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Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef

June 1, 4-6, 11-13
Red Cross Canoe Instructor Training
Girl Scouts of North Alabama
(See notice elsewhere in this issue.)

Saturday, June 5, 8:30 a.m.
North DeKalb Ministerial Association
Dessie's Kountry Chef

Saturday, June 5, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Little River Hardware, Mentone
Dog/Cat Days

Saturday, June 5, 8:00 p.m.
Program: Critter Condo's
Ken Thomas, Naturalist
DeSoto State Park Campground

Sunday, June 6, Children's Day

Saturday, June 12, June Jam

Monday, June 14, Flag Day

Saturday, June 19, 8:00 p.m.
Program: Endangered Species/Fires
Alan Polk
DeSoto State Park Campground

Sunday, June 20, Father's Day

Saturday, June 26, 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Fish Dinner at Hammondville National
Guard Armory, sponsored by
Valley Head Masonic Lodge No. 394

Saturday, June 26, 8:00 p.m.
Program: History of Conservation in US
Forrest Bailey
DeSoto State Park Campground

NOTICE

CRAFTS ON THE BROW FESTIVAL

If you represent one of the organizations traditionally funded by the summer crafts festival (this year to be held the weekend after the 4th of July, on July 10 and 11), or if you have received money for your organization or have had a booth during the festival, please call me, Dr. Pat, at 634-4541, before June 15.

LETTER FROM A DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER

By Evelyn Graves

This is the beginning segment of the Jones Family history. In honor of Father's Day, The Groundhog is printing the letter below, which was written by M.F. Amos before the 2nd battle of Manassas.

Pageland Near Manassas Junction
September 4th 1861

Dear Wife,

After a very pleasant journey, we arrived here safely last Saturday. In passing through East Tennessee & the Valley of Virginia, one sees the most picturesque and the best grazing country in the world. We stopped in Richmond one day & night and had the pleasure of going over most of the city. Richmond is a city of about seventy-five thousand inhabitants but at the present time its streets are thronged with soldiers. The capitol square is one of the finest in this country. It contains the "Equestrian Statue" of "Washington" which as a work of art is unequalled. We went up to see Lieut. Hicks who you know is in our company and has been very sick. We found him out of danger & I expect by this time is on his way home on a furlough. The country between Richmond and this place is mostly cultivated in Tobacco and Corn. All of the true Southern men in these parts have moved their families & gone into the field to try & repel the invaders from our soil. The inhabitants that remain here & sell articles to the soldiers at exorbitant prices are very poor specimens of the Chivalry of the "Old Dominion." If we had of lost the battle of Manassas, they would have been as good friends to the "Yankees" as they now pretend to us. But--there are traitors and mean people everywhere & I am afraid we have left a good many behind even in the good old states of Georgia & Alabama. We are camped about three miles from the "Battle Ground." I have been all over it and I can assure you that the newspaper reports are not exaggerated. The spots where General Bee of So. Car.--Col. Barton of Ga. & Fisher of N. Car. & other noted men fell are marked by posts. Our men have rails over their graves, with their name on the headposts. The "Yankees" were permitted to bury their dead but did it very badly, for the rains have washed the dirt off of a great many of the bodies and a great many bodies were not buried at all. Even yet the stench from the dead horses & Yankees is intolerable. There were a great many fanatic women in the Yankee Army--some of whom were killed. I was pointed to one of their graves. I knew that I could not be mistaken as to the spot for her foot was sticking out of the ground to mark the habitation of one of the advocates of Negro Freedom & Womens Rights. Our camp is situated in a beautiful location & the country has the reputation of being very healthy. We have some sickness caused by measles being in the camp. I am very well satisfied to find that the duties are not so

hard to perform as I had supposed. Our rations are bountiful & we have no reason to complain & if they were not, no murmer should leave my lips for I believe the glorious "Southern Confederacy" will take as good care of its soldiers as they are able.

Give my best love to all the family. Farewell--may the "God of Battles" protect you and my little child from all harm is the wish of your devoted husband.

M.F. Amos

Direct your letters in the care of

Capt. I.H. Nesbet
Mercers Regiment
Ga. Vol. Manassas Junction

M.F. Amos, devoted husband and father, who wrote the letter above to his wife, Sarah, was killed in the second battle of Manassas, in Virginia (August 27-30, 1862) without ever seeing his wife and child again. His widow married John Jennings Lovejoy on February 18, 1873. They had one son, Simeon, who was born May 12, 1878, in Dadeville, Alabama. Simeon graduated from a school of pharmacy in Atlanta, GA, and came to Mentone and lived with his first cousin, Mrs. Almeda Jones for many years. He was at the Valley Head Drug Store for several years. The letter, an old family Bible and other papers were found in a trunk at the home of Joe B. Jones at Mentone, Alabama.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In response to last month's "clarification" of which Morrison took the photographs at Lookout Mountain Camp during the blizzard, I would question the writer's real intent. Surely, it is not as important who gets "credit" for taking some photographs as to honestly recognize or denigrate the ministry of John and Ann Morrison as late as 1991. Many shattered lives were rescued from despair, many given a safe place to live and hope as a result of the Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center. Ownership--no, participation--yes, in a way that was surely pleasing to God.

Sincerely,
Lynette A. McCary
Mentone, AL

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Nakisha Celeste Brown
1993 Rhododendron Queen

M.A.P.A.— President's Column

By
PAT SEYMOUR



The Rhododendron Festival is now a pleasant memory as MAPA begins to concentrate on the Crafts on the Brow Festival to be held the first weekend after the 4th of July—July 10 and 11. This will be MAPA's first brow festival. Under the capable leadership of Linda Brown and her committee members, the summer festival in Mentone (Mentone Crafts Festival) has now been renamed Crafts On The Brow Festival. MAPA will be hard pressed to reach the level of excellence achieved by its former sponsors. Linda leaves some very large shoes to fill! If you represent one of the organizations traditionally funded by the summer festival, or have received money for your organization, or have had a booth during the festival, please call me, Dr. Pat, at 634-4541 before June 15. I have already received a few calls, but am anxious to hear from the other organizations who have participated in the summer festival to the benefit of a particular organization.

The Isbell marker will be placed on their graves in Little River Cemetery as soon as the stone is received from the stonemaker. A picture will be in the next issue of *The Groundhog*. So many wonderful people have had a part in this endeavor inspired by Evelyn Graves' article on Jim and Willie in the February issue of *The Groundhog*. Excerpts from some of the letters I have received are printed on page of this issue.

Remember, June 20 is Father's Day! For those of you who are fortunate enough to still have your father, remember what Don Brock said in his sermon at the Bankhead Cemetery, "Give the flowers while loved ones are still alive." It's an interesting truism of life: not every man is a father; but each person is a son or daughter. Our fathers are our earliest male contacts in life, and fathers would do well to remember the words of Thomas Carlyle, "Be what you would have your children to be." The only teaching by a father that is really effective is by example. Indeed, "Honor your father;" but on the other end of the spectrum, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath." Love, honor, respect—is a two-way street.

MAPA is in the midst of a membership campaign. Many contributive individuals in the Mentone area should consider visiting the meeting on any 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Kountry Chef to check us out.

At the June meeting, Nakisha Celeste Brown, the 1993 Rhododendron Queen, will be the guest at the meeting and will tell us a little about her accomplishments and her ambitions. Her picture, along with the other contestants, appears on page of this issue.

Visitors are always welcome. Won't you join us in our efforts to serve the Mentone area better?

REMINISCING

By Jerome A. (Buddy) Cooper

During WWII ("the big one" as Archie Bunker was wont to say), those of us who served there picked up a few words in the Pacific Islands. One such native word was Kamaina (sic), meaning an old-timer. I guess I'm a Mentone Kamaina. I first came to Mentone as a lad in 1927. That was at Camp DeSoto's first year of operation. Professors Young and Orr were in charge. In those days, a school principal (Young was at South Highlands and Orr at Lakeview, both in Birmingham) was respectfully referred to as "professor," and DeSoto was then a boys' camp. Mentone was a pleasant village (as it continues to be). I don't believe the road down to Valley Head bore a highway number. Now, it is AL 117. The road was unpaved. There was little or no vehicular traffic. To get selected to ride a horse down to Valley Head to be shod was a spectacular event in a young camper's life. The principal change that has occurred in the village in intervening years was the installation of a traffic signal. And, of course, the paving of AL 117 with consequent increase in car and truck movements represents (to me) a bit of modernizing that might have been avoided. However, the lovely rhododendrons along the roadside (which I believe the Garden Club planted) have restored much of the gentle naturalness that I recall as a real elemental characteristic of our village.

I might add that the 1927 camp ran eight weeks. And it rained every day for the first four weeks. But the spirits of the campers were high. When the little lake got muddied—we moved to the river for swimming.

I've enjoyed calling names up from deep memory: Sims Moody from Tuscaloosa; Bill Jobe from Tennessee; Hugo Marx from Birmingham, et al. And counselors Yateman King from Tuscaloosa; Speedy Spiegel (Oberlin College); Guy Travis from Birmingham, et al. I hope this note of remembrance will find its way to, at least, some of them.

I courted my wife to be in 1936 at Ms. Clara's and, later, at Riverside Hotel.

After WWII, my wife and kids and I spent happy summer days at Nippersink and with Mrs. Miller and Isabelle. At the latter, we usually stayed in the large bedroom with the magnificent overlook of the falls—or, sometimes, in the visitors' cabin.

My place, which is known as the old Ellison Place on River Road, has been and is a source of great joy for my friends and family and for me. Mrs. Barr once told me that the first farm house on the mountain was built there. The huge cornerstones are still visible. I have willed it (subject to some life estates) to The Nature Conservancy. It is my fervent hope that, under that organization's distinguished care, this beautiful bit of land and water will be nurtured, and cared for so as to remain as the Maker made it. Man cannot improve upon it.

As you breeze into this June issue of *The Groundhog*, we hope you'll find some great memories of long ago. Locate a comfortable seat, sit back, and get ready to reminisce.

MOON LAKE GRADUATES

The 1993 Moon Lake graduates are:

Jonathan Browder
Jesse Clements
Garrett Collins
Eric Crane
Gregory Hawkins
Shelley Ingram

Casey Jones
Kenneth Miller
Jason Owen
Lori Tillman
Carol Tipton
Ryan Wrigley

Shelley Ingram, the Salutatorian, and Kenneth Miller, the Valedictorian, gave their graduation address. Greg Hawkins, Carl Tipton, and Ryan Wrigley presented the class history. Jesse Clements and Casey Jones gave the Last Will and Testament. Garrett Collins and Jason Owen presented the prophecy. Mr. Charles O. Bell presented the awards and diplomas.

Congratulations from The Groundhog!

DARE Graduation Program

May 19, 1993, at Moon Lake School the drug awareness resistance education is a 17 week program designed to target fifth graders. It teaches how to say NO to drugs. It also teaches life skills in general. The graduates of the program are shown in the picture below.



Left to Right: 1st row, left to right: Sheena Crow, Thomas Brendle, Tracy Coots, Josh Baggett, Lee Ann Blalock, Jack Corey

2nd Row: David Chaney, Jason Sammons, Tonya Webb, Brandy Jackson, Jeffrey Bullock (DARE essay winner), Jeremy Smith, Candace Fuller, Emily Collins

3rd Row: Schaun Wrigley, Stephanie Worthey, Buck Strickland, Jessica Lee

Answer to May Trivia Question

By raising air conditioner settings by as much as 6 degrees, we could save 190 barrels of oil a day.

June Trivia Question

Americans throw away more than _____ million tons of garbage a year. Most of it is packaging. Approximately 10% is recycled and 10% incinerated. 80% is dumped into landfills, where it stays for decades releasing dangerous chemicals, metals, and gases into the air, water and soil.

Answer in July issue.



Left to right: Tracy Coots, Lee Ann Blalock, and Brandy Jackson planting marigolds around the Moon Lake School flag pole.

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KIDS SAVING EARTH

By Marion Solomon

During April and May, Moon Lake and Valley Head children have been "into the environment!" educating themselves, their peers, and families. The fate of our planet is held in the hands of each one of us. Education is the key, and Keep America Beautiful (KAB) is committed to this end.

The qualified team of Angie Bell, Linda Lawton, and Anne Carroll at Valley Head School engaged the children in a number of activities, including regular litter pick ups (a little education here, too!), and creative posters by the students that were placed in businesses by merchants of both Mentone and Valley Head. Accompanying these were their papers--Topic: "WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP." Throughout their papers is concern for the Earth and its environment because of all the pollution and trash. The solutions are reducing, recycling, reusing, and not polluting. A paper by Lee Ann Blalock, 4th Grade, Moon Lake School, can be found on this page. Her paper best expresses the importance of the involvement of the students in this effort.

Through 4-H coordinator, Terry Shackleford, the Alabama Extension Service distributed throughout the schools 3,000 pine seedlings that were to be taken home for planting.

A successful skit--"THROWAWAY THREE" was presented by Linda Lawton's 5th graders at Valley Head PTO. Taking part in this "History of Trash" were the following students: Johnny Holland, Paul Hawkins, Stephanie Watkins, Crystal Valentine, Adrian Robertson, Chris Smith, Jonathan Farmer, Heather Lawton, Neel Shah, and Justin Holcum.

Litter patrols and recycling are important and ongoing in both schools.

Moon Lake students created posters for an in-school campaign to "better our environment". Earth Day brought stories/papers from Joyce Smith's class and a great "flag pole planting!" (See picture on this page.) Al Blackburn of Blackburn's Nursery gave beautiful marigolds for this special dedication. Daily caretakers are: Lee Ann Blalock, Brandy Jackson, and Tracy Coots.

Bunches of orchids and heaps of praise to all these wonderful Earth Saving Kids and their teachers.

MORE NEXT YEAR!!

WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP

We need to save the earth. That's why they created Earth Day. On Earth Day we are supposed to go around picking up trash and saving energy. One example of saving energy is: turning off the lights when you go out of the room you're in or turning off the air conditioner when you leave the room. We practice this at school all the time. Keeping the earth clean is an everyday thing. It shouldn't be just on Earth Day. (Emphasis added.)

Lee Ann Blalock, Grade 4, Moon Lake

Want Your Flowers to Last Longer?

HANDY HINT: Never cut your flowers in the morning. All day, the leaves of the flower are manufacturing food, which is transported around in the form of sugars to feed the plant. Cut your flowers in the late afternoon when they are the most full of sugar. You will find that they will last much longer.



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

HONEST AND ACCURATE REPORTING OR NONSENSE PHRASES CREEP IN

For some reason, unknown to the reading public, writers, newspaper reporters, TV newsmen, etc., feel it is necessary to use superlatives when they are unnecessary to the sense of the story. Too, they seem to have a drive to assign human emotions or actions to inanimate objects or natural events.

Ever hear of or read a report of a "killer tornado?" There are lots of adjectives to describe the destructive power of a tornado without trying to make out like it is purposely injuring people, only humans do that to each other; the wind just blows, that's all.

How about a murderous hurricane? Can't you just imagine the winds plotting to commit murder?

In a report of a forest fire, a reporter somewhere along the line is bound to describe the event as "500 acres destroyed." You go to the site of the fire armed with that sort of information and you would expect to see a giant hole 500 acres in area and reaching clear to the center of the earth, 4000 miles. NOW, that friends, is 500 acres destroyed, not merely 500 acres of brush and woodland burned over!

Here's a good one. A report of the fire at the Koresh compound at Waco, Texas, stated that the fire was started or fed by a "gaseous liquid." There are liquids and there are gases, and the two just aren't the same. A liquid can't be gaseous, it can be highly volatile like perfume or gasoline, but not gaseous.

I'd like to know why it's called a "hot water heater." That's not what it is. It's a cold water heater, or just plain water heater. Why would you want to heat hot water?

How about an advertisement for an "all new" episode of a TV show? "All new" as opposed to partially new or maybe a little bit rewritten?

Reporters get caught up in the spirit of trying to outdo each other, and us regular folks get caught repeating phrases we have heard without thinking about what the words really mean. But, there is one popular phrase, used by supposedly intelligent people that is grossly misleading and is exceedingly irritating. When politicians start to consider taxes, they invariably say something like "we're going to tax the big corporations, not the people." Either those politicians are incredibly stupid if they actually believe that, or they are convinced that their constituents are incredibly stupid and do believe that statement.

Corporations don't pay taxes, people do! If a corporation is taxed, the money to pay the tax must come from the sale of that corpora-

tion's products. And who buys those products? John Q. Public. The product may be sold directly to the public or may be sold to another company that manufactures a product sold to the general public; so, eventually, you and I pay the tax. You and I know the truth, and I do sincerely hope that our elected representatives know the truth. It now remains for them to be honest and call a spade a shovel and let it go at that. An honest politician would certainly be a refreshing relief.

Thanks for your time, see you next month.

Sparks of Wisdom

He who has mastered the grace of forgiveness is far more triumphant than he who has managed to see that no wrong to him is gone unavenged.

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HE WHO LAUGHS, LASTS!

By Pat Seymour

One of the greatest gifts bestowed on man is the simple gift of laughter. "A good laugh," said the British writer, William Thackeray, "is sunshine in the house." It is good to laugh—not the loud and empty laughter of the fool that speaks of silliness and a vacant mind—but, rather, the infectious, joyous laugh springing forth from the mouth and heart reflecting a mind and soul at ease, the laughter that clears the air of tension and depression, the laughter that wipes away worry and weariness.

Man is the only creature of God given the gift of laughter. It vitalizes the senses, invigorates the mind, rejuvenates the soul; it blows the cobwebs from the mind and quiets frayed nerves. Its mind-soothing balm refreshes the stagnancy of boredom and helps ward off the bitter cold of depression and hopelessness.

Laughter is a safeguard against taking life (or yourself) too seriously, against the belief that the tragedy of today can never be the hope of tomorrow.

The man or woman who knows how to laugh has learned one of life's greatest lessons: that happiness is a state of mind and that sometimes we must laugh to keep from crying.

That person who cannot laugh is incomplete—a crippled personality who hobbles down the stony path of this existence with no crutch to lean on, a handcuffed individual shackled to the dreary, grim prospect of life without merriment.

A day without laughter is a day lost. It is a day lacking imagination and color, a day without sunshine in the house.

To be bathed in the calming waters of good natural laughter is a precious gift parents owe their children. Parents, teachers, adults must teach young people how and at what to laugh. German philosopher, Goethe, said, "Men show their character in nothing more clearly than by what they think laughable."

Young people who are given healthy doses of laughter—not ridicule, but gentle teasing and loving smiles, learn how to survive in the world. They can laugh at their own ridiculousness and at the ridiculousness of the world, which sometimes does its best to drive us mad.

And then there is the laughter born of courage as it looks on failure, the smiles and grins, to rise and try again—a soft, heroic laughter, which twinkles through tear-filled eyes—to hide a broken heart.

Let us keep, then, among the treasured talents of mankind, this inexpensive, yet priceless gift—the simple gift of laughter! For, he who laughs, lasts!

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I recently was given a copy of a fine cookbook, The DeKalb Cookbook, compiled by Friends of the Library of DeKalb County, Alabama. I enjoyed it and recommend it as an addition to your collection. Not only will you have a wonderful cookbook, but you will be aiding the DeKalb County Library by purchasing it. I have tasted a close relative of the "Stay-Up-All Night-Coffee Cake," and it is delicious, easy, and great for those times when you have a houseful of company and/or can toss aside those diets; and the "Sour Cream Pound Cake" just has to be delicious. Both of these recipes came from The DeKalb Cookbook.

Stay-Up-All Night-Coffee Cake

Peggy Walker, Fort Payne

3/4 C chopped pecans
1 package frozen rolls
3-3/4 oz regular butterscotch pudding
1/2 C brown sugar
1/2 C melted butter
cinnamon to taste

Grease a Bundt pan; sprinkle chopped nuts on bottom of pan. Arrange rolls evenly over nuts. Sprinkle dry pudding mix over rolls. In a small bowl, mix sugar, butter, and cinnamon. Place rolls in cold oven to remain overnight.

In the morning, remove rolls from oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Return roll to oven and bake for 25 minutes. When brown, remove from oven and turn rolls onto serving dish, and serve hot.

Yield: 10-12 servings.

Sour Cream Pound Cake

Maureen Brewer, Fort Payne

2 sticks real butter (at room temperature)
2-1/2 C sugar
6 eggs (at room temperature)
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp lemon flavoring
3 C sifted all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp soda
1 (8oz) carton of sour cream

Beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time; beat, beat, beat after each. Add vanilla and lemon extract. Mix flour and soda and sift 3 times. Add this to creamed mixture together with sour cream. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Preheat oven and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until tests done.

A good way to support local service organizations is to purchase their cookbooks. I will be featuring recipes from some of these local books from time to time as they become known to me.

If you have a favorite recipe from one of the local cookbooks, send it to the Recipe Corner, Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.



Left to right: Congressman Bevill and J. Farrell Saunders, Acting Superintendent of Little River National Preserve

Little River Canyon National Preserve

U.S. Rep. Tom Bevill, who authored the legislation establishing the Preserve, opened the new office of The Little River Canyon National Preserve Saturday, May 29. The office is located at 2207-E Gault Avenue North in Fort Payne. The hosts were the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association and the DeKalb County Tourist Association.

Congressman Bevill introduced James Coleman, director of the National Park Service (NPS) Southeast Region; J. Farrell Saunders, superintendent of Russell Cave National Monument in Bridgeport and acting superintendent of the Little River Preserve; Mary Jo Blevins, Saunders' administrative assistant; John Strickland, Department of Conservation; and Don Forester, a native of Chattanooga, park planner for the establishment phase of the National Preserve.

Acting Superintendent Saunders said he wants to be "readily accessible" to the public. The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on holidays. "If someone wants to come by during lunch, we can sit down with a cup of coffee and address something that concerns them," he said.

"There have been a lot of rumors about the NPS," Saunders said. "People want to know what we're doing and how the preserve will affect them. The preserve only does what the enabling legislation tells it we can or cannot do," Saunders said. "It specifies that we deal only with Alabama Power, DeSoto State Park, and Cherokee County."



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THE MILE THAT LIES AHEAD

By Lee Jones, Mentone, AL

As a child in winters past, I walked up a long country road. Paying no attention to the mile that lay ahead. Happy to keep walking, my first-grader-sized feet crunched the frozen miniature silver topped mountains. They had cropped up from the night's freeze. It was a long, cold walk, reaching the car was of little comfort. Mother took the scraper out of the dash and tackled the windshield. Job completed, she climbed into the car and removed her frozen wet gloves. Defroster blowing, she placed her cold bluish hands in the air-flow. "Ma-Ma, why do we park so far from home?" I questioned. "Can't get froze in," came her reply. It didn't occur to me that she couldn't afford to miss a day's work. It didn't come to mind how heavy I must have seemed the days she carried me on her back because snow was too deep for me to trudge through.

As a child in summers past, I walked a long country road. Paying no attention to the mile that lay ahead. Happy to keep walking, eating the big blackberries, putting the small ones in my bucket. When high noon struck, we sought cover under the canopy of huge oaks. My bucket nearly empty, Ma-Ma's was heaping full, together with water from a jug they made for a fine lunch. Her hair hung in wet ringlets, her hands stained purple. Surely she'd had enough of this fun. "Ma-Ma, why don't we drive not walk?" I questioned once more. "More berries to be picked," came the reply. Empty buckets lined the bank. "Are you going to fill 'em all?", I whined. "Better make hay while the sun shines," she'd say. Sitting in shade on the bank, eating my berries, watching. I didn't know how important the extra income from the sale of berries and wine would be. How was I to appreciate expressions like "broke is in your purse," or "poor is a state of mind?"

My load is easier to bear than was Ma-Ma's. As an adult, I walk this road, paying attention to the mile that lies ahead. My children pick up the litter, happy to keep walking. Making a game, seeing who picks up the most. My children learn as I did, in an almost unspoken way. Sometimes, the burden is heavy, we would rather sit it out; but we don't.

It's a long winding Appalachian dirt road, high atop Lookout Mountain. I learned to swim in her Little River, had a swing 'neath her big oak tree. I had a stone she turned into a rock for me. Appalachia has long been considered impoverished, but we are rich. Our richness comes from a sense of permanence, in a setting no less than spectacular. Our permanence comes from the tendency to "Pass It On Down." We are richly filled with the lessons learned, either consciously or subconsciously. They formed good humans. These in turn produce happy, healthy communities. Quite an extraordinary find these days, wouldn't you say? Good humans in happy communities are getting harder to find. In fact, I wonder if they're an endangered species. I'm not sure, but I know they are worth preserving. This one's too important to just sit out.

Remember Dad On Father's Day!



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The UMW of Valley Head Methodist Church met at the home of Adelaide Biddle, April 27. Laura Margaret Allison led the Bible study assisted by Frances Longshore. Others present were Helen White, Vesta Hawkins, Velma Hammond, Janie Longshore, Elizabeth Coleman, Gladola Holleman, Geraldine Hawkins, Mary Louise Holleman, and Eloise Brown.

Mary Lyle and Ben Cashion and Chris Satcher came from Haleyville on April 18 to help Frances Longshore celebrate her 81st birthday. Frances' grandson (Mary Lyle's son) Ethan Acres graduated and will attend the University of Texas at Austin, for a degree in Arts and Sciences.

The Sunshine Club met in the Fellowship Hall of Valley Head Baptist Church on April 21 with Gladys Cobble as hostess. Those present were Vernitice Young, Ruth Pickett, Karen Freeman, Billie Harper, Lillie Bowden, Evelyn Clark, Carmel Gifford, Jewell Palmer, Sue Cooper, Bess Bauerle, Geraldine Hawkins, Jean Jones, Anna Daniel, and Eloise Brown. Judith Lollik-Andersen attended and extended an invitation to the tea honoring Ralph Hammond.

Mary Frances Tate has recovered from a bout with pneumonia and returned to Mountain Manor.

Doris and Jim Carmichael have returned home from a trip to Washington, DC. The A.R.E.A. gave a reception for the Congressmen to meet the Alabama delegation. They reported that the drive through Virginia was perfectly beautiful. The Carmichaels enjoyed the museums and especially the Washington Cathedral and the Botanical Gardens. They came back by Greensboro, NC, for a visit with Lucile and Ralph Hixon.

Recent guests of Edith and Alvin Cox were Sal and Beverly Ribaudo from Orlando, FL; Roy and Susie Pepper from Ontario, Canada; and Roy's sister and brother-in-law, Irma and Lyle.

The Baccalaureate sermon was held Sunday, May 23 at 7:00 PM at the Valley Head Baptist Church. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Winfred Palmer, Lillie Young Smith, and Ernest Foster.

A low-down thief has stolen flowers off the graves at Valley Head Cemetery. Any one who does that is lower down than a snake's tail in a sink hole!!

Welcome to the neighborhood to Edith and Alvin Cox's daughter, Susan and family, who is moving into a very attractive new house next door to Edith and Alvin.

Welcome to the world--Tyler Ryan, son of Sherry and Stacey Blansit, Shelley Lynn Headrick, daughter of Lynn and Greg Headrick, and the new son of Sheryl and Dennis Lewis--Congratulations and best wishes to parents and babies.

MAKE A BUTTERFLY FEEDER

A simple device can be made as a butterfly feeder to encourage more butterflies to your garden. Use small round plastic containers about 5 inches in diameter and at least 2 inches in depth. Place a plastic mesh pad, similar to a dish scouring pad, inside the container. If possible, try to find a pad in blue, as this color is a butterfly favorite. Place the container on a post approximately 4-6 inches above your tallest flowers.

Fill your butterfly feeder to 1/4" below the pad with butterfly nectar. Butterfly nectar: 1 part sugar to 4 parts sugar. Boil for 2 minutes to destroy bacteria. Store excess in refrigerator. (Editor's Note: This is the same nectar as for your hummingbird feeders.)

Important: Be sure to clean your butterfly cup and pad every 4 to 6 days in hot weather to prevent harmful mold from occurring. Soak in hot soapy water and dry thoroughly before refilling. Do not place cup or pad in dishwasher.

From Oklahoma Gardener, as shown on Page 6, in the Summer 1993 Hortensia Bulletin.

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Valley Head Woman's Club News

By Maurine Donahue

The spring luncheon of the Valley Head Woman's Club was held at the Humble House, the beautifully restored log cabin of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones. Hostesses were Mrs. Jones and the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. James Carmichael, chairman, Mrs. George Huiet, Mrs. James Graves, and Mrs. B.L. Biddle.

Mrs. Alex Hamilton, president, presided. The program was "A Better World through Harmonious, Melodious Sounds," which was canceled in March because of the snow storm.

Mrs. Maynard Donahue gave the devotional. Where would you find more harmonious, melodious sounds than in the King James Version of the Bible and in the plays of William Shakespeare? These were written at the time of the flowering of the English language. Mrs. Donahue read portions of the Bible that have been beautifully set to music. The musical part of the program was canceled.

Numbers 6:24-26, also known as the Aaronic blessing, has been set to music by Peter C. Lutkin. Here we have God the Father, preservation; God the Son, enlightenment; and God the Holy Spirit, peace.

Psalms 23 has been set to music several different ways. It is a microcosm of our Christian faith. Martin Luther called it a little Bible. It sets before us the sufficiency of our God for every human need.

Matthew 11:28-29, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," was set to the music of Mendelssohn's "Consolation," by Mrs. Donahue.

In conclusion, she asked members to pray with her the Lord's Prayer as found in Matthew 6:8-13, King James Version. Albert Hay Malotte composed beautiful music for this.

Guests were Mrs. Gladola Holleman, Mrs. Susan Cash Hooks, Mrs. Virginia Livesey, and Mrs. Eron Martin.

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ISBELL MARKER

In response to our article in the February 1993 issue of *The Groundhog*, entitled "Where There's Love," donations and letters were received from several individuals. Many friends have fond memories of the Isbells, as shown by excerpts from the letters received since the printing of the article. The letters all reflect the effect that the lives of each one of us has on others we touch in our daily lives.

Mrs. Frank H. (Emma) L. Powell, of Hueytown, AL:

"When we lived at Mentone during the 40s and 50s, Jim and Willie would stop by on their way home from one of their walks back from Tennessee. We lived just up the hill from Miss Pluma King.

"I miss Mentone and the quieter way of life; and I am glad to see the progress it has made. I enjoy *The Groundhog* every month and all the news it contains.

"Enjoyed the new article about the Cox family, especially since our children went to school together."

Rena C. Akins of Jonesboro, GA:

"Surely Jim and Willie Isbell deserve a marked grave--please let this help.

"I was given the February 1993 issue of *The Groundhog*. Such an interesting little paper. I shall read it and pass it on.

"Thank you for the effort put forth to bring news of long ago and present to all."

Alice M. and Joseph J. Stoker, of Cloudland, GA:

"We never knew the Isbells, but we understand Paul Johnson and Mark Blalock helped bring him back here for burial."

Amy Magnussin Yarbrough, a devoted fan of Mentone, from Menlo, GA:

"I was touched by the article by Evelyn Graves about Jim and Willie. I am sending a check for their marker fund. Would love to know if you get enough for one."

Christine Padgett, of Menlo, GA:

"I read about Jim and Willie in *The Groundhog* paper. I am sending a donation for stone. Hope you hear from lots of other people who send something. Thanks for letting people know about the situation."

Gloria Shafer Seymour, Sebring, FL:

"Enclosed you will find a check to be used for the grave stone for 'Jim and Willie'. How different our world would be if each 'house' had within its walls the kind of 'home' that 'Jim and Willie' had within the walls of the 'tin can house'."

Elizabeth McDaniel, of Chattanooga, TN:

"I've just finished reading the article about Willie in the recent *Groundhog* magazine and I'm enclosing a small check. I think everyone should have a marker. In memory of the lovely times I've had in Mentone, I am sending my best wishes."

Berthena Cagle, of Menlo, GA:

"I remember Jim Isbell and wife. We lived in Rising Dawn for five years and they would come by and stay in an empty house. We would be so sad, they were so much like vagabonds in the world."

"I weep now when I think of them. Had about forgotten about it. They always had something to eat, though."

The following people have contributed to the Isbell Marker fund:

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Marie Dillenbeck, Mentone
Pat Seymour, Mentone
Evelyn Graves, Mentone
Dot Crow, Mentone
Dessie Newberry, Mentone
Una Miller, Valley Head
Alvin E. and Edith L. Cox, Valley Head
Mrs. Frank H. (Emma L.) Powell, Hueytown

From Georgia:

Berthena Cagle, Cloudland
Alice M. and Joseph Stoker, Cloudland
Amy Magnussin Yarbrough, Menlo
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From Florida, Tennessee, and Virginia:

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The Artists Guild

By Steven Stiefel

"The Artists Guild," a local group of visual artists, had its first showing of original art during the Rhododendron Festival, May 15-16, in Mentone. The guild first met in February and presently has 21 prospective members who paint, sculpt, shoot photography, and work in various visual mediums. According to Steven Stiefel, of *The Times Journal*, and Nancy Childers, painter, organized the guild.

Charles H. Johnson, owner of Ye 'Ole Heritage House Restaurant which is housed in the old Mentone Springs Hotel, allowed the guild to use the entire porch of the historic Mentone Springs Hotel for displaying the work of the artists. A reception was held on the porch during the Rhododendron Festival.

The guild is a non-profit group that hopes to foster art education for children and adults in the community. Classes and workshops are being considered. The dues are \$20 for each member. At the May 13 meeting held at the DeKalb County Public Library, the following officers were elected:

Steven Stiefel, President, Fort Payne
Karen Freeman, Vice President, Valley Head
Anita Shankles, Secretary, Fort Payne
Nancy Childers, Treasurer, Fort Payne

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO BEGIN

Summer Reading Circus is the theme of the 1993 Summer Library Program to be held at the DeKalb County Library. A series of seven programs for youngsters in grades K-6 will begin June 3 and will be held each Thursday morning at 10:15 a.m. through July 15. Activities include games, live animals, nature talks, safety program, stories, and refreshments.

The program schedule for each of the following THURSDAYS is:

June 3	Circus Day
June 10	Animal shelter
June 17	Gem and Minerals
June 24	Naturalist
July 1	Charlotte Gentry
July 8	Safety
July 15	Party and Awards to the Top Two Readers!

(Every child gets a goody bag at the party.)

Oh! The Places You Will Go, by Dr. Seuss, will be read by Martha Stanley.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends: your involvement with a child/children this summer can make all the difference in whether the library program is an exciting adventure or a frustrating disappointment for that child.

TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD ENJOY READING

- **HELP YOUR CHILD SET A REALISTIC BOOK GOAL** for the summer. Try to encourage a goal that will challenge the child but not so ambitious that book enjoyment becomes a chore or successful participation too great a challenge.
- **OFFER TO SHARE STORIES** at bedtime or as dinner conversation.
- **ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SHARE FAVORITE STORIES** with you.
- **SHOW GENUINE INTEREST** in the stories or programs your child discovers during the summer.
- **APPRECIATE ALL BOOKS YOUR CHILD SELECTS**, even the ones that look "too easy." Summer is a time for FUN, after all, and you can always guide your child to a more challenging book the next time you visit the library.
- **READ TO YOUR CHILD.** Even if children are able to read themselves, they still enjoy hearing good stories read to them.
- **READ YOURSELF!** And make sure your child knows you enjoy reading. There is nothing like a good role model.
- **HELP YOUR CHILD ATTEND** special library programs. Many children appreciate going with friends. Your child might like to be able to invite a friend or two to attend also.

Tips for children:

- **MAINTAIN A READING LIST**—put your name and grade on the front of the reading list, and on the reading list, write the name of the book and the number of the pages in the book.
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LITTLE RIVER HARDWARE

By Evelyn Graves

On June 5, the Little River Hardware will celebrate **DOG DAYS**, at which time, Bridget Hopkins from the Summerville Veterinary Clinic will be at the hardware store from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. giving rabies shots for a fee of \$6 per animal. These shots are normally \$15, but dogs and cats may receive them on that day at the reduced price. Bridget Hopkins will also be flea-dipping dogs and cats, and the dip will be furnished free of charge by the Little River Hardware. There will be door prizes for the dogs and cats and also for the owners.

On June 19, there will be a special celebration of the first anniversary of the Little River Hardware. There will be a cake cutting, along with hot dogs and cokes. There will be a door prize to every 10th customer entering the store. Everything in the store will be offered at a reduced price for that day only. Everyone is invited to come by and participate in this special celebration.

John and Jean Corey had dreamed for years of living in Mentone, their thoughts being to retire to Mentone, but all the while their hearts longed for that time to be right away. Jean had enjoyed a deep friendship with Miss Sue Henry of Camp DeSoto, having served as a counselor on the DeSoto staff before she and John married. Through that association, Phil and Marsha Hurt had come to know and to love them, as well. The Coreys spent Thanksgiving at Mentone every year with Sue and later with Phil and Marsha, after they had become affiliated with Camp DeSoto.

Last year, Marsha learned that the Mentone Hardware building was for sale. She immediately contacted John and Jean with that news, knowing that John had some experience in his father's hardware business. At that same time, Marsha learned that Jim and Dallyne Jones' house on the river was for sale. She knew it was just the house for the Coreys. The Coreys drove to Mentone from their home in Durham, NC, and checked out the hardware situation and also the house. Everything was just as Marsha had described it. John gave up his classroom teaching, and moved his family to the mountain to begin their new life.

Many things happen at the Little River Hardware besides the sale of nuts and bolts. Every Wednesday morning at 6:30, a men's prayer meeting is held in the back of the store. It is a non-denominational meeting. Any men in the community who would like to join this group for prayer are welcome.

Other exciting things have happened there, like, when the neighbor's cat delivered her kittens in the back room. Also, one day, a camp parent came into the store to ask directions to camp and locked her keys in the car. John called a locksmith to come and open the car door. However, the parent was already late for visitation with the camper. So John suggested that she take his car and make the visit, and by the time she had finished, her car would be ready for her.

Little River Hardware is the place for travelers to stop to ask directions and to use the restroom facilities. John listens to National Public Radio and there are always people "hanging around" to catch the news.

John's merchandise varies from the usual hardware line of merchandise. He carries pottery, paper weights, and Christmas wrap at Christmas. He is an official wind chimes dealer. He rents things like posthole diggers, chipper shredders, and things that customers are always needing from time to time, but do not want to purchase.

The hardware business has always been a part of John's life. He helped his father in his store as he was growing up, and the business is familiar to him. He enjoys some time off with his family from time to time because he is fortunate to have Stan Lawton who is also adept at managing a hardware store and who is always courteous, pleasant, and helpful to the customers.

Even though a hardware store is an important part of any town, it is difficult to associate John and Jean with the hardware business and leave it at that. They are such a vital part of the community, in their church, and in school activities. They have three sons and a daughter who attend and are actively involved in Moon Lake School. Jean and Marsha Hurt planned, promoted, and supervised M.A.C., which was such a wonderful program for the students in the Moon Lake and Valley Head Schools. They want the best for their children, and they feel that Mentone provides the best environment possible for them.

John and Jean, we are grateful that you have chosen Mentone to be your home, and we thank you for your contributions to this community.

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THE RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, May 11, at 12:30 p.m., at the Mentone Inn. Hostesses Hope Walker, Anne Jackson, and Betty Harris decorated the tables with beautiful flower arrangements from their own gardens.

Gail Gaylord gave the devotional, after which Amelia Kirk, owner of The Mentone Inn, served a delicious lunch of chicken salad, casserole, congealed salad, and strawberry cheesecake for dessert.

Prior to the installation of the 1993-1994 officer, President Hope Walker gave her farewell comments, saying that she had learned so much from the previous presidents. Visitors and guests were recognized, as well as members who recently had returned to Mentone from their winter homes.

Linda Brown, using the theme of "Birds," installed the following 1993-1994 officers:

President: Ann Wright
Vice President: Marie Dillenbeck
Recording Secretary: Frances Rosario
Corresponding Secretary: Mabel Kirk
Treasurer: Gerry Disney (winter months)
Sue Schwarz (summer months)

Parliamentarian: Hope Walker

Ann Wright, the new president, welcomed all the new officers and announced that Norma Williams and Mary Crow would be the telephone committee members; and that Ferne Fitzgerald would be the Adopt-A-Mile Program Chairman again this year, as she has done an excellent job in the past.

The next meeting will be on June 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Stonehenge, the home of Hope Walker. The hostesses will be Hope Walker, Gail Gaylord, Norma Williams, and Jo Beabe.

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At the baccalaureate services held in the Valley Head Baptist Church on Sunday, May 23, all seniors present were given The Transformer version of the Bible. The Valley Head High School co-valedictorians are: Shannon Blalock and Marie King. The salutatorian is Allison Kirby.

Eloise Brown, poet, and writer for *The Groundhog*, read a poem entitled, "Dear Graduate."

DEAR GRADUATE

By Eloise Brown

In life's journey, you have passed a milestone,
And have achieved an important goal,
A high school diploma you will own;
With honor and pride for your soul.
The door to a wonderful future opens wide for you.
There is no limit to what you can achieve—
Go forth eagerly, with purpose strong and true.
As you work and learn, you shall receive.
You have gained knowledge precious and free,
To enlighten and lift above mere existence,
To a life of happiness and mental security—
Of self-reliance and perfect subsistence.
Knowledge is a gift not given but earned,
It does not end with school days but is forever,
And each new fact is a precious truth
that is learned
A treasure of worthy endeavor.
Remember knowledge comes from books
But wisdom comes only from God—
Judge not anything merely by looks.
Experience is the best teacher and chastening rod.
Knowledge without wisdom is an empty shell,
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Valley Head High Class of 1993

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King, Jason Lee, Holly LaRock, Jimmy McElhaney, Toni Nayha, Keith Parker, Terry Pangle, Clint Phillips, Joel Robinson, Sondra Roden, Whitney Smith, Casey Scott, David West, Sam Whatley, Shaun Wheat and Stacie Worthey.



Sally Sharp, 1993 Miss Spring Fantasy
1993 SPRING FANTASY WINNERS

The annual Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant has been taking place at the Valley Head High School for approximately 11 years, Mr. Campbell Smith, said. It is the major fund raiser for the band and is sponsored by the Valley Head Band Boosters. An annual spring event for students in Valley Head and Moon Lake, this year the pageant was held on April 30 and May 1 in the school auditorium. Besides the Spring Fantasy Winner, several awards in each category are given. These are academic awards for the

highest average; best interview award in which each contestant goes through an interview that is considered good preparation for later job interviews; a most photogenic award, and a congeniality award voted on by each class. The high school winners are:

Grade 11:

Sally Sharp - Miss Spring Fantasy Winner, best interview award, academic award

Tamra Hall - 1st alternate

Jamie Phillips - 2nd alternate, photogenic award

Michele Blansit - spirit award

Melissa Worthey - congeniality award

Grade 10:

Cheri Keith - Winner, best interview award

Suzann Fletcher - 1st alternate, congeniality award

Krystee Tillman - Winner, academic award, photogenic award

Grade 9:

Karen Davis - congeniality award

Jennifer Robertson - 2nd alternate, photogenic award

Julie Yates - Winner, academic award

Angie Wheat - 1st alternate, best interview award

Grades 7-8:

Kim McElhaney - 1st alternate

Amanda Bethune - 1st alternate, congeniality award, academic award

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



A baccalaureate service, sponsored by the North DeKalb Ministerial Association, was held on Sunday evening, May 23, at the Valley Head Baptist Church for Valley Head High School's graduating class.

Vacation Bible School will be June 7-11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for children four years through sixth grade.

There will be a Youth Revival at the church June 13-16, conducted by Michael Truelle. Jason Stewart will be the music director for this revival. One meeting will be at the Hammondville Park, one will be at DeSoto State Park, and the other one will be at the church.

A revival is scheduled for July 11-16, with The Reverend Wayne Tarvin as evangelist, and Tommy Strickland as the music director. The services will begin on Sunday morning, July 11, at the regular worship hour, and the nightly services will begin at 7 p.m.

The youth are making plans to attend a Dawson McAllister retreat in Panama City, Florida, July 26-30.

The youth softball team of the Moon Lake Baptist Church played Minvale Baptist Church's youth softball team on Saturday, May 29, at Hammondville.

The Mentone United Methodist Church is anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new minister, David Lett, who will be moving into the parsonage on May 31, and will be filling the pulpit for the first time as pastor on June 20. He is eager to become involved in the community.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church met with Eloise Brown and Geraldine Hawkins for the May meeting. Helen White did the study.

The fifth Sunday night community service will be held at the Valley Head Baptist Church, and Rev. Jeff Adkins will be doing the preaching. Members who have birthdays in April, May, and June, will be honored with a birthday party sometime in June. The date has not yet been announced.

On Sunday, June 6, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be celebrating Children's Day. On June 20, a special program is planned for Father's Day. June 27 will be High Attendance Sunday, sponsored by the Sunday School Department. On June 26, Jennifer Prestwood and Russ Stringer will be united in marriage at the church.

On Father's Day, June 20, there will be a special Homecoming at the Mentone Church of God. There will be a dinner at 12 noon, followed by an afternoon service at 1:30, at which time, the Perkins Family of Gadsden will be bringing the special music. Everyone is invited to attend this special day.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church of Valley Head invites everyone to attend their worship services, which begin at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis brings the message on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and Rev. L.A. Smith fills the pulpit on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has formed a search committee for a new rector. The Bishop will be coming in June for the confirmation class and for people to join the church. There will be a folk mass during June, with folk singers from Stone Mountain, Georgia, coming for the service. The public is invited for the folk mass.

A building committee has been formed to bring a proposal before the Union Hill Baptist Church for expansion of its present facilities. The congregation is excited at the prospects. A breakfast is planned for June 6 to honor the graduates of the church. Dr. Pat Seymour will be the guest speaker at the breakfast. The services of the day will continue to be in their honor. Heather Boyd and April Goggans Baldwin are graduating from college. Dustin Goggans, Jason Smith, and Tim Bouldin are graduating from high school.

The May revival at the Mentone Wesleyan Church proved to be a real blessing as Evangelist Blackman directed his messages to the church body. The church has been strengthened through these services.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will be meeting on June 5 at 8:30 a.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef.



Mentone Church of God

Pastor Ron Johnson
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1. Homecoming Sunday, June 20. Join us as we worship our Heavenly Father on this special Father's Day. Beginning at 12:00 noon, there will be the traditional dinner on the ground, and a singing at 1:30. The featured singers will be "The Perkins Family" from Gadsden, AL.
2. Our statewide camp meeting will be held June 14-19, in Birmingham, AL, at the State Fairgrounds Arena. Church of God Congregations from all over the state will come together for singing, preaching, and praying. Everyone welcome.

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By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

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(2) Take Zip-Lock Bags to pack wet bathing suits, liquid products, cotton balls, knee-highs, extra hair rollers, etc.

(3) Pack Headbands, scarves and ponytail wraps for quick and easy hairstyles.

(4) Be Sure To Carry Your Passport, travelers checks, prescriptions, and other vital information with you in a carry-on bag when flying.

(5) To Prevent Dehydration and Puffiness, avoid caffeine and alcohol when flying.

(6) Make Travel Time More Productive by taking a "quick read" book, or stationery to catch up on personal correspondence.

(7) Combination Skin is oilier in the summer. If you usually wear cream foundation, you may need to switch to a liquid formula in warmer weather.

(8) If You're Vacationing In High Altitudes, drink plenty of water to prevent altitude sickness. Remember, IF THE SIGN SAYS "DON'T DRINK THE WATER!" DON'T! Canned fruit juices and cola will keep you hydrated, provided your visit is a short one.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



It's that time of the year again! The time when all of those children come to Mentone! The camps are all set to open and all are filled to capacity. Mostly, I hear good things about the camps. They provide a place of employment for a lot of local people. They are always willing to help with school projects, community events, and other activities that go on. They bring a lot of revenue into Mentone by buying at the local stores and also the vendors who have to pay a license to come into the community with their products bring some money into the town.

The one complaint I hear most often is not about the camps, but about the young people who work as counselors. It seems that they do not realize that the streets in Mentone are just as public as those of a large city. They are prone to run in the middle of the street or on the wrong side, sometimes with speakers in their ears. This is disturbing to a lot of our citizens and I have had several people mention this to me. Maybe the directors of the camps could bring this to their staffs attention during the pre-camp training. It would make for better relations between all if the runners would be a little more considerate. Also, (before Mentonians get too smug) let's all be extra careful when driving the streets this summer and please watch for children and young people walking, running, or playing in and close to the streets.

This is the story of a dog. This dog has been at Camp Laney about as long as most of us can remember. She was always there in the yard when we drove up. She would wag her tail and raise her head and look at us. We all petted her and took it for granted that Booger would always be here. We knew we loved her, but we didn't know how much until she was gone. Booger was a grand lady, she was always dignified in her actions and expected everyone else to be the same. Her only weakness was the UPS truck—she would bark at it even when she was feeling bad. She could not stand that truck, and it seemed that she felt it was intruding where it shouldn't be. When we all realized that Booger's health was failing, hearing her bark at the UPS truck was music to our ears. We knew that she was still with us. Booger was a chocolate Lab and will always be loved and remembered at Camp Laney. Her life touched us all, maybe more than we care to admit. After all, she was only a dog. But, as Bedell James, who works at Camp Laney, said to me after Booger was gone, "The love of a dog is the perfect example of unconditional love." We miss you, girl.

Take care of yourselves. Enjoy the beautiful weather and the beauty of our mountain.

If you miss seeing my column the next couple of months, don't worry, it's just that camp has started, and I am very busy. I'll be back in the fall.



Left to right, front row: Lindsay Green, Tom Anderson, Tookie Anderson holding Danielle Green, Michele Anderson, Kitty Anderson holding Justin Hunter Green, and Rene Anderson holding Caleb Anderson; back row: Bryan Green, Tim Anderson, Marilyn Christy, Brad Anderson, and Mike Anderson

Photo by Bruce Bon Fleur

THE ANDERSON FAMILY REUNION

By Evelyn Graves

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Anderson enjoyed a family reunion recently when all of their five children came home to visit.

The Andersons moved to this area from Oklahoma 14 years ago when they became affiliated with the Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center. They could find no house in Mentone, which was their choice of a place to live, so they moved to Fort Payne, Alabama. They attended the First Baptist Church in Fort Payne for a period of time and enjoyed the minister there who was also from Oklahoma. They met The Reverend Graham Glover and began attending St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church where they continue to serve as communicants.

Tom worked for Valley Industries making wire harnesses during the early years of their move. After a period of time, that business

folded; and, through his friendship with Frank Purvis, he made a connection with Homer Crow who was in the garage door opener business. They formed a company named ANCRO, and Tom still makes the wire harnesses, among other products.

Tookie enjoys time with her grandchildren, especially Justin and Danielle Green, children of Lindsay and Bryan Green, because they live in the immediate area, and she sees them more often. Lindsay is her youngest daughter and is married to Bryan Green, son of Robert Green and Marie Smith. Mike is married to Renee and they have a son, Caleb. Brad is married to Michele.

Tookie is busy with many things, but her greatest commitment is to her church and the Lord's work. She is active in women's prayer groups and is willing to serve wherever she is needed.

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MENLO ELEMENTARY STAFF RECOGNIZES SCHOOL'S BEST

The faculty and staff of the Menlo Elementary School recently released a list of students named "Super Students," "Most Improved," and "Star Students," as well as those students named to the A and A-B Honor Rolls.

Students named "SUPER STUDENTS" include:

FIRST - Chris Blackmong, Freddy Bryson, Derek Bullard, Kasey Carter, Jana Cooper, Julia Doan, Courtney Duke, Lee Gass, Elizabeth Gill, John Hall, Jacqueline Hegwood, Katie Kerce, Doni Lee, Shanna McDaniel, Kim Middleton, Cody Parker, Keri Beth Petitt, Lann Pledger, Amanda Prestwood, Anna Prince, Abby Thomas, Tyler Van Horn, Jana Ward, Ashley Wilcox, Sabrina Wilson, and Shadae Yancey.

SECOND - John Adams, Jeremy Ash, Jimmy Ballinger, Zachary Brown, Misty Boyd, Kyle Bullard, Emily Carr, Daniel Collins, Anna Dotson, Caris Farrar, Amanda Gentry, Jason Green, Anna Hall, Brittany Hudgins, Adam Ivey, and Amanda Long.

Also, Brandon Love, Casey Luther, Samantha Maloney, Kandy McGill, Crystal Patterson, T.J. Pierce, Kelli Rich, Matthew Riggs, Becky Spraggins, Gavin Thomas, Lorenza Villeda, Josh Wallin, Jennifer Whitt, Jeremy Wooten, and David Yarbrough.

THIRD - Tessa Brock, Erin DeMesquita, Guthrie Frazier, Jessica Goodridge, Kasey Green, Ryan Hudgins, David Huskey, Steele Lee, Lindsey Nixon, Josh Park, Lee Petitt, Nigel Plant, Nikki Plant, Amy Prince, Sunny Smith, Ashley Swicegood, and Alisha Wilson.

Those students named "MOST IMPROVED" include: Jessie Collins (second grade), Amy Prince (third), Nina Bryan and Angela Raimor (fourth), Karl Bryan and Jamie Payton (fifth), Angela Toles and Charlie Woody (sixth), Alex DeMesquita (seventh), and Scotty Brown (eighth).

Those students named "STAR STUDENTS" include: Becky Spraggins (second grade), Tessa Brock (third), Brandi Gilley and Sarah Thomas (fourth), Lindsay Hegwood and Curtis Ray (fifth), Brooke Hester and Jennifer Payton (sixth), Melody Ward and Kristin Whitman (seventh), and Matthew Swords (eighth).

Those students named to the A-HONOR ROLL include:

FOURTH - Rebekah Byars, Ben Dotson, Jonathan Hegwood, Sarah Kerce, Amber McDaniel, Ashley Montgomery, Sarah Thomas, and Lori Tucker.

FIFTH - Zeke Baker, Rebecca Dunn, Amos Huskey, Emily Johnson, Leslie Knox, and Joseph Swords.

SIXTH - Amber Goodridge, Adam Hester, Amber Howard, Jennifer Payton, and Tonya Sparks.

SEVENTH - Christy Crowe.

EIGHTH - Amanda Knox and Matthew Swords.

Those students named to the A-B HONOR ROLL include:

FOURTH - Carl Carter, Justin Cook, Brad Crowe, Jamie Culbert, Blake Gazaway, Brandi Gilley, Cynthia Holbrook, Chris Key, Nikki Mireles, Angela Raimor, Christina Ray, Greg Smith, Justin Wofford, and Mandy Yarbrough.

FIFTH - Matthew Bierkamp, Kelly Haygood, Lindsey Hegwood, Daniel Hunter, Carla Peace, Curtis Ray, and John Toles.

SIXTH - Stacy Aldridge, April Bowman, Alisha Brock, Sally Cooper, Jennifer Culbert, Holly Hart, Nikki Hawkins, Brooke Hester, Doug Kaylor, Stephen Keen, Christopher Kerce, Jessica Mitchell, Jeremy Treadaway, Angelo Toles, Misty Tucker, Kristi Wilcox, Joseph Willingham, and Charlie Woody.

SEVENTH - Alex DeMesquita, Christopher Hudgins, Martin Ray, Melody Ward, and Kristin Whitman.

EIGHTH - Patrick Davis and Tiffany Moseley.



Mr. James Thompson, Architect, presents program at Mentone Town Hall

MENTONE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Architect, Mr. James Thompson, with Hickerson Fowles Architects, of Nashville, was in Mentone on Saturday, May 8, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the feasibility of restoring the Mentone Springs Hotel. He was here as a result of a matching grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. Thompson has been project director for a number of historic structures restorations and rehabilitations.

Several suggestions for the improvement of the facility, along with ideas for the future use of the facility, such as development of the hotel for a community/tourist center, as well as the cost that would be involved, were discussed by those present. Mr. Thompson had a rough floor plan of the basement, the first floor, second floor, and third floor, that he used during his presentation. After a study is completed in the next few weeks, Mr. Thompson will present his report to the Foundation.

The fiscal year of the Mentone Heritage Foundation begins July 1st. For those who wish to join the Heritage Foundation, you may send your dues to P.O. Box 203, Mentone, AL 35984-0203. Dues are:

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MENLO MUSINGS

By Madge Fox

This summer, support the Menlo Public Library. The hours are from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Librarian, Charlene Powell, will be glad to help you in any way. Call her at 862-2440.

Ann Ransom took Lib Wood to visit Claire Dodd who is now at Riverwood Retirement Home in Rome.

The news is short this month as I have gone to Huntsville for a visit. Keep looking for news of Menlo in future issues.

If you have something you would like to contribute, please call me, Madge Fox, at 862-2341, or Joanne Christian at 862-2115 or 862-2868.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We have just completed our Rhododendron Festival, and everyone seemed to have a good time. I think one of the best features of these festivities is the preparations before the event. Everyone mows, trims, picks up trash, plants flowers, and does general "house cleaning" just as if expecting company at home. The whole town sparkles. The rhododendron along the sidewalk was in full bloom; the weeds had been pulled from around plants and shrubs and the grass had been mowed. This is a wonderful time of year to be on the mountain when everything is fresh and green, and the air is cool and clean.

Jack Jones arranged the parade on Saturday, with Wanda Simmons, festival chairperson, as Grand Marshal. Our fire truck led the way, with sirens open to announce the beginning of the parade. We had eight contestants for the Rhododendron Queen riding in convertibles, and that was a nice addition to the parade. Most of the girls arranged to have their own transportation. Many thanks to Bill Witcraft, president of DeKalb County Tourist Association, for allowing Pat Seymour and me to ride in his convertible with contestant Chrissy Norman. The girls were introduced by Tony Goggans following the parade and were judged in their sports attire. What a lovely group of girls we have in our community!

Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. we held our pageant upstairs at the Hitching Post, with Bruce Bon Fleur as emcee. Marsha Bon Fleur furnished the piano music. Dorma Hutcheson had done so much paper work and planning that we had no problem with the final stages of the pageant. The judges, Karen Herndon, Claud Burke, and C.J. Jolley were treated to dinner at the Log Cabin Restaurant, compliments of Crow's Nest Antiques.

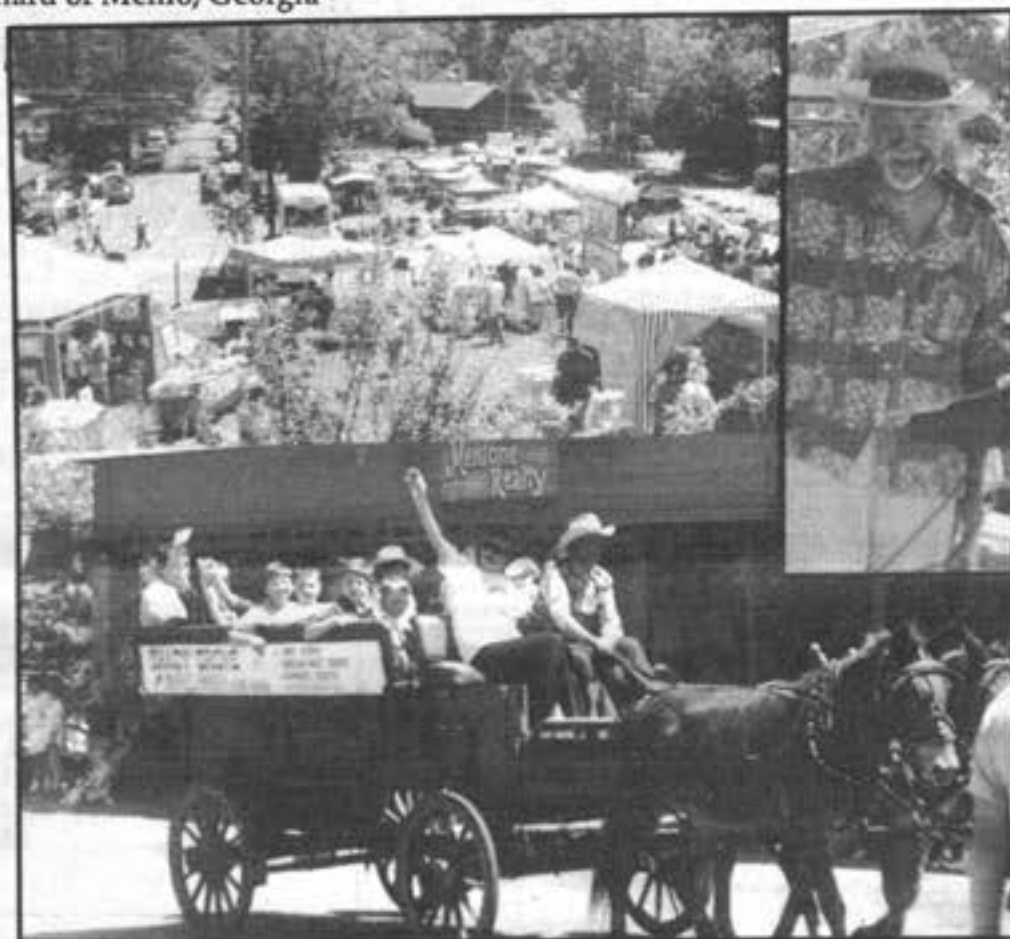
The contestants were all so lovely that the judges had a difficult time making a decision. The 1993 Rhododendron Queen, Nakisha Celeste Brown, is the daughter of Don and Linda Brown of Fort Payne, attends Fyffe High School, and was sponsored by Hillbilly Saddle Club. But, there was a three-way tie for first place. This was a first! The Princesses were: Donna Brock, daughter of Rev. Don and Yvonne Brock of Mentone, attends Valley Head High School, and was sponsored by Madaperca Bed and Breakfast; Tamra Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hall, attends Valley Head High School, and was sponsored by Ancro Specialties; and Julie Hendon, daughter of Roland and Carolyn Hendon of Mentone, attends Sand Rock School, and was sponsored by Crow's Nest Antiques.

The other contestants were: Chrissy Norman, daughter of Priscilla Norman, and a student at Valley Head High School, and sponsored by Morgan Drugs; Melissa Worthey, daughter of Jimmy and Gaynell Worthey of Mentone, a student at Valley Head High School, and sponsored by the



Contestants in the Rhododendron Queen pageant held Saturday, May 15, were: left to right: Julie Hendon of Sand Rock, princess; Melissa Worthey of Mentone; Amy Battles of Sand Rock; Chrissy Norman of Valley Head; Christy Tillman, 1992 Rhododendron Queen; Donna Brock of Valley Head, princess; Tamra Hall of Mentone, princess; Nakisha Celeste Brown, 1993 Rhododendron Queen; and Kathy Ballard of Menlo, Georgia

Scenes from the 1993 Rhododendron Festival



Mentone Inn; Amy Battles, daughter of David and Susan Battles of Collinsville, a student at Sand Rock School, and sponsored by her parents; and Kathy Ballard, daughter of Sam and Becky Ballard of Menlo, Georgia, a student at Chattooga High School, and was sponsored by Ballard Builders.

It was fun for all, but we always feel badly for those who came so very close to winning. Oh, well, that's part of the game. Just try again girls.

Christy Tillman, reigning queen of 1992, crowned the new queen. Clint Phillips of Valley Head was escort and presented each candidate.

Much appreciation goes to Terry Hutcheson and Homer Crow for bringing chairs from the Town Hall and returning them; to Dorma Hutcheson for her many hours of planning; to Donna and Jane Bouldin; to Brad and Michele Anderson for helping us clean and decorate; to Don Castleberry; to Spokey Baker at the Shed; to Fran Hawkins for putting our program on computer; to Stephen Stiefel for photography; to Amy Rogers and Jennifer Crow for presenting ribbons and flowers.

I have said this before--everyone should work one day at the Hitching Post during the festivals and meet all the nice people. We always have old friends drop by, and that is what makes it so nice. This year, it was a pleasure to have Hank Smith, who played music for the dances upstairs during the 40s and 50s. His son accompanied him and they took video pictures of the area "for old times sake", Hank said. He inquired about Lee and Dottie Davenport who operated the Hitching Post when he remembered coming here.

It is always good to see Gregg and Linda Frith, Ronnie and Joan Garry, and many others. Two of my friends, Dudley and Catherine Frame, have bought the Henri Battey house right near us. Congratulations! We are happy to have you as neighbors.

The duck race at DeSoto Falls was well attended and a lot of fun, even if the ducks refused to go in the right direction. This was a charity benefit for the cancer fund. Music was furnished by Representative Ralf Burke and his quartet. Senator and Susan Barron, Judge Thomas, and other dignitaries were there. This made our pontoon boat rides even more appealing.

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June 19	Endangered Species/fires	Alan Polk
June 26	History of Conservation in US	Forrest Bailey
July 3	Legends On The Lookout	Ken Thomas
July 10	The American Bald Eagle	Ken Thomas
July 17	*Snakes	Scott/ Robert Glenn
July 24	Bats	Keith Hudson
July 31	Birds of Prey	Ken Thomas
Aug. 7	Legends On The Lookout	Ken Thomas
Aug. 14	Owls Of Alabama	Ken Thomas

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MENTONE, ALABAMA -- Beautiful brow lot contains approximately 5.6 acres with 300' of brow frontage. Priced at only \$22,500. Co-Broker of Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND -- Beautiful brow lot with 190' of brow frontage and containing approximately 1.28 acres. Great buy at only \$16,000.

LAKE LAHUSAGE AREA -- This beautiful, three-bedroom home offers a large living room, sun room, kitchen with breakfast area, one full bath, combination utility room and 1/2 bath, carport, central heat and air and thermal windows on a nicely landscaped yard. Priced to sell at only \$89,900. Co-Broker of Southern Properties.

CLOUDLAND -- 250 acres with beautiful hardwoods, small pond and creek. Great for your own private hideaway or hunting preserve. **REDUCED TO \$500 PER ACRE.**

CLOUDLAND -- This 3-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, ranch style home has been freshly painted and recarpeted just ready for your family to move into. **Reduced to \$43,500.**

LOOKING FOR A NICE FARM? -- JUST INSIDE GEORGIA -- MENTONE VICINITY. Approximately 52 1/2 acres featuring a newly remodeled home with 3 or 4 bedrooms, deck, 1 1/2 baths, central heat and air, vinyl siding and other amenities. Outbuildings, barn and lake complete this beautiful piece of property. Call today for an appointment. Priced at only \$99,900.

On May 4, MAPA met at 7:00 p.m. at the Kountry Chef. Following the chaplain's prayer, the president dispensed with a formal program to discuss the Rhododendron Festival. Various reports were heard.

It was unanimously agreed by all members present that birthdays of the MAPA members would be highlighted in The Groundhog each month. In this issue, you will find the list of those members whose birthdays were in May and are in June and the first week of July, since the July issue of The Groundhog will not be out by the time some of our members have birthdays.

Under new business, the City of Mentone has requested MAPA to again assist with the placement of street signs to comply with the 911 system. Jack Jones who previously handled the purchase of street signs in 1988, was appointed chairman to find out all details. His committee also consists of Rick Chapman and Homer Crow.

A nominating committee was chosen to select a slate of officers for the year 1993-1994. George and Jo Beaubé and Bill Schwarz were appointed to serve on the committee and to report to the June meeting those members who have agreed to accept offices for the next year. New officers will be elected at the June meeting.

Sherman Gough, chairman of the MAPA Adopt-A-Mile committee, thanked all those who have participated in the cleanup.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served by members, Mickey and Sherman Gough, Jack and Olive Jones, and George and Jo Beaubé.

A MESSAGE TO FRIENDS OF RAY FROEHLER

To everyone in Mentone who was sweet and kind to both Ray and me during his illness: I cannot express how much I appreciate all of you. Thank you so very much!

Mrs. Ray Froehler

SAMMY CASH IS HOSPITALIZED IN BAPTIST MONTCLAIR HOSPITAL IN BIRMINGHAM, ROOM 493. OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH CLARA AND SAMMY AT THIS TIME. HURRY AND GET WELL, SAMMY!

FISH DINNER, SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Valley Head Masonic Lodge No. 394 will sponsor a fish dinner Saturday, June 26, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Hammondville National Guard Armory.

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and at the door. Carry outs will be available. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Valley Head Lodge.



God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Be not rash with thy mouth and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore, let thy words be few. Ecclesiastes 5:2

Watch your tongue; for, there is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behoves any of us to talk about the rest of us.

Think on good things.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The birthdays of the MAPA members for the months of May, June, and the first week of July are:

Hedwige Salord	May 1
Nicole Vernon	May 6
Gail Gaylord	May 15
Elvina G. Lowman	May 15 (90 years young)
Mae Hilburn	May 22
Jack Jones	May 25
Margaret Baker	June 3
John O'Rear	June 6
Rev. Dennis Mays	June 8
Amelia Kirk	June 20
Bud Simmons	June 23
Sherman Gough	June 26
Sue Schwarz	June 29
Terry Hutcheson	July 1
Gerry Disney	July 4

Happy Birthday to Pleas Webb from all his friends in Mentone. Pleas was 32 on Saturday, May 29.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Want to recycle paper for scratchpads?

If you have paper, such as paper that is good on one side from old letters, scrap paper, letterhead paper, flyers, junk mail, bad copies, etc. that you would like to recycle, take them to one of the following drop off spots where Mike Kennamer of Southern Rubber Stamp Company in Mentone will pick them up and cut and pad them and return them to the drop off spots for individuals to reclaim for use as scratchpads for the home or in their business.

The drop-off spots are: Little River Hardware and Mentone Superette.