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CLYDE "SHINE" MCNEW

A SELF-MADE MAN

"I wouldn't change a thing about my life," Shine McNew said as he reflected about his 68 years "except that I would get a high school education." But that would have been difficult for a little boy who struck out on his own at ten years of age.

After Shine's father's death, B. W. Tate, the local barber, offered him a room in the back of the shop. Mr. Tate and Shine's father, Robert Larry McNew, had been in World War I together.

Mr. Tate fixed up the room with a cot from the railroad and a small oil stove. The young boy lived alone there for eight years. "Mrs. Pelham Davenport did my washing and ironing for 50 cents a week, and I shined shoes in the barber shop; that's how I got my nickname." He also worked for the postal service, taking the mail from the depot to the post office five times a day. "The train ran the first time at 4:05 in the morning. This was the biggest load, and it took about fifteen trips to get it all to the post office. I had a little mail cart that stayed parked in front of the depot."

Shine also delivered papers seven days a week, on a bicycle all the way to Hammondville.

This demanding work and solitary lifestyle might have well made a small boy hard and untrusting, but not Shine McNew. He looked on everyone as a friend, and people in turn responded to this open, hard-working child who was determined to take care of himself.

After 8 years of living alone, Shine joined up with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Fort Payne for two years. This gave him the opportunity to attend



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From the Editor....

by Mickey Strickland

The Sixth Annual June Jam held in Fort Payne was a success in spite of the rain. There was much enthusiasm, which increased in volume and activity the closer one got to the concert stage.

A special place was set aside for the press, with delicious food provided by several local supermarkets. Many merchants contributed to the furnishings and equipment, and the result was very nice indeed. The Alabama Fan Club did a beautiful job of bringing it all together.

Each act was amazing, (where do they get all that energy?) and played to an appreciative crowd. There were few disruptive occurrences, and these were handled with haste and discretion.

The security guards did a remarkable job, and except for one who was meaner than a junkyard dog, they were all courteous and professional.

Alabama's performance was wonderful, with a more pensive, melancholy and sweet-voiced Randy Owen; a touching, serious Teddy Gentry; an energetic, always perfectly-timed Mark Herndon and the new, slimmer, better-than-ever Jeff Cook. Jeff should seriously consider more lead singing as his voice is one of the greatest assets of the group.

M.A.P.A., especially Harrell Jenkins, worked very hard to raise money at this event. There were lots of volunteers and some who stayed the entire day. The funds will be used to build some sort of walking path in Mentone. This is a very worthwhile project which will benefit everyone.

Once a year, this place comes together to achieve one common goal — to raise money for those who need it most. This is a unique, remarkable event, and one Fort Payne and Alabama can be proud of.

Many people from Mentone, and all over this county, gave of themselves and their time so that others might benefit. And the stars never shine so brightly as they do for charity.

Looking forward to Jam Seven!

The Fourth Annual Rhododendron Festival was held on May 16 and 17 and many people attended the festivities.

Shirlee Froehler worked very hard to bring it all together, and the result was well worth the effort.

There were crafts people and vendors from all around, with such a variety of goods that Mentone took on the look of an open-air market place, complete with tents and entertainment.

Tony Goggans and his Malibu Mountain Band were the highlight of the event, with fifties and sixties costumes and songs to match. This group is incredibly talented and gave one of their best performances.

The boat rides on Little River were a big success and offered such scenes as huge pink and lavender blooms hanging over and reflected in the surface of the water along the banks.

The Mentone Area Preservation Association sponsors this event each year and uses the proceeds to better the community.

This Festival began in the early forties, but was discontinued for many years until M.A.P.A. revived it. This dedication to keeping alive old traditions and preserving the natural and hand-made resources of the area is the ultimate goal of the Association.



Foodwise COUPONS = BIG BUSINESS

By Shan Bruce

Almost seven-and-one-half billion manufacturers' coupons were redeemed in 1986 at an average of 29.8 cents per coupon. My calculator doesn't have that many numbers, but that's a lot of money. That represents a 13 percent increase over 1985. The fact is grocery coupons have become big business in the supermarket industry today. The value of the manufacturers' coupons is also on the rise as manufacturers have found couponing a very effective way to persuade consumers to try new items. As a supermarket operator I do not encourage or discourage the use of grocery coupons. They are a big headache for the supermarket to handle and process; they also in an indirect manner increase the cost of the item because of the manufacturers' expense in processing, advertising and redeeming the coupon, but on a more positive note they can be a significant savings to the consumer if they are used to purchase items which would normally be bought in the family food menu.

From whatever point of view you evaluate it, couponing is "BIG BUSINESS."

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M.A.P.A. Meeting

M.A.P.A. members voted at the June 2 meeting to hold summer meetings at the Mentone Springs Hotel, beginning with the next one in July, the first Tuesday in the month.

The Rhododendron Festival was a great success, and thanks for a job well done went to Shirlee Froehler, who handled the affair beautifully. She worked very hard, and the results were evident.

Linda Brown of the Mentone Crafts Festival Committee met with M.A.P.A. to encourage local merchants to refrain from putting tables and such outside their stores during the two-day Crafts Festival, as it detracts from the Festival site and keeps people from the main craft area at Brow Park. In the past, visitors to the Festival thought the downtown area was the main one and did not find the brow site.

M.A.P.A. will have a food booth at the Crafts Festival and will give the Festival ten percent after \$250.00 is made in profit.

Maggie Cordell, representing the nominating committee, listed the following nominees to hold offices for the upcoming year:

Director: Bill Riedesel
 Assoc. Director: Ray Froehler
 Treasurer: Harrell Jenkins
 Secretary: Jean McGehee

The election will be held at the next meeting.

Grace Howard has been busily distributing the new Mentone brochures all over the state and has given out over half of the 52,000 already.

A need for more help for the Jam was voiced, and Harrell Jenkins was given permission to purchase more water barrels for the coffee concession there.

Sandra Padgett showed some cherished photos and reproductions in needlework of the Mentone Springs Hotel. The most beautiful likeness was done by Grace Howard in counted cross stitch. The museum is slated for a grand opening on July 5, with dignitaries from all over attending. This will be a grand event and the public is invited to attend.

Bobbie Riedesel will head the committee for the food booth at the Crafts Festival.

Speaker for the evening was Mary Anne Barfield, a recent candidate for the DeKalb County Commission. An editorial letter from Mrs. Barfield is found on Page 4 of this issue.

The next meeting will be at the Mentone Springs Hotel at 6 p.m. July 7. It will be a potluck supper, so bring your favorite dish.

Adapted from the minutes of Bill Riedesel, M.A.P.A. secretary.

Upstairs at the Hitching Post is a little Ocean World Paradise. It offers salt-water tropical fish and all the equipment and supplies needed to set up an aquarium and to maintain it. Kenneth Crowe is the owner, and THE GROUNDHOG welcomes him and his finny friends to the Mentone family of shopkeepers.

MOUNTAIN WATCH

BY CHARLES WHITE MCGEE

When we lived in Boston Jean taught in a private boys' school in Brookline. Once during a history lesson one of her third grade students said with pride, "Boston has all the history, doesn't it?" This is not exactly true, but almost. We had an example of it one special weekend.

Jim and Eileen Walbert and their two children, Pam and David, had come up from Birmingham to go with us for a visit with our artist friend Helen Boswell Howard at Provincetown on Cape Cod. They arrived on a Friday.

On Friday evening we made the short drive from our house in Upton to Sudbury, where we had an excellent dinner at the Wayside Inn. This is the inn made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Tales of a Wayside Inn*. It was like a trip back into those post-colonial times.

Saturday morning I had an important exam at Tufts University. While I was bent over a blue copy book, the Walberts, along with Jean and our sons, McGregor and Stuart, went on an expedition, which had to be completed by 1 p.m.

First they drove from Upton the short distance to Concord. Here they walked on the edge of Walden Pond, where Henry Thoreau lived and wrote his classic. Then they went into Concord, visiting the bridge where the Minutemen had defeated the British and begun the Revolution, where the statue of the Minuteman stands guard, and about which Emerson wrote his stirring poem, "Concord Hymn."

Just across the low stone wall behind which the Minutemen fired on the retreating British, they walked to The Manse, the famous house where Ralph Waldo Emerson lived and entertained most of the literary figures of his day. From there they went to the Alcott house, home of Louisa May Alcott who wrote *Little Women*.

Leaving Concord, Jean drove our guests to downtown Boston where they saw The Common and the gold-capped State House, thence northward to Boston harbor where the colonists dropped the tea in protest against "taxation without representation." Also in the harbor, they visited the old sailing vessel *Old Ironsides*.

Next stop was Bunker Hill, where another of the crucial battles of the American Revolution was fought.

Imagine now, all this prior to 1 p.m. while I was slaving over an exam — probably Old Testament. They picked me up at the Medford campus. We went to, of all things in the midst of all that history, a hamburger stand.

By mid afternoon we had arrived at Plymouth, after passing through Quincy, home of Presidents John Adams and John Q. Adams, plus such historic places as Wollaston and Hingham.

At Plymouth we stood at Plymouth Rock and looked across the short space of water to a replica of *The Mayflower*, which only a few years before had sailed from Britain, to be anchored in Plymouth harbor. Nearby was the Plymouth Unitarian-Congregational Church, said to be the oldest in the land.

The sun had not set when we had rounded the Cape and arrived at Provincetown. It was at the Provincetown harbor that the Pilgrims on the original *Mayflower* wrote and signed that resounding document of freedom, "The Mayflower Compact."

Distances in New England are short, but the length of its history is quite long. It is unbelievable that our two families could have seen so much in one weekend.

Cape Cod is an intriguing place, loaded not only with history but laden with geographic marvels. In shape it is like an inverted boot. At its base are such towns as Orleans, Brewster, and Hyannis, by the ocean. Its dunes protectively lie on each side, all the way to the tip, beyond Provincetown.

Those living in Boston can be assured that when the weather report is given, the cape will be several degrees cooler in summer and warmer in winter. There is an abundance of wildlife, ranging from gulls at the shore to giant whales a few miles out to sea. It is possible for tourists to board special boats which go out regularly to the point where the whales playfully cavort.

Many, many books have been written about the wildlife and mores of Cape Cod. Henry Thoreau walked its entire length, writing a memorable book about its various plants and wild creatures. Many of the nation's leading writers and artists have spent a portion of their careers in its colorful villages.

During the time of our week at Provincetown with the Walberts, our hostess took us across the way for tea with Mrs. Walter Chrysler. During that time she told us of their efforts toward converting the old First Congregational Church into an art museum.

Several months later at Tufts, I was listening to some background music as I was studying. An announcer plugged a contest whereby the best statement describing "Why I Like to Listen to Station —" would receive a free trip to Cape Cod. I fired off a statement, which to my surprise won.

The trip was a voyage on a large boat, which Jean and I took for a weekend without the boys. After the exhilarating ocean trip from Boston we entered Provincetown harbor. Upon sighting the steeple which stood against the horizon, indisputably the former Congregational Church, I uttered the worst-best pun of my career. "There is the First Church of Chrysler."

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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Stuart Little — By E. B. White.

And many, many more. Plan to take part.

Our Town with Linda Brown

What ever happened to spring in Mentone? It seems that now we emerge from winter directly into summer. It is very good for gardens and flowers though. They seem to grow very fast on these hot nights. Okra is even doing well.

The DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD met recently to discuss plans for helping to park traffic at the June Jam. They do this every year along with the eight other squads in DeKalb County. The Jam was a success with all the Rescue Squads working together to make parking go safely and smoothly.

The RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB held the June meeting at the home of Sid and Virginia Bosworth. Linda Brown gave the program on the American Flag in connection with Flag Day on June 14. Flag Day is celebrated in memory of the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Did everyone see the recipe for Washpot Stew submitted to AREA magazine by Nicky Harcrow, pastor of Moonlake Baptist Church? I think that all of Mentone should get together this fall and make a pot full. We could meet at the park on the brow. Let's think about it.

Of course the thing most on my mind now is the Mentone Crafts Festival. We are anticipating another good one. The exhibitors look very promising. We will have some crafts for the first time. Some of the displays will be pottery, woodwork, fabric handwork, stained glass, jewelry, old-fashioned toys, paintings in all mediums and many others. Of course Mentone's own "Miss Maggie" will be there with her quilting frame. If you have never quilted before, now's your chance. The Mentone Church of God will have the food booth on Saturday and MAPA plans to serve food on Sunday. The Lookout Mountain Fire Department will be serving all drinks. Various other organizations will be selling baked goods, ice cream and other goodies. The American Legion will be giving away a one-hundred dollar bill sometime during the festival. We urge everyone to support these local groups. This year, as in years past, we were able to let only local organizations offer anything to sell in the food line.

The parents of Little League ball players will be parking traffic. Other clubs will be assisting where needed. If your church or organization would like to have a space to sell something or help in any way, please contact us immediately. Call 634-4755 or 634-4166.

All proceeds from the festival always go back into the community in some way. This year we plan to wire the park for electricity. This will enable the public to use the park after dark. The electricity will be on only when someone turns it on. This will require getting a key from town hall. The festival will pay the monthly bill. More details later.

Do you have something to share with Mentone? Call me at 634-4755 or write to me, Route 1, Box 271, Mentone, Ala. 35984.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

THE HOME OF HERMAN AND RUBY BLALOCK BURNED TO THE GROUND THE SECOND WEEK IN JUNE. HERMAN RECEIVED BURNS TO HIS UPPER BODY, AND THEIR PET DOG AND BIRDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

THE BLALOCKS LOST EVERYTHING EXCEPT THEIR VEHICLES, AND ANY ASSISTANCE GIVEN WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB INVITES NEW MEMBERS



BERT CARSON

Newcomers and guests are invited to attend the newly organized Fort Payne Toastmasters Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Motel.

Devoted to assisting members improve public speaking and communication skills, Toastmasters is open to all adults.

Members learn to give various kinds of speeches, including informational, persuasive, educational, and humorous talks in a supportive, friendly environment.

Bert Carson, local organizer of the club, is a Mentone resident, and the author of the book, *Remember*, and is a professional public speaker, leading seminars and workshops worldwide along with his wife, the Rev. Edwene Gaines.

WEDDING BELLS FOR MENTONE COUPLE

Tommy Harrison and Cindy Pullen, both of Mentone, were married May 30, 1987. Cindy is the daughter of Linda Ellis of Mentone and Jimmy Pullen.

Tommy is the son of Tom and Joan Harrison of Mentone.

Cindy is a student at Northeast State Junior College, and works at Furgerson's store in Mentone. Tommy is an employee of Family Home Developers, a local building company specializing in log home construction.

After the wedding, the couple set up housekeeping in the former home of the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison of Mentone.

Jack Jones has 2 shops for rent in Log Cabin Craft Village. They are in his new log cabin, and there is also a new one-bedroom apartment over the shops for rent. Call 634-4873.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

REDISTRICTING

Dear Editor:

In the Bill of Rights there is a phrase that declares "of the people, by the people and for the people." Unfortunately this is not the case in DeKalb County.

In the recent past, there have been community meetings conducted by a group composed of the mayors of each municipality, commissioners and school board members.

The people attending have ranged, from the first meeting, one, to the last meeting, almost 100 at Fort Payne.

After the discussion which was very thorough and aptly chaired by Mike Smith, Mayor of Henagar, a vote was taken to get the feel of the people. Everytime it was overwhelmingly obvious that the constituents desired the county to be redistricted according to population.

As we are aware; presently the districts have 22,000, 8,000, 11,000 and 15,000 approximately. As any fair thinking person can readily see this is an inequitable situation since the road revenues are divided equally to each district.

Mayor Mike Smith expressed at the last community meeting that the committee would determine the recommendation on April 27 and it would be an open meeting.

That meeting was held with no announcement by the local media. Mayor Smith presented his recommendation that would place on the ballot in the Presidential election 1988 a choice for the people of DeKalb to decide what they wanted in our county.

I appreciated Mayor Smith being so caring for the people to allow us to have a voice in this decision.

At the Democratic Executive Committee prior to this meeting, a member that has a record of deciding without the will of the people said that we do not have the knowledge to make this decision.

Are we that ignorant? Obviously we are, since a committee also chose the gubernatorial nominee . . . not the people.

At this last meeting Mayor Smith was the object of some very unfair remarks and jeers as he tried to preside. Are politicians exempt from good manners?

Gerald Bell, a school board member, changed his proposal after he left the smaller committee meeting; could it have been the hand written note passed to him from Franklin Kellett. This violates Robert's Rules of order.

I was surprised by the seeming animosity between the members of those for and against the proposal to redistrict the county.

As has been reported the result was that the committee made no recommendation as to redistricting and the county is to be left as is.

Can we not be given the opportunity to decide on a ballot what we would like in our county? Is this America? Is this Alabama?

Since there was a tied vote on the two proposals, Mayor Grabin was late arriving due to a prior meeting, Gerald Bell recommended that the vote be opened to the entire executive committee.

Mayor Smith asked that the smaller committee be returned to session when Mayor Grabin arrived but was denied this request. Mayor Grabin was for the proposal of allowing the decision to be made by ballot, thus the decision would have been 4 to 3 in favor of this.

The community meetings were futile and the whole situation became a fiasco. All the peoples votes futile. All the opinions expressed futile.

The outcome again, same old story, decided by a few. It was decided by the 15 members of the larger committee, I believe, long before the final decision.

If it were placed on a ballot as Mayor Smith, Mayor Shellhorse, Mayor Grabin, Mayor Ivey and Richard Pridmore voted and the people voted to leave the county as it is, I think we would all content ourselves; however, when one powerful man exerts his will on the people and we have no choice, I am seriously concerned about the future of our fine county.

One businessman, as he left the courtroom, remarked to me and others that he had been a Democrat his entire life, he fought in World War II for our freedom and he had just watched it taken away by a few.

Is this a Democrat versus Republican scrimmage? I think not. It is a power struggle to keep our county in the dark ages — under the rule of a few.

I want to commend Mayor Smith for chairing this very difficult group of meetings. He deserves our admiration for being so impartial and wanting the will of the people.

Should our Bill of Rights (in Alabama) be changed to read "Of the politicians, by the politicians, for the politicians?"

In a few weeks there will be petitions circulated for DeKalb Countians to sign if you would like this decision to be placed on the 1988 ballot.

Mary Anne Cole-Barfield

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There is the child who will paint the greatest picture; another who will deliver his country in an hour of peril; another who will give his life for a great principle; and another, born more of the spirit than of the flesh, who will live continually on the heights of moral being, and dying, draw men after him.

It may be that I shall preserve one of these children to the race. It is a peg big enough on which to hang a hope, for every child born into the world is a new incarnate thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility!

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AMONG THE STARS WHO CAME OUT

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR :

FORMER MENTONE RESIDENT, JO WHATLEY, IS LIVING AND WORKING IN NEW YORK. THE ARTICLE BELOW WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED THERE IN DISCOVERY.

Can We Talk?



By Jo Whatley

The need to communicate. How strong it is! We telephone friends and waylay acquaintances on the street to chat and infuse our family's ears with a landslide of frivolous and not-so-frivolous verbalization.

When the verbal channels can't, don't or won't open, there are other methods we have found to be effective enough to get our messages to others. These methods and channels can relay both subtle and not so subtle thoughts and directives.

Bumper sticks have been around for a while conveying assorted messages from the quietly revealing "I am a proud Grandma/Grandpa" to the forceful social statement: "When guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." Stickers proclaim a vehicle owner's preference for places "I Love New York," people "Koch ain't Much," to things - "I Love My Car, (dog, cat, etc.), and instructions "Don't rattle my cage," "Hit Me, I Need the Money," "When I Stop, Please Stop With Me."

The least popular bumper stickers should be those gummed to our cars while they are parked at Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, Six Flags Over Georgia or anywhere else we seek more common forms of entertainment. Why do we not find them plastered to our bumpers at museums, concert halls or lecture centers. Tacky, huh?

The bumper sticker now has a more condensed form: the car window stick-on. You've noticed by now those yellow diamond-shaped cards equipped with suction cups. These cards stare blatantly at us while we wait for the light to change. Traffic lights seem so much longer when our attention becomes riveted on the inane message "Baby on Board." Perhaps it should read "Baby is Bored." Are the parents just proud and want everyone to know about their offspring? Or is it that they want us to take extra care? We are driving as carefully as possible. We don't want to bump anyone. And what if there is a terrible accident? Emergency help finds the sticker but looks for hours in vain for the baby who supposedly was "on board."

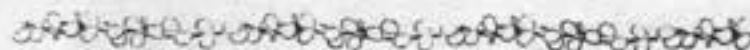
It took a while to figure out "No Radio in Car." This might have meant that the person wants to talk since he hasn't anything to listen to. It also might indicate that the person wants you to know that he is serious while driving and wants no distractions. The true message seems to be "Don't mess up my car by breaking in. There is nothing of value for you to take."

One individual's rear window does catch the eye and is a candidate for "Window With the Most Little Yellow Things Stuck to the Back Window" award. We know much more about the owners of the car than we probably care to including (1) they have a child (yep, "Baby on Board" again), (2) they "Love Tennis" (3) they'd "Rather Be Flying" - even though they "Love Tennis" (4) they "Drink Coke - Don't Snort It" and lastly that (5) someone in the family is a "Party Animal" (even though they "Drink Coke - Don't Snort It.")

T-shirts are a provocative form of non-verbal communication and more personal since we wear them. Messages they convey are close to our hearts so to speak. Every message conceivable is worn across the chests of people of all nations.

If the shirt sports the name of a place, we know that the person has been there, knows someone who has been there - or is there, wants to go there or got the shirt at a real bargain. We can ascertain whether or not a person likes animals and if so, what species. And what cute messages: "If you can read this, you are too close." Images of famous personalities abound on fabric: Superman, Buckwheat, Springsteen, Nixon (Nixon?) Mattingly, Pluto and Tweety Bird. Porches, 4-wheel drives, Big Mack trucks - all roar across shirt fronts. The designs are endless since we can create our own and have them custom printed.

Can we talk? Well, yes - usually. Sometimes. When people will let us. If we aren't embarrassed and tongue-tied. Do we really have something to say? Let's really let loose. Let's walk up to someone and relate to him everything we have tried to reveal through our non-verbal channels. Ten to one someone will haul us away in a vehicle with "Mental Ward" painted on the side and "I'm a Nut" on the bumper sticker.



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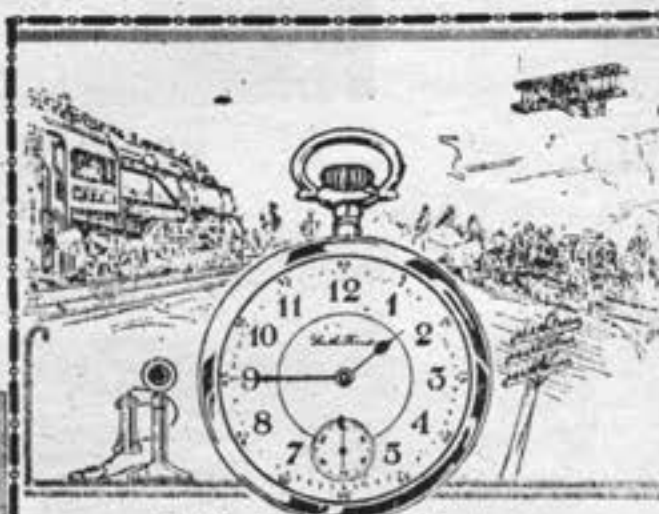
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MOON LAKE STUDENT ATTENDS CONFERENCE



Lea Smith is one of two DeKalb County 4-H'er's to attend the 4-H Regional Resource Development Conference held at Fontana Dam, North Carolina on June 15. The featured workshops dealt with atmosphere, forests, mankind, minerals, soil, water and wildlife. The conference is a cooperative endeavor of several agencies designed to help develop a better understanding of the resources of the Tennessee Valley.

THE LAST OF THE FIRST

By Gregory Purvis

Fort Payne High School held its graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 29, with three members of the Class of 1987 from Mentone: David Lusk, Gregory Purvis and Bennett Morrison.

The Class of 1987 has crossed the threshold from high school to the life of responsibility beyond, entering a time in which the next few months can decide the fate of the rest of their lives. Some of the Class of 1987 will remain in DeKalb county, some will enter college, and some will move away to another state or country.

David Lusk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lusk; Gregory Purvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Purvis; and Bennett Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison. Please remember them, the Class of 1987, and all other graduates this summer.

FIELD TRIP FOR STUDENTS



Left to Right: Jennifer Keefer, Junior Smith, Bridgett Blalock, Melissa Worthey, Mary Battles, Joe Combs, Loretta McGee, Bryan Smith and Shaun Keefer.

A group of Moon Lake students recently visited the Chickamauga Battlefield as a part of their study program in Social Studies. They learned first-hand some of the history of the War Between the States and had a great time.

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

Walker Tech has announced the names of the newest members inducted into its chapter of the National Vocational Honor Society. New students were inducted in a June ceremony with family and faculty members present.

The following new members qualified for this honor by maintaining a 3.5 grade point average, good attendance and leadership abilities:

DeKalb County — Kim Langston, Business Education.

GED SUMMER CLASSES

There's no better time than right now to attend an adult education class. Summertime is here, and it's a great time to refresh yourself. There will be several changes in the new GED Test starting Jan. 1, 1988. The new test will require everyone to write an essay, or theme, as part of the Writing Skills (English) Test. Also, the other four parts (Social Studies, Science, Reading, and Math) will have several changes. So in order to prepare yourself for the GED Test and beat the deadline of the new test, enroll this summer, get a head start, and get your GED before 1987 ends.

The classes are all self-paced and taught on an individual basis. You start at whatever level on which you are currently operating, and there is no pressure of keeping up with your classmates. You will make many new friends and find it personally rewarding to be learning many new things and acquiring needed skills. Anyone 18 years of age or older is welcome to attend these classes. High school graduates may attend for review. You may enroll at any time by attending the class most convenient to you.

The classes are offered FREE by the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program, and the books and materials are free for you to use. After successfully completing the GED Test, you are awarded a high school equivalency certificate. That certificate can open many doors of opportunity, since it qualifies you for college entrance, civil service, technical training, job advancement and armed services.

For further information, you may call one of the numbers listed below, or you may contact your local board of education or the Adult Education Coordinator in Fort Payne at 845-0465.

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SHINE MCNEW CONTINUED

classes after work, and he took full advantage of it. The boys were paid a small stipend, and the rest was sent to their parents. Shine helped build structures at DeSoto State Park, and enjoyed the experience. "It was kind of like being in the Army," he said. "We wore uniforms and stayed in barracks."

About this time, Shine met and married his wife, Pluma. They began housekeeping in rented rooms in Valley Head, then moved to a small, two-room house where their daughter, Katherine, was born. "We had running water in the house," Shine reflected, "through the cracks everytime it rained! And we could feed the chickens through the holes in the floor."

Shine worked for C. E. Bell for forty years, and he never had a cross word in all that time. He was as much a fixture in the store as the cash register, and everyone looked forward to joking with Shine, especially the local children.

Children have always loved Shine McNew, and for seventeen years he drove a bus from Valley Head school. "I never missed a trip," Shine talked of his years as a driver. "And I never took a kid to the principal. I figured one child had as much right to be believed as another and if I got one paddled and he did not deserve it, he would hate me forever, so I went directly to the parents if I had a problem."

I loved my kids. I would take a bus load on those long trips to football games and such, and I could tell the ones who didn't have any money to eat, they would stay on the bus. I took them in and made sure everyone in the bus had what they wanted to eat. No kid went hungry, not on my bus. I never made a penny driving a night; I spent it on the kids."

On holidays, Shine and Pluma would give parties for the whole busload of children at their country farmhouse outside Valley Head. "The kids all really loved those parties," Shine said. "And I've still got presents they gave me at Christmas."

The McNews have one of the most beautiful farms in the valley. It has a white frame house with a long front porch covered in big rocking chairs and flowers which looks upon the rolling foothills of Lookout Mountain. There is a spring in front of the house with a huge oak tree beside it. These are the head waters of Wills Creek.

When asked about the most important and memorable moment in his life, Shine told of when his little girl was born. "Dr. Richey handed her to me as soon as she was born, and I was just scared to death. But she was wonderful."

Shine himself was delivered by Aunt Margaret Jackson, who with her husband, Uncle Ned, were freed slaves who lived on the present site of Cragmere Man-na. Shine was born in Granny Dollar's old house.

Shine talked about how times had changed. "When we were growing up, you just couldn't get a job, and if you finally got one you made fifty cents a day. I remember a hobo came into Valley Head and bought a job. A man cutting cross ties said he would give up his job for five dollars. The boss, Mr. Dobbs, said O. K., and the hobo bought himself a job for five dollars. Now, there's jobs to be had, and good money to be made."

There used to be a pressing shop, a theatre, a saw mill, a lumber yard, and a circus came through once a year. A train with a chicken car or a banana car would come through then too, and sell right out of the car."

Shine McNew has seen a lot of changes in his time, and he's not been one to sit back and let life pass him by. He has taken care of himself for the majority of his sixty-eight years, and most of all, he has taken care of others. He has taken life seriously, but not too seriously. He has given of himself, and gotten love and trust in return. He chose a path of independence and honesty, and as Robert Frost put it, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." And Shine McNew has made all the difference to a lot of people.



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COUNTRY JOURNAL

By Bernise Crow

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." The word **home** has a comforting, magical sound. If one has been away for a time, it is exciting to be able to return to the warm shelter of one's own environment.

Home means different things to different people. To me, it's the warmth of loving people, caring, sharing and living together. The sharing is most important and should be learned by a child very early in life. Any happy occasion is much more pleasant when shared, and sorrow is easier borne when those who care are with us.

Home is the place where one can be completely candid, without fear of offense to others. Family members may argue and fuss, but it's freedom of expression that cannot be duplicated outside.

Home is where loving parents rear beautiful children, who return that love.

Home is where one can kick off one's shoes, put his feet on the living room coffee table, and not worry about whether or not that's the proper thing to do.

Here at Mentone, home in the summer means warm days and cool evenings, with the wonderful sweetness of mountain air. The soft breeze, fresh with the smell of new mown hay or a lawn freshly cut is wonderful. The mornings are fresh and full of the sounds of birds singing, roosters crowing, and the woodpecker pounding away on the trees hoping to find his breakfast.

Home is the center of worship, of learning, of teaching, organizing. It is a place of contentment and peace, if one makes it that way. Home is a place where the mind can rest after a hard day's work — the place where one can be as casual or as formal as one prefers to be.

I always loved my grandmother's house when all the family come home for Christmas. After a good supper everyone would crowd around the living room fireplace and talk for hours. It was fun to listen to arguments on subjects of interest at that time. During the Depression years, it was mostly with concern for being able to buy enough bread to feed the family. Times were hard and we were poor — so poor we didn't really know the difference when the Depression came!

So, let's keep the home fires burning. When homes decline, the country goes with it. I think people who worship together, who share at least one meal a day together, will stay together.

The home is a place where the weary rest at the end of the day. It should be clean and neat enough for relaxation but not so tidy one is afraid of it!

This week our home is open to 5 people from N. C., 7 from Phoenix, Arizona, and 2 from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. These girls are here to enjoy the June Jam, and our home away from home. "My Home's in Alabama" is a good motto!

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THE GLASS RING

By Howard Cash Marsh

The dark sky above them was filled with twinkling stars, broken only by the trace of a meteor falling through the panoramic setting of the occasional passing of a plane high above the field in which they lay. A gentle warm breeze carried the smells of honeysuckle and pine as it tickled the tops of the wild grasses and summer cedar. Their hearts, they felt, seemed to beat to the rhythm of the crickets' music which rose and fell in unbroken unison.

The innocence of infatuation that had brought them to the field melted into the experience of a stolen kiss or the caress of a hand through the other's hair. Time stood deceptively still; each wanting the moments to last forever. Secrets were shared, those of fears and fantasies, and of dreams and desires; and the magic of love was enhanced by the rising of a quarter moon through the tops of the swaying pines.

She noticed the light first — and then they both watched in awe-struck silence as it sped across the sky. Abruptly it turned and raced back across the sky, this time indeed closer, and as its size increased they realized simultaneously that the crickets no longer could be heard. Their pulses quickened with the excitement and then a faint sound — not unlike a whistle, but pleasing to their ears, could be heard. The light was barely a stone's throw away and hovering overhead, not a brilliant light, more like a pastel of many colors.

They stood, frozen with immobility, and stared with disbelief at the glowing shape of what they now knew to be that of a craft which could only be from another world. Neither could speak as a circular portion of the ship slid away and a beam of lavender light completely immersed them. Slowly they both began to float through the beam toward the opening of the ship. They clutched each other's hand tightly and felt more than saw the circular doors close behind them. The total essence of being inside the strange craft could only be described by feelings as their sight became immediately different, seeing only a field of blue, shapeless and void of both lines and movement.

They both experienced the sensation of being observed as if being assessed of their spiritual worth and yet neither felt ashamed of the other or their own selves as their minds became as one — knowing each other's thoughts and memories, pain and pleasure alike. Adrift in this sea of tranquil indifference, they once again floated through the lavender beam and their thoughts were lost to dreamless sleep — their bodies side by side in the field. The ship sped away into the darkness of the false dawn.

She was already awake and the sun above the horizon when at last his eyes opened to the new day. Neither spoke as words weren't needed. Smiles shared their thoughts as they reminisced about the evening's events. It was then that he noticed the smooth glass ring on her finger and then his own. They remembered all too well the vows he and she had made to the inhabitants of the ship. How strange, they thought, to honor such a vow to ones they never saw.

After rinsing their faces from the cool mountain stream and drinking their fill of the clear sweet water, together they made their way along the winding trail which led through the forest to the road. Once there, laughing and all warm inside, and filled with the freedom that had been given them, they passed by their car and continued their walk.

After about a mile or so they came to a well furnished farm. Toward the edge of a freshly plowed field, a middle-aged man sat upon a relatively new tractor, surveying his work. They crossed the fence and walked toward him, and he wiped the sweat from his brow before getting down from the tractor to greet them. He offered a calloused hand in friendship to the two and they both shook it. Then the boy said, "To save this beautiful earth from the eventual pollution and destruction by what we blindly call progress, we must tear down what we have built and restore it to its original natural state." The rings glowed on their fingers and at first the farmer looked bewildered. But abruptly his facial features changed from that of worry and worried to that of peace, and, nodding in agreement he said, "I know what has to be done."

The man watched the two walk away and stood there until they had rounded the bend in the road. It was then that he noticed that he too had a smooth glass ring on his finger.

CRAFTS CORNER

by Helen Turner

I hope all of you are having a very nice summer. As I promised, we will continue our series on activities for young folks.

I thought you might like to try something that has been a favorite since I was a very young person — Tye Dyeing. Tye Dyeing is a very messy project and really should be done outside, if possible, and under the supervision of an adult.

Gather your working materials. You will need: two big pans or buckets, a stirring stick, old newspapers, lots of rubber bands, dye and cotton cloth or T-shirts. Cotton absorbs the dye very well; synthetic materials do not.

Cover a table with lots of newspaper. Fill one pan with warm water and the other pan with very hot water. Place both pans on table.

Buy the packages of Rit dye in the colors you prefer. Using package directions, pour correct amount of dye into the very hot water and stir with the stick.

Wet the cloth or shirt in warm clear water and squeeze out excess water.

For circles, lift up object to be dyed with two fingers and bunch together with other hand. Put rubber bands on it to hold it together. Do this in several places on the same object if you like.

You can fold your cloth to be dyed in fan folds and fasten with rubber bands.

When this step is completed, place the object into the dye and stir with the stick until your cloth is darker than you want it to be. Rinse it in the bucket of clear water.

Put the cloth in a good place to dry. (Out of the sun if possible). When dry, remove the rubber bands.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEKALB COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

GO SOBER AND SAFE

VIVIAN NAPIER
CERTIFIED ADDICTIONS COUNSELOR

Continuing with our series on the medical consequences of alcoholism, we want to discuss the second type of ulcer associated with heavy consumption of alcohol: the duodenal ulcer. The duodenal ulcer presents the same complications that ulcers in the stomach cause: pain, bleeding, perforation and obstruction. For an unknown reason, ulcers in the duodenum (which is the first part of the small intestine) are almost ten times more frequently found in men than in women.

The treatment for duodenal ulcers is basically the same as for a stomach ulcer, which includes abstinence from alcohol, treatment with medications to relax the stomach and decrease acid formation. A variety of diets is used, and sometimes surgery is necessary if pain, bleeding, perforation or obstruction cannot be controlled.

The pancreas is a soft lobular shaped organ located at the right upper part and middle portion of our abdomen. The pancreas secretes enzymes for digestion and also makes insulin which regulates sugar in our blood. Inflammation of the pancreas is known as acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis. The pancreas becomes swollen and extensive bleeding occurs. Small yellow-white areas of death of fat tissue are scattered about the hemorrhaged area. These damaged areas are caused by the release of pancreatic enzymes into the cavity surrounding the pancreas.

Pancreatitis is a very serious disease and is often fatal. About 40 percent of all cases are caused by alcoholism. Slightly more than 50 percent of all alcoholic patients suffering from pancreatitis die from the disease. Severe abdominal pain is the outstanding symptom of pancreatitis. The pain is usually steady and often bores through to the back or chest. Nausea and vomiting; fever and shock often go with pancreatitis. Any person who has ever suffered from pancreatitis should never drink alcoholic beverages, as this may cause the problem to return.

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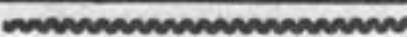
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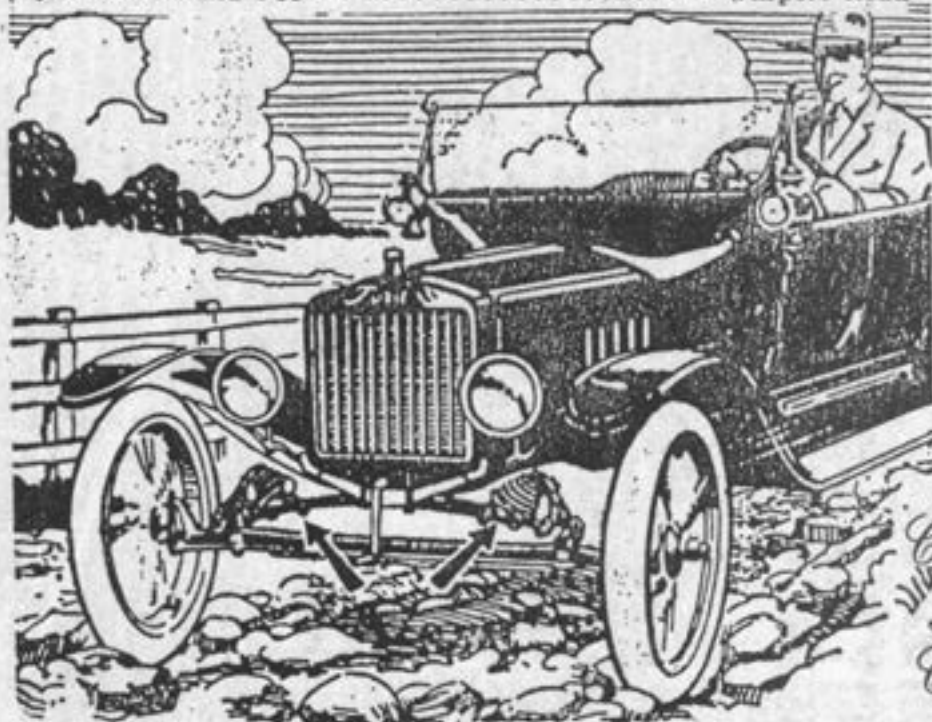
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