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The Fred Jones Family

As I know and Love them.

By Evelyn Graves

Fred Allen Jones, born January 12, 1882, was the second son of Thomas A. Jones and Almedia Crow Jones, the grandson of Eldridge and Elizabeth Lane Jones and Lewis Crow and Emma Day Crow (maternal grandparents), the great-grandson of James and Esther Holmes Jones, the great-great-grandson of Clifford and Corinna Jones. The family record dates back to 1733.

Fred married Bertie Chester Brown, daughter of Charles Brown and Sarah Shinholster, on December 24, 1905. Eleven children were born to their marriage: Carl Brown, Herman Paul, Sarah Evelyn, Mary Ruth, Almedia Louise, Emma Gertrude, Eva Murrell, Fred Allen, Jr., Lester Alfred, James Thomas, and Marjorie Nell.

I was fortunate to be the third grandchild born into this family. Marjorie was only two years old when my parents married, and we all grew up together.

My grandfather was a tall, lanky man who walked with a heavy step. My grandmother was short with beautiful dark red hair. He talked with a rather gruff voice that commanded the respect of his entire household, while Grandmother had a soft voice and was always pleasant. I saw beneath Granddaddy's tough exterior rather early in life, and even though I always respected him, I found a special nesting place with him that provided security for me and a lot of wonderful times in years to come. Granddaddy had an unusual sense of humor that caused him to become a legend in the community. So often, people all over the county tell me funny little incidents they have experienced with him.

The oldest son, Carl, was fun to be with. He always had his eye on some means of making a fortune without having to put a whole lot of work into it. He worked as a carpenter along with his brothers, but the story the brothers tell is that he hid in the closet and bribed them to not tell Granddaddy where he was. Granddaddy was keener than Carl gave him credit for, and I am sure he knew exactly who was working and who was missing on the job. Carl spent a lot of years in Birmingham working as a security guard, a service station manager, and other jobs. He was married three times but never had any children. He died in 1982 and is buried at Bankhead Cemetery.

My father, Herman, was the second child, and he always claimed to have raised the younger children. He did have a special way with children, and they all loved him. His granddaughters are especially close to him. Herman stayed in the Mentone area all of his life and loved it. He is now in a nursing home.

Evelyn (Selman) was the third child, and she was the local postmistress for many years before her two daughters were born. She retired to stay home with them. She died in November 1971, and is buried at Bankhead Cemetery.

Mary Ruth (McCord) is the fourth child. She has my grandmother's temperament--soft spoken, loving, and kind. She had five children of her own, and she always loved her younger brothers and sisters and helped care for them. In addition to her own five children, she loved and cared for two step-sons.



Bertie Jones, Fred Jones (holding Herman), and Carl Jones

(Mabel Kirk gave this picture to Evelyn years ago.)

Almedia (Blevins) is the fifth child. I never knew my Great Grandmother Jones, but I have heard much about her, and I imagine Aunt Almedia to be a lot like her. She is candid in her speech - no one has to wonder what she is thinking. She has nine children and is very close to each of them. She is a marvelous cook, homemaker, and a very loving person. She is full of humor and is quite talented as a poet.

Gertrude (Cox) is the sixth child. She is a very busy person, always visiting the sick and shut-in, and with seven children and a number of grandchildren, she is busy visiting them, attending their graduations and weddings and other special events. She enjoys her family and her church and is a good friend to a lot of people. She might be classified as an "ageless person." She still has the same vitality for life as she did when she was a very young woman, and she is never without a smile for everyone she meets.

Eva (Johnson) was the seventh child. Eva was sweet, sensitive, and hard working. She was assistant postmaster for many years until her death in July 1967. She might be compared to Beth in "Little Women." Eva was active in church affairs and was loved by many. She had no living children but suffered a

number of miscarriages. Eva is buried at the cemetery at Head River.

Fred Jones, Jr. is the eighth child. He is a kind, even-tempered person who loves his family very much. He has five children, lives in Rome, Georgia, and is now retired from a career with Rome Craft.

Lester was the ninth child. As a young boy, he had a lot of dreams for his future; and, as an adult, he made those dreams become a reality. He had a beautiful family--two sons who have also been successful in business and are as sweet as Leck was. His death was extremely hard for me. He lost a battle to cancer, but he won the victory. He was a beautiful Christian who shared Christ with everyone he met before his death. He knew where his eternal home was to be, and he entered joyfully in 1993.

Jim is the tenth child. He is sweet-natured and full of dry wit like my grandfather. Even though he is not large in stature as my grandfather was, he has the same heavy step as he walks. Jim is an energetic person who has many talents, one of which is building houses. He has six children and a number of grandchildren and enjoys spending time with them. He especially enjoys teaching the boys to do carpentry. He has remained young and never seems to worry about anything.

Then, there's Marjorie (Berry) who is the eleventh and last child. Marjorie and I grew up together, played together, and sang together at church. We had a lot of fun, and after she married we were still close. She was matron-of-honor in my wedding. Marjorie is a combination of both my grandparents. She is sweet, kind, tactful, witty, and a person of unusual inner

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•Saturday, July 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

•Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.

Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall

•Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting,

Covered Dish Picnic at Brow Park

•Friday, July 31, 7 p.m., BENEFIT AUCTION and
GOSPEL SINGING for Fouts Rector and Family at
Valley Head High School Auditorium

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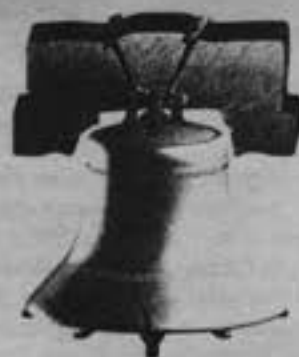
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Moon Lake Elementary School Kindergarten Graduation, May 26, 1998

Between Dr. Bill Berry, Principal and Phyllis Sarratt, kindergarten teacher, are the students (in alphabetical order) who graduated to 1st grade: Alex Blackburn, Desiree Cash, Ethan Crider, Holly Davis, James Hawk, Whitney King, Kaleb McMunn, Chaz McSpadden, Michael Norman, Bryan Phillips, Keisha Powell, Daniel Scott, Peter Stevens, Leanna Webb, Paige Weber, Karisa Wilburn, Brandon Willingham, Savanna Williams.

The class awards were handed out by Phyllis Sarratt and the Diplomas by Dr. Bill Berry in the Moon Lake gymnasium.



---NOTICE---

Mentone Water Projects to begin soon

On June 4, 1998, bids for the CDGB project (the Lee Crowe and Baty Communities) were received. Hokes Bluff Construction Company of Gadsden was the low bidder. On June 9, at a special called meeting, the bid was accepted and a contract was signed. The work should begin sometime around July 15, and should be completed by the end of November.

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David Gilbreath, Scout Master of Troop 106 in Mentone; Jake Pinholster; and Bill Berry, Assistant Scout Master of Troop 106

Jake Pinholster honored by Scout Master

Jake Pinholster, 19, was honored in the May 24, Sunday morning worship service at Minvale Baptist Church with the Clyde Hughes Tidmore Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an Eagle Scout in the Sequoyah Boy Scouting District, which includes DeKalb and Cherokee Counties.

David Gilbreath, Scout Master of Troop 106 in Mentone and Bill Berry, Assistant Scout Master, surprised Jake with the unexpected presentation. Gilbreath explained the award was named for a disabled Fyffe youth who died in 1971 at age 14. During his years as a Boy Scout, the youth was a shining example of Scouting and Christian values—which Gilbreath said were mutually reinforcing

rules for right living.

Gilbreath said Jake's dedication and hard work helped to earn him the Clyde Hughes Tidmore Award. He said Jake's accomplishments leading up to Eagle Scout include the God and Country Medallion, Order of the Arrow, Junior Leadership, and the Philmont Ranch Arrow Patch.

Jake accepted the award with words of praise for his Scout Masters. "We started out five years ago with five members. Now, all five are Eagle Scouts and we have 17 more working toward Eagle Scout. I think that speaks well of our leaders."

Jake is the son of Mike and Kathy Young.

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By
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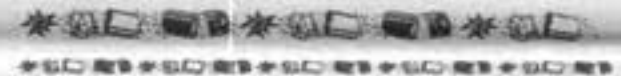
Faithful readers, Moi is really looking forward to that special Saturday when the GREAT ONE comes to visit the Superette and have lots of love and affection heaped on the mighty shoulders of this extraordinary canine. (You did see the pictures in last month's issue, didn't you?) Keep checking with AL and Cheryl, they may know the date.

The Fourth of July weekend is coming up and moi is not happy about all the fireworks that will be exploding in the air and on the ground. (No offense, AL. Moi only says that because this magnificent canine's ears are so sensitive.) In order to keep up the work that keeps guard dogs busy, hearing is very important—in fact, it's right next to smell.

With the camps all in session, moi guesses that there are a lot of flatlanders hanging around town, and especially so, since a holiday weekend is coming up. The Great One misses all the adoration of his beloved fans who come to see moi from far and near. Mentone's magnificent pride is coming for a visit one Saturday, real soon.

Time to go on my rounds here in Atlanta. Remember to stop in the Mentone Superette and purchase your fireworks. They're right up front in the window, you can't miss them!

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Bradley Thomas Smith graduated Summa Cum Laude at The University of Alabama's Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16, 1998. He received a bachelor of arts degree in music from the college of arts and sciences.

While at the University, he was the principal trumpet player in the University Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, and University Symphony Orchestra. He also played with the Tuscaloosa Symphony and Tuscaloosa Symphony Brass Quintet.

He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. These are the highest honors a freshman can receive.

Brad was a member of The University of Alabama Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society Alpha Pi Chapter and was elected "Outstanding Sophomore" by the faculty members of the school of music. This honor recognizes musical and academic excellence.

He was a member of Gamma Beta Phi Society, a national honor and service organization recognizing students achieving an academic standing within the top 20 percent of their class.

Brad was also a member of Mu Phi Epsilon Fraternity which is an international professional music fraternity.

He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honor society. Brad has been accepted

into medical school at UAB and will begin classes July 24.

Brad is the son of G. Tommy and Pamela Smith of Fayette, and the grandson of Sue King and Joel King of Mentone.



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For those of you who know Joe Stephens, keep him in your prayers. He is presently in the DeKalb BMC Hospital and will be transferred to a nursing home soon. Sam Franks, a neighbor, found him inside his house after he had fallen. With the help of Sam and the DeSoto Rescue Squad, Joe was admitted to the hospital. Thanks for those who care and look after the elderly and sick. This area needs more caring people who get involved.

Continue to keep Donyal "Foots" Rector of Valley Head, in your prayers, as well as his wife, Nancy and son, Rusty. Thank you goes to everyone who helped with the yard sale for the Foots Rector family. They also appreciate all donations and any help of any kind given to them. Donyal wants everyone to know that he loves them and appreciates them very much. The whole family is very thankful to have such great friends.

There will be a Gospel Singing and Auction for the benefit of the Foots Rector family on Friday, July 31, at 7 PM, at the Valley Head High School Auditorium. A fishing tournament on Saturday, August 1st, and a golf tournament are also in the planning stages. Be watching for the details to be announced.

Jim Lyday, who had hip replacement surgery on June 2, is doing well at home. He had a spell with gout after he got back home, but he's raring to go outside and get back in the mainstream here in Mentone. Please keep him and his wife, Penny, in your prayers as he continues to recuperate.

Mayor Max Cash went on a fishing trip to Alaska, and a couple of his grandchildren were lucky enough to go along with him. Hope they caught lots of fish.

Bessie Moxley recently hosted a shrimp creole supper at her Mentone home. Guests included Sue and Bill Schwarz, Jan and John Wilkinson, and Marie Dillenbeck. Bessie's dog, Sally, entertained them later, while photos of Jan's rafting trip out west last year were being examined. Bessie had also taken a rafting trip earlier and they compared notes. According to them, it's a great trip, but very exhausting.

The third Sunday Valley Head Baptist Church dinner is proving to be quite a success. They are saving toward a new fellowship hall. If you haven't been there yet, you need to go. So much delicious food to choose from and so little time. Make time to go and enjoy the food and fellowship and help them achieve their goal. It's worth it.

Valley Head Baptist Church held its Vacation Bible School during the week of June 8-12. They had a record attendance.

Evelyn and Jimmy Graves recently took a trip to Pigeon Forge. Her brother, Herman, and his wife, Mary, went along. Evelyn says they had a very relaxing few days. Evelyn and Jimmy also enjoyed a trip in May given to them for Christmas by daughter, Sandra, and husband, Hershell Pruitt. The trip was to Asheville, NC, where they toured the Biltmore House and gardens, and stayed in the Vanderbilt wing of the Grove Park Inn. Their granddaughter, Katie Gray, who is an avid fan of The Dukes of Hazzard is excited about having met "Bo" & "Luke" and "Enos" at their recent appearance at Fyffe, and she now has their autographs to add to her memorabilia.

Continue to keep Ruth Terrell in your prayers. She has been in and out of the hospital several times, lately.

Ann Climer celebrated her 81st birthday on May 31. We wish you lots more birthdays and many happy returns, Ann.

Peggy Howe wishes her friends to know that she has moved to The Fountains. Come visit her, she would enjoy seeing and hearing from all her friends.

Lisa and Beth Moore and Justin Baugh took the sad trip to Chattanooga on June 20th to take Adriana Miranda to the airport. Adriana went back home to Brazil to her friends and family. She told her host family that it just didn't seem fair that she had to leave such a wonderful place, and she planned on coming back to visit in the future and maybe even live here in the United States of America. She really enjoyed her short stay here and made lots of new friends. She will be greatly missed,

as will all the other foreign exchange students.

Beth Moore left out of Atlanta on Saturday, June 27 headed for Kearns, Utah, where she visited her friend Mary Pearson for a week. Mary, who was a student at Valley Head School, now lives with her father in Utah. She carried with her a signed petition, started by Skippie Mathis, urging her to come home.

Don't forget that Band camp will be July 27 thru July 3. It will only last until 12:00PM, on Friday the 31st. Beginning at 5:00 P.M. on that day, there will be a picnic for the band members and band parents at the Desoto State Park.

Valley Head was saddened by the sudden deaths of three very nice neighbors, Robert Johnston, Larry Longshore, and Don Brown. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

There was a Bullock reunion held at the Sharon Johnson Park (Huntsville) on June 20-21. Most of the Bullocks were born in and around DeKalb County and are now spread all over the U.S.A.

For those of you who are aware that my dog Prissy was reported missing as of April 17, she still has not been found. Alma Crabtree heard about a dog that might have been Prissy, and recently, she and I went to look for her. We were not successful; however, Alma and I had a great afternoon. Alma is here in Mentone most of the time, but spends a few days a week with her daughter in Fort Payne helping with the children. Alma would love to have her friends come and visit with her in Mentone. Just call her and let her know you're coming.

Several people have lost animals in the past month to accidents, and I sympathize with them. Bill and Ann Wright lost their puppy, Carl Davis lost his 12-year-old dog, and Sallie Davis lost her gray cat. To all you animal lovers out there, please accept my condolences, if you have lost one of your pets.

Lightning Goss came into the Town Hall recently to visit. Since Mayor Cash was away in Alaska, he took time to chat with Evelyn and me while we were putting this issue of The Groundhog together. I enjoy his visits and he enjoys getting out and talking with folks. You can see him in his "BRIGHT" red pickup when he's out and about.

Rev. Cherbonneau and his wife have recently returned from a trip to Europe and Germany where they visited with Hanno Perry, their exchange student who just went back to Germany. They had a great time and saw a lot of beautiful country. It is also COOLER there, he said.

Congratulations to Kim Worthey of Mentone and John Johnson of Rainsville who were engaged on Mother's Day, and who will be getting married on August 29.

One of the businesses that was destroyed during the fire in a Fort Payne shopping center belonged to David Cryer: Cryer Signs. David is the son of Dessie Newberry, owner of Dessie's Kountry Chef in Mentone.

Congratulations to Carla King, of Mentone, who made the Deans List at the University of Montevallo, requiring at least a 3.5 grade point average. Her parents are Lamar & Cheryl King.

Congratulations also to students at Northeast Alabama Community College who made the President's and Dean's list during the Spring Quarter: President's list: Christy Ferguson, Lisa Hope, Kathleen Kirby, Gail Smalley, and Monique Smith, of Mentone; and Vickie Armstrong, Ronald Bradbury, Chad Chaney, Wendy Hyde, and Regina Locklear, of Valley Head. On the Dean's list: Melody Streeter of Mentone and Gene Walker and Ginny West, of Valley Head. Students making the part-time honor list are: Jonnie Benefield, Mentone; and Amy Kirby, Brian Miller, Howard Sine, and Alesia Starke of Valley Head.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

•Mr. Robert Johnston, 48, of Valley Head, June 14;

•Larry Longshore, 55, of Valley Head, June 8.

Belated June Birthday wishes to Frances Waller, June 10; Gene Bullock, Fran Evatt.

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •1 - Ann Harcrow Pelletier; •2 - Terry Hartline, Nick Black, Jerry Lewis; •3 - Jerry Lewis, Nick Black, Kenneth and Gail Chambers (anniv.); •4 - Gerry Disney; •6 - Eunice Moore; •8 - Kaylee Tucker, Joey and Kumi Dillenbeck of Huntsville -Korea (4th Anniv.) •9 - Kaylee Tucker; •10 - Alan Bell; •11 - Alan McElhaney, Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester; •12 - Cindy Harrison, Charles Gray, Bobby Smalley (in memory of); •13 - Tracie Pullen, Penny McElhaney, Sissy Crider; •14 - Jeffery Hopper; •15 - Lois Foshee (77) and to her great, great grandson Gage King, (3), Jason Dean, Bro. Gary Moore,

Leonard and Barbara Davis (Anniv.); •16 - Chris Busby; •17 - Kayla Hazell, Christopher Glenn Black (2); •18 - Loy Langston, Becky Langston; •19 - Syble Tipton; •20 - Craig Hulan; •21 - Eddie Langston; •22 - Jewel Collins Rogers, Keith Langston, Linda Clark; •24 - Barbara Davis; •25 - Linda Smalley Gregory; •26 - Pam Dean; •28 - Ray Lewis; •29 - Erma Black; •30 - Zack Dean (6), Brenda Green (Conroe, Texas); •31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin, Paige Wright

Happy Birthday wishes to the Brown family of Gulfport, MS, who has a lot of birthdays in July. •6 - Elizabeth (12); •13 - Jolee (7); •21 - Jody (father of children); •23 - Robert (5). Katherine's birthday is Aug. 15, and she will be 9. Mother Teresa's birthday is not until Nov. 23. Mom (Grandma Dillenbeck) wishes you ALL great birthdays again this year!

Remember that not only is school out, but the camps are in session. Watch for the children and drive carefully. Have a safe Fourth of July Holiday!

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The Fred Jones Family



Front Row (L/R): Herman Jones, Carl Jones, Fred Jones, Sr., Bertie Jones, Evelyn J. Selman, Mary R. McCord
Back Row: Marjorie J. Berry, Jim Jones, Leck Jones, Fred Jones Jr., Eva J. Johnson, Gertrude Cox, Almeda Blevins

strength. She is another "ageless" person. She is as wonderful today as she was at sixteen. Her years have just given her wisdom. She has one son, Bill.

A few years ago, the "Jones" grandchildren held a first cousin reunion at DeSoto State Park. I wrote something which I gave to each of my 39 cousins about my memories of our grandparents. Some of the cousins lived away and were not privileged to share those day-to-day happenings that my brother and I were, and I felt that it might help them to know and love our grandparents even more. These are some excerpts from the memories I shared with them:

"Sometimes, when I opened the front door at Grandmother and Granddaddy's house, there was the smell of teacakes or gingerbread baking in the oven. Grandmother usually kept a supply of teacakes on hand. As I entered the living room, it was always warm in the winter time --too warm, in fact. For active children, it was much too warm. However, there was very little activity among the children, because, if we moved very quickly or changed seats more than once during a visit, Granddaddy rebuked us sharply with "Be seated, please" or a similar phrase. He firmly believed that children should be seen and not heard.

"I remember when two tables had to be set because of the crowds of us who gathered at meal time. Grandmother was always prepared with two huge square pans of thin cornbread which we spread with home churned butter. In addition to the cornbread, Grandmother made two pans of biscuits, rolling each of them in her hands, placing them on the pan and giving them each a quick little nudge with the heel of her hand to give it just the right shape. They came out to be the most delicious, melt-in-your-mouth biscuits I have ever eaten. I am sure it was that good old lard that everybody avoids today that made them so good. I don't know how they ever survived without a knowledge of cholesterol that we have today. If they had known, I am sure that they would not have lived to be 88 and 92. It was always a thrill to slip into the kitchen between lunch and supper to raise the table cloth covering the table and to see what was there. Everything was served in large platters heaped with whatever --green beans, turnip greens, potatoes, carrots in season, and meat. It seemed that all of Grandmother's time was spent in the kitchen. Breakfast was served around 4 AM, lunch at 11 AM, and supper around 5 PM. Grandmother usually had some time between washing clothes and working in the garden and cooking to sit on the front porch with Granddaddy. After all the children were married and gone from home, Granddaddy and Grandmother and I enjoyed a lot of time together. When I was little and everyone was gone to school, if I happened to be sick they asked for me to stay with them. I lay on one of the sofas in the

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living room where Granddaddy sat. He was always tender with me and was concerned with how I felt throughout the day. Grandmother did not really believe in wasting a lot of time at the doctor's office. She usually took care of the cuts and bruises and sicknesses at home. She classified them in one of two ways it was either not bad enough to go to the doctor or it was too bad to go and the doctor could not do anything for it anyway. Granddaddy was so proud when I learned to drive and was so encouraging to me. With his endorsement, Daddy had no choice but to turn his pickup over to me. After I had mastered my driving, I took Granddaddy to the doctor in Gadsden every month. He always asked me to take him. He said he liked the way I got him there and back. What he really meant was that I drove 75-80 MPH, and he would tell me from time to time, "Do you see that car up ahead? We must overtake him." I would floor it and pass everything on the road. He loved it! On those trips, we had pleasant visits along the way as we soared through the air.

One of my favorite stories about Granddaddy and his dry sense of humor occurred when a traveling photographer stopped by his house and talked with him about taking family pictures. He said, "Mr. Jones, I would like to enlarge your family for you." Granddaddy quickly replied, "I thought I had done right well - I have eleven children, but if you think you can do better, you're welcome to try." We all have our ways of getting rid of salesmen, but this seemed to be most effective. He gathered his paraphernalia and made a hasty exit.

One day when I was visiting at their house alone,

Granddaddy told me he had had the organ tuned and asked me if I would like to play it. I went into the front room and started pumping and playing as best I could. He walked up and down the hallway. It was not his style to come and sit on the bed and listen, but I was aware that he was spending a lot of time walking up and down the hall. I could hear the heaviness of his footsteps. Finally, on one of his trips he said, "Sissy, play 'Abide With Me'." I played all fourteen verses, it seemed, and on his return trip he paused at the doorway and said, "I would like that played at my funeral." With that, he went back and sat down in the living room. I think it took some effort for him to be able to make that request known. I kept this to myself until his death. As I listened to the organ music that day, my mind returned to some twenty years before when he invited me to play the organ. I felt a calmness in my soul. One of the most poignant moments I shared with Granddaddy was on the day of Eva's death. Grandmother had gone to Atlanta to attend Eva and I stayed with Granddaddy. The call that we both had been waiting for came in the afternoon and he asked me to answer it. I turned to him and told him, "She is gone." He dropped his head and sat very still and quiet for several minutes and then he said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." This was such a strength to me because I had been very close to Eva and my own heart was aching with the loss. I began to think, "This is his first child to lose. He has been so blessed with eleven children and all of them have lived until this time. The family circle is indeed broken, but he recognizes the power of the Lord and respects it." This had a tremendous impact on me at the time and a lasting effect on my life.

I can say with Helen Steiner Rice:

It's not the things that can be bought
 that are life's richest treasure,
 It's just the little "heart gifts"
 that money cannot measure....

I have been blessed with so many little "heart gifts". I am thankful for a closeness to my family, for a sensitivity to nature and the things that God has given to us, and for the wonderful privilege of being who I am with a storehouse of treasured memories.



Front Row (L/R): Herman Jones Jr., Billy Blevins, Fred Jones, Evelyn Ruth Jones, Bertie Jones holding Jimmy McCord, Sammie Ruth McCord, Marjorie Jones, Norman McCord
Second Row: Minous Blevins, Almeda (Jones) Blevins holding Betty Blevins, Sam McCord, Mary Ruth (Jones) McCord, Gertrude (Jones) Cox, Eva Jones, Jim Jones, Fred Jones Jr., Lester Jones
Back Row: James Selman, Evelyn (Jones) Selman, Carl Jones, Myrt Jones, Herman Jones, Kathryn Jones, Emily Ellis (sister to Kathryn Jones), Bob McCord

Picture taken in 1940

Mentone American Legion Post 215 Hosts District Meeting

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell



Photo courtesy of Marilyn Campbell
Ray White (left), past department commander and alternate to the National Executive Committee, and Gordon Seals (right), department commander, were among the visiting dignitaries at the meeting.

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O.J. Hyde (left), past department commander; John Jarvis (center), 13th district commander; and J.T. Gore (right), department junior vice president, addressed those who attended the district meeting.

There are six American Legion Posts in the Thirteenth District—Centre, Scottsboro, Albertville, Valley Head, Guntersville, and Mentone—and roughly every two months a district-wide meeting is held rotating so that each location has a chance to play host. It is often frustrating how small the numbers are for the persons attending those meetings, but, for some reason nobody quite understands, the Mentone meeting is always better attended than any others in the entire district.

June 9, the various posts of American Legion District Thirteen held their regular meeting at Post 215's building on Cove Road in Mentone. Post 215 commander, Roger Sharp, was in attendance, but, due to illness, he was unable to preside, so Jimmy Wright, Past Commander of Post 215 stepped in and assumed the duties as Commander Pro Tempore. Thanks a lot, Jimmy, for a job well done.

Among the visiting dignitaries on hand for the occasion were: Mr. T. T. Gore, Department Junior Vice-Commander, Mr. Ray White, Past Department Commander and Alternate to the National Executive Committee, Mr. Gordon Seals, Department Commander, Mr. John Jarvis, Thirteenth District Commander, Mr. James Carson, Thirteenth District Adjutant, Mr. Raymond Lacey, Thirteenth District Commander-Elect, Mr. Mack Allen, Cherokee County Commander, and Mr. O. J. Hyde, Past Department Commander.

The meeting was called to order by Past Post Commander, Jimmy Wright, and Chaplain Howard Carson gave the invocation and blessed the food. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the ladies of American Legion Unit 215 served a lovely meal—the main dish for which was turkey salad made with only the white meat, celery, sweet pickles, pecans, and white seedless grapes. Cantaloupe and Honey Dew Melon slices, medallions of Kiwi Fruit, gigantic strawberries, cucumber rounds, iceberg lettuce, and fresh French Crescent Rolls completed the offering of summer fare. The ladies each made a different kind of cobbler, and those in attendance served themselves crowning their desserts with mounds of vanilla ice cream. One husband put in a special request for banana pudding and acted duly pitiful, so that delicacy was added to the already sinfully delicious display of sweets.

The ladies of Unit 215 received good reports on their wonderful meal from the visitors, as well as the men of their own post. "Every one of these pies deserves a blue ribbon," one gentleman said, and, since he had tasted all of them, the ladies naturally felt that he was speaking objectively and with authority.

Between vacations and illnesses, the crowd was much smaller than the ladies had expected, and the fact that the weather turned ugly right at time to leave home served to further trim the numbers. After the meal, the combined group listened to addresses from Mr. J. T. Gore, Mr. Ray White, Mr. Gordon Seals, Mr. John Jarvis, and Mr. O. J. Hyde, and then the ladies adjourned to their meeting room for their gathering in which Mrs. Syble Baty Tipton handed over the duties of District President to Mrs. Joyce Allen of Centre.

Legion Ladies Visit Veterans

The active contingent of ladies in American Legion Unit 215 at Mentone is so small that, when the ranks start to thin due to illness and vacations, there are hardly enough ladies available to even qualify as a skeleton crew much less get a lot accomplished, so, when the ladies were presented a golden opportunity to go to Huntsville on Tuesday, June 16, it was no surprise that they started searching about for a group of members to send to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans home to visit the men from DeKalb County who are living there, and two ladies were all who were available. The ladies from Unit 215, who actually made the trip, were President Syble Baty Tipton and Historian Marilyn Blanton Campbell.

At this point, there are five gentlemen from DeKalb County in residence at the Fann Home. Mrs. Tipton and Mrs. Campbell made drop-in visits and took all five of those gentlemen bouquets of red, white, and blue balloons in view of the fact that this is the middle of the patriotic holiday season—Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Fourth of July. The ladies of Unit 215 found four of the gentlemen to be about the same as they had been the last time the ladies had seen them, and the fifth man

was found to be asleep, so there was no real way they could report on him without waking him, and the ladies are not into making pests of themselves until fundraising time comes.

The main point that the ladies of virtually all American Legion groups are learning is very simple—it is NOT ladies that the veterans want to visit with; it is other menfolks in general and veterans in particular. Many men can think of things that need doing badly enough to replace visiting a veterans home on the priority list. Therefore, it is mostly ladies who usually do the visiting.

There is something else in the news about the Fann Home every few weeks that is not exactly flattering, but the ladies of Unit 215 have yet to find anything to really complain about. Naturally, there are old men, who do not care for the dietary regulations with which they are expected to live, and it is not uncommon for grumpy old men to complain about the baths they do not want to be given and the pills they do not want to swallow, but they act that way at home and hope to get away with it in the name of family indulgence.

For the most part, the residents at the Fann Home have reached the point where their physical health situations demand a degree of care that goes beyond what can be provided at home, and, after each visit, the ladies come away completely convinced that the veterans are indeed fortunate to have a place like that to go for the care and supervision they need and can no longer receive safely at home. So far, the ladies of Unit 215 have seen that the policy at the Fann Home is to do what is best for the resident. If that involves a bath, medications, food, etc., the resident gets what he needs, and the staff is very accepting of the fact that some of the residents do not necessarily appreciate their efforts.

The ladies of Unit 215 have always made it their business to go in at the Fann Home totally without warning so that they would be aware of anything that was not as it should be. So far, they have found nothing to really complain about. They have found work in progress, but there is no fault to be found with that.

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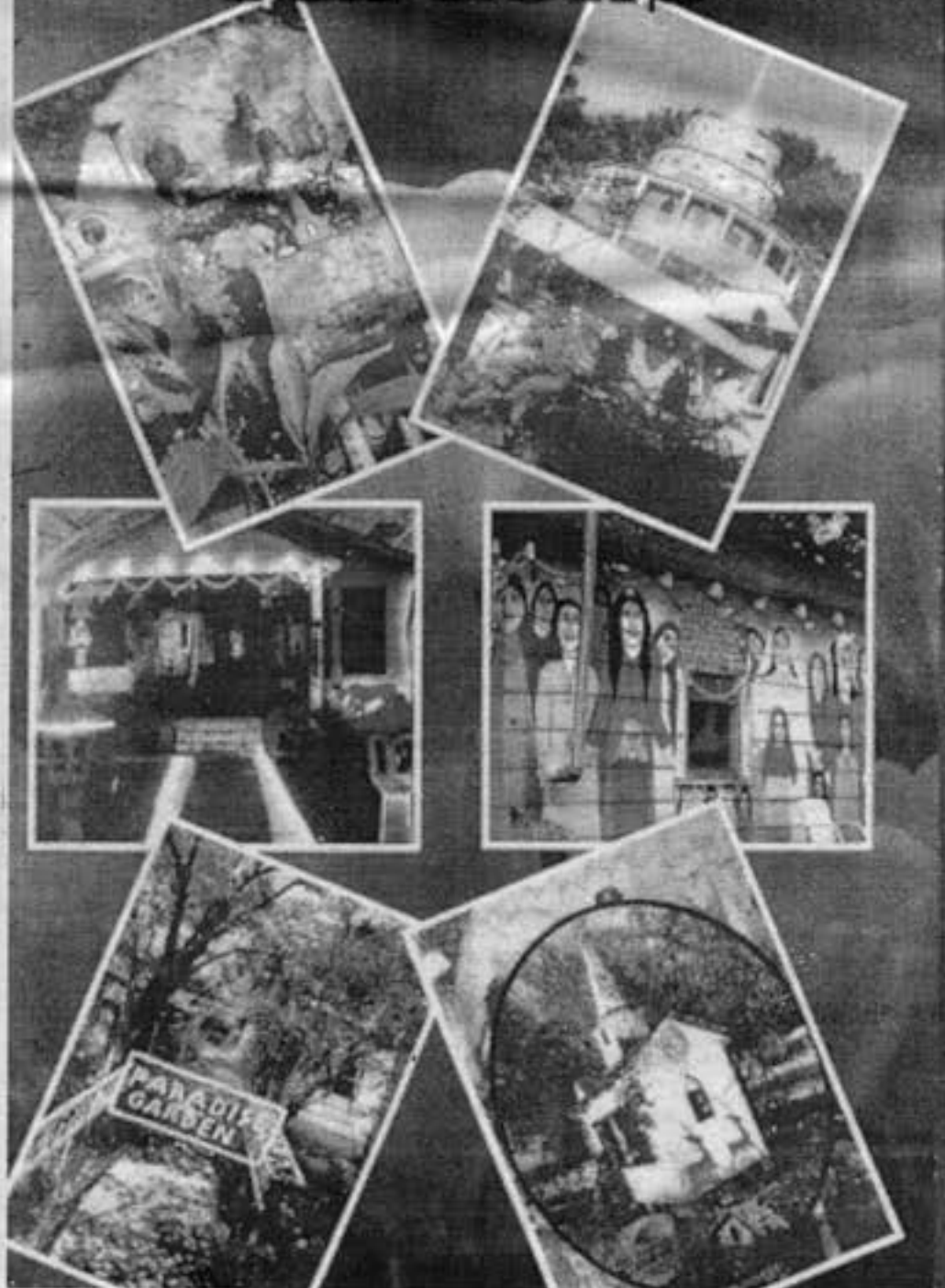
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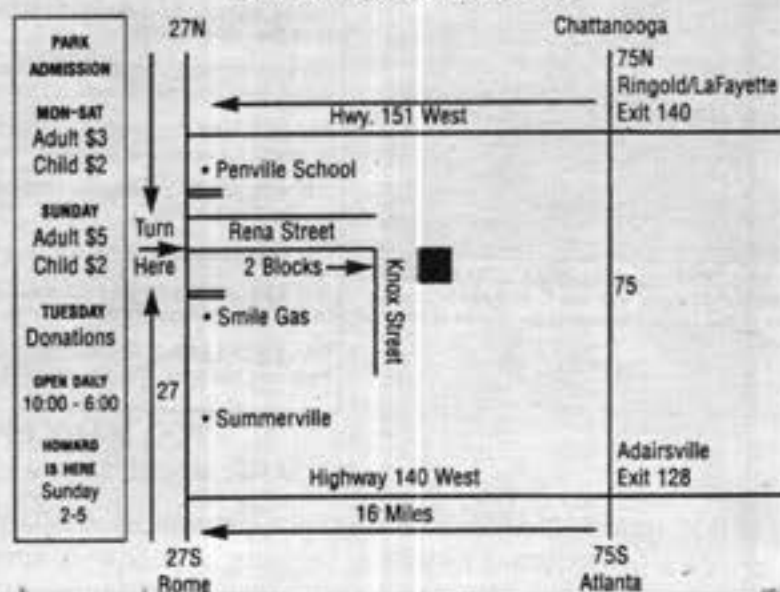
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1998 Valley Head School Miss Spring Fantasy Pageant Winners

DIVISION 1 (BIRTH TO WALKING)

Photogenic: Preslie Gifford
2nd Runner up: Kali Hope Haynes
1st Runner up: Preslie Gifford
WINNER: Hayden Young

DIVISION 2 (WALKING TO 24 MONTHS)

Photogenic: Mallory Hambrick
2nd Runner up: Lauren McGee
1st Runner up: Lindsey Beard
(tie) Samantha Weathers
WINNER: Shelby Jackson

DIVISION 3 (3 & 4 YEAR OLDS)

Photogenic: Kreisha Jackson
2nd Runner up: Cyerra Bethune
1st Runner up: Kreisha Jackson
WINNER: Makayla Usry

DIVISION 4 (Boys 2-4)

Photogenic: Matthew Chapman
WINNER: Matthew Chapman

DIVISION 5 (5 & 6 YEAR OLDS)

Photogenic: Kelsey Kemp
1st Runner up: Jessica Thornberry
WINNER: Kelsey Kemp

DIVISION 6 (1ST & 2ND GRADES)

Photogenic: Patti Grider
2nd Runner up: Ariana Beard
1st Runner up: Jessica Templeton
WINNER: Kasie Hicks

DIVISION 7 (3RD & 4TH GRADES)

Photogenic: Amber Carrier
3rd Runner up: Mary Elizabeth Taylor
2nd Runner up: Amber Carrier
1st Runner up: Ashley Johnson
WINNER: Sydney Johnson

DIVISION 8 (5TH & 6TH GRADES)

Photogenic: Jacki Davis
2nd Runner up: Jackie Davis
(tie) Heather Freeman
1st Runner up: Mandy Brown
WINNER: Almeda Parker

DIVISION 9 (JR HIGH GRADES 7TH, 8TH & 9TH)

Photogenic: Tessa McKinney
Academic: Lacie Clure
Congeniality: Beth Moore
2nd Runner up: Brittany Johnson
1st Runner up: Beth Moore
WINNER: Lacie Clure

DIVISION 10 (SR HIGH GRADES 10TH, 11TH & 12TH)

Photogenic: Anna Rievley
Academic: Anna Rievley
Congeniality: Valeria Chappell
2nd Runner up: Anna Rievley
1st Runner up: Adriana Miranda
WINNER: Anna Rievley

Kelly Bunch Selected for First Sophomore Class at Alabama School of Mathematics and Science

MOBILE, Ala. - The Alabama School of Mathematics and Science (ASMS) has selected Kelly Bunch to be a member of its first sophomore class.

Kelly, daughter of Jim and Leslie Bunch of Valley Head, Ala., is one of 24 students in the state who were selected by a competitive process, involving grade transcripts, recommendations and test scores.

Kelly attended Fort Payne Middle School, and then attended Baylor School for her Freshman year.

This past year, Kelly was one of only four freshman boarding students placed in all advanced classes at Baylor School in Chattanooga. She also earned a varsity letter in track at Baylor, and started on the JV soccer team. Baylor's athletic program received nine state and 10 regional championships this year.

The certificate of honorable merit, "cum laude" was presented to Kelly for Outstanding Performance in the National Latin Examination. She also qualified through praiseworthy participation to be elected a member of the National Forensic League at Baylor with a degree of Merit.

Kelly will attend an orientation program at ASMS in July to meet her new classmates and select a roommate for the fall.

Only 24 students were selected for admission to the class of 2001.

The process began with 75 quarter finalists who took the ACT or SAT College Entrance Exams as freshman without preparation.

Thirty-five semifinalists were contacted by letter after ASMS received their

scores. They were asked to report to the school for an individual screening interview. Afterwards, they were required to write an essay and take another test.

The incoming sophomores will be instructed by the ASMS faculty who have advanced degrees. Nineteen out of the 29 instructors have a Ph.D. from universities such as Johns Hopkins, University of North Carolina, Stanford University, University of Michigan, Cornell, University of Alabama, Texas Christian and University of Texas.

The primary goal of ASMS, a statewide public, residential, tuition-free high school, is to prepare students for a complex technological age and competition in a global economy.

Kelly has one brother, J.E.B. Her grandparents are Lt. Col. Welborn and Jean Matthews, all of Valley Head.

The 1998 senior class of the ASMS received \$5 Million in scholarships this year.



Kelly Bunch



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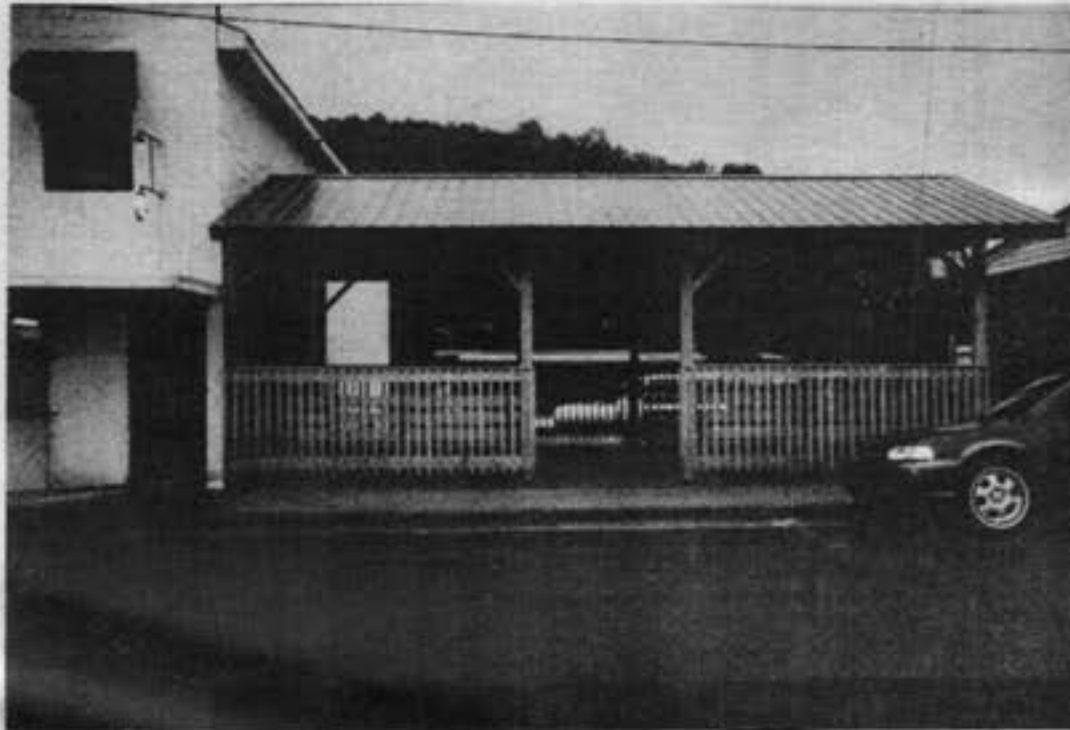
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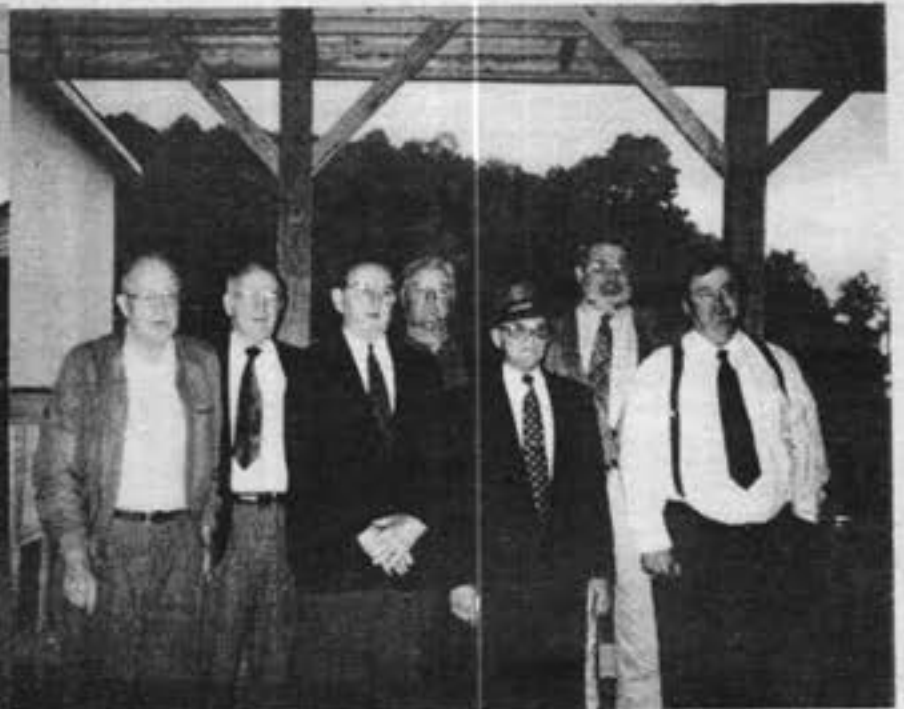
Valley Head Masonic Lodge 394 Donates Gazebo to City of Valley Head

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

(Reprinted from May 1998 issue to go with pictures)



The completed gazebo donated to the City of Valley Head by Masonic Lodge 394



L/R: Howard Hawkins Jr., Mack Lyons, Jimmy Wright, L. B. Hammons Jr., Richard Tatum, Terry Hutcheson, and Roger Sharp

Beginning late last year, Valley Head Masonic Lodge 394 began construction of a Gazebo located on the main street in Valley Head in the place where the old theater used to stand. Because of the rain, the ceremony was moved to the Lodge Hall. At the dedication ceremony on Saturday, April 18, Grand Master Richard Tatum said, "For the two previous years, Brother Lyons was the Grand Master, and he and his friend, Kenneth Hammond, came up with the idea of a beautification project. Letters were sent out, and they had a great response from the community and the members of the Lodge to try to improve and beautify the city. At one time, the old theater was next door, and the Lodge demolished the building after they bought it. The only thing left was the sidewalk and slab, which needed repairs. Out of their efforts, they were able to raise the funds for the repair of the sidewalk and the construction of the gazebo, which will be enjoyed by people in the community.

After the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United

States of America, Brother Mack Lyons gave a brief history of the city of Valley Head and Masonic Lodge 394. Valley Head was begun in early 1800s and became incorporated in 1922. Valley Head Masonic Lodge 394 began in 1873 and has been active since that time helping others, especially fellow Masons. They are active in helping transport burn victims to the Shrine Hospital in Cincinnati for treatment. The gazebo was erected by Masons and non-Masons, which exemplifies the pioneer spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor." Lodge 394 has 72 members.

Members and visitors in attendance were Grand Master Richard Tatum, Terry Hutcheson, past master, Mack Lyons, past master, now secretary, Jimmy Wright, past master, now treasurer, L. B. Hammons, Jr., Deacon, Howard Hawkins, Jr. Warden Roger Sharp; visitors: Sue and Sonny Crane representing Roy L. Ellis, who is in Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Veterans Home in Huntsville; and Marie S. Dillenbeck.

Those helping with the financial needs for the construction

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Edward Jones

MENTONE STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS AND AWARDS

By Connie Hughes

There are several students from Mentone who attend the Fort Payne Middle and High Schools. Some of these students have received honors and awards throughout the 1997-98 school year. The following is a list of some of these students and the honors they received. The information was provided by the students. Apologies to those who may have been missed.

Fifth grader, **Morgan Elrod** was on the "A" honor roll.

In the seventh grade:

Tiffany Bare was on the "A" honor roll, won over-all honorable mention in the science fair, was inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society, was part of the Drama group which placed 2nd in county fine arts competition, won a Solo medal at the District Solo and Ensemble competition (in band), and received a certificate at UAB for taking and passing the ACT college entrance exam (remember, she's only in seventh grade!).

Nicole Carter was selected student of the week earlier in the year.

Joshua Hughes was on the "A & B" honor roll, won the seventh grade math award, a second place prize in the science fair and an honorable mention in the "Butt Out!" contest (a youth anti-smoking campaign).

Stuart Hurt was on the "A" honor roll, is ranked third in his class, was inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society and received awards in science and social studies.

In the eighth grade:

Ben Corey was on the "A" honor roll, has the top GPA in 8th grade, won awards in English and science and a Latin Course Completion certificate. Ben is a member of the National Jr. Honor Society.

Jana Goss was on the "A" honor roll and is a member of the National Jr. Honor Society.

Cassie Hooks was a member of National Jr. Honor Society (first semester).

Peter Hurt was on the "A & B" honor roll, has the 9th highest GPA in his class and is a member of the National Jr. Honor Society.

In the ninth grade:

Chrissy Drake received a certificate of completion in Family and Consumer Science and was in the band. The band received Superior ratings this year in state competition.

Chrissy Frazier made all A's and won awards in Math and Science.

Candace Jones made all A's and is in the gifted program. She won the Home Ec. award.

Colby Meadows is a corporal in JROTC, lettered on the rifle team, is a sharpshooter, won 8 ribbons and 3 lamps. He has been selected as one of 17 to attend summer camp in June.

In the tenth grade:

Marlon Cox made all A's & B's. He also played fall and spring soccer.

Kristen Jones made all A's and B's and won the Most Improved Player award in basketball.

Katie Frazier made all A's and B's first semester.

In the eleventh grade:

Allen Gray made all A's, was FFA officer, won the Agriculture Achievement Award and second place in the county Livestock judging. Allen maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. He will be Senior Class VP. and has been selected for Who's Who among American High School students.

Shelly Gray made all A's and B's, is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and won a Superior Achievement award in Enrichment (fine arts). Shelly has a GPA of 4.0.

Angela Russell made all A's and B's, is a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta and maintains a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations to 1998 Graduates: Ryan Drake, Rebecca Hunt and Grant Meadows.

Rebecca Hunt was a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, SADD, SCA and a cast member in the Senior play. She plans to attend Gadsden State.

Grant Meadows plans to attend Northeast Alabama State Junior College.

Ryan Drake has attended FPHS but attended Cornerstone Christian in Decatur for his Senior year. Ryan played basketball and received the Best Offensive Player Award.



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Jon Tidmore won 3 point shoot out



Beastie Boys won 1st place



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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Bright July is hot and dry, come on, sky, pucker up and cry! It may be crying too much when you read this, as it is doing now in some states. We have been blessed.

The Valley Head UMW met June 24, at the home of Velma Hammond and Vesta Hawkins with Geneva Smith as co-hostess. Adelaide Biddle led the program, "Circles of Listening," with others taking part. Others present were Laura Margaret Allison, Mary Holleman, Venna Livingston, and Eloise Brown.

The Sunshine Club met May 28, at the home of Verence Hawkins in Sulphur Springs. Those present were: Sue Clark, Lillie Bowden, Anna Daniel, Ruth Pickett, Evelyn Clark, Gladys Cobble, Eloise Brown. I gave the devotional, Gladys Cobble read a poem, "God is Love." Verence showed a unique and lovely quilt made by Eloise Morgan. It was of Mickey and Minnie Mouse dressed in different colored costumes.

Ed Ringer spent a week with his brother, Dr. Robert Ringer and wife, Myrtice, in Marianna, Florida. He enjoyed working in their garden.

Venna Livingston went to Rome, Ga., on Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Sam Mosley's (her son-in-law's) sister's funeral—another victim of cancer in the prime of life.

Ruth and Bert Pickett, Becky and Nicole Stott, Dr. Jenny White, Gladys Cobble, and Betty Bracken went to the Hurricane Creek Club House in E. Brainerd to attend the reception of Angela and Mike Cobble who were married recently. Mike is the grandson of Gladys Cobble.

Ruth and Bert Pickett celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary with family, recently. Congratulations to a lovely couple!

We are so glad that Mary Holleman is at home after surgery at BMC-DeKalb. She is feeling much better.

We are also happy that Laura Margaret Allison has returned home after spending three weeks with her daughter, Ansley and John McGinnis in Florence, SC., where she had successful eye surgery. Peachie and David Cearley, from Alpharetta, Ga., brought her home and spent a few days with her.

Martha Joan Killian spent several days with her mother, Olene Roberts, and they attended the Cooper reunion at Sequoyah. They say this was the biggest and best reunion ever—with relatives from several states, including California.

Sue Cooper—after attending the Cooper reunion, went to Hixon, Tenn., and visited her daughter, Marguerite Wilson and granddaughter, Kelly McGee, and great grandchildren. They took her shopping, which she enjoyed very much.

Carol Busby reports that the fund raiser for Donyal ("Foots") Rector was a good success with good cooperation and raised \$2600. An auction and singing, on his behalf, will be July 31, at 7 PM at Valley Head School Auditorium. Call Carol for more information. Willene Clark has made a doll that chances are being sold on. It may be seen at Rock Castle Cafe.

Adelaide Biddle's daughter, Julia and her husband, Ronnie Hickey, and grandson, Hunter Hickey, from Chattanooga, spent last Sunday with Adelaide.

Jessica Biddle has returned home from Camp Ocoee, which she enjoyed for a week.

Rev. Jeff Adkins, Melinda and Amelia, enjoyed a very interesting and inspiring vacation in the Ozarks. They went to Horse Shoe Bend, Ark., in Eureka Springs. They saw Christ of the Ozarks. They took the New Holy Land tour, and saw exact replicas of the real Holy Land. They saw the Bible museum, The Passion Play, which was very powerful. They visited in the Folk Center, which showed primitive living of the Ozark Mountains. In Violet Hill, Ark., they saw crafts, including a fourth generation basket maker.

Olene Roberts is justifiably proud of her grandson, Jeremy Roberts, son of John and Diana Roberts of Cullman. He was selected by the Lions Club, along with ten other Alabama boys, for a free trip to England. They will march with a band there. This

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What do we have—what do we need?
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The qualities that make it grand?

Are we really patriotic?
Some are merely idiotic—
Creating scenes so chaotic!

It is the birthday of our nation,
It is a time for evaluation
And a time for rededication.

To Christian principles of its founding,
Gratitude for all the blessings abounding,
To heed the need for freedom sounding.

For its leaders we must pray,
For strength and wisdom for each day,
To make decisions in the right way.

To conquer evil's forces
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And preserve natural resources.

For the preservation of earth,
For each person's good and worth
'Til death from moment of birth.

Many countries—north, south, east and west,
In many ways have failed the test,
Despite your faults, we love you best—

So happy birthday, dear U.S. of A.
Have thousands more, this we pray,
May each day be better in every way!

May God always richly bless,
Your people with peace and happiness—
And love abolish all hate and stress!

—Eloise Brown



honor was based on his musical ability. He will enroll in The University of Alabama this fall.

Congratulations to all graduates, especially Teri Campbell, who has been awarded a two-year Presidential Scholarship to Northeast Community College, and was selected as the local winner of the Century Communications Annual Community Scholarship Competition; also Brandi Shirley, who was awarded a two-year Academic Scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College; also Carrie Beth Mathews who has been awarded the Bryant Jordan Achievement Scholarship to Calhoun State College. Carrie is the daughter of Welborn (Chip) and Carolyn Mathews and granddaughter of Retired Lt. Col. and Mrs. W.L. Mathews, Sr. To all achievers, congratulations, and "carry on!"

Every one have a happy and safe holiday and "keep your cool!"



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I have finally settled down enough to write another column for your enjoyment. This month, I am sharing the old standard easy peach cobbler recipe. I am sure a lot of you have and use this recipe, and if you don't, it is worth a try, if you have a family (like mine) that enjoys cobblers. I learn hard, sometimes, and after many years of using this recipe, I have found that if I do exactly as the recipe says, I get much better results. I had been cooking the fruit, then making the batter and putting the fruit in as soon as I poured the batter in. I have found that if you pour the batter on top of the fruit, and let it sit while you cook the fruit, that you have a nicer cakier top to your cobbler. You can also use the equivalent of blackberries or other fruit. The other recipe is a new one for me, but one we enjoy, especially this time of year when we are trying to find good salads, and the tomatoes are beginning to become available. So, dear readers, stay cool and enjoy your summer.

EASY PEACH COBBLER

1/2 cup unsalted butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar, divided
1 tablespoon baking powder
pinch of salt
1 cup milk
4 cups fresh peach slices
1 tablespoon lemon juice
ground cinnamon or nutmeg (optional)

MELT butter in a 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Combine flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt, add milk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter over butter (do not stir).

BRING remaining sugar, peaches, and lemon juice to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly, pour over batter (do not stir). Sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg, if desired.

BAKE at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until golden. Serve cobbler warm or cool. YIELD, 10 Servings.

WHITE BEAN, TUNA, AND TOMATO SALAD

1/3 cup chopped green onions
5 teaspoons grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
1 can (16 ounces) cannelloni beans or other white beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (6 ounces) albacore tuna in water, drained and flaked
3 tablespoons minced fresh basil or parsley
lettuce leaves or cut lettuce

Combine first five ingredients in a large bowl. Add tomatoes, beans, and tuna; toss gently to coat. Stir in basil; cover and chill. Serve on lettuce-lined plates. Serves 4.



By Jennifer Smith

We wish to thank everyone who helped out with our 1st Annual Cornbread Cookoff. It was a big success! Next year will be even bigger, we hope!

Speaking of a big success, our letter fund raising drive is still bringing in donations. With the money we've raised so far, tin has been ordered to re-roof our building behind the Mentone Community House, much needed medical supplies have been restocked, and we have sought new chargers for our

radios. We are also planning to paint after the new roof goes on. So, thanks to everybody for responding so generously! This financial support will go a long way in helping us continue to serve our communities and to improve our organization.

We still are actively seeking new members, 18 years or older. If interested, please feel free to contact any member or attend a meeting. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mentone Community House.

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HEALTH NUGGET

By Dowe Foreman

MAHBUHAY! Greetings from the Philippines! I am sending this via e-mail to reach you, while I am on a medical mission trip to the island of Negros. This month, I am writing about ulcers. Thankfully, I do not have one, but I know they are very painful. You could get one very easily just by eating foods that are common to us. Inside your stomach is hydrochloric acid. This acid could eat thru a nail, but our stomachs have a Gastric Mucosa Barrier which protects the stomach wall from being eaten away by the acid. God is good, isn't he? Anyway, this barrier can be damaged by aspirin, anti-inflammatory drugs, stress, overeating, caffeine alcohol, some

drugs, eating meat, excessive cortisol, and hard spices (pepper, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg) and vinegar. I know a lot of us have always heard that vinegar is healing and good for you. Let's think what it really is, though, and logic should prevail. Vinegar is a fermented substance. This means it has been through a rotting process. You wouldn't eat a rotten apple, so why would you eat it through vinegar? Think about it.

You can make your pickles with lemon juice, and it tastes pretty close. Ask Stan at the hardware store, he does this a lot. Let's use vinegar on the outside where it's beneficial, and try and stay away from the rest, too.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9 o'clock each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10:00 and 11:00 AM services and evening services will be at 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. 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. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

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.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Pastor Tanner states they would most assuredly be blessed

by your presence. (Hebrews 10:23-25.) Women's Breakfast is every third Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church.

The time for the evening service at the Valley Head Baptist Church has been changed. The Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, with Worship at 7 PM. July 19, 12:15 to 1:30 is the 3rd Sunday dinner to help build the new fellowship hall.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Team Kid is 6:30-7:30 PM. The van runs at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. The Youth and Youth Ministry team through Change Your World are available to do whatever they can to help you (cleaning, light construction work, etc.) We also need your help. Would you be willing to host students in your home, help provide a meal, help serve a meal? Please contact David Tucker at 635-6644 for more information.

Only Believe...ministry holds regular services as follows: Monday night (prayer) 6:30 PM. Thursday 6:30 PM, Sunday 2:30 PM. We are a non-denominational/full gospel church. Pastor Susan Kendrick welcomes everyone to come and be a part of this work.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter-Greetings from the Philippines! I am sending this via e-mail to reach you, while I am on a medical mission trip to the island of Negros. Please keep our efforts here in your prayers. Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter is currently holding services at the

Woodmen of the World hall in Valley Head. We invite all to attend. Sabbath School and song service 9:30 to 10:45, worship service 11:00-12:00. We also have prayer meeting and Bible study each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Wilbur Atwood, lay pastor Bill Pyke. Come enjoy a vegetarian fellowship meal, every 2nd Sabbath. Lots of good, healthful food & Christian fellowship.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Sunday evening service at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. (All times are EST). The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11:00 AM; Evening Worship is at 6:00 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6:00 PM.

The Mentone United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School July 13-17, 9 AM-12 Noon, for grades Kindergarten through 6. The 6 PM Wednesday night Bible study on Genesis continues. The NOW Committee will meet Sunday, July 5, at 6 p.m. On June 28, Rhonda Blalock, wife of Barry Blalock, and their children Erica and Dustin were baptized into the church. They are welcome additions to the church family.

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1st Annual "The Great Cornbread" Cookoff

The article, pictures of the winners, and their recipes will appear in the August issue of The Groundhog. At press time, the photographs did not get back in time to be in this issue. Robin Ward won 1st place in the Mexican cornbread category and Marty Smith won 1st place in the regular cornbread category.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We are in the midst of summer—days are longer and warmer, but I love it! Give me summer with everything fresh and green and a little leisure time to enjoy the hummingbirds and the many other birds that frequent our feeders. Water is important to our little feathered friends and on warm days its pure pleasure to watch the birds drink and then bathe. I watched a robin, one day, go round the rim of the bird bath three times before he jumped in and bathed. It reminded me of myself when the water is cool and I am hesitant about jumping in to swim.

Mentone is a busy place now with all summer camps in full swing and others coming to camp at DeSoto State Park or just to spend the day, have lunch at one of the restaurants and, hopefully, shop a little. Our Bed and Breakfast places are staying filled on weekends and have some quests during the week.

I am kept busy at the Hitching Post giving directions or telling the history of Mentone. We have a good book, *Mentone A History*, by Zora Strayhorn, that I try to promote. Zora did two years of research before starting to write, and it is well done. If you do not have one, you should certainly buy one. It is just \$10.00, and it is well worth it. There is nothing about my family in it, but I enjoy reading about the pioneer families who settled here and cleared the way for those of us who are here now. Charles and Jean McGehee edited the book for Zora, and it is a treasure for those of us who live here, as well as our visitors.

Our visitors of the month have been Mason White and his lovely wife Gerri. Mason, of course, grew up here, but lives in Maryland now. He has a wonderful memory, and we have chatted about many old friends and acquaintances who are not with us any more. I could mention anyone, and he could tell me all about them. Mason's father, Paul White, was mayor of Mentone in the mid-forties. This made me wonder who was the first mayor of Mentone. Then I was reading from the new

Who's Who in DeKalb County, and saw that Paul Smith was on the committee to form an incorporation for the town of Mentone. So I called Ernest Smith, who is Paul Smith's son and the local authority on history, and found out who was the first mayor. He was Arthur Hixon, who operated the Hitching Post in the thirties. The mayor and council members were elected in 1935.

Miss Clara Moorman, who operated Windward Inn was a relative of Mason White. Her lodge was noted for its good food. She had a sign out front that said "Recommended by Duncan Hines". She sold Windward to the Moerlins and Millie made beautiful pottery and did weaving and other arts and sold them there. Then after her death, Dr. Bill Bailey, and wife Bonnie, bought Windward and did major restoration of the old log building—giving it new life, but preserving its originality. Now Ann Jackson's niece, Ann Hyatt and her husband, Ken, from Tampa, Fla., have purchased it. It is a lovely place since Al Blackburn landscaped it so well.

Mentone was and is, and probably will always be a place for a peaceful retreat from the pressure and stress of a busy world. Life moves at a slower pace here and most of us are content to live quietly and simply without pretense. Very few men wear ties, and ladies wear casual clothes. But I am still yearning for a community auditorium where we could have summer theater, concerts, religious retreats, etc. I know that it sounds like an impossible dream for a small place, but sometimes what cannot be reached by a ten-foot pole can be attained by adding a foot of interest and cooperation. We attract many gifted and talented people who could do acting, directing, music, and whatever was needed. Some of these people come and go, but more of them would stay if there was a place for them to perform. And I have not given up on the idea of a museum. Perhaps someone can leave us a building, in a will, that can be used for this purpose. Several of us are holding items for a museum—things that belonged to Alice Mason O'Rear who named Mentone.

Last month, I wrote a tribute to my sister, Jean Elrod Matthews, and omitted the names of the grandchildren she so loved. It was an oversight and not intentional. Pam and Cotton Baggett have three boys, Nathan, Jonathan, and Joshua; Joe and Donna Elrod have two daughters, Ashley and Morgan; and Lou Ann and Dr. Gary Johns have one daughter, Miranda. Please accept my apologies.

Have a happy Fourth of July holiday—stay sober, drive carefully, and enjoy a picnic with your family. Let's celebrate the liberty we have under the original Constitution of the United States, fly the flag of our country, and be proud of our heritage in a land of the free and home of the brave.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

I think that this has been one of the most beautiful springs to date, but that is only my opinion. The blooms on the roses were absolutely phenomenal, and not a single Japanese beetle in sight to destroy all that beauty. The beetles came late this year—in the second week of June, but there were not as many as previous years. Maybe that Bt treatment is working and doing its job. I did find quite a few grubs in the soil and treated them with milky spore.

Also the ticks have been very active, and we have had to be very vigilant. My spouse now even has dreams of them, that's how bad they are this year! I did read that they are attracted to the smell of carbon dioxide, so the more we mow, the more ticks emerge from the ground where they spend the winter. And, as anyone knows, they always seem to head for the head of animals or humans—the closest place to the source of the carbon dioxide (the mouth and nose). I have taken to using a lot of hair spray after brushing my hair thoroughly. Hair spray has alcohol in it and that sticks to the body of the tick and blocks the breathing spiracles, and the sticky stuff in the hair spray jams their legs and pincers, causing them to die before they can do any damage.

Recently, I have been hearing people talking about using tobacco juice to spray on their gardens. Well, tobacco juice happens to be a great insecticide and relatively harmless compared to all the other cancer-causing chemicals that are being used in the gardens. But be warned, tobacco juice **MUST NEVER** be used on edible vegetation. Tobacco juice is not only toxic to bugs, but to animals and humans, too, and also to certain plants like roses and tomatoes. It gives them a virus known as *tobacco mosaic virus*. Nicotine is absorbed by the plant leaves and remain toxic for several weeks. So, if you do use it on edibles, use it when the plant is young; and **don't** use it the last month before harvest. A tomato plant will slowly die if it is handled by a smoker who has not washed his hands before handling the plants. I also found out that tomatoes are related to the tobacco, so are peppers, eggplant and potatoes, and must never be planted close to each other as they are all subject to the same disease.

Now, to see things from another perspective or point of view, I have been bugging my relatives who live in Ozzie (Australia) to send me any gardening news from Down-Under, and they have obliged me willingly with a vast amount of gardening news. Some are truly sensational, like this one lady that uses all the old shoes and boots that she can find as flower pots! She hangs some on the walls, uses wellies as tall flower pots beside the front door. Some she has cut out holes so that the plants can protrude and droop through. It gave me quite a good laugh, and I could not help thinking what the kinfolks and friends here in rural Alabama would think if they saw me using such novelties as flower pots. That would really convince them that that foreign person living on County Road 633 is really eccentric!

Make insect spray the natural way (tips from Down-Under)

Make your own mosquito repellent by infusing 4 cloves of crushed garlic in one litre of (approx. 2 pts or 4 cups) of water and spray in mosquito-infested areas. For pest spray for plants, soak 7 garlic cloves in one cup of kerosene for two days, then add 10g (2 oz. or 1/4 cup) of powder or liquid detergent in one cup hot water, and add to the garlic mixture. Strain and store in a sealed and labeled container. To use the spray, dilute one part to five parts of water and spray directly onto pest-infested plants.

A lot of safe pesticides are made from synthetic pyrethrum. Pyrethrins are derived from the flowers of the pyrethrum daisy.

Propagating Flowering Dogwood (cornus florida)

Flowering dogwoods can be propagated either from seeds or cuttings. Seeds may be sown immediately after collection in the fall. Cover the seeds with 1/4"-1/2" of loose, fine soil.

Cuttings should be taken from terminal shoot tips in early summer. These should be 3"-4" long with all but two - four leaves removed. Treat with a root promoting hormone and set 1"-2" deep in beds of sandy soil. It is best to root cuttings in individual containers and intermittently mist with water. Seedlings are then transplanted with root ball when they are one or more years old, and planted in the late spring.

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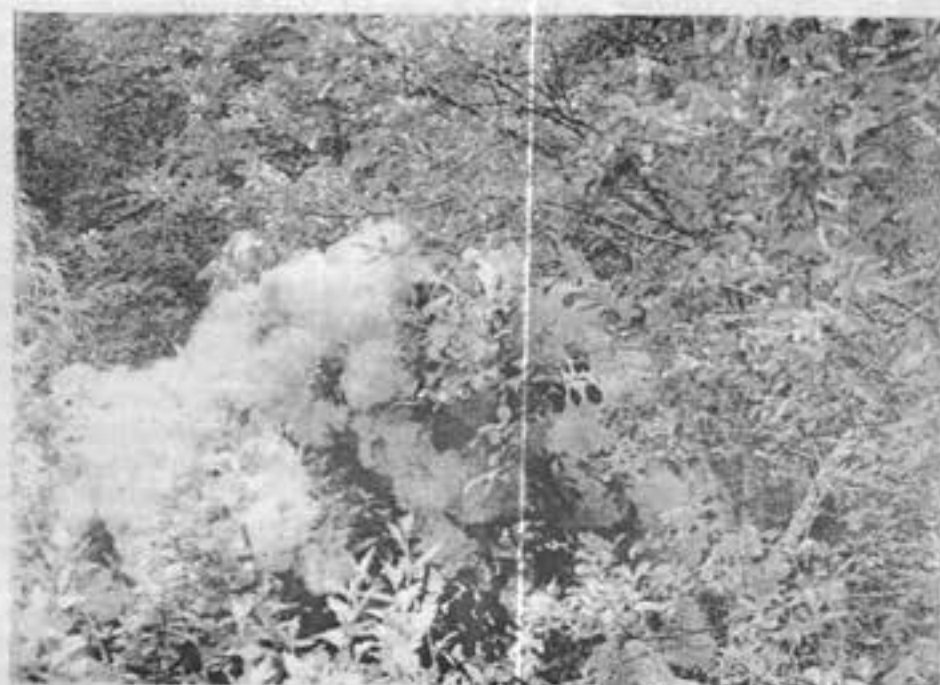
Vegetables
Both Night & Day

Rhododendron Garden Club Ladies Tour River Oak Garden

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell



Ms. Ann Wright has many rhododendrons—both native and hybrid—and, when they are in bloom, River Oak Gardens are even more breathtakingly beautiful than other times of the year. Here, Mrs. Wright shows her rhododendrons to Mrs. Christina Wise.



Among the most interesting plants in River Oak Gardens is the Smoke Tree that actually looks as if it is emitting smoke when it is in bloom.



The pond at River Oak Gardens has several different kinds of water lilies.



The Wrights—Bill and Ann—have beautiful plants in their River Oak Gardens. In the foreground, are beautifully healthy hostas with ferns and Oak Leaf Hydrangeas growing behind them.

The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club met at River Oak, the home of Mrs. Ann Wright, on Little River at Mentone, June 9 for their regular monthly meeting. After a light lunch of sandwiches, fresh vegetables and dip, desserts, and iced drinks, President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order and read an eclectic devotional comprised of selections from the book of Isaiah, the writings of Francis Bacon, the words to the old hymn "In The Garden," and "A Collect For Gardeners" by Mrs. Edward Flinn.

Mrs. Alyce Springer led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Wilkinson welcomed everybody and thanked the hostesses—Mrs. Dorothy Cyr, Mrs. Alyce Springer, and Mrs. Ann Wright. President Wilkinson then welcomed guest, Mrs. Jean McGehee, who is a former member of the Rhododendron Garden Club as well as former Vice-president.

The ladies of the club introduced themselves and named either a famous or favorite garden they had visited. Then, Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell, read the minutes of the May meeting, and those were approved as read. Financial reports were postponed.

Committee Reports and Unfinished Business were minimal, and the Garden Clubs of Alabama Annual Convention was announced for June 10-13 in Decatur, Alabama. The Sickness and Worry Report caught the ladies up on community misery

and birthdays. Mrs. Marie Dillenbeck won the Hostess Gift.

Mrs. Ann Wright then led the ladies on a walk through her 8 acre garden of acid-sub-acid soil consisting of old plants and new plants with some in between. It is absolutely unbelievable how much work Ann and her husband, Bill Wright, put in every day in their gardens.

Among the many other plants, there is a plethora of hostas all set out, equally spaced, and carefully labeled so that the lay people touring the gardens can know exactly what they are seeing when they look. Mrs. Ann Wright is very conscientious about the use of scientific names, because she knows how important it is to be sure that she and the person she is talking to are all referring to the same plant. Everybody studies those scientific names in high school biology but seldom ever uses them afterward.

The importance of the scientific names came through to this writer on a recent trip to Thomas Jefferson's home at Monticello at Charlottesville, Virginia. In the pouring rain, she wandered into the garden tent and was looking at a display of seeds that had been developed there on the grounds at Monticello. Her plan was to purchase a package of seeds and bring them back to Alabama as a gift for a friend, so, in an attempt to get seeds for a plant that would be unfamiliar to her friend, this writer read names until she came to "Honesty."

Never having heard of "Honesty," this writer purchased that package of seeds and brought it back to Alabama only to discover that "Honesty" and "Money Plant" were the same thing. Talk about disappointment! That word hardly applies to the feeling this writer experienced.

The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club looked at all the plants in the River Oak Gardens, and each specimen had something about it that made it completely fascinating. After touring those gardens, it is possible to see how the people who visit there tend to lose track of time and distance themselves from the troubles and pressures of the world in general and their own lives in particular.

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.

The next meeting will be at the Mentone Community House on July 14, at 12:30. The Hostesses are Hattie Lide, Gethryn Giles, and Lois Pearl. Marie Dillenbeck has the devotional. Roll call is to name a shade loving plant. Billie Crumly, Master Gardener, will present a Shade Gardening program.

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100th Birthday!



Ms. Ethel Shigley Green Adams

Ethel Shigley was born to Henry Frank and Melissa Rebecca Shigley on July 4, 1989. She grew up at Mentone and lived there until she moved to The Fountains in November 1991.

Ethel was married to Frank Green on July 4, 1919. They had a very happy life together with their three children, Grace (Pullen), Eva (Clark), and Robert. They lived at the same place for 42 years. Frank passed away on November 22, 1961.

Ethel lived alone until May of 1965, when she married Charles Adams. They had a good 22 years together. Charles passed away in November 1987.

Ethel is loved by everyone who knows her, both family and friends. She is a charter member of the Mentone Wesleyan Church. She now lives with her daughter, Eva, in Fort Payne.

Happy 100th Birthday, "Miss Ethel"!



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor. 15:58

Paul, in writing to the people he loved, was asking them to be steadfast and keep working for God. You know your payday will come. He knew, if we would keep busy, satan would not have a chance to put things in our mind that would hinder us in our work.

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