

Happy 20th Birthday
MAPA!!

Happy 20th Birthday
MAPA!!

**Celebrating
20 Years
in Print**

www.TheGroundhog.com

THE

GROUNDHOG

•Mentone • Valley Head •Hammondville •Cloudland •Menlo

www.MentoneAlabama.org

**Provided
FREE
Since 1982
By M.A.P.A.**

Volume 20, No. 7

"Neighborly News from the Heart of Lookout Mountain"

July 2002

JOHN WILLIAM SMITH AND EMMA J. SMITH FAMILY HONORED ON BANKHEAD DECORATION DAY 2002

By Dowe Clifton Foreman

the great granddaughter of John W. and Emma J. Smith

When I was asked to do the history of the John and Emma J. Smith family, for Bankhead Decoration Day, I was happy to do so. At the time, I didn't fully realize what a rich history we have. We have poets, dentists, office workers, doctors, farm workers, hairdressers, ministers, coal miners, housewives, artists, missionaries, train butches (serving food on trains), and florists in our family, past and present, and the list goes on. We have all kinds of temperaments, kind, courteous, spiteful, sneaky, generous, miserly, thoughtful, prideful, compassionate, but as we each share in these tendencies, some good and some not so good we all have one thing in common—we are family. Family means a lot in a world gone crazy. Family can get angry with you and turn away but hard feelings die and then family welcomes you back in. That old saying of 'blood is thicker than water' is true.

John William, known to Emma J. as Will, was born in 1858. He came from the area of Collinsville and had two brothers as far as I know. One brother lived in Mentone and his name was Robert, but was commonly known as Bob. He raised his family in Bankhead also. His children were Herbert, Stanley, Dan and Ruth. Not too much is really known about Will but his second oldest child, Kate, wrote a poem about him. I thought it might explain him best. It is titled

"My Father"

Dearest daddy was kind and true,
And as humble as a child of two,
Lived in the hope of a better day,
When sorrows of earth would pass away.

Beautiful words he did not know,
He never pretended to make a show,
He never drank, he did not smoke,
But always enjoyed an innocent joke.

His heart was one of purest gold,
Proved in the fire sevenfold,
He never spoke aloud in prayer,
But in reality He was always there.

A place of worship he had found,
Inside the barn, down on the ground,
Beside the mules he went to feed,
He knelt in prayer for his daily need.



**Members of Smith Family at Bankhead
Decoration Day May 26, 2002
(L/R) Jack and Gaynell Smith;
Dennis and Erma Smith; Clyde Tallent,
Dowe Clifton Foreman, and Grace Murphy**

He stood four-square for one and all,
Ready to answer the faintest call,
Denying himself for the others' good,
For a perfect balance he always stood.

He was often called honest John,
For the truth he would never pawn,
No one said aught against his name,
His simple life was not lived in vain.

He lived his three score years and ten,
Answering the call of an angel then,
He fell asleep as the sun went down and
We laid his body beneath the ground.

But his spirit soars the celestial sky,
Where his soul can never die,
We hope to meet on the ever-green shore,
Saved from sorrows forever more.

Apparently Will was more quiet than Emma J. and let her run the show. And run it she did. She wrote poetry, articles on women's rights, political articles, ran the Nightingale Post Office for several years and operated her general store. She named that area Nightingale after her favorite bird. The Fort Payne paper, now known as the Times-Journal, ran her articles on a regular basis and her writings have been found in other papers also. She was born in 1864 in Gaylesville, Alabama. Her parents named her Emma Jane May; but everyone called her Emma J. She had three sisters, Mollie, Anna and Lily. Her father was Pleasant Grove Mays. He was half Cherokee Indian and an educated man, apparently raised by a white family and worked as a traveling dentist. He also discovered a small canyon not far from here that you might know of. He named it Mays Gulf; but it is now known as Little River Canyon.

John and Emma were married in 1881 and worked as sharecroppers on rented land for the first three years of married life. They were not very happy in this

Continued to pages 12-13

**To Subscribe to the Groundhog,
See Page 2.**

SUBSCRIBERS:

PLEASE NOTE YOUR MAILING LABEL. If the words, "Subscription Expired" appears, please renew as soon as possible, as there will be no other notice. Thank you.

Standard Mail (A)
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 1
Mentone, AL 35984

CAR-R-SORT
Postal Customer
Mentone, AL 35984

THE GROUNDHOG

P.O. Box 387, Mentone, AL 35984
www.TheGroundhog.com



Published monthly by the Mentone Area Preservation Association, MAPA was first conceived on Groundhog Day, 1982, and organized April 6, 1982, for the purpose of preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment, and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, and is chartered as a non-profit organization by the State of Alabama.

THE GROUNDHOG STAFF

Editor.....Evelyn Graves
Associate Editor/typesetter.....Marie Dillenbeck
Contributing Editors.....John Baty, Ruby Brock, Linda Brown, Eloise Brown, Marilyn Campbell, Bernise Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, Evelyn Graves, Sue Schwarz, L.C. Moon

MAPA OFFICERS

President..... Jack Jones
Vice President..... Dot Crow
SecretaryMarie S. Dillenbeck
Treasurer..... Bernise Crow
Parliamentarian.....Mickey Gough
Member-At-Large..... Hope Walker
Member-At-Large.....Lucille Crow
(Elections took place at May meeting.)

In case of errors in advertisements, The Groundhog assumes liability only for the actual space that is incorrect in the advertisement. Call Evelyn Graves at 634-4390 for advertising.

Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and of reasonable length.

The DEADLINE for all material for The Groundhog is the 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

Use this form to subscribe to

The Groundhog

www.TheGroundhog.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Have The Groundhog delivered to your mailbox! Give The Groundhog for a birthday present or as a special gift for someone you love. If gift, give name and complete address of recipient. Renew your own subscription. Still just \$10/year. Send your check payable to:

MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (MAPA)

PO BOX 50, MENTONE, AL 35984

www.MentoneAlabama.org

Membership/subscription is tax deductible.

LETTER WITH SUBSCRIPTION TO THE GROUNDHOG

MAPA

Re: Subscription to The Groundhog.

I enjoy reading The Groundhog every time that I come to Mentone. My family and I wanted to be able to read it more often.

My Aunt Virgia (Johnson) Perkins used to teach at Moon Lake School. My Aunt (Gladys Stott) lived at Valley Head. These ladies were my dad's (Jim A. Johnson - Probate Judge DeKalb County ;54-'58) sisters.

Sincerely,

Patsy J. Stockton

My brother, Jimmy Johnson, married Jay Dell Lindsey. Both were '57 graduates of DeKalb High School.



NOTICE

www.MentoneAlabama.org.

MAPA's web site, has a "Directory" to help visitors to our community find the places, things, and services they might want--much like the Yellow Pages in the phone book. If you have any information for the Directory, please submit it via e-mail to Listings@MentoneAlabama.org.

If you already have a listing there, please make sure it is correct and up-to-date. Thanks for your help!

The Groundhog

www.TheGroundhog.com

Advertising Rates

Full page.....	\$305.00
1/2 page.....	\$205.00
1/3 page.....	\$145.00
1/4 page.....	\$110.00
1/6 page.....3.25x5.8.....	\$ 60.00
1/9 page.....	\$ 40.00
Business Card Size.....	\$ 25.00
Classified Ads (minimum of 3 lines)	\$ 3.00
Set up charges	
Photosinitial shot \$	5.00
No charge if the ad is camera ready.	
Changes: \$2.50 up --	
depending on the extent of the change	
We will negotiate prices	
for a long-term contract on ads.	

BIRTHDAY COLUMN

Happy July Birthday/Anniversary wishes to those in the remainder of July: ●19- Syble Tipton; ●20 - Craig Hulan; Barry Blalock; ●21 - Eddie Langston; Jody Brown (Gulfport,MS); ●22 - Jewel (Rogers) McDaniel, Keith Langston, Linda Clark; ●24 - Barbara Davis; ●25 - Linda Smalley Gregory; Robert "Bert" Brown (Gulfport, MS); ●26 - Pam Dean; L.M. Flannigan; ●29 - Erma Black; ●30 - Zack Dean; ●31 - Jack (Buffalo Man) Martin, Paige Wright.

Happy August Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

●1- Bennett Evans Strickland (1), Jessica Ivey, Dorothy Shelden(83); ●2 - Ginger Gray, Tricia Black; ●3 - Russell Pearson; ●4 - Kathleen Mitchell; ●5 - Hope Martin; ●6- Dessie Newberry; ●7 - Alex Wooten, Jonathon Dean; ●8 - Marzee Painter; ●9 - Harry and Brenda Hopper (Anniv.), Daniel Smith; ●10 - Lisa Hartline; ●12 - Danyale Kyles, John and Jennifer McGee (Anniv.); ●13 - Jim Stout; ●14 - Alan Black, Lowell McKenzie; ●15 - Chester Green, Robbie Collins; ●16 - Bill Crane; Steve Black; ●17 - Buckshot (Ronnie McMahan), Jean Clark, Sandra Pruitt; ●19 - Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Summer Easler, Beth Whisenant; ●20 - A.C. Windom; ●21-Michelle (Chambers) Martin, Dale Shrader, Mrs. Eddie Langston, Annette Black; ●22 - Deborah Sharp, Amber Hall, Keith Langston, Berthell; ●23 - Jimmy Hall, Brandon Whaley; ●24 - Arthur "Lightning" Goss (91), Nicole Hulan, Tom Harrison Sr., Laura and Dwayne McKenzie (Anniv); ●25 - Brenda Hall; ●26 - Glenn Cryer, Luke Crouch; ●28 - Patrick Conniff Murphy; ●29 - Kim and John Johnson; ●31 - Jaime Carter.





Open House at THE SHED in August

The Shed has been family owned and in business for over 15 years. They are having a small Open House in the month of August for Fall arrivals, then will have a second Open House for Christmas scheduled later on in the year. Cheryl stated, "They are growing quickly, and have brought many of Home Decor and interesting items, to include Christmas and Fall to their store from all over the world. She said she already spent 3 days out of the 10 day show that was held in Atlanta. She could not do any more looking, she was exhausted and tired! Everyone knows that Gage has been in and out of the hospital and to therapy this summer. He has brought a wonderful Miracle to the community. His progress is great and I announced in church a few Sundays ago he is well and walking in a walker, which is truly a miracle for someone who was in a wheel chair all his life. As everyone knows, David and I devote our lives to God 1st, our children, and our business. We have been able to make everyone's dreams come true, including David's father, Robert C. (Spokay) Baker who founded this business and passed away due to cancer, December 24th, 1996. We have kept his thoughts and dreams with us as we have grown to be what the company is today.

We want to give special thanks to all the Distributors for all the wonderful things that they have done for our business. As you already know, we have many promising accounts to take care of such as Huntsville Botanical Gardens. Thanks to them, they have made our dreams come true—always with good ideas and the newest and latest technology on Gardening ideas, always with the most unique and different plants. Thanks to them and Tenn. Landscaping Association (TNLA), & The Proven Winners Certified Gardening Program, and Master Gardeners from Chattooga County in Ga., & Ft. Payne AL, we are able to make your dreams come true to gardening, and becoming a better Gardener. Yes, indeed, we have expanded out in many new areas. Thanks to the community for allowing us to have this privilege they have given us in all the expanding we have done over the years. The business has put in many new additions such as a Floral & Home Decor, Fall & Christmas all year around shop. You heard right—a Floral & Home Decor shop. Many Floral Supplies, for those who need foam inserts, ead-dies, silk or pots, vases, & floral picks for all occasions. Whatever the need is, it is here. We do Gift Basket arrangements for any occasion—Fresh Cut Flowers right out of the Gardens, Silk flower arrangements for the cost of materials. Prices are:

- Christmas Ornaments of all sorts beginning @ \$.99 - \$6.99
- Christmas Wreaths & Trees at incredible prices
- Floral Pots such as Copper, Pottery, Clay & Plastic from \$4.99 - 9.99
- Floral Picks for Fall or Christmas beginning @ .99 - 3.99
- Floral Bunches beginning @ \$ 3.99 - 12.99 for all Occasions
- Grape Vine Wreaths \$4.99 & \$9.99
- Home Decor Candles, Wreaths & Swags of all sorts \$3.99 - \$14.99
- Xtra Large Fall Candles \$9.99
- Baskets Of all Sorts, Grape Vines, Twigs, Wicker, Bamboo Etc.
- Scare Crows \$5.99, \$4.99, \$6.99, \$8.99, \$10.99 - Xtra Large Scare Crow \$14.99
- Big Organ Wind Chimes \$36.99
- All close to Wholesale Prices.
- Many distributors to also give Thanks to:
- All State Floral & Home Decor Inc. (Importers of Christmas, Fall, & Seasonal Items, Floral Supplies & Silks)
- Avelon (Baskets & Grapevine Products)
- Cravens Pottery (Importers Of Floral Supplies, Silks, Christmas, Home Int., & Pottery)
- Hobby Lobby (Importers Of Home Decor, Christmas & Fall, Silk Flowers, Candles)
- Huntsville Botanical Gardens (Botanical Gardens & Ideas for Gardens)
- Messick Company (Plant Broker)
- Ohio Wholesale (Importers of Christmas & Fall Seasonal Items)
- Terry's Village (Importers of Home Int. & Decor, Resin Gardening Statues, Christmas & Fall Items)
- The Butler Co. (Importers Of Christmas, Home Interior, & Silk Flowers)
- The Marketing Co. (Importers Of Home Interior, Christmas Items, & Candles)
- Transpac Inc. (Importers, Of Birdhouses, Home Decor, Christmas, Fall & Seasonal Items)

All of the listed above are suppliers we give a great deal of thanks to for allowing our company to grow. Items arrive every two weeks. We always have a sale on items and everything is close to being wholesale. Our \$25.00 arrangements for saddles have been \$60.00 everywhere else. Fall & Christmas Merchandise is arriving weekly from here out. Many of Home Interior & Decor items to choose from, to include angels. Remember, we deliver to DeKalb Co. and surrounding areas.

We are participating as well in the Yard Sale; Huge Plant Sale, inside Sales throughout the store. Booths are available to rent outside during the Yard Sale. Many of Sales are going on at The Shed:

- Aug. 1st - 18th & 68 Sale on selected Pottery, Hanging Baskets \$ 9.99 - 9.99
- Aug. 1st-21st Early Fall Sale on selected Arrangements, Cornucopias, & Fall Items
- Aug. 9th -21st Swags & Home Int. Sale 20% Off
- Aug. 6th -21st Christmas Ornament Sale 15-40% Off
- huge Sale for August

The Shed Hwy 117

3 miles East of Mentone on the right hand side in 2 story building
634-4038 or e-mail us: cbaker254@aol.com
Thank You, David & Cheryl Baker

CLOUDLAND MOUNTAIN CABIN



This wonderful, secluded retreat on 3+ acres offers a beautiful view of the mountains and Lookout Mountain Rock Formation all in a protected area. The dwelling was built in 1999 with vaulted ceilings and a rock fireplace. Relax on the spacious 16x20 deck and enjoy nature in its pure form. This property is 5 miles north of the Cloudland Blinking Light on the crest of the Mountain. An excellent opportunity to own at a below market price. \$149,500.00

For an appointment to see, please call Brooke Temple (office) 706-291-0202 or (home) 706-291-2294.

Toles, Temple & Wright, Inc.
611 Turner McCall Blvd.
Rome, GA 30165
(706) 291-0202

I LOST 38 lbs. IN 30 DAYS
Introducing The TKW Meal
Planner & Weight
Management Tool - FREE
Demonstration Copy
Only \$5.95 S&H
TKW Meal Planner
c/o Tracy Kent Wrigley
164 County Road 600
Mentone, AL 35984

Mountain Grove at Cloudland
Bed & Breakfast Private Getaways
Customized Retreats Parties/Meetings
Rent one room or all five for your next
Lookout Mountain getaway!
Luxurious Linens, Experiential Activities,
Spa Treatments, Peaceful Wooded Grounds
(800) 226-5585 or (706) 862-6676
www.experienceworks.com

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

The mayor's notes seem to be repetitive each month, so unless we have something to report differently, we will not be taking time to do them each month as our plate is full trying to keep up and follow up on the grants that we have in the works.

I must admit that everything not only seems slow, but does move slowly where the government is involved. We opened bids on May 22nd for the drought grant and should have started construction by now.

Last year, we filed a grant application for curbs, sidewalks, and landscaping near the Hitching Post. No one filing an application under the DOT T-21 program has heard who might be eligible for an award. In following up with the state, it appears those eligible should be notified in the next week.

We are surveying Co. Rd. 631 now for those who might wish to have water.

We are going to build new walking bridges in Mason Park, thanks to the donation from Senator Lowell Barron for this purpose.

We have had complaints about dogs frightening visitors around the Log Cabin Village over the week-end. The dogs are a Collie, Dalmatian (no collar), 2 Rottweilers, brown and black, and a beige (mangy) long nose composite. We ask you to help with this situation so we do not have to deal with an ordinance or restrictions.

VALLEY HEAD CLASS REUNION CLASS OF "1952"

LOCATION: WESTERN SIZZLIN - FORT PAYNE, AL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2002, - 5:00 TO 8:00 O'CLOCK PM

Please bring pictures of your family - children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Triple G Tradin' Post

"NOW OPEN IN MENTONE"

ANTIQUES, GIFTS, CRAFTS, CLOSEOUTS
BEHIND MENTONE MARKET - 1 MILE ON LEFT
"Y'ALL COME"

OPEN: Friday thru Monday 10 AM - 6 PM
PHONE: 256-634-8800 Sunday 1 PM - 6 PM

50-75% off on special closeouts of rugs, new fiesta dishes, children's western boots, and other decor

Diplomas were granted by Dr. Bill Berry and Leslie Bunch to 19 sixth graders:

Patrick Milo Murphy
 Jessica Eyvette Barkley
 Robert William Van Johnson
 Jhordan Gilliam Jones
 Stephen Christopher Davis
 Michael Bradley Streeter
 Brittany Ann Clark
 John Robert Kelley IV
 Emily Elizabeth Bowman
 Kayla Marie Hazell
 Sarah Michelle Petersen
 Timothy Shawn Bain
 James Edward Bunch, Jr.
 Charles William Scott
 Andrea Paige Wright
 Jessica Diane Mayhew
 Thomas Anthony Tipton, Jr.
 Sheena Marie Tishaw
 Amy Shinice Smith

The Outstanding Citizen award recognizes traits of citizenship displayed during the student's years at Moon Lake Elementary School. The 2002 Outstanding Citizen award for Moon Lake Elementary School was presented to Kayla Hazell.

The sixth graders appreciate the special efforts that all the parents and teachers have made in their behalf during their time at Moon Lake Elementary School. The sixth-grade Parent Appreciation Award went to Karen Wright. This year's sixth-grade Staff Appreciation Award was given to Leslie Bunch.

Two young ladies earned the highest grade-point average from grade one through grade six. The co-valedictorians are Kayla Hazell and Paige Wright. Their speeches are set out below, as is the speech from the Salutatorian - Sarah Petersen.

Paige Wright . . .

Good evening friends, family, faculty, and fellow students! Over the past seven years we have spent at Moon Lake Elementary School we have experienced many changes. For instance, our library went from a trailer to one of the nicest in the county. Another change was our gym. We built on a concession area and put down a new floor with new bleachers. One of the greatest changes was the dumpsite behind the gym, which was transformed into a beautiful butterfly garden.

All these changes have shown me how determination and hard work pay off. It also shows me how supportive our community is of our small school. On behalf of my classmates, I want to thank all the parents, teachers, and community members who have made these changes possible. Thank you!

I would also like to thank my parents for all their time and dedication to me that has made me what I am today.

I hope as I continue my education I can use these tools of determination, hard work, and cooperation that I have learned from all these people to become a better person myself. I have many fond memories of my days here at Moon Lake.

Therefore, wherever we may go, may it be Fort Payne or Valley Head, we will always remember the memories we have made here at Moon Lake.

Kayla Hazell . . .

Ladies, gentlemen, and fellow classmates . . . When I learned that I was valedictorian and that I would have to give a speech at graduation, I began to try to think of what I would like to say.

I was having trouble thinking of a subject so I thought it might help to look up "valedictorian" in the dictionary. It is defined as "the student in a graduating class who delivers the valedictory." Since I didn't know exactly what valedictory meant, I decided look this up also. Valedictory is defined as "a farewell address, especially one given at graduation."

Well, to say farewell, or goodbye, to our days at Moon Lake Elementary School is both a sad and joyful time for me. It is a sad time for many reasons. One reason is that we will be leaving the people who have come to mean so much to us and who have taught us many things . . . such people being our teachers, our principal, and many others who have influenced us in some way.

We will also be leaving Moon Lake itself with the classrooms where we've spent many hours of learning and laughter, the playground where our imaginations could run free, and even the outdoor gardens where we've had a hand in planting and weeding almost every area of the school grounds.

Perhaps the hardest thing to say farewell to is the ability to make new memories with each other every day at Moon Lake. As we leave this school, we are forced to make a decision as to where to continue our education. Some of us will move on to Fort Payne, while others of us will go to Valley Head. Still others may wind up at schools that are not so familiar to us. No matter where we attend, we will not be the same people in the same group as we have been at Moon Lake. At that point all we will have of each other will be the memories that we have made over the years . . . memories that for many of us stretch from those difficult first days in kindergarten to where we find ourselves today . . . memories not only made in the classroom but on field trips and at holiday parties . . . memories of teachers whom we just knew were crazy (like Mrs. Bunch!) and memories of the silly situations in which we sometimes found ourselves . . . and even memories of those dramatic fights between the best of friends.

There are sad things about leaving Moon Lake, but there are also many joyful things to which we look forward. We will be meeting new people with whom to become friends and with whom to create new and exciting memories. As we go forward, we will have many new experiences to help us learn about others and ourselves. We will be able to learn new skills and develop new interests, not only in the classroom but, also, with activities such as sports, band, and various organizations. We will be able to learn about business, science, helping others, and about the workings of the world in general. The opportunities of which we choose are only limited to our own imagination and hard work.

I would like to challenge each of my classmates to do their best no matter what direction is taken. And even though we may not want to listen, our parents may be right when they say "hard work pays off!" Remember to follow your heart no matter what your friends are trying to pressure you into doing. Don't be afraid to try new things because you think someone

will make fun of you or you will miss out on a lot of fun.

In conclusion, we need to remember the good times at Moon Lake and cherish those memories but we also need to take advantage of the new things we will encounter, try our hardest at everything we do, and trust and listen to our consciences.

Thank you, and good evening!

SALUTATORIAN: Sarah Petersen

Welcome, graduates, parents, friends, and loved ones on behalf of the sixth-grade graduating class of 2002! I would like to thank you for coming here to share this momentous occasion with us. We would also like to thank you for the love, support, and guidance without which we would be unable to grow up happy, healthy, and productive members of society. Parents, you have loved us unconditionally and guided us with firm hands which occasionally you had to use on some of our backsides!

Teachers, you have provided us with a firm foundation upon which to build our education. Dr. Berry, you have worked endlessly to provide us with the best school in DeKalb County. You have taught us the meaning of school pride. Thank you to all of you for cheering our successes, feelings, and defeats and reminding us of the path on which we should stay. Tonight we put behind us the carefree years of elementary school as we look forward to the next phase of our lives . . . the years in which we develop into young adults.

In conclusion, I have written a poem I would like to share with you.

From morning to night, every report card,
 good ones and bad
 From skinned knees and broken hearts
 you are there . . . our parents.
 From the classroom to the playground,
 you care and teach us, you show us the way
 (and paddle us if we misbehave),
 you have always been there . . . our teachers.
 From morning to dusk you work all for us
 You try to be friendly but sometime must be stern,
 there you are . . . our principal.
 You all care for us and share with us our successes.
 You brighten our days and we say thank you.
 I hope you enjoy our graduation. We have all
 worked very hard for you.

Principal Berry said, "A great big 'thank you' goes to sixth-graders Tim Bain and Robert Johnson for their cheerful willingness to help out in so many ways during their years at Moon Lake, including helping make preparations for tonight's event. Your positive attitudes and strong backs will certainly be missed!"

"And thank you to Jennifer Douglas for playing tonight's processional and recessional. We appreciate this and the many other talents you bring to Moon Lake!"

"Congratulations to Vance Carden, Jessica Easler, Ashley Henry, Brittany Hester, Kara Miller, and Jamie Sherwood, recipients of this year's fifth-grade Woodman of the World history award, who are serving as tonight's ushers."

Finally, thank you—everyone—for your ongoing belief in and support of Moon Lake Elementary School . . . a place that is, indeed, firmly planted, forward moving.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Summertime—how pleasant! Things are so green and fresh looking. I just want to stay outside—in the shade, of course.

We are busy leveling and replacing some flooring in the restaurant serving room at the Hitching Post. We certainly miss Joe and Terrance and their good food.

We had two graduations this year—one grandson and a cousin. And my niece, Don Castleberry's daughter, Leah, married in Chattanooga on the 29th. These are the happy phases of life, and I am glad to report these events instead of funerals.

Life is moving at a slow pace at our shops. We have more visitors than buying customers, but maybe the tide will turn around July 4th. I have many interesting visitors that make a day pleasant, which would otherwise be boring.

Dorothy Crow called me one day and said Ruth Horton was at her house, and she wondered if I could get away and have lunch with them at Dessie's Kountry Chef restaurant. Of course I could. Donna, who works for Phil Faircloth in the Lake and Lodge Shop, keeps my antique shop when I'm not present. So, we had a very good lunch and good conversation. Elizabeth Romans joined us, too. She is always pleasant and usually has a funny story to tell. Ruth Horton is a good friend who lives near Atlanta now, and I had not seen her in two or more years. She used to have a shop here with me and we had a good time then. A few years ago, when we first came back to Mentone, she owned the house Al and Jan Cherbonneau now own. Ruth lived in Trion, Georgia, a long time while her husband, Allen, was living. She and Dorothy are cousins.

Then another day, a lady I had not seen in many, many years came into the shop. She is not that far away, living in Trenton, Georgia. We lived in Rising Fawn right by her when my sister, Jean, and I were kids. She is Aphelia Baty Patton, a cousin to John Baty who writes for The Groundhog. We had a great time reminiscing about the fun we had visiting in her home. Her father was Horace Baty, twin brother to Norris Baty of Mentone. Bob Baty, well known in Mentone, is Norris Baty's grandson. Aphelia has four children and six grandchildren. She loves to visit here with cousins and I look forward to having her visit again. Her cousin, Delphia Baty, married my cousin, Chester Taylor. Chester is deceased, but Delphia still lives in Trenton.

Linda Frith visited one day and I was so happy to see her. She has been battling an illness for some time but seems to be doing fine now. She and Gregg have been here in their Hanging Rock cottage home all summer. She is a beautiful lady, not only in appearance, but in ways. She is always upbeat and smiling.

Phil Faircloth and his employee, Donna, and I enjoy having Jimmy and Pat Hathcox visit when they are at their mountain home. They have made a most attractive home of the house formerly owned by Betty Harris. They work on the landscaping every time they come, and it is well planned and beautiful.

Good friends are an extra bonus in our lives and I'm so very glad to have many of them.

It has been interesting to be getting the mail for MAPA (since Homer and I are treasurers) because I get addresses of people I know who live in other states now. And we get nice notes from many (along with membership dues) and that makes us happy.

The farmers' market is now open in Ft. Payne on Tuesdays and Fridays. We like the good fresh vegetables they bring from their gardens. Homer went last week but was a little late and missed out. (The farmers go early, sell out, and go home before it gets too hot.) Good okra, corn, beans and tomatoes are plentiful now and watermelons will follow soon. Our garden didn't do so well here at home. The groundhogs have made a wreck of our beans and lettuce. We do have some tomatoes coming along and the groundhogs have not eaten them yet. They're probably waiting for them to ripen.

July 4th had a special meaning this year since terrorists have threatened to destroy our country. We have suffered along with those who lost their lives at the Trade Center in New York, on the plane that crashed (and was really headed for the White House) and at the Pentagon. It makes us aware that we should be more conscious of our free country and all the privileges we enjoy. I love Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA." We should fly our flag with pride!

It's time for homemade ice cream and we cranked up the freezers for our Crow reunion July 6th. You know, we visit a web site on the computer titled "Something to Crow About!" Through it, we keep finding more Crows.

Hope you had a safe and happy 4th!

Editor's note: It was good to hear that Ruth Horton had been on the mountain. She is a cousin of mine, also. Regards, Ruth. Come by and visit with me on your next trip. Evelyn.

Stop by & chat with Bernise at

CROW'S NEST ANTIQUES

Antiques,
collectibles,
glassware, books

(256) 634-4548



Happy 1st Birthday

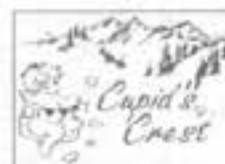


Sara Langston was 1 year old on June 16. Happy Birthday, Sara.

Douglas E. Hoyt CPA

- Bookkeeping
- Payroll service
- Tax Returns
- Business consulting

154 Commerce Ave. 635-0292
Valley Head, AL



ROMANTIC MOUNTAIN GET AWAY WITH A VIEW

We feature a 1 bedroom log cabin and a 2 bedroom rustic cabin with a two person hot tub in the bedroom. All on are on the west brow
Make your reservations now! 888-560-0402
Make your reservations now. 888-560-0402

www.mentonocabins.com

By John Baty

Now when you read the first few paragraphs of this writing, you will assume that I am writing about farming in the days of old. That will be true up to a point. But I wish only to establish some facts in order to draw an analogy about the farming, and a much more relevant and current part of American life. Here goes:

My family was not a farming family, per se. We farmed and raised and cultivated corn and vegetables and such, but there was no money crop as some would define farming. We did not sell any corn, but fed it to animals, which we ate or used to plow the crop. My plowing, therefore, was limited to small-time tools and acreages.

There are a blue jillion ways to cultivate and all are equally effective if done carefully. When the row crops were getting larger and maturing, we would "lay by" the crop or whatever. Laying by, meant ceasing the cultivation and bequeathing the final outcome to fate, the weeds, and the weather. The last lick we would hit at the corn was to bust the middles.

There are several methods for busting middles. The simplest and lightest plow being the single stock and the scooter and scrape. These are the names we used for these tools in our community. You could travel five miles in any direction and hear a totally different vocabulary being used for these items. To avoid confusion, I will try to describe rather than name.

What we called a single stock (or singlestock) was a short beam not much different than a 2 x 4. The horse was hitched to the front end. On the bottom rear end was a metal foot to which we attached accessory parts for plowing. On the top rear end, was a set of handles of some sort. The accessories, which were bolted to the foot, were most commonly the scooter and the scrape. The scooter was a little pointed digging foot about three inches by five inches, or so. The scrape was similar to a boomerang with symmetrical sides, or ends. The scrape and scooter were bolted to the foot of the single stock.

After laying by, the middles would have some weeds and grass, which had escaped the initial cultivating. We would bust the middles with a scooter and scrape. I always preferred the middlebusting job because it was not a job requiring a strict focus. You could sort of let the plow slew to this side or that side and sorta hang loose when you busted the middles. You could walk along there with a loose grip on the handles, letting the freshly turned dirt get between your toes, and think about quitting time, or ice cream or girls, or anything that boys are wont to think about.

But plowing with the scooter and scrape was not confined to middle busting. One could cultivate with

MIDDLE BUSTING

such a rig, and use it almost exclusively on some crops. After laying by, and the middles had been busted, there was some leisure time and farmers would visit one another and compare techniques and successes. To sort of amplify this notion, we will recall a gentleman who had an extra fine corn patch one year. We were standing at the end of the rows of really great corn plants, commenting on the deep green color. The owner, bless his heart, had a speech defect. Now, most in our area would smile at a speech impediment, but never with anything more than innocent fun. To ridicule a man's handicap would be unthinkable. The fellow had trouble forming the "s" sound, which is a common occurrence with speech problems. In speaking of his corn, and how he had cultivated it, he exclaimed: "Now, you understand, there has been no other plow in that corn but a damned tooter and a damned tape!" (Well, as I recall, that isn't an exact quote. He said it a little more explicitly and with a little more specificity, but prudence dictates that if we can avoid offense without reducing clarity, then we should, as a rule, do so.) He had his middles busted out, and neat too!

But that middle busting leads us to our story: We Americans are all middle busters. We are all middle of the road, average people, who subscribe to the religion of the Bell Curve.

Politicians are all middle busters. All politicians are deathly afraid of any stance, any platform, which would polarize them to either end of the curve. The only way to get elected to anything is to bust right down the middle and try to stay clear of the radical ends of the middle-busting scrape. It's the only way.

Consider Mr. And Ms. Average American citizens. If we have straight hair, we pay our hard earned to get it curled, or at least waved. On the other hand, if we are carrying the gene for curls, there is stuff in bottles and cans at the beauty aides shelf that will do a pretty good job of obliterating those curls.

Many of us who are pale of pigment, pay a good price to darken ourselves. I would guess that some who are darker, might wish for lighter skin and blonder hair, etc.

If we are a little on the hefty order, it is axiomatic that we are trying (or rather hoping!) to get a little thinner. Closer to the mean.

Short people go for the heels, or the boots, while the tall go for the flats and sorta slouch when in public. Our likes and dislikes are so obviously geared to that enigmatic, elusive but so important mean: A little cream/sugar but not too much; A little wine for the stomach is great but alcoholism is tragic; Ninety-five miles an hour is bad, but twenty miles an hour is

worse; Flunking algebra is bad, but all A's will alienate you from the in-crowd; There is most definitely an optimal size for the female breast; the poor rural people commute to the cities for work and yearn for city life and conveniences; The city folks want to get back in the boondocks and rough it; The assembly line worker is dreaming about his own business; The small business owner is often looking for some sucker to unload his failing business on, so he can earn a living; And so it goes. We are a culture of statistics. What do the stats say? Our longevity is predicted by some statistical mean. The probability of having a healthy child is based on the mean of the family's genetic background. Our work's wages are determined by the average pay in our locale; Our insurances pay our medical bills based on usual and customary prices; If it rains for two weeks, we curse the rain, but if it don't rain for two months we start appealing to some external powers; If we dress all the time and are very choosy about our affiliations, we are a bunch of stuck-ups; If we let our hair down and try to be a little different and avoid too much of the conventional, then we just have to have a couple of loose screws somewhere; If we rise at dawn and jog the back roads, we are health fanatics, but if we spend the day before the tube munching burgers, soft drinks, and beer, we are to be pitied because we have no backbone and are killing ourselves; If we talk all the time about our operations and illnesses, we are a terrible bore, but if we sit withdrawn and quiet, then we surely have some sort of problem; If we push the conversation and try to keep it alive, we are trying to get attention, if we are quiet and a little reluctant to appear to dominate the conversation, then we are aloof and deserving of suspicion; If we become frustrated with the helplessnesses of our lives and have trouble coping, our friends and neighbors will recommend a counselor, and then after we have been to one, we are forever branded as unstable by our peers. And on it goes.

The fanatical infatuation we have for the average, the ordinary, the mundane, the conservative, the tried and true, the inconspicuous and, apparently, the safe way, is all-pervasive. The one who dares buck the conventional is tolerated but is mentally ostracized by most as an odd ball who is undeserving of serious consideration. The way and the word is to take the path of the old way, the conventional wisdom, the old paradigm and in obscurity and anonymity flow with the main current, measuring success in terms of avoiding the controversial, in terms of our resistance to thinking and living free. Middle busters!

Dogwood Haven I

741 Houston Loop Rd. W • Ft. Payne, AL 35908
Phone: (256)-845-0211

Assisted Living Residence
Brenda Pendergrass
Owner



Dogwood Haven II

751 Houston Loop Rd. W • Ft. Payne, AL 35908
Phone: (256)-845-8244

"60 years continuous service by the same family"

BROWN'S CLEANING & LAUNDRY

"An old company with new ideas"

Uniform Rental • Dust Control • Vault Storage for Furs & Woolens
• Drapery Cleaning with Machine Decorator Fold • Suede, Leather &
Fur Cleaning • Fur Restoration & Odor Removal • Wedding Gown
Preservation • Alterations • Linen Rental • Pillow Cleaning

817 Gault Ave. N (256) 845-3241

Full Laundry Service

F First Federal Bank

Fort Payne 845-1077 Rainsville 638-6342 Ider 657-6255

"We're more than Bankers,
"We're your neighbors and friends"



Weavers and Painted Rocks at Mountain Mamas



Annabelle Leitner at one of
her many looms weaving placemats.
By Mary Alice Stout

HAND WEAVINGS of ANNABELLE LEITNER have been added to the arts and crafts for sale at Mountain Mamas. Each of Annabelle's rugs and capes are individually designed and woven with sock loops and materials from NE Alabama and NW Georgia. The rugs are easy care—just machine wash in cold water and line dry, and they wear endlessly! Not only do they look great, but they feel wonderful on your feet—in kitchen, bathroom, or hall.

LANDSCAPES PAINTED ON ROCKS by Andrea Crow Brandon are also new additions to Mountain Mamas. Andrea, a native of Mentone now living in Fort Payne, works on her art at home ten to twelve hours a day. She has studied art at Northeast Ala. State Community College. Andrea says "Art is in my heart and soul, the only thing more important to me is my family." This belief shows in her landscapes which have titles like "This ol' Home" and "Mountain Morning."

MOUNTAIN MAMAS CRAFTS, ART, and ROCK SHOP is located in Cloudland GA, on GA highway 1/2 mile from the GA/AL state line. The Shop is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 6:00pm (GA time).



**MOUNTAIN MAMAS
POTTERY STUDIO
& CRAFTS**

LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS PRESENTING POTTERY,
JEWELRY, WEAVING, SCULPTURE, CANDLES, & FABRIC ART

1/2 mile east of state line, on AL 117/GA 48
OPEN: Friday-Sunday, Noon-6 p.m. (Ga. time)

706-862-6481

Open to Public Year 'Round

CLOUDMONT

SADDLE ROCK GOLF COURSE

"It's cooler Swingin' on Lookout Mountain!"
"9 hole executive course, 18 tees
atop Lookout Mountain!"
Carts and Clubs Available
Mountain Chalets & River Lodges with Kitchens
Call (256) 634-4344
Enjoy the spring with us. Hiking, rhododendron and mountain
laurel trails, fishing, golf, accommodations.




SHADY GROVE DUDE RANCH

HORSEBACK RIDING STABLES

Guided Trail Rides & Wagon rides • Guided Trail Rides \$15/hour
(256) 634-4344 Fun for the whole family

Stock Up On Supplies

Cloudland TRADE CENTER

ONE Stop Shopping

Hours: Mon-Thurs. 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri-Sat. 7 a.m.-Midnight-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

706-862-2711

- Sub Sandwiches
- PIZZA
- Exxon Gas
- Fresh Bar-B-Que
and Ice Cold Beverages
- Deli Meats and Cheeses
- Groceries
- Kerosene

- Plumbing & Electrical Supplies
- Well Pumps
- Water Filter Systems
- Propane Bottles Filled
- Videos
- Building Hardware
- Tools



PLANTING AMERICA'S FUTURE



CONGRATULATIONS

Mark Adam Blalock graduated from Jacksonville State University on April 26, 2002. He is the son of Raymond and Becky Blalock of Hammondville, the grandson of Lowell and Evelyn McKenzie of Hammondville, and Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone, great grandson of Catherine Bailey of Mentone and Jessie Stalvey of Valley Head.



*Simple Elegance
Southern Hospitality*
Mentone Inn

A Country Inn

*Delicious Country
Breakfast*

*Open 24/7 year 'round
Weddings*

*Retreats, Seminars,
Family Reunions*

(256)-634-4836

(800)-455-7470

Glenda G. Hollis,
Innkeeper

*"Replenishing the Spirit
Since 1927"*



A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

June 30, our new pastor, Terry Wright was unable to be with us. Ivester Pope, who was our pastor in 1960, filled his place. His wife, Christine, came with him from Springville, where they live after retirement. They always remembered our church with a card every Christmas. Ed Ringer took them to Dessie's for lunch after church.

Peachie and David Cearley, from Alpharetta, Ga., spent last weekend with her mother, Laura Margaret Allison and Aunt Elizabeth Coleman. They came to church (Valley Head Methodist) Sunday and brought Laura Margaret. Everyone was so glad to see them.

Rosemary Taylor Norton and son, Taylor Norton, from San Antonio, TX, spent several days with her mother, Mary Taylor, recently.

Billy Wallace visited his aunt and uncle, Marge and Ken Wallace, in Wilton, Conn., and attended his cousin, Amy Wallace's wedding in Brooklyn, NY.

Coy Butler, Sr., and Goy Butler, Jr., and Cindy Butler from Cartersville, Ga., spent the weekend of July 6, with Gracie, Chris, and Dillon Brown. July 7 was Coy Sr's birthday.

David Ringer (Ed's nephew) and son Spencer came by to visit Ed Ringer, on their way from N.C.

Jean and John Jones went to Chesapeake, VA., June 30 to visit with their sons, Chief Warrant Officer, W2, Roy Jones, and Chief Petty Officer Doug Jones and families. While there, they enjoyed seeing Doug's daughter, Kendra, perform in a horse show; Roy's daughter, Rebecca, in a music concert; and granddaughter, Megan, in a dance recital. Each one performed magnificently. They brought the girls and grandson, John Paul, home with them. They went to Atlanta, Fri., July 5 to a reunion at the Radio Therapy Clinic of Ga., for former patients. People were there from New Zealand, England, and most everywhere.

Camilla Yamada, from Bowdoin College, and brother, Elliot, from Emory College, went to New York recently to attend the graduation of their cousin, Pacal, from Hobart College. They had a great time being together and spending time with the Yamada family.

Barry Brown Sr's. birthday was July 6. Sunday afternoon, July 7, Patti and A.J. Brown had a cookout to help him celebrate. Others present were Robert B. Justin and Amanda Brown, Robert D., Michelle, John B. Brown and Billy Wallace, Chris, Gracie and Dillon Brown and myself.

A group of thirteen from Valley Head Baptist Church enjoyed immensely a trip to Ava Maria Grotto at Cullman, July 13. They reported that it is a wondrous sight to see. They were joined there by Barbara Morrow, a former neighbor, who now lives in Cullman.

Patti Spencer from Chattanooga, is spending a few days with her parents, Ruth and Bert Pickett.

Ruth Pickett attended a shower, July 14, for April Champion, fiancée of her nephew, Jonathan Pickett, at the Eagle Bluff Club House in Chattanooga. Their wedding will be Aug. 24th at Oakwood Baptist Church in Chickamauga.

Kendra and Rebecca Jones, Lana Cooper and Hannah Jackson were hostesses for the regular meeting of the Women on Mission of the Valley Head Baptist Church at the home of Martha Stanley. It was a very cute old fashion tea party with hats and gloves, etc.

Linda Blackburn from Orange Park, FL, is visiting her parents, Dot and Bill Blackburn. Their grandson, Mark Gibson, from Dallas, TX, spent several days recently with them and Martha and Hoot Gibson. Several cousins have come by for brief visits with Dot and Bill; among them Bill and Leslie Blackburn (who are moving from Florida to Las Vegas) and Royce and Sarah Padgett from Gadsden.

Lucretia Davenport Rifai died July 1, at her home in Berea, KY. She was a native of Valley Head, her parents were Edith and Paul Davenport. She was cremated. There will be a graveside service Sunday afternoon, July 28, at 4 p.m. at Valley Head Cemetery.

Ilona Elizabeth Young Phillips, another Valley Head native, died July 9, in Chattanooga. Her parents were Anita Cordell Young and William Blevins Young. There was a graveside service at Violet Hill Cemetery, July 11.

(Sunday, June 30, was Juanita Smith Appreciation Day at Valley Head Baptist Church. They had lots of fun at the morning service, with a "This is Your Life" type program, then a lovely reception in the afternoon. It was a nice occasion for a very lovely, deserving lady. She has been their organist for many years, has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, always ready and willing to help in every way. She and her husband, Eugene (who is an extra nice person, too) have been good samaritans to many people. The church, by the way, is very beautiful after its addition remodeling.)

Bill and Dot Hatchett from Fort Valley, GA; Sue Brown and Dorothy Bowden from Thomaston, GA; and Gloria Mashburn and Nadine Valdes from Roberta, GA, have visited Lillie Bowden recently.

Norma Jones is improving after surgery. We hope and pray that she will soon be completely well.

Christine and Walter Brooks and Walter's brother, and wife, Ernest and Emma Brooks, have returned home after a trip to Niagara Falls, and other points of interest July 8-13. They came back thru Kentucky and saw the horses and the blue grass near Lexington.

Matt Freeman and Susana Marin were married June 22, 2002, in the Cathedral of Palma in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Susana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederico Marin of Palma de Mallorca. Those attending from here were--parents of the groom, Mark and Karen Freeman, and grandmother, Lillie Bowden and Luke and Lee Freeman from Valley Head; Linda Troxter from Fort Payne; Katie Freeman from Murfreesboro, TN; Ben Freeman from Clemson, SC; Jo Ellen Welch from Chattanooga. Lillie brought the news by and picture of the wedding and trip. It was a very beautiful wedding and a very interesting trip, which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Freeman entertained with a dinner reception honoring the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Matthew Freeman, July 13, at DeSoto County Club. About 150 attended.

Everyone enjoy and make the most of these lovely Summer days!



Sunday, June 30, was Juanita Smith Appreciation Day at Valley Head Baptist Church. She and her husband, Eugene

Birdie in the Tree

Little birdie in the tree,
Singing morning songs to me,
You're as sweet as sweet can be.

'Tho you are so very small,
Does not cramp your style at all,
You are standing straight and tall.

Head held high, you are so proud,
Voice astounds so sweet and loud,
You are many ways endowed.

Beak to Heavenward upthrust
With your very chesty bust,
God and man you seem to trust.

I know not your name nor kind
Dolly Parton comes to mind--
Much resemblance I can find.

Both the music world can stir,
I'll admit I do prefer
You, my birdie, over her.

--Eloise Brown





JANA GOSS

Jana Goss is the daughter of Benny and Brenda Goss and the granddaughter of Arthur Goss and Emmett Bain. She is a 2002 graduate of Fort Payne High School where she finished 3rd with a GPA of 4.3 in a class of 139 students. Jana was chosen as a Junior Marshal and was inducted into the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. She has been in numerous clubs including Peer Helpers where she served as president for 1 year, and the Spanish Club activities director for 1 year. Jana received many awards including Superior Achievement Awards in Physical Science, English 10 Honors, and Business Computer Applications and Achievement Awards in Enrichment, Word Processing/Desktop Publishing, and Spanish. She also is a twice recipient of the Kiwanis GPA Award, National Honor Roll 2 years, chosen as Who's Who Most Studious, recipient of a President's Award for Educational Excellence, and a Compass Bank Superior Achievement Award.

Other activities and clubs Jana participated in are Explorer's Club (1); FBLA (1); Math Team (1); FOCLA (1,2,4); SADD (1,2,3,4); Key Club (1,2,3,4); Chorus (3,4); Spanish Club (3,4); Sixth Man Club (4); and Senior Play Cast Member.

Jana attends Godfrey Avenue Baptist Church where she is a member of their youth group. Jana has been accepted to and received a scholarship from Salem International University in Salem, West Virginia, where she will major in Japanese and International Business.

Jana also found time to work during after school hours, weekends, and summers. She worked at Camp Skyline in the summer of 2001; Mentone Superette, summer 2000-May 2001; Mountain Laurel Inn, summer 1999; and Camp DeSoto, summer 1998.

Prime Realty

Herb Cole
706/857-8880 cell
706/862-2555 home

Willie McGraw, GA/Ala.
706/857-3888 Home; Pager 706/857-9863

706/857-5980 (O)
706/857-5970 (F)

C.S. Baker, GA/ALA Broker
706/859-9241 Pager

10675 Commerce Street
Summerville, GA 30747



BEAUTIFUL RURAL HOME located off Jamestown Hwy. Three bedroom, two bath brick home would be a great place to raise a family. Large great room w/fireplace, kitchen w/built-ins and dining area. Sunroom and playroom located off great room give added space. Above ground pool, central heat and air, pole barn, garden spot, carport all located on 4 +/- acres. This house just feels like home. Asking \$126,000. G-112



MENTONE, ALA. - The Perfect Getaway - 5.76 acres w/lake. Great building site, Ft. Payne water available. (No. A-65)



MENTONE, ALA. - 47 +/- acres. We are pleased to offer one of the prettiest locations on the mountain. Privacy, two lakes, Ft. Payne water available, easy access. \$5,000 per acre. THIS IS IT! (No. A-66)



HIGHWAY 167, CLOUDLAND - IDEAL STARTER HOME. 1300 sq. ft. home has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, living room, Kitchen/Dining combo, utility room & shop. Perfect for a small family, or if you're just starting out. Nice lot, pleasant neighborhood. Listed for \$44,500. (G-48)



CLOUDLAND-ON THE BROW - Authentic pine great room with mountain stone fireplace and built-in bookcase. 2 bedrooms/2 baths, one with walk-in ceramic shower. Kitchen with built-in pantry and abundant cabinets. Large covered porch across back, screened-in porch with mountain stone fireplace/grill. Covered, mtn. stone gazebo allows the privilege of unobstructed view of valley. Guest cottage being totally remodeled. A MUST SEE at \$229,000.00.

LINE ADS

***CREEKSIDE ON LOOKOUT.** Beautiful off Brow and interior wooded tracts. Located in this private community. Restricted. Easy access off Hwy 157 Cloudland. Owner financing.

***VALLEY VIEW FOREST, GAYLESVILLE** - 5 acres on the brow, beautiful view, bordering Wildlife Management Area. Gated community. Call today. (A-68)

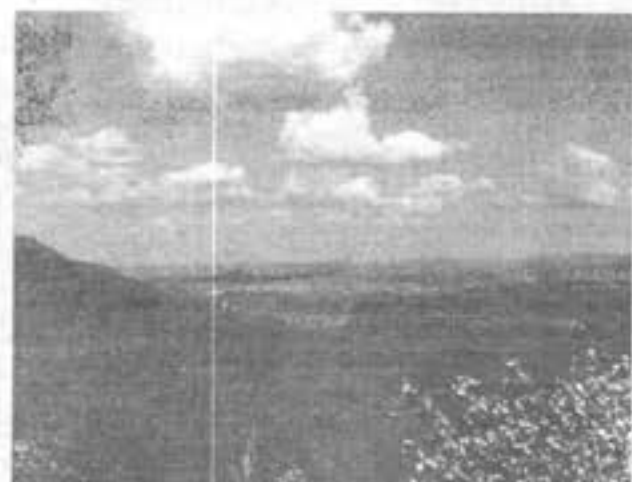
***148 +/- ACRES** - cabin - pond - creek - timber - private - backs to Dirtseller Mtn. \$1,175 per acre. Owner Financing (O-66)

***LAURAWOOD** - 8 +/- AC - One in a Kind. Large Mountain Rock Formations - Very Private.

***CREEKSIDE ON LOOKOUT** - True Brow lot - 5.04 acres. Restricted. \$150,000. (O-112)



LOWER EAST BROW OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN - This magnificent cypress home is truly one of a kind. Tiled entry leads into 24x34 great room w/beautiful oak flooring, massive F/P & dentil molding. The wall of Anderson windows in great room provides panoramic views in all directions. Wonderful deck & hot tub overlook the valley. 2 BR, tiled sunroom, kitchen, dining, wet bar, 1-1/2 baths, utility also on main floor. Large master loft & bath w/marble tub grace the second floor. Separate guest house, walled garden, heated garage & shop are included. Call for more details. (O-1)



***AT AUCTION AUGUST 10TH-500+ ACRES** - 2 miles frontage on Little River. Road frontage on 3 sides. Hardwoods. Offered in tracts - Plats available soon. Auctions United, 800-222-500, AAL 1218, Broker License #Q4D8246. Co-Broker Prime Realty, License #053870.

Serving Mentone, Valley Head, & Hammondville
 "Most pain is the direct result of a misalignment
 within the spine, why not try chiropractic first."



Dr. Rob Bouchard

CHIROPRACTIC FIRST

- Back pain
- Neck pain
- Headaches
- Shoulder, Arm, and Hand Pain
- Hip, Legs, Knees, and Feet pain
- Carpal tunnel Syndrome
- Sinus Problems
- Pediatric Spinal Care
- Diagnostic x-rays

Most Insurances Accepted
 Payment Plans Available
 Walk-ins Welcome

Call 844-8215 for an appointment
FREE EXAM AND CONSULTATION
 (\$64.00 value)

Terse Verse
 As years go by
 We all must try
 To learn to bend
 with wintry wind
 If stiff and straight
 We meet our fate.
 The storms of life
 will win the strife
 Their toll will take
 Our spirits break.
 --Eloise Brown

Thank you!
 to everyone who has
 sent cards, called, or
 spent time with me
 during my recent illness.
 Clyde Tallent

The Coffee Shoppe

@

Mentone Inn

- 3 Flavors on Tap
- Southern Pecan
- MENTONE MORNIN' MAGIC
- La French Roast



A Great Place to meet your friends
Monday Through Friday
 7:00 am till 5:00 pm
Tuesday and Thursdays
 Open till 9:pm
Weekends by reservation

Serving

Individual Investors Since 1871

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Stocks | Tax-free bonds |
| Mutual funds | CDs |
| Bonds | Money market funds |
| Government securities | IRAs |

... and much more. Call or stop by today!

Serving individual investors from more than
 6700 offices nationwide.



John T. Davis
 201 Grand Avenue N.
 Fort Payne, AL 35967
 256-845-4560
 1-800-809-1179



Vicky C. Kirby
 816A Gault Avenue N.
 Fort Payne, AL 35967
 256-845-2810
 1-800-229-9091



Gary Barr
 2208 Gault Ave N
 Fort Payne, AL 35967
 256-844-8728
 1-800-911-9729

www.edwardjones.com
 Member SIPC

Edward Jones

"DRUGLESS" FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Appointments, Accidents,
 Workers Comp, Emergencies
 Always Welcome
 Open: Monday- Saturday
 Approved Insurance Accepted
 BC/BS of AL "Participating Chiropractor"
 "MEDICARE" Provider
 "Your Health is Our Concern"
 Dr. Steve McGee
 845-2819
 1913 Godfrey Ave, N,
 Fort Payne, AL

Merging Waters

Written for Tittle-Martin reunion, which I
 attended at Slygo, July 13, 2002.

As we get older we think more of the past
 And remember the memories we hold fast
 When we are young, we are unaware
 And take for granted precious treasures we
 enjoy and share.

I remember each forest and hill when I played
 and could roam--

One I called the Rock Hill, back of my child-
 hood home.

With beautiful rock ledges and big hickory nut
 trees,

Huckleberry bushes, pears-and peaches deli-
 cious to please--

On this hill, I spent many happy hours
 Dreaming dreams and picking lovely wild
 flowers.

At the foot of this hill, was a beautiful spring
 Its cold pure water was a very precious thing.
 Its branch went under ground for a few feet--
 Papa dug a trough, built a spring house over
 it so neat--

Where we kept our milk and butter--none so
 good

Has ever tasted like it or ever could!

The branch from this spring went thru the
 place,

Underneath the highway underneath the rail-
 road to trace

And merge with Lookout Creek and its other
 merging streams,

Now, forty miles away, beyond my wildest
 dreams,

The beginning of Lookout Creek is here feed-
 ing my lake,

The stream in front of my house merges with
 that stream, a trip to make.

And they flow on their destination to seek.
 Merging and flowing into Lookout Creek.

Waters from my final home, merge with
 waters from my childhood spring.

Together they can flow and sing about the
 mystery of everything--

Onward to merge with Tennessee River and
 far away,

Merging waters can emerge to say,
 "One phase of life's history is complete--
 refreshing, interesting, and quite unique."

--Eloise Brown

MCNUTT REUNION

EVERYBODY COME TO VALLEY HEAD PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, AT 1:00 P.M. CST.

(ALA. TIME)

HELP GET THE WORD OUT

PLEASE TELL EVERYONE,

COUSINS AUNTS, UNCLES, ETC.

LET'S HAVE A GREAT REUNION THIS YEAR

EVERYBODY SHOW UP!!!!!!!

If you have any questions, call.
 Jane Galloway (256) 634-4157

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for those services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service, 9:30-10:45. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (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.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 345-1842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

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.

Anyone interested in observing the Sabbath and Holy Days, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 65, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland, begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

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

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM; Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2007.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11 AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

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.

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.

Mentone Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 - 7:45 PM. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

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 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. GAs meet at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM, Morning Worship - 11 AM. Sunday evening - 6 PM, Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. Pastor LuRue Carraway welcomes new comers.

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wednesday 7 PM - Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM - Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Contact the church at 834-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Les Brown. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall, and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.



Fixed Best Cook In DeKalb County 1995, 1997 & 2000
Dessie Newberry P.O. Box 425 Mentone, AL 35984
Mon. - 3pm, Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. • Open Sunday 11am - 3pm

UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS ATOP LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Raven Haven Bed & Breakfast

For Reservations Call: County Road 644
256-634-4310 Mentone, AL 35984
email: teverinor@aol.com

Builder's Supply Company, Inc.

Concrete Blocks
Building Materials
Roof & Floor Trusses

Fort Payne Sylvania
611 Godfrey Ave. S. Highway #75
845-1451 638-2244

Mentone Wedding Chapel

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunbeams and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.



Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

Candle Lite Ceremonies • Music • Photography
Flowers • Reception • Lodging • Limousine

To arrange your wedding or receiving of your wedding vows, call
256-634-4181

JOHN WILLIAM SMITH AND EMMA J. SMITH

(Cont. from pg. 1)

situation and were eager to own their own property. She wrote at the time in a series of articles for the paper entitled "Three years experience on rented land" Here is a excerpt- "And ever and anon, Mr. Logan (the landlord) would send up messages of inquiry as to the state of things in general. At last I became indignant when he sent a gentleman by with three interrogatives connected this time. His Lordship wanted to know what we were doing? What we had been doing? Also, what we expected to do? As his inquiries involved three tenses, the present, the past and future, I could but answer the same, so my answer to the whole was this: 'We are doing as we please. We have been doing as we please. And we furthermore expect to do as we please.' She reported his inquiries weren't quite as personal after that.

Fortunately, they were able to move onto their own place in Mentone. The farm consisted of 100 acres east of Bankhead. Since they were homesteaders they had to take up residence that very day with their two little girls Pluma and Katie. Their home at that time was a small cabin and "had no chimney or windows and only one door sawed out and no shutter for it". "Poor but happy and contented with our two little children in our own cabin in the woods, we made a fire in the yard and cooked camp style for awhile."

That didn't last for long and as they were both hard workers. They had roads made and a farm built before long. They had nine children--Pluma Miller, Katie Alma, George Pleasant, Bessie May, Horace Raymond, DeWitt Clayton, Clyde Lafayette, Malcolm Bell, and Waldo Emerson.

They always had children around, either their own or their grandkids or the neighborhood children, which whenever she had the opportunity she would teach them what she could. Clyde Tallent remembers when she was a small child, her grandmother Emma serving her a large plate of poke salad. She asked if she had to eat all of it and Emma J. said, "No honey you don't. If you'd rather have it for breakfast, just save it." Apparently Emma J. believed if you didn't eat poke salad and a lot of it you wouldn't live thru the year.

Another memory is of Emma J. taking the grandchildren down to the stream and sweeping a little area clean of leaves. She would have with her a wind up record player, which she would start and take her long hair down and swing it around as she danced. She told the children that she was dancing like the Indians. They thought it was the grandest thing in the world.

Sorrow hit their life with the death of their youngest child Waldo. He was only four years old when his gown caught fire and he burned to death. His death changed her perception on life. The next death was in 1927 when their son Clyde died one month before his only child was born. In the fall of that same year Will passed away also. Emma J. passed away in 1937.

I love my family. I love the quirkiness of it and the laughter in it. The Smith family is truly a rich family--not necessarily in worldly riches but in character and heritage. I am proud to be a part of the descendants of John and Emma J. Smith and all that it entails. I leave you with another poem written by my Great Aunt Kate. It's titled,

"TO MY MOTHER"

Greetings from the Golden West,
From one who loves you best.
I send you tender thoughts each day,
To cheer your journey o'er life's way.

In spirit we children are always there,
Beside you in your evening prayer.
We never leave you there for long alone,
Our thoughts are with you there at home.

The body is only a small piece of clay,
Someday it will fall by the way.
It's only the spirit of man that's free,
And not the body that you see.

Close your eyes to all physical sense,
The mental vision is immense--
Forget about these bodies of clay,
See us in the spirit everyday.

The family has no broken link,
It is only what you think.
Live in the mental vision with us all,
And upon our spirits call.

Set the table as you used to do,
Put my plate close up to you.
Don't forget daddy at the end,
And upon us all a blessing send.

There is George, Horace and DeWitt,
Each in their places sit.
Pluma, Waldo and Clyde,
Are there sitting side by side.

That little runt of a Malcolm Bell,
Has gone to milk, hear him yell?
The old cow kicked him on the head,
Here he comes, his face is all red.

See, Bessie coming from the spring!
Listen, and you'll hear her sing!
Hold this picture in your mind,
And much happiness you will find.

Then at night before you sleep,
And the shadows around you creep,
See that we are all tucked in bed,
Before you rest your weary head.

Both poems from "Love's Open Road"
by Kathryn Smith Oliver



Mollie (sister), George P. Smith, (son) Emma J

Dowe would like to give special thanks to Mickey Strickland for providing the newspaper articles used for information to prepare the history.

We Buy Standing Timber
**Menlo Lumber &
Pallet Company, Inc.**

Highway 48
Menlo, Georgia 30731

(706) 862-2131



Enjoy a fine dining experience on the brow of Lookout Mountain.
You'll love the sunsets and good food at Cragmere.
Friday-Saturday 5-9 p.m. DeSoto Parkway - Mentone
For reservations, call Bonnie at

(256) 634-4677



Mac Hardwick, Lily Hardwick, Anna, Emma J, Mollie



L/r: Clyde L. Smith, Emma J., Clara G. Cash, Elsie Smith Copeland, John W., and Malcolm Smith



Former Valley Head High School Classmates gather during Memorial Day Weekend at the home of Felicia Cox Blackwell, and enjoyed reminiscing about past and present adventures.

Becky McKenzie Blalock, (2nd L) Charlotte Blalock Dennis, (2nd R) Alesia Cox Justice, (3rd L) Sherri Tuton Forehand, and (4th R) Felicia Cox Blackwell

Steve McGee, D.C.

Doctor of Chiropractic

Drugless - Family Health Care

- Acute and chronic cases
- Neck and low back problems
- Headaches/Sinus problems
- Arm/wrist pain and numbness
- Leg pain and numbness
- Shoulder problems
- Bursitis/Tendinitis
- Worker's Comp, Auto Accidents, Injury
- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
- Scoliosis - Stress

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday - 8-12 - 2-5 pm
Saturday - 9-12

Approved Insurance Accepted
BC/BS of AL "Participating Chiropractor"
MEDICARE Provider

256-845-2819

web address: www.drsmcgee.com Fort Payne, AL



Located next to the Mentone Springs Hotel

OPEN Mon - Fri - 10 - 4

Sat 10-5; Sun 10-5

CLOSED Tuesday

Antiques, Collectibles, Uniques

Owners, Judy and Louis Pierce (256) 634-4529

BRIDGESTONE **BFGoodrich**

Westmoreland Tire Co.

301 South Gault Ave.
Fort Payne, AL 35967

256-845-5656
1-800-443-9149



MILLICAN MILLWORK

Limited Quantities of
Quality Surplus Lumber Products For Sale:

Red Oak Flooring 3" Select & Better \$2.75/sq.ft.
Rustic Pine Paneling 5" "V" T&G \$1.03/sq.ft.
Stain Grade Trim 1/2 Retail Price

Mark Millican (256) 635-6133



MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6TH GRADE GRADUATION CLASS

1st row (L/R): Jhordan Jones, Shinice Smith, Patrick Murphy, Sarah Petersen, Will Scott, Paige Wright; 2nd row (L/R): Brittany Clark, Emily Bowman, Jessie Mayhew, Michael Streeter, Tom Tipton, Tim Bain; 3rd row (L/R): Sheena Tishaw, Robert Johnson, Jessica Barkley, John Kelly, Kayla Hazell, Chris Davis, JEB Bunch

DeKalb Realty, Inc.

400 Grand Avenue South, Fort Payne, Alabama 35907
256-845-5700

CHARM AND CHARISMA...IS WAITING FOR YOUR INSPECTION. This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath in Mentone has central heat and air, and is situated on 3.6 acres. Call for your appointment today! Priced at only \$70,000.00

YOUR MENTONE FROM YOUR OWN AFFORDABLE HOME WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING AND PARK ACTIVITIES! This 3 bedroom home located in the middle of downtown Mentone is calling you. This property is perfect for those first-time home buyers at a very affordable price. It would also make a lovely gift or antique shop. Well worth your call! Priced at \$70,000.

OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS IN THE RUSTIC MENTONE AREA! Lovely gift shop with greenhouse and landscape business. Turn key business including 3 greenhouses, 3 water gardens, and a 3-bedroom residence. This is a successful business for that special person with the required GREEN THUMB. Don't miss this opportunity! \$275,000.

ALMOST LIKE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE! Excellent for those weekend getaways and vacations. Located in Mentone. Rustic log home offers 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, open kitchen and living area, freshly painted interior, massive storage building, and 1 acre. How could anyone go wrong with a price like \$43,900.

THIS IS A MUST SEE FOR EVERYONE who wants the comforts of the country and a nice sized home. This home sits on 1.5 acres and offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open kitchen and dining area, central heat and air, unfinished basement. Beautiful view. Call now to schedule time for your tour. \$110,000.

THIS WOULD ALMOST REMIND YOU OF ROCK CITY! You can choose from 2 tracts located on Lookout Mountain in Valley View Forest. Both tracts have a view. Excellent for permanent residence or get away home. Tracts start at \$10,000. It doesn't cost anything to call!

WE HAVE SEVERAL BUILDING LOTS IN MENTONE AVAILABLE! Laurel Creek Lake Subdivision features three lakes, hiking trails, restrooms, common area, and much more. Some lots have water available. Prices start at \$0.500.

Neil Gilbert — 937-9059
Brenda Taylor — 845-7755
Joyce Williams — 845-4589
Ron Waits — 634-4693
Ronnie Campbell — 845-0412

Mentone Market

Your mountain grocery

5872 Al Hwy 117
256-634-4686



Steaks for weekend grilling
Fresh vegetables
Coffee and Cappuccino
Picnic basket rentals
General sundry and grocery needs

Open everyday.



Southern Properties

845-6000

302 Gault Ave. S., Fort Payne

Agency, Inc.

info@southern-agency.com

visit our web site at: www.dekalbrealestateguide.com/southern



(1) **LOOKING FOR A FARM?** Picture yourself there in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home featuring living-dining combo, den, family room, 2-car garage and full basement with kitchen. All situated on 16 acres surrounded by dogwoods. A must see at \$150,000.



(2) **NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE** - This 3 bedroom, 2-bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for acres of elite brow front property. \$55,000.



(3) **OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING**—Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-away or permanent residence. A must see for \$169,000.



(4) **SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD**, this magnificent home with spectacular panoramic view has it all! Located on over 5 acres on beautiful Lake on the Brow, this 3bedroom home has 10' ceilings, 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, crown moldings throughout, wet bar, gorgeous kitchen and family room, huge deck, front gallery, pond, terrace and tons of glass to take advantage of the view. \$575,000



(5) **GREAT GET-A-WAY WITH ALMOST 6 ACRES OF LAND**. Located near DeSoto State Park and historic Mentone, Alabama, this rustic cabin is surrounded by hardwoods and has a peaceful view. Also on the property: large carport with concrete floor, a shop with electricity, a barn, a small storage shed, and a covered picnic area. All this for only \$84,500.



(6) **ATMOSPHERE FOR CHARM** — Located on DeSoto Parkway, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lifts, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 1 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and 2-car garage with storage room...too many features to list them all! A must see to appreciate - only \$249,900



(7) **ORDER UP?** You can order whatever you'd like when you become the new owner of Little River Cafe. The price has been reduced to \$129,500 and the owners are ready to let you take over. A well-known and established business featuring a fully equipped kitchen and dining room with large porch for outside entertainment, and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. What a steal!



(8) **COMPLETELY FURNISHED** and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors, add a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for \$79,500.



(9) **VALLEY HEAD** - Over 4 acres surround this charming house in Valley Head. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with 9' ceiling and bay window. The large front porch and shady yard invite you to come by and see this one. Only \$69,900.

OTHER LISTINGS

(14) **160 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY** on Lookout Mountain—just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Ready for your dreams—hunting club—weekend retreat or development. \$2,150 per acre. Will sell in larger tracts.

(15) **GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD**. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

(16) **FOR LAND'S SAKE!** Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$43,500.

(17) **LAND AND LOCATION!** Almost 800' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000

(18) **BROW VIEW**—We've just listed 7.1 acres +/- in Mentone on the North Brow on County Road 88. \$160,000.

(19) **LIFE HAS ITS REWARDS** and many of them can be found in this prime property on Hwy 11 North. One of the grand farms of this area, this 150+/- acre tract enjoys the setting of the valley with pristine views of pastures, ridges and Wills Creek which meanders through the property. The land could be used for development as there are many beautiful building sites or it could provide an owner with lots of room to spread out, have privacy, raise horses, and enjoy the tranquility of country living. Call for more information.

(20) **NEW LOWER PRICES!!! LAND-LOTSA LAND!** Surround yourself with trees, gentle rolling pastures, water, and a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain. 67 acres of prime property located on Hwy. 11 between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$450,000 NOW \$425,000

(21) **WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL AVAILABLE** - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

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

●If you are considering selling your property in

DeKalb County, please call us today.

Susan Collins - 634-4695 Sara Quinn - 634-8040

●Susan Hawkins ●Pam James

●Olivia Mauney ●Pam Wheeler



(10) **SURROUNDED BY CENTURY OLD TREES**, this restored home in Valley Head has charm, simplicity, and historical appeal. With over 2000 square feet, this 2-story home features 3 or 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. The kitchen is equipped with a Jenn-Aire range, built-in oven, dishwasher, and pretty Oak cabinets. Renovations include new wiring, plumbing, insulation, roof, and maintenance-free vinyl siding. Best of all...IT CAN BE YOURS. \$89,900.



(12) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** — Secluded with an incredible view of the valley and Weiss Lake, this cabin offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has pretty pine floors and lots of windows. The bedroom upstairs is extra large and could easily be made into two rooms. All this and more located on 7.1 acres. Call today for more details on your perfect get-away. \$449,000. REDUCED TO \$129,999.



(11) **ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED** is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$229,900. Reduced \$199,000.



(13) Large Front porch welcomes neighbors and friends to this spacious rancher in Mentone. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, den with pine floors, and gas log fireplace. Beautiful landscaped yard with paved circular drive and privacy fence. All this plus 2.8 acres for \$155,000.

MOON LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

DEDICATION
CEREMONY
MAY 9, 2002



Lowell Barren donated books to th Todd Greeson donating books



The family of Jan Wilkinson presented a world globe to the library in appreciation for all Jan's contributions toward getting the library started. Ed and Emily Wilkinson and children: Taylor, Chapman, and K.P.; Ransom and Jennifer Wilkinson, and daughter, Elizabeth; Bob and Karel Wilkinson and children, June and Ben. Husband John is also shown with Jan behind the globe. Not all the family is in the photo.



Richard Land, Bill Berry, and Tonya Obenlander cutting the ribbon



Jean McGehee and Mireille Scheni wrote Parallel Lives: Soul Sisters. The proceeds from the sale go to the library.



Senator Lowell Barron made a \$1,000 donation to the new Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library in Mentone for bookshelves in the paperback section of the community side of the library.

(L/R) Linda Brown, Library Board Co-Coordinator of the Library Volunteers; Dr. Bill Berry, Principal of Moon Lake Elementary School and Chairman of the Library Board; and Jimmy Wright, the Democratic Chairman representing Senator Barron in the presentation of the \$1,000 donation to the new library on Friday, July 12, 2002.

Angela J. Wood
Owner and AL/GA Broker

6090 Highway 117, South
P.O. Box 44
Lookout Mountain Parkway
Mentone, Alabama 35984

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Preferred Realty, LLC

L M P R

E-mail address • AngelaWood@Earthlink.net

Website - www.LookoutMountainProperties.com

Office: (256) 634-4672
Home: (256) 634-4169
1-888-256-1276

Fax: (256) 634-4702



(1) **JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED**, a little NAIL. 38 ACRES level to rolling fields, partially wooded, pond, and cabin. City water, 2 wells, 12x24 storage building, private road. Located in Mentone area, on Lookout Mountain. A must see at \$464,500. **REDUCED \$154,500.**



(5) **A-FRAME CHATEAU**, 1.9 acres of landscaped yard. Open living area. Kitchen. Bdrm-bath, private deck. Upstairs has 2 large bdrms, bath w/garden tub. C/H.A. 1,200 sq. ft. Garage. Fenced. Located Hwy 117, Mentone. Priced to sell. \$118,000.



(3) **FARMHOUSE WITH 1.8 ACRES**, MENTONE. Oak trees outside, oak floors inside. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with tile shower and clawfoot tub, living room with stone fireplace. Open country style kitchen/dining area. Large covered front porch. Detached garage, city water, paved road. \$85,000.



(4) **ROCK HOME ON THE WEST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER**, located near to Camp Skyline sits a 3 bedroom, 3 bath home with rock fireplace in master living quarters. Greatroom, kitchen and sleeping porch overlooking the water. A must see \$199,500.



(6) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES** is located between Mentone, Alabama and Cloudland, GA., on Alabama Hwy 117. There are riverfront and mountain stream tracts ranging from 3+ to 14+ acres in size. The middle fork of Little River runs through the property with over a mile of clean pristine water, containing both whitewater and placid pools. The property is situated on the Lookout Mountain Parkway. This secluded, unspoiled area is a perfect getaway for retirement or a second home. All homesites have access to electricity, and city water is planned to reach the development by 2005.



(6) **EARLY 1900s TWO STORY FARMHOUSE**, located on Cutler Ave., Mentone. High Hedges and Oak Trees make a private setting in town. 2 Bdrms upstairs with sitting area and bath. Living area, eat-in Kitchen & Bath on the main level. Large screened porch. Pine floors, walls, and ceiling throughout. \$83,990.



(7) **GREAT WEEKEND RUSTIC CABIN**, located in Laurel Creek Lakes. Common areas for Hiking and Three Lakes for Fishing and Canoeing. 2 Bedroom 1 bath. Open Living area, Fireplace C/H.A. Covered porch with Deck. Wooded 1.75 acres. \$75,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(11) **12 WOODED ACRES** located on County Road 106, Mentone. Small Meadow area, paved road frontage, city water available. Lightly restricted. A good buy at \$30,000.

(12) **35.43 ACRES, GREAT HUNTING LAND**. Consists of Wooded and Open land. Test Well, private deeded access. Mentone area. \$53,500.

(13) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES**: Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

(14) **SIX WOODED LOTS (309x159)**, across from Sunset Park, DT Mentone, a rare find with Rock Formations. City water and parked. Perfect for the Cabin you have always dreamed of. \$40,000.

(15) **TRACT #32 MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES**, Over 3 acres. Property has natural Rock formations, covered in native foliage. Creek with small waterfall, 323 ft on the Middle Fork of Little River, with good canoeing access to Lake Lahusage. \$39,500.

(16) **DESOTO PARKWAY**, 1.56 Wooded acres. Private access on Polecat Hollow Road. Surveyed, city water access. Build your cabin in the Mountains here. \$21,000.

(17) **SIMPLE MENTONE COTTAGE**, Cedar shingle sided, 660 sq. ft. One Bedroom One Bath. Lots of Windows. Freshly Painted inside and out. A great Weekender, with one acre corner wooded lot. \$52,500.



(8) **FISHING CABIN ON LAKE LAHUSAGE**, Three rooms and a bath, Pine and Rock Floors. Large Deck, with over 2 acres and 900 ft on the East Fork of the Lake. Adjoins boat ramp. Great fishing, boating, or just enjoying the view. \$120,000.



(9) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY** (1 Tract left) 220x300 on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic, with pools and Rapids. \$25,000. Also one 3-acre tract \$35,000.

(10) **WEBB CREEK MOUNTAIN LODGE**, and guest cottage, in the Mentone area. 5 wooded acres. Lodge consists of Pine floors, FR, Great Room, Kitchen, Bath w/rock floors, 2 screened porches. All Doors and Cabinets are hand crafted. Upstairs has 2 loft bdrms, connected with a cat walk above the Great Room, 1/2 bath. Large covered porch and Deck for the Entrance. Cottage has 2 rooms and Bath, pine floors and screened porch. Many unique Mountain touches, make this property a great retreat. \$150,000. Ready for viewing August 1st.



TOO MANY PROPERTIES TO LIST THEM ALL.

If L.M.P.R. doesn't have it, L.M.P.R. will find what you're looking for.

L.M.P.R. is licensed in Georgia, as well as Alabama.

L.M.P.R. covers more of Lookout Mountain, to offer a wider range to choose from.

Want to sell or looking to buy that special place in the mountains?

About

Our
Town

By

LINDA BROWN



Summer has arrived in Mentone! When the temperature climbs to above 90 degrees, that is hot for our mountain. We have already had quite a few days in this range. One of the Huntsville TV stations shows the temperatures of the entire area every night. Mentone is always the coolest place shown. Even so, we think that it is very hot.

A lady who has recently moved to Mentone from a more southern state tells me that all of her friends want to come and visit the mountains. Sometimes, those of us who live here all of the time forget what a wonderful place this is.

Several people have asked me why we have left the flags flying on the poles so long. This is because of the many holidays that require flying the flag coming so close to each other. This year the month of May had four days that we were asked to fly the flag, beginning with Mother's Day, May 12, and ending with Memorial Day on May 27. June followed with Flag Day on June 14 and Independence Day, July 4, came right behind. The Volunteer Firefighters would have been very busy taking them up and down since our policy is to fly them at least five days for each holiday. They should be down by the time you read this and will not be back up until Labor Day, September 4. Thank you for your interest in the flags and for the many comments that we have received saying how much they are appreciated.

The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Firefighters are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new fire truck. So far as anyone can remember, this will be the first new truck the department has had. All of the others were used, slightly used and much used. We feel that the time has come for them to have a state-of-the-art truck. This is made possible by the tax that was voted into effect several years ago. The tax money can only be spent on certain needs and we must maintain a separate checking account for that money. We are audited each year to assure that we are spending it correctly and that it is all accounted for. This is indeed your tax dollars at work.

The directors of the fire department have plans to start a Fire Truck Fund as soon as the truck arrives. The public will be asked to donate to the cost of the truck. This will enable us to pay for the truck sooner than the planned fifteen years that will be required if we only use the available tax funds. A brush truck is very badly needed. My understanding is that this would be a much heavier truck that could be driven into the forest to fight fires. After seeing the destruction that forest fires have caused in other states we realize that this truck is, indeed, needed.

The Moon Lake School Community Library is now open! It will be open to the general public on Tuesday and Thursday of each week during the hours of five to

seven in the evening. We are very proud of this addition to Mentone and invite everyone to come and see the collection of books that we have. Those of us who have worked through all phases of this endeavor are truly amazed at the number of books that have been donated. They are all in good condition and many of them were recently on the top best sellers list. We will continue to take donations of books for the library. This enables us to use any money that is given for other items such as, book cases, vinyl for covers, book plates and many other items. Giving books is a wonderful way to remember a birthday or anniversary and to honor someone or in memory of someone. We have book plates that can be placed inside the books stating this intent.

A copier has been given to the library and anyone can use it for a very small fee, which in turn will be used to cover the cost of paper, toner and other copier expenses. It will copy from books and also reduce and enlarge the image to be copied. We still need volunteers to work in the library. You will be trained in the use of the computer and other equipment. If you can help during the hours that the library is open, you can call me at 634-8006 or Karen Saferite at 634-4147. A great big THANK YOU needs to be said to Karen—she has logged all of the books into the computer so that they can be checked out. You must have a library card to check out books. This can be obtained by going by the library during open hours and furnishing the information needed. Your card will then be ready for pick up in about a week.

A dear sweet lady of Mentone passed away recently. Florene Kirby was loved by everyone who knew her. I told her children this story, which she related to me several years ago, when I visited them at the funeral home. When Britt, her husband, retired and was home with Florene every day, someone asked her why they didn't sleep later in the mornings, since no one had to go to work. Florene's reply was, "Well, how else can we eat three square meals and a watermelon before dark?" Anyone who has ever eaten one of her square meals can attest to the fact that she was a wonderful cook and Britt certainly knew how to make a garden. They were both wonderful assets to the community of Mentone.

In the last paragraph I used the phrase, "make a garden", this started me thinking about the many different ways that we have of putting words together. We leave out little words in our sentences. There is a perfect example on one of the "redneck" tapes. Two men meet each other on the street in the middle of the day, one says, "Eatchet?" The other replies, "No, chew?" To which the reply is, "Yont to?" The interpretation of this is, "Did you eat yet?" "No, did you?" and "Do you want to?" This is true Southern-speak and only those in the deep south understand it.

A friend of mine who lives in Mentone plans to have two ladies from England come to visit her in Mentone in September. What a shock or treat they are in for! My grandchildren love to watch the "Britcoms" on television. They are starting to make a list of words to ask these ladies about. The television is the telly, they take a walk about and are always snogging. We are anticipating the visit of these ladies as much as Marilyn is. Marilyn has sent them some menus from local restaurants and they have written back to ask her what grits and hush puppies are. This visit may be a cultural shock for all of us!

Recently, my dad's freezer stopped freezing. His wife, Jude, had filled it with fruit. Since the fruit had

thawed and was too much to make into pies, Jude asked dad why didn't he put some sugar and yeast with it. Well, you know the rest of the story, dad now has the fruit stored in a bottle. Jude will not waste anything if she can help it. I love you both and am so thankful to have you in my life.

Please, be careful of snakes, too much sun, overheating, mosquito bites and other summer maladies. With the coming of the "dog days of summer" all of these are much more likely to occur. Does anyone know the true origin of the term, "dog days"? I have about concluded that it should be called the dog and cat days of summer. Our cats seem to be affected by the heat as much as our dog. They have no energy and just sleep all day.

After I read over this article again I wondered if I wasn't suffering from "dog days". It seems to ramble more than usual, but I enjoy writing it and hope that some of you enjoy reading it.

a "rustic touch of class"

Mountain Laurel Inn

(formerly Blossom Hill Bed & Breakfast)

Innkeeper: Sarah Wilcox

For Reservations, Call (256) 634-4673 or (800) 889-4244

or write P.O. Box 443, Mentone, AL 35984

The Lookout Restaurant

"Atop Lookout Mountain"
CLOUDLAND, GEORGIA

(706) 862-2515

Reservations Necessary Friday and Saturday

MENTONE'S FAMILY LODGE

1-800-998-1956

BIRD AND DEER SANCTUARY

Day or week rental • Mentone, Alabama

Large 3 bedroom cabin, pond, barn.

We are a family lodge, where 30 acres are
exclusively yours for rental time,
hiking, fishing, recreation

**Little River
HARDWARE**

www.littleriverhardware.com

5190 AL HWY 117 MENTONE AL 35984
256.634.4757 TF 800.634.4787 Fax 256.634.4105**PRICED RIGHT** everyday!

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL

est. 1884


presents

THRU THE EYES OF....

HONEY GLOVER

A

PHOTOGRAPHY

ART SHOW



OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY JULY 21, 2002

3:00 PM. - 6:00 PM.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Third graders visiting the Valley Head Water Department



Third graders visiting the Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department



Luke Atkins

During the month of May, Mrs. Crider's third grade class, at Valley Head Elementary School, participated in some interesting end-of-the-school-year activities. In relation to Social Studies, the class went for a walk around their community. One of the main stops included the Valley Head Water Board where Mr. Dennis Lewis helped the class understand what role the local water board plays within the community. One of the other stops included the Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department.

Besides visiting the community, the class was able to use the high school science lab. After reading the book *How to Eat Fried Worms*, by Thomas Rockwell, the class was able to dissect a very large earthworm. The third grade students worked closely with high school students who helped guide them through the dissection. It was a great experience!

The class would like to thank all those involved who helped make our activities possible and enjoyable.

Third graders Luke Atkins, Becky Bradbury, Jason Hall and Nickolas Alexander during the worm dissection



Jason Hall



Nikolas Alexander



Becky Bradbury

Mr. Cecil Baty's 74th birthday was Tuesday, July 16, and it was indeed an enjoyable occasion when his family and friends honored him with a cookout featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, fried fish, and barbecue chicken in his front yard on Sunday, July 14, two days ahead of his actual birthday. The table was spread with all sorts of trimmings for the hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as everything else imaginable. There were trays (plural) featuring fresh fruit and fresh vegetables and dip. Considering the number of delicious cakes in various flavors that he had, one would think that Mr. Baty was celebrating multiple birthdays.

Guests of honor were R. L. Land (the late Mrs. Jewel Baty's brother) from Rainsville, and Mrs. Vada Wilkerson (the late Mrs. Jewel Baty's sister) from Dutton. Mr. Land was reported to have caught the fish that was cooked for Mr. Baty's birthday celebration. There was some discussion as to what kind of fish it was other than quite large, but it was finally agreed upon that the fish was bass. At any rate, it was delicious.

Among the guests were Veronica and Edward Baty (Mr. Baty's eldest son and his wife), their daughter, Mrs. Robyn Baty Schrader, and a family friend, Dennis Gravitt, all of Trenton, Georgia. Edward did part of the cooking, and, in the time of it, he fixed some of the best beans ever. Debbie and Billy Baty (Mr. Baty's second son and his wife) and their daughter, Jennifer Davis, all of Mentone were in attendance. Billy did part of the cooking, and everything was without question wonderful. Ricky Baty (Mr. Baty's youngest son) and his family—a daughter, Tessa, and a son, Colby—all of Mentone along with their friends, Dwight Bulloch of Henagar and Dakota Dodd of Mentone enjoyed the birthday celebration very much. Charlotte Boydston, of Fyffe, joined them after church. Ricky did part of the cooking, and the reviews on the food were exceptionally good.

Mrs. Margie Coote (Mr. Baty's sister) from Mentone took some wonderful fresh vegetables that she had prepared and had them still hot from the cooking process. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Tiffany Wallace, along with Miss Margie's great-granddaughter, Miss Savannah Wallace, were also in attendance. Savannah especially enjoyed the fresh strawberries and grapes.

Tex Freeman and Jean Hirston, both of Fort Payne, were in the crowd, and Mrs. Hirston was involved in cooking the aforementioned fish that was so very good. They had to leave early due to a prior demand on their time.

Other Mentone ladies in attendance and wishing Mr. Baty a very Happy Birthday were Jane Galloway (?) with an almost magically disappearing old fashioned apple stack cake that went only little faster than her banana pudding and everything else she took, Mrs. Elvira Fitzgerald, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell, who showed up with a decorated chocolate cake with candles and a jug of unsweetened tea.

The table was covered with figured cloths, and appropriately figured paper napkins complemented white plates and red cups. Canned soft drinks and tea were served. Colored tarpaulins were arranged to keep the sun off the festive well wishers. When the tarpaulins were put up, there was a justifiable fear that rain was going to dampen the occasion, but the weather cooperated offering a perfectly delightful and sunny day with a refreshing breeze.

Cecil Baty is definitely in competition for the happiest birthday in Mentone. On Tuesday evening, July 16 (Mr. Baty's real birthday), Marilyn Blanton Campbell served a simple buffet style dinner to mark the occasion of his 74th birthday. Billy and Debbie Baty (Mr. Baty's second son and his wife) and their daughter, Jennifer Davis, Mr. Baty's long time friend, Jane Galloway, and Jane's grandson, Ben Austin, were also on hand to enjoy the celebration. Jane Galloway said a very touching grace (in an attempt to keep the whole assemblage from being a bunch of heathens.) Casual dress was the order of the day for all the celebrants.

Marilyn set the table with a lovely pink tablecloth and napkins that she had whip stitched herself many years ago using a blended fabric. The matching napkins had white napkin rings featuring a rose design. The Roseland design dishes featured pink flowers on an ivory background. In a perfect example of less being more, the centerpiece was a single red rose from Mr. Baty's yard, and plain stemmed glassware added a mark of elegance and charm to the occasion with water goblets and wine glasses. Sparkling red grape juice—remember the law frowns on anything stronger—was served for the birthday toast. Honest to goodness limeade (yes, Marilyn squeezed all those limes herself with the help of an electric juicer), iced tea, and soda pop were available for the well wishers to choose from for their beverage to go with their dinner.

Instead of the traditional salad course, Marilyn served fresh peaches (from South Carolina) in stemmed dessert dishes of gold colored antique reproduction pressed glass. Cubed steak cooked long and slow in gravy was the main dish; fried squash with onions, cream style white corn, fried okra, and new potatoes boiled whole and served in butter sauce complemented the steak and gravy. Fresh tomatoes, fresh green peppers, and fresh cucumbers were on the table while the hot dishes were on warming units situated on the cherry credenza. Bread baskets on the table contained fresh warm biscuits and crispy hot cornbread.

For dessert, chocolate brownies and ice cream (in lots of flavors to choose from) were served with coffee. Mr. Baty's favorite flavor of ice cream has always been strawberry, and he most definitely enjoyed having a single lighted candle stuck in his serving of dessert. The entire group offered a rather discordant rendition "Happy Birthday" to him before he blew out his single candle. Jane insists that her dog, Mousey, sings better than most people she knows and that "Happy Birthday" is one of his best numbers. Mousey is also reputed to sing gospel songs.

As the well wishers dined leisurely enjoying pleasant conversation, white tapered candles burned invitingly on the table in pale pink rose candle holders that were a gift to Marilyn from her sister, Jane Blanton, of Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Mr. Baty enjoyed all his birthday celebrations this year, and he could honestly say that he received birthday greetings from people near as well as far.



MOON LAKE 6TH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES

WHO'S WHO: Leslie Bunch

Each member of this year's 6th-grade Who's Who was selected by the class as representative of certain characteristics. As I call their names, see if you agree with the vote. Please hold your applause until all students have been recognized;

BEST ALL AROUND: Tim Bain & Shinice Smith

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Michael Streeter & Kayla Hazell

MOST COOPERATIVE: Tom Tipton & Emily Bowman

CUTEST: Robert Johnson & Shinice Smith

NEATEST: Tom Tipton & Sheena Tishaw

MOST STUDIOUS: John Kelley & Kayla Hazell

MOST TALENTED: Chris Davis & Kayla Hazell

MOST ATHLETIC: Michael Streeter & Jessica Barkley

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT: Tom Tipton & Jessy Mayhew

FRIENDLIEST: JEB Bunch & Sheena Tishaw

MOST DEPENDABLE: Will Scott & Sarah Petersen

QUIETEST: John Kelley & Jhordan Jones

LOUDEST: Patrick Murphy & Sarah Petersen

CLASS CLOWNS: JEB Bunch & Paige Wright

APPLE POLISHERS: JEB Bunch & Brittany Clark

MR. & MISS SIXTH GRADE: Michael Streeter & Kayla Hazell

The final but most prestigious honor was voted on by the entire student body, kindergarten through 6th grade. **MR. & MISS MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** JEB Bunch & Paige Wright





(L) Sandy Sarratt, Winner of UGF Theme Contest; (R) Ann Quevedo, UGF Campaign General Chairman

UGF CAMPAIGN THEME SELECTED

"Enriching Lives Through United Giving" has been selected as the theme for this year's United Givers Fund Campaign which will get under way in early September and will run through the end of October.

The winning theme was submitted by Sandy Sarratt, an employee of Game Time, and was chosen from among several submitted by employees of local industry. Ms. Sarratt received two meals, compliments of CRACKER BARREL, and a \$25 gift certificate donated by Wal-Mart.

This is the second year that UGF has coordinated the theme contest. Campaign Awareness Co-Chairmen, Doris Hobbs and Sara Graves say they think the contest is a good way to increase people's awareness of United Givers Fund and the member agencies.

Ms. Hobbs said she especially likes this year's winning theme because she feels it helps to remind us that UGF-funded programs are for all DeKalb County residents. Hobbs said, "We all know and appreciate the UGF-funded programs such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Rose Haven who do such a great job of assisting those in emergency situations or those facing dire circumstances. However, we sometimes fail to realize that there are also a number of ongoing UGF-funded programs that help to enrich our lives on a daily basis."

The member agencies to be funded by this fall's UGF Campaign include: The DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross, ARC of DeKalb County, CASA of DeKalb County, DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center, DeKalb Chapter of Easter Seals, Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehab Center, Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America, Partnership For A Drug-Free DeKalb, Rose Haven, The Salvation Army, and USO.



News from Mountain Grove at Cloudland B&B/Retreat Center

Summer is just glorious atop Lookout Mountain! The breezes have been cool, the lightning bugs spectacular, and all is right with the world.

We've been busy at Mountain Grove. Our hot tub has been installed on the terrace and we've added a new staircase to the back porch. We're busy planning upcoming school faculty retreats, weddings and other events and would love for you to come see us!

On July 20th we're hosting "A Day of Renewal on the Mountain", a wellness event coordinated by some ladies from Rome, including Carrie Kasey of The Cherokee Herb Shop and Joy Love Murray. The day will include information on health and well-being presented by a nurse practitioner, local organic farmer/herbalist Ginger Kogelschatz, and others. The event includes a healthful yet tasty lunch and information about a new supplement called Vitality Plus, an anti-aging/wellness formula that we're getting good results from. For more information about this event, contact the Cherokee Herb Shop at (706) 232-4478.

Later in the summer, we are hosting master class/work party weekends for people interested in learning aspects of landscaping, masonry and other techniques that will be used to develop our terrace into a lush and lovely spot. Let us know if you would like to attend.

Susan Cheronee will be offering a Spanish class at Mountain Grove, so please contact her if you're interested in attending. She has just been named to the executive board of directors for the Association for Experiential Education. AEE is an international professional organization for practitioners of Experiential Education, like ExperienceWorks, our company, which designs corporate team training and development programs and offers customized team building field trips for schools at some of our local summer camps.

Ellen Thompson and her USTA 4.0 tennis team have recently won the Rome tennis league and represented the city in the Georgia State Tournament. Ellen also placed second in the Lookout Mountain Animal Resources annual fundraising mixed doubles tournament.

Joy Kennedy, the Director of Youth Programs and part-time Innkeeper, has been named as the ExperienceWorks, Inc. Assistant Director. We are so proud of Joy, ever an honor to her name, she could also be known as Effecient-cia, but what kind of name would that be?

Rooms at Mountain Grove start at just \$85 per night and the whole house can be rented for reunions, parties, weddings and events for \$500 per night. We'd love to be your spare room, your family's reunion place, your party planners or your mountain home away from home. Check out our website at www.experienceworks.com, or give us a call at (800) 226-5585. Come see us!



Julie Hailey Clark
Lookout Mountain Gallery
Artist of the Month - July 2002
Julie Hailey Clark

by Deb Hebert

Wondrous creations from found metal objects seem to almost effortlessly spring from the imagination of Julie Clark. While attending an exclusive all-girl school in her teens, who would have thought this self-professed tomboy would someday study blacksmithing and welding and become one of our area's most exciting new artists.

Julie credits her parents, Bill and Julie Hailey with giving her a "go for it" attitude and an appreciation for beautiful things. She also laughingly mentions that having three older brothers helped her to not be intimidated by something like being one of only a handful of females in her classes at farther school.

Although she majored in business management in college, Julie's love of horses and being outdoors led her to become a full-time riding instructor. A few years back, while taking a sabbatical from her equine career, Julie picked up her acetylene cutting torch and began assembling whimsical creations from sheet metal and mild steel bar stock. Two of her favorite subjects, flowers and horses, formed the basis for many of the pieces she began to construct.

Julie's work ranges from the functional, such as garden gates and bookends, to a large, fanciful sculpture of a jumping horse currently on exhibit at the In Town Gallery in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Her "Bad Hair Day" features a pair of brightly painted lips on a steely face topped by unruly steel-tubing hair. A small shop on her New Salem, Georgia farm is where the work springs to life and where Julie is also helping her husband, Bruz build their home.

The Lookout Mountain Gallery, a regional art cooperative, is proud to have an artist of Julie's caliber as a member. The Gallery is located on the 2nd floor of the Hitching Post in downtown Mentone above the Crow's Nest Antiques. Call Harriet O'Rear at 398-0858 for more information.

OLD-TIME SHAPE-NOTE SINGING AT MONTGOMERY'S OLD ALABAMA TOWN

The Sixteenth Annual Capitol City Shape-Note Singing was held again this year in the Grange Hall at Montgomery's Old Alabama Town, 310 North Hull Street, on Thursday, July 18 in the morning. The annual singing, sponsored by the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, in cooperation with Old Alabama Town, brings together singers and listeners from all over Alabama, and is open to the public.

According to Henry Willett, Director of the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture, "Alabama has a particularly rich and sturdy tradition of shape-note singing, a unique form of a cappella harmony characterized by the singing of the notes as well as lyrics. The singers follow a format largely unchanged in over 150 years, coating themselves in a square according to voice part and taking turns coming to the center of the square to lead songs. The songs are from the hymnals *The Sacred Harp* (in its various editions) and *The Christian Harmony*. Though the songbooks date from the first half of the nineteenth century, many of the hymns and tunes are hundreds of years older."

The Alabama Center for Traditional Culture, a division of the Alabama State Council on the Arts, is dedicated to the research, documentation and presentation of the state's folk culture.

Old Alabama Town is a collection of over thirty restored nineteenth century buildings within four blocks of the state Capitol, and interprets central Alabama's architecture, history and lifestyle.

For further information, contact the Alabama Center for Traditional Culture, 410 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104, or telephone 334/242-3601.



WILSON FUNERAL HOME

3801 Gault Ave. N.
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

24-hour Obituary Information Line
(256) 997-9867

BUY A SATELLITE TV SYSTEM, GET A 2ND RECEIVER FREE!

Watch over
150 channels
FREE
For 3 months! *

PLUS FREE
BASIC PROFESSIONAL
INSTALLATION
ON BOTH RECEIVERS!

For a limited time, when you buy a new DISH Network Satellite TV system valued at \$199.99 you'll get a second DISH Network receiver FREE! And now, get 3 months of any qualifying Basic Programming package and local channels (where available) FREE when you commit to 12 consecutive months.

*Valid major credit card and annual commitment to America's Top 100, America's Top 150, Dish Latam Dec, or Dish Latam MAX required to receive 3 months free programming.

No credit card? No problem you can still take advantage of this offer and get your 2nd receiver FREE!

DISHWORKS
DISH NETWORK SALES, SERVICE AND INSTALLATION
JASON REID
256-635-1 SAT OR 256-635-3304
5933 Hwy 137 P.O. Box 202 Valley Head, AL 35989



FOODLAND

202 GREENHILL BLVD.
FT. PAYNE, AL. 35967

WE'RE OPEN
7 A.M. - MIDNIGHT
7 DAYS A WEEK

WE ACCEPT

- WIC VOUCHERS • FOOD STAMPS
- QUANTITY RIGHTS RESERVED
- NONE SOLD TO DEALERS

845-1970



WE STOCK ALL VINE AND MEAT
BERRY CRISPS
BREADS AND CROISSANTS
BAKED SERVICE
VIDEO RENTAL
STYLING SERVICE
COFFEE
HALLMARK CARDS
FRESH SEAFOOD
SEASONED MEAT & BURGERS
SPECIALTY & BEEF PORK

WoodMasters Gift Gallery

Collectible Steins, Ships, Windchimes, Tom Clark Knives,
Department 56 Products & Accessories,
Hand-Carved Animals, and much, much more.

Also, don't forget that gift for: Weddings, Birthdays,
Anniversaries, Special Friends, "Thank-You" gifts, Showers,
Parties, "Secret Pal/Friend", or donations

New Shipments of Christmas Items Lay-Away NOW!

Major Credit Cards Accepted

322 Gault Avenue N
in the Sawyer Building
Downtown, Fort Payne
Phone us at: 845-2367

"A Fenton Art Glass Authorized Dealer"

NIPPERSINK LODGE

On Lookout Mountain at DeSoto Falls
P.O. Box 172
Mentone, Alabama 35984
(256) 634-3610
Advance Reservations Required



MORGAN DRUGS

Donald R. Morgan

Valley Head
635-6812

THE CITIZENS BANK OF VALLEY HEAD

Large Enough to Serve You—
Small Enough to Know You!

Valley Head 635-6292

Ider 637-5122

Member FDIC

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

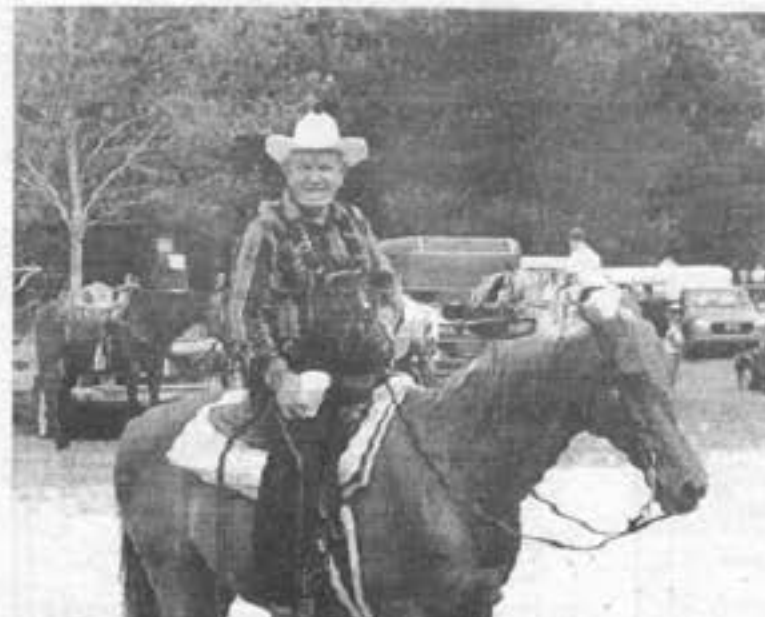
- Thursday, July 25, 4:00 pm., Water Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, August 6, 6 pm MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Thursday, August 8, 1st day of School
- Monday, August 12, 6 P.M., Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, August 13, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 P.M., American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall
- Thurs-Sun. August 15-18 WORLD'S LONGEST YARD SALE, LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARKWAY Corridor 27 from Ohio to Gadsden, AL

Continuity

In this day of promiscuity,
I have comfort of continuity.
Tho from earth, this body will be gone,
A part of me, will live on and on.

Thanks to my ancestors long ago,
This lesson I've learned and now I know.
Generations from now you can see
Traits of mine and resemblance of me.

Hopefully, the best of me will live on
Prayerfully the worst of me be
forgotten and gone
From one can be many descendants.
On this life bases its dependence
And God shows his ingenuity
Life goes on to perpetuity.
—Eloise Brown



L. M. FLANNIGAN.
Happy 69th Birthday (July 26), LM

-PUBLIC NOTICE-- MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DAMAGE OF STRUCTURES

The Town of Mentone Zoning Ordinance enacted in 1992 requires that, when a structure is damaged to an extent of more than 50% of its value at the time of damage, it shall not be reconstructed nor used except in conformity with the provisions of the ordinance.

Any questions, or for a determination as to whether your structure is in compliance, please call the town hall at 634-4444, and leave your request, and a reply will be made to you by the Zoning Administrator.

We wish to help keep our city safe and sanitary.

Are You A Medicaid Recipient?

You Qualify for a Special Deal!

Get Your Dog or Cat Fixed for Only

\$5 Cat Spay/Neuter
\$10 Dog Spay/Neuter

Call a Member Veterinarian Today
Maddie's Big Fix for Alabama



Ala. Dept.
of Human Resources
846-0046
845-1721
864-4264



Ala. Department of
Social Security Services
936-7299
623-3600
947-1919



Alabama Department
of Mental Health
927-4157
447-6318
601-3224



Alabama Department
of Corrections
927-4157
447-6318
601-3224



Mentone Post Office Hours

Monday - Friday
Open 8:00 am - 12 noon
1:30-4:15 pm
Saturday 8:30 a.m.-10:30 am
United States Postal Service
Mentone, AL 35984
256-634-4588



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Tim. 2:3-4

Every way we look there is hardness to endure, but the one who has chosen us has told us to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold of eternal life. We cannot get mixed up with the affairs of this life if we want to please the one who has chosen us.
Be a good soldier.

-PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 2002

• September 19 • December 19

Other special or called meetings
will be posted as required.

The regular quarterly meetings are on the 3rd Thursday, and all meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule for 2002

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays
from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

• August 14, 28 • September 11, 25
• October 9, 23 • November 6, 20
• December 4, 18
• January 2003 - 8, 15, 29

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD
on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

and in HAMMONDVILLE
on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30