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"WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN"

By Pat Seymour



"Lightning" and Flora Goss

50th Wedding Anniversary Picture (1979)

Photos provided
by Betty Bell

"The door to the cafe is slowly pushed open. Framed in the blinding sunlight is a small, bearded elderly man in overalls gently and lovingly supporting a stooped time-worn lady. His fiercely protective arm around her waist alerts everyone in the cafe: this is my lifelong love, the mother of my children. Such is the picture of Isaac Arthur "Lightning" Goss and his wife of 65 years (July 28), Flora. To many in Mentone and Valley Head, "Lightning" Goss is the perfect example of how a husband should cherish and love his wife as they grow old together. When the meal is completed, "Lightning" gently lifts Flora to her feet, sometimes brushing a kiss across her cheek, not ashamed for all to see his public expression

of affection. Flora shuffles to the door leaning on her husband, and the pair disappears into the noontime sunshine. This scene at the Tiger's Inn Cafe is repeated often, since, "Lightning" frequently takes Flora out to eat. Neither is able to cook any longer.

"Lightning" and Flora Goss parented 10 children together and seven survive. The children were Corinthia (D), Dewey Donald and Huey Ronald (twins D), Betty Bell, Rindy Millican, Clifford (Atlanta), Mary Flannigan, Sherman "Bud," Regina Wisner, and Benny.

"Lightning" and Flora also have 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

"Lightning" is a retired Star Route letter

carrier. He and his family have always lived in DeKalb County—mainly in Fischer and Mentone.

Famous for his skill in repairing small engines, especially lawn mowers, "Lightning" is a Mentone legend—an indispensable element as lawns begin to flourish and the roar of mowers is heard "across the land."

Husband, father, public servant, mechanical expert—"Lightning" Goss is all the above. However, the role in which he is a sterling example to us all is that of a husband who still treats his wife like his sweetheart—after 65 years together. But, then, that's how it is "When A Man Loves A Woman!"

Schedule of Events

June 6, 7 p.m.
Mentone City Council
City Hall

June 7, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef

June 14
Flag Day

June 19
Father's Day

June 21
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July 4
Independence Day

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Groundhog
Evelyn Graves, Editor

Dear Evelyn,

I recently visited with Blalock relatives in the Mentone, AL area. I first saw a copy of The Groundhog last fall when you did the articles about the Blalock family. I meant to subscribe to your Groundhog then, but I kept putting it off. Now, I want to subscribe. May I please? I am sending a check for \$10.00.

I would like to publicly thank Taylor F. Crowe, Jim and Penny Lyday, Joseph H. and Martha Clara, Ovie and Barbara Blalock for their wonderful hospitality. My friend, Jean Sebastian, and I had an absolutely fantastic visit. We loved every minute of our stay.

Would you please start my subscription with your May 1994 issue? It has the piece about Joseph H. and Martha Clara Blalock's 50th anniversary. I would appreciate that very much.

Do you remember the little girl sitting in James Madison Blalock's lap in the article Taylor F. Crowe was interviewed? That little girl was Mary Ellen Blalock, my grandmother. She was James Madison Blalock's youngest daughter. Taylor's great grandfather was her oldest brother. I enjoyed your articles about the Blalocks. I hope to see more of them in the future.

Thank you very much, sincerely, Mary Jane Thompson Duncan, great granddaughter of James Madison and Elizabeth Lucinda Cathey Blalock Taylor, and Jim took us to see the graves of a lot of our relatives. I don't want to forget, Bill and Ann Wright, their botanical garden is so peaceful and serene. We enjoyed it very much. I also want to say thank you to Taylor's wife, Ann, and his daughter, Carol. They drove up to Ft. Payne and bought us lunch. It was a joy to meet them.

Mary Jane Thompson Duncan
Wichita Falls, TX 76309

DEATH CANCELS AN INTERVIEW



Elizabeth "Betty" Stephens

As readers who are following my series on the four major miniaturists in Mentone know, Betty Stephens, collector of miniatures, was to be profiled in this June issue of The Groundhog. Betty died on Monday morning, May 30, the scheduled date for her interview with me at 3:00 p.m. The Groundhog staff and I deeply regret that this meeting, understandably, never took place.

Dr. Pat

MAPA



MEETING

The May MAPA meeting was held on May 3, with president Jack Jones presiding. There were 22 members and one visitor. The minutes of the April meeting were approved, as was the treasurer's report.

Wanda Simmons, Festival Chairman, reported on the preparations for the Rhododendron Festival. As of the report, 61 vendors had rented 69 spaces. There will be plenty of food and crafts. See individual reports elsewhere in this issue as to various aspects of the festival.

An auditing committee was appointed in accordance with the Bylaws. The members are Doug Hoyt, Bill Schwarz, and Randall Rice. Jack Jones is to contact them.

The nominating committee presented the following officers for the 1994-1995 election, which is to be held at the June meeting:

President - Dessie Newberry
Vice President - Bill Schwarz
Secretary - Marie Dillenbeck
Treasurer - Charlyne O'Rear
Member at Large - Dot Crow
Member at Large - Pat Seymour

Members volunteering for refreshments at the next meeting are: Pat Seymour, Dorothy Crow, and Wanda Simmons.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month, June 7, at 7:00 p.m., at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

The Groundhog salutes Mentone's servicemen who gave their lives for their country in World War II:

Gerald Brown
R. Hillman Ferrell
John Rob Frazier
James D. Goza
H.L. Lee
G.S. Pace
C.E. Worthey
Orvis Worthey



IT'S A BOY!!

LOGAN TREY JOHNSTON was born on May 20, 1994, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Fort Payne. His parents are Deana "Cherry" Johnston and Jack Johnston Jr. The proud Grandfather is Jack Johnston, Sr. of Valley Head. His Grandmothers are Peggy Johnston and Lucille Bearden, Flat Rock.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



The highlight of my month so far was watching Mae stocking shelves, while standing three-deep on boxes. First, she crashed through the sweet potato box (don't buy the sweet potatoes!); next, the empty cereal box; and, finally, the banana box. Then, in slow-motion fashion, like the video of Bonnie and Clyde that Al showed me one time, she hit the floor! Shannon and William tried to get her up. NO LUCK! I suggested they call Sam's wrecker. Only thing—it really irks me when someone else steals the spotlight from moi (We all remember that little bit of French, don't we?).

Here comes that cute Darlene Owen in her truck with those uncouth Chows, Thunder and Lightning, hanging on the back. Poor little Zero is wedged in between those untrained yard dogs. If Pop would only let me off this leash for 3 minutes, Chow fur would fly all over the gas pumps!

My list of homeless street persons is growing. Add Jack Lusk to Mentone's shelter potentials, along with Sible Hopper and Ed Jones. Dear readers, we simply cannot house these drifters in the Superette much longer.

One sweet lady who appreciates my magnificent self is Eloise Burnett. That kind soul will come into the store and buy an ice cream sandwich just for moi—of course, as it should be.

Daily, word of my unspeakable beauty spreads further and further. Today, Lyn Barnes brought friends from Jackson, MS., to view my steel-hard, rippling body. Kay Guion, Joe Root, and Betty and Roy Williams could not believe any canine could be so physically endowed. Two of the women swooned when I stood up to stretch. Eat your hearts out, girls!

Poor little Melissa, granddaughter of Gladys Goss, is so awed by my beauty, she is afraid to come and adore at my perfectly formed feet. This is so different from Melissa Harrison who asked her mother Cindy if she could feed me a cracker. So much richly deserved respect from the little ones!

Talk about Disrespect! Arnold Lance, who's too cheap to buy me a well-deserved treat, compounds the insult with, Hi, Baby Doll. What're you doing? I'll Baby Doll, you, tight wad!

Robbie Neal just made my stingy list, too. He whistled and called me, but, of course, I didn't move. NO FOOD! The nerve of some people.

I had to go take Pop to the office in the back to count the loot this morning, and in comes Greedy Gut Willis Blalock. He gulped down an ice cream sandwich to keep from sharing before I got back to the front. Willis, don't you know this sensitive, flawless nose can smell ice cream breath clear to the park?

Now, Ashley Denham is an okay lady. When she passed by me, she commented, "Hey, big one!" How's that for telling it like it is.

Homer Monroe is a boy I've had to jerk up, so now he gives me ice cream without whining about it. A few lunges from my awesome chest and Homer falls quickly into line.

Dennis McDonald brought a big old black mongrel dog in here, yesterday. Talk about "rolling my rug!" If I could have broken loose, there'd been black dog meat in the freezer case!

Just look at this crowd gathered for a well-deserved viewing of the Great One! Woody Campbell's daughters, Steel and Doni; Brian Jones and Tammy, Bud, and Decker; Delila Coots; Betty Blalock—and, of course, Willis Blalock is back again.

The sun is setting out on #117, and that means it's time to drag Pop home for the night. He'll try to hog the bed, as usual; and, as usual, I'll make my tremendously magnificent body too heavy to shove. It's only a few hours before Bill Wright comes in at the crack of dawn to mooch free coffee. Old "bottomless pit" Bill will empty four pots before he's through. I guess Ann has never taught him what coffee costs!

Adieu, dear readers. (More French from Moi, the flawless one.)

Celebrate Flag Day June 14th HELLO, REMEMBER ME?



Some people call me Old Glory. Others call me the Star Spangled Banner. But, whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you—because it is about you

and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up both sides of the street to watch the parade; and, naturally, I was leading every parade—proudly waving in the breeze. When your Daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart—remember? And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same Old Flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets—and I may get a small glance around and shouting—they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off, then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, and Vietnam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime—of those who never came back to keep this Republic free—one nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Someday soon, I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart—and I'll salute you by waving back. And I'll know that you remember.

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THOSE WE LOVE

Submitted by
Col. George Walker

They say the world is round and yet
I often think's square
For so many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.
But there's one truth in life I've found
While journeying east and west,
The only folks we really wound
Are those we love the best.
We flatter those we scarcely know
And please the fleeing guest,
Yet deal full many a thoughtless blow
To those we love the best.

Author Unknown

happy
father's
day



The Mentone community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Elizabeth Stephens. Elizabeth suffered a fatal heart attack on Monday, May 30, at her home in Mentone. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, two sons, Michael and Jerome, and five grandchildren.

Rev. Charles Jenkins, pastor of the Valley Head Baptist Church, and his wife, Lynn, hosted her parents, Clyde and Diane Germany, over the Memorial Day Weekend. The Germanys traveled from their home in Jackson, Mississippi, with their younger daughter, Leila. The Jenkins' daughters, Denese and Sharee, helped their parents show the visitors Ponderosa Bible Camp (where RN Lynn will volunteer as camp nurse this summer), the Little River Canyon, DeSoto Falls, Sequoyah Caverns, and all the other beautiful mountain scenery of Mentone.

Mike Wright of Valley Head was a first-time winner as he captured first place in the Pony B race during a recent program at Thunder Mountain Speedway! Way to drive, Mike!

Bill Shannon, next door neighbor to Hope and George Walker, had eye surgery in Chattanooga June 3.

Woodmen of the World meets every fourth Monday night at 7 p.m. at W.O.W. Lodge Hall, Valley Head.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Willodean Stalvey of Valley Head on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Buckles.

Roberta Cash, wife of Mentone Mayor Max Cash, is much improved after her knee surgery. She is frequently seen now out in Mentone without her cane.

A beautiful wedding at Brow Park attracted out-of-town guests last Saturday, at 6 p.m. The bride and groom of the Webb-Williamson bridal party stayed at Madaperca Bed and Breakfast with Don and Yvonne Brock. Imagine coming all the way from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be married on the Mentone brow!

Florene and Britt Kirby are experiencing some health problems. Both are reported to be much improved.

The Jack Cooper family's many friends, both in the valley and on the mountain, were deeply saddened by the death of Jack Christopher Cooper in early May. Deepest sympathy is extended to his mother, Sadie, and his brothers, Jimmy and Van, as well as to the other family members.

Pastor Randy Addison of the Mentone Wesleyan Church preached at both the Little River Cemetery and Bankhead Cemetery decorations. Rev. Addison recently attended a series of seminars at Central Western College in South Carolina.

The Don Brock family spent the Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Skyline in a family reunion. The Rev. Brock and Olen Crowe organized the event that included over 80 King family members. Ruby Brock, Lucille Crowe, and Joel King were the three honorees. Relatives came from as far away as Jackson, Miss., and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Deana "Cherry" Johnston, Valley Head, gave birth to a 6-pound, 2-oz boy on May 20, 1994, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Fort Payne. Cherry is the wife of Jack Johnston, Jr., and the daughter-in-law of Jack Johnston, Sr., Fire Chief of Valley Head and GTE Employee. Grandmother is Peggy Johnston. Named Logan Trey, he is also the grandson of Lucille Bearden of Flat Rock.

Bill and Ann Wright had a number of visitors tour

their exquisite "Just Wright" gardens in May. The Garden Club of Ider held its monthly meeting there, as did the Rainsville Garden Club on Wednesday, June 1.

Beth Moore celebrated her 11th birthday on May 17 with a spend-the-night party that included Penny and Alisha McElhaney. Beth's parents are Lisa and Van Moore of Valley Head, and Phyllis and Pat Lewis are Penny and Alisha's parents. The Moore family visited in Gulf Shores over Memorial Day weekend where the traffic was so heavy that they detoured home through Mobile!

Ferne Fitzgerald celebrated the birthdays of David Lett, John Cooper, and Betty Stephens, with a delightful luncheon at a local restaurant.

Donna Bares' father has recently shown signs of improving. He needs all our prayers now, more than ever.

Judy Weaver, local craftsman and miniaturist, has closed her shop in the Mentone Crafts Village in order to sell at major miniature shows throughout the south. She will be exhibiting her miniatures at a large Indianapolis show next month.

Col. George and Hope Walker have returned to Mentone after a week in Florida. While there, they visited with Monte and Marion Lampkin. Monte is undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph glands. The Walkers and the Lampkins are friends of many years.

The Mentone Wedding Chapel was the site of the May 28th wedding of Victor Blix and Frances Rosario. Attending were Nonnie Blix, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Linda Arden, Deerfield Beach, Florida; Emelia "Mimi" and Collette Preiss, Gainesville, Georgia; Danny, Bonnie, and Jennifer Blix, Roswell, Georgia; and Michael Blix, Miami, Florida.

Jack Watson, Birmingham, is at his Mentone home, "The Shamrock," for a week.

The Rev. David Lett, Pastor of the Mentone United Methodist Church has received a certificate from the Federal Bureau of Prisons recognizing him as a volunteer in the Federal Correctional Institution in Talladega, Alabama. He was cited for giving his time and his talents with such dedication. The certificate was signed by Kathleen Hawk, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Way to go, David! Congratulations.

Jim Harris recently underwent eye surgery. According to wife, Rose, Jim is improving with few problems.

One of the highlights of the Moon Lake Reunion was Rev. Edmund Crowe's seeing his teacher of 50 years ago, T.O. Kuykendall. Edmund had not seen him since they were student-teacher at Moon Lake. Mr. Kuykendall had been located through a nephew. In other news, Edmund talked with his granddaughter, Starla Crowe, in Modesto, Calif. Starla will be spending two weeks with her grandfather this summer. Starla, who was recently confirmed in the Covenant Church, has Edmund so excited about her visit, he can hardly talk about it!

Warning to all Valley Head kindergarten teachers: Rusty Rector, son of Fouts and Nancy Rector, will begin school in the fall. You kindergarten teachers need to spend the summer "girding your loins." Nancy says, "The Lord should have sent a book of instructions with Rusty!"

Bill and Sue Schwarz had Memorial Weekend company coming out their ears! Friday, Sue's daughter, Susan Ashby and friend Garland Sharp visited from Huntsville; and on Sunday and Monday, friends, Dale and Cindy Hutchens came from Huntsville.

Congratulations to Preston and Amy Kirby on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Caitlin Marie, on May 22, at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs, 2 oz, and was 21 inches long. The young family are neighbors of mine on Cove Road, living in a trailer on Hobson's land. New trailers are zoned off brow and river property, so the Kirby's got zoning board permission for an inland placement. Preston says he has plans to build a house for his growing family in the near future.

Rev. Marlon Williamson, pastor at the Mentone Revival Center, has completely recovered from a deadly virus that sent his fever over 105°. Rev. Williamson was hospitalized in Ft. Payne for several days.

Bill Evans, skilled watchmaker, and his wife, Mabel, joined R.L. Wood, respiratory therapist, and his wife, Sue, at a table by mine in the Kounty Chef recently. R.L. was one of my therapists when I was hospitalized with viral pneumonia in '91. This was the first time I'd seen him since those terrible days.

Ann Wright, president of the Rhododendron Garden Club, Marie Dillenbeck, vice-president, and Dr. Pat Seymour, Garden Therapy Chairman, presented the program for the Federation of Garden Clubs in May.

Two fine men that need our prayers are Brian Green, who is hospitalized in Birmingham with a leaking aneurism, son of Robert Green; and Gene O'Neal of Valley Head, who is battling cancer and is a lifelong friend of Bill Wright of Mentone.

Katrina (age 6) and Julie Ingram (age 5) spent the night with Loren Kean (age 5) last week. The Ingrams' parents are Don and Glenda Ingram, and Loren is the granddaughter of Al and Mae Hunt.

Fena Smith's husband, Onzie is recovering from recent surgery in Ft. Payne. Onzie had a lung removed, a very serious operation.

While their parents vacationed in Florida last week, Paige and Phillip Johnson went fishing in Ovie Blalock's pond. Grandfather James and Ovie assisted the young fishermen. "Those kids were really pulling them in!" said Ovie. Parents of the children are Freddie and Susanne Johnson. Grandparents are James and Betty Jo Johnson.

About 10 p.m. on May 31, Sandra Gray, daughter of Rev. Jimmy and Evelyn Graves sustained severe injuries when she ran off Cove Road in front of Bertha Robinson's home and hit a tree. June 1st, she was air lifted to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, where she has been stabilized. The Mazda she was driving was totaled.

Cat Johnson has given notice at Tiger's Inn Cafe in Valley Head. The popular waitress will be sorely missed by many customers who enjoy her delightful personality.

Congratulations to Nick P. Catsadimas of Valley Head, who graduated from The University of Alabama on May 14, 1994, with a B.A. Degree. His mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Rockenbach, reside in Valley Head, AL.

Catherine Bailey made a recent trip to Richmond, Virginia, accompanied by Sarah Harris, of Cleveland, TN, Sarah Jo Stutz, Cleveland, TN, and Barbara Blalock, Mentone. Catherine's brother, Carlton Brown, had a double bypass operation, but is improving steadily.

Sammy Lee Collins, brother of Nancy Rector, underwent four heart bypasses on May 23 in Riverview Regional Hospital in Gadsden. He spent his birthday, the 24th of May, in intensive care. Sammy is recovering nicely. Hang in there, Big Man!

Buddy and Barbara Vetzal presented their famous magic act for the Masonic Lodge and wowed the group. Ron Ogletree was in the audience and said, "Buddy makes David Copperfield look like an amateur!"

Lots of Happy Birthdays need to go out this issue: May 3 - Shannon Kean; May 17 - Loren Kean; May 22 - Al Hunt; May 26 - Jeff Mosher; and June 1, Peggy Tutwiler. Happy Anniversary!! June 12 - Al and Mae Hunt; and June 25 - Herman and Frances Johnson.

Bessie Moxley breezed into Mentone Memorial weekend and entertained continuously. She intends to spend her summer here and operate her "Grandmother's Camp" again for children in her family.

Hope Walker's lovely home, "Stonehenge," was the site for the Thursday, June 1, meeting of the United Methodist Women. A delicious lunch was served to the ladies by Hope. Ann Wright presented the program.

Thought for June: "A true friend is someone who is there for you, when he'd rather be anywhere else."



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

EVERYONE LIVES DOWNSTREAM

That title is a strange thought, isn't it? Everyone lives downstream! Downstream from what or who?

A few years back, I ran into a fellow who lived on the river and was quite proud of his place; and, may I add, justly so, it was lovely. When a group was organized to protect the river from a planned landfill in Georgia, his only comment was to the effect, "I don't care what happens on the river except in front of my house." Apparently, it never occurred to him that what went on upstream from him could have a drastic influence on the river in front of his house. Upstream didn't bother him and neither did downstream. What he did in front of his house was his business, no one else should care; and, if it affected his neighbors, so what! It was his land, it was his piece of the river, and the rest of the world could just buzz-off. Whether this "fellow" is real or a figment of my imagination really is not at all pertinent to this discussion. I'm sure each reader has run across such a person with just such an attitude. Unfortunately, there are lots of them around.

So, just what is everyone "downstream" from? Each and every person is downstream from each and every person and event. There is hardly an event that takes place that does not impact someone other than the perpetrator of the event. Being "downstream" may be pleasant or it may be really, really BAD! What makes being "downstream" unfortunate is that you may not have any control over what is going on upstream from you. Chances are excellent that you don't have any control; but, maybe, some input or influence is what's available to you.

Maybe this is what democracy is all about...being downstream and at the same time being upstream...being careful and considerate of others when we chose a course of action. Voicing an objection or being supportive of those upstream from us and being ever so careful and considerate of those downstream from us.

Interesting concept isn't it? Everyone is downstream! Look upstream and take care!

Thanks for you time, folks. Bill got up on his soap box this time. See you next month. In the meantime, keep looking upstream.



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

June is upon us and we will soon be looking for cooling refreshments. I discovered a wonderful cool dessert a few years ago and ran across the recipe, recently. Sorbets are flavorful, cooling desserts. They can be made with strawberries or raspberries. This particular one is strawberry. We all enjoy ice tea, and it is a staple this time of year. For a change of pace, try this apple-mint tea. Also, there is a quick cobbler recipe in time for blackberries.

Strawberry Sorbet

- 5 pints ripe strawberries
- 1 C sugar
- 1/2 C water
- pinch of salt
- 1 T lemon juice

Puree the berries in a food processor or blender, strain to remove the seeds. Heat sugar, water and salt until sugar is dissolved and then stir into the fruit puree. Stir in lemon juice and freeze in 8" or 9" pan. An hour or so before serving, remove frozen mixture from freezer and break into a mixer bowl and beat on medium speed until fluffy. May be served at this time or refrozen and allowed to sit out a few minutes to make serving easier. Makes about eight 1/2 cup servings.

Apple Mint Tea

- 2 quarts cold water
- 6 tea bags
- 1 t chopped mint
- 1 12 oz. container frozen apple juice, thawed
- 1/2 C bottled lemon or lime juice
- 1/2 C sugar

Brew tea with mint for 4 minutes. Add other ingredients--serve over ice.

Quick Blackberry Cobbler

- 1/2-1 stick butter or margarine
- 1 C self-rising flour
- 1 C sugar
- 1 C milk
- 2-4 C fruit (blackberries, peaches, cherries)

Heat oven to 350° and melt butter in 2-quart baking dish. Mix flour, sugar, and milk, and pour over melted butter. Pour fruit over batter and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.



GARDEN HINTS

by Madeleine Bullock
PLANT DISEASES

CHLOROSIS is the yellowing of leaves, it's appearance differs. Yellowing of all leaves may be caused by a lack of nutrients, too much bright light, or high temps. On youngest leaves, it may be a lack of iron or manganese, or insufficient light (indoor plants). On older leaves, it may only mean the soil lacks nitrogen or potassium, or maybe aeration. On leaf edges, it's often a sign of a deficiency of both magnesium and potassium. Between leaf veins, may indicate a deficiency in iron or manganese, or there may be sulphur dioxide present in the air. Irregular yellow spots on leaves can be caused by cold water. Dead areas on leaves or leaf edges or tips could be potassium deficiency, boron, or fluoride excess, high or low temps, or too little water. Cold water can cause dead spots or sections on leaves. Water-soaked or greasy appearance may be because it's too hot or cold or cold water on foliage.

Now, all this talk about potassium, manganese, etc., well, let's see, hard wood ashes contain two of the basic components of a complete fertilizer, 3-7% potassium carbonate or potash and 8-20% phosphorus. In addition, it contains small amounts of sodium, magnesium, iron, copper, zinc, manganese, boron, silicon, and sulphur. Because wood ashes are twice as high in acid-neutralizing power as ground limestone, use it sparingly. A sister-in-law gave me a tip—a good source of potassium is also banana skin, bury them around the plants that need potassium. Manganese and magnesium can be found in the liquid fertilizers like Min-Acid or Miracle Grow.

DeSoto State Park

Summer Interpretive Programs 1994

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
June 4	Old Fashion Singing	Tim Haney
June 11	June Jam Weekend - No Programs	
June 18	The Ice Age to the Trail of Tears	Chris Hill
June 25	Reptiles & Amphibians	David Holloway
July 2	Birds Of Prey	Ken Thomas
July 9	Bats of Alabama	Keith Hudson
July 16	Frogs	Dr. George Kline
July 23	Backyard Habitat	Jeanie Wallace
July 30	Folk Stories for All Ages	Mrs. Gibbs Couch
Aug 6	Geology of Lookout Mountain	Ken Thomas
Aug 13	The American Bald Eagle	Ken Thomas
Aug 20	Watchable Wildlife	Forrest Bailey
Sept 3	Owls Of Alabama	Ken Thomas
Sept 10	Legends on the Lookout	Ken Thomas

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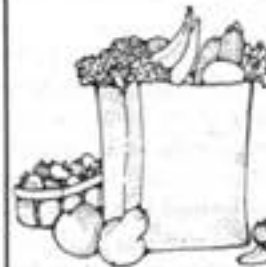
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Princess #3 - Cheri Keith



Judges of Contest

Photo of Judges by Marie Dillenbeck



Rhododendron Queen Contest Committee members, including Lee Traylor, escort

Photos of Queen and Princesses and Committee by Steven Steiffel

Another year—another festival of our beautiful rhododendron. We were almost a week late with our festivities because of the first day of May being on Sunday. Many of our lovely orchid blossoms had bloomed and gone, but those on Little River gave a good show to those who rode the pontoon boats with Lane Traylor and Dwight Hixon.

We have people come in and ask "What do you folks do here on the mountain? I should tell them like Nelda Howe did—just follow me one day and see!

May is an extraordinary month of spring when the gardens need extra care and growing things are at their peak, and it seems to be the month for the most activities. Warmer weather has arrived and those who hibernate through the winter come out of hiding and join the parade of life; and those who live away come home to clean cabins and set up residence for the summer. We are busy with a festival to celebrate the arrival of spring, spruce up our town, and welcome visitors to our area. Again, we have toiled to bring about a rhododendron beauty pageant, and almost dropped it when we had one official entrant on Monday before it was to be on Saturday. They did come in late, and we had some lovely girls to make our pageant the most outstanding one we have had. Dorma Hutcheson—a great worker and organizer, did most of the outlay for getting things in order: judges, escort, and rules printed for the judges. My daughter, Doreen Waters, was with us all the way, helping clean and



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By
BERNISE CROW

decorate, and organize the contestants on the final night. Many notes of appreciation will have to be written to: Donna Bouldin who took flowers to Gail's Florist for arranging bouquets for the queen and three princesses and helping decorate the stage; to Cheryl King who worked with us and furnished wicker chairs for the stage; to Barry Crow for playing music; to Terry Hutcheson for vocal music; to Steven Steiffel for doing photography and placing the queen's picture in The Advertiser; to Homer Crow for making a video tape of the entire performance, and who will present contestants with a copy; and, most of all, to Jerry Waters for a wonderful job as emcee; and to Lee Traylor for escorting the girls to the stage. The handsome young man was a little boy the last time I saw him. Now, he is a student at Northeast Jr. College.

Much appreciation to the judges who gave freely of

their valuable time: Judge Clyde Traylor, DeKalb County District Judge; Virginia Cargile, owner of Fine Things Beautiful in Ft. Payne, and Peachie Middlebrooks, owner of Styles By Peachie Salon in Ft. Payne. They were treated to dinner at the Log Cabin Deli.

Fran Hawkins was gracious to let Dorma use her computer to do judges' sheets. Harrell Jenkins loaned us wonderful ferns for decoration.

Thanks to Dr. Pat for getting applications to the high schools, and persuading two of our girls to enter from the Sylvania Community. Our Queen was Jaime Johnson from Sylvania. The three princesses were: #1 - Anna Everett from Rainsville; #2 - Lydia Johnson from Sylvania; and #3 - Cheri Keith from Mentone. All the girls were beautiful, and as usual, all are winners to me. We who worked appreciated all who entered. Some were young enough to enter two more years. And they do get practice and learn from each time they participate.

We had an album of photographs for display, showing past queens and lovely girls. Each year, we learn and improve, somewhat. Next year, we hope to make big improvements, advertise more, and maybe have it a week before the festival, so the queen could ride in the parade on a float with the princesses. This is fun, but work goes with it.

Oh, and I want to thank the town for loaning us chairs. This is a big help.



Moon Lake Reunion Photographs

By Barbara Blalock

MOON LAKE SCHOOL REUNION

By Evelyn Graves

The Moon Lake School gymnasium was the setting for one of the most exciting events of the season as some 400 former students registered and received name tags with great anticipation for the first reunion ever held at Moon Lake School on Saturday, May 21.

Plans had been made several weeks in advance by a volunteer planning committee, and a program outline had been made for the afternoon's activities. However, the crowd was overwhelming, and classmates were so excited as they recognized each other by their name tags and also by the resemblance some of them still had from their elementary school years, that it was impossible to break up such a beautiful time of renewal of friendships. So, Ovie Blalock, master of ceremonies, suggested to the committee, "They're having such a good time, let's just let them enjoy it." We tucked the program format away and did just that—let them enjoy it! We did manage to get some photographs by classes—1912 through 1955. Mrs. Ethel (Shigley) Green Adams was the oldest student present—96 years old. She attended school there in 1912. There were others in their late 80s and early 90s.

There were four teachers present: Mr. Oran Kuykendall, 88 years old, from Fort Payne; Kathryn Jones, 79 years old, who taught at Moon Lake for 34

years (the longest period of time any teacher has ever taught at Moon Lake); Betty Johnson; and Bernise Crow, who taught one year each. Betty was a substitute teacher for a number of years. Their ages are unimportant. I doubt that they would have disclosed this information had they been asked. They looked so young and pretty, they can keep this secret for a while.

Mr. Charles Bell, retiring principal, was very gracious to stay throughout the afternoon and lead tours through the main building. Many of the students had not seen the classrooms since they left them 50 or more years ago. The ladies' auxiliary of the Mentone Church of God furnished delicious food and drinks for the occasion.

Many students came by the registration table at the end of the afternoon and asked when we might do this again. Personally, I am ready! The work with the planning committee was so much fun, and we were all set for the big event—but the magnitude of it was more than any of us had imagined. It truly was a great day!

Anyone who attended Moon Lake School and is interested in being a member of the Moon Lake Alumni Association, please send a membership fee of \$10.00 to Susan Hooks, Chairman of the Alumni Association, c/o Skyline Camp, Mentone, AL

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Joshua Baggett
Thomas Brendle
Jeffrey Bullock
John Corey
Sheena Crow
Amberly Denham
Justin Fischer

Candace Fuller
Brandy Jackson
Brandy Johnson
Jessica Lee
Adam Prestwood
Jason Sammons
Buck Strickland

TEACHERS

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

June is blooming into full fruition, its lush beauty and warmth is being enjoyed and celebrated with reunions and trips, visits, graduations, and decorations.

Jewell Palmer visited her daughter, Gail Brennan, and Richard, Karsti, and baby Megan in Montgomery.

Sheryl and Dennis Lewis and Ethan and Trevor spent a few days in Opryland.

Cindy Meadows, Beverly Wright, and Patti and Amanda Brown enjoyed a weekend trip to Gatlinburg.

The Sunshine Club met Thursday, May 26, with Gladys Cobble. Sue Cooper sang the devotional. Those present were Lillie Bowden, Karen Freeman, Bess Bauerle, Ruth Pickett, Evelyn Clark, Anna Daniel, Jewell Palmer, Leona Chadwick, and Eloise Brown. Lillie thanked the club members for their help during her bereavement.

Leona taught us how to fold napkins in attractive and interesting designs.

The Valley Head United Methodist Women met at my house, Tuesday, May 24, with Geraldine Hawkins as co-hostess. Frances Longshore was the program leader and presented "Wholeness in God's Will" in a very impressive way. She was assisted by Venna Livingston and others who read Bible selections. Others present were Elizabeth Coleman, Adelaide Biddle, Mary Holleman, and Vesta Hawkins, and the hostesses.

Adelaide Biddle has returned home after a very enjoyable cruise aboard the Italian ship, "Costa Classica." She went to San Juan, St. Martin, Martinique, St. Thomas, to Barbados, came back to Casa Becampo, back to San Juan, and then Atlanta. Much fun! Her son, Alan Biddle, is in Panama City for a reunion with football friends from Troy State College. Adelaide, also recently attended a piano recital of her granddaughter, Jessica Biddle, at First Methodist Church in Fort Payne.

Dot and Hill Blackburn entertained 26 Blackburn relatives for dinner, Sunday, May 22, at their home.

Myrna and Jerry Phillips recently spent several days with his father, Robert Phillips.

Robert Hawkins and Carlton Blackburn of Brewton, Alabama, were luncheon guests of Robert's parents, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins, Friday, May 27.

Peggy and Jack Johnston are proud of a new grandson born to the Jack Johnston Jr.s. on May 20.

—THANK YOU—

I would like to thank my brother Wayne Millican; sister-in-law Ruth Millican; sister Gladys Patterson; and neices Mildred and Susan Wynne for all they did for me during my recent hip surgery. I also appreciate the members of the Mentone Church of God for the food they sent for the first week I was home from the hospital. Others I would like to thank are: Louise Keith, Leonard Keith, Jack Martin, Dorothy Crow, Jack Jones, Evelyn Pendegrass, Charles Buckley, Mrs. Phillip Buckley, all my friends from Valley Head, Pine Ridge, Sand Mountain, and the 7th Day Church of God for the lovely flowers. I am so proud I live in a caring community. I am thankful for all my caring friends. Stan and Linda Lawton stand in our community as good caring Christians. God bless you all: "pass it on." I'm home and doing fine.

Christine Dersa, Mentone, AL 35984

Venna Livingston, Adelaide Biddle, Ed Ringer, and Jeff Adkins attended the pre-annual conference celebration, "Celebrating the Connection" (church in general) at the First Methodist Church in Gadsden, Tuesday evening, May 24. They were welcomed by Bob Walden, pastor of the host church and heard talks by Bishop Robert Fannin and Pete West, district superintendent; and Phillip Huckaby and Kelly Clem, pastor of the Goshen Church that was destroyed in the tornado. She spoke of the strong faith of her people and the strong support they had as everyone rallied around to help.

Gladola Holleman is recovering at home after time spent at BMC DeKalb. Jim Carmichael is recovering from knee surgery. So sorry to hear that Vernitice Young suffered a broken hip in a fall; also, Louise Holcomb Blackwell, of Fort Payne, who has many friends here; also Helen Bankston, who suffered a broken shoulder in a fall some time ago. They are in our thoughts and prayers for a quick and complete recovery.

We have lost several good people by death recently: Lucile Culpepper, who lived here many years. Ollie Freeman, a long-time resident. Zack Barnard—we miss him at our church. Zack was a quiet person; but, when he spoke, it was with wisdom. He was well read, knowledgeable, and dependable. Evelyn Phillips, who leaves a big empty spot in our community; as well as Herschel Bowden, who only lived here about three years, but had made many friends. He had two funerals—one at Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church near Rainsville, with Elder Edward Mines officiating. He was then taken to Fort Valley, GA, his former home, for his final service at Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder Norman Randall officiating. Our sympathy and condolences are with all the relatives and friends of these dear ones.

Doris Carmichael and granddaughter, Katy Thomas, went to Tuscaloosa to help Doris' grandson, John Ricketts, celebrate his sixth birthday. They came back by Birmingham to attend Diane Kopecky's high school graduation. Emmy Ricketts and children, Lucy, John, and Polly, came from Tuscaloosa to join other family members, and to attend William Thomas' graduation at Fort Payne High School. He was Salutatorian and won several awards.

Frances Longshore met her nephew, Tom Larmore, and his son, Ken, at Tiger's Inn, Sunday, May 29, for lunch. There were here from Linden, N.J.

Cindy and Malcolm Barrett, (a former pastor of Valley Head Methodist Church) have a new baby daughter born, recently. She has a 10-year-old sister, Mary Frances.

It is a beautiful time in a beautiful world, in a beautiful place—take time to enjoy it and appreciate it. Happy Summer!

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hearing her gentle voice, seeing her smile.

But we shall soon be going to join her
in Heaven, in a very short while.

The angels are rejoicing,

as she is welcomed home and blessed
with God's love surrounding

her eternal home and well-earned rest.

Eloise Brown

GRADUATES OF 1994

Dear graduates of 1994,

Congratulations, you made the score—

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Knowledge is more precious than silver or gold—

A wonderful treasure to have and to hold—

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can be dangerous and leads not to gain.

Altho you may be smart and very efficient,

never think that you are self sufficient,

no one goes alone through this life,

each one has troubles, joys, and strife,

on others and God we need to depend,

so be very careful, lest you offend.

Treat all others as you want them to treat you—

respect for rights and life is everyone's due.

We may be influenced and ours reaches out,

be sure that you know what it's all about.

yield not to current trends to conform,

but strive always, the world to transform.

Make the place where you are, a better place,

History your life's actions will prove and trace.

Do the best that you can whatever you do,

to your obligations to God and yourself be true.

Experience is the best teacher and chastening rod,

in all your ways, seek the guidance of God.

Good character harvests a good reputation;

keep studying and continue your education.

Learning does not end with school, it's forever—

keep an open, seeking mind—a worthy endeavor.

You can be proud of yourself and a life well spent,

and know achievement, and joy and be content.

We are proud of each of you, with appreciation,

and sincere love and congratulations;

may God protect you and richly bless

and crown your efforts with success and happiness.

Eloise Brown

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The DeKalb County Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 10 a.m., June 21, at the Western Sizzlin. Following the business meeting, we are fortunate to have as the guest speaker William Bynum, Managing Editor of The Times Journal.



Bob and Cathie Crow family



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BANKHEAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Evelyn Graves

The Thomas A. Jones family was honored at the memorial service held at Bankhead Cemetery on May 22. Evelyn (Jones) Graves gave a brief history of the Jones' family, as well as some personal injections about the personality traits of her ancestors for the remembrance of those who knew them. Wynema Jones Elam, oldest Jones family member present, was presented a gift by Charlyne O'Rear, who is responsible for this part of the program every year.

Wynema shared with the congregation That her grandparents, Thomas and Almedia Jones, had seen three sons off to World War I on the same day: Eldridge, Hardie, and Joe. All of them returned home safely following the war.

Reverend Randy Addison brought a beautiful message appropriate for the occasion. He, Mrs. Addison, James and Fred Johnson sang, "The Old Gospel Ship," before the message. They were accompanied by Betty Johnson. Reverend Addison beautifully sang, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," after he had delivered the message.

Following a wonderful meal and fellowship outside, the service continued with singing throughout the afternoon. Many memories were recalled of those who have preceded us in death.

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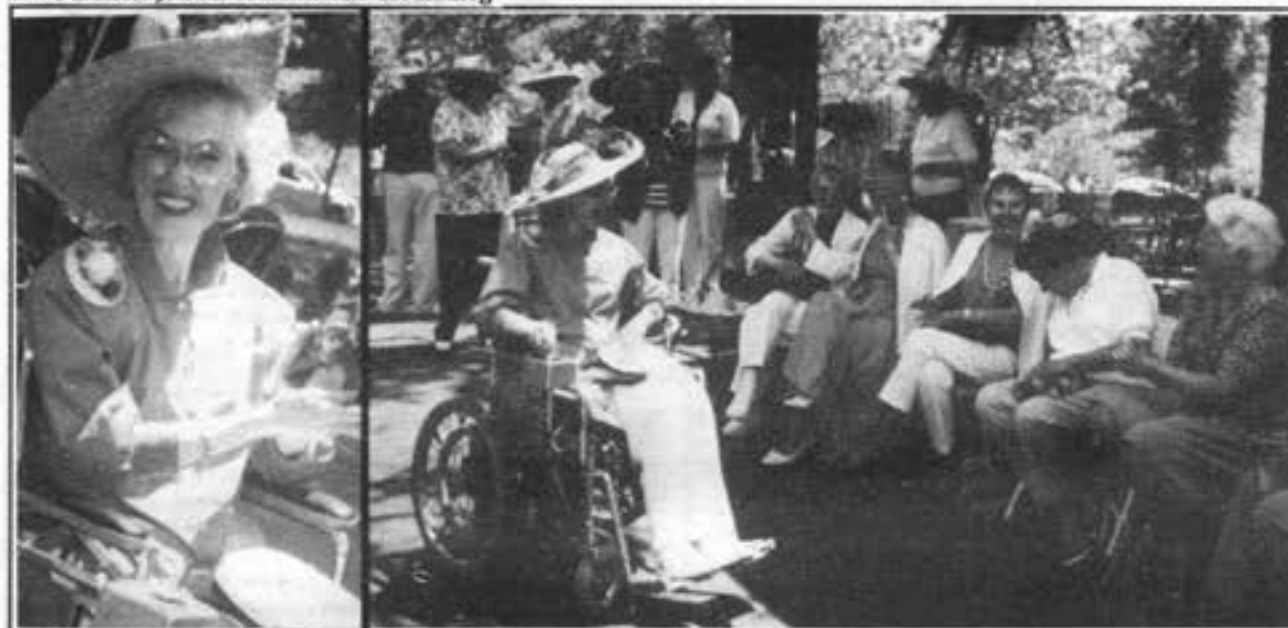
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Garden Club Second Time Around Hat Judging



Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, May 10, 1994, at the home of president, Ann Wright, for a garden party. There were 28 present, three being guests. The president read the collect and gave the blessing. A delicious luncheon of croissant, chicken mousse, fruit cup, tea, and hummingbird cake was served by Ann Wright and Gladys Crane.

Many of the members prepared a straw hat on the theme: "Second Time Around." Ann Wright provided the hats and the suggestion in keeping with the Deep South Region theme, "Second Time Around." After the delicious luncheon, a judging of the hats took place. Those with hats were: Barbara Blalock, Therese Bosworth, Linda Brown, Marilyn Blanton Campbell (new member), Betty Chapman, Bernise Crow, Mary Crow, Ruby Daniel, Marie Dillenbeck, Pattee Ephgrave (new member), Helen Hill, Mabel Kirk, Lynette McCary, Pat Seymour, Betty Stephens, Hope Walker, Norma Williams, and Ann Wright. The judges were: Virginia Bosworth, Betty Harris Finster (guest); Mickey Gough, Ann Jackson, Gladys Crane, Flo Kirby, Shirley Hussell, and Virginia Bassage. The winner was Norma Williams, who had a coordinated hat, earrings, and pin all made from second-time-around materials. As the winner, she received a flower press.

A wild flower rebus was passed out by the president, and all members participated. Pat Seymour won a rhododendron as the prize for the most wild flowers recognized.

The ways and means committee held a drawing for surprise packages donated by Pat Seymour. Betty Harris and Ruby Daniel were the winners.

The president passed out a Butterfly handout to each member.

All members and guests were invited to tour the Wright's Gardens, and view the rhododendron and azaleas that were blooming, as well as the many other flowers, plants, and shrubs that adorn the gardens.

The next meeting will be a tour of Laney Gardens in Section, Alabama. Those attending will meet at 9:30 a.m. on June 14, at the Kountry Chef, and carpool to Section. Following the tour, the members will eat at the Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne for lunch.

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By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

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Always bathe in tepid water—never cold or very hot. Herbal soaps are good to cleanse without drying and leave skin soft and rejuvenated. Herbal body scrubs are great to refine and soften skin by eliminating dead surface skin cells. After bathing, always use a body talc in the hot weather; the velvety powder absorbs moisture, leaving your skin feeling silky smooth all over.

Choose cool fabrics of linen, gauzy cottons, or the new light-weight rayon that breathes with you and keeps you cool, as well as "in vogue."

Don't forget your hat!!!! Hats are the greatest fashion statement for summer '94. Don't miss this opportunity to wear a hat!! Hats are great for bad hair days; to keep your head cool while you're in the sun; if you're one to not wear sunglasses, then, a hat is just the ticket. I haven't seen anyone that can't wear a hat—now, there are some who say they can't, but they've only to find the right one.

This is a great time of the year to have "no fuss" nails. Clean your nails using a cuticle remover and nail brush, then just buff them to a high gloss. Nothing is prettier for summer than tanned hands with clean glossy nails. If you must wear a polish for added strength, choose a clear, white, or the new French nude color. The lighter the color, the better your hands will look.

Keep makeup from fading or melting by lightly spritzing your face with an herbal hydrating mist before and after applying powder. Keep makeup to a bare minimum. If you tan in the sun or in the tanning bed, Please, Please, Please, don't let your face get the sun. Try to put back some of the moisture lost while tanning by using tanning lotions with mineral oil, lanolin, and corn oil in them. Apply sun shield lotion SPF 15 to protect facial skin! You can find a color foundation for your face that will work well with your tan far easier than you can deal with the wrinkles (or worse, skin cancer) that you may encounter a few years down the road. Remember, when you're young, your complexion is what you are born with. When you're older, your complexion is what you deserve, so take care of it. No matter how old you are, you'll look as good as you feel! There are some good bronzers on the market that are great to use after applying makeup or used in place of foundation. After applying your makeup, use a large makeup brush and apply the bronzer across the nose, cheeks, forehead, and chin—there, now your face looks as sun-kissed as your body.

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By Marie Dillenbeck

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Owner: Cassie Cash, son of Larry & Susan Hooks



Girl with a cat



RECYCLING IN MENTONE

By Fran Hawkins



Many folks I know, including myself, have the best of intentions when it comes to recycling. But, living on our wonderful mountain, it can be a frustrating project. With no local recycling center, we must find places, hopefully convenient to our work, or places we shop or run errands. In the ever changing market fluctuations that affect the recycling centers, we can often show up at a site with the car loaded with bottles, jugs, and old newspapers only to find that they no longer accept our carefully kept "stuff." I have found this happening so frequently and have been so discouraged lately that I talked with some friends and decided to begin a column in *The Groundhog* to help keep myself and others updated on the "recycling environment" around Mentone. This is the first of many columns, I hope, making it easier for all Mentone residents to reuse, recycle, and reduce the waste being dumped in what is, after all, our own back yard.

I'm sure by now, most of know the benefits of recycling. We can save not only valuable landfill space, but also energy, water, and trees. If we Alabamians recycle only 25% of our paper, approximately 17,000 acres of forest land could be protected from pulp production each year. Recycling also has a positive economic effect, employing people right here in Alabama—much of the aluminum from all over the country is brought to the Sheffield area to be recycled; tin cans are remelted and made into a variety of steel products at the U.S. Steel Fairfield works in Jefferson County; and plastics are recycled to make plastic lumber in Selma.

For recycling to work, it must be a "circle"—buy products made from recycled materials; "pre-cycle" by buying products in large quantities in containers like glass, aluminum, or cardboard that are nearly 100% recyclable; save those items that can be recycled from the dump; and make trips to shop, work, and run errands do double duty by dropping off your recycled materials on the way.

Below is a list of just a few of the places "close" to Mentone where you can drop off materials on your next trip.

WAL-MART, Ft. Payne, AL; 845-3163; Ms. Miller.

DeKalb Shopping Center, Ft. Payne,
24-hour bins at front of parking lot.

Material Accepted: Newspapers in small bundles and plastic containers (Nos. 1 and 2, they think.)

NOTE: openings to the bins are at about adult shoulder height and the bins are not attended. You must lift bundles of newspapers up quite a ways, so make them small and light. The management of Wal-Mart has agreed to assist those with disabilities, but you must go into the store and ask for aid.

DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, Ft. Payne, AL; 845-2671, Elizabeth Tucker, Director.
504 Grand Avenue North, Ft. Payne.

Normal Library Hours.

Material Accepted: Books (hardback and paperback); Magazines (readable and in good condition).

NOTE: The library raises money by reselling donated books and magazines—a great way to help our regional library and clean out our clutter at the same time.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER, Summerville, GA.

Garbage Stockade 404-857-4516.

Across side street from Wal-Mart (on U.S. Hwy. 27), at the corner of Stockade and Farrar Roads

Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST

Saturdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST

Material accepted: Newspapers

Mixed paper (junk mail, magazines, catalogs, school & computer paper) (packed together OK)

Cardboard and clean paperboard (no pizza boxes) cereal boxes, etc. (packed together OK)

Aluminum (clean cans and foil (packed together OK)

Tin and Steel (clean and labels removed (packed together OK)

NOTE: Center is attended during posted hours and help is available to unload your recyclables (except around the noon hour (EST))

David Gilbreath and the Boy Scouts are planning an aluminum recycling center right here in Mentone. The Boy Scouts will also be helping with posters to be placed soon around Mentone listing the information about nearby recycling centers. Hooray for these fine young men!

We're looking for more places to recycle and will publish a list each month. If you hear of new recycle centers or of centers changing what materials they will accept, please give me a call at 634-4157. We'll be adding information on centers in Gadsden, Huntsville, Chattanooga, Anniston, Birmingham, Rome, and Atlanta (and others by request) in future columns. Then, we can recycle with less frustration and help save this beautiful piece of the earth for ourselves and our children.

Remember, too, that we can recycle a lot in the kitchen waste we produce literally "in our own back yard" by composting. If you keep a covered bucket by your sink (I like empty, plastic ice cream containers—and the ice cream's not bad either), and put in only non-animal product waste (to avoid smell and critters scavenging), and periodically dump that into a pile to which you add yard trimming and leaves, turn occasionally, in no time, you'll have great fertilizer for your flower and vegetable gardens! And your garbage can fills less often and smells less.

Changing our "throw-away" habits is sometimes hard, but from experience, it can be done and is rewarding. Let me hear about your ideas and experiences.



Joe and Martha Clara Blalock

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On April 25, friends and family met at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head to honor Joe and Martha Clara Massey Blalock on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Comments heard at the celebration were: "We have never heard them raise their voices to each other" and "They are compatible, kind, and patient, always having time to talk to children."

The reception was given by the couple's children and grandchildren. The children are: Joseph from Monticello, Georgia; Dewey from Cedar Bluff, Alabama; Elaine Thomas from Summerville, Georgia; and Ladonna Kyner from Jacksonville, Alabama. There are 23 grandchildren in the family. Five of the granddaughters served at the reception: Tanya Blalock, Ellen Thomas, Heather Kyner, Darla Kyner, and Amanda Blalock.

Joe was raised in Mentone. His parents were Taylor and Ida Blalock. His brothers and sisters were: Edith Lyday, Ray Blalock, Edna Crowe, Stella Crow, Rose Brown, John Blalock, and Mack Blalock.

Martha Clara was raised on a large farm in Dade County, Georgia, near New Salem. Her parents were Joe and Mabel Massey. Vera Everett is her only living sister. Those brothers and sisters who are deceased are: Frank Massey, Ernest Massey, Pearl Lawson, Jerry Massey, Carrie Everett, Wesley Massey, Arnold Massey, Benton and Denton Massey.

At the entrance table, a family Bible was displayed. The earliest entry was "James and Ester Jones married July 2nd 1806."



The wedding ring patterned quilt was made by Joe Blalock's mother and given to Joe and Martha Clara when they got married.

Editor's note: This article is being rerun to include additional information and names.



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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To all the volunteers who made the Rhododendron Festival such a BIG success, just know, it wouldn't have happened without YOU!

GATES: The Valley Head Band members and parents; the Rhododendron Garden Club members; Mentone and Valley Head friends (60 volunteers worked the gates over the two-day period--some pulled double shifts.)

PARKING: Coach Melba Woods and the Valley Head Girls Athletic Team members who parked the cars

ENTERTAINMENT: the vocal trio, Southern Charm, from Sylvania who entertained on Saturday; the New Generation Cloggers who danced on Sunday; The Buckles & Henry duo who sang on Sunday

FOOD: Valley Head Beta Club members and parents who prepared food for Sunday

DR. PAT

HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat Seymour

SAVE THE STRAWS: Never sure when you've got a bite? Here's how to make your own strike indicator--and you can recycle a plastic drinking straw at the same time. Get a bright-colored straw and glue a small cork into one end of it. Twist a small eye screw into the cork. Fold the other end of the straw and glue it closed. Tie the eye screw onto your line. When the fish bites, the straw will stand on end, signaling a strike.

SOUNDS FISHY: A fish's acute sense of hearing may be responsible for the remarkable phenomenon many fishermen have observed, when the fish all over a lake seem to start feeding at once. Fish are extremely competitive, and when one begins to feed, it triggers a similar response in all other fish within hearing distance.

DON'T MAKE SCENTS: Any fish that can smell its natal stream's unique fragrance in dilutions as minute as parts per billion can certainly detect the blatant odors of humans on lures and bait. But how many of us remember this when chasing spring bass?

Many knowledgeable anglers now wear latex surgical gloves when baiting up to eliminate unnatural odors. Some guides go so far as to wash their gloved hands before handling clients' tackle. Rub clean hands (use Ivory or another unscented soap, no perfumes) with whatever bait you're using to further camouflage human scent. Remember, that dodgers, flashers, and other attractors, and even artificial lures, will retain odors, so don't disregard this advice just because you're not using natural bait.

BASS: When bass fishing on lakes gets tough in summer, seek out a rocky smallmouth river. These waters stay cooler than lakes and offer some of their best sport in the heart of summer. Use ultra-light spin tackle or a light flyrod and small poppers and streamers.

HERE'S A TRICK worth trying when you are casting for bass from an anchored boat: first toss out a live bait--minnow, crayfish, worms--on a bobber, and cast around it. Fish that follow your lure without striking will often take the bait instead.

WHEN YOU PLAN to release a fish you've hooked, don't prolong the battle. Land it as quickly as possible, before it comes so exhausted it may not recover. Never

release it in calm water.

A FROZEN FISH should be thawed slowly. Either put it in the refrigerator 24 hours before cooking or place it in cold water. If the fish is thawed too fast, the outside flesh may deteriorate while the inside is still frozen too hard to cook through.

TURKEYS: Avoid scouting for gobblers too early before the spring season. Flock breakup occurs only near the end of winter, and that's when toms will be staking out the territory where they'll likely remain during the mating season.

HOW OLD IS THAT TURKEY? The approximate age of a turkey can be determined by holding the end of the beard up to a strong light. The beard filaments have an amber color, which is replaced by black pigment as the beard grows. At nine to 10 inches, the beard begins wearing off on the ground. A beard of 10 inches that still shows amber color is from a two-year-old bird. A 10-inch beard that no longer has amber tips is probably from a bird at least three years old.

DEER: Rubs can be good indications that you're in a prime area for a deer stand. These are shredded patches on saplings where a buck has rubbed its antlers, scraping off the bark. Just one rub doesn't mean much, but a line of rubs indicates that a buck has used the area more than once and could well come through again.

BLAZE BLUE: New research conducted at the University of Georgia and the University of California shows that deer have a kind of color blindness that makes oranges and reds appear green to their eyes, but they can zero in on blue about as readily as humans can see blaze orange. This fall, re-think your hunting wardrobe.

SAFETY: Never wave or motion to alert another hunter to your presence. He may see the motion of your hand and think it's a turkey, deer, or other legal game; and, then, fire without thinking. Instead, talk loudly in a firm, clear voice to inform the other hunter that you are there.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: A porcupine's quills are really hollow hairs that have a barb at the end, like the point of a fishhook. Once a quill sticks into something, it detaches from the porcupine's body. A single porcupine can have up to 30,000 quills.



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PRESCRIPTIONS

VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

The Groundhog expresses its appreciation to the staff of the Purple and Gold. These talented people are: Editors: Amy Hale (editor-in-chief), Tammy Traffanstedt, Nichole Hatfield. Reporters: Marc Smalley, Chrissy Norman, William Lee, Shaunathan Bell, Alison Meadows, Tony Key, Tammy Camp, Haley Johnson, Ginger Gray. Advisor: Ms. Rhonda Downer.

Senior High Awards Day

The following people received awards on May 13, 1994:
RayKroc-McDonalds Award: Chrissy Norman
Sons of the American Revolution: Kim McKinney
Scholar Athletes Awards: Lisa Smith; Gerry Bain
Sand Mountain Electric Co-op Awards: Lisa Smith; Krystee Tillman

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards: Amy Hale; Chrissy Norman; Jeremy Hope; Jay Wagner
Woodmen of American History Award: Kim McKinney
Scholars Bowl: Duane Blalock; Jay Wagner; Jody Wagner; Chrissy Norman; Chris Hammon; Krystee Tillman; Shaunathan Bell

Student Council Award: Jim Poe

Senior Beta Club Award: Sally Sharp

Yearbook Awards: Sally Sharp; Jamie Phillips

Purple & Gold Award: Amy Hale

Library Awards: Holly Gardner; Kim McKinney; Naoyo Toki

DAR Citizenship Award: Jay Wagner

Balfour Award: Donna Brock

Salutatorian: Amy Hale

Valedictorian: Chrissy Norman

English Awards: Rhonda Owens—10th;

Chrissy Terrell—10th; Krystee Tillman—11th;

Adrienne Hall—11th AP; Darrin Smith—12th;

Chrissy Norman—12th AP; Jay Wagner—12th AP

Advanced Math Award: Amy Hale; Chrissy Norman; Lisa Smith

Algebra II Award: Julie Yates; Kayla Bell

Applied Math Award: Toby Manifold

Consumer Math Award: Shawn Flannigan

American History Award: Gerry Bain

World History Award: Julie Hates

Government Award: Chrissy Norman

Economics Award: Amy Hale

Science Awards: Rhonda Owens—Biology; Amy

Hale—Anatomy; Chrissy Norman—Chemistry

Psychology/Sociology Award: Paula Brown

Home Economics Award: Stephanie Hester

Keyboarding I Award: Chrissy Norman

Keyboarding II Award: Donna Brock

Accounting Award: Donna Brock

Junior High Awards Day

The following people received awards on May 12, 1994:

Library Awards: Amanda Goss; Star Hayes;

Nancy Jeffrey; Moira Potts

English Awards: Tabitha Brisendine—7th;

Shelley Ingram—7th; Chad Mosher—8th;

Teri Campbell—8th; Christy Ferguson—9th;

Wendy Hyde—9th

Pre-Algebra Award: Kim McElhaney

Mathematics Awards: Shelly Ingram—7th;

Tabitha Brisendine—7th; Justin Baugh—8th;

Belinda Knowles—8th

Algebra I Awards: Wendy Hyde; Christy Ferguson;

Naoyo Toki

Social Studies Awards: Tabitha Brisendine—7th;

Chad Mosher—8th; Rene Brendle—8th;

Haley Johnson—9th

Woodmen Award for Social Studies: Teri Campbell

Science Awards: Shelly Ingram—7th; Eric Crane—7th;

Valerie Chappell—7th; Jesse Clements—7th;

Nick Brown—7th; Jennifer Hammon—8th;

Wendy Hyde—9th

Keyboarding II Awards: Rene Brendle; Jennifer Smith

CLUB CAPERS

FFA NEWS

by Jody Wagner, FFA Reporter

The Valley Head FFA Chapter recently entered agricultural teams in both county and district competitions. The land judging team placed second in the county along with the forestry team. The floriculture team finished fourth in the district competition, which will allow them to enter the state competition in June. Good Luck!

STUDENT COUNCIL

By William Lee

Congratulations to the 1993-1994 Student Council Officers for accomplishing a lot this year. Their projects included the Homecoming Dance, Country Line Dances at the National Guard Armory, and Drug Awareness week.

A special congratulations to the newly-elected 1994-95 Student Council Officers who are: President: Chris Hammon; Vice President: Trevor Strickland; Secretary: Angie Wheat; Treasurer: Matthew Hulan; Reporter: Tammy Camp; and Historian: Cheri Keith.

BETA CLUB

By William Lee

The Beta Club has accomplished a lot this year. Some of their activities have included raising money for Toys for Tots, the Adopt-A-Mile trash pickup, and sending fruit baskets to people confined to their homes. Junior and Senior Beta members have worked together in these efforts.

In March, the Senior Beta Club went to Mobile for the State Convention and competitions. William Lee won 2nd place in black & white photography. Sally Sharp won 2nd place in the school scrapbook contest. Sally and the sponsors will be going to Nashville, Tennessee, for the National competition.

Congratulations and thanks goes to the 1993-94 Beta Club Officers and to the seniors who will be leaving this year. Also, a congratulations goes to the new Beta Club Officers who are: President: Jody Wagner; Vice President: Chris Hammon; Secretary/Treasurer: Krystee Tillman; Reporter: Jennifer Robertson; and Student Council Representative: Shaunathan Bell.

Congratulations to the Beta Sponsor, Mrs. Sax and her husband on the birth of their new son, Benjamin Joshua Sax. The club offers special thanks to both of their sponsors, Mrs. Sax and Mrs. Blackwell.

SPORTS

TIGER BASEBALL

By Shaunathan Bell

The Valley Head baseball team was a determined team. Although they had a disappointing 3-12 record, they showed improvement toward the end of the year. This team was full of young talent, which is a plus for next year. The players for 1993-94 were: Heath Blalock, Chris Hammon, Dennis Manning, Jon Baggett, Shaun Flannigan, Daniel Vest, James Cox, Heath Watson, Jim Phillips, and Josh Woods.

LADY TIGER SOFTBALL

By Tammy Camp

The 2nd year Valley Head Lady Tiger Softball team, coached by LaKala Worley, Melba Woods, and Dean Freeman, had a tough season, but pulled off 3 victories over Ider and Gaylesville. The players for 1994 were: Jamie Phillips, Chrissy Norman, Cricket Brown, Krystee Tillman, Lisa Smith, Michelle Chappell, Suzanne Fletcher, Kayla Bell, Angie Wheat, Christy Ferguson, Misty Ferguson, Heather Jackson, Tammy Camp, Nikki Smith, Moria Potts, and Ashley Blalock.

BAND NEWS

By Alison Meadows

The Valley Head Concert Band recently visited Washington, D.C. They performed in front of the Lincoln Memorial on Friday morning, May 6th, at 10:00. While there, they visited several monuments, including the Washington Monument, the Vietnam Memorial, and Iwo Jima. They also visited the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History, American History, and the Air and Space Museum.

Several students were recently accepted into the DeKalb County Honor Band. Those members were Alison Meadows, Sarah Tucker, Jennifer Robertson, and Star Hayes. Three other band students were accepted into the Knoxville Honor Band. The three were Haley Johnson, Valerie Chappell, and Heather Moses. Sarah Tucker was also accepted into the Jacksonville State Honor Band.

The band also had several students to attend district and county solo and ensembles. The students attend these solo and ensembles for medals and to improve their ability to play as an individual. Most of the students who attended received a superior rating on their solos and ensembles and in return received a medal.

Concert season is over and the band is getting ready for the 1994-1995 marching season. GOOD LUCK to all who participate!

POETS CORNER

LADY TIGERS AREA CHAMPS

Jamie Phillips leads the way
As she runs down the court
and makes our day.

Kayla Bell shoots for three
As Lisa Smith falls
and hits her knee.

Lisa gets up and off the court
As Lady Tigers try to make a sort.

Jamie Baugh runs straight through
As Donna Brock shoots for two.

Chrissy Norman flies on down
As she steals the ball in front of town.

Kayla Bell goes around
She knows we're headed State Bound.

The score at half time is 43 to 44
For Lady Tigers know that this is war.

By Lori Tillman, 7th Grade

GOOD BYE SCHOOL

It's that time of year
When summer is nearly here;
So say good bye to your friends
And forget those yearly trends!

No more school or studies
Or classroom chums and buddies;
For the school year is gone,
Free till next terms dawn!

By Jeremiah Marsh, 9th grade



VALLEY HEAD SENIORS

Mary Battles, Bridget Blalock, Michelle Blansit, Donna Brock, Paula Brown, Kari Busby, Tonya M. Crider, Amy Nichole Hale, Tamra Renea Hall, Vanessa Helms, Heather Hulgán, Hope Jackson, Angela Dawn McBryar, Loretta McGee, Christina Norman, Jamie N. Phillips, Sally Ann Sharp, Tammy L. Traffanstedt, Melissa Worthey, Robert Darol Beene, Cole Blake, Duane Blalock, Heath Blalock, L.C. Bone, James Lee J. Britton, John Chambers, Michael L. Flannigan, Jeremy Hope, Toby Manifold, Scott Meadows, Jimmy Lee Poe, Luke Rape, Marc Smalley, Darrin Lee Smith, Jay Wagner, Kelly Wagner, Greg Wheat, Jerry Ray Wigley, Corey N. Wilbanks, Kevin Worthey, Labron Young



Valley Head Valedictorian Chrissy Norman and Class Salutatorian Amy Hale



Ovie Blalock, President of Lodge 436, presents Mr. and Mrs. Woodmen awards to Raymond and Beck Blalock



Johnny Miller, Field Representative of Woodmen of the World, receives from Ovie Blalock, President of Lodge 436, an award for his work in fraternal activities

CONGRATULATIONS



KEVIN EDWARD "PETE" WORTHEY
Parents Milton and Gail Worthey Chambers and son of the late Edward R. Worthey. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Luke Couch, Chickamauga, Georgia; Louise Worthey of Mentone, and the late Robert L. Worthey; Kevin has two older sisters, Kim and Krissy, who also graduated from Valley Head. Kevin had perfect attendance this year and was on the AB honor roll. Step grandparents are Alford and Polly Chambers



GAULD FAMILY REUNION

Pictured at a recent family reunion at Gulf Shores are, left to right: David Gauld (N.Y. City); Jean Gauld (Mentone); Zachery Eveland (1-1/2 yrs), Todd Eveland, and Pam Gauld Eveland, and Emily Brooke Eveland (3 yrs), (Lancaster, PA). Not pictured, but attending, were: Doug Gauld, Mobile, AL, and Laura Cooper, LA, who announced their engagement during the reunion and plan a late summer wedding.



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By Mike Kennamer

The next few months will certainly be exciting ones for the squad and those we serve, as a number of improvements to the "system" are being made. The most apparent change that you'll see is the implementation of the new enhanced 911 (E911) system county-wide. While there are a few "bugs" left to be worked out, this system should not only improve dispatch, but will bring the county's overall communications' capabilities into the 20th century and beyond.

Our dispatch procedure will change slightly, and we'll likely be called out more often than we are presently. We will be radio dispatched by the 911 center by use of pagers, like the ones we currently use. The main difference is that the 911 telecommunicator has the capability to dispatch both the rescue squad and the ambulance simultaneously, rather than the one-then-the-other method, as is presently the case.

Centralized dispatch is one way that calls will be handled more efficiently and in a timely manner. Another way we are working to improve response is to make an effort to have an EMT on call every evening and on the weekends. This EMT will keep the truck with them and will have the ability to respond on a call without first having to go to the squad building. This will speed response considerably and will help assure that someone responds to every call. In addition to the EMT, first responders will also respond to assist.

As you well know, DeSoto Rescue Squad is all volunteer, and no member is paid for the services he/she performs. Most of the members have regular jobs and are unable to respond at all times. I am not aware of any calls that we have received in which we were unable to respond; however, it is possible that, due to personnel limitations, we might see this situation occur. It is the mission of the Squad to respond whenever adequate personnel is available. This reiterates the need for more members and more persons willing to take further medical training. If you are interested in serving your neighbors, please contact Mike Kennamer, Co-Captain, 1-205-634-4484 or Jim Gaylord, Co-Captain, 1-205-634-4535, at your earliest convenience.

The pancake breakfast and the ship raffle were both successful, raising the Squad some \$600. As I write this, Angel Funding is soliciting donations for our biggest fund raiser of the year—our photo drive. We appreciate your donations and would like to remind you to use your certificate for a free portrait. Even if you don't intend to purchase any photos, please take the free one. This helps us earn more money.

Remember, that summer is full of opportunity for accidents and injuries to occur. Please buckle up, don't drink and drive, and enjoy a safe, happy summer.

Valley Head Elementary School First Grade Students on Field Trip



Left: Jared Hulan, Lyle Hicks, Autumn Cook
Right: Johnny Ferguson, Kory Knopps, Ben Windom eating hamburgers at Tiger's Inn in Valley Head



Left, Mrs. Alex Hamilton, retiring president of Valley Head Woman's Club; right, Mrs. Jearl Brooks, president, Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs



Mrs. H. R. Blackburn, president, Valley Head Woman's Club, 1994-96

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB By Maurine Donahue

The annual spring luncheon of the Valley Head Woman's Club was held at Woodhaven, home of Mrs. Kaare Lollik-Andersen.

Tables were set up along the inviting veranda which graces three sides of the home. Lovely roses and spring flowers adorned the tables.

Hostesses were Mrs. Lollik-Andersen and other members of the Entertainment Committee, Mrs. H.R. Blackburn, chairman; Mrs. B.L. Biddle and Mrs. Kenneth Kirby.

The president, Mrs. Alex Hamilton, presided and Mrs. Lollik-Andersen gave thanks to God for the food, fellowship and our many blessings. Mrs. Michelle Moore and her tiny daughter, Meredith, helped serve the luncheon.

The installation of officers for the 1994-96 term was conducted by Mrs. Jearl Brooks of Crossville, president of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Brooks said she always feels good coming to Valley Head and that the end of the year is sad but looking forward to a new year is good. She gave each member a small mirror. A mirror gives back a reflection, so when you look in a mirror, smile. In reflecting on what has been given us we gain strength and knowledge for the future.

As Mrs. Brooks installed the new officers, she gave each one a medium sized mirror to put on your best face for the club. They are as follows:

Parliamentarian, Mrs. B.L. Biddle - she should reflect on the order and harmony of the club, know the by-laws and parliamentary procedure.

Custodian, Mrs. Edward Disney - she is the keeper of precious memories, the scrap book and any other properties.

Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Stanley - she should keep an exact and accurate accounting of the club's money and resources.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George Bauerle - she

acts as liaison between the club and the communities involved.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Van Cooper - she records the minutes of club meetings, reflects loyalty and steadfast duty and should always attend the meetings.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Maynard Donahue - she should show leadership, take charge of membership and be the stand-in behind the first vice president and the president.

First Vice President, Mrs. John Jones - She is the stand-in for the president, has charge of the programs and yearbook, gives strength, encouragement and support to the president.

President, Mrs. H.R. Blackburn - she has charge of the club, conducts the monthly meetings, radiating happiness in life, and should know the by-laws and traditions of the club.

Mrs. Brooks concluded by telling of the Work Shop for club members to be held at Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The emphasis of her administration will be on this hospital.

Mrs. Hamilton thanked all club members for their splendid help and cooperation during her term of office. She appreciated the work of Mrs. Alva Hammond in memorizing the Club Collect and leading the recitation of it at the District II Meeting and of Mrs. Maynard Donahue for the publicity for the club. She said the club covered itself with glory.

Mrs. H.R. Blackburn thanked Mrs. Hamilton for untiring efforts to promote the work of the club and for the paintings she gave to guest speakers, club members and especially the large one of Ralph Hammond's homeplace which was given to him at the Homecoming Tea. She presented a gift of a silver frame and a memories book to Mrs. Hamilton as a token of the club's appreciation. She thanked club members for their confidence in electing her president.

Special guests were Laura Margaret Allison, Eleanor Cearley of Irvine, Calif. and Bonnie Jones of Chesapeake, Va.

The club wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank Mrs. Hamilton for her outstanding work as president. She led the club in "covering itself with glory."

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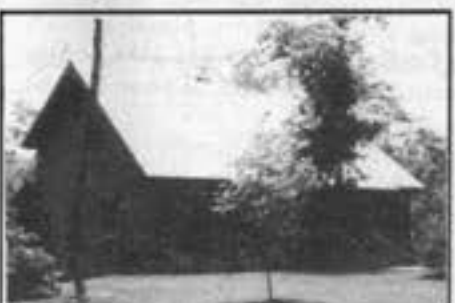
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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



There is an organization in Mentone that has endured for 28 years. The members go about with a quiet presence—keeping the roadsides clean, planting flowers and shrubs, preserving and protecting plants and animals, and making the world a better place in which to live. This club is the Rhododendron Garden Club.

The club was organized in the home of Dallyne Jones on May 31, 1966, by a garden club from Fort Payne. Over the years, the following have served as president: Dallyne Jones, Jessie Whitehead, Ann Wright, Betty Johnson, Linda Brown, Bobbie Hildebrand, Barbara Blalock, Mabel Kirk, Helen Hill, Beverly Hoyt, and Hope Walker. Some of these have served two terms or more. Ann Wright is presently the president.

For as long as anyone can remember, the club has taken the keeping of the Ed Mason Park (formerly Rhododendron Park) as one of their main projects. Years ago, some of the members cleaned out the streams that run through the park, piled and burned brush, planted trees, built bridges, and restored the park to a stage that could be maintained. Some of these improvements have long since been destroyed or died, but they were always replaced. To give credit where credit is due, H.P. Goss does a wonderful job of keeping the park clean and mowed, now. He is employed by the city of Mentone. This leaves the garden club free to do other improvements. Watch the park for future improvements. Some of these will be the establishment of nature trails through the park, and the planting of native plants, shrubs, and trees. All of the plants will be tagged and identified so they can be used as a natural preserve and an educational exhibit.

Early on some Saturday morning, you may see some ladies in orange vests picking up the trash alongside of Highway #117 for one mile east of the Mentone Superette. They will be taking care of their chosen Adopt-A-Mile stretch. So far, as we know, the club was the first in Alabama to accept a mile to maintain under this program.

Other projects that the club has completed include: cleaning and improving the grounds at Howard's Chapel, the sowing of wildflower seeds in DeSoto State Park, cleaning the trail to Mentone Springs, and planting shrubs and trees in Bankhead Cemetery. The members have planted rhododendron along Highway #117 through Mentone and later added dogwood trees. They planted the plants along the sidewalk in Mentone, in front of city hall, and completely redid the triangle beside the Mentone Superette.

Years ago—no one knows for sure, because many of the records were inadvertently destroyed—the club helped to make the community of Mentone a Bird Sanctuary. This project involved many local aspects and much research and contacting of government officials was required.

A more recent project is the improvement of Moon Lake School. Many years ago, the club erected a chain link fence in front of the school. Plans are now being made to replace or repair it. Recently, landscaping was completed in front of the school building, and a new sign was erected between rock columns.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of DeKalb County Federated Garden Clubs, District II, Alabama State Garden Clubs, Deep South and National Garden Clubs of America. Besides all the local projects, the club has helped in establishing a Blue Star Memorial at Alabama Welcome Centers. We furnished and planted flowers for the DeKalb County Welcome Center. The club has made monetary donations to the Helen Keller Fragrance Center, The Talladega School for the Deaf, and given Life Memberships to eight members—the money for these is used for scholarships for young people interested in any field pertaining to the growing and preservation of plants.

The Rhododendron Garden Club does not make a lot of noise, they do not ask for praise and recognition, their reward is a clean and beautiful world in which to live. The objectives of the club are to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to help in the protection of native trees, plants, and birds; and to assist in preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Mentone area. Happy Birthday, Rhododendron Garden Club, may you have many more productive years in Mentone!

This will be my last article until fall. Camp will be starting soon. I will be taking care of the office work at Camp Laney, and that gets very hectic when you have 200 little boys come and leave every two weeks for eight weeks. This means that I have to deal with over 800 sets of parents in this period, so my time is very limited. Sometimes, I am both physically and mentally exhausted. Have a good summer, enjoy life and love one another.

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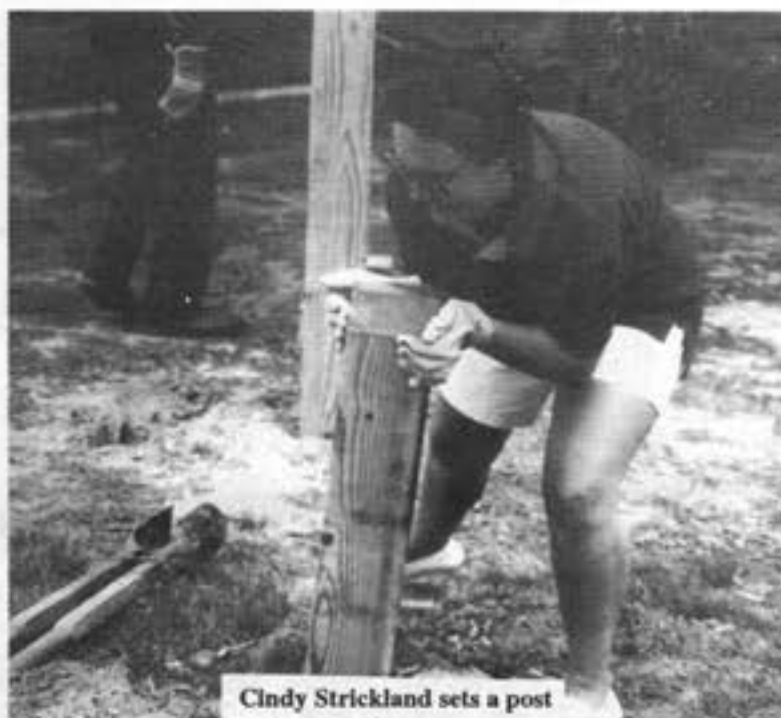
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Phil Harris and Krissy Worthey

A Bridal Tea Honoring Ms. Krissy Worthey and Mr. Phil Harris was given Sunday, May 15, 1994, at the Mentone City Hall. Giving the tea were: Mrs. Sanford Hartline, Mrs. Tommie Harrison II, Mrs. Danny Hopper, Mrs. Dewayne McKenzie, and Mrs. Matt Martin. Serving were Mrs. Rusty Chambers, Ms. Kim Worthey, Ms. Amy Harrison, Ms. Tammy Hopper, and Ms. Tammy Hawkins.



Pictured are Front Row (L to R): Mrs. Tommy (Joan) Harrison holding her granddaughter, Jessica McKenzie; Ms. Amy Harrison; Ms. Krissy Worthey; Mrs. Matt (Michelle) Martin; Ms. Kim Worthey. Back Row (L to R): Mrs. Danny (Sible) Hopper; Mrs. Dewayne (Laura) McKenzie; Ms. Tammy Hopper; Ms. Tammy Hawkins; Mrs. Sanford (Juanita) Hartline; and Mrs. Rusty (Angela) Chambers.



Larry Allen and Rhonda Reno from Albertville, being married by Preacher Benny Berry. The marriage took place at the Log Cabin Deli in May. The couple had their first date at the Deli.



Melissa Worthey and Heath Miller, married January 24 in Trenton Georgia



A miscellaneous tea honoring Miss Lea Webb was given May 7th at the home of Mrs. Judy O'Daniel. Hostesses were Judy O'Daniel, Lula Phillips, Annette Wadsworth, and Jane Kerby.



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Mentone Wesleyan Church extended an indefinite call to their pastor, Randy Addison, on Sunday, May 22. This was a big step forward for the church. The annual conference will be held on June 12 to elect new officers and delegates to the State Convention. The state conference will be held July 20-21 in Meridian, Mississippi.

"Youth After Glow," a new program for the Valley Head Baptist Church youth, will begin on June 5 at the church pastorium. The program will be for grades 7-12. The youth will go bowling, followed by pizza on June 4. Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-24. A Youth Revival will be held June 26-29. A team of college young people from the Montgomery association will come and conduct the revival. This will be publicized prior to the revival, giving more details. June 12 will be Children's Day in the church. Patrick Cooper will be bringing the message. Tyler Cooper will be directing the music. The children are working with puppets and will be doing their first puppet skit that Sunday. They are practicing every week for this presentation. The church has another new convert, Shawn Wheat.

June 26 is homecoming at Mentone Church of God. David Lanier from the State Missions Board in Cleveland, Tennessee, will be the guest speaker. There will be a variety of local singers along with The Keyt Family. Reverend and Mrs. Ron Johnson will be going to Birmingham, June 13-17, to Camp Meeting, an annual event. This is open to all members of the church who wish to attend. It is a time of refreshing, with Bible study in the mornings and preaching services at night.

Reverend and Mrs. Childers of St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church are taking a vacation the first week in June. Reverend Childers went to Camp McDowell, along with others from the church, May 28-29, for the Father-Son and Mother-Daughter weekend. There will be no Sunday School at the church during the summer.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The election of officers will be the main purpose of the June 6, 11:30 a.m. luncheon meeting at the Kountry Chef. No current projects are underway until after the new officers are elected.

The 1994 Baccalaureate Service was held on Sunday, May 22, at 2 p.m. at the Valley Head Baptist Church. The order of the service was:

Processional	Sheree Crisp
Congregational Song	Rev. Randy Addison
Invocation	Rev. Gary Moore
Recognition	Rev. Charles Jenkins
Presentations by Seniors	Marc Smalley and Chrissy Norman
Performance of 2 Songs	Valley Head Band
Sermon	Rev. Marlon Williamson
Presentation of Bibles	Rev. Charles Jenkins
Congregational Singing	Rev. Randy Addison
Benediction	Rev. Don Brock

The Moon Lake Baptist Church taped the services on Sunday morning, May 29, for Herman Hughes, who now lives at Athens, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will be remembered as faithful, loving members of Moon Lake Baptist Church. He has been in very poor health since Mrs. Hughes' death. He had expressed a desire to be in church at Moon Lake one more time before his death. Since he is not physically able to make the trip, the church is sharing a service with him on tape. The new pastor, Reverend Russell, is in the field full-time, is getting adjusted to the community, and is trying to get acquainted with as many people as possible.

On Sunday, June 5, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be celebrating Children's Day with a special service for children in the morning service. At 6:30 in the evening service on June 5, the monthly gospel singing will be held. On June 12, the church will be commemorating Flag Day. On June 19, there will be a special recognition for fathers, since this is Father's Day. The church has a project under way to raise money for the installation of a central heating and air conditioning system. Reverend Don Brock extends congratulations to Mary Battles and Donna Brock, the two high school graduates from the church.

On Thursday, June 2nd, Raymond Brown and Rev. David Lett of the Mentone United Methodist Church, traveled to Birmingham Southern to attend this year's North Alabama Annual Conference. Col. George Walker, lay leader, will be conducting services on June 5. The UMW met on June 2nd at 12:30 at Hope Walker's for a light lunch, followed by the program by Ann Wright. There was a memorial service at the church, on June 3, for Elizabeth "Betty" Stephens, who passed away on Monday, May 30th. She will be missed by all her friends.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites everyone to attend the Sunday morning worship services each Sunday at 9:00.

The UMW of the Valley Head Methodist Church will meet at the home of Velma Hammond on June 28. There will be a birthday meal at the parsonage for those having birthdays in April, May, and June. A Bible study from the book of First Samuel is being taught by the pastor at the parsonage each Wednesday evening at 5:30. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

The regular evening singing service at the Mentone Revival Center is held at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary the third Saturday of each month. Plans are being finalized for a Vacation Bible School this month.

The church parking area now extends across the road from the church.

JOY

The Just Older Youth will meet for a covered dish lunch at Moon Lake Baptist Church on June 21, at 11 a.m. Evelyn Graves will be the guest speaker at this meeting. Everyone is urged to attend. The program was originally planned for May, but the group went on a fishing trip, instead, while the weather was conducive for fishing.

Anyone interested in attending or joining may call either of the following:

Eran Martin at 634-4230 or
Anne Climer at 634-4187.



The
Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

The biggest news in Menlo concerns the long-awaited Sports Complex. Much progress is being made on the facility. There is a turn lane being constructed to make the Complex more accessible to incoming traffic. AstroTurf is going down, one section at the time. The surface material was purchased from the officials at the stadium in Atlanta.

Graduation at Chattooga County High School is set for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, on the high school football field.

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NEW DAY SET FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SALE

A special article by Linda Brown

Saturday, July 9, is the new date the Mentone Volunteer Fire Fighters have selected for the yard sale that was postponed from May 21. This time, a bake sale will be included, so wash your cake pans and locate your favorite recipes. The sale was postponed due to lack of interest. Not enough articles were collected to warrant someone spending the day at the fire hall.

Before July 9, let's all go through our closets and cabinets and see what we can donate to the fire fighters sale. Toys, clothing (in good condition and clean, please), jewelry, kitchen articles, video tapes, books, dust-catchers, furniture, and even the kitchen sink can be sold at a yard sale. "If you have it, we can sell it" may become the slogan for this sale.

Articles may be carried to the Mentone Fire hall any Saturday. Gail Chambers is the coordinator. She needs help to sort and display everything as well as someone to stay and help on the day of the sale. Call Gail at 634-4507.

Let's all get behind our volunteers, they do a great work!

**BAKE SALE • YARD SALE
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 9 A.M.
UNTIL ALL SOLD.
MENTONE VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTERS**

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Dr. Pat



God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Ecc. 11:9

School is out, graduation is over, and you are finding things to do. Have a good time, enjoy the summer, but keep in mind God is watching you and will be your judge. So, do good things!

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