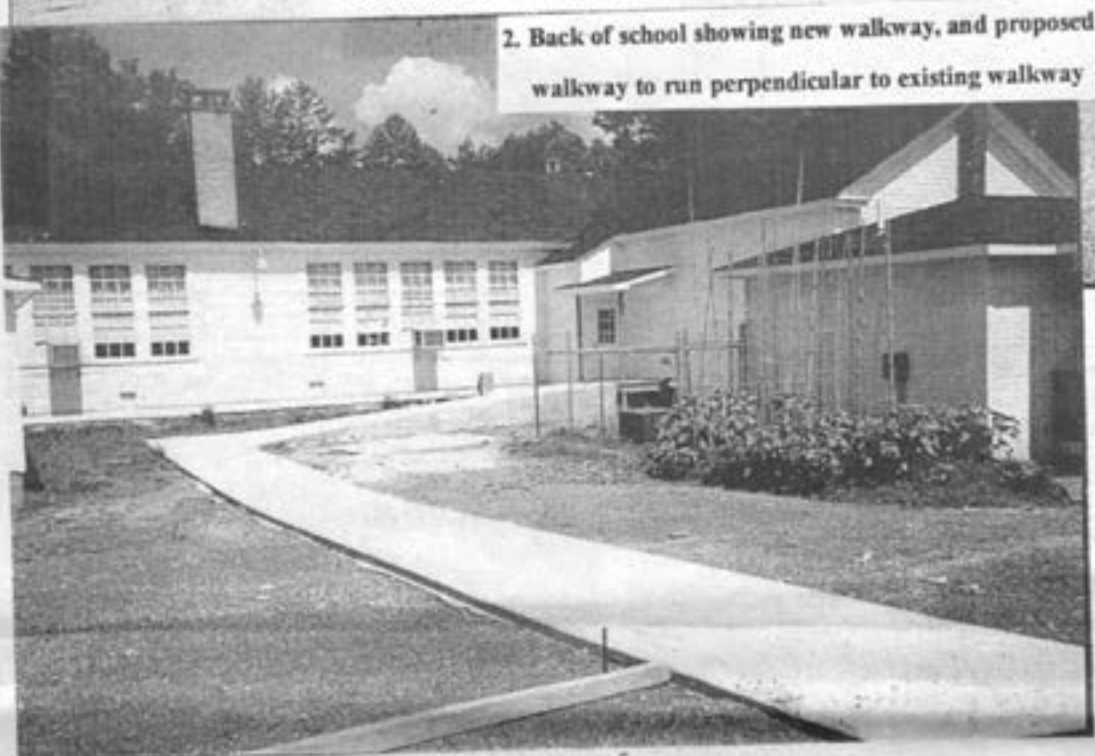
Southern Properties has buyers looking for building lots, brow property, River property, farms and acreage.

Moon Lake Elementary

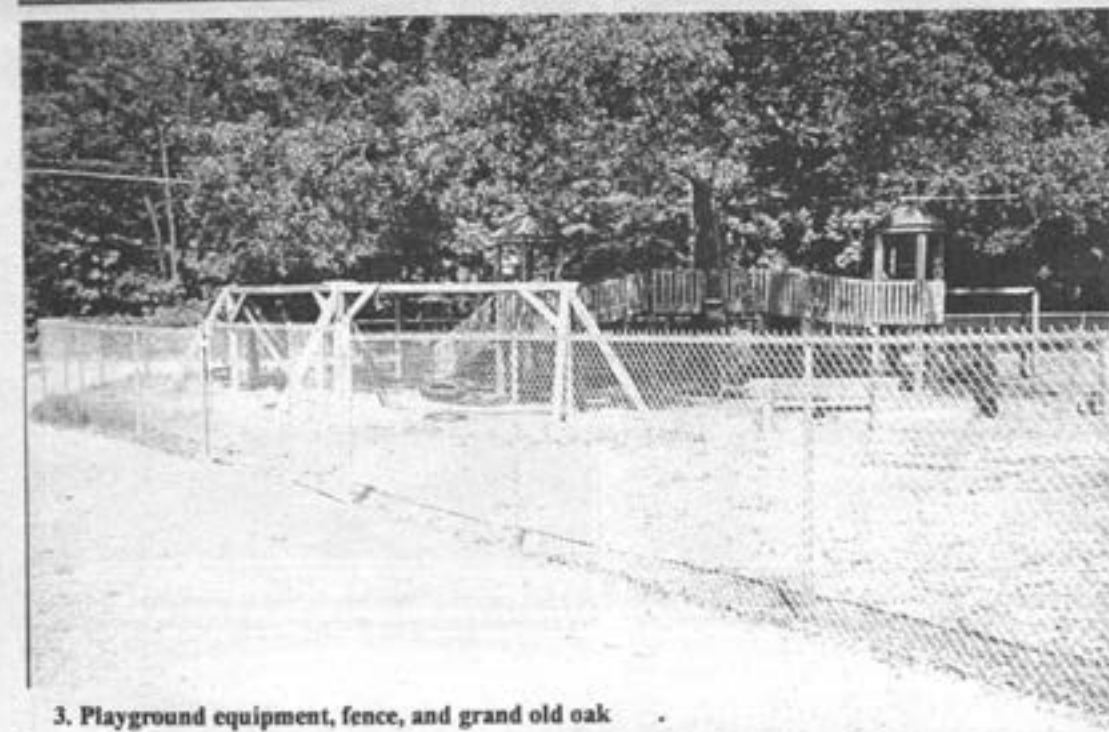
By Bill B



1. Front of Moon Lake School



2. Back of school showing new walkway, and proposed walkway to run perpendicular to existing walkway



3. Playground equipment, fence, and grand old oak



4. Library trailer



5. Kindergarten building and construction on new multi-purpose building



6. Multi-purpose building being constructed

9. Bill Berry in

In front of Moon Lake Elementary School, a grand old oak marks the seasons with elaborate color and shade. This scene of steadfast wood-aged trunk and branches towering above playground bridges and decks—is Moon Lake's most visible landmark, reflected in the school's motto "Firmly planted, forward moving." The site and the slogan weave together the contrasting qualities of Moon Lake's longstanding stability and its current dramatic growth.

Moon Lake thrives because of a dedicated community, an

space for future growth. An equal number of neighboring acres purchased by the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, on which stand the Community House and new walking track, will allow enrichment opportunities for local citizens of all ages.

The Moon Lake Parent-Teacher Organization identifies needs of the school and works steadily toward raising funds to satisfy them. Recently, the PTO provided improved playground fencing, additional exterior lighting, and new gym wall

members and other local gardeners with students, allowing practical learning experiences through an evolving beautification program.

Valuable financial support by the Mentone Area Preservation Association and physical support by Boy Scout Troop 106 help the school realize additional goals that would otherwise be difficult to reach.

Additionally, countless individuals have willingly provided expertise and support in many areas of the school's program.

ry School Progress

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11. Birdhouse put up by scouts in butterfly garden/eco-center



12. Butterfly and garden area at East side of gymnasium

7. Cafeteria behind school in separate facility



8. Back of gymnasium showing butterfly garden/eco-center



10. Bridge over eco-center water runoff area



Veteran Moon Lake staff members were Joyce Smith (fifth grade), LaJanet Troxtel (fourth grade), Mitzi Hughes (third grade), Donnis Barkley (second grade), Denise Roberts (first grade), Phyllis Sarratt (kindergarten), Karen Prestwood (Title I), Roberta Kirby (secretary), Becky Blalock (Child Nutrition Program manager), Brynda Hopper (CNP assistant), and Billy Cash (bus driver). Librarian Pat Schoen and counselor Linda Lawton served

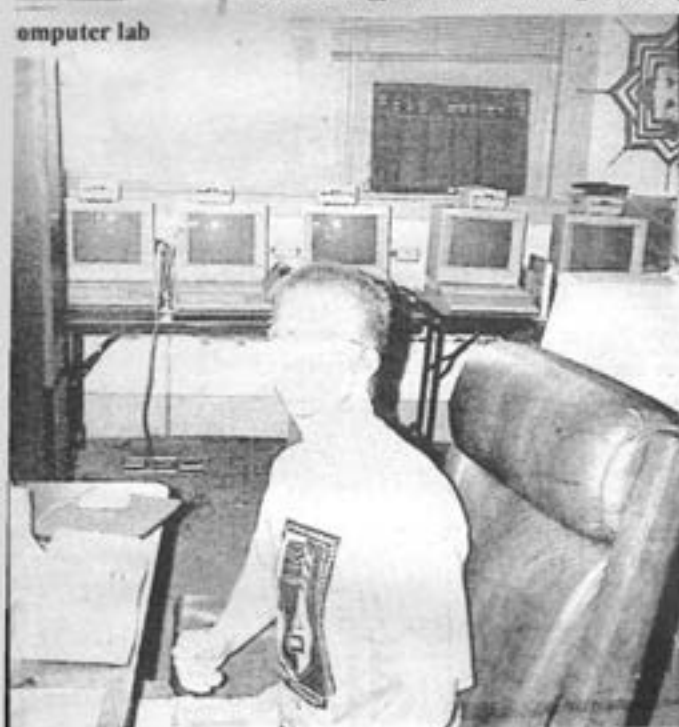
The progress continues. During the 1997-98 academic year, library circulation will utilize a newly acquired computer program. A building currently under construction will provide space for itinerant teachers and future academic programs.

A 17% enrollment growth during the past three years has brought the school to its highest population ever, now approaching 140 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Accompanying this growth has been an increase in staff mem-

amount of parent and other nonstaff volunteerism, carrying forward Moon Lake's strong tradition of community participation and support.

The growth and success of Moon Lake stem from the support of many dedicated and talented individuals and groups who work toward the common goal of providing Mentone's children an exemplary educational environment. These concerted efforts result in visible progress that builds upon the

computer lab



GRAND OPENING OF NEW CLOUDLAND BUSINESS: AAA



Saturday, June 21st, AAA held its grand opening. In Photo no. 1, is a view of the front of the new building. Several specials were available throughout the day. Taylor, Faye and Darryl Adams are the owners and they are eager to please the customers. If they don't have something in stock, they will get it for you. They will eventually stock hunters supplies and ammunition. Feed for animals is also on their list as soon as the customers let them know what the need.

A variety of items are available: electrical, lawn and garden, plumbing, paint, roofing, nails, oak swing sets, birdhouses, hummingbird feeders, fertilizer, lights, pipes, locks, hardware items of all kinds.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (GA Time) 6 days a week. Closed on Sunday.

Customers were steady all day long. There were free hot dogs and drinks for everyone. Mike Smith of Mentone came in with his nephew, Kaleb McKenzie from Valley Head. In photo no. 4, Kaleb is shown looking intently at some items on the bottom shelf. Mike said that Kaleb is a lot of help to him, especially when he's painting. Taylor Adams is assisting Mike in locating a particular item. Mike said the prices were good.

Arthur Holland of Mentone, Ala. brought Cody "Budger" Kendrick to the grand opening. Cody had been at Tae Kwon Do classes in Summerville earlier that morning. Cody is three

years old. He is shown on the front porch demonstrating in photo no. 3 what he learned that morning in class. Cody loves hot dogs and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Arthur said that the karate classes also teach the children respect and confidence.

Johnny Payton and wife Tracy brought their two children, Lyndsey and Caleb, to enjoy the hot dogs and drinks. Johnny had been in earlier and is shown in photo no. 2 with the gas can that he bought that morning. He is shown with Darryl, Faye and Taylor at the check-out counter.

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Valley Head Band

The Valley Head Band has already begun for the year. Beginners reported to the band room June 2 - 6 at 9:30 a.m. The drummers are to report to the band room on July 28th at 9 a.m. until noon for practice. The summer schedule for rookie camp is July 29th from 9 a.m. until noon. The marching camp will be on July 30th, 9 a.m. until noon. July 31st and August 1st, the music camp will meet from 9:00am until 1 p.m. Band camp is August 4th to 8th from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., except Friday which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost per student for participation in the band program is \$50.00, and the fee is due no later than August 8th, the cost may be paid in full or in weekly payments. The fee will pay for band camp (\$25.00), uniform maintenance (\$15.00) and new band T-shirt (\$10.00). The new band captain will be Adriane Robertson.

Don't forget that **Rookie Camp** (for first year students only) will be held on July 31 and August 1st. **Band Boosters** don't forget the meeting on July 8th at 6:30 p.m. in band room.

MAPA PICNIC ON THE BROW

The MAPA picnic will be held at Brow Park on July 1, at 6:30 p.m. **ALL ADVERTISERS for The Groundhog ARE INVITED.** This is a covered dish potluck affair. Homemade ice cream will be served. Everyone is invited. Come and enjoy the fellowship and the view.

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gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 PM. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

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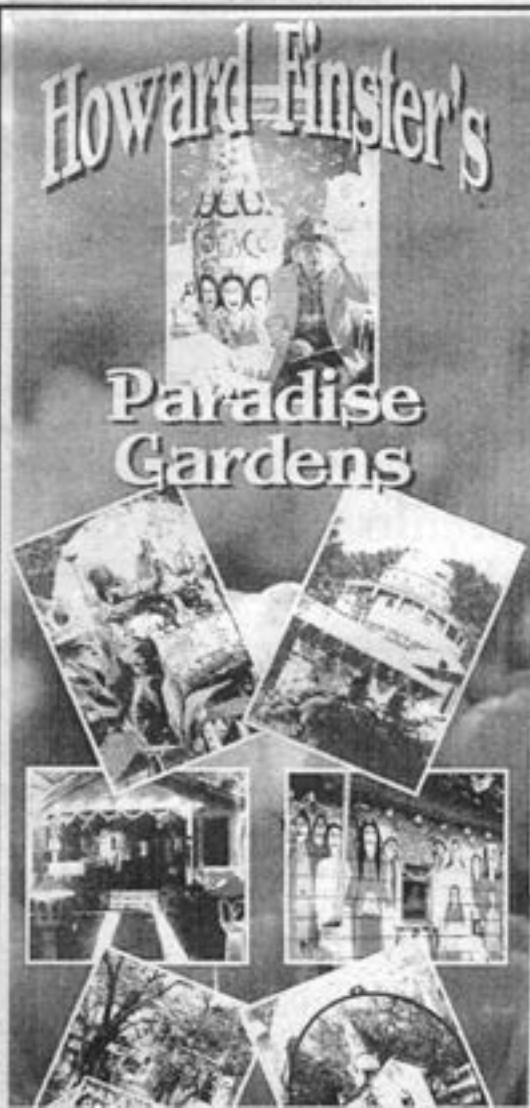
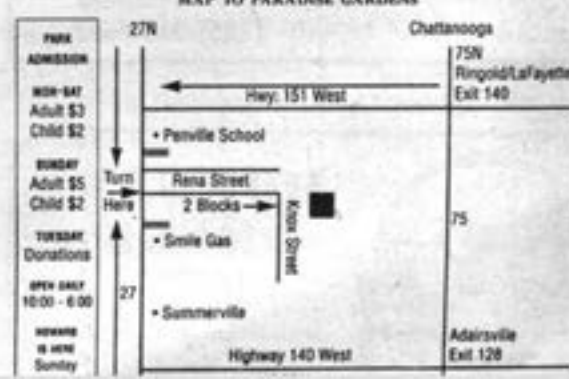
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MAP TO PARADISE GARDENS



TROOP 106 HOLDS COURT OF HONOR FOR ITS 4TH EAGLE SCOUT JACOB DANIEL PINHOLSTER

On Saturday, June 14, Jacob "Jake" Daniel Pinholster received his Eagle Scout Award at The Eagle Scout Court of Honor held at the Moon Lake Baptist Church.

His mother and step-father, Cathy and Mike Young, his dad and step-mother, Danny and Diane Pinholster, his grandparents: Smitty and Dorothy Driscoll and Zack and Hilda Young, were present.

In order to be eligible to receive the Eagle rank, Jake had to earn 21 merit badges, including 11 required ones. Other requirements are: serving actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after becoming a Life Scout; planning, developing, and carrying out a major service project; and appearing before a Board of Review composed of prominent persons and satisfying them that the scout has done his best to understand and live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law and, in all ways, qualify for the Eagle Scout award.

Jake has exhibited leadership skills, not only in scouting, but in every aspect of his life, leading by example and setting a good example in his every day living. He has been a member and senior patrol leader of his troop and has demonstrated the scout spirit as represented by living the scout oath and law.



Jacob Daniel Pinholster, center, of Mentone, received his Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts of America on June 14, during Court of Honor ceremonies at Moon Lake Baptist church, the charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 106. With Pinholster is Scoutmaster David Gilbreath on the left, and Dr. Bill Berry, Assistant Scoutmaster, also of Mentone.

Rank Advancements

Boy Scout: 4/93

Second Class Scout: 4/94

Star Scout: 11/94

Order of Arrow: 6/96

Tenderfoot Scout: 8/93

First Class Scout: 94

Life Scout: 5/95

Fellowship Hall of Moon Lake Baptist Church, immediately following the presentation.

Jake thanked his parents, teammates in scouts, and all those who helped him achieve this great honor - the Eagle Scout Award. His journey took him four years to achieve this rank, and what he has learned will continue to be with him throughout the rest of his life.

Jake's Eagle Project involved planning, organizing, and working toward the creation of a community walking park at the Community Center located adjacent to the campus of Moon Lake Elementary School. The project provided for members of the community to use the area for walking and exercising with various age groups.

There were other members of Jake's family, as well as many of his friends, present at the ceremony to honor Jake. It requires a lot of time and effort to achieve this award, and for those who do so, it is, indeed, a great honor. Less than two percent of all boys in scouting achieve the Eagle Scout Award.

His parents, Cathy and Mike Young, held a reception in the

Cloudland Rescue Squad



Cloudland Rescue Squad Building. In early May 1997, Woodmen of the World donated a flag and placed at their new site, which is adjacent to the new Cloudland business, AAA.

The Cloudland Rescue Squad has fourteen members: Taylor Adams, Darryl Adams, Faye Adams, Leon Tucker, Janice Tucker, Debra Shurey, Brian Keith, Jennifer Keith, Greg Brown, Donald Holbrook, Sharla Mae Huskey, Heath Blalock, Jim Poe, and Paul Deering.

The new building is not quite finished, some cabinet work still needs to be completed. They hope to have it ready for the 450 Mile Yard Sale that takes place around the 15th of August each year. There will be food and restrooms available for the public during the yard sale.

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Christopher Glenn Black

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Angelica "Angel" Rose Westbrooks

will be 2 years old on July 6, 1997. She is the daughter of Tracy Westbrooks of Gaylesville and Joey Combs of Valley Head. Angel has a sister, Haley Westbrooks. Her grandparents are Jewell Rogers, Mentone; Deborah and Roger Shay, Valley Head; and Chester Westbrooks, Gaylesville.

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Curtis Brent Miller graduates from Alabama School of Mathematics and Science

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Curt earned an advanced diploma from the school. Attending the graduation ceremonies were his parents, Glenn and Linda Miller, his siblings, Ken, Keith, and Kara; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Miller and Mrs. Helen Yerkes and her friend, Maxine Fisher, along with the Drake family of Mentone, Charles and Linda, and children Ryan and Chrissy.

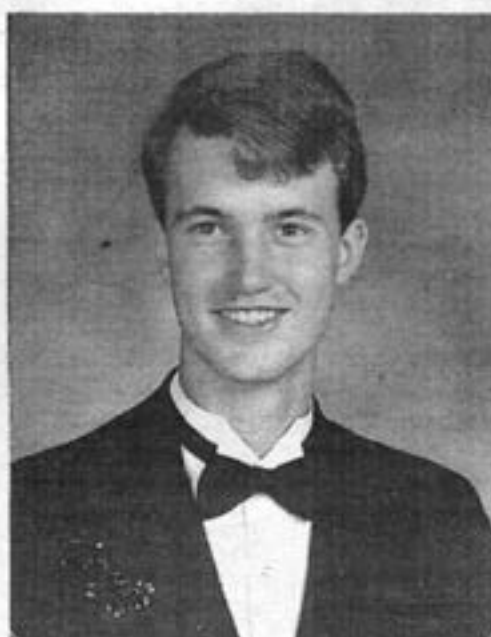
Curt was in the 5th graduating class of 107 students. He was awarded \$5,000 in scholarships, and will be attending Pensacola Christian College with a double major in commercial art and missions. His 1997 graduating class received \$4.5 million in scholarships—the most since the existence of the school.

Based on his ACT scores and an interview, Curt was selected to attend this fast-paced quarter system school. For those who have never heard of the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, here are a few facts.

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Curtis Brent Miller

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O'Rear picnic under the old oak tree on the O'Rear property in Mentone



Inez Peters O'Rear standing beside the easel. All those present signed her "birthday card." It will be framed for her to keep at home to remember this "special day."

The annual O'Rear picnic was held under the big oak tree on June 7. They had people from as far away as Knoxville, TN, in attendance.

Inez Peters O'Rear was honored at this year's celebration. Inez married Ward, the youngest son of John and Mary Magdelene Wise O'Rear on January 14, 1937. At the time of her marriage, Inez was a nurse and worked in Parkview Hospital in Chattanooga. Later, she was the office manager of O'Rear's Garage in Chattanooga. From 1976 to the present, she has been a travel agent with AAA Travel in Chattanooga. She is taking a group of 50 to Alaska.

Inez has been a member of the American Business Women's Association for 25 years. She has held all offices, including president, and is now the chairman of the ways and means committee. Inez has had the distinction of being voted Woman of the Year. Mrs. O'Rear belongs to Women and Travel Association, and is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Ringgold, Ga.

For the annual picnic, Inez was not aware that her side of

After the meal was served, Inez was given a chair in the center of the group, and various family members had the pleasure of telling her how much she had meant to them over the years.

Charlyne O'Rear announced, "This is a special day for a special lady. We gather today in your honor, Inez O'Rear. Thank you for always promoting the gathering of the family, which is the backbone of America—keeping the family together. We love you and hope you enjoy your day."

Aunt Inez as she is called said, "You all don't know what this day meant for me, when I came here and saw all my family. Thank all of you for being here. This is a special day. I appreciate all of your love."

Sam O'Rear said, "When I was growing up and after Uncle Ward died, one of my biggest fears was that Inez would walk out of our lives. It scared me because she was always there for us. But, she became more a part of our lives. Thank you for sharing your life with us and your family with us. It has been very important to us, and God bless you!"

Many others shared what "Aunt Inez" meant to their lives. It brought tears to Inez's eyes. She was overcome with joy that the family was all together and celebrating another O'Rear family picnic. She's looking forward to next year, as is the rest of the O'Rear family.



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The Country Journal
By
BERNISE CROW

Today, and for the past three days, we have seen the sun. It has rained so much for the past six weeks we hardly remembered how lovely a clear day could be. It even gave us a chance to view the full moon in June, which is such a wonderful, natural occurrence each month, but June seems to be special because of being considered the ideal month for weddings.

Speaking of weddings, it was a privilege for me to attend the lovely wedding of Laurie Longshore and Michael David Cox, at Winston Place in Valley Head. It was a rainy day, but everything cleared long enough for an outside service and a beautiful reception. We have known and loved Laurie for fifteen years at St. Joseph's and were pleased to see her happily wed to a fine young man. Dr. Oscar Hussel officiated and the children of St. Joseph's sang several sweet selections under the direction of Marsha Hurt. Laurie is the daughter of Larry and Helen Longshore. Everything was beautifully decorated, and the reception was a wonderful array of all kinds of foods placed on tables under the huge trees. There were probably three hundred guests in attendance. May God bless their life together as they return to Anchorage, Alaska, where they will live for a while. Helen said Laurie called her last week and told about witnessing a lovely sunset at 1:00 a.m.! This is the time of year there for twenty-one hours of sunshine.

Then, we attended the wedding of Donna Brock and David Vest at the Church of God of Prophecy. This was also a most beautiful service. The church was decorated with many floral arrangements, the soloists did very beautiful wedding songs. The reception, held at the Mentone Springs Hotel, was well done and many guests attended. Donna is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Don Brock. May God's blessings go with them.

Our daughter, Joyce Cooper, from Columbus, SC, has stayed a month with us; and what a joy it has been to have her! She probably thought she would get a little rest, but we are such "busy-bodies" that she has worked on our projects with us. She and Gregg Cooper have been married twenty-five years, and this is the most time she has spent with us in that entire time. She has returned to her home, but we have her son, Lee, with us. He says he is going to help his grandfather put mountain stone on the front of our house, but I don't believe he knows what a big hard working project that will be. Of course, he didn't want to work last week--it was June Jam Week, and Jerry Water's nephew, Jason Waters, was here from Houston, Texas, to visit with Lee. They had a good time attending some of the festivities during June Jam, and selling fireworks for Jerry. Lee took his pay in fireworks, which he would value more than money. We treasure these summer days when Lee can spend some time with us. He grows so fast that he is different every time we see him. He is going to be a big man like his papaw, Lee Crow.

It was a pleasure to have breakfast on the deck this morning and enjoy the fresh mountain breezes and the wonderful view of the valley. One of the nicest views we have is the bright pristine Whitehall Methodist Church. It's an inspiration to see the little steeple reaching for the sky. I love the many old churches kept in good condition and still being used for worship. To me, a church should always have a steeple, and a cross on it even looks better. We are blessed with freedom of worship in our country, and we should be thankful for that.

lawns. They look like emerald green color had been painted on them, and, this week, it was dry enough to mow.

Visitors to the Hitching Post are interesting. It's always good to have old friends drop by and chat with us. Walter and Mason White were in Mentone for a class reunion and for the decoration at Whitehall Cemetery. They grew up here, and we are always glad to have them back. We even hope they decide to return one day to live here.

Mildred Hammond Smith and her daughter, Patricia, visited with me recently. They were here for the Smith Reunion at Red and Ruth Hammons. Mildred was a classmate of mine at Valley Head, class of 1945. That dates us, doesn't it?

We have many visitors who love to eat at the Dish Tearoom, and then sit and visit on the deck. It hasn't been too hot to enjoy sitting and having food served alfresco. My good friend, Kathy Quarles, and her daughter Kelley, recently had lunch with me there. They live in Baton Rouge, La. Kelly was en route to Chattanooga to meet with other young college students who will spend their summer working and counseling with young people from Mississippi to New Jersey.

Homer and I have been going to many antique auctions and estate sales. The Crows Nest must be restocked once in a while to keep it interesting, and I like to buy things, anyway. I always find something to use at home.

Peaches seem to be plentiful, and blackberries will be ripe in about two weeks. These fresh fruits are some of the best things to enjoy in the good ole' summertime. Hopefully, everyone can join in this pleasant pastime.

We have had a robin's nest in our seedling apple tree at the Hitching Post. It's the first time, in years, that I have observed from the laying of the eggs till the flight of the little ones. Janette McCord, Shurlee Froehler, and I have had a delightful time watching the mother feed those three little hungry mouths. And another interesting thing was that the same nest was used that was left from last year. Bluebirds won't do that. Their premises must be clean, and they build from scratch.

We have many woodpeckers at our home on the brow, but have missed the bluebirds, goldfinches, and others. We must do something to attract them.

The MAPA picnic will be held at Brow Park on July 1, at 6:30 p.m. All advertisers for The Groundhog are invited. This is a covered dish potluck affair. Homemade ice cream will be served. Everyone is invited.

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By Lynette McCary

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This fund was formed by Jim McCary in 1987, and he has funded it these last ten years. During this time, sixty-seven students have received college scholarships.

Those desiring to apply for 1998-1999 scholarships can obtain applications by calling or going to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in March 1998.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. **Rom. 14:10, 19**

It is easy to judge people and put them down, that only causes trouble. So, instead of judging, why not be a peace maker and build one another up. One day we will stand before Christ and be judged according to the things we have done good and bad.

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