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"Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

July 1999

1999 camp sessions in full swing on the mountain



Benny Goss, Mentone Postmaster and Martha Kirby, are busy sorting and distributing the camp mail in the Mentone Post Office. The bins show front and back view of the extra mail in the five orange bins, plus regular bins. Martha is hidden behind Bobby Brown, Highway contract carrier.

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Benny Goss, Mentone Postmaster and Martha Kirby, are busy sorting and distributing the camp mail in the Mentone Post Office. This is not their largest day, but it will indicate the extra workload that the postal workers have during the months the camps are in session. The mail in the five large (orange) bins and the smaller bin is in addition to the regular mail that comes through this post office each day. The post office has 410 active boxes. On the mail routes, there are 600 postal customers. With a new substitute mail carrier, and not every mailbox having the E911 address posted, and the extra camp mail during the summer months, the mail will be delivered, but it may take a little longer than usual, as they have no additional help to speed up the distribution of the extra mail.

It's summer time and many young people have been and are arriving in Mentone and the Mentone area to take part in the camping experience, where they will be involved in outdoors activities including swimming, tennis, boating, crafts, horseback riding, sports, fishing, and much, much, more.

Patty Tucker, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Tourist Association, said in a recent Tourism article, "You have heard me speak often about the charm and uniqueness of the little town of Mentone. The quaint bed and breakfast inns, cozy cottages, country craft shops and fine restaurants housed in century old facilities all lend a nostalgic feeling of life in the early twentieth century.

"On the surface, the town appears to be a quiet resort, a haven for the weary and those seeking solitude from big city life. But, deep within its cavities is a different story. One of children squealing with delight as they swim, fish, canoe, and, if feeling brave, rappel down the side of a tower. This is a story of summer camps. Mentone is a mecca for children's camps, providing a home to some 10,000 children each summer. The camps come in a variety of choices: bible camps, equestrian, camps for boys, camps for girls, and so forth. Children have been coming from all over the southeast to attend these camps since 1916. Generations of families were raised coming to Mentone each summer."

CAMPS IN MENTONE

Camp DeSoto is a private Christian camp for girls. Age groups are junior (below fifth grade), intermediate (sixth and seventh grades), and senior (eighth, ninth and tenth grades). Horseback riding, swimming, archery, tennis, riflery, canoeing, crafts, dramatics and Glee club, rappelling, cycling, backpacking, nature studies, and photography, and various team sports are offered. The dining hall seats over 300 campers. The gym makes possible basketball, kickball, and other games. Phil and Marsha Hurt are camp directors, and live year round in Mentone. For more information, write to Phil and Marsha Hurt, PO Box 432, Mentone, AL 35984; or call 256-634-4394.

Camp Laney is a camp for boys. Campers are divided into seven activity groups by age and grade in school; each group has 20 to 25 boys. They follow a daily schedule, which includes horseback, canoeing, Project Adventure, tennis, major sports, ropes course, swimming—with archery and riflery every other day.

The principal building is the lodge, which contains the dining room, dining hall and kitchen, camp offices, infirmary, and nurse's quarters. There is also a gym, swimming pool, horse stable, riding ring, athletic field, and archery and riflery ranges. It is located on the west fork of Little River. For more information write to Rob Hammond, PO Box 289, Mentone, AL 35984, or call 256-634-4066.

Camp Skyline offers girls ages 6 to 16 the opportunity to spend two weeks in the mountains, on the west fork of Little

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- July 2 and July 5 - Town Hall in Mentone
CLOSED for 4th of July Holiday
- Sunday, July 4, Independence Day Celebration
(July 5, 4th of July Holiday)
(See page for fireworks display information.)
- Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting,
Brow Park Annual Covered Dish Picnic

- Monday, July 12, 7 p.m.
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
NOTE: This is a change from the first Monday
regular meeting night.
- Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, 9 AM-5PM
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--PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 1999

September 16 December 16

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

The Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) has elected new officers for the year 1999-2000, and I have the privilege of serving as president. We have a good group of officers who, I believe, are also looking forward to making this one of MAPA's most successful years yet. A complete list is on this page. My husband, Huey, and I have lived in Mentone only a short time, but we feel as if we had been here all our lives. This is a wonderful area and I am glad I can be a part of preserving the qualities we fell in love with the first time we drove through about 5 years ago.

It makes me feel proud to be a part of an organization dedicated to keeping this area as it is for everyone--residents and visitors alike--to be able to enjoy as we move into a new millennium. People here still cherish the values which made our nation strong as we struggled through the twentieth century. To me, that alone is worth preserving, but we also have all the beautiful scenery and the wonderful heritage of the area to keep alive.

We, in MAPA, are enthusiastic about the new year. Already plans are being made for our traditional events, and we have some exciting plans for new projects during the year. Watch for more details on these events later. Hopefully, we will be able to involve and benefit most of the community.

Please remember to clean out your garages and closets and bring us the items you no longer need for the 450-mile yard sale. Our ad on the back page has all the details.

Our July 6 meeting will be a picnic at 6:00 p.m. in the Brow Park. We invite you to bring a covered dish and join us. If you are interested in knowing more about MAPA and its place in our community, this will be a good time to learn.

I look forward to the coming year as president of MAPA and to continuing the preservation of our unique and wholesome lifestyle here.

The Family of Leonard Shigley

would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who helped in so many ways during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father who passed away on May 29, 1999. You mowed his lawn, brought food or flowers, prayed for us and with us, or helped with his daily needs, and never tired of coming by to let him know he was loved. We know who you are and we'll never forget you! May God bless you!

A special thank you to those who participated in the service, and to the directors and personnel at Wilson Funeral Home for their professionalism, kindness, and consideration to the family.



Mapa June Meeting

Homer Crow, president, called the meeting to order. Under old business, a committee headed by George Walker was formed to look into the upkeep and repair of the plants located along the sidewalk area on Hwy 117. Russell Wright will be contacted about the work needed to be done.

Betty Bain, Colorfest Chairman, asked if boat rides would be offered in October, and brought up several matters in preparation of the festival.

Dessie Newberry offered the log cabin building behind the Kountry Chef for an office and also to store the yard sale items for the 450-mile yard sale August 19-22 (See flyer on back page). She also offered part of the parking area on the east side of the restaurant to set up the MAPA tent during the sale.

Homer announced that the MAPA board agreed to rent the office space at the log cabin. Money making projects for the Colorfest included selling at the MAPA booth a plastic Mentone license tag with the MAPA logo, refrigerator magnets, Zora Strayhorn's book on the history of Mentone, Car Tags, T-shirts, souvenirs. Rental of the remaining tents was mentioned.

Under new business, Homer passed out the updated Mentone brochure that MAPA had published. He picked up a box of the brochures from Chattanooga the day of the meeting. He also announced that MAPA had a few rhododendron plants for sale at the present time.

The annual election of officers was held with the following officers being elected: President Marilyn Mathews, Vice President Dot Crow, Treasurer Dessie Newberry, Secretary Marie S. Dillenbeck, Members at large: Rovene Truett and Betty Bain. Jim Lyday installed the officers.

The newly elected president, Marilyn Mathews, gave a short acceptance message and thanked the members for their show of support.

The next meeting is a picnic on the brow on Tuesday, July 6, 1999. Everyone is invited to attend.



McNutt Reunion photo of some of those who attended in 1998. Submitted by Jane Galloway

McNutt Reunion

August 7, Valley Head Park

Bring a picnic lunch; eat at 12:00 noon
Spend the afternoon visiting together.

We have a great family, all of us. Let us plan to be together at the Valley Head Park (Valley Head, AL) on Saturday, August the 7th. Schedule your vacations, take a trip, whatever. Make plans to be there! We all will have a great time being together. All of us are looking forward to seeing you and everybody we know. All of us will enjoy the reunion with all of our cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and all members of our great family. We drift apart over the years by being so busy with our separate lives.

Let's make this a time of "Family" love, fun, and happiness. Make plans to be there!!!! Let us take one (1) day a year to be together with our family.

For answers to any questions or for directions, please call Jane Galloway 256-634-4251.

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(4) ADORABLE FURNISHED COTTAGE. MENTONE. 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Pine Floors, Rock Fireplace. 2 wooded lots. Just bring your overnight bag, and stay awhile. Located on Hwy 117, Downtown Mentone. \$78,500.



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(6) WONDERFUL OL FARMHOUSE with 4 acres, garden area, two outbuildings, on paved road, Mentone. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen for canning and a cellar for storing. \$59,500.



(7) WILD RIVER COMMUNITY. 100x300 ft. lots on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic. \$10,000 each. ALSO AVAILABLE: 3 acre tracts-EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER, secluded, with natural deep swimming hole and rapids. Wild and Scenic beauty surrounds you. \$30,000 each.



(8) COTTAGE ON LAKE LAHUSAGE. Furnished, Rustic 3 Bdrm 1 Bath, Fireplace, 2 decks and Screened Porch. All appliances. Also Efficiency apartment above Garage. Creek on the West Boundary. A unique structure with lots of Mountain Stone Accents. Dock on Lake. \$38,000. Reduced \$32,500.



(9) MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES Phase 1 & 2 now open. 3 to 5 acre tracts on the middle Fork of Little River. Located off Lookout Mountain Parkway, 4 miles from downtown Mentone and 2 miles from the Ga. line. River front tracts starting at \$27,500, and 4-15 acre wooded stream tracts.



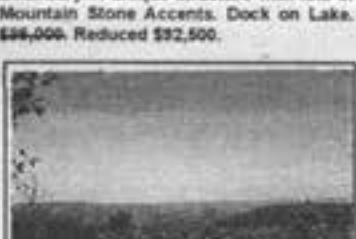
(10) PICTURE YOURSELF ON THE COVERED PORCH, overlooking the large pond stocked with fish, small creek lined with perennial beds, and immaculate 2 Bdrm 2 bath cedar home with CHA, large open Living and Kitchen, with all updated appliances. All this, plus 8 acres of pasture, woods, and garden area with fruit trees. \$143,500.



(11) ADIRONDACK STYLE (1800'S) LOG LODGE sitting on 2 private acres in downtown Mentone. Complete with Dog Trot separating the Kitchen with Fireplace and Living Area with Fireplace. Unique 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Screened Breezeways, and Porches. Wood Floors, and Tin Roof. Separate Guest Cottage. City Water, along with Hand pump Well. Step back in time with this One-of-a-kind FURNISHED HOME. \$225,000.



(12) 50 ACRES, LOCATED IN CLOUDLAND, GA. Great Farm with 20x40 Barn, Large Workshop, 3 outbuildings, Garage, 4 wells, year around spring, 3 garden areas, Grape Arbors, Approx. 6 acres cleared. Beautiful Hardwoods. 12x70 Mobile Home with Rock Foundation. Many more amenities. \$165,000. Show by APPT. Only.



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OTHER PROPERTIES

(18) 20 ACRES. Wooded with Springs, Hollows, and Rock formations. Located on Co. Rd. 633, Mentone. \$40,000. Also available 10 acres and up ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per acre. Owner financing to qualified.

(19) DESOTO PARKWAY - (LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARKWAY) 1.5 acres M/L, wooded, city water and natural gas available. Minutes from State Park and Fort Payne. \$10,500.

(20) OAKWOOD ESTATES - 3 plus acre wooded and Pasture tracts available. Located in Mentone, County Road 106. Restricted Covenants. For permanent or Vacation Residential Homes. \$12,500 each.

(21) FOR RENT, 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, cabin in Downtown Mentone by the week or weekend. Also 1 bedroom, 1 bath, Log Cabin, fireplace and large screened porch. Call for info. Angela Wood (1-888-256-1276)

(22) WOODED MOBILE HOME LOT, on Lookout Mountain, Road frontage (County Rd. 103), Cherokee County, AL. \$5,000. City Water available.

(23) ALPINE AREA, RIVERSIDE DR. 2 WEST FORK Riverview lots, city water available. Access to deep water for canoeing. \$45,000.

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(25) R. Lee Crow Subdivision - 8 lots (approx. 4 acres) UNRESTRICTED, with Lake frontage. City water available. \$16,000.



(14) SOOTHING SOUND OF RAINDROPS ON A TIN ROOF brings back the warm cozy feeling in this 2 Bdrm, 2 bath cottage. 1 car garage and 3.8 wooded acres, and only three years old. Located in Mentone area. \$64,600. Reduced to \$60,000.



(15) THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER, 75 acres M/L available with access from Paved Road, and County Water. Over 600 ft. of River, 3 springs, wet weather cascading water fall. Also, part of the Historical Dinky Line Railway. \$248,000.



(16) BROW, BROW, BROW - MENTONE. Approximately 3 acres with 300 ft. of view frontage. Property is on the West (sunset) on Desoto Parkway. City Water available. Great Location. \$90,000.



(17) HIGHWAY 117'S MENTONE. Older Home, 1 Bdrm, Bath with walk-in Shower, 36x24 Living Room. Central heat, City Water, two rooms in Basement. Great potential. \$48,000.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Continue to keep the following on your prayer lists: Mae Shigley, Kathryn Jones and Herman Jones, Rev. Dennis Mays. Also, please keep Arline Fowler in your prayers, she recently went to the Crowne Nursing Home and is not doing very well.

Gerry Disney is recovering at home from her fall and broken bones. We continue to wish her a complete recovery.

Good news, Dr. Fernandez at the DeKalb Clinic, Valley Head will be opening full-time August 2. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch from 12 to 1:30.

Congratulations to the following:

*Lisa S. Hope and Gail Brown Smalley of Mentone, and Tonya Nicole Shanklin of Valley Head, who were named to Jacksonville State University's Dean's List (All A's and B's) for the 1999 spring semester, also to Judith Maxine Crider and Christy D. Cushen of Valley Head, who were named to the President's List (All A's).

*Patricia Blansit, Revital Chen, Monique Smith and Jonathan Tate of Mentone and Wendy Hyde of Valley Head, who made the Dean's List at Northeast Alabama Community College, requiring a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99.

*Anthony Wade Phillips of Valley Head who recently received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree cum laude from Auburn University. While in pharmacy school, he was involved in the American Pharmaceutical Association, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Phi Lambda Sigma National Leadership Society and Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society. He plans to do a residency at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Miss. He is the son of Glenn and Connie Phillips and brother of Andy Phillips, all of Valley Head.

*Anna Nicole Rievley, who was chosen to represent Valley Head High School at Alabama Girls State June 6-11 at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. Anna is the daughter of Lisa O'Tinger and the granddaughter of Bennie and Kathy O'Shields, all of Valley Head. Her trip was sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Post 215 in Mentone.

*Young weather artists from Valley Head, whose drawings appeared in the Times-Journal: Amber White (9), June 5-6; Anne Lyle Shugart, June 11; Jonathon Driskill (22), June 16. Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- *James Leonard Shigley Sr., 78, Mentone, 5/29;
- *Foyle Edward Cooper, 73, Valley Head, 6/13;
- *Mary Louise Keith, 71, Mentone, 6/19;
- *Leslie L. Shelburne, 84, Hammondville, 6/21.

Good news about the Mentone Inn. They plan to reopen it about September 1st. Daisy Elliott from Good Hope will be the manager. Michael and Sara Campbell, the new owners of the Mentone Inn, are looking forward to the Inn being back in the Bed and Breakfast business.

Christina Wise will be opening a new business called Generations Past, which will feature crafts, rugs, glass, dishes and furniture. She will be opening soon in the Hitching Post where the Village Boutique used to be.

Village Boutique has moved to the White Elephant, and all the customers can find the items of their choice there.

Al Blackburn is planning to open a little country store on Ala. Hwy 117, at his Blackburn's Nursery location. Construction is already under way. Produce will be sold along with other items. Be looking for an opening date. Under the front porch, there will be rocking chairs to sit in and chat with each other. Not only will you be able to get all your landscaping and planting needs, but also produce and other items, as well as just sitting and visiting a spell. You'll be hearing more about this as plans are completed.

Catherine Bailey celebrated her 89th Birthday on June 21. Many more happy returns, Catherine!

Tyler Hester of Valley Head celebrated his 6th Birthday on June 24, with a party at home with family and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Larry Sanders, whose birthday was June 21st.

Two from DeKalb Chosen for Games in Puerto Rico



James Wells

James Wells (11) is the son of Wesley and Kim Wells of Valley Head and Pam Wells of Rome, Ga. He is the grandson of John and Norma Wells of Valley Head, and Zulaine Cunningham, Lafayette, Ga.

Greg Hawkins of Valley Head and James Wells of Hammondville, who are cousins, were recently selected to be part of the Roberto Clemente All-Stars baseball program. They earned their spots by participating in a tryout in Huntsville.

Only a select few are offered this incredible opportunity to travel to one of the world's "tropical baseball paradises." They will each receive individual instruction from some of our country's finest coaches. Each team consists of 12-14 players from across the United States. Teams will be led by college coaches and pro scouts. The players may also earn scholarships. There will be 2 top college coaches, pro scouts, or high school coaches per team. A major league scout will be present.

James Wells, 11, a student at Moon Lake Elementary in Mentone, was picked to a 10-11 (age group) squad that will travel to Puerto Rico on Aug. 1-7. Greg Hawkins, 17, made a 16-19 squad that will be in Puerto Rico on Aug. 8-14.

During their trips, Hawkins and Wells will play in games against various teams from Puerto Rico. According to literature from the Roberto Clemente program, those competitions will take place at sites ranging from small mountain



Greg Hawkins

Greg Hawkins (17) is the son of Jon and Annette Hawkins of Valley Head. He is the grandson of John and Norma Wells of Valley Head, and Maxine and Robert Baty of Mentone.

village ballparks to a 15,000-seat professional stadium.

The Roberto Clemente program has been in existence for nine years and takes 40 to 50 players on each of its trips. Players ages 10 to 19 may try out for the program. Clemente's name was attached to the program in honor of his playing career and humanitarian work.

Wells began playing T-ball at age 4 and has been playing baseball for three years. His parents have seen his game get better during that time. His mother, Kim, said that the upcoming trip will have many benefits for her son. "This is something he's wanted to do," she said. "I think experiencing a different culture is going to be good for him. He'll get a different view of what it's like somewhere else. He's hardly been out of Alabama."

Hawkins said, "I've just been hooked on it since I was able to walk. I've been playing since I was only 7." He would like to come back from the trip with a scholarship or maybe something even bigger. "Maybe I'll get a scholarship or something out of it," he said. "That's all I've wanted to do is play ball. I don't think it would be that bad to do something you like to do and get paid for it."

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: ●1 - Ann Harcrow 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 (anniv.); ●8 - Kaylee Tucker; ●10 - Alan Bell; ●11 - Alan McElhane, Garrett Collins, Barbie Hester; ●12 - Cindy Harrison, Charles Gray; ●13 - Tracie Pullen, Penny McElhane, Sissy Crider; ●14 - Jeffery Hopper; ●15 - Lois Foshee, Gage King, Jason Dean, Bro. Gary Moore; ●16 - Chris Busby; ●17 - Kayla Hazell, Christopher Glenn Black; ●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; ●29 - Erma Black; ●30 - Zack Dean; ●31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin, Paige Wright.

Congratulations to Mike and Eiko Key of Valley Head. They are new grandparents for the first time. Their son, Tony and his wife are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on June 9th at 10:22 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs and 1 oz and was 20-1/2 inches long. Both mother and baby are doing great!

Mrs. and Mrs. Don Yates also have a new grandbaby girl! Emma Lauren was born on June 9th to Jason & Julie Burch. Emma weighed 7 lbs and 11 oz and was 20 inches long.

I plan to go to Las Cruces, NM, for Dorothy Sheldon's (my mother) 80th birthday, which is August 1st. My brothers and my sister are planning to be there. In order for me to do that, the August issue of The Groundhog will be early. Evelyn, too, plans to take a "few days off." We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in getting photos and articles to us between July 15 and July 18. After July 18, we will not be able to accept any photos or articles. The print date is July 22.

I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying time with their families, as well as taking trips or going special places.

1999Mentone Dixie Youth 11-12 year olds

Tyler Huskey	Michael Hawkins
Paul Davis	Josh Tweedell
Matt Hawkins	Kirby McMunn
Sarah Dodd	Josh Smith
Hillary Fenley	James Wells

Coaches: Wesley Wells, Annette Hawkins, Greg Hawkins
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MOUNTAIN MAMAS SPONSORS 2nd Y2K WORKSHOP

By Ellen Spangler

July 17th will be the second in a series of monthly Saturday morning workshops preparing us for Y2K. Predictions for problems we may face after Jan. 1, 2000, range from occasional glitches that could affect utilities, medical services, food distribution, and communications (inconveniencing us for a few days) to catastrophic conditions with difficulties lasting weeks, maybe months. Certainly, we hope that the minor problems are all we will have to live through. But even then, planning ahead and making the same preparations needed for tornado season or for a predicted ice storm will help us move through the inconveniences with ease. For Y2K, the American Red Cross has recommended making preparations for one month without utilities—storing nonperishable food, water & paper goods; prescriptions & medical supplies; alternative sources of heating & cooking; flashlights & extra batteries; battery-operated radio; and some extra cash on hand. Fill your automobile gas tank a day or so prior to Dec. 31, 1999.

The Y2K Workshops at Mountain Mamas are covering the specific area of "Good Sanitation for 'Bad' Times". This will include information about simple, inexpensive and odorless ways to handle wastes, and how to easily collect rainwater for washing and drinking. The three topics covered are: 1) easy to make "composting toilets"; 2) backyard composting; and 3) collecting rainwater for emergency use. Also available for sale at the shop are portable compost toilets (assembled or in kit form) for \$45, or instructions for building and using them for \$3.

Mountain Mamas Crafts & Pottery is on GA Highway 48 at Cloudland, GA. (From Mentone, take AL 117 East. The shop is 1/2 mile past the AL/GA line, on the left.)

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- Morgana, one of our potters, will be demonstrating the Majolica technique of painting pottery on Saturday afternoon, July 17, from 1 to 4 pm (GA time). She'll help you paint on a tile, too. Give yourself this time to be creative!
- Carved snakes have been added to the items for sale in the craft shop. Mary Alice Stout has been collecting roots from her organic garden. She lets the roots dry, shapes them with a knife, then paints them while looking at snake pictures in a book. Many are very realistic. Saturday, July 24, from 1 to 4 pm (GA time), she will be creating snakes. Come and watch.



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1999 camps in full swing on the mountain

(Continued from page 1.)

River, participating in programs that stress adventure, inspirational themes, building character and confidence, supervised by Christian leadership. The facilities are located on Alabama Hwy 117, in Mentone, and are large and modern. They offer a swimming pool, tennis courts with instruction, gymnastics, a ropes course, sailing, canoeing, land sports, computers, archery, drama dance, cheerleading, chorus, and a field trip to Six Flags Over Georgia, Atlanta. The ratio of counselors to campers is 5:1. Skyline Ranch is a member of The American Association of Camps and Christian Camping International. A free videotape is available. A charge is assessed for the two-week session. The first two week session started June 26, and the others are July 11, and July 26.

For more information write to Larry and Sally Johnston at PO Box 287, Mentone, AL 35984, or call 256-634-4001 or 1-800-448-9279.

OTHER CAMPS IN THE MENTONE AREA

Riverview Camp for Girls is owned by Susan and Larry Hooks, who are the Directors, and Donna Bares, Asst. Director. It is conducted as a year-round camp and located at 757 County Road 614, in Mentone. During summer months, it operates as a camp for girls, with a Christian atmosphere that will encourage a child to live responsibly with goodness, compassion, generosity, and a genuine concern and respect for others.

During the rest of the year, it offers other opportunities, one of which is **Nature's Classroom**, as well as weekend retreats. Among the camps many activities are enjoying the outdoors, canoeing on Little River, riding on horseback, and hiking. Creative skills are developed through archery, tennis, golf, gymnastics, aerobics, dance, cheerleading, arts and crafts, and chorus and dramas.

Riverview Camp is a member of the American Camping Association and Christian Camping International. A fee is charged for each session. For more information, write to Larry and Susan Hooks, P.O. Box 299, Mentone, AL 35984; or call 256-634-4043 or 1-800-882-0722. Fax 256-634-360; e-mail: rvview@peop.tdsnet.com

Alpine Camp for Boys is located south of Mentone near DeSoto State Park and Fort Payne, off County Road 165, on County Road 624, Mentone, AL. It is located on the west fork of Little River. Summer sessions run from one week to two and four weeks in length. It is available for rent the rest of the year to school and church groups, civic group functions and family reunions. Activities offered are water sports such as swimming, fishing and canoeing, horseback riding, rope courses, team sports, archery, and riflery. They also offer courses in arts and crafts, guitar lessons, and physical training with weight lifting.

For more information, contact Richard O'Ferrall, PO Box 297, Mentone, AL 35984; or call 256-634-4404.

Ponderosa Bible Camp is located north of Mentone off County Road 89, on County Road 734, on the west fork of Little River, going toward the Dade County, Georgia, line. Summer sessions run from one week to two and four weeks. Spring and fall retreats are also offered. The camp is available for rent the rest of the year to school and church groups, civic group functions, and family reunions. Some of Ponderosa's activities include the use of a full size gymnasium and large swimming pool, boating, fishing, rappelling, canoeing and horseback riding. They have adopted a catchy theme for the summer of '99, "Yearning 2 Know." With everyone concerned about the Y2K computer problems we may be faced with, the staff of Ponderosa says we should be yearning to know our Master better, so we can be prepared for the new millennium. For more information, contact Glenn and Linda Miller, PO Box 285, Mentone, AL 35984; or call 256-634-4397.

Lookout Mountain Camp for Boys is located at 277 County Road 632, Mentone, and is located near the Georgia line. It is situated on 200 acres with 48 buildings, housing boys from ages 8 to 15. The interdenominational Christian-oriented camp offers swimming in its own lake, horseback riding and instruction, archery, hiking, riflery, tennis, other sports, and many other activities. They have an open air gym, and near the gym are facilities for softball, soccer, field hockey, or more informal sports and games.

The two-week sessions started in June. For more information, contact Gray Morrison at 256-634-4758.

Valley View Ranch, nestled in scenic valleys (Valley View Road off Hwy 157) north of Cloudland, has been offering horsemanship camps for girls age 6 to 17, since 1954. The Horsemanship Association of America certifies the camp. Campers will spend hours during their two-week camp session on trails, learning many techniques in riding. Campers will have the care and responsibility of their own horses during their stay at the ranch. In addition, a well-rounded recreational program, including swimming, canoeing, crafts, archery, sports, and horse show participation. For more information, contact Nancy Jones, HC 65, Box 506, Cloudland, GA 30731; or call 706-862-2231. A free video tape of the camp is available.

Camp Woodmont, located just north of Cloudland, GA, at 1339 Yankee Road, Cloudland, GA, offers boys age 6 to 14 an opportunity to be in a natural mountain setting while sleeping in modern cabins and using a large lodge dining hall. The camp, which was founded in 1981, offers one-, two-, and multiple-week sessions for between 50 and 100 campers each session. Counselors are recruited from colleges. Activities include swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, drama skits, dance, and sports of all kinds, including archery. Camp director, Jane Bennett, said a new challenge course had been opened up for the 1999 session. The large dining hall lodge is for meals, games, and nighttime activities. Evenings the campers get together for singing, skits, talent shows, campfire programs, folk dancing, and team competitions. For more information, contact Jane Bennett, at 706-398-0739.

SCOUTING CAMPS IN MENTONE AREA

Comer Scout Reservation is located at 16490 County Road 89 (DeSoto Parkway), in Mentone. It is owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and the Choccolocco Council and serves eleven counties in Northeast Alabama. The Sequoyah District embodies DeKalb and Cherokee Counties. Comer Reservation covers some 1,193 acres, including two lakes. It is divided into two camps—A.A. Michaels for tent camping and Allen C. Jacobs, which has twelve A-frame chalets for family camping. There are 13 troop camping sites. Some of the activities offered are sailing, canoeing, swimming, crafts, archery, and riflery. Scout certification, ropes course, and map craft skills are also available. Comer is open year round to Scout groups, except Christmas and Thanksgiving. For more information, contact Tom Oberle, Comer Scout Reservation, 16490 County Road 89, Mentone, AL 35984; or call 256-634-4389.

Camp Adahi is located on Hwy 157, near Cloudland, Ga. It is situated on 900 acres owned and operated by the Moccasin Bend Girl Scout Council. At camp, girls learn and grow through a variety of activities, develop values and build lasting friendships. The camp program is planned by the girls in partnership with the adult staff. For more information, contact Mr. John Espy, Moccasin Bend Girl Scout Council, PO Box 15969, Chattanooga, TN 37415; 615-877-2688 (office); 706-862-2020 (camp).

Camp Juliette Low is associated with the programs of the Girl Scouts of America. It is located on Hwy 157, in Cloudland, Ga. It emphasizes response to the impact of nature and ecology in today's world. Girls are taught to love the great outdoors and get along in a natural setting, learning how to adapt to a natural setting, to understand survival techniques in the woods and in the water, and to develop a lifelong joy and concern for our environment. Situated on ten acres of land just north of Cloudland, Ga., and built in 1933, it is named for Juliette Low who founded not only the camp, but the Girl Scouts of America, a non-profit organization owned and managed by a board of trustees. It has expanded to 340 acres with a lake for canoeing and sailing instruction, swimming pool, craft house, two recreational lodges, and an infirmary. Project Adventure, a rope course, is part of the program for older campers. Founded in 1922, the camp is on the National Register of Historic Places. For more information, call 706-862-2169; or write Marcia Levy or Peggy Holbrook, Directors, PO Box 5116, Marietta, GA, 30061; Winter phone: 404-428-1062.



The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th 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 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 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 Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, 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). Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Women's prayer service is every Wed. morning at 9:30.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM and morning worship at 11 AM each Sunday. The Youth Choir meets at 5 PM on Sunday under the direction of David and Marcia Tucker. Discipleship Training is also at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM on Sunday. Youth Fellowship is after Evening Worship on the third Sunday of each month. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Adult Prayer Service is held and Youth Bible Studies and Children's Choir meet. July 26th - 30th from 6 PM-9PM is Vacation Bible School. The theme is Mount Extreme and promises to be an exciting Bible study. We are looking forward to a busy and fun summer at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Come and join us.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.

New pastor, Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the **Presbyterian Church** worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM. (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites 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 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to visit with us each Saturday morning. We are currently having services in the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Song Service & Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00 - 12:00. Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer meeting 6:30-7:30 PM. We've been having lots of outdoor picnics after services each week. Drop by and eat and fellowship with us. All are invited.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is committed to being a Bible teaching community church where all peoples of all races, social standing and diverse church backgrounds are welcomed and loved. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Youth Ministry Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM; Bible Study Wednesday 7 PM.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, 112 First Street, SW, Fort Payne, invites you to attend Sunday Worship at 8 AM, School at 9 AM, & Tuesday Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. The church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church services begin at 10 AM EST and 6 PM. Wednesday services are at 7 PM. Pastor James Braddy invites you to attend all of our services and a special invitation is extended to everyone to join our Saturday night singings. We always have a wonderful fellowship dinner at 6 PM followed by singing at 7 PM EST. Come with an open heart and you will certainly receive a blessing! We are a small country church with a big country welcome! We are located 2 miles behind the Lookout Restaurant in Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun., Tues. and Wed. nights. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Tucker invites everyone to attend. The church is continuing to raise funds for the new roof, which is being put on at this time. The total cost (estimated) is \$10,000. \$7,447.22 has been received for the roof fund, so far. Those wishing to help may do so by mailing their donations to PO Box 344, Mentone, AL 35984.



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Rev. Gerhard H. Grau New Presbyterian Pastor in Menlo and Cloudland



Rev. Grau

Rev. Gerhard H. Grau has been appointed to the Presbyterian Churches of Menlo and Cloudland. He is a native of Germany and entered the United States in 1964 as a student. His undergraduate education was in Switzerland and at Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

He received his Master of Divinity and Ph.D. degrees in philosophical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, a division of Princeton University.

Dr. Grau recently served at Lake Lanier, Cumming. He has served in churches in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. He also served in the chaplaincy program at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta.

"I thought I knew life until I served at Grady Hospital," he said. "It opened my eyes to new dimensions of life and suffering and new pastoral skills of serving."

Betsy, Rev. Grau's wife, grew up in Berea, Ohio, where she attended Baldwin Wallace College. She later received a master's degree from Oberlin College, and she has worked as an educator, teaching German for the past 18 years. The last seven years of teaching have been in Alpharetta, where she was recognized for her excellence in teaching and her organizational skills in American-German student educational exchange programs.

The Graus have two children, son Erik, a banker in Wilmington, Del.; and daughter Rebecca, a pre-med student at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Rebecca studied abroad at Oxford University in England in 1998.

Dr. Grau is the author of several publications. "Sharing the word of God is my first love," he said.

"The Rev. Grau is the top Presbyterian-Reformed theologian, which is evident in his engaging Biblical preaching," said David Tidmore, Cloudland chairman of the pastoral search committee for the two churches.

Glenda Hamilton, a co-chairman of the search committee, also commented on Dr. Grau's ability to shepherd a congregation. "He is an excellent preacher, a person with great pastoral skills, and we are fortunate to have a pastor of this stature," she said.

Sue Spivey, Summerville, another member who has served as the Presbytery liaison to the search committee, said, "The entire community will benefit from having someone of Dr. Grau's caliber in Chattooga County."

Dr. Grau preached his first official sermon, "Four Anchors for Living in Turbulent Times," on Sunday, June 6.

The worship service at Cloudland will begin at 10 a.m., and the Menlo service will begin at 11:15 a.m. The public is invited.

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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Christina Wise

The June meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held on Tuesday, June 8th, in the Community House in Mentone. Twenty members and three guests—Lillian Watson, the speaker, Garlon Jackson and his wife, Lois, attended this, the first meeting of the Garden Club year 1999-2000. Dallyne Jones, the newly installed President, called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Bernise Crow gave the devotional. She chose to recite a poem by Homer taken from a book of poetry compiled by the Rev. Harry Russel, entitled "Beyond the Garden Gate." To further highlight the message of Homer's poem, Mrs. Crow quoted scripture, Luke 12:27 "consider the lilies how they grow." The devotional ended with a meaningful prayer eloquently offered by Bernise.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Jan Wilkinson, Rylene Truett and Christina Wise. June is the month which traditionally sees the beginning of the garden party season at Buckingham Palace, London, England. Since none of the club members had received a royal invitation, the hostesses decided to do their own garden party and not to invite the Queen. So, a typical "English afternoon tea" was served. Scones with cream and strawberry jam, cucumber sandwiches, banana nut bread, melba toast with mushroom pate and strawberry shortcake were enjoyed by all. The only concession to the hot, humid weather of Alabama, which is so different from the damp and often chilly British climate, was that iced tea was served instead of the hot variety. The center piece on the buffet was a beautiful arrangement of roses—pale pink and cream.

The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Garlon Jackson. His topic was "Bees—the Gardener's Friend." He gave an interesting account of bee keeping and the invaluable job performed by bees in relation to the pollination of plants. Sad to relate, Mr. Jackson said that no wild bees exist today, having all been killed off by mite infestation. His address spawned many questions from the audience. One fact learned was that we can all help protect today's cultivated bees from the effects of insecticides by spraying in the late afternoons, after the bees have returned to the hives.

At roll call, the ladies of the club were asked to respond by naming a home remedy for insect bites and stings. The responses were many and varied and included the application of: tobacco, ammonia, meat tenderizer, aloe, and baking soda. Specific to the treatment of chiggers was the dabbing on of chlorox and the painting on of nail polish. In the case of wasp stings, a few dabs of vinegar was the recommendation and a spot of Vick's Vapor rub on the forehead, wrists and behind the ears was said to ward off gnats. In order to prevent flies from invading one's food when dining al fresco, one apparently should place drops of tabasco sauce around the rim on one's plate and the flies will stay away.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell read the minutes from the previous meeting as she had written them. Treasurer, Peggy Roark, gave the Treasurer's report and handed out the new year book.

Under special projects, Ann Wright announced that Sand Mountain Electric Coop (SMEC), keeps the right-of-way clean, and Jimmy McKahn of SMEC asked if the garden club would plant an area of their choice, and SMEC would pay for the seeds.

Under old business, the President said the Heritage Garden at the Community House needed tending, and several members volunteered to work. Diane Kuchl is working on a booklet that will list the donors and who the plant(s) is in the memory of or in the honor of, so that there will be a history of the garden.

Under new business, Bernise Crow stated that the sidewalk area needed tending as several plants had died and the area was somewhat overgrown, and said that the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) and the Rhododendron Garden Club had been sharing the responsibility of keeping up the sidewalk area. A motion was made that the garden club pay half of the cost of the labor to get the area back in shape, which was passed unanimously. Bernise said that MAPA had ten rhododendron plants that could be planted, also.

Ann Wright reminded the club to order a life membership in The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., for past president, Jan Wilkinson.

President Dallyne Jones announced that one of this year's special projects is the planting of the area under the new Community Center sign, which will include rock work under the sign. A motion was made that the garden club pay for the rock work to be done, which was passed unanimously.

The door prize was won by Gethryn Giles. In keeping with the garden party theme, she received a presentation box of English tea, English tea biscuits, and tea napkins in a ceramic holder with matching ceramic cruet.

Upon completion of the club business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

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 Federated Garden Clubs.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. at the Mentone Community House. Rev. Al Cherbonneau will give the devotional. Roll call is to name an herb. Hostesses are Flo Kirby, Mary Ellen Fielder, and Mickey Gough. Speaker Harriet Turner will present the topic "Natural Herbicides."

MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

At the May 3, 1999, meeting, Mayor Cash called the meeting to order. John Corey, Long Range Planning Committee, reported that he had contacted a TARCOC representative in the trails division regarding an 80-20 grant to put a foot bridge across the river and parallel to the bridge as a safety measure for people on foot or bike to cross safely, and that the town's 20% could come in labor. The representative was not able to attend his last committee meeting, so John will contact him again.

John requested and was allowed a budget of \$400 to get advice to answers regarding a 6" line from County Road 106 on East River Road and adding an additional ring to each storage tank. Also the TARCOC representative had informed John over the telephone that, for a town our size, they could do mapping of the town that showed the streets of Mentone with a series of overlays showing the utilities, including water lines. The TARCOC representative thought he could get graduate students for \$10 per hour instead of engineers.

Hobson and Martha Kirby presented a Petition to Vacate a Street that goes through the middle of the Mentone Superette and Al Blackburn's house located next to the Superette. The resolution passed to allow the alley to be vacated.

The town received a letter from 911 regarding charging the town \$2.15 per hour for dispatching (\$18,834 per year). Alternative measures were discussed and the matter is to be taken up at the next council meeting.

The CDBG water project is essentially completed, except for some clean-up items that Hokes Bluff needs to take care of in the Lee Crowe area. Other matters were discussed regarding upgrading the pump station at DeSoto Falls, water contracts, the ARC 8" line from DeSoto Falls to Cutler Avenue and the easements and how long before the line is in place. No action taken, but the water matters will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

The council approved placing chert on Road 1985, next to the fire hall.

Carol Cecil and Jesse Crabtree appeared to request information about specifications for extending the water line up County Road 89 approximately 1000 feet beyond the area that was installed under the CDBG project. Approval was given to allow them to proceed with their investigation into the costs for installing the line.

Jeff Bain reported that the drug dog, a German Shepherd, had been picked up and training will take place this month. He said that at the beginning of the next school year, the principals will let the students participate in a project to name the dog.

It was decided that the town proceed with a letter to the state requesting 35 mile per hour speed limit from city limit sign to city limit sign on Ala. Hwy 117.

The council voted to support the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District with a donation. The department has a new fire truck fund started and need funds to operate. Jesse Crabtree, member of the fire board, said that in order to get volunteers recruited, decent equipment was needed.

At the June 7 meeting, water issues were again discussed. Problems in the Lee Crowe area and the Baty Community area still need to be taken care of by Hokes Bluff Constr. Co. before closing the project out. These will be addressed immediately.

On the ARC line, all the easements have been signed. The project can be advertised and set in motion.

The E-911 matter will be addressed at the next E-911 board meeting in Fort Payne. Dick Keefer, James Johnson, and Mayor Max Cash will all attend the July 1st meeting to discuss alternatives.

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Happy Birthday Page

The Brown Family



Elizabeth Brown

Elizabeth Brown will be 13 years old on July 6.



Katherine Brown

Katherine Brown will be 10 years old on August 15.



Jolee Brown

Jolee Brown will be 8 years old on July 13.



Robert Brown

Robert Brown will be 6 years old on July 25.



Brenda Green

Happy Birthday to Brenda Green of Conroe, TX, whose birthday is July 30. She is the wife of Randy Green and the mother of Brian and Tammy. Her parents are Gloria and Weldon Umlang, also of Conroe, TX. Her mother-in-law is Marie Dillenbeck.

The Browns are all of Gulfport, MS. Their parents are Teresa Brown of Gulfport, and Jody Brown (whose birthday is July 21), also of Gulfport. Grandparents are Mrs. R.D. Brown, of Gulfport, and Marie S. Dillenbeck of Mentone, AL. Their great grandmother is Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, NM (who will be 80 years old on August 1st).



Sam Langston

Hello, my name is Sam Langston. I am 9 months old, and I live in Mentone with my parents, of course. This is a picture of me taken about a month ago on my first vacation in the Great Smoky Mountains. My trip included my Mommy (Dawn), Daddy (Keith), Mawmaw (Beck), Pawpaw (Loy), Aunt Kim and Uncle George. I think everybody had a really great time. Maybe next time, they'll let me stay longer than just a weekend.



Jacob Anthony Jordan

Jacob Anthony Jordan, age 1 year, April 2nd. He is the son of Linda Gray Jordan and Tony Jordan of Chattanooga. He is the grandson of Robert Gray of Chattanooga and Mentone. He is the great grandson of Marjorie L. Gray of Mentone, and cousin of Logan Chambers and Tyler Blansit, also of Mentone. He and Marjorie share the same birthday, April 2nd.



Independence Day

Independence Day is the birthday of the United States of America. It is celebrated on July 4 each year in the states and possessions of the United States. Independence Day is the anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress--July 4, 1776.

The founders of the new nation considered Independence Day an important occasion for rejoicing. John Adams said, "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn act of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this day forward for evermore."

Independence day was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. The Declaration was read, bells were rung, bands played, and the people rejoiced. Independence Day has been celebrated throughout the country since then. It is also celebrated in the territories of the United States. In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal legal holiday.

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American Legion Post 215 Hosts District Thirteen Meeting

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Tuesday night, June 8, 1999, the men of American Legion Post 215 and the women of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 of Mentone hosted the bi-monthly Thirteenth District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion home on Cove Road in Mentone. A wonderfully tasty meal of barbecue pork, baked beans, coleslaw, potato chips, bread, two kinds of special sauce, and a general variety of desserts was served prior to the business meeting. Leo B. Hammon was in charge of signing in everyone in attendance.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were Ray White, National Executive Committeeman; J. T. Gore, Department Senior Vice-Commander; John Jarvis, Department Executive Committeeman; James Raymond Lacey, Thirteenth District Commander; James Carson, Thirteenth District Adjutant; Ed Ringer, Thirteenth District Vice-Commander; Howard Carson, Thirteenth District Chaplain; Kenneth Clayton, DeKalb County Commander; George Newman, Marshall County Commander; and Harold Allen, Cherokee County Commander.

Ray White, National Executive Committeeman, spoke to the men of Post 215 about the upcoming flag amendment about desecration of the American Flag, encouraged more people from Alabama to go into national level positions in the American Legion, and gave an update on the situation at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville.

J. T. Gore, Department Senior Vice-Commander, spoke in reference to the upcoming state convention and encouraged attendance at that particular gathering.

Mrs. Joyce McGee, State Veteran's Representative for DeKalb County, met with the ladies of Unit 215. None of the District Officers for the American Legion Auxiliary were in attendance, so the program consisted mostly of Mrs. McGee's comments and a general discussion of veterans' benefits. Mrs. McGee brought the ladies up to date on what has been happening recently at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville.

First, Mrs. McGee reported that the Fann Home is under a new contract for management, and that is expected to diminish greatly all the negative publicity that the Fann Home has been unjustly receiving ever since it opened. The Fann Home is an excellent facility that meets a definite need in the Northeast Alabama area. There are many wartime service veterans, who are beyond being cared for at home, and the Fann Home is a clean, well-equipped, and adequately-staffed place where those people can go to receive the care they need and that their families do not have the facilities, equipment, and training to provide.

Second, and to the great relief of everyone present, Mrs. McGee reported that the paperwork required to get a wartime service veteran placed in the Fann home has been cut by approximately half. Yes, the paperwork is still long, laborious, and involved; but it is nowhere near as bad as it has been up to this point.

Third, Mrs. McGee answered questions the ladies had about eligibility for particularly veterans' widows. It is not in the least uncommon for people, who are dealing with a veteran who is old and sick, to ask questions about what a veteran's wife or his widow is entitled to receive. Naturally, each case is different and has to be pursued on its own merits.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 have long since adopted a "do what we can when we can" policy. Because cards are so very important to people, who are unable to be out in the world going about the business of their daily lives, the ladies of Unit 215 send cards to the DeKalb County veterans in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home for New Year's, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, in addition to birthdays. "We started out with seven veterans from this county, and now, we are down to four. We visit when we can, but we realize that is not very often. We have a very small group of actives, and the truth is that we do the best we can. What we do get accomplished compares favorably with much larger units," Mrs. Syble Tipton, Unit 215 American Legion Auxiliary President, said in a statement issued June 9.

In a statement issued the evening of June 8 after the Thirteenth District Meeting, Sherman Gough, Commander of American Legion Post 215, said, "We had an enjoyable meeting with a very good crowd, and we are glad that each and every one of them could be here tonight. Our food was good too, and we thank the ladies of Unit 215 for fixing it for us."

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

This spring has been a little more normal than the previous El Nino springs, and most people would say just a little too much rain, but I always say better more than none. If only it could be steady, slow rain, and not the gully washes and deluges that have been coming. That's what the gardeners would say, anyway.

The heat combined with all the moisture has really made the vegetation come to life. It has once again begun to remind me of the Brazilian rain forests. As I have never been to the rain forest in the Congo, in central west Africa, I can't make that comparison, too. But my parents could, as they once lived on the edges of the Congo and thus got all the kids to behave well after telling stories of the Congo cannibals and the very strong (It is said that one of them has the strength of ten normal men!) bush Pygmies that live in that area.

When the weather is like this, I have a reoccurring nightmare, that one morning I will wake up and find that the house is totally covered by kudzu and other creeping vines, and that I will be buried alive in live, lushly green vegetation.

This wet spring has made the roses bloom gloriously and has also brought with it the bane of the rose bush, black spot. As mine kept spreading even after I had sprayed with a fungicide and the organic spray of baking soda, light horticultural oil and water, the next best thing was to cut or prune all the infected parts off and let the bushes begin all over again. Roses can stand the drastic pruning at this time, as they are intent on making blooms or "seeds," the job of every living plant. So, don't be afraid to prune off the damaged or infected parts, but be sure to dispose, either by burning it or trashing it appropriately. Don't compost it, as it has the fungus on it and will infect the compost. And if left on the ground beside the bushes, it will infect the plants again during the next rain, as the fungus will be airborne, and, with the rain, fall on the bushes again. And the cycle goes on. So, destroy all infected pruning and cuttings.

In the vegetable garden, be on the watch for an insect (the Mexican bean beetle) that tries to pass itself off as a ladybug! The only difference is in the color and number of black spots - it is orange and has more spots than the garden friendly ladybug.

Another "garden" hint for this month will seem strange, but it is not really, as it is very important to the home gardener or consumer of fresh produce. It has to do with the care and maintenance of the pressure canner. It is vitally important to take care of it properly, otherwise it will not function properly. Before you use the pressure canner for the first time, make sure that the gaskets are all lightly oiled with vegetable shortening or regular cooking oil (edible oils), to prevent shrinkage and cracks during heating, cooling, cleaning, and storage. If any of the rubber gaskets are cracked, replace them before using. Otherwise, you may be subject to improperly sealed jars, or jars that get their lids blown off, or the damaged rubber gasket on the top of the lid may blow off and cause steam damage to either persons or areas.

If you plan on using the hot water bath method for tomatoes, please remember that certain new varieties have a very low acid content and boiling water bath won't cut it, not unless you add a teaspoonful or two of lemon juice, or use the pressure canner method using five pounds of pressure, instead, for the stated number of minutes.

Well, from one very busy gardener and canner to another, bon appetite, happy gardening, and don't forget to cut some of those beautiful flowers for use indoors. It is very pleasant to sit at the breakfast table that has a beautiful vase of fresh flowers on it, especially if the flowers came from your garden!

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Flashing News

By Cheryl Baker

Don't miss out on the newest and hottest plant on the market, Sweetie Sixteen, also known as Stevia Rebaudina or known as the Sweet Leaf plant. Sweet Leaf if you have not heard about it has been tested and known to produce the highest level of steviol. The plant is an annual and in 4 months each plant will yield 1/2 pound of leaves. The steviol is 20 times more powerful than the sweetener sugar, so that means there is an equivalent of 10 pounds of sugar from just one plant. Sweet Leaf has no calories, safe for diabetics and fewer cavities. Sweet Leaf plant can be grown indoors or outdoors. If outdoors, keep in mind that it is an annual. Most nurseries, such as The Shed, sell the plant as a houseplant, part sun to part shade. The Shed has a few plants in stock. Get them while you can and while supplies last.

While we are talking about exciting news, The Shed started something back when Spokey Baker was still with us. The Shed puts on a fireworks show every year. This year, to celebrate the upcoming year - the year 2000, we will be doing something spectacular. The show will be held in the field behind the store around 9 PM Ala. & 10 PM Ga. time. Anyone and everyone is invited. It is a lot of fun, so come join us in fun & activities.

We would like to tell everyone in the community and all of the old and new customers, "Thank you for helping The Shed expand to a bigger & better nursery." The staff at The Shed would also like to say, "If there is something we don't have, let us know. We will try our best to please our customers and get it for you."



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Well, friends, we just got back from a visit to Maryland and a stop in Knoxville, where I picked up another good recipe from our friend, Dean. It is called sirloin pasta Portabello, and it is delicious. My other recipe this month is for a potato salad that takes advantage of fresh potatoes and green beans, which I adapted from a recipe in a cookbook called *Light Basics* by Martha Rose Shulman. I hope you enjoy these and have a great summer.

Sirloin Pasta Portabello - Dean Breasealle

- 1-1/4 pound boneless top sirloin
- 8 oz uncooked linguini
- 3 T olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 8 oz portabello mushrooms, cut in half, then crosswise into 1/3" slices
- 1 bell pepper (red, yellow, or green) cut into 1/8" strips
- 1/2 C grated romano cheese
- 2 T thinly sliced basil leaves

Cook pasta and keep warm. Slice beef into 1/8" slices and stir fry with garlic, using 2 T of the olive oil, in a large skillet, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove steak from skillet and add remaining olive oil. Add mushrooms and bell pepper strips and stir fry until mushrooms are tender. Return beef to skillet, add basil and toss to mix ingredients. Place pasta on platter and top with beef mixture and sprinkle with cheese. Makes four generous servings.

Potato & Green Bean Salad

- 2 hard cooked eggs - diced
- 1 pound new potatoes cut into bite-sized pieces and cooked
- 1/4 C minced red or white onion, rinsed in cold water.
- 1-1/2 C fresh green beans steamed until tender crisp
- 2-3 T chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley, tarragon, basil or chives.
- 1 ounce parmesan cheese, shaved into thin slivers

Dressing

- 2 T fresh lime juice
- 2 T vinegar of your choice (sherry, red wine, white wine, or balsamic)
- 1 large clove garlic crushed
- salt & pepper to taste
- 1-2 t Dijon mustard, to your taste
- 1/4 C fresh olive oil
- 1/4 C plain nonfat yogurt or buttermilk

Combine potatoes, beans, onions, herbs and cheese in bowl. Whisk together dressing ingredients and combine with salad ingredients and serve. Makes 4-6 servings.

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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING: Yellow Dock-Rumex Crispus

By Laura Catherine a/k/a Moon

The past few months I have been trying to concentrate on the herbs that are most prevalent, but somehow overlooked as medicine in the Lookout Mountain area. This month, I am writing about yellow dock, which is an herb root I have bought many times from health food stores and used with beneficial results. I recently identified the useful herb.

Yellow dock is also known as curled or curly dock because of the slight curl you might notice on the edges of this large leafed plant. It is also known as wild spinach because yellow dock looks similar to spinach—however, I do not know of anyone who uses the leaves as a spinach substitute. The name yellow dock comes from the yellowish-brown color of the root. (Yellow dock should not be confused with the herb yellow root.) The reason the color of the root has relevance to the name of the plant is because that is the part of the plant most often recommended and used medicinally. The leaves contain oxalates, which can cause kidney stones.

The places you are most likely to find yellow dock are all the places the sun shines. This herb grows along roadsides, in yards and fields, etc. I have often found the herb invading my vegetable and flower garden. As I said, the leaves are very large and spinach like. I have noticed a violet tint in some of the leaf stems. The leaves grow directly from the root. The yellow dock flower grows from the center of the plant and does not have showy blooms. The flower produces a woody fruit in the fall.

The valuable root is best picked before flower, which generally happens between June and July, or in the fall. The root grows deep, so it is not easily harvested. You should loosen the soil around the plant and feel with your hands which direction the root is growing, because it doesn't always grow straight down. The root is thick at the top, about the size of a thumb, and narrows gradually to a point at the tip. Keep in mind that the size of this plant's leaves has little correlation with the size of the root.

A decoction—water based extraction of the plant—can be made by boiling 3 tsp. of fresh root or 1 tsp. dried root to 1 cup of water and then simmering covered in an enamel or glass pot for 20 minutes. The decoction will last up to 36 hours if refrigerated. One tbsp. of the decoction daily is beneficial to prevent anemia—or 25-40 drops of yellow dock root tincture. If you already have anemia, the *Wise Woman Herbal* recommends you take the same dose, but use it three times daily, as well as taking Vitamin C supplements to help the assimilation of iron. Yellow dock root provides iron that is easily digested, which helps heal anemia and relieve symptoms, such as being chronically tired and stressed.

A decoction of yellow dock root is beneficial taken internally to help tone your entire system and build endurance. A cupful of the decoction taken daily for no more than a week at a time will detoxify the blood, liver, colon, and lymphatic system. According to the *Encyclopedia of Medicinal Plants* by

Andrew Chevallier, it is anthroquinones that are mainly responsible for the cleansing properties of yellow dock. Chevallier also states that, in large doses, yellow dock root acts as a laxative, which is more effective with a high fiber diet, and the reduction of bile helps the detoxifying action. Yellow dock root also aids in the digestion of fats and oils, which can aid weight loss when the problem is sluggish digestion.

Yellow dock root is helpful for all skin problems ranging from rashes, hives, itches, and sores to psoriasis and leprosy. For chronic skin problems, the root is even more beneficial when used with sarsaparilla. Yellow dock root has even been known to lighten varicose veins. The detoxifying or cleansing property is the main reason the root is so helpful for the skin. The detoxifying benefit also helps heal cancer glandular tumors and all swellings. A warm decoction used to saturate to a rag-fomentation—and applied to glandular tumors and swellings is helpful.

Last, but not least, yellow dock is helpful in the reduction of swelling and pain, as well as to stop bleeding of hemorrhoids. To make an ointment or salve, you should place the chopped root in a clean, dry glass jar, cover with olive oil and seal with a lid. Yellow dock root is gas producing, so do not fill all the way to the top of a jar, because the oil will bubble and cause the oil to leak out of even a tightly closed jar. Let the root soak in the oil for about 6 weeks. Then, heat the oil, mixing 1 tbsp. of beeswax to 1 ounce of infused oil. Pour the mixture in a wide mouth jar and allow to cool uncovered, then close. The salve shelf life can be several years if properly stored away from direct light and heat. The salve is not only helpful for hemorrhoids, but also all skin irritations.

You can usually find yellow dock root in health food and herb stores in the form of dried, chopped, or powdered. You can also usually find prepared tinctures, salves, or the root in capsule form, usually in combination with other herbs.

As always, consult your health care provider before treating yourself for any serious condition.



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Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman
"Which came first,

the chicken or the cholesterol?"

Do you remember when eating eggs had no worries attached to it? The first worry was cholesterol, and, with one egg having over 200 mg in it, people began to be cautious about eating them. But what started all the caution and worries over eggs?

Here is some info that might open your eyes to why eggs are no longer good for you.

Chickens used to enjoy the freedom and space of the countryside. Because they were outside, they had plenty of fresh air and whole grains to eat, plus whatever other goodies they scratched up. Their days began at sunup and ended at sundown. They had plenty of exercise and were healthy. Now—do you think the eggs you buy at the market are from such chickens? The answer is no. The poor creatures have about one square foot for space, never any exercise, and as far as nutrition, they are force-fed food containing not only meat scraps and by-products, but also chicken or other animal wastes with drugs or antibiotics to help them stretch their life span a few extra months until they are useless for egg laying and are sold for food chicken, etc.

The USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service estimates that 2.3 million shell eggs have salmonella. Each year, hundreds of people die from severe infections caused by salmonella.

Have you ever walked into a chicken house? The smell of ammonia from their manure will knock your head off. The chickens breathe this in 24 hours a day, all their lives. Now, do you think this makes a healthy bird? (or a healthy you?)

There are many types of cancer found in chickens. Fragments of incriminating RNA from chickens can turn up widely in animals and man. The Cancer Research Center of the University of Hawaii has compared the effects of diet (in women) with which diseases they have. A definite association between red meat, margarine and eggs, and developing cancer cells of the endometrium was shown. Men who eat a diet high in meats, poultry, and eggs have a 50% higher risk of colon cancer.

Now, back to the cholesterol. The most dangerous kind is oxidized cholesterol. It is so powerful that, in tissue culture of human coronary arteries, it can kill human cells in 8 hours. This is one way mushy plaques that can crack open spilling clot forming debris into the artery are formed. This is a major cause of heart attack.

I usually hear "Well, my grandpa ate eggs all his life, and he lived to be 95 years old!" What they fail to recognize is the difference in the health of chickens today and in years past. The difference makes all the difference.

Walnuts, almonds, and olives are better than eggs. They reduce heart disease instead of increasing it. Eggs used to be essential for a healthy diet, but no longer, with B-12 being readily available in soy milks, cereals and tablets.

Information condensed from the *Journal of Health & Healing* by Dr. Bernell Baldwin.

Banana Coconut Ice Cream

A Vegan recipe from *Veggie Life Magazine*

1 t Kosher gelatin (Emes gel)

1/4 C pineapple juice

1/4 C honey

1 C mashed bananas

1 t vanilla

1/4 C finely shredded coconut

(1) In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over juice. Whisk thoroughly and let sit 10 min.

(2) In a medium saucepan, whisk together honey and 2 C soy milk. Cook until just hot and add to gelatin mixture. Add remaining milk, bananas, and vanilla. Blend in blender—let cool, cover and refrigerate until chilled.

(3) Make in ice cream freezer according to manufacturers directions, adding coconut halfway thru. Makes approx. 1 qt.

*Note: Last month's recipe was printed with no title. It should have been "Carob Pudding" from *Country Life Cookbook*.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

A tour of Mentone can be very interesting. We have many nice shops and beautiful scenery. I took a tour of the White Elephant Antiques and crafts shops last week and was delighted to see the freshly painted rooms and floors. Rovene Truett was hostess that day, and she graciously took me through all the shops filled with interesting crafts and antiques. The greatest improvement is the east end of the building that had deteriorated badly. It is restored, and one can enter through double doors from the parking lot of the Mentone Springs Hotel. Judy and Louis Pierce have put in a lot of time and energy in making the White Elephant attractive. I will be happy to send visitors there who are looking for unusual items that I do not have.

The Mentone Springs Hotel is looking good, with more improvements each time I visit. David and Claudia Wassom have worked very hard to accomplish what they have done. And I remember some people, my husband included, who said it is not feasible to try to restore it. And these two people have made it attractive and habitable by doing most all the work themselves. Perseverance goes a long way toward making a dream come true.

These prominent buildings have been very special to me for as long as I can remember, and I'm happy to see them regaining their prominence and pride. These improvements help all of us have a better image, and it inspires me to work harder on the Hitching Post. I did a new roof early this year, and that was expensive for me. So, I'll have to make a little more money before I can do other needed repairs.

We are getting work done on the landscaping of the sidewalk. The Mentone Area Preservation Association and the Rhododendron Garden Club have agreed to each share one-half the cost of the work. The end near the Kountry Chef has looked bad for some time. George Walker is heading a committee to get this upgraded. He got new treated timbers to build up the planted area and put in new plants. Russell Wright will do the work. There is oil seepage in the ditch that is killing the plants. Something needs to be done to drain that out. It is very unsightly and sometimes has an odor. If we could clean that up, our plantings would do better. Ann Wright said she has replaced shrubs several times. Maybe a drain pipe in the ditch could be the answer.



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We have had a wonderful spring, with plenty of rain to make things grow. Let's hope we continue to have rain, which would keep the air cooler. We have been harvesting good green beans from our little raised bed garden, and oh, how good they are! We have lettuce, radishes, and zucchini, and some tomatoes coming on soon. Right now, we are buying good tomatoes, but they are expensive. Nothing is better than one picked right from the garden and eaten that day.

We have gardenias blooming at home. They are my favorite of all blooming shrubs, and I love all of them. Their fragrance is wonderful. They were arranged on a prayer book for my wedding, and our cake for our 50th wedding anniversary reception was decorated with them. We may not be able to protect the shrub during the winter. It seems that they don't like temperatures below 15° F. We will enjoy them this summer and maybe put them in pots and bring them inside for the winter months. Everything is blooming this year that hadn't bloomed in a long time. It's a great year for all growing things.

There are those of us who work hard to improve our surroundings by cleaning, planting, and doing general upkeep for our homes. Then, there are those who have no self-respect or respect for the property of others. They trash our roadsides with litter, and, recently, some of the hoodlums have gone down County Road 89 and smashed almost all the mailboxes. I would like to know what kind of pleasure anyone gets from destroying property. If they were hungry and could get food for their dirty work, it would make more sense; but to destroy things for no reason is out of my line of thought. This has been done to us numerous times. It is a federal offense to destroy a mailbox, and they may be surprised when someone nabs them one night when they have a raiding party. It makes one wonder what happened to that person to make him act like a completely undisciplined one. Homer tried to straighten ours enough to put it back on the post, even painted it, and they hit it again. This tries one's patience.

Maybe next month I will feel inspired and write of better things.

I would like to offer congratulations to Hobson and Martha Kirby for the good job they have done on the Mentone Superette. The new gas pumps and concrete parking space looks fresh and clean and gives the town a facelift. We still miss William Blackburn, but this new look helps us overcome the sadness of our loss. May their business prosper and grow.

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June is flying into July and 1999 is half gone!

June, for some reason, seems to be the month for weddings--and, therefore, the month to celebrate anniversaries. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. "Scooter" Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Russel Fischer on their golden anniversaries; and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pickett, who celebrated their 60th anniversary, Sunday afternoon, June 27, with a reception at the Promenade Hall. May all the current brides and grooms be able to celebrate their golden anniversaries and more.

Doris and Jim Carmichael went to Hendersonville, NC, to attend the wedding of Gregg Ashley and Cya Fike at their nice new home on June 5. Afterwards, they had a barbecue dinner. They stayed at the same motel as Dorothy and Chuck Leveille, Sandra and Ed Maffett, and Em, (the groom's family) and enjoyed a good reunion with them.

Ed Ringer attended the wedding of his cousin, Carl Lewis in Jamestown, AL, Sat. June 19.

Betty Bracken, from Chattanooga, and Selma McElhaney, from Fort Payne, spent the day with their sister, Ruth Pickett, recently.

John Coventry and friend, Sheila from Portland, OR, spent the afternoon with Ted and Mary Holleman, recently. He is the grandson of Lucy and Tom Hill, former residents of Valley Head. They were at Nippersink to attend the Payne family reunion. About twenty attended. On Sat. night, they had a party at Woodhaven, which was built by the Paynes and was their ancestral home. They also visited the Winston Cemetery, where their ancestors are buried.

Mary and Ted Holleman haven't been feeling well. Ted pulled a muscle, but hopefully they are much better. Red and Betty Adams and Jim and Michelle from Gadsden, Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis from Rainsville, Frances Ellis from GA, and John Holleman from Huntsville, spent the day with them recently. Ted was a lucky winner in the Athletic Club raffle!

Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis have returned from a sixteen-day tour of the northwest, which they enjoyed very much.

Lillie Bowden attended the Watson family reunion, June 12, at LaGrange, GA, and saw many of her maternal relatives. Jo Welch and son Michael from Chattanooga and Jennifer Waslewski and Kaley and Will from Land of Lakes, FL, spent two days with Lillie recently. On June 15, Lillie's birthday was celebrated at the home of Karen and Mark Freeman. Their children, Matt, Luke and Katie were present, and their guest from Brazil, Camila Angeli.

Venna Livingston's brother, Tom Young and his wife Opal, from Vacaville, CA, and her brother, Woodrow Young from Gadsden, and other relatives, have visited her recently. She is recovering at home from a broken hip.

Laura Margaret Allison is also recovering from a broken hip. She will see her doctor July 7 to see what her next step will be. We hope they will soon be completely recovered.

Cyndee and David Ogle and four children have moved from Valley Head to Albertville, AL, where he has a job with Gold Kist.

I appreciate so much the following items that were mailed to me:

Donald, Margie, Heather and Brittany Daniel, along with Stella Pierce, spent seven wonderful days in Orlando, FL, the first week in June. They visited the Disney Parks, Water Mania and Universal Studios, where Heather got to be an extra in an episode of "Hercules and Xena." She is a "real" movie star now. Poor little Brittany was bitten by a stray cat and had to go to the emergency room while there. They had a trip to remember.

The Valley Head T-Ball league had their picnic and trophy ceremony June 15 at Hammondville Park. It rained, but everyone had a great time. Thanks to all the coaches and sponsors who helped with all the teams.

The Valley Head cheerleaders spent the week of June 15-18 at Cheerleading Camp at Jacksonville State University.

Remember Peggy Cox and Kathy Robertson in your prayers. Both are having health problems.

Little Chance Dutton was featured on the Children's Miracle Network Telethon in Chattanooga, recently. Chance is a miracle baby who was run over by a car and lived on life support for 19 days. He is perfectly normal now. The power of God is so real.

The Sunshine Club met on Wed., May 26, at the home of Lillie Bowden. Others present were Joy Fay Hurt, Ruth Pickett, Sue Cooper, Elizabeth Bauerle, Sue Clark, Grace Williamson, Mary B. Smith, Camila Angeli, Leona Chadwick, Gladys Cobble, Evelyn Clark, Verence Hawkins, Karen Freeman, and Eloise Brown.

I hope everyone has happy and safe holidays. Remember fireworks are for professionals, and not amateurs! Even sparklers can cause blindness. Please be careful and leave it to the professionals.



Forgiveness

O, if everyone would practice forgiveness,
The world would be a better place to live,
There would be less anger and frustration
In every culture and nation

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If people would practice more forgiveness.
Wars in foreign lands would not begin,
They are a result of unforgiveness and sin.

Divorce and family quarrels would end quite abruptly,
If all involved would practice forgiveness faithfully.
God has shown forgiveness by sending Jesus to earth,
By doing that He gave us a new birth.

By Suzanne Mosley, age 15
Venna Livingston's granddaughter

Happy Birthday, U.S. of A.

It is the birthday of our nation,
It is time for play and celebration--
It is time, too, for appreciation--

For all who have paid a big price
In suffering and sacrifice,
Trying to create paradise.

How much did they fail or succeed?
What do we have--what do we need?
How do we pray--our cause to plead?

What have we done for our land?
Do we even care--or understand--
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 the evil forces
And strengthen the right courses
And preserve our 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, west
In many ways have failed the test
Despite your faults, we love you best.

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

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You led me by singing streams
Where happy minnows play,
Set loose my winging dreams
For a happier brighter day.

You beckoned me to forest shade,
Where ferns and wild plants grow,
And tall trees a cathedral made,
Where I my God can know.

You turned my ears to gay bird songs
And the sounds of living earth.
As creatures emerged in happy throngs
Celebrating the blessings of rebirth.

How great to bask in your sun
And shining moon and stars at night!--
To rest and be lazy when work is done--
Summer, you're a season of delight!

---Eloise Brown

The Family of Roy Ellis

wishes to convey our most heartfelt thanks to the Lodge members from Valley Head, Mentone, Fort Payne, Ider, Henagar, and any others that may have been there to conduct the funeral services for our brother. The Masons from these Lodges and, maybe others, treated us with the compassion that Roy, no doubt, expected. Thank you so much for a job well done and may our Lord bless you. Roy was the last of five brothers. They were Conley, Roy, Boddie, Buck, and Billy Joe Ellis. We the sisters trust they rest in the hands of God.

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Vacation Bible School Is Rocking Success At Mentone United Methodist Church

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Mentone United Methodist Church is a small church, but there was absolutely nothing small about the fun the children had at Vacation Bible School the week of June 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon every day using the theme "Good News @ Gospel Rock" and featuring lessons centering on stories about Simon Peter--the rock upon which Jesus built his church. Each day started with an inspirational puppet show featuring Stoney and Pebble Lee in the sanctuary.

Then, the students and their leaders sang songs. Hands down, the favorite song was "Peter Rock." The fun thing about Vacation Bible School is that it is perfectly all right for the children to really sing with gusto, and so they do. Naturally, some songs get more effort put into them than others do, but the singing was especially good this year. Mrs. Barbie Hester was in charge of the singing, and Ms. Carol Brown Hazell was in charge of the rest of the Vacation Bible School, except for the crafts, and Mrs. Barbara Petersen was in charge of that particular and very important facet. Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell was the snack coordinator. That means she saw to it that everybody got Kool-aid and cookies every day.

The boys and girls were divided into four groups:

1) Pebbles, 2) Stones, 3) Rocks, and 4) Boulders.

Mrs. Karen Wright had the pre-school group called the Pebbles. The children in that group were Mikey Petersen and Brooke Wright. Miss Kelly Wright did some especially good work as her mother's able assistant with the Pebbles. Those folks had some first-class fun. Each day, in convocation, a new petroglyph--a rock drawing--was added to the papier-mache rock behind which the rock creatures snoozed while the children had Vacation Bible School classes. Well, one day, the Pebbles got out on the walkway and did some rock drawings of their very own with sidewalk chalk to get the word out that God loves everybody, and he loves us all the same.

During the week, atmospheric conditions changed, so it was indeed amusing to watch the Pebbles when they got out blowing bubbles. One day, the massive bubbles rose almost immediately so high the children could not catch them. The next day, the bubbles sank to the ground just as rapidly as they had risen out of reach the day before. Mrs. Karen Wright's Pebbles played fishing, too, and they had great fun doing that as well.

Mrs. Barbie Hester's class was called the Stones and consisted of Tyler Hester, Jessica McKenzie, Megan Addison, Megan Petersen, and Lily Harrison. Among the most exciting and enjoyable things the Stones did were making glittered rocks, footprints in paint, and snow globes with rocks. One day, they had an especially fun time making sheep using cotton ball and clothes pins. The older groups had scheduled a symbolic foot washing as part of their lesson, but the Stones had the most fun with theirs when they had to have their feet washed to remove the paint after they had done their footprints in paint. The Stones are the people who have either just finished or are just starting Kindergarten. Everybody had the same lessons, but each group addressed the material differently in an age-appropriate manner. The Stones had sticker books that went along with their stories for each day. Don't all children love stickers?

Mrs. Carol Brown Hazell's class was called the Rocks and consisted of Lauren Addison, Amanda Floyd, Brittany Hester, Kayla Hazell, Sarah Petersen, and Paige Wright. Among the most fun things that group did was to have a foot washing, make braided bracelets, and dress up like Jesus and the disciples. That dressing up was not just a matter of bathrobes and headrags either. By dressing up like people from another day and time, they learned that clothing and customs were extremely different in the time of Jesus from what we have today.

Pastor Linda Tucker had the group called the Boulders that consisted of Alex Hazell, Randy Addison, Logan Chambers, Tylor Harrison, and Austin Harrison. That group did the same lessons but addressed them differently. When they dressed up like Jesus and the disciples, they really enjoyed that activity. Making their own fishing nets and the lesson about the foot washing were especially well received by that particular group.

There was a special message for each day with a petroglyph or rock drawing to symbolize that message. On Monday, the figure was sitting on a rock, and the Good News that day was "Jesus calls us." Tuesday's Good News was "Jesus loves us," and the petroglyph for that day showed the figure with a bowl. Wednesday's figure was with a heart, and the Good News that day was "Feed my sheep." Thursday showed a figure dancing, and the Good News was "Praise God." On Friday, the petroglyph had three figures dancing, and the Good News was "God loves everybody."

On the wall of the social hall of the church, there was a big drawing of a rock wall with silhouettes--a girl and a boy--to represent each group. The name of the group was with the silhouette, and each class colored the silhouette figures to suit themselves. Since there were only two of the pebbles, they fixed their little girl figure on the wall to look like Brooke Wright and the little boy figure to look like Mikey Petersen.

The ladies of the Ethel Brown Unit of the United Methodist Women provided the cookies for snack time and the extra hands necessary for help with the crafts. Mrs. Ann Wright, Mrs. Gladys Crane, Mrs. Barbara Blalock, and Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell all helped out at one time or another with the crafts. The children always have fun with the crafts, but this year it seemed like they had more fun than ever. Mrs. Barbara Petersen was in charge of the crafts this year, and some of the things they did were just plain cute.

The biggest and messiest project was tackled first. That was the sponge painted t-shirts. The sponge painting had to dry before further decoration could be added.

When they made needle point book marks, the children were given a small rectangular piece of plastic mesh, a selection (of the child's own choosing) of pieces of narrow ribbon, and a big-eyed needle. The needle was threaded with the diminutive ribbon and pulled through the squares in the mesh. Alternating colors made some beautiful patterns. To secure the ribbons to keep them in place, glue was applied to the bookmarks and allowed to dry.

The wind chimes that were made in Vacation Bible School looked like bumble bees, rabbits, and frogs. To make those, they started with a tiny flower pot and went from there. Wooden beads were responsible for the impact thus creating the sound.

When they made stained glass windows, the plan was quite simple and very pretty. One sheet of waxed paper with cast-off crayon shavings on it was placed on a bath towel. Another piece of waxed paper was laid on top of that and then covered with the other end of the bath towel. Finally, a hot iron was applied to the towel, and, when the crayon shavings had melted, that was removed. The result was some of the nicest miniature stained glass windows imaginable.

The butterflies started with old fashioned clothes pin. Those are NOT easy to find, and Mrs. Donna Exline of Marietta, Georgia, sent a large package of those for use in the Vacation Bible School. Chenille straws--that used to be called pipe cleaners--made the antennae of the butterflies, and many colors of tissue paper made their beautiful wings. Moveable eyes were hot glued on as the final touch. The butterflies were attractive, and the Pebbles proved they would not fly.

The thing that generated the most interest among the children and the adults alike was the Shrink-a-dinks. Each child was given a piece of specially formulated paper to draw and color on. There were numerous designs to choose from, and the children would draw around those shapes, color them, write on them, whatever, and cut them out. Then their shapes were placed on a piece of brown paper in a 300 degree toaster oven. After a few seconds, the shapes would get hot and start to shrink. The students had to watch closely as that process took place, because it was absolutely fascinating. Some of them simply shrunk without anything noteworthy transpiring. Others wadded up and then straightened back out. Others wadded up and stayed that way. The students made key chains, pins, refrigerator magnets, and Christmas tree decorations. That particular endeavor was so fascinating that even the adults were captivated by it. They did other things in the crafts at Vacation Bible School, but print space does not allow an in-depth discussion of them all.

On Friday night, June 18, the Commencement Program was especially good. Mrs. Barbie Hester was in charge of the singing, and the students did an outstanding job on that. The puppet show featured Stoney and Pebble Lee, who sounded suspiciously like Karen Wright and Linda Tucker--just like they had all week. Mrs. Carol Brown Hazell was in charge of "making the manners" for the Vacation Bible School and thanking everybody who helped. Bobby Brown and Ovie Blalock had cut the yard, and Jimmy Hester had hauled in a load of decorative rocks for the week. Mrs. Hazell gave out certificates to the United Methodist Women ladies who had helped with crafts and snacks. The various teachers gave out certificates to their classes.

The students were dressed for the occasion in the t-shirts they had sponge painted earlier in the week, and they were also wearing rock necklaces that were supposed to remind them to be as hard as rocks in their belief in God and his love for us.

When the Commencement Program was over, Pastor Linda Tucker prayed the benediction and blessed the food. The crowd then adjourned to the social hall for a wonderful spaghetti supper. In addition to spaghetti, there was salad and fixings, drinks, bread, and desserts. Everybody in attendance appeared to be enjoying the occasion very much.

With great pride, the children collected the things they had made during the week and took those home. The number of children was not large, but they certainly had a good time all week long. They learned quite well the lessons they were taught, too.

Here at Mentone, the rocks are closer to the surface of the ground than they are most places, so using rocks as the central theme of the Vacation Bible School was a very good idea in that it gave the children something they were already familiar with to relate to and, thus, build a new understanding of God's love for each and every one of us.

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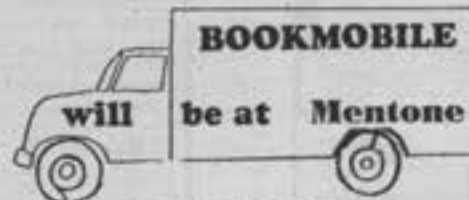
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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
Heb. 12:14

Holiness means being holy or sacred, belonging to God. It would be much easier to live in peace with people if we would live a holy life.

There is not much peace where there is no fear of God. So, let us all live holy, looking forward to the day when we can see God. What a happy time!

From the Desk of Dot Dunlap Burke
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