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THE GREEN FAMILY HONORED AT BANKHEAD DECORATION DAY

By Grace Green Pullen and Linda Pullen Burns



1ST ROW, L/R: John Stephen "Jack" Green; Achsah Culberson Green; Emma Green Wright holding Grace; Brantley Wright;
2ND ROW, L/R: Claudie Green Kirby, Frank Green, Lizzie Green Howe; **3RD ROW, L/R:** Oscar Green, Lonnie Green, Harry Green
INSET: Grandpa John Stephen Green, Grandma Achsah Culberson Green,
and Mae Lusk in front of the old Green home (after all the children had grown up)

(Photos courtesy of Grace Green Pullen)

In the early 1880s, John Stephen Green and wife, Achsah Culberson Green, moved from Zebulon, Georgia, and settled in the Bankhead Community. They raised their family and lived there the rest of their lives. She was the Bankhead postmistress and also taught what they called the card class in the Sunday School at the old Bankhead Church, which some will remember, was down the hill from the cemetery. This building burned before the chapel we have now was built.

John and Achsah had seven children. The oldest, Emma, married Brantley Wright and had 3 children, who are all now deceased.

The second child, Oscar, married Lou Kirby and had 5 boys, all deceased, but some descendants still live in the Cloudland area.

Lonnie, the third child, married Nettie Jones, and had one daughter, Clara Green Cash, who still lives on the Green homelace.

The fourth child, Harry, married Myrtle Hardwick, and they had one daughter, Geneva, who is also deceased. Geneva's only child is Bertha Ring, who lives in Kentucky.

Lizzie was the fourth child, and many will remember she was married to Hal Howe, who built Hal's House, which is now the Mentone Bed and Breakfast at the top of the mountain on Hwy. 117. They had one daughter, Olga, who is now deceased.

The next son, Frank, married Ethel Shigley, and their children, Grace, Eva, and Robert were all raised on the original homelace. Ethel, who will soon be 97 years old on July 4th, has an apartment at the Fountains in Fort Payne. Grace and Robert still have homes on part of the old Green homelace. Grace married Bill Pullen and had five children, Linda Burns, Walt, Kay Wagner, Ann Bonner, and Bob. Eva married Yewell Clark, and had a daughter, Elizabeth Jackson. Eva lives in Fort Payne. Robert had five children, Craig, Cassaundra, Bryan (deceased), Richard, and Clay.

Claudie was the youngest daughter, and she married Ben Kirby (a brother to Lou who married Oscar). They had several children but moved to Texas in the mid 1920s and never came back to Alabama.

The Green descendants who have lived in this area have been very active in church, school, and the

Bankhead Cemetery affairs. There is a host of great grandchildren still in this area, and others who "come home" to attend the annual decoration at Bankhead. This year it was held on Sunday, May 28.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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- Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day
- Sunday, June 18, Father's Day

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Ann Climer



Letters To The Editor

March 25, 95

Dear Sir:

I was reading your paper & enjoying it. "The Groundhog," Jan. Edition."

My name is Emmett Seymour & I noticed where the DeKalb County Chapter of the Nat. Asso. of Retired Federal Employees have meetings. I am retired from the Federal Govt. with 31 years service, plus 4 years U.S. Navy Service. I am from the Atlanta, Georgia, area, but I had open heart surgery last June & live in Collinsville, Ala., with my daughter Julie Ford. I am in excellent health now, & would be interested in attending a meeting. I am 63 years old and would like to meet some Federal friends.

My address is: Emmett Seymour, P.O. Box 69, Collinsville, AL 35961.

If you could have someone contact me or give me an address to write. Thanks,

Sincerely,

Emmett Seymour

May 10, 1995

Dear Groundhog,

I receive the *Groundhog* and enjoy it so much. Why? There are so many people in it I knew and went to school with.

I went to school at Valley Head from 1929 to 1932. I lived on Sand Mountain, rode a bus first, then went in a private car awhile, and then batched at Mr. & Mrs. Meade Hammonds in two small rooms. You mentioned Mr. Meade as a Taxi Driver. They were good to me. My Daddy carried me to Valley Head in a two-horse wagon on Monday morning or Sunday afternoon. I got a gallon of Kerosene oil and a public writing pad, with molded butter my mother churned: at Mr. L.O. Gilbreath's gro. store.

I like to hear from Elizabeth and Margaret (Davenport) Coleman & Allison. Elizabeth & I graduated together in 1932.

And Miss Jessie was a sweet person and wanted to help everyone. I can almost see her--was always friendly and smiling.

I love to read Alma (Biddle's) Crabtree's poems. She is a sweet good person. We used to live close together. I used to walk through a pasture, through her yard to go to school at High Point School.

Mr. Roy Shelton was our principal in 1932. Times were bad. He bought all of us girls a wrist corsage of Snapdragons.

I enjoyed reading the piece about Granny Dollar. So, have heard a lot about her.

Was Rev. Kenneth Shelton kin to Mr. Ray Shelton?

In today's *Groundhog*, a lot of Cash names. I was Elsie Cash. My Daddy was General Marion Cash, born 1886. Came from Gainesville, Ga., 1918, and lived in High Point and Stamp Community.

Just wanted you to know I look forward to getting the *Groundhog* and read the news of people I knew.

Elsie (Cash) Clark (Mrs. W.F.)

Valley Head, AL 35989

May 15, 95

Dear Editor:

I began receiving *The Groundhog* in February as a gift from a dear friend of mine and an old-time resident of yours by the name of Ruby Brock.

Although I've never physically lived in Mentone, AL, I've lived there for many years in my heart. You've heard the old saying: *Home is where the heart is*. So I consider Mentone home for me, Home being especially at Ruby's house.

I visit Ruby whenever I can and always enjoy reading *The Groundhog* so much. She always saved them for me and I'd lay awake up into the night in my room there with the window open just listening to the quiet sounds of Mentone and reading *The Groundhog*.

She said, while trying to decide what would be the perfect gift for me, she thought of *The Groundhog* and how it would be the ideal gift. It was! I love the little paper and read it from cover to cover and have only one complaint. I think it would be nice if you could finagle a picture of Ruby from her to accompany her article "God's Minute."

I think everyone should be able to see what a sweet beautiful person writes this little article. Ruby Brock is the most beautiful person I know. My mother taught me the scripture, Philippians 4:8, about how we should always think beautiful thoughts and that real beauty comes from within. I have a saying painted on my mirror in my room that reads: "Beautiful Thoughts Make A Beautiful Soul, A Beautiful Soul Makes A Beautiful Face." I constantly hear people refer to Mentone as such a beautiful place, and I heartily agree, but I

am convinced that, although the flowers, mountains, valleys, rivers, and falls are all spectacular, yet, Mentone's true beauty comes from within--"Its Residents"--in people like Ruby Brock, and her son Don and his family, and Pat Seymour, and all the others I see when I come. They are such beautiful people. You are fortunate enough to live there among the most blessed in the world. Maybe someday I'll even be able to come home and join my heart. Until then...

Rebekah J. Wilson

P.S. See you all at The Rhododendron Festival.

May 20, 1995

Dear Dr. Pat,

Gladys told me last Sunday that you and the others were getting calls asking why I had not written an article for the May issue of the *Groundhog*. I don't believe they will continue asking this question if they consider and compare the sports articles in that issue. If they do, I think publishing my letter to Marie of April 6, copy enclosed, will answer any questions related to the absence of an article from me.

The sports articles in the May issue are just outstanding! I'm glad I stirred up enough interest, and controversies (the word probably should be sympathy), to help bring this about. It makes me feel like a winner! Now, MAPA has a complete newspaper! How could anyone want anything more? I don't know.

I agree with Phil Harris' choices of the major league baseball winners, with a few exceptions. The main exception is in the National League East Division. Atlanta will not win this division, for the major reasons that they (1) have too many AAA ballplayers, who are not major league ball players yet, in their line up; and (2) they have no relief pitching staff. They are not the same ball club as years gone by. About the only weakness they had in the past was their manager didn't know how to handle pitchers--know when to take one out, put one in, and who to put in when he did substitute a pitcher. There has been a slight improvement in this latter item, but if you'll watch how other managers change pitchers, you'll understand what I'm saying about it.

The *Groundhog* is one of the best newspapers of its kind anywhere, if not the best! Keep up the good work, especially the sports.

Bill Crane

Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106

April 16, 1995

Dear Marie:

The reason I started last summer sending the *Groundhog* a sports article each month was because I thought that such a fine newspaper should have an article about the national pastime and other sports, particularly with emphasis on local activity. Dr. Pat was writing about hunting and fishing, but nothing was being said about other sports. So, I thought if my attempting to fill this void would cause some local person to write about other sport activity, the time and effort I would give in my attempts at sports writing would be more than justified, and the *Groundhog* would be a complete newspaper.

Now that the purpose of my writing a sports article has been achieved through the writings of Phil Harris, it is time for me to sign off. Thanks a million for your patience, understanding, and the endless need to correct my spelling and grammar. You and all the other staff members are doing an outstanding job! Keep it up.

Sincerely,

Bill Crane

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Kneeling, front row: L/R: Josh Goss, Shaun Flannigan, Jason Goss, Trevor Strickland, Chris O. Smith. Back row: L/R: Lyndell Elkins, John Baggett, Matthew Kilgore, Terry Durham, Kevin Helms, Joseph Lee. Benny Goss and Mack Flannigan were the coaches at that time. Shown in the picture on the left below is Coach Benny Goss holding the trophy won that year. On the right are three of the team who played on the Valley Head All Stars after their team won the trophy. They are L/R: Josh Goss, Shaun Flannigan, and Jason Goss. Mention of the two coaches and their winning team was omitted from the Mentone Dixie Youth article in last month's *Groundhog*.

Photos courtesy of Brenda Goss



New Lucky's Supermarket opens

Lucky's Supermarket in Menlo reopened in its new store Wednesday, May 24, next door to the old location. A special look at the new store was held for customers Sunday, and owners Mike and Brenda Woodard showed customers around the new store. It will feature a bakery, deli, movie rental area, and expanded room for a better selection of merchandise. Shown Sunday at the opening are, from left: Mike Woodard, Brenda Woodard, Nikki Wooten, and Freddie Hughes, Menlo store manager.



Best Manufacturing Employees Get GEDs

Employees of Best Manufacturing, Menlo, recently received their high school General Equivalency Degrees. Recipients are, L/R: Tim Eller, Darlene Hudson, Roho Tucker, and Tim Willingham. Elaine Thomas taught the class.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Beloved faithful readers, you will be pleased to know that my diet has become a way of life for me now, and the pain in my stomach has greatly diminished. I rarely scream anymore when a hunger pang strikes moi.

Ellen and Jeff Johnson from Baltimore, Maryland, had gotten word of my flawless magnificence all the way up there in Yankee land, and they stopped in to kneel at the paws of Mentone's major attraction. Two pedigreed bulldogs, Ferdie (boy) and Izzi (girl), accompanied them on the trip south. Although my betrothed, Precious, might read this, I must admit Izzy really fell for me—naturally. She's a small white bulldog, and she swooned when I stood up in all my muscle-rippling glory. The awe-stricken Johnsons fled the Superette carrying the passed out, limp Izzy.

Katie Jo Duke from Rising Fawn, Ga., just came in to see moi and gasped in disbelief at my beauty. Nothing the girl had heard concerning this splendid canine could possibly have prepared her for the real thing.

Oh joy! Oh bliss! Here comes Russell and Karen Wright's beautiful little daughter Paige with (be still my fluttering heart) PIZZA for moi, and Pop let me have it! What a dear, sweet lass!

Six-year-old Amanda Crider from Summerville, Ga., came by with her black and white bulldog, Beethoven. (Pitiful, scrawny yard dog compared to the radiant one between the counters!)

Oh, what a way to start moi's day! This morning, 16-month-old Justin Liles, son of Marian and Joe Liles, crawled up to moi with a big morning kiss.

Estes Stephens, Chattanooga, was in the Superette to view the perfect one, and even brought in her daughter Lucie Holland from Alexandria, Va, to see this unbelievably handsome canine.

Oh, another little one just banged into the store. One-year-old Morgan Paige Smith fell on my back to squeeze and pet moi. Such a dear, dear child and already aware of the clever, radiant personage holding court here!

Samantha Blansit, a Superette regular and probably an officer in my fan club, just left after paying appropriate homage to moi. How it must pain my countless disciples not to be able to bring gifts (Tootsie Pops) and tributes (ice cream sandwiches) to thrust into my perfect mouth. This hated diet is depressing to all of my admirers as well as to moi. Pop says soon it will be finished since my harness is just bagging on my distinguished form.

Perhaps you have picked up on the fact that my fame is spreading all over the country. Moi may soon be just too big (not as in fat) for this one-horse town! (Now watch Hershell Pruitt get all bent out of shape because I didn't say, "Two-mule town.")

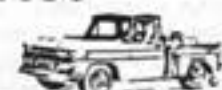
The sun is sinking and so is the feeling in the pit of my gorgeous stomach. This means diet food time. I'd rather eat dirt covered with gravy. Til next time—even thinner, sleeker, magnificent—I bid you adieu!

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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Sherman and Mickey Gough have returned from a delightful four-day visit with his sister, Kathleen and her husband Johnny Rogers, in Trion, Georgia.

Col. George Walker and wife, Hope entertained two ladies from Johannesburg, South Africa, for four days last week. Sarah Waker Day, George's sister from Meridian, Miss., a retired French teacher, met "Isabella" and "Maria" on a train trip many years ago. She invited them to visit her in the United States, and, when they arrived many years later, was too ill to entertain company. George and Hope, ever the gracious hosts, volunteered to have the two as house guests, and drove to meet the ladies in Birmingham at the Amtrak depot. Naturally, given the Walker's well-deserved reputation for delightful entertaining, "Isabella" and "Maria" had a BALL! Breakfast at Shoneys, lunch at Red Lobster in Chattanooga, home-cooked meals in the gazebo at Stonehenge (the Walkers' home), a tour of Nippersink—the two ladies did it ALL! The Walkers drove them to Lexington, Ky., where one lady's brother from Knoxville, Ky., met them at the Hampton Inn, rented a car, and showed "Isabella" and "Maria" Washington, D.C., and New York. The ladies loved the Mentone area and want to return soon! Are the Walkers great ambassadors for the U.S., or what? (Now, I know why that American flag flies in front of their home!)

Rusty Rector had surgery recently to remove a growth from his back, and he has recovered beautifully. He couldn't wait to get back home to the family's new little black female toy poodle, Angel.

Ralene Bell, 9th grade Plainview High School student and daughter of Ray and Evelyn Bell of Pine Ridge, has been selected to the Alabama Math and Science Institute in Mobile, Ala., for a week-long session. This is an extremely high honor for such a young student. Ralene is a poetry contributor to *The Groundhog*. Look for her writing elsewhere in this issue.

Karen Wright entertained a group of Moon Lake School library supporters with a delightful luncheon at her new home on Wednesday, May 24. Enjoying the event were Connie Hughes, Jean Corey, Sandra Rogers, Amelia Baxter, Ann Wright, Dr. Pat, Patty Bryan, Carol Hazell, Marilyn Campbell, and the hostess, Karen Wright. A delicious chicken salad plate was served to the guests.

John and Charlyne O'Rear lost two members of his family recently: an uncle, Ralph O'Rear, of Monteagle, Tenn., in April; and a sister, Theresa O'Rear McGuire, 50, Rome, Ga., in May.

New grandparents, James and Betty Johnson, are walking tall these days! Son Fred and his wife Susan Johnson are the proud parents of Jillian Payton Johnson, born May 24, 1995, at BMC in Ft. Payne. Jillian was 22 inches long and weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. at birth. Maternal grandparents are Rev. & Mrs. Pete Millwood, Pickens, S.C. Congratulations all around!

Seems new babies are being welcomed all over Mentone! Cheryl King and Dick Keefer are the parents of a fine son, born May 29, 1995, at DeKalb BMC. Baby Keefer weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 inches. Maternal grandparents are Wanda King, Oneonta, Ala., and J.W. Hyche, Attalla, Ala.; and paternal grandparents are Jim and Dorothy Keefer, Panama City, Fla.

"Lordy, Lordy, joy in heaven! Ethel Adams gonna be 97!" In July, one of Mentone's most gracious ladies will celebrate 97 years young at her home in the Fountains Retirement Home. Happy (early) birthday, Ethel, from your many, many friends!

Cassie and Kyle Hooks, children of Larry and Susan Hooks, were the big \$1,000 winners in the recent American Legion give-away. (Don't bother trying to borrow any money from the two, guys. I've already been turned down!)

Lula Blalock suffered a nasty fall recently. She was delivering commodities to a household in Mentone and fell at the door, breaking the main bone in her left shoulder. Why not drop her a card at 2430 County Road 631, and cheer her up?

Great news for early morning breakfast customers at Tiger's Inn in Valley Head! Frances Scruggs, popular A.M. cook will be back at the restaurant at 4:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5, to resume her job. All of Frances' friends will be happy to see her

back. Welcome home!

If you have a metal detector or just a knack for finding lost objects, you could claim a \$50 reward! Col. George Walker lost a double eagle, white/yellow gold, 32nd Degree Shriner's ring the week of May 14 in the back parking lot of the Heritage House (Old Mentone Springs Hotel) Restaurant. The ring has great sentimental value to Col. Walker, and he is offering a \$50 reward to the lucky finder.

Joy Hester opened her new ice cream parlor in Valley Head on Saturday, June 3. Located on main street next to Hester's Barber Shop, the ice cream parlour will serve dip cones, banana splits, shakes, sundaes, and other ice cream confections. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Jacksonville State University 1995 graduates included Mentone residents Andrea Kara Kirby and Virginia Annette Teague, special honors in English & history; and Ginger Tuxbury, Valley Head. Congratulations on a job well done, graduates!

Ruth Terrell is baking, by order at home, delicious Amish pound cakes. She uses a "starter" and can bake any one of seven flavors. The cakes are \$10.00, and Ruth is taking orders at 635-6162 in Valley Head.

The Valley Head Band Boosters would like to thank everyone who helped make its 2nd Annual Spaghetti Supper and Auction such a BIG SUCCESS. The Band Boosters raised over \$3,000. The group couldn't have done it without the support of so many friends! The new band uniforms cost \$250.00 each, and they have ordered over 60 uniforms, which are coming in August. A car wash is planned for Saturday, July 1, at Wendy's in Ft. Payne. Supporters are urged to come by and get their cars washed before heading out for the Fourth of July holiday. The band has been using the same uniforms for over 15 years. They are looking forward to the new ones. Donations to the band may be sent to Valley Head High School, Valley Head, AL 35989.

After a recent sonogram, Lisa Smith (Mrs. L.A.) has announced that their baby will be a BOY! The young man will make his appearance in early September. L.A. is popping his buttons with pride. Congratulations to the Smith family.

Both 6th grade classes at Valley Head—Mrs. Ann Carroll's class and Mrs. Gina Davis' class—went to the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville on May 17th. They all had a great time and learned a lot about space. The 5th and 6th grades also went to Fort Payne to visit the Mt. Manor Nursing Home on May 18th. This was a very nice trip, especially for the residents. Each class got together "gifts" of toiletries, books, magazines, caps, and various other items for each resident. The Students were also allowed to "adopt" a nursing home resident.

Cathie Crow and her mother, Eron Martin, have just returned from a tour of Alaska and the Canadian Rockies. The two report that the scenery was breathtaking.

A new bed and breakfast has opened in Valley Head, the Winston Place, c. 1831, located in the ♥ of Valley Head and operated by Mrs. Jim (Leslie) Bunch. The ante-bellum home is on the National Register of Historical Places. Accommodations include the John Franklin Suite, Ralph Hammond Suite, Phillip Hamann Suite, Patrick Henry Suite, and The Colonel's Cottage. The Winston Place is already heavily booked up for the month of June, the first month of its operation. Winston Place is available for parties, luncheons, wedding receptions, and dinners for 10 or more. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Jim Bunch at 1-800-780-3915 or 205-635-6381.

Tyler Cooper, son of Van and "TC" Cooper, pitched his first no hitter (shut out) at the Sports Complex on Wednesday, May 31. Tyler's team, Valley Mills, defeated Parker Eye 10-8.

Margie Coots wins the Good Samaritan Award of the month! When Lula Blalock was unable at the last minute to find a driver to get her to a doctor's appointment on May 31, Margie volunteered to provide the transportation. Lula's broken shoulder made it impossible for her to drive, and she was desperate for a ride into Ft. Payne. Way to go, Margie. Bless you!!

Make it a point to meet a lovely new family that has recently moved to Valley Head from Florida. Your "new neighbors" are Michael, Claudia, Clint, and Matthew Croxton. They are renting a house from Martie Smith while they finish building a new one.

Bill Livezey, Valley Head, is a "mighty proud" granddad and rightly so. Granddaughter Kelly Howell has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. To be selected for this distinction, Kelli had to earn a 3.3, or higher, grade-point average. Bill, my Granny used to say, "Apples don't fall far from the tree!" Congratulations to you and Kelli.

Some of our 1995 ball players are doing some fine pitching and hitting this season. Among the local stars are Adam Tuxbury, Jared Hulan, Johnny Ferguson, Rob Childers, Corey Kirby, Peter Hurt, and Tyler Cooper. Everyone is

proud of you boys!

On Ft. Payne's Middle School honor roll recently were some fine local scholars. Listed were (All A's) Kelly Bunch, Candace Jones, Tyler Cooper, Allen Gray, Shelly Gray, Ken Miller, and Angela Russell. (A&B) Glenn Cryer.

The Kindergarten class, taught by Rhonda Kirby and first graders, taught by Angie Bell, were treated by Scrooge Morgan to ice cream recently and all ate it on the sidewalk outside his drugstore. The teachers said that this has been an annual field trip to Morgan's Drug Store hosted by Scrooge, one of the good guys. This was his last year to host the field trip, as he no longer sells ice cream.

Linda Brown underwent an unexpected hernia operation at BMC on June 3. She is now resting comfortably at home. (You can't keep a good woman down!)

Norma Williams is back home after a week's stay in the hospital in Centre. That sweet lady could use some "Thinking of You" cards at 5351 Ala. Hwy 117, Mentone, AL 35984.

Bill and Sue Schwarz have just returned from a trip to Oakland, Maryland, to visit her parents, Ruth and George Porter. From there, they "tripped" to Williamsburg, Virginia, to be with Bill's high school graduating class for the presentation of a refurbished plaque at MatthewWhaley High School; then on to Athens, Ga., to visit with Bill's sister.

Parents of Marlon and Brenda Williamson have been quite ill lately. Brenda's mother, Janice Wilks, was found to have a baseball size ulcer that has now been treated. Marlon's father, Milford Williamson, was admitted to the hospital with a spot on his lung and a blood clot in his lung. Treatment seems to be working. The Williamsons have sold their trailer, and are moving to a house near Henagar.

It was reported to the *Groundhog* that Bro. Marlon Williamson, pastor of the Mentone Rival Center, brought six persons to the Lord in a seven-day period last week and several of these have already been baptized. This young man is truly "on fire" for God!

Congratulations to local weather artist Fatti Grider, 3, whose cloudy skies forecast art appeared on May 24 on the front page of *The Times-Journal*.

Deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased this past month:

- Janie Roberts, 85, died Wednesday, May 31, at her home in Pisgah. (Son Jim Roberts, owner of Ruby's)
- Bertha Blake, 87, died Wednesday, May 24, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. (Sister - Wilma Barnett)
- Henry (Skip) Gary Garrett, 36, died Wednesday, May 24, in Mentone. (Mentone and Valley Head relatives)
- James Crumley, 78, died Thursday, May 18, at the Boaz-Albertville Medical Center. (Formerly of Valley Head)
- Herman Ray Young, 64, died May 13 at Gadsden. (Daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Sammy Fletcher)
- Herbert Mitchell, 65, died recently in BMC DeKalb. (Daughter - Cynthia Ann Biddle and Sister Wilda Frazier)
- Hazel Gertrude Stallings, 79, died April 27, in Rome, Ga. (Sister, Mildred Shrader)

June anniversaries include: 2nd - Greg & Beverly Henry; 5th - Kristie & Alfie Chambers; 8th - Staci & Sheri Blansit, Marlon & Brenda Williamson; 10th - John & Annette Hawkins; 16th - George & Marjorie Wilson, Casey & Carol Crawford; 18th - Brian & Tammy Parris, Phil & Chrissy Harris (1st); 19th - Rusty & Angela Chambers; 21st - Tim & Cindy Hubbard; 25th - Mickey & Gamett Smith; 26th - Kent & Jane Kerby, Timi & Audra Bell; 30th - Troy & Beverly Parkinson (29 years). Heartiest congratulations!

June birthdays are plentiful! 1st - Hershell Pruitt, Vickie Wilson, Karla Stone; 2nd - Allen Hawkins; 7th - Sally Lewis; 10th - Joyce Guest, Lisa Moore; 11th - James Young, Evelyn Hunt; 14th - Kendra Dollar; 15th - Campbell Smith; 16th - Kenneth Blansit; 17th - Andy Beason; 20th - Deborah Johnston; 22nd - Jewell Collins; 23rd - Jack Johnson, Ryan Crawford, Kristie Chambers; 24th - Kenneth Chambers; 25th - Thann Owens; 27th - Larry Tripp; 28th - Annie Young (84th), Glenn Hansen; 30th - Janell Frazier, Myrtis Brown. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ONE AND ALL!

Let me close this month's Grapevine with a prayer that you might like to pray with me.

O God, we pray this day:
For all who have a song they cannot sing;
For all who have a burden they cannot bear;
For all who live in chains they cannot break;
For all who wander homeless and cannot return;
For all who are sick and for those who tend them;
For those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain;
For those who live in hunger,
and for those who will not share their bread;
For those who are misunderstood,
and for those who misunderstand;
For those who are captives and for those who are captors;
For those whose words of love
are locked within their hearts,
And for those who yearn to hear those words,
Have mercy upon these, O God.
Have mercy upon us all! AMEN

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Valley Head School's sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes participated in a science fair recently, co-sponsored by the PTO. First, second and third place winners in each grade won ribbons and prize monies. Pictured here are winners in Mrs. Carroll's sixth grade class, from left: Crystal Durham, Tyler Hales and Shelia McKinney.



Becky Mays, another student in Mrs. Davis' sixth grade class, was also among the winners in the science fair held recently at Valley Head school.



Winners of the Valley Head science fair held recently included Laura Pullen, left, and Slade Carden, students in Mrs. Davis' sixth grade class.

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The Mentone and Valley Head Post Offices will be accepting applications for the rural carrier associate exam from Tuesday, May 30, 1995, for an indefinite period. The rural carrier associate is a part-time, non-career position with irregular hours and no benefits.

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Columnist Charlyne O'Rear (Beauty Tips) will be back in next month's issue of *The Groundhog*.



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LANDSCAPING CLASSES OFFERED

L. A. Smith, agricultural teacher at Valley Head High School, will be teaching a five-week Landscaping Class at the Valley Head High School Agriculture Department, beginning June 12. These classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until noon. This is a 20-hour-credit course. The charge is \$30. All phases of landscape gardening, including design and maintenance will be taught.

Pre-register by calling Ronnie Campbell at 845-8575.

A FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE TO MY WONDERFUL HUSBAND

By Evelyn Graves

"The day my son was born was perhaps the happiest day of my life," says Jimmy Graves, as he reflects on the experiences surrounding the birth of his son, Edward Lee. Jimmy spent a lot of time with Edward when he was a small child, enjoying every minute of his time with his son. Some ten years later, his hopes and dreams were realized again when he was blessed with a beautiful, dark-haired baby girl, Sandra Dale. Her birth was somewhat less dramatic and suspenseful because Jimmy was having breakfast across the street from the hospital when Sandra decided to make her entrance.

It seemed that Jimmy had everything that a man could possibly want in life. God had called him to preach, he was pastoring a good church, and life was good as he ministered to the church's needs and worked a bi-vocational job to provide for his family. There was somewhat less time for the children because of the church's demands on his time, but he was always there when the children needed him. Then, when Sandra was four years old, the terrible news was delivered to Jimmy that his wife, Imogene, had breast cancer. She fought three hard years prior to her death, and Jimmy found himself becoming more and more responsible for the children's care.

After Imogene's death in March 1965, Jimmy became both father and mother to a 16-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter. He says, "It was not always easy pastoring a church, attending seminary, and taking care of the children. I prepared their meals--hard biscuits and lumpy gravy for breakfast with occasional eggs, bacon or sausage. Fortunately, they ate lunch at school, and I gave them some kind of dinner. Sometimes it was fruit, nuts, and candy; but they did not complain. I washed and ironed their clothes, kept them clean, took them to school, and helped them with their homework. Life was difficult, but I worked out a routine to be able to attend seminary classes in the daytime, pastor a church, and take care of



the children's needs. In late 1967, I returned to Fort Payne to be near my family. It was then that I met Evelyn Jones, and we were married in December 1967."

I felt that I had been a good wife and mother; however, some things never change. When Sandra would be sick at night, Jimmy would instinctively jump out of bed and take care of her before I could get to her. Jimmy has always been there for his children, supporting them, caring for them, making life easier for them. This same loving, caring spirit has been transferred to the grandchildren, as he tenderly sees to their needs and keeps them safe and happy. It comes naturally to him to allow this fatherly spirit to carry over into other areas of his life. He loves and nurtures some 40 children at the Union Hill Baptist Church where he pastors, and they all love him in return. They have written a song they sing for him on his birthday and other special occasions:

Brother Jimmy, we're so glad
you are our preacher,
You teach us in a way we
understand,
But most of all, you show us
that you love us,
Brother Jimmy, you're our
kind of preacher man.

When we're down, somehow
you make us feel better,
When we're up too high, you
gently bring us down.
We're so thankful for the
time we've spent together,
We're so happy that you are
our preacher man.

Sometimes you make us
laugh, sometimes you've made
us cry,
On Sundays, you give candy,
and you hug us all goodbye,
Sometimes you leave us
puzzled with the funny things
you say,

But most of all, we love you--
on this your special day.

If I ever get to make a
nomination for father of the
year, it's going to be my
husband, Jimmy Graves.



Jimmy Graves

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Sandra Graves and Edward Graves

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Adrienne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor and the late Barnard Hall, also Mrs. Louise Watts and the late John L. Watts. She is a 1995 graduate of Valley Head and is employed at Cosmetique.

Daniel is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Milfred York, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Akins. He is a 1995 graduate of Gadsden State Community College with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed at Dixie Tool and Die.

The wedding will be at Hammondville Baptist Church June 10, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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Crystal Renae Battles	Christopher Lee Hammon	Joseph Fene Lee	Christina Denise Tillman
Christy Marie Blevins	Beverly Nichole Cash Hatfield	William Matthew Lee	Sarah Joann Tucker
Chandra Lyn Britton	Cynthia Suzanne Hughes	Dennis McPhail Manning	Christie Kay West
Carla Michelle Chappell	Toni Leigh Johnston	Phillip Carl McElhane	Leah Sharp Willbanks
Terra Suzann Fletcher	Rebecca Cheri Keith	Kimberly Kay McKinney	Tony Willbanks
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Jason Lavon Goss	Eric Heath King	Christopher Smith	Jody Heath Wagner



L/R: Krystee Tillman, Salutatorian;
Jody Wagner, Valedictorian; and
Lisa Smith, Salutatorian



Graduation ceremonies for Valley Head High School's Class of 1995 was held May 26 at 7 p.m.

The Valedictorian for the class is Jody Wagner. Salutatorians are Krystee Tillman and Lisa Smith.

Officers of the class include: President, Michelle Chappell; Vice President, Adrienne Hall; Secretary, Sarah Tucker; Treasurer, Dennis Manning; Student Council Representatives, Jody Wagner, Kim McKinney.

Selected as Mr. and Ms. Senior are Gerry Bain, Adrienne Hall; Class Favorites - Jody Wagner, Adrienne Hall, Toni Johnston; Beauty and Beau - Chris Hammon, Christie West.

Who's Who: Most Athletic, Gerry Bain, Lisa Smith; Best All Around, Chris Smith, Kim McKinney; Best Dressed, Eric King, Adrienne Hall; Most Likely to Succeed, Jody Wagner, Michelle Chappell; Most Talented, Tony Key, Suzanne Fletcher; Most Unique, Nathan Zeller, Crystal Battles; Biggest Flirts, Jason Goss, Lisa Smith; Cutest, Tony Willbanks, Leah Sharp; Quietest, Dennis Manning, Kirby Smith, Holly Gardner; Class Clowns, Joseph Lee, Krystee Tillman; Most School Spirit, Gerry Bain, Cheri Keith; Most Dependable, Jody Wagner, Michelle Chappell.



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

A CHOICE IN THE FUTURE

Back many, many years ago, when I was done with my military service and had just recently begun my career as a chemist, I had an opportunity to attend a national meeting of the American Chemical Society. As a person very young (about 25 or 26) and very new to my chosen career, I was scared and absolutely dumb-struck at the prospect of hobnobbing with the giants of my field. What happened at the meeting is neither here nor there. What happened after the meeting is germane to this month's topic.

That professional meeting was in San Francisco, and I attended with a work cohort of about my own age. Since the meeting ended on a Friday, we decided to go to Las Vegas on our way back to Huntsville. We had a free weekend, so why not? Now, all this occurred in about 1955; so, lots of things were very different from now-a-days. In order to attract people to the city and the gambling casinos, you got a room at a nice motel for almost nothing and good food was extremely inexpensive. If you could just stay away from the gaming tables, a fine time could be had for next to nothing.

Being very young, very naive, and very unworldly, I entered the first casino with a resolve to lose no more than \$10. After a few minutes at the craps table, I was up by \$10. On to the roulette wheel, and up another \$10. All this in about half an hour. Flush with my good fortune (I at least had sense enough to know it wasn't my skill that had done it), I stayed at the big wheel of fortune and gradually lost the \$20 I had won and the original \$10. Then, I quit and just observed what was happening about me. No more gambling for little Billy.

Here are some interesting things that I observed. I had gone into the casino with the thought, "not to lose more than \$10." I did exactly that, I played until I lost \$10. That is common among gamblers, they play until they have lost some set amount. The casino folks love these losers, they are easy prey. The next thing I observed was that none of the gamblers were having a good time, at least not outwardly. They all looked grim and serious, even the big winners were sour or expressionless. Even at the high stakes baccarat table, where \$100 bills were passed about like I spent 10¢ pieces, the only ones enjoying the evening were the on-lookers and the hangers-on, young women in low-cut strapless evening dresses.

Just one look at the pay-off on a "win" revealed that the casino paid only about 60% of what the odds would dictate that they should pay. Odds and payoff were always in favor of the "house," the gambler cannot win. The longer a gambler plays, the more assured the "house" is of winning and the gambler of losing. With those realizations, I gave up gambling permanently. There are more enjoyable things to do with my few dollars.

Those who run/own casinos, naturally want their "money tree" to be legal. Since they (the owners) set the rules and the odds, they are going to win. The owners would be stupid not to set the rules and odds so that in the long run they always win. Owners and operators are not the stupid ones in a gambling casino.

Alabama voters may well have an opportunity to vote in a non-binding referendum on whether to allow casino gambling and/or a state lottery.

Now, I don't have any great moralistic opposition to casino gambling, but I do have a very strong practical opposition to casino gambling. Why should we allow untold millions of dollars to flow out of the state and local community into the hands of the owners and operators. These casinos do not, in total balance, bring anything useful or of economic value into a community. True, there are a few jobs created, but they are at the low ends of the spectrum and are minimum-age type employment, not management-type employment.

Crime follows gambling casinos, 'cause gambling is easy money for "crime." It's easy money for anyone who elects to run a casino, whether it's the Mafia, an Indian tribe, or a politically prominent Alabama family.

Alabama has enough economic problems, we don't need to

have our wealth siphoned-off in a casino. Alabama has enough political strifes, and casinos are not going to solve them, they'll only add to them.

If and when a gambling referendum comes up, I do hope gambling is soundly rejected. A state-wide lottery is another topic for another column some time. Needless to say, I'm opposed to lotteries for the same sort of practical reasons. Lotteries just take money from the folks who are hoping for a miracle to solve their economic woes and these are the people who can least afford to waste their money.

Enough for this month. Thanks for your kind and patient attention. See you next month.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

Well, here we are again, in the exciting stages of gardening. Hopefully, it will keep going as well as it started, except for that brief dry spell in April. A few people are disappointed as all the rain we have been getting has washed away their gardens. With mine, I have pearl onions growing in the radish bed, spinach growing in the onion bed, and so on, as the seeds washed into each other's beds. So I have a garden that my husband shakes his head at.

So far, my garden has not been bothered very much by pests and neither has my lawn, so the milky spore seems to be working. I did dig up around the yard in various places to check for grubs. I found only a few small ones, so I dumped them in a container with soil and a plug of grass; and then watered it with thuricide (Bt) to make more milky spore. The next day, I emptied it into the garden for it to do its job of destroying the rest of the grubs.

I have been using insecticidal soap and (Bt) on the fruit trees and veggies. I have also started companion planting, like planting marigolds in the vegetable garden and herbs in the flower garden--and that, too, seems to be working. The Feed and Seed Store in Fort Payne now carries a wide variety of earth-friendly chemicals and fertilizers. By using them, I am hoping to keep my family free from the side effects of harmful chemicals and also to keep the groundwater free from contaminants. I was going to get a load of chicken litter for my vegetable garden, then decided not to when I found out that, after the third year, it contaminated the groundwater. For me, there is only one fault with the earth-friendly chemicals: it is easily destroyed by sunlight. So, instead of spraying once a week, I spray twice, but at the same cost, as the botanical chemical is cheaper than the harsh one.

If you want more blooms on your mums and dahlias, pinch off the tops, and if you want more of the plants, push the pinched-off tops into the soil, as they root very easily.

Many azaleas are easy to start from seeds in the right condition. If you plant some moss beneath the azalea bush, every spring you will get a crop of azalea plants. When you get the new crop, let them grow where they are till the next spring, then transplant them, and please water them. Organic mulch can be used in place of moss.

Too much sun will burn the foliage of azalea and rhododendrons. Give them too little sun, and they won't set flower buds for the following spring. The best site is under trees like pine, that filter the sunshine. If you move a young non-flowering azalea or rhododendron, it will spend its first few years putting down roots and creating branches, rather than blooms.

POISONOUS PLANTS

Common plants that are poisonous to TOUCH: poison ivy, poison sumac, poison oak.

Common vegetables with poisonous LEAVES: potatoes, tomatoes, and rhubarb.

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LEAVES of foxgloves, larkspur, delphiniums, monkshoods, and orleander are poisonous.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

As I am writing this, we have almost survived the pollen season, and I am enjoying nature's banquet of laurel and rhododendron, which have been just about too beautiful for words this spring. For those who enjoy rhubarb and have a source, this Rhubarb-Strawberry Crumble is a winner. The Chili Rellenos casserole is reduced fat and very good.* Praline Grahams are always a good, quick, easy dessert. (Serve with Salsa of your choice.)

Rhubarb-Strawberry Crumble

Filling

1 lb (4 C) rhubarb trimmed and cut into 1/2" pieces
1 pt strawberries, hulled and quartered
1/2 C granulated sugar
2 T all-purpose white flour

Crumble Topping

1/2 C rolled oats
1/2 C white flour
1/2 C packed light brown sugar
1 T butter, softened
1 T vegetable oil
1 T cranberry or apple juice

Preheat oven to 375°. In large bowl, combine Filling ingredients. Transfer to shallow 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Combine oats, sugar, flour, and oil and mix together till crumbly. Add juice. Stir until mixture is evenly moist. Distribute topping evenly over Filling mixture. Bake 35-40 minutes until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden.

Chili Rellenos Casserole

1/2 lb ultra lean ground beef
1-3/4 t ground cumin
1/2 t garlic powder
1 (16 oz) can fat free refried beans
1 C chopped onions
1-1/2 t dried oregano
1/4 t each, salt & pepper
2 (4 oz) cans whole green chilis drained & cut lengthwise into quarters

1 C (4 oz) shredded Colby-Jack cheese
1 C frozen whole kernel corn, thawed & drained
1/3 C all-purpose flour
1-1/3 C skim milk
2 eggs lightly beaten
1/4 t salt
1/8 t hot sauce
2 egg whites

Cook ground beef and onion in non-stick pan till brown and meat is crumbly. Combine beef spices and beans; stir well and set aside.

Arrange 1/2 of chilis in bottom of 11 x 7 baking dish, top with 1/2 cheese, spoon meat-bean mixture over cheese and spread gently, leaving a 1/4" border around edge of dish. Top with corn, then rest of the chilis and cheese.

Combine flour and salt in a bowl. Stir in milk and hot sauce. Stir in eggs and egg white; pour over casserole. Bake at 350° for 1 hour and 5 minutes, or until set. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serves 4.

Praline Grahams

1 package graham crackers
1/2 C sugar
3/4 C butter or margarine
1 C chopped pecans

Separate each graham into 4 sections. Arrange in a jelly roll pan with edges touching. Melt butter in a saucepan; stir in sugar and pecans; bring to boil; cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Spread mixture evenly over grahams. Bake at 300° for 12 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool on wax paper. Yield 3-1/2 dozen.

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GRANNY DOLLAR AND THE MENTONE GOLD DIGGERS

By Ernest H. Smith

FORWARD

The gold digging in Mentone, that I'm aware of, took place more than 60 years ago. Several men of this community and others, from as far away as Sand Mountain, had become interested in searching for buried Indian gold, supposedly left behind during the Indian removal from this area. Their thinking seemed to be that an Indian would more likely have some idea of the burial places. What luck they believed they had in having one in their midst who had already gained some reputation in off-the-wall-type behavior.

These diggers, one after the other, sought out Granny Dollar for signs and clues to aid in their search. Granny was never at a loss to be of assistance in any project and to gain some personal benefit from the venture.

Although these men, characterized in my sketches, have long since departed this life, leaving no descendants to the best of my knowledge, common decency and respect dictate that their names not be bandied about. Their names would add nothing to the story, if given. On the other hand, since Granny has become somewhat of a legend, I consider her to be fair game. Therefore, she is identified in all situations.

The sole purpose of my story is to present an amusing side of her character few people knew. I believe the gist of my story to be fairly accurate, since it is based on what I personally knew or what I was told by some of the participants, all to the best of my memory.

Much of the coloring in this story has been lost due to the necessity to tone down for public consumption. Believe me, when I tell you that some of their references to Granny and her shenanigans would've made a sailor blush.

Long ago, when I was just a wee lad and my father was living, gold fever broke out in Mentone, Alabama. No one ever knew for sure what set it off. The first we knew, some men were going around making notes about all the old Indian signs on rocks. Some of these were real and some were just supposed.

They were taking this information to an old Indian woman, known to all as Granny Dollar, who lived in a cabin down in the River Park Community, near the Master School.

My father said that Granny was a female Indian Shaman and that she had magical powers and could cure sickness, divine the location of buried gold, tell fortunes, take off warts, and do all manner of things. Of course, a boon was always required in exchange for her services.

The first two gold diggers that I will present had been taking groceries to Granny for several weeks. She must have been amazed by the sudden interest in digging for gold, but was never known to look a gift horse in the mouth. She could always quickly sort things out and take the bull by the horns if it looked like a winner.

She had sent these men hither and yon to dig to no avail. One of these diggers got wind of a story about a locked trinket box Granny was mindful of. It was thought that it might contain information she would not reveal. He was thinking of maps and signs and such. He mulled this over in his mind for several days and then decided to go for broke. Anyway, he was tired of the wild goose chases. So, why not grab the tiger by the tail and go for the mother lode.

He and his wife agreed that the best way to learn the contents of the box was to invite Granny into their home to stay a spell. Granny was agreeable to this idea, and, no doubt, thought it to be part of her boon for information. She threw a few pieces of clothing in a sack—and, you guessed it, upended a couple of floor boards and retrieved her trinket box.

She was driven in grand style to her new home and was given the best of accommodations. Little did she know that her hosts were about to lose their foul deed. His wife had Granny engaged in some ruse of distraction, while he entered her bedchamber to prowling about. His mission was to locate the trinket box and free the Genie, so to speak.

Apparently, Granny had become suspicious or heard some movement in her bedchamber. (It was said that she could hear a quarter drop in the next county.) At this time, her mop of gray hair seemed to bristle. She was turning her head from side to side as if sniffing the air. Her hostess was startled when Granny suddenly charged the door of her bedchamber. Her host was even more surprised when Granny caught him in the act of tampering with her trinket box. She quickly snatched it from his hands and popped it underneath her arm, gave him the tongue lashing of his life, grabbed her sack of clothes, and left in a huff. Before she passed from view, she split a mudhole wide-open with her bare feet. Her footprints remained in the mud for several days. It looked like old Big Foot had been about and was missing a toe. (Granny lost a big toe to snake bite.)



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To my knowledge, no one ever learned the contents of the box. It may have contained the secrets of the universe or just some coins and extra cans of snuff. Your guess is as good as mine.

The next gold digger in my story was a well-known layabout, who kept his wife against the wall, doing all the chores and housework, too. However, I must be fair and say that he did hire out, occasionally, to plow gardens and such. His wife would hitch the mule and load the plow on the sled. He would take it from there. On his return, he would yell when he thought he was in yelling distance. This was her cue to be front and center to unhitch and do whatever. He would proceed to the porch to rest and cool.

His interest in digging for gold began when he was shown a sign on an outcropping of rock, near the Ivens Branch. (Located between the Bell Rock and the little Cove Road bridge.) Some thought that it looked like a fish. Others thought that it looked like a snake. Most people thought it was a natural design created by erosion from the elements. There was some uniform cross-hatching, but no distinctive outline to resemble anything. In any case, our digger took his own description of a snake upon a rock to Granny. He was bearing a gift of a half gallon of new sorghum all wrapped up in a brand-new apron his poor wife had made for herself.

Granny would never accept the boon by hand. She would, instead, indicate where to place it, and take no further notice of it. Apparently, she considered it beneath her dignity to openly accept any form of gift or bribe.

Granny quickly grasped the nature of his problem. He was told to step out on the porch for a bit while she did some conjuring. No sooner had the door closed behind him when he heard low chanting, bare feet slapping the floor, and, now

and then, a low pitched whoop. It all ended with a louder whoop that sounded like a whoopee. She opened the door and invited him in again to receive his digging plans.

He was told that he was on to something big and that he should keep it under his hat. She was certain that it was the rare sign of the snake with the golden head, and that it always meant that great treasure was buried nearby. This lit his fuse and sent him off in a dither to begin his dig. Some said that his eyes were glazed as if blinded by the sight of a golden mountain. He gathered up all the tools on his place that could be used for digging, and hired his neighbor to go with him to help. They dug and dug and dug; and, when they stopped, it must have been from sheer exhaustion. His helper later told that, during the dig, this man was beset, urging and prodding him on with words to this effect: "Time's awasting, dig man dig."

My father took me along when he went to see where they had dug. It looked like a place where every hog in the county had held a root-in.

Apparently, after a long rest, he went at it again in a different place. He dug all around his house and underneath, endangering the stability of it. His landlord told him, in no uncertain terms, to cease operations. No doubt, Granny engineered this dig.

The last gold digger in my story was caught up in the excitement, but didn't know of any old signs or likely digging places. He set off to see Granny with the hope that she might be able to divine some location to begin his dig. He left her some pocket change and waited for her to perform the usual ritual.

She sent him over to the Taylor Ford to find a boat and go up river, way past the baptizing hole. He was to look for an arrow carved on a rock located in the middle of the river. This arrow would be pointing downstream. He was then to reverse course and reckon a distance of about 400 feet and look for a large rock on the left hand bank. This rock would have a sunburst inscribed in clay sealing the cavity in the rock containing the gold. (I've been told by truthful people that the arrow and pothole do exist.)

Our man did find a boat and set off up the creek. (I assume he did have a paddle.) He found the arrow and, ultimately, the rock on the left hand bank. To his amazement, he was staring at a perfectly rounded empty hole in the rock. At first, he thought he had been double-crossed, and that someone had beat him to the prize. On closer examination, it was evident that if it ever contained anything, it had been looted by some ancient robber.

Granny was known to roam about in the woods gathering berries, herbs, and such. Obviously, she had seen these things in her wandering. (She had previously lived in this general area.)

Our man decided that he wouldn't invest any more in Granny, but, instead, take the information up to old Injun Joe in Chattanooga. It was said that he was a walking tepee full of information, and could be found loafing about on a corner of Market Street. Our man did find old Joe in his usual place. In giving him his long-winded question, Old Joe would nod at every pause and juncture. Apparently, this was to indicate that he understood.

When he had been given all the facts, he was asked if he knew the meaning. He certainly did. As it turned out, the arrow was pointing the way to the mill. The hole in the rock was the mill. This was where the Indians had pounded their corn. This had a chilling effect on the gold digger's fever. He returned home and packed it all in.

Gold fever seemed to pass as quickly as it all began. The diggers returned to their normal pursuits, some to their work and others to lying about. These men had truly met their Minnie-Ha-Ha of the Golden Fleece and Skip-To-Me-Lou.

If there is a mother lode, a nugget, or even a grain of gold in our mountain, the location remains safely hidden.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

1995 RHODODENDRON QUEEN PAGEANT

This was our eleventh Rhododendron beauty pageant where we elected a queen and three princesses. And I believe this was our best one because we made notes each year, filed them, and worked to make improvements. Dorna Hutcheson and our daughter, Doreen Waters, work hard to make the pageant better and better, to organize things that make a success of all our hard work.

We decided to have the beauty pageant a week earlier than the festival, so we could have an elected queen and her court to ride in the parade—and it worked out fine. We were not so pushed for time as we are when we have worked all day when crowds of people are here.

Donna Bouldin did the decorating, which was a full day's work. And Dorna added lovely ferns and potted geraniums loaned to us by "Spokey" Baker at The Shed. He has been generous to us before with his plants, and we owe him a debt of gratitude. Doreen worked finishing decorating.

Jerry Waters did a great job as moderator and emcee. He makes the girls relax and talk freely when he asks questions. It's nice to have a good family to help with this fun project. And we do have a wonderful evening.

Terry Hutcheson sang several songs while the judges votes were tallied. He was in "rare-form" as our son, Coy, would say.

Barry Crow played piano for the pageant, and some special music at vote-counting time.

The escort for the girls was Lee Traylor, who is a college student at Northeast and resides in Ft. Payne. Judges were Judge Clyde Traylor, C.J. Jolly from WQRX Radio Station in Valley Head, and Molly McCannless. Penny Lyday assisted us by hunting rhododendron blooms and taking them to Gail's Florist for arrangements. She picked them up and had them ready for the winners.

Homer and Jerry worked one day getting stage lighting improved and opening windows and installing a big window fan. No matter how small, there is work to be done to make anything run smoothly.

Homer made a video of the entire pageant and will make copies for each of the nine contestants. The girls were beautiful—all of them. Just wish we could give more so each one could be a winner. I was proud of every one of them. They were happy to have our own Tammy Camp crowned as Rhododendron Queen by the last year's winner, Jaimie Johnson. Tammy (16), Valley Head High School, daughter of James and Jeannie Camp of Mentone, was sponsored by the Kountry Chef.

It was a delightful evening for everyone. The winners rode in convertibles and added a spot of beauty to the parade on the first day of the festival. Tony Goggans introduced the girls to everyone and had them join in a musical performance. It was a beautiful day.

The first Princess was Anna Everett (16), Plainview High School, daughter of Janice Everett of Rainsville. The second Princess was Rhea Armstrong (18), Fyffe High School, daughter of Jo Ann Armstrong of Rainsville. The third Princess was Tammy Leigh Gilbert (17), Fyffe High School, daughter of Jo and Norma Gilbert.

The other contestants were: Amanda Bates (15), Sand Rock High School, daughter of Mary Bates, Leesburg; Angie Guffey (17), Plainview High School, daughter of Robert and Susan Guffey, Rainsville; Laurel Parham (17), Sylvania High School, daughter of Janet and Larry Parham, Ider; Cassidy Hudgins (16), Valley Head High School, daughter of Sam and Rosamarie Whatley, Mentone; and Charity Smith (14), Valley Head High School, daughter of Rachel Smith, Mentone.



Terry Hutcheson entertaining at the pageant



Escort Lee Traylor and last year's Queen, Jaimie Johnson.



PICTURES FROM THE 1995 AND RHODODENDRON



L/R: Tammy Leigh Gilbert (third Princess); Rhea Armstrong (second Princess); Tammy Camp (RHODODENDRON QUEEN)
Other contestants: Amanda Bates, Angie Guffey, Laurel Parham

The MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on May 2, and was called to order by President Dessie Newberry. Chester Crowe gave the opening prayer. Twenty-nine members and three guests were present.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and accepted with a correction as to the balance in the checking account. Penny Lyday gave the treasurer's report, and Evelyn Graves gave the Groundhog report, both of which were approved.

In order to accommodate the speaker, the regular order of business was changed. Bill Schwarz introduced the speaker, Rebecca Adams. Mrs. Adams is a 6th grade teacher, is active in Friends of Little River as environmental education chairman, and she and her husband, Bill, own and operate Adams Outdoors in Fort Payne.

Rebecca talked to the members about the combined efforts of two committees in Friends of Little River (FLR): environmental education and water watch. Several schools have been involved in chemical and biological testing of the waters in the Little River area, using water testing equipment provided by FLR. Several workshops were sponsored by Friends of Little River to provide information about state-wide



By Marie D.

water monitoring. Mrs. Adams has young people participating in water monitoring at Canyon National Preserve and is committed to environmental education. Friends of Little River since the question and answer period following the presentation. Under old business, the presentation of the upcoming Rhododendron Festival featured entertainer at the Fest Lloyd of Valley Head (who performed

RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL ON QUEEN PAGEANT



Strong (second Princess); Anna Everett (first Princess);
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MEETING

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will give a Scottish Dancing exhibition as a part of the festivities. At the May board meeting, the board voted to have a generic festival banner made. Balloons with the MAPA logo were available for the children at the MAPA booth during the festival. Jack Jones donated his stagecoach, which was placed at the MAPA booth for visitors to have Polaroid pictures taken as festival souvenirs.

Bernise Crow gave a report on the pageant.

Homer Crow, chairman of the nominating committee gave the following report recommending a slate of officers for the new year:

President - Bernise Crow	Vice President - Jim Lyday
Secretary - Wanda Simmons	Treasurer - Mickey Gough
Members at Large - Ed Disney and Rick Chapman	
Parliamentarian - Dessie Newberry	

The election of officers will be at the June 6th meeting. 6.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments served by Charlotte and Randle Rice and other MAPA members.



- (1) MAPA booth with visitor, Hope Walker, and Susan Strong
- (2) Jack Jones's authentic Pioneer City Stagecoach (individuals had polaroid pictures taken for festival souvenirs)
- (3) Tony Goggans and Jim Connors entertaining at the festival
- (4) Boat rides at DeSoto Falls

HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

Compiled by Dr. Pat Seymour

CONTINUING OUTDOOR EDUCATION: The Alabama Game and Fish Division's Conservation Education Program is offering to help outdoorsmen sharpen their knowledge and skills in a wide range of areas:

• **The Project WILD and Aquatic WILD** programs offer conservation education curricula for educators. Project WILD's activity guide contains more than 100 hands-on activities for students; Aquatic WILD features over 40 activities. Both free projects teach youngsters about conservation of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife in a one-day (6-hour) program. A similar Advanced Project WILD and Advanced Aquatic WILD offers two days (12 hours) of intensive hands-on field studies.

• **The Basic Outdoor Experiences** program contains three days (20 hours) of hands-on experience in aquatic sampling, identification of Alabama's flora and fauna, fishing, firearms safety, shooting sports, night wildlife watching, and other material.

• **Alabama outdoors...For Women** provides three days (20 hours) of outdoor recreation skills instruction for adult females, including beginner-level how-to instruction in camping, boating, shooting, hunting, fishing, outdoor clothing and gear, first aid, orienteering, and outdoor cooking.

• **The Natural Resources Conservation** program combines elements of Project WILD, Aquatic WILD, and Basic Outdoor Experiences. It offers an overview of natural resources management versus preserved philosophies, and discusses wildlife management principles and practices. The six-day (50 hours) course is good for college credit.

• **Delta Discovery** program examines the Mobile Delta ecosystem for ecological, economic, and human aspects. The six-day course counts toward 50 hours of college credit.

For more information, contact Jerry deBin, Alabama Game and Fish Division, Dept. FS, 64 N. Union St., Montgomery, AL 36130, telephone (334) 242-3623.

QUIZ TIME: Q. You are hunting with a pointing dog and suddenly it is on point at the edge of a clump of brush. Do you take off your shotgun's safety while you walk in to flush the bird? A. No way! Never take off the safety until a bird flushes. If you don't take a shot, you could forget to put the safety back on. Then you would be walking around with a gun that's ready to fire, which is a very dangerous situation.

Q. Last Saturday, you hunted with a 20-gauge shotgun, but today you are taking a 12. You put on your shooting jacket and drop a handful of 12-gauge shells in the pocket. What did you forget? A. To check the pockets of your jacket. You might have left some 20-gauge shells there. If so, there is a chance you'll accidentally load one of them into your gun. A 20-gauge shell can slip partly down the barrel of a 12-gauge gun and stick there. And a shell stuck in the barrel can cause the gun to blow up.

TIED AND TETHERED. GOING SOLO. Drill a hole halfway down the shaft of your canoe paddle, run a cord through it, and tie it to a thwart of your canoe. That way, you can drop your paddle quickly and quietly into the water when you're fishing or shooting from your canoe, and you can easily recover your paddle any time you accidentally lose it overboard.



DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT'S IN A NAME: The popular dog name "Fido" is not just a meaningless cartoon name; it is derived from the Latin word *fidus*, meaning loyal or faithful.

BAD REPUTATION: Rather than an all-out bloodthirsty killer, the grizzly bear is actually more of a scavenger. About 80 percent of its diet is vegetarian, with much of the remainder consisting of fish.

HEAD START: Ticks usually crawl upward until they find a safe and comfortable place to feed. On mammals, the head and neck are favorite spots.

Four Hundred million insects can comfortably inhabit a single acre of land?

A covey of bobwhite quail sleeps in a tight circle, heads facing outward. This position gives each bird an open lane for quick emergency take off, if necessary. When flushed, the quail fly in every direction, confusing predators—and hunters.

YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE A MULE

A sleepy-looking, relaxed mule is nonetheless a vigilant mule, and you are advised to remember that. A hard-working mule is truly that; the animal will carry a heavier load than a horse can, farther than a horse can, and with less likelihood of a misstep.

Their legendary stubbornness is fact, but they can pick their way where horses dare not go, and can out-carry anything short of an elephant.

These mulish traits are part of the animals' very makeup. To understand this, you must know something about what a mule is.

A mule is a cross between a male donkey (ass or burro, they're all the same) and a female horse. A female mule is called a Molly mule; a male, a horse mule. The offspring of the flipside of this cross—male horse x female donkey—is called a hinny, which may or may not look and act like a mule. Since a donkey-horse cross rarely occurs in wild populations of equines, mules are considered an invention of man, dating back at least 3,000 years. A mule exhibits hybrid vigor, the biological phenomenon that describes how a cross between two species is larger, faster growing, and stronger than either parent. A mule is all of that.

In a study of animal-based transportation, part of a report on global mobility prepared for the U.S. Army in 1988 (your tax dollars at work), the authors compared the reasonable, sustained distances various pack animals could travel per day carrying workable loads. They reported that a horse can travel 24.5 miles with a load of 132 pounds; a llama, the designer stock of the '90s, will go 19.7 miles with 88 pounds; an elephant will hump 15.3 miles with a load of 1,012 pounds; and a mule can travel 56.9 miles while packing 198 pounds. Unless you absolutely must carry a microwave and a Lazy Boy Lounger—in which case an elephant should be your choice—a mule is the best compromise.

Judging THUNDERSTORM Distance



Most of us have learned, at one time or another, how to judge the approximate distance of a thunderstorm by counting the seconds that passed between the flash of lightning and the crash or roll of thunder. However, most of us have never known why the method works.

Sound travels at roughly 1100 feet per second, which means it covers about one mile in five seconds. To find out how far away a storm is from you, time how long it takes the sound of thunder to reach you after you see the flash of lightning. You can do this by counting "1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005," etc., at normal speed. If you get to 1010 by the time you hear the thunderclap, you know the storm is approximately two miles away.

KNIFE SHARPENING TECHNIQUES:

STEP 1. Buy the right stone. Some brands of stones are superior to others. A soft Arkansas model that has about the same texture as an eggshell is best.

STEP 2. Lubricate the stone with charcoal lighter fluid.

STEP 3. Lay the blade flat on the stone with the cutting edge facing you. Since blades vary in thickness, raise the back of the knife just enough to establish a bevel about the width of a ball-point-pen mark.

STEP 4. Maintain that angle, and saw the blade back and forth across the stone.

STEP 5. Turn the knife over, and repeat step 4.

STEP 6. Now, you're ready to establish a burr—the most critical part of sharpening. The idea is to curl the edge of the blade over, then later align it and refine it. To create the burr, place the knife on the stone with the edge facing your body, raise the blade to the proper angle, and push the knife away from you, bearing down hard on the stone. Feel the blade to make sure a burr is established before continuing.

STEP 7. To align the burr, turn the knife over, and lightly pull the blade across the stone. This requires a deft touch. At this point, holding the knife with just your thumb and forefinger is a good idea.

STEP 8. Stop the knife on leather. If you did everything right, and if the steel is of good quality, you should now be able to shave with it.



LEGAL TIPS FROM LCE

Submitted by
Sherman Gough,
Legislative
Chairman of AARP
Chapter 221 in
Ft. Payne

Connie Glass, Senior Legal Counsel of the North Alabama Regional Council on Aging, who spoke to the last AARP meeting, will be at the office of the Council on Aging at 600 Tyler Avenue, Ft. Payne, Alabama, the 2nd Monday of each month from 9 a.m. until noon. She will be helping seniors with Medicare, nursing home care, and legal problems. Call 845-8590 for more information.

NAVIGATE WITH A WATCH

If you're ever lost, a watch with hands can be used to show you direction. Here's how:

① With your watch on your wrist, hold it up in front of your chest with the 12 pointing away from you. Hold a straight twig or wooden match up from the center of the watch. Then, turn yourself until the twig's shadow covers the hour hand. In the Northern Hemisphere, north will be halfway between the hour hand and the 12 on your watch. During daylight saving time, north will be halfway between the hour hand and the 1 on your watch.

② For example: It's 4 o'clock in the afternoon. You have the shadow of the twig in the hour hand. From the center of your watch, north is in the direction of the 2.

③ If it were 6 o'clock in the evening and you lined the shadow with the hour hand on your watch, where would north be? To your right at the 3 o'clock position.

IF YOU MISSED THE DEER

TICK

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ARE YOU TO SEE IT ON
YOURSELF?

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Congratulations to all graduates and especially the ones who received scholarships, including Kimberly Kay McKinney, who has been awarded a faculty scholarship to Jacksonville State University. Congratulations to Melinda Adkins, who recently received her Educational Specialist's Degree in School Psychology from the University of Alabama.

The Valley Head UMW met at my house May 31, with Geraldine Hawkins as co-hostess. Leslie Rogers led the program on missions. Others present were Laura Margaret Allison, Elizabeth Coleman, Adelaide Biddle, Gladola Holleman, Venna Livingston, and Melinda Adkins.

Mary and Ted Holleman, and son, John, and Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis, have enjoyed a vacation at Daytona Beach.

Venna Livingston had her yard and house full of guests during Memorial weekend, especially with a big dinner on Sunday on her picnic tables. She had a sister from Ringgold, Ga.; a sister from Guin, Ala.; a brother and wife from Gadsden; a brother and wife from Sacramento, Ca.; both of her daughters and their families; and a "bunch" of nieces and nephews and their families. They attended the decoration at Memory Gardens on Sand Mountain. Her brother, Tom Young, from Sacramento, stayed on for a few days' visit.

Eleanor and Peggy Woodall of Knoxville, visited Laura Margaret Allison from Monday until Wednesday.

Gladola, E.T., Bill and Becky Lou, and Abby and Amy Holleman enjoyed a vacation in Panama City, Fla.

Jewell Palmer had her daughter, Gail Brannam, and great granddaughter, Megan Smith from Montgomery, as weekend guests.

Virginia Livezey and her daughter, Cheryl Brown, visited Pam and Rick Vise in Birmingham, and attended the graduation of Virginia's grandson Christopher Couch. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Birmingham Southern College. Cheryl, from Fort Worth, Texas, is visiting in Fort Payne, awaiting the birth of her third grandchild.

Helen and Larry Longshore went to Haleyville, Ala., to see Chris Satcher graduate from Haleyville High School. It is so good to hear that Frances Longshore is recovering well after her fall.

Congratulations to Robert Brown II for receiving an award for the highest average in his third grade class at Valley Head. His average was 98.3. He is the son of Patti and A.J. Brown.

The Sunshine Club met at my house, May 25, with Geraldine Hawkins as co-hostess. Those present were Leona Chadwick, Glenda Savage, Lillie Bowden, Gladys Cobble, Jewell Palmer, and Ruth Pickett. We went to Mentone and enjoyed a tour of Ann and Bill Wright's garden. It was a wonderful afternoon--to see the perfection they have accomplished. It is really an example of devotion and dedication, and love of nature. They have created a paradise to enjoy!

There have been several deaths this month. We extend sincere sympathy to all who have lost loved ones. James Crumbley, formerly of Valley Head, passed away. He and Katherine were faithful members of the Valley Head Methodist Church. She was our organist and we missed them so much when they moved to Geraldine. The good that he did lives after him. They tell how he cut wood and hauled it to a black lady who had her wood stolen, and how he would take vegetables to people, already prepared to cook--always a good neighbor.

I attended the Baccalaureate Service at the Valley Head Baptist Church on May 21. I think everyone was shocked that only six of the 36 graduates attended this important event.

Lillie Bowden went with about 45 members of a tour group and flew to Honolulu where they spent two days. They saw the Arizona Memorial where over a thousand men are entombed from the war, and the Punch Bowl Crater National Cemetery where a woman statue represents all mothers who lost sons in all wars since World War I--a beautiful place. They toured the old part of the town where kings lived. Then, they boarded the SS Independence with over 700 passengers for a stay of seven days and nights for visits to the islands. They visited the National Volcano Park. The volcano is extinct. The

landscape is like pictures from the moon land--weird, with steam vents. They saw one active volcano. They visited an interesting jewelry factory where they made jewelry of black, gold, and pink coral. They spent a day at the Polynesian Culture Center, with an exotic river running through the center with a canoe show. There were Hilo Hattie chain stores everywhere to shop. They toured the large plantations and found the Fern Grotto very impressive, and the luau they attended, as disappointing. They were amazed at the Red Ginger Lilies and the abundance of exotic flowers. They were surprised at chickens running loose everywhere. They were told that there are no poisonous snakes nor wild animals to harm you and very few insects. Sounds like paradise, but I believe we have the best place--everything considered--to live.

Congratulations to Alison Meadows and Michelle Chappell who were invited to come to Jacksonville University on May 13, and be a part of the J.S.U. Honor Band.

Also, congratulations to the winners of the Valley Head Beauty Pageant. Alison Meadows who was the winner; Christy Tillman, first runner up; Jennifer Robertson, second runner up; and Cheri Keith, third runner up.

A group from Valley Head, composed of Martha and Herbert Stanley, Priscilla and Willard Monroe, Louise and Charles Hammond, Peggy and Debbie Bentley, Ruth and Sadie Cooper, Cora Whipkey, Juanita and Eugene Smith, went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to see The Passion Play. They went on Thursday and stayed thru Sunday. They stayed at the Best Western Swiss Holiday Motel and ate at the Ozark Village Restaurant. The play was great, and they saw many inspiring things, such as the Thorn Crown Chapel made of glass and wood, the new Holy Tabernacle Tour--replicas of Jesus' life and time, the Sacred Arts Center that included a picture of the Holy Family, the Bible Museum, the Christ of the Ozarks Statue--seven stories high. They report that it was a wonderful and inspiring trip.

Barbara and Harlan Cooper and grandson, Justin, from Montgomery, spent Memorial weekend with Harlan's mother, Sadie Cooper.

Congratulations to all who deserve them, and happy day to all.

FATHERS, IF YOU KNEW

Fathers, if you could realize
the piercing, probing, searching eyes,
watching every motion you make--
every way you go and route you take,
you would choose the straight and narrow way
and from its course, you would not stray.

If you could know that always near,
eager, tender ears that hear
every single word you may speak
and its meaning promptly do seek,
your tongue you would firmly bridle--
and speak kind words, not profane nor idle.

If you knew--they mimic your acts,
speak your statements like proven facts.
Walk in your steps with giant stride
look up to you with love and pride.
Surely, you would guard your acts with care--
knowing you need God's guidance thru prayer.

--Eloise M. Brown

Happy Father's day. Give your children your
greatest gift--your time!

QUEEN JUNE

June, you are majestic and serene,
throned with lavish grown leaves so green,
of the summer months, you are the queen.

You are so voluptuous and lush,
reclining on your carpet of plush,
dimpled with strawberries' rosy blush.
Dressed in robes of colorful flowers,
blessed with many loitering hours,
resting in shady perfumed bowers.
Serenaded by happy birds' songs,
catered to by vegetable throngs,
homage of nature to you belongs.

June, you are Queen of Summer delight,
of full blown days, beautiful and bright,
crowned by star-glittering, moon-gold night.

--Eloise M. Brown

Come to the summer Pastures When the Mountains Call

(This seasonal article and others to follow are from a scrapbook belonging to long-time Mentone resident, Mary Weigand. The large scrapbook of her favorite seasonal articles by various authors was found recently in a storage chest at "Madaperca" by Don & Yvonne Brock.)

Come my friend, the valleys seem too confining, and the mountains call. There are slopes where anemones bloom and gentians gleam in their full pride; where straying bees flutter over the early heather, and the breeze is fresh with the keen tonic of the mountains. Come to the summer pastures, smooth as velvet, swelling and sinking in monster billows; I know where there are bare crags casting jagged shadows, and where tiny huts, huddled together in basin-like depressions, will give us shelter, and where we can study the life of the *alm*, and hear its song.

Pass your stick between the straps of your Rucksack, as a chamois hunter carries his rifle. Then, get into the steady swing of the mountaineer and lean well forward to perfect your balance, for the path is steep.

As we mount, our figures pierce the morning mist that clings to the mountainside in thin streamers. When we have left the last groves of pine, and have come out above the timber line, it is time to stop for a moment to send a shout into the valley below. Here and beyond begins a new world; a new air fans the cheeks, and new sounds come to the ears. The jingling of bells rises and falls on the breeze. The cattle are being driven off from the huts to feed in the open, to wander all day among the flowers.

Cloudy days, too, have their charm on the mountain, days when a silent mantle of mist or haze settles upon the scene, inviting meditation and the sweet solace of a mountain quiet. The day may have dawned surpassingly fair and clear, but suddenly, from many quarters, the clouds are detected creeping upon us like some stealthy enemy, to surround and hedge us in. They prove to be a welcome, kindly enemy, that means no harm. Little streamers and separate cloudlets are sent on ahead, or to the sides, and there they hover timidly till the main body of clouds overtakes them, and the whole mass pushes forward to capture the landscape with a gentle and moist caress. The clouds blot out one by one the landmarks of the mountain, the farther slopes, the little Alpine lake where the cattle drink, and the isolated cedars that have stood the storm and stress of a century. Finally, the mist cuts off from view the near-by huts and the grazing cattle as they munch the damp grass, dotted with many perfumed flowers. A pleasant stillness pervades the mountain, a peaceful, protective hush enfolds it, until such time as a clearing gust shall blow through the ravines...

A sudden break may come at any time, and even while we look, behold the peaks stand out once more clean cut against the blue, the landmarks of the mountain, and the cattle are seen again browsing unconcernedly and contentedly just where the clouds found them and left them...

The cool night-wind draws through the recesses of the range. The footfall of the passing herder can no longer be heard, nor the vibration felt on the sod; but after awhile, a cry comes from afar off, through the Alpine stillness, a final yodel, tense, defiant, and true, but mellowed and refined by the distance. It is time to turn in and leave the little flowers to the gentle dew, and this blessed and benign scene to the peace of the end of the day.

--From "The Fair Land Tyrol," by W.D. McCrackan



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Northeast Alabama State Community College Scholarship Winners



Chris Hammon

Chris Hammon, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, has received a two-year academic scholarship to Northeast. He is the son of Ralph and Linda Hammon.

He is a member of the Beta Club, FFA, Student Council, FHA, Scholar's Bowl team, and weightlifting team. He was selected to the All-County football team, All-County academic football team, and as captain of the baseball team.



Beverly Hatfield

Beverly Nichole Cash Hatfield, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, has received a summer academic scholarship to Northeast. She is the daughter of Billy and Louise Cash.

She is a member of the cheerleading squad, FHA, FFA, Bible Club, Spanish Club, Math Team, Drama Club, Beta Club, Pep Club, Purple and Gold staff, volleyball team, 4-H Club, and was selected as a class favorite.

She plans to major in nursing.



Jody Heath Wagner

Jody Heath Wagner, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, has received a presidential academic scholarship to Northeast. He is the son of Danny Wagner and Glenda Haney.

He is a member of the Beta Club, FFA, Student Council and Scholar's Bowl team.

He was voted most likely to succeed and most dependable in his senior class.

He plans to major in animal and dairy science.



Eric Heath King

Eric Heath King, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, has received a summer academic scholarship to Northeast. He is the son of Lamar and Cheryl King.

He was voted best dressed in his senior class.

He plans to major in science.



Toni Leigh Johnston

Toni Leigh Johnston, a 1995 graduate of Valley Head High School, has received a summer academic scholarship to Northeast. She is the daughter of Jack and Peggy Johnston.

She is a member of the cheerleading squad serving as captain, the Pep Club, FHA, and a representative to the student council.

She plans to major in nursing.

JSU Scholarship Winner

Kimberly Kay McKinney, a 17-year-old senior at Valley Head High School, has been awarded a faculty scholarship to Jacksonville State University. It is the highest scholarship given and is renewable.

She is the daughter of Billy and Marsha McKinney Sr. of Valley Head, and grand-daughter of Lois Foshee of Valley Head.

McKinney scored a 29 on the ACT and scored in the 97th percentile on the PSAT. While at Valley Head High School, she has maintained a 4.0 GPA.

She is in the top 10 of her class, chosen by fellow students as Best all Around. She was also chosen Who's Who Among High School Students and as Who's Who among incoming freshmen at JSU.

She is a member of the Beta Club, Student Council, Bible Club, FHA, FFA, Band, and she is a student tutor.

McKinney is also involved in Adopt-A-Mile, Toys For Tots, Fruit Baskets for the Elderly.

McKinney is trying for a teaching degree.



Kimberly McKinney



Heather Pruitt

Heather Pruitt, 13, is a Trion, Ga., Elementary Graduation Honor student.

She plays basketball for Trion Elementary and softball for Trion Recreation League.

She is the daughter of Hershell A. Pruitt of Mentone, Ala.; and Delight Pruitt of Trion, Ga.



Renee Pruitt

Renee Pruitt, 16, is a Sophomore at Trion Ga., High School. In 1995, she was elected to the Beta Club and the National Honor Society.

She is a Varsity Basketball Cheerleader and a member of the Cheerleader Team Competition.

She is the daughter of Hershell A. Pruitt of Mentone, Ala.; and Delight Pruitt of Trion, Ga.



Allen Gray

Allen Gray has been accepted by the Alabama School of Science and Mathematics in Mobile, Alabama, for a week's study. He is one of 60 students chosen from the entire state based on academic achievement, his personal letter of application, and other factors.

Allen is the son of Steve Gray of Indiana, and Sandra Pruitt of Mentone. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gray Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Graves.



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L/R: Mary Holleman, Inelle Hurt, Jan Williamson (guest), Velma Hammond, Teresa Cooper, Sadie Cooper, Judy Shelley, Leslie Bunch, Jean Jones, Sue Hamilton, Maxine Wright, Flo Kirby, Adelaide Biddle (some of the members who attended the luncheon)

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB SPRING LUNCHEON

By Maurine B. Donahue

Where eagles soar and little fishes swim at the great bend of the Tennessee River, Cuntersville State Park was the setting of the spring luncheon of the Valley Head Woman's Club.

The tables were beautifully appointed in the main dining room where an eagle's nest was the center of interest.

Dot Blackburn, club president, presided, and introduced a guest, Jan Williamson. Inelle Hurt returned thanks for the beauty of the place and for God's grace to us and for our opportunity for service.

After a delightful luncheon was served, club members were treated to a slide show and lecture about the Eagles Program at the park by Linda Reynolds who is in charge of it.

Linda said about 100 to 150 eagles from the Great Lakes region come to winter here, drawn by the abundance of water, but they do not nest here.

In 1962, Alabama began its eagle-hatching program. The chicks are hatched in Oklahoma and released in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. They are raised in cages, and never see people; and learn to fly after they are released. They mature at 5 years of age and, at 8 years, their eyes turn white. The eagles that are released here nest here, returning to where they learned to fly to nest. The same nests are used over and over, and are added to each year, until they become huge in size. They carry odd things to their nests, such as bottles and cans. Eagles mate for life and will live about 25 years in the wild and about 50 years in captivity.

Occasionally, a great horned owl will attack the chicks of eagles; otherwise, predators are not a problem.

The eagles sit near the dam where they swoop down to catch fish, mainly drum, which they catch with their talons. If there

are no fish, they will eat ducks or coots, and eat everything but the gizzard.

All hatched birds are banded. It is illegal to keep an eagle feather. Feathers are sent to a depository in Colorado from which they are given to Indians for use in religious ceremonies. Indians revere eagles and believe they are the intermediary between heaven and earth.

Cuntersville State Park has an outstanding Eagle Watching Program. You can look out over the nesting area from a 40-foot tower. At daylight, you can see the eagles parade. Competent leaders will take you on field trips. You can see eagles fishing on the lake throughout the day.

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THE ARTISTS GUILD PROMOTES LOCAL TALENTS

The Artists Guild (TAG) was established in February 1993, and is a not-for-profit organization consisting of artists from the Northeast Alabama and Northwest Georgia areas.

In late 1992, painter Nancy Cope Childers and photographer Steven Stiefel discussed the possibility of organizing local visual artists to promote their individual and collective interest through the proliferation of new art and awareness of fine arts.

Stiefel publicized the organization of a group he called "The Fort Payne Artists Guild." The first meeting was held at the DeKalb County Public Library in February 1993, where approximately 18 prospective members introduced themselves and discussed possibilities for such a Guild.

In April 1993, prospective members began planning for a first group showing in Mentone on May 15-16, on the porch of the historic Mentone Springs Hotel during the annual Rhododendron Festival.

The next month, the group—its name amended to "The Artist Guild"—met at the DeKalb County Library to adopt by-laws, establish annual dues for membership, elect officers and a board of directors for the first year, and form committees to prepare for the first show later that month. Today, the Guild includes several art educators and published artists.

Presently, Donna Bouldin is president of the organization. Nancy Childers serves as vice president, Kim Hall is secretary, and Vicki Jackson is treasurer. Members are:

- Donna Bouldin - oil painting, pencils and pen and ink
- Nancy Childers - oil painting, pencils and watercolors
- Sandra Comley - sculpture and painting
- Kim Hall - watercolor
- Vicki Jackson - signs, calligraphy, pastels, pen and ink
- Jack Jones - oils and acrylics
- Cheryl King - oil, watercolor and pen and ink
- Curtis Miller - wood-burning, acrylics, pen & ink, pencil, oil
- Ken Pennington - oil on canvas
- Anita Shankles - pen and ink
- Jim Smith, oil and watercolor
- Steven Stiefel - photograph, pencils and pen and ink.

If you would like more information about the Guild or have an interest in the works of these artists, please write to:

The Artists Guild, P.O. Box 29, Mentone, AL 35984.



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National Sports at a Glance

By Phil Harris

TRIVIA QUESTION: In baseball, what does the term "IN JEOPARDY" mean?

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Well, Alabama is going to be put on probation. That leaves only Tennessee, Penn State, and Notre Dame as the major college powers who have not been put on post-season sanctions. Auburn fans are probably foaming at the mouth to see exactly what the Tide will get as far as sanctions. Alabama will probably have one year probation with no bowl game and no SEC championship. The SEC will suffer again. Ole Miss is already on probation and Auburn just came off. Personally, this probation stuff makes me sick, because I'm an SEC sports fan. The NCAA has too much power and money. Universities exploit players, but the NCAA is the biggest part of that problem.

COLLEGE BASEBALL: The SEC had six teams in the NCAA regional tournaments. Alabama, Auburn, Arkansas, Ole Miss, LSU, and Tennessee all got bids. Alabama, Auburn, and Ole Miss finished second in their regionals. Tennessee was the only team to qualify for the college world series. The Vols are in Omaha for the first time since 1951. That year, they came in second to Oklahoma. Todd Helton is the Vols leading hitter. He was voted the MVP of College Baseball and recently was drafted in the first round by the Colorado Rockies. Chattanooga has been chosen as one of three finalists for the revamped SEC baseball tournament next season. Birmingham and Columbus, Ga., are also in the running.

NBA PLAYOFFS: And then there were two. Orlando and Houston will play in the NBA finals. This is going to be an exciting series. Pro Basketball usually is not all that exciting. This year, though, it has been a lot of fun to watch. Orlando is tough at home and Houston is tough anywhere. Shaquille O'Neal and Hakeem Olajuwon are dominating centers. This series will be one of the greatest. O'Neal and Olajuwon will probably stay on an even keel. The key players in my opinion are the Magic's Horace Grant and the Rockets' Clyde Drexler. These players were brought to their respective teams to win a championship. Whoever has the most consistent series will lead his team to the promised land.

PRO BASEBALL: AMERICAN LEAGUE: The Cleveland Indians are tearing the cover off the ball. The California Angels are the surprising leader in the west, the New York Yankees and the Chicago White Sox are stinking up the field, and the Boston Red Sox have put together one of the best teams in baseball. Robert Clemons is now back, watch out, American League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: The Philadelphia Phillies are hitting the ball and pitching has held up so far. Montreal is still competitive in the east. The Cincinnati Reds are on a roll and may win the National League Pennant going away. The Los Angeles Dodgers are starting to come together. Being without Mike Piazza has hurt them, but now he's back. Atlanta is struggling right now. August is getting near, and if the Braves are close to the Phillies, watch out! The Braves cannot win without David Justice, like it or not. The Florida Marlins and New York Mets have no chance. Finally, how about those Chicago Cubs?

HOCKEY: Four teams are left in the NHL playoffs--Chicago playing Detroit and New Jersey playing Philadelphia. Detroit is clearly the best team in hockey. New Jersey is physical enough to get by Philadelphia, but not the Red Wings. Detroit is just too good at pushing the puck up the ice.

NASCAR: Bobby Labonte won his first race at Charlotte. He followed that up by finishing second this past weekend. Kyle Petty won the race at Dover, Delaware. It was Petty's first win in two years. Dale Earnhardt finishing fifth is still in first place in the points standings.

Finally, the Atlanta Braves will conduct a tryout camp June 12 at Scottsboro High School for players 15 to 20 years old. The tryout will begin at 10 a.m. Players must furnish shoes, gloves, and uniforms.

Answer to Trivia Question: The term, "IN JEOPARDY," means that the ball is in play, and an offensive player may be put out.

Another month has gone by, and I hope I'm giving you a little bit of an independent look at sports. Please let me know if there's anything I need to add or anyone I need to name. Suggestions will be appreciated. God willing, I will see you next month.

Sports on the Scene

By Phil Harris

The school year of 1994-95 has come to pass. This was probably one of the most exciting years for sports in DeKalb County. Several area high schools had seasons worthy of recognition. During the fall, Sylvania won its first area championship in school history. The Rams won three playoff games before falling to Colbert County in the semi-finals of the state playoffs. Coach Paul Benefield and his staff did a wonderful job. Ider enjoyed one of the best seasons they have had in a long time. Tommy Wells' Hornets finished the year 9-3, losing to West Morgan in the playoffs. Fyffe's girls volleyball team won the DeKalb County Championship and were on the way toward a state title before discipline problems spiked the Lady Devil's chances.

Basketball was a thrill a minute for area schools. Fyffe's Lady Red Devils won their second straight state championship. Heather Mayes and company will leave a legacy that will be hard to top. Mayes' jersey was retired recently at a banquet in her honor. Collinsville's boys basketball team made it all the way to Birmingham and the final four. The Panthers were overmatched and lost to Autaugaville. Billy Wayne Clanton and Solomon Stanton will return next season. Watch out DeKalb County opponents--the partners will try and make it three county titles in a row.

Baseball and Softball around the county was a little disappointing. In baseball, Collinsville won the DeKalb County Tournament Championship. The Panthers were unable to qualify for the state playoffs, however. Geraldine was the only team to get past the first round. Fyffe and Plainview bit the dust in the first round, and the Bulldogs fell in the second. Softball has really grown in popularity in recent years. Fyffe won the County championship. The Red Devils went on and finished second in the 2A Sector 8 tournament at Fort Payne. Fyffe lost in the sub-state first round. Collinsville finished second in 1A Section 8. The Lady Panthers also lost in the sub-state first round. Plainview was the big disappointment, finishing by losing in the sectional tournament. The Lady Bears made it to the state tournament last year and had returned the nucleus of the team. Sand Rock was the only team from this area to qualify for the State. The Lady Wildcats came in first in 2A Section 8, and finished sixth in the state.

Other high school sports worthy of notice: Fort Payne's girls soccer team and girls track team won state championships. Also, the girls tennis placed eight in the state tournament.

Baseball and softball at the Sports Complex are almost finished for the year.

Here's a quick look at what's going on:

9-10 Dixie Youth Baseball

Mentone (3-3-1) currently in 3rd place, American League

Coaches: Eric Kirby and Allen Crow

Top Players: Corey Kirby and Kelly Owen

11-12 Dixie Youth

Mentone (7-2) currently in 1st place, American League

Coach: Joe Smith

Top Players: Nathan Owen, David Goodwin, Peter Hurt, Johnny Wesley, Ashton Jones, Eddie Manning, Will Shanklin

Valley Mills (8-2) currently 1st, National League

Coaches: Steve Smith and Van Cooper

Top Players: Tyler Cooper and Michael Smith

13-14 Dixie Boys Baseball

Valley Head (3-5) currently 4th in the standings

Coach: Cotton Baggett

Top Players: Buck Strickland, Jason Owen, Jonathan Browder, and Josh Baggett

Congratulations go out to Mentone's Blue Tigers for winning the Mentone League T-Ball title. Head coach was Dennis Lewis. Tyler and Melissa Harrison were members of the team.

Local softball team CBS recently finished third in an invitational tournament in Rainsville. Members of the team from the Mentone-Valley Head area are: Tommy Harrison, Alan Smith, Gary Smith, Jon Bain, Jeff Bain, Charles Hammon, Shane Ingram, Shane McMahan, Kevin Cash, J.J. Wigley, Kevin Worthey, Aaron McKenzie, and Jason Gregory. Hopefully, I didn't leave anyone out.

Well, that's all for now. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please write to:

Phil Harris, 200 45th St. NE, Apt. 12, Fort Payne, AL 35967.

Happy Father's Day!

MOON LAKE KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

By Evelyn Graves

Twenty-seven kindergarten students moved up to first grade. They are: Wil Blackburn, Barnabas Bettis, Emily Chaney, Elizabeth Childers, Logan Chambers, Mark Corey, Lisa Crane, Glen Hansen, Michael Hawkins, Alex Hazell, Herndon, D. J. Howard, Julie Ingram, Robert Johnson, Brian Kean, Whitney LaBuda, Jacob Meadows, John Meadows, Phillip McNutt, Heather Phillips, Jed Platt, Cynthia Rhodes, Casey Sammons, Justin Scott, Justin Smith, Emily Swindall, Angel Wesley.

Maart Hurt played the pomp and circumstance for the ceremony.

Alex Hazell was honored by the Kindergarten teachers for many contributions during the year. The Kindergarten students honored teacher Phyllis Sarratt and Aide Donnissley for their work with their children this year. The Kindergarten students sang two songs from "The Lion King." Awards were presented to eight students for achievements and qualities. They are as follows:

Herndon - Outstanding leadership
Justin Smith - Best rest time student
Elizabeth Childers - Math
Mark Corey - Reading
Lisa Crane - Art
Alex Hazell - Friendship
Emily Swindall - Good Citizenship
Angel Wesley - Most Athletic



1995 Moon Lake School Graduates

David Chaney, Emily Collins (Co-Salutatorian), Tracy Coots, Davey Goodwin, Ashton Jones (Valedictorian), Holly Kitchens (Co-Salutatorian), Nathan Owen, Joseph Smith, James Tipton

Distant November

By Sharon Jones Harris

I'll go in November,
When the last yellow leaf
falls from the poplar.
I'll go on a golden day when the morning
speaks of Winter and the noontime
speaks of Autumn.
I'll go in my ankle-length flannel dress
and cotton stockings on my way to
church or to help some young mother.
Or, I'll be on my way to the garden
in my cory sweats and old tennis shoes.

They'll find me behind the door,
as I had started out.
Someone who loves me much will find
my body there cold,
my spirit flown away.
And they'll say with a smile, "She went
the way she said she would,
the way she wanted to."
And they'll not cry, they'll laugh and tell
all our old jokes and talk about
my cats and dogs.

I'll not go this Autumn or the next.
But some distant time when I've held my
great-grandchildren on my lap and
have written all my books, I'll go.
And in that distant time, when my mortality
is clothed in immortality, I'll dance
anew in mountain meadows and
Sing early morning songs.

(Sharon Jones Harris is the oldest daughter of Jim and Dallyne Jones. She is the mother of three grown children, a registered nurse, a homemaker, and has taken up creative writing, which she loves. "The Old One" and "Distant November" are two of her poems, which have been published.)



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Rhododendron Garden Club 1995-96 Officers: (L/R): Ann Wright, Parliamentarian; Marilyn Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Flo Kirby Treasurer; Mickey Gough, Recording Secretary; Bernise Crow, Vice President; Linda Brown, installed officers; Marie Dillenbeck, President

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, May 10, 1995, at 12 noon at Nippersink Lodge for a luncheon and the installation of the new 1995-96 officers. The theme for May was "Trail's End." The hostesses were Gerry Disney, Gladys Crane, Ann Wright, and Barbara Blalock. Dr. Pat Seymour gave the devotional/grace, and the members enjoyed a delicious luncheon in the beautiful setting of Rhododendron blooming all around the lodge and the river.

A short business meeting followed with Ann Wright giving a statement of thanks to the members for their help during her presidency. She listed the various projects that had been worked on during her term, commending the members for the assistance.

Linda Brown installed the the new officers:

President - Marie Dillenbeck
Vice President - Bernise Crow
Recording Secretary - Mickey Gough
Treasurer - Flo Kirby
Corresponding Secretary - Marilyn Blanton Campbell
Parliamentarian - Ann Wright.

President Marie Dillenbeck thanked the members for their confidence in her as president and asked for their continued support in all club matters.

The next meeting will be on June 13, at the City Hall. The theme is Trees, and the program, "Tree Families," will be presented by Flo Kirby. Mabel Kirk has the devotional. Sue Schwarz, Lynette McCary, and Shirley Hussell will provide the refreshments.



Martha Kirby holding granddaughter Caitlin Marie Kirby at the Little River Church Decoration Day held on May 21. Caitlin had her 1st birthday on May 22.



Lauren Addison, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Randy Addison, at the Little River Church Decoration Day on Sunday, May 21, placing a toy bunny on one of the graves.



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That their song is of the time of year.

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L/R: Cub Scouts Clark Crow, Keith Miller, Paul Davis, Rob Childers, Nicklos Floyd, and Andrew McCole

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

By Evelyn Graves

The Boy Scout Court of Honor is held twice a year—in May and in December. This year, it was held on May 15 in The Berry Patch with a scout. It is a ceremony that honors scouts, leaders, and parents for their scouting achievements. In each court of honor, the boys receive ranks and merit badges that they have earned. Each time a boy gets a rank, his mother receives a pin for that rank. It is called a Mother's

At this particular Court of Honor, Cub Scout Pack 106 was honored in two ways. They, first of all, had a pinewood derby, which is a Cub Scout project where each boy builds his own race car, decorates it, and races it in the derby. Brandol Jones built the pinewood derby track which will be used every year. It has been named "The Brandol Jones 500," and it is stored at Moon Lake

Baptist Church for safekeeping. The second way they were honored was that they received recognition for completion of the "God and Me" program. The special guest that evening was Daniel Cook, the gentleman from Summerville, Ga., who purchases aluminum for Mentone Green. He was presented with a Boy Scout shirt and honored for his contributions to the Scout program. The members of the Troop Committee were present, along with their spouses. Parents and other family members were present, also. Rev. Bill Russell, pastor of Moon Lake Baptist Church, and his wife were present. The troop mother, Clara Cash, was present. The scout leaders, Robert and Terry Childers, David and Dianne Gilbreath, Dr. Bill Berry, Mike Young, and Glenn Miller were also present.



L/R: Paul Davis, Clark Crow, Nicklos Floyd, and Rob Childers, each holding his own derby race car.

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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

•• Ballard Hardware and Construction, Menlo, recently was awarded the construction contract by the Chattooga Board of Education for the building of three new classrooms and a physical education facility at Summerville Elementary School. Ballard bid \$421,000 for the job. Construction is to be completed by mid-December.

••Michael Coley, 21, of Edison Street in Menlo, was blown out of his boat and burned when the motor exploded. He suffered second and third degree burns in the incident. Michael is now back home after several days in Floyd Medical Center, and recovering from burns on his legs, face, chest, and arms.

••Stephanie Crowe announces the birth of her daughter, Heaven Danielle, on Saturday April 29, in Floyd Medical Center in Rome.

••Mayor Theresa Canada has announced that the town is ready to begin its mosquito spraying. No exact start-up date has been set.

••Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Cloudland, announce the birth of a son, Dustin Wayne Levi Smith, on April 22, at Floyd Medical Center in Rome.

••The Cloudland Volunteer Rescue Squad will sponsor a golf tournament June 24 at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course in Mentone.

The format will be four-man best ball, and tee time is 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$40 per person, and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places. A prize of \$250 will be given away for a hole-in-one on hole No. 15. Door prizes will also be awarded, and refreshments will be available. For more information, call (205) 845-0610 from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or (205) 634-4199.

••"Book the Wave!" That's the theme of Chattooga County Library's 1995 Summer Reading Club. For youthful readers, all the summer fun began in earnest on Monday, June 5, as "Puff, the Magic Dragon" became the first in a series of "Fish Tales Films" shown on Mondays through July 24. The schedule calls for a week's film to be shown at 3 p.m. Monday in Menlo. The rest of the "Fish Tales Films" week-by-week: June 12 - "White Seal," June 19 - "The Little Mermaid," June 26 - "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," July 3 - "Gift of the Whales," July 10 - "Treasure Island," July 17 - "The Magic Voyage," and July 24 - "Swamp Things."

Reading Treasures, the Library's summer story times, will run from Wednesday, June 7, to August 2, at 3:30 p.m. in the Menlo Library on Wednesdays.

••Our deepest sympathy to those families who have lost loved ones: Mrs. Shirley Christine Burke, 58, sister of Charles Woods Jr., Cloudland, died Friday, April 21, in a Rome hospital.

Mr. Edward C. Wilson, 60, brother of Carl Wilson, Menlo, died April 24 at his residence following a brief illness.

Mr. Billy Glenn Jones, 56, father of James David Jones, Menlo, died May 16 at his residence.

Mrs. Pauline Covington Evans, 60, sister of Henry Lee Covington, Menlo, died May 26 at Redmond Medical Center, Rome.



SISTERS

Kerry Elizabeth and Rachel McKenzie Allison are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Allison, Menlo. Kerry Beth will celebrate her third birthday on June 10. Rachel was born on February 20, 1995, at Floyd Medical Center. They are the granddaughters of Mr. and Mrs. David Davis, Menlo; Woodrow Allison, Calhoun; and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ezell, Summerville. Their great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Pope, Trion; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edgeworth, Summerville; Carmen and Marie Wright, Menlo; and Bert and Billie Crain, Menlo. Their great-great-grandfather is Shamolin Tucker, Lyrerly.



BIRTHDAY

John Caleb Payton celebrated his second birthday April 19. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Payton, Menlo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crane, Menlo; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Payton, Trion. He is the great-grandson of Flora Jennings, Summerville; and Bert and Billie Crain, Menlo. He has a sister, Lindsey Little. John celebrated his birthday with a four-wheeler themed party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Payton. In attendance were his family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crane, Kevin Crain, Flora Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis, Nicky Mann, A.J. Carmon, and Rhonda and Erica Blalock.

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David Huskey
Ryan Jarrett
Steele Lee
Lindsay Nixon
Lee Pettit
Nigel Plant
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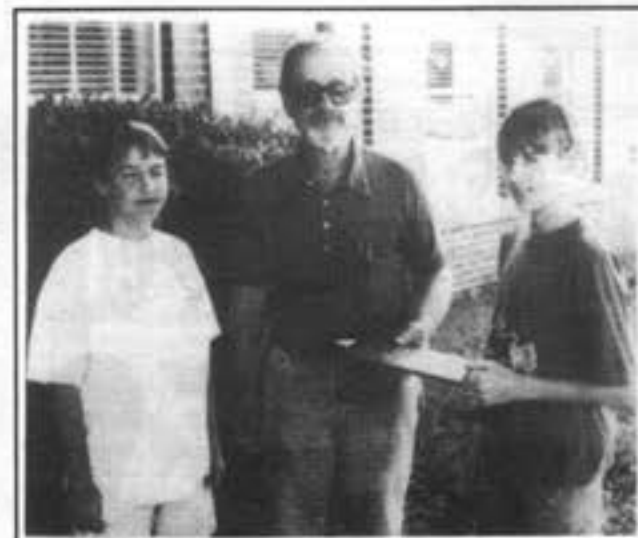
43 Menlo Students Promoted

Menlo Elementary School's eighth grade promotion program was held Friday, June 2, in the circle area in front of the school. A total of 43 students received promotion certificates. The Blanche Toles and E.C. Thompson awards were also presented.

Those being promoted are: April Bowman, Wendy Brown, Christy Cooper, Kevin Crain, Jennifer Culbert, Houston Herring, Jessica Hill, April Hughes, Robert Johnson, Wanda Jones, Stanley Kirby, Tony McCann, Jonathan O'Neal, Chris

Faugh, Nancy Peoples, Angela Toles, Misty Tucker, and Shemlyn Yarbrough. Stacy Aldridge, Sarah Andrews, Tricia Beech, Alisha Brock, Heath Burge, Chris Butler, Sally Cooper, J.B. Hampson, Holly Hart, Nikki Hawkins, Adam Hester, Brooke

Hester, Christopher Kerce, Josh Key, Jessica Mitchell, B.J. Montgomery, Jason Morris, Sheryl Sims, Tonya Sparks, Jeremy Treadaway, John Tucker, Dustin Webb, Kristi Wilcox, Joseph Willingham, and Charlie Woody.



Menlo Dedicates Yearbook

Ed Thompson, who retired last year after 50 years as principal of Menlo Elementary School, is shown accepting a copy of this year's Menlo yearbook, a publication dedicated to him. Making the presentation outside the school is Adam Hester, as Tonya Sparks also takes part.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church will meet on Tuesday, June 27, at 3 p.m. at the home of Velma Hammonds. Co-hostess will be Vesta Hawkins.

Sunday worship service at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is at 12:30 a.m. Communion is observed every Wednesday at noon.

Moon Lake Baptist Church plans several cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the revival, which will be held July 16-19, with Barry Lord as evangelist. There will be a special recognition of all fathers in the service on Fathers' Day, June 18. The church is in the process of producing a pictorial directory. Thursday, June 15, will be the last date for pictures for the directory. If you have not already been to have your picture taken, please do so on that date. A softball game between the Young Married class and the Youth will take place on June 17. The J.O.Y. group plans to go to Chattanooga for a visit to the Aquarium on June 8. This will be in lieu of the regular meeting. Vacation Bible School will be July 17-21, from 9-12 each day. All children in the community: kindergarten - 6th grades are invited to attend.

The worship services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church has had a very good past year and is anticipating the beginning of a new one this month, as the church year begins. There will be a special service on Father's Day, June 18, with a Father's Day emphasis.

The youth of the Valley Head Baptist Church made \$500 on the hot dog lunch May 31. On June 16 and 17, the youth are going on a trip to Atlanta to Atlanta Fest. Devan Jackson and Reverend Jenkins will be among the chaperones for this trip. Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-23 from 9-12 a.m. Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend.

The first baptismal service in the new baptistry was held on Sunday evening, May 28, at the Union Hill Baptist Church. Corey Wilbanks was the first candidate for baptism. The dedication of the remodeled church was held on June 4. Reverend Charles Jones, DeKalb County Superintendent of Missions, brought the dedicatory message. A fellowship dinner was served following the service.

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Church (formerly Community Christian Fellowship Church), Hwy 11, P.O. Box 58, Valley Head, AL 35989, meets in their new home, which is a tent that is located on the right on Hwy. 11, 1-1/2 miles from the DeKalb Ambulance Service. Sunday School from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., and worship services 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Prayer for everyone is 6:00 p.m. Sunday evenings. The public is welcome. For more information, call Pastor Randy and Janice Turner at 635-6467.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy is in REVIVAL Sunday through Wednesday, June 4-7. There will be special singing and prayer for the sick. Special speaker, Allen Davis, is a former State Overseer and national church leader. Services begin at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

Pastor Brock has been invited to be a guest instructor at the Alabama Youth Camp the week of June 12, 1995.

Anyone interested in joining the church softball or volleyball teams, please call Donna Brock at 634-4164.

The church will observe a special Father's Day service June 18. Everyone is invited.

Everyone is invited to attend the Gospel Singing on the first Sunday night of every month.

Everyone is invited to tune in to the Mentone Revival Center radio broadcast every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on AM870.

Lay leader, Jim Gaylord and Rev. David Lett are attending Annual Conference from June 4 through 7. On Thursday, June 15, the UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church will meet at noon at Stonehenge, the home of Hope Walker, for a luncheon. Marilyn Campbell has the program, "Children-- Making the World Safe." A project of the UMW, a 20' x 30' covered pavilion, has been completed by Mike Smith and his crew of Mentone, using monies in the Hattie Bruce fund designated for improvements to the children's play area. Vacation Bible School is June 26-June 30. The pavilion will be used for many activities during that week.

The Administrative Council will meet Sunday, June 11, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

On June 14, the church will be welcoming its new pastor, Rev. Jimmy Maxwell and his wife, Colleen. Rev. Lett has been assigned to another church in Decatur, Alabama.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at the DeSoto Room at DeSoto State Park. All ministers are encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be July 1st.

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Sometimes classes are a bit smaller during the summer months. Even though care is taken so that adult educational courses are always taught in informal, non-threatening environments, they may be even more relaxed in the summer.

It's a perfect time to learn to read, improve reading skills, prepare for the GED test, or brush up on academic skills in order to enroll in college or technical school.

Enrollment is simple—just go to the location you desire on the appropriate day and time.

The classes are offered free by the Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program, which serves DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall counties. The books and materials are also free.

For more information, call your local board of education or the adult education office at 845-8577 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Classes will be held at the following locations:

- DeKalb County Public Library, Fort Payne, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon - GED.
- DeKalb County Public Library, Fort Payne, Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until noon - Reading.
- Fort Payne Middle School, Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. - GED.
- Fort Payne Middle School, Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. - Reading.
- Rainsville Public Library, Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. - Reading.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED

Northeast Alabama State Community College offers a variety of Continuing Education courses to help meet the needs and interests of surrounding areas served by the college.

John Paul Campbell, director of vocational and technical training at Northeast, recently announced some of the special interest courses for the summer quarter.

Registration for each class will be at the first class meeting.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Department in Room 148 in the Beville Administration Building, or phone 228-6001 or 638-4418, ext. 254.

•Flower arranging will be taught by Randy Webster of Section, who has 20 years of experience in the floral business in Huntsville and Jackson County. Due to the popularity of the course and the advanced skills of Webster's students, he will also offer an Advanced Flower Arranging course. According to Webster, both classes teach skills in arranging for homes, weddings, and other special occasions.

The Flower Arranging class will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., beginning June 13. The Advanced Flower Arranging class will meet on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., beginning June 15. Registration will be at the first class meeting. Tuition is \$44.

•Watercolor will be taught by Marga Morrison, who has been an active watercolorist in this area for several years. Students will be introduced to the techniques and materials appropriate to painting on paper with water-based medium. Emphasis will be on developing proficiency in technical and creative expression.

Classes will meet on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., beginning June 15, with registration being at the first class meeting. Tuition for the watercolor class is \$44.

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A Jammin' good time

June Jam Week kicked off Friday, June 2, with the annual beauty pageant, and now the stage is set for a "jammin' good time" leading up to the 14th Annual June Jam, Saturday June 10. Lots of exciting activities are planned throughout the week. Here's a run down.

- Saturday and Sunday, June 3 & 4, the Soccer Classic at the Fort Payne Sports Complex.
 - Sunday, June 4, the June Jam Week Car Show at the Fort Payne VFW Fairgrounds.
 - Monday, June 5, 5 p.m., Competition Night at the Fort Payne Sports Complex.
 - Tuesday, June 6, 5 p.m., the Salute to Alabama Parade and street dance in downtown Fort Payne.
 - Wednesday, June 7, 5 p.m., the annual June Jam Gospel Jubilee at the Fort Payne VFW Fairgrounds.
 - Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m., the much-anticipated Alabama/VIP Softball Game at the Fort Payne Sports Complex.
 - Friday, June 9, at 1 p.m., the always-exciting Randy Owen Celebrity Golf Tournament at Terrapin Hills.
 - Friday, June 9, the Songwriters' Showcase, at the DeKalb Theater.
 - Friday, June 9, a parking lot dance at the Fort Payne Sports Complex.
 - Saturday, June 10, the Jam itself behind the Fort Payne High School. Gates open at 7 a.m.
- A guitar autographed by Jeff Cook and friends will also be given away during the Jam this year. Proceeds go to Camp Smile-A-Mile. Chances are \$5 each. Call Lynn Thompson at 205-323-8427 or Rocky Lawrence at 845-2286, ext. 5, for details.

ART CLASSES OFFERED

Cissy Crider, DeKalb County's Artist-In-Residence, will be teaching art at Valley Head and Moon Lake Schools beginning Tuesday, June 6. These classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the month of June. The fee is \$25.00 per student. Call Ronnie Campbell at 845-8575, to enroll.

Friends of Little River will meet on June 20 at Fischer Rescue Squad Building in Ft. Payne for its regular monthly meeting and to elect officers for the new year. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

And ye Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4

What a responsibility placed on fathers. They are to be the head of the house, to bring up their children, not only to shoulder responsibility and provide for their families, but also to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. To be an example in church attendance and Christian living. This kind of Father will be honored.

Happy Father's Day.

DEKALB COUNTY GIRL SCOUTS SUMMER DAY CAMP



The DeKalb County Girl Scouts will hold "The Wild and Wonderful Outdoors" Summer Day Camp at Sylvania Park, June 26-June 30, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., each day. It's for all girls in the first through 11th grades. You don't have to be a Girl Scout to join the fun. Registration forms are available at the Rainsville and Fort Payne public libraries.

For more information, call 582-0093 or 845-4312.

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1929 GAZELLE REPLICA SSK KIT CAR, with Ford chassis, 2300 cc Ford engine, automatic transmission, 2-door convertible (with top stored in trunk), wire wheels, leather interior, beige and brown, with approximately 1,000 miles.

This beautiful car was titled in 1969 and can be seen at Tim Hegwood Motor Company on Highway 48 in Menlo, Georgia. The Chattooga County Shrine Club is accepting donations in the amount of \$10.00 for each opportunity to be the proud owner of this 1929 automobile.

George Payne, a member of the Yarrab Shrine in Atlanta for 17 years, and a charter member of the newly-formed Chattooga County Shrine Club, is shown standing by this intriguing car. Labor Day 1995 is the date this car will be given away, and all the proceeds will go to Community Center, Inc., and the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. One does not have to be present to win.