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A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

E.T. (Travis) York began his journey on July 4, 1922, in Mentone, Ala., when he was born to parents E.T. (Elijah) "Lige" York and Leila Hixon York, in the York family home that is now part of Camp Alpine. E.T. had an older brother, Ted, who is deceased. After their father's death and after both Ted and E.T. had left the area, the old home place was sold to Dick O'Ferrall, owner of Camp Alpine.

Their father was a mail carrier at Mentone from the late 1920s to Feb. 1932, when Max Cash became the Route One rural carrier. During Lige's service, he provided mail service for Camp Cloudmont, and E.T. visited the camp numerous times. In a letter to Jack Jones of Mentone, dated January 29, 1997, E.T. wrote, "...before my senior year in high school at Valley Head, I wanted to produce a crop at Valley Head where we lived to tie in with my vocational agriculture work at the high school. My father was instrumental in helping me buy a horse--"Old Joe"--from Camp Cloudmont. Joe, as I recall was not too good to ride or to work--however, he could do a little of both which made him satisfactory from my standpoint. At any rate, I grew some cotton and corn near our home in Valley Head the summer between my junior and senior years in high school. I vividly remember producing a bale of cotton which I sold for \$75 and, with that, purchased a portable typewriter which I used throughout the rest of my high school and college years."

Their mother was a teacher. When E.T. was three years old, his parents separated, and being the youngest, he went with his mother to live in Valley Head. His brother, Ted, stayed with his dad. Even though they were separated, E.T. was close to both his father and his mother, visiting his father frequently. E.T. would meet Lige at the Hitching Post, which was the post office at that time. When Lige's mail route was finished, E.T. would go home with his father.

Leila Hixon was the daughter of Millard Hixon, who was sheriff of DeKalb County around 1915. Leila wanted the children to have a better education than she had. Lige built a home in Valley Head for Leila and E.T. Leila went back to school and finished a 6-year education in two years. She was valedictorian of her class. Leila got her degree and went on to college in Berea, KY, and finished her masters in teaching at Norman, OK. When she finished, she taught school at various places in DeKalb County, and was principal at the Henagar Junior High School. At that time, she was married to Joe Wilkes.

E.T.'s brother, Ted, finished school at Crossville in 1935. From there, he went to the University of Alabama for one year and finished in Jacksonville, where earlier his mother had gone to college.

In 1935, while Leila was teaching in Crossville, she, E.T., and Ted went to Orlando, Fla., to visit relatives. On the way back to Alabama, they ran into an ice storm and were unable to come up the mountain from Menlo, Ga., and slid into a ditch. Some good folks in Menlo took them in for the night



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--E.T. (Travis) York

and helped them get their car out of the ditch the next day.

E.T.'s parents and his brother, Ted, are buried at Fischer Cemetery. When possible, he comes back to Fischer for Decoration Day.

E.T. graduated from Valley Head High School in 1939. From there he went to Auburn and earned his BS degree in 1942. He served for almost three years as an officer in the field artillery, U.S. Army, but the war ended before he was called to go over seas. York received his bachelor's degree in agricultural science and his master's degree in soils/agronomy (in 1946), both from Auburn University, and his Ph.D. in soils from Cornell University. He also has honorary doctor of science degrees from Auburn University, Ohio State University, and UF. He is the author of more than 100 technical papers and books and has lectured at more than 40 universities throughout the United States and around the world.

E.T.'s wife, Carol Vermelle "Vam" York, is from Evergreen, Ala. They met in the spring of 1946 at Auburn while she was finishing her BS degree. Vam was president of the women student government. They were married on December 26, 1946, when E.T. came home for Christmas. He took Vam

back with him to Cornell. He said, "I took her back to 26" of snow and 20° below zero weather. What a shock!" The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in December 1996. They have two children, Travis, who lives in Gainesville, and Lisa, who lives in Jacksonville.

E.T. went back to Auburn in 1959 as director of The State-wide Extension Service. He stayed there two years. From there, he went to Washington, DC., from 1961 to 1963, as Administrator of the Federal Extension Service.

(The following information is taken from a brochure, "Great Floridians Film Series.")

Dr. York joined the University of Florida in 1963, where he served as Vice President for Agricultural Affairs, Executive Vice President, and Interim President. In 1975, he became Chancellor of the State University System of Florida, where he served for five years, retiring early to pursue his long-term interests in global hunger and Third World development.

Dr. York's landmark leadership to the Florida food and agricultural industry through the University of Florida helped accelerate the industry's growth. After measurably improving the quality of Florida's higher education system, York has been tirelessly committed to improving the way of life for the people of developing nations. All the while he has been extremely active in volunteering and in community service.

As UF Vice President for Agricultural Affairs, he created the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) for better coordination of its teaching, research, and extension responsibilities. He also developed the SHARE (Special Help for Agricultural Research and Education) program which has, to date, raised some \$75 million in private funds for IFAS programs. He initiated the DARE program (Developing Agricultural Resources Effectively), a comprehensive strategic planning and action program which, with IFAS leadership, is widely credited for greatly accelerating the development of Florida agriculture's cash farm income by more than eightfold in 30 years. He also provided leadership for the establishment of the UF College of Veterinary Medicine.

While serving as Chancellor of the State University System, Dr. York organized and led efforts to improve the

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Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
●Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting
Election of Officers, Dessie's Kountry Chef

●Saturday, June 14, Flag Day
●Sunday, June 15, Father's Day
●Saturday, June 21, Summer Begins

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Bernise Crow

Two years have passed quickly since I was elected president of MAPA, and that is as long as one can serve, according to our by-laws. I think a change is always good; a new leader with fresh ideas can put a spark of life into any organization. It has gotten so we have problems in all organizations in getting someone to take the president's job. Our older people are tired and don't want the responsibility and our young people are working hard trying to make a living.

Much appreciation to Rick Chapman, Dorothy Crow and Lucille Crowe for serving as this year's Nominating Committee. They have selected a good slate of officers who will be installed at our June meeting. I will look for you there and encourage you to give the new officers your full support.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as President, although nothing great has been accomplished during my tenure. We have just tried to keep things running smoothly and save for a project that is meaningful. A wonderful Board has kept me sustained and I am eternally grateful for their hard work. Vice President, Jim Lyday, has presided for me when we were out of town and he has provided excellent programs for us each month. Our Secretary, Mickey Gough, has been very faithful and gives a good report. Her husband, Sherman, has headed the clean-up committee for our Adopt-A-Mile. Good work, Sherman. Mickey served as Secretary and Treasurer for one year until Penny Lyday was elected to take the Treasurer's job. Homer Crow served as Parliamentarian and kept us straight and Donna Bouldin and Ed Disney served as Members-at-Large. It was a good, strong cast of board members with whom to work.

Much appreciation to Evelyn Graves who is Editor of our Groundhog paper. She does a great job selling ads in addition to other things like writing interesting articles featuring our local people.

Thanks to Marie Dillenbeck who has worked extra hard this year as President of the Garden Club and for taking on the added responsibility of writing Dr. Pat Seymour's articles. Marie does the typesetting for the paper and other things I don't know about except that it all takes time. Our paper is well received due to all the hard work of Evelyn and Marie.

May our new year be even better with a new, energetic President you will hear from next month.



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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MLB: The Atlanta Braves may have the best overall team ever. The addition of Kenny Lofton and Michael Tucker has made a good team great. The Florida Marlins could challenge the Braves for most of the Summer Atlanta's pitching staff will be the difference.

Baltimore and the NY Yankees continue to fight tooth and nail for American League supremacy. The Orioles have too much for the Yankees. Braves vs Orioles is still my pick.

NBA: Same old story, the Chicago Bulls are the class of professional basketball. Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, and company are the best of all time. Only question left—can they do it again next year? Of course!

College Baseball: Four SEC teams make up the College World Series eight team field. Alabama, Auburn, LSU, and Mississippi State join Miami, Rice, Stanford, and UCLA. Once again, the Southeastern Conference rules the roost. Omaha will be filled with southerners!

Auto Racing: Jeff Gordon won the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte. Gordon unseated the hottest driver on the NASCAR circuit, Mark Martin. Martin finished third, Rusty Wallace came in second. Terry Labonte, Gordon, Dale Jarrett, and Martin continue to dominate NASCAR racing. Dale Earnhardt is still finding his groove. Number 3 needs a win in the worst way!

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

Optimism is the word in Death Valley. Jerry Brown had 46 kids out for spring, and though he has a long way to go, he is excited. The Tigers are looking for their first winning season since 1991.

Spring practice commenced with an intersquad game, rather than the usual spring game. The Purple team, led by MVP

Kyle Freeman, defeated the Gold team 13-8. Jason Owen was the MVP of the Gold team. The 1997 "I Like To Practice Award" winner was Josh Shelton.

Only three months until Geraldine comes calling to open the '97 season. A new era begins. GOOD LUCK TIGERS!!

The Tiger baseball team enjoyed some success in '97. Valley Head missed the playoffs—just barely. A loss to Collinsville, and a heart breaking 5-3 decision to Cedar Bluff (game called due to darkness) placed the Tigers third in the area.

1997 Baseball Award Winners: Slugger Award - Josh Woods, Pitching Specialist - Heath Watson, Mister Hustle Award - Jim Phillips, Highest Batting Average - Buck Strickland (.367), Best Defensive Player - Jonathan Browder, and Most Improved Player - Alex Hatfield.

The Fyffe Red Devils and the Crossville Lions, made it to the quarter finals of the 2A and 3A baseball playoffs, respectively. Baseball in DeKalb County has improved drastically in the last couple of years. Winning playoff games have become the norm.

Some things you may have heard. Jerry Brown is now the new head football coach at Valley Head. Paul Benefield has moved from Sylvania to Fyffe. Sylvania is now being coached by former all county star, Sam Graham. Something you might not have heard. Jodi Benefield has resigned her post as girls basketball and softball coach at Fort Payne High School. For a long time, Fort Payne will regret letting this happen.

Finally, softball is upon us once again. Local teams CBS and Mentone are competing at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. CBS is currently 1-6 in the Mens Middle League. Mentone is 4-4 in the Mens Lower League.

CBS team members: Tommy Harrison, John Kirby, Heath Kirby, Kevin Cash, Timmy Burt, Alan Smith, Michael Frazier, Aaron McKenzie, DeWayne McKenzie, Eric Kirby, Phil Owen, Shane McMahan, and Jason Gregory.

Mentone team members: Jason Goss, Josh Goss, Phil Harris, Kevin Worthey, Jonathan Browder, Bobby Browder, Dean Freeman, Dennis McDonald, Jim Phillips, Duane Blalock, J.J. Wigley, John Chambers, Kyle Freeman, Shawn Flannigan, Chris Smith, Trevor Hill, and Chuck Flannigan.

Mentone's 9-10 and 11-12 year old baseball teams are currently playing in Rainsville's summer league. Next month, I will try to have a list of players and coaches.

Well, that does it for another month. May God bless you all.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dearest loyal readers. Another festival has come and gone and visitors came daily to pay homage to the great one. Autographs were out of the question. Those ink pads make a mess on moi's paws and that leads to a mess between the counters. AL says NOT! So, beloved fans, keep coming to visit (and leave treats for moi), even if moi is being forced to give up autographing. AL is jealous and that's the only reason he is denying the magnificent one the right to "sign" autographs.

Well, the milkman, Wesley Frost, finally got married. Can you believe that? Even went on a honeymoon, they say, with Tammy Hopper, Syble's daughter. Moi is not sure what a honeymoon is, but moi does know it is time for the milkman to get back to work and feed moi some of those delicious vienna sausages.

If it weren't for loyal fans like Jimmy Graves and Travis, the Fort Payne Wholesale man, coming in to the Superette (to see moi, of course), the splendid one would suffer, and moi's faithful friends know that the flawless one does not suffer well or quietly! Keep those raisin pies and ice cream sandwiches coming, guys!

During the parade on Rhododendron Festival weekend, there were some LARGE creatures outside the Superette. AL said they were Texas Bulldogs pulling the wagons of Ed Jones and Ronnie Jones. Well, the great one barked and barked and those creatures left. Jack Lusk said not to believe what AL said. Ed Jones wouldn't have creatures from Texas. He's an all-Alabama man. LM Flannigan told moi those creatures were prize-winning mules and went on wagon rides every year. LM doesn't lie.

There were some folks from Tuscaloosa up for the weekend recently and naturally came in to see the great one, left their address, too, moi was told. Joy and Donna Crawford and Brenda, Chase, and Drew Hoagland wanted to get a copy of *The Groundhog* mailed to them (with their names in it, no less)—but, they didn't leave any postage. They just want to read Moi's column, moi understands that. When you're great, you're great—and don't you forget it. Keep those gifts and tributes coming.

Heard some sad news. Dr. Pat's dog, Shaggy, died. Mrs. Dillenbeck was in the Superette and was feeling pretty poorly, it seemed. She said Shaggy was 14 years old. In dog years, that's a lot. But it wasn't age, some kind of spider bite or something, from what moi heard. Moi is real sorry to hear that, those two really cared for Shaggy and took her riding in the truck all the time. Moi isn't really excited about riding, seems when that happens, it's off to see you-know-who the vet! This superb canine between the counters did moi's best to comfort Mrs. Dillenbeck on her loss.

Well, Pop is off loafing with Jack Lusk again. Time for this splendid canine specimen to look R-E-A-L pitiful and beg for forbidden treats. While Pop's away, Brutus will put the goodies away!

Little Angels

When God calls little children
to dwell with Him above,
We mortals sometimes question
the wisdom of His love.
For no heartache compares with
the death of one small child
Who does so much to make our world
seem wonderful and mild.
Perhaps God tires of calling
the aged to his fold,
So He picks a rosebud
before it can grow old.
God knows how much we need them,
and so He takes but few
To make the land of Heaven
more beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult
still somehow we must try,
The saddest word mankind knows
will always be "Goodbye."
So when a little child departs,
we who are left behind
Must realize God loves children,
Angels are hard to find.



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The family of Caleb David Tate thanks you for your many kind expressions of sympathy, your prayers, thoughts, food, flowers, and kind words. We will always be grateful to each of you.

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Mentone Grapevine 11

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Donyal "Foots" and Nancy Reiter celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 18. A tea was given in their honor at the home of Marshall and Annette Orr, on Saturday, May 17, from 2-5.

Congratulations to Jennifer Keefe who has just completed the winter quarter at the University of Georgia with all As. Jennifer is a junior majoring in Elementary Education. She and her roommate Rachel Burton of Athens, Georgia, returned last December from spending the fall semester at the University of Idaho. They both enjoyed their term in Idaho using the weekends to visit much of the Northwest.

Shawn Keefe is a junior at the Baylor School in Chattanooga. He is the goalie on the school's lacrosse team, an A/B student, kayaking or on his mountain bike.

Congratulations to Tammy Hopper and Wesley Frost who were married May 24 in a ceremony performed at River Oak Gardens owned by Bill and Ann Wright in Mentone. The setting was breathtaking and the ceremony was perfect. After the wedding, the reception was held in the fellowship hall of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. The Groundhog should have some good pictures coming of that wedding.

Tim and Margaret Murphy will have their first ballet and dance classes at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head next week. They already have three classes. You can call them at 635-6466 to inquire when the classes are held.

Malcolm Brewer went back to the hospital in Birmingham to have some more fluid removed from his lungs. Hang in there, Malcolm, we love you!

Did you know there was another Tiger's Inn close to Valley Head? Well, Joy Hester tells the grapevine that she receives several calls for the Tiger's Inn in Atlanta. The telephone number is the same, the area code is the only thing different. Don't accept any collect calls, Joy, from someone identifying themselves as June Kang or Bluch Miniford. There's bound to be a truck there somewhere.

Alma Crabtree celebrated her 91st birthday recently. Her grandson, Jay Wideman's birthday is on the 16th and hers is on the 15th. So they combined the party and had one BIG one on the 18th at Alma's home. She said they had over 60 guests. Alma also has had some out-of-town visitors, besides her relatives. Misty Gable Robertson and friend Glen Adams came from Texas, Vonell and Don Short from MO; and Buren and Jean Crabtree and grandson, Christopher Weeks from Ringgold, GA.

Mildred Lackey recently had surgery. Lots of get-well wishes go out to her.

Jerre and Merle Stokes have one of the nicest fences around. Drive by and take a look. Everyone is enjoying the view.

Congratulations to Valerie Chappell, Valley Head Marching Bands new Drum Major. Also, congratulations to new color guard members: Alisha Busby, Mary Pearson, Laura Martin, Amanda Stewart, April Pierce, Amanda Goss, Trish Goodman, and Anna Riley.

Barbara and Benny Palmer went to Jennifer and Perry DeFur's in Acworth, Ga. recently to visit their grandson Austin. Austin had pneumonia but is feeling much better now.

The Valley Head Spanish Club went to the Spanish convention held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Everyone had a great time. Maybe they have Tuscaloosa back to normal by now.

The Moon Lake Head Start had their first graduation class this month. All the children's names appear on the Moon Lake page. Next month there should be some graduation pictures for The Groundhog. They really looked great in their caps and gowns. There should also be some other graduation pictures of the kindergarten and the 4th grade. How about it, parents?

The Tiger's Inn is now open 7 days a week. Joy Hester is about to put up a new awning over her business. That will spruce the area up for sure.

The Ice Cream Parlour is now open in Valley Head. Check for the hours and days of the week they are open. They also have low fat, no sugar ice cream, vanilla and butter pecan. Good! Almost swallowed my tongue!

Visitors to Mentone this spring and summer have to be on the "lookout" for all the new young drivers with permits, all filled with excitement at the next phase of growing up and in the excitement, many may forget their road etiquette.

Angela and Barry Wood have spent the winter busy as beavers getting the road and site ready for their new home on County Road 633. So, beware all of you who used to use and abuse the Blue Hole, it is off limits.

Shirley and Bobby Knowles are looking forward to two new additional grand-babies to their big family, congratulations!

Fran and Larry Evans will be celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary on June 12. They and their daughter Miranda, would like to wish their new-naw Mary Ella Brain a very happy 89th birthday on May 16.

Jerry and Jaga Krause are now in residence at their summer home here in Mentone.

The Valley Head Band's trip to Opryland (see photo elsewhere) went without a hitch except for the storm that passed through during the early evening while they were all ensconced in their hotel rooms at the Hampton Inn in Lebanon, Tenn. The storm lent quite an appropriate touch to the great adventure that the kids were on. It blew down a huge sign outside the inn that really touched off the already over-strung nerves of children and chaperones alike. All in all, they all had a super time.

Birthday wishes to Kathy Caviness and son Christopher. Kathy is the daughter of Gene Bullock of Mentone. Birthday wishes also go "Down Under" to Savino Agagliati (74), papa to Madeleine Bullock.

Frankie Lewchuk (17) of Mentone was awarded the Golden Helmet Award for the most tackles (131) on the Valley Head School football team. He was also interviewed by Andie Kadreski for *Teenage Diaries* produced by Joe Richmond of PR News during the month of April '97.

Pam Wesley, who has been coaching the Moon Lake Cubs T-Ball team would like to thank all the very supportive parents who helped make the team what it is, and a big hand also goes to Glen Miller who coached the White Tigers and Becky Easter who coached the Blue Tigers. The Cubs will celebrate the end of the season with a big well deserved pizza party on May 19.

Not to be outdone, Johnnie and Angel Wesley Lewchuk entertained the folks at The Fountain in Ft. Payne. Johnnie earned his way and Angel clogged. Good going little ones, the world could use a few more caring little folks for the aged folks.

Congratulations to the little Moon Lake Cubs T-ball team who won with 1st place at their last game which was played on May 16.

On Friday, May 16th at Valley Head School, a Purple and Gold Football Game was played. The Spanish Club was selling hands and painting designs on the faces of students.

John Baty had 6 bypasses this week. He's an Outlander at press time for The Groundhog. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Valley Head Concert Band performed at school on April 29. Senior band members were presented with a plaque, and they presented Mr. Smith with a plaque also.

Congratulations to Band Members Haley Johnson, Valerie Chappell, and Becky Mays. These students participated in the Honors Band at Jacksonville, Ala. in May.

Mary Pearson is spending the month of June with her dad, stepmother, brother and stepbrother in Utah. Hope she has a great time. There's some beautiful country out there!

Sympathy is extended to the Lewis and Young Family of Valley Head. They lost Lucille after an extended illness.

Beth Moore celebrated her birthday with friends and a cake. She was surprised and very excited with all the gifts and money she received. Her picture was also shown on Huntsville's TV 19 Memory Folks. Gee, 14 years old, already. Seems like just yesterday she wore diapers!

The Valley Head Band Boosters would like to thank Mr. Edward Ringer for his help with the beauty pageant. He was a big help.

Congratulations to the following students: Angela Corbin, who has been named a United States National Award Winner

by the U.S. Achievement Academy, she is the daughter of Kenneth and Frances Corbin of Valley Head. Michael Jones, who was named to the All SEC Academic Golf Team, he is the son of Norma and Tom Jones of Valley Head, and Thomas Jones, who received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Alabama School of Law on May 17, he too is the son of Norma and Tom Jones of Valley Head.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following: Caleb Tate, 10-week old infant who died on April 24; Frances Hawkins, 76, of Valley Head, who died May 6.

Happy June Birthday/Anniversary wishes to:
1- Anthony and Judy Windom (anniv.), Sybil Hopper, 2- Lisa Harris (Glen Black), 3- George Westmoreland Van Cooper, 5- Marsha McKinney, Kim McKinney, 6- Anna Young, 7- Sally Lewis (Ennis), 8- David Dean, Ralph Delegratta, 9- Alan & Tricia Black (anniv.), 10- Lisa Moore, Joyce Guest, Michelle Chappell, 11- Evelyn Hunt, James Young, 12- Doris White, 15- Campbell Smith, Cole & Jennifer Blake (anniv.), 16- Lane Carter, 17- Andy Benson, 18- Kasey & Phil Harris (anniv.), Ashley Langston, 19- John and Paula Cooper (anniv.), 20- Murrell Hance, Sherry Cox, 21- Trey Kutsen, 22- Jewell Collins, 23- Jack Johnston, 25- Thum Owens, 27- Larry Trapp, Cecil Bridgeman, Robin and Jerry Hulgian (anniv.), 28- The Great and Wonderful Ms. Anne Young (86), Rusty and Angela Chambers (anniv.), 29- Lisa Beene, 30- Inez Frazer, Myrus Brown, Becky Smith.

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Valley Head Band members on Opryland Trip May 3, 1997



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A WONDERFUL JOURNEY

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quality of university programs—including special funding for university Centers of Excellence, Eminent Scholars, greatly enhanced library resources, and other programs to improve quality. These initiatives were made possible by the largest increases in state appropriations for the University System at that time in history and have since added hundreds of millions of dollars to the State University System appropriations.

Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan gave Dr. York major assignments at the national and international levels. He has traveled in more than 80 foreign countries and has served as consultant for the U.S. State Department, USAID, the White House, the United Nations, foreign governments, and many universities in the fields of education, agriculture, and economic development. Dr. York has been widely recognized for his international contributions. The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges cited "his tireless commitment to strive for a better life for the people of developing nations" and for "his inspired leadership in mobilizing the resources of our universities in the ongoing struggle against poverty and hunger throughout the world." Ohio State University, in awarding an honorary Doctor of Science degree to Dr. York, recognized that "his lifelong commitment to the sustainable use of natural resources gives hope to the quest to end hunger."

Dr. York has been heavily involved in community service and volunteerism at the local, national, and international levels. For his work, he received from President Reagan the President's Voluntary Action Citation and recently was honored with the "Service Above Self Award" of Rotary International—the highest recognition accorded a Rotarian. He was recognized "as one of the few Rotarians who has made service a way of life" and "whose devotion and exemplary efforts embodies the Rotary motto of SERVICE ABOVE SELF."

Dr. York and Vam, who has a degree in business from Auburn, formed a corporation called CARET (a blend of Carol and E.T.). Vam is a developer of a subdivision in Gainesville, Fla., called "Mentone." (See photo below.) E.T. loved Mentone, Alabama, so much that he wanted to "have a part of Mentone in Florida." Gainesville's Mentone community is named after the town in Alabama. The Mentone project is a single family residential area, which will have 340 homes when it is finished. It is a five-to-six year project and is ongoing. Mentone features a 15-acre private park with walking/jogging trails, a community pool with picnic pavilion, softball and soccer fields, and a baseball court. They are all extremely proud of this community.



E.T. and Vam York celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996. They are pictured here at Auburn University after E.T. received the Honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Dr. York and Vam were in Mentone for several days recently. Accompanying them was a film crew from the Great Floridians Film Series to videotape parts of E.T.'s hometown area and prepare a 30-minute film about his life. The film will be an exciting and dynamic living history of E. T. York's "Wonderful Journey from an Appalachian Mountain Hillbilly to a Florida Cracker."

The Great Floridians Film Series is a series of VHS-format films dedicated to those individuals designated by legislative decree to be "Great Floridians." This film will be produced and made available to schools, civic clubs, public television stations and other interested organizations to increase the awareness of the public in Florida's history. This film will be the twelfth in the series. The 11 other "Great Floridians" who have been recognized in the past are former Florida governors Cecil Farris Bryant and Thomas LeRoy Collins (now deceased); naturalist, environmentalist and crusader for the protection of the Florida Everglades, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas; former corporate head (Lykes Brothers), lawyer, and first chair of the Florida Board of Regents, Chester Howell Ferguson; legendary Florida A&M football coach Alonzo

Smith "Jake" Gaither; highly successful businessman, agriculturalist, and former legislator Ben Hill Griffin Jr. (now deceased); outstanding lawyer and prominent leader in legal profession, and former president of the American Bar Association Chesterfield Smith; former U.S. Senators Claude Denson Pepper (now deceased) and George Smathers; and former chief justices of the Florida Supreme Court Stephen C. O'Connell (former President, University of Florida) and B.K. Roberts.

While in Mentone, E. T. found a rose bush that was covered with blossoms and growing 15-20' in the trees at his old homeplace. He got a cutting from this rose bush and will plant it at his home in Florida. Another memory from Mentone: Dr. York's hobby is gardening—vegetable and flower. His home in Florida has an orchard of oranges, grapefruit, figs, apples, peaches, and blueberries. He recently rooted 500 azaleas and planted them in his yard, which has 60 to 70 camellias. This old rose from the homeplace will make a lovely addition to an already beautiful place.

At the Valley Head graduation ceremony held on Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m., Dr. Roy Smith, Director of Admissions and Testing at the University of Alabama, was the speaker. He said that "Valley Head could be proud of Dr. E.T. York, who is Chancellor of Florida, and who was a graduate of the school fifty years ago."

Mayor Max Cash, one of those who knew him when he was growing up in Alabama, said that he is, indeed, a great man and that Alabama is proud to call him one of its own.

Mabel Kirk, whose husband, Frank Kirk, was brought up in the York home, has had the pleasure of E.T.'s visits over the years. As Dr. and Mrs. York were on their journey back to Florida, their last stop was to go by Mabel's home for a brief visit. Mabel said even though the visit was brief, it was good to talk with them again.

Thus far, it has been "A Wonderful Journey."

HIXON FAMILY REUNION

By Annette Orr

The descendants of Millard H. and Martha D. Hixon recently held a family reunion on May 18th, with lunch at Western Sizzlin and fellowship time together. Those attending were: Rev. J. Frank and Mozelle Hixon of Millbrook, Ala., their children: daughter Marguerite and Ed Hartowicz of Lexington, Ky., with daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Scott Shapiro. The Hixons' other daughter, Katherine Powell, with daughter Meg of Aiken, S.C.

E. T. (son of Lelia Hixon York) and Vam York of Gainesville, Fla. (See feature article on pages 1 and 6.)

Bill and Doris Jean McKaig, Chattanooga, Tn. (daughter of Hobert Hixon)

M. H. and Betty Hixon, Chattanooga, Tn. (son of Hobert Hixon); their daughter Karen Hixon Dean and sons Zach and Matt Dean, Chattanooga, Tn.

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FATHER'S DAY

By Mrs. Kenneth (Gail) Chambers

When the good Lord was creating Fathers, he started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of Father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put Fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?" And when God made a Father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands, or ponytails, or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day—yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a Father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A Mother needs a lap. A Father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those larger boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill." God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added—tears. Then, he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?"

The angel shutteth up.



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Allen Gray

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



June 1 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday at Moon Lake Baptist Church. In the evening service, Scott Chaffee, missionary, will be the speaker. There will be a tea for Tamara Hall on June 8 2-4 PM. The Vacation Bible School workers will meet on June 12 and June 19. Jake Pinholster's Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be on June 14, at 7 PM, at the church. There is a Whitewater trip planned for the youth on June 24. The group will leave the church at 9 AM. There will be a youth fellowship following the evening service on June 1 and June 15. JOY will meet on June 26, at 11:30 PM.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church UMW will meet on the fourth Tuesday in June with hostesses Velma Hammond, Vesta Hawkins, and Geneva Smith. The program will be presented by Adelaide Biddle. The church is happy that Jeff and Melinda Adkins will be back to pastor the church another year. Sunday School is at 9 AM and worship service is at 10 AM every Sunday.

The Valley Head Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 16-20, from 9-12 AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

On June 14, the Mentone Church of God will have a Father-Son banquet at 6 PM at Western Sizzlin'. A special Father's Day service is planned for Sunday, June 15. On June 29, the church will be celebrating 82 years of ministry. Reverend John Childers will be speaking on that day. He is the Assistant Youth Director from Cleveland, Tennessee. A special singing group, "Uplifted" from Birmingham will be providing the music in the 11 AM service and again during the afternoon service. Lunch will be served at the church on that date. Everyone is invited to come. On June 13, the church will be sending the pastor and family to Birmingham for the State Camp meeting.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has Sunday worship at 10:30 AM, with Fellowship at 10 AM each Sunday.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church has Sunday morning worship services at 9 AM each week. You are invited to join us for worship.

Non-Denominational church, Only Believe...Ministry, meets in the old water works building in Valley Head. Service times are Monday - Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday and Sunday - regular service, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Susan Kendrick welcomes everyone. Come and enjoy a blessing.

A dinner was held at Union Hill Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 28, honoring the high school graduates of the church: Susanna Bolding, Dustin Smith, Scott Schrader, and Jeremy Bailey. 14 new members were baptized recently, and a number of members came by letter from other churches. Allen Jones will be baptized on June 1, at 2 PM, at DeSoto Falls. There will be an all day Church-wide picnic at DeSoto State Park on Friday, June 27. It is expected that the church will provide a ministry through singing, devotionals, and witnessing, as well as a time of fellowship and fun for the members. New member classes are being taught by the pastor each Sunday morning at 10 AM. Church-wide visitation is each Monday evening at 6 PM. A Weigh Down Workshop meets each Monday evening at 6:30 PM. Anyone who is interested in losing weight and being involved in intense, soul-searching Bible Study is invited to join the group.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, welcomes you to attend Sabbath services each week at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head. Services are: Sabbath School, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; Worship service, 11:00-12:00 a.m. Lay Pastor is Bill Pyke. Fellowship meal is every 2nd Saturday of each month, and everybody is invited. We ask for your prayers for Elder Cleveland and his group who have gone on a missionary trip to Romania. We ask for many souls to be won for Christ. Darlene and Lew Keith will be returning from the Philippines in July for 5 weeks. They have been in the Philippines since Sept. 96. John Foreman was baptized April 26, at Wildwood, Ga. We welcome him into our church.

On Wednesday, June 4, the UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church will meet at 2 p.m. at the fellowship hall. Sunday services are at 11 AM and Sunday School is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome.

The Mentone Revival Center, and Pastor Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM. A warm welcome is extended to all. Come and experience God's blessings with us. Bible School is June 23-27. The church is opening a Wild Frontier Bible Theme Park, which replaces the traditional Vacation Bible School. It is a 5-day examination of the life of Christ. The main gate opens at 6 PM each day and closes at 9:15 PM. For more information, call 205-634-4762, and ask for Richard or Karen Powell.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) invites you to attend services on Sunday morning at 10 AM. Visitors are always welcome to visit the chapel at other times also. Vacation clothes are always acceptable for the service.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church continues to meet for worship at 9 AM each Sunday morning. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith speak on alternate Sundays.

J. O. Y.

The J.O.Y. Club will meet at Moon Lake Baptist Church on June 26, at 11:30 AM. All seniors are invited to attend regularly. Bring a covered dish and a friend and come join in the fun and fellowship.



Rene Brendle was crowned Miss Spring Fantasy on April 26, 1997. She is the daughter of Junior and Pat Brendle of Valley Head.

THANK YOU

Many citizens of Mentone would like to thank Jimmy Worthey, a member of the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department and the DeSoto Rescue Squad, for always being there when a need arises. Thank you for a job well done!

Winners in the 1977 Miss Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant

Division 1

2nd runner up: Cloe Wiggins
1st runner up: Josie Crider
Winner: Lauren McGee
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Division 2

2nd runner up: Andrea Bray
1st runner up: Allison Williams
Winner: Ramsey Knott
Photogenic: Allie Rhodes

Division 3

2nd runner up: Chelsey Childress
1st runner up: Emily Baine
Winner: Megan Bray
Photogenic: Morgan Barkley

Division 4

2nd runner up: Rebecca Pina
1st runner up: Hayden Kirby
Winner: Kasie Hicks
Photogenic: Kasie Hicks

Division 5

2nd runner up: Jacob Payne
1st runner up: Lonnie Ray Tolbert
Winner: James Blevins
Photogenic: James Patrick Blevins

Division 6

2nd runner up: Hunter Payne
1st runner up: Charles Lofty
Winner: Derek McKee
Photogenic: Charles Dustin Heath Lofty

Division 7

2nd runner up: Sydney Johnson
1st runner up: Stevie Cook
Winner: Brittany Bevel
Photogenic: Heather Daniel

Division 8

2nd runner up: Andrea Nations
1st runner up: Jacki Davis
Winner: Mandy Brown
Photogenic: Jacki Davis

Division 9

2nd runner up: Britney Johnson
1st runner up: Beth Shirley
Winner: Almeda Parker
Photogenic: Beth Shirley

Division 10

2nd runner up: Nicole Hulan
1st runner up: Kerri Hale
Winner: Alisha Busby
Photogenic: April Pierce
Academic: Kerri Hale
Congeniality: Kerri Hale
Spirit: Beth Moore

Division 11

2nd runner up: Nikki Smith
1st runner up: Tricia Goodman
Winner: Rene Brendle
Photogenic: Nikki Smith
Academic: Nikki Smith
Academic: Nikki Smith
Congeniality: Haley Johnson
Spirit: Amanda Goss



Amber Hannah
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Valley Head School Principal Gary Talley announced the implementation of the *Accelerated Reading Program* at Valley Head School. The school purchased a school wide kit and the 850 new books to accompany it.

In this widely acclaimed reading management program, students choose books to read, and then they take comprehension tests on the computer. The computer tallies the percentages of correct responses, the difficulty and length of the book and assigns points to individual students. At the end of the program, the students may choose to "spend" their accumulated points for prizes.

Access to the program was made possible by twenty IBM 286 computers that were donated by Joseph Pickett via Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Tennessee. Each elementary classroom has a computer dedicated to the *AR* program. Seventh through twelfth grade students will have access next year.

"We are very excited by the results of the program. Students are checking out three or four times as many books as last year," stated media specialist Norma Hulan.

Heather Freeman, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Hayman's class said, "I never liked reading books, but since we've started *Accelerated Reader*, I read all of the time."

Teachers have begun to see an improvement in student reading and vocabulary skills, as well as their attitudes toward reading.

The single most surprising result is a quiet unassuming fourth grader named Amber Hannah. Amber has accumulated 427.5 points by reading and testing on 115 books, all in only three months. Amber's efforts have earned her a \$100.00 cash prize donated by the Citizens Bank of Valley Head. Second place winner Stacy Ogle and third place Matthew Battles banked 124.3 and 58.2 points, respectively. They will receive cash awards, also. Prizes will be awarded to students with the highest number of points in each class. Classes who have met their reading goals will have a special activity period.

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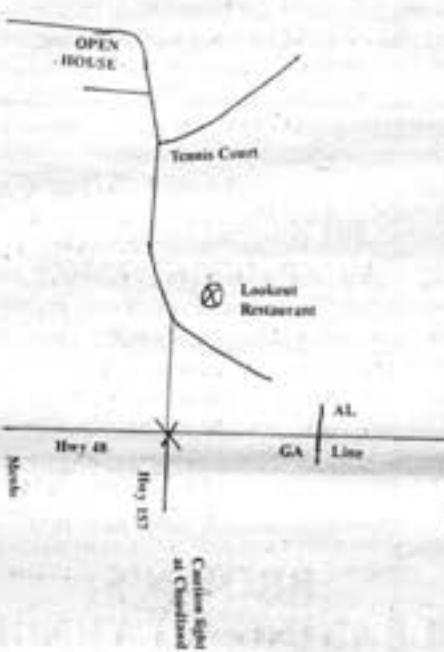
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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

Wildflower Program Presented

(This article was inadvertently omitted from a previous issue of The Groundhog.)

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on March 11 at the Mentone Town Hall. The hostesses, Linda Brown and Barbara Blalock decorated the table for St. Patrick's Day, and prepared delicious refreshments.

Betty Chapman gave the devotional on the "three days after Easter."

There were 18 members present, plus two guests, Sally Campbell, guest of Dot Cyr, and Peggy Roark, guest of Lucette Dix.

Marilyn Campbell reported that she had sent cards to several members who were ill. Lynette McCary announced that the Adopt-A-Mile pickup will go as usual, with certain individuals taking care of specific areas.

Under old business, president Marie Dillenbeck reminded the members about the upcoming Deep South Region Convention to be held in Huntsville on March 19-22, at the Huntsville Marriott Hotel, and the District II Spring Meeting to be held at the Palisades Park in Oneonta, on April 17 at 2 p.m. This is the installation of new officers for District II.

Everyone was encouraged to participate in Earth Day projects, especially the one at Moon Lake School on April 21. Members were asked to donate plants and trees to the school for the students to plant that day.

Linda Brown announced that the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs will be renamed in May. The new name will be DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs. The Cedar Bluff Garden Club of Cherokee County is joining, and therefore the name change. The annual federation meeting and luncheon is to be held April 26 at Western Sizzlin' at 12 noon, with registration at 11:30. All members are invited to attend.

Under new business, Linda Brown announced the nominating committee's slate of officers: Jan Wilkinson, President; Flo Kirby, Vice President; Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Secretary, and Barbara Blalock, Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor, and upon a motion and second to accept the slate as presented, the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Jan Wilkinson, member and master gardener, presented an enlightening program on wildflowers. She had an impressive display of wildflower photographs. Jan said the four keys to enjoying wildflowers are observation, learning, recording, and gardening. Under observation, she said it was important to enjoy the beauty of wildflowers. Learning what a flower is, how to identify it, where to find it, and how to read the landscape and wildflower habitats helps you enjoy all the wildflowers, including the dandelion, among others. Taking photographs helps you keep a good record of your observations, i.e., when you saw it and where you saw it, so you can look for it again next year. Gardening is the fourth key, and reminded those present that ethics in gardening means that one does not pick an endangered species and relocate it, because, matching the plant's habitats is difficult and generally results in the death of the plant.

When planting wildflowers, Jan said to make sure the site will have 8 hours of sun each day, good drainage, no grass and weeds. Wildflowers only have to be planted 1" deep, then dampen, dampen, dampen, and enjoy them.

Installation of New Officers

The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club met at noon on Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at Caldwell's Restaurant at the Mentone Springs Hotel on Alabama Highway 117 in Mentone. After an elegant meal served buffet style and consisting of a trip to the salad bar, boneless chicken breast roasted to perfection, long grain and wild rice, buttered and simmered vegetables, and a choice of either apple or cherry pie served with coffee, tea, and ice water, Mrs. Linda Brown conducted the installation ceremony for the new officers.

Mrs. Brown presented each new officer with a framed certificate specifically tailored to that position and provided a discourse on the responsibilities of each office. In keeping with tradition, the Immediate Past President becomes the Parliamentarian, and, Marie Dillenbeck was installed in that capacity. Mrs. Barbara Blalock assumed the office of Treasurer. Previously, the Rhododendron Garden Club had had a Recording Secretary as well as a Corresponding Secretary, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell had long since filled

the latter slot. In the installation ceremony, those two positions were combined to make one generic Secretary, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell went into that position. The office of Vice-President is very important. In the event that she is needed, the Vice-President steps in to take over for the President. Mrs. Flo Kirby was installed as the new Vice-President. The term of the President of the Rhododendron Garden Club is two years in duration, and a great deal of time, effort, and perseverance are required for the job. In the installation ceremony, Mrs. Jan Wilkinson assumed the title of President.

In her short and to the point comments, Mrs. Wilkinson announced that the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club have scheduled a work day in Mason Park in beautiful downtown Mentone on June 10, 1997, from 8 a.m. forward. Mrs. Wilkinson also made it clear that there would be plenty of work to go around and that each and every club member should report fully expecting to be given an assignment in keeping with her capabilities and inclinations.

Special Projects are very near and dear to the hearts of the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club, and, Mrs. Ann Wright gave a report about that facet of the club's activities. In celebration of Earth Day, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club had scheduled a work day for April 28 to assist the children of Moon Lake School with their efforts planting and making other improvements in the Butterfly Garden and the Eco-center. That effort was severely rained out and had to be rescheduled, but the work was done later that week and, admittedly, with less fanfare than had been originally planned. Each class was reported to have made its unique contribution to the Butterfly Garden and the Eco-Center and had a tremendous time in the process.

Because of their work on their campus environment, even the smallest children have most definitely learned to respect plants in general and flowers in particular. Recently, at the MERF open house, a smiling kindergartner was heard to say, "Don't worry, I didn't pick them in the butterfly garden," when she presented her mother a miniature nosegay of wild flowers.

Protecting the environment is another cause close to the hearts of the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club, and, toward that goal, the ladies have applied for a PETALS-Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning, and Service-grant. The PETALS Grant Committee is co-chaired by Mrs. Ann Wright and Mrs. Linda Brown.

The members of the Rhododendron Garden Club make a concerted effort to keep up with each other and extend best wishes for rapid recoveries and other appropriate sentiments when and where they are needed. Therefore, having Mrs. Ruby Daniel in attendance was a special event. Over the last year, Mrs. Daniel, and her husband, Bob, have had the world's worst time battling several different rounds of serious illness and injury. Mrs. Mickie Gough reported having talked to Mrs. Frances Rosario Blix, who is fine and sends everybody at Mentone her love. Mrs. Anne Jackson was not at the meeting, but she is reported to be feeling much better and up to spending more time at Mentone than she has been able to over the last few years.

Mrs. Helen Hill and Mrs. Norma Williams, who have been unable to attend meetings for some time, were named Honorary Members until such time as they are able to rejoin the ladies for regular meetings and work sessions. Mrs. Mabel Kirk reported that she and Mrs. Peggy Howe had lunched with Mrs. Helen Hill at the Crowne Health Care Center in Fort Payne on May 7 to celebrate Mrs. Hill's birthday. When it comes to birthdays, it really should be pointed out that the ladies just celebrate them; they do not count them.

Mrs. Betty Robinson was in attendance as the guest of Mrs. Lucette Dix. Mrs. Lillian Watson and Mrs. Jan Cherbonneau were the guests of Mrs. Dianne Kuehl. New member and Past President Dallyne Jones was recognized and welcomed back after a long absence from activities with the club.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs.

The next meeting will be a work party beginning at 8 a.m., on June 10 at Ed Mason Park. Bring tools to work with and a snack for yourself. Sally Campbell will bring drinks.



Caitlin Marie Kirby

Caitlin Marie Kirby celebrated her third birthday on May 22. Her parents are Preston and Amy Kirby. Grandparents are Hobson and Martha Kirby and Ralph and Irene Willingham, all of Mentone. Great Grandparents are Ruby Willingham, Cloudland, Ga.; Lola Frasier, Ft. Payne; and Lucille Blalock.

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By Maurine Donahue



Dr. James Quimby surrounded by his family. L/R: Cheryl Cox holding her granddaughter, Caledonia Blue; Robert Quimby; and Sandra Pena



Left: Sadie Cooper pouring punch for guests; Right: Dot Blackburn displaying painting of Dr. Quimby's first office which was presented to him by the club and painted by Sue Hamilton

BELOVED PHYSICIAN HONORED

The storm clouds were lowering and the rain drops kept falling for a time, but Winston Place was aglow with myriad wild flowers, wild azaleas or honeysuckle, grancy grey beard, dogwood along with garden flowers, iris, peonies and snow balls. The Valley Head Woman's Club gave a reception there honoring Dr. James Quimby, beloved physician of Valley Head and surrounding areas, for his many years of devotion and service.

Club president, Doris Carmichael, presented Dr. Quimby with a painting depicting his first office as it was when he began his practice in Valley Head. It was painted by Sue Hamilton, renowned artist and club member. The building was red brick with his nurse standing inside the screen door and patients waiting outside to see the doctor. Dr. Quimby has been and still is a typical country doctor treating all ages, sizes and colors.

Music was provided by Betty Spencer, harpist, of Chattanooga, Tennessee who is a teacher at Chadek Conservatory. She presented a program of classics from Bach and Handel and popular songs, "Always," "Endless Love," "Make Believe," "I Get A Kick Out of You" and "Some Day My Prince Will Come."

Dr. Quimby has two daughters and one son who honored him by coming to the reception. His eldest daughter, Cheryl Cox, her husband, Marsh, and her granddaughter, Caledonia Blue, came from Tucson, Arizona, as did his youngest daughter, Sandy Pena. His son, Robert, came from Rockton, Illinois. Robert said his fondest memory was fishing for trout on the Hiwassee River with his dad and Dr. L. M. Coleman, spending the night on the river bank and having Dr. Coleman's famous

coffee made in a sock and coffee can.

Club members made their favorite cookies and cheese straws and wafers. Golden punch was served on this special occasion.

Dallene Jones, an expert on wild flowers as well as cultivated ones, did a marvelous job of obtaining and arranging the flowers.

The Entertainment Committee, Inelle Hurt, chairman, Teresa Cooper, Mary Holleman and Susan Hooks are to be congratulated on a job well done. Leslie Bunch graciously provided Winston Place for the reception.

The following is a letter received from Dr. Quimby's son, Robert.

Dear Mrs. Holleman,

Thank you does not seem adequate to express my appreciation to you and all the other members of the Woman's Club for honoring Dad at the reception Sunday.

It was obvious a lot of hard work, care and kindness went into it. He truly enjoyed it!

When I see him there, with all the people he's known so long, it's clear that Valley Head is where he was meant to be. He loves it as if he were born there.

Thank you, too, Mrs. Holleman, for thinking to invite Cheryl, Sandy, and me, and giving us the opportunity to be part of such a special day.

Sincerely
Robert Quimby

LEARNING ABOUT "LIFE'S DOORS"

"Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein, then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice." Psalm 96:12. The beautiful setting of field and woods surrounding the home of Helen Longshore was an appropriate back drop for the sacred music concert by Michael Johnson for the Valley Head Woman's Club. Mr. Johnson is minister of music for the First Baptist Church of Fort Payne and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Mr. Johnson's program consisted of his own variations on three old favorite sacred songs: "When They Ring Those Golden Bells," "It Is Well With My Soul," and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." He sang a new song, which may well become an old favorite, "O, I Want To Know More." In conclusion, he gave a striking rendition of "To God Be the Glory."

Judy Shelly gave the devotional stating that she had just been through a very traumatic experience, the death of her father. She said we have a biological age which is physical and a psychological age which is mental. She has 33 doors in her house. Life has many doors which have a purpose, some are good, some are sad. Doors in her life were completing elementary school, high school, college, marriage, children. God opens and closes doors as life moves on. There is a time for all things. Friends and family are a gift of God. Friends reach out in times of trouble. Families share memories.

She quoted her favorite scripture, Matthew 6:25, "Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not life more than meat, and the body raiment?" 6:27, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Anxiety and prayer are exact opposites. Thank God for the doors of our lives.

The president, Doris Carmichael, presided and led the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America." Velma Hammond led the club "Collect." Ruth Hammond was elected to membership in the club.

Delicious spring time refreshments were served by the hostesses, Helen Longshore, Sadie Cooper, Teresa Cooper, Evelyn Graves and Inelle Hurt.

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14TH ANNUAL RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

By Bernise Crow

The Rhododendron Festival, for the fourteenth year, was successful in that we had quality vendors, wonderful entertainment, and good food. Everything seemed to run smoothly due in large to Penny Lyday's hard work getting everything organized. It seemed that we did not have as many visitors as usual, but everyone had a good time, I think.

Our rhododendron were especially showy this year. Some had bloomed early and were past their prime, while others had just reached the peak of their beauty by festival time. Many visitors came just to see the flowers and were expecting the Brow Park to be full of rhododendron, so maybe we should plant some there. The flowers would be beautiful blooming among the stone outcroppings.

Our Festival's beauty pageant was held on Saturday, May 10. Twelve lovely young ladies entered the competition for Rhododendron Queen, about the usual number of entrants. The many hours of preparation for the pageant were done by Dorna Hutcheson and Doreen Waters. This is wonderful for me. A few times I made an attempt at it almost single-handedly. Our daughter, Joyce Cooper, was here and helped us with decorating the Hitching Post. The old building seems to smile when she is dressed up in lovely green and pink swags of color hanging from the rustic rafters. Homer furnished blooming rhododendron and ferns. Jerry Waters was emcee again, Barry Crow furnished piano music, and Terry Hutcheson rendered his vocal music. Many thanks to all of them for donating their time and taking time out from their busy schedules to work with the pageant. Thanks also to St. Joseph's Episcopal Church for the use of the chairs and to many of our visitors who helped us return them.

The 1996 Queen, Krystal Whitmire, crowned the new Queen, Adrienne Lee Beaty. Adrienne received \$100 and other gift items. Since Adrienne already had a scholarship, the Queen's two-year leadership scholarship went to the senior with the next highest points, who was Nicola Broyles, Second Princess. First Princess was Annie Malissa Daniel, and Third Princess was Rene Brindle. These girls were all involved in scholastic activities and were very intelligent. We used to think very beautiful girls were not very smart. That certainly was not the case with these girls. They spoke well and stressed decent morality. What a thrill it was to hear them speak out against promiscuity, which is practiced very openly in our high schools. A beautiful girl with high moral standards is certainly a credit to her parents who definitely did something right!

The judges of the pageant had a difficult time making their choices. All of the girls are winners, but we had to select four out of the twelve. (See photo this page.) Judges were Ms. Carolyn Eason, Ms. Marie Burt, Steve Knight, and Dr. Robert Raymond. Much appreciation to them. The Dish tea room furnished a complimentary dinner to the judges and to those who worked with the pageant. Thank you Joe Hines and Terrence McCabe for a delicious meal!

I would like to thank Dorothy Crow for her lovely rhododendron blossoms that we took to Gail's Florist for arranging in bouquets, a corsage and boutonniere. The pageant programs were furnished by the Package Store in Ft. Payne as were the judges' tally sheets and schedule.

Many thanks to pageant sponsors who donated gift certificates and merchandise as prizes for the contestants, including: Alabama Fan Club, Alabama June Jam XVI, Backstage Boutique & Salon, The Classic Look, Computer Solutions, DeSoto Athletics, Ft. Payne Emporium, Fort Payne Footworks, Golden Treasures, The Grapevine, Hair World, Hamilton Cinema Four, Jinni's, L&M Prissy Hen Boutique, Music Connection, Shear Madness, Sports First, Sunset Bronze, Reflections by Melissa, The Thrift Store, Video "2" Go, Video Plaza, Williamson Oil Company, and Morgan Drugs of Valley Head. Those who purchased ads were: The Cliff's Restaurant, The Candy Store, Dessie's Kountry Chef Restaurant, Heritage Wire Harness, Blue Moon Cafe, Big Mill Deli & Antique Mall, Cragmere Manna Restaurant, Robin's Nest, Ancro Door Company, G. G. Smith Excavating, and Vision Advertising.

Jack Jones arranged the Festival parade, and it was a good one. (See photos this page.) The Rhododendron Queen and

RHODODENDRON QUEEN AND PRINCESSES NAMED



Winners of the Mentone Area Preservation Association's 14th annual Rhododendron Pageant are, left to right, Annie Malissa Daniel, first princess; Nicola Broyles, second princess; Rene Brindle, third princess; and Adrienne Lee Beaty, Rhododendron Queen.

On May 10, at the Hitching Post in Mentone, the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) presented its 14th annual Rhododendron Pageant in conjunction with the Rhododendron Festival. Adrienne Lee Beaty was named Rhododendron Queen. Other winners included Annie Malissa Daniel, first princess; Nicola Broyles, second princess; and Rene Brindle, third princess.

Nicola Broyles was also the highest scoring senior contestant, and was awarded a two-year scholarship to Northeast Alabama Community College.

The queen and princesses were featured in the Rhododendron Festival parade through Mentone on May 17, and the queen drew the name of the winner of handmade quilt on May 18.

her attendants rode in convertibles furnished by Woodson-Jones Chevrolet of Fort Payne - pretty girls, pretty cars! Gene Erwin, president of the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association was grand marshal. Mayor Max Cash rode with Jack, and the Shriners from Summerville made a grand appearance, along with Ed Jones and Ronnie Jones and their beautiful mules. Others in the parade included the Valley Head Band, Sonshine the Clown from Rainsville; North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Chief, Jim Roberts, leading the parade in the fire truck; Sanford Hartline and others in a jeep, and Cousin Cliff, along with others, on Jack Jones' wagon.

The Cotaco Band from Huntsville entertained with country music and singing around the bonfire Friday night, the 16th. They were so generous to come without compensation, so we paid for their lodging this year. Homer and I served them breakfast at our house Saturday morning. They also played and sang at the festival on Saturday.

Brow Park was alive with activities Saturday and Sunday. Cousin Cliff was back with his magic tricks, which the children especially enjoyed. We had square dancing, clogging by Karen Wright and the New Generation Cloggers, and other entertainment. Jerry and Doreen Waters worked hard to get quality performers for us.

The Boy Scouts held a very good devotion Sunday morning and, of course, attended to the parking of cars both Saturday and Sunday. They also kept the area clear of trash, which was greatly appreciated.

Sherman and Mickey Gough did their usual good job selling tickets on a quilt made by Lola Mae Blalock. They work hard selling tickets for two months before the festival. The 1997 Rhododendron Queen, Adrienne Lee Beaty, drew the name of the winner of the quilt. Conley O'Rear, from Attalla, won the quilt.

George and Hope Walker, along with several others, helped keep the MAPA booth. Carl Yatooma sold rhododendron

plants. Homer Crow did all jobs on hand--whatever needed attention, including hauling off garbage.

The band from Gadsden State Community College, under the direction of Rip Reagan, was a highlight of the festival. We were very fortunate to get this type of entertainment for our small community. I think everyone enjoyed it because they played some of all kinds of music. Of course, I loved the swing band renditions (some were Glen Miller's familiar tunes). They played from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., which provided a grand finale to a beautiful day.

Another lucky winner this year was Preston Kirby who won \$1,000 raffled by the American Legion. (See photo this page.) The Legion is raising money for a scholarship fund to help deserving students attend college. Thanks to Howard Carson and Jimmy Wright for assisting Jim and Penny Lyday in marking spots for vendors.

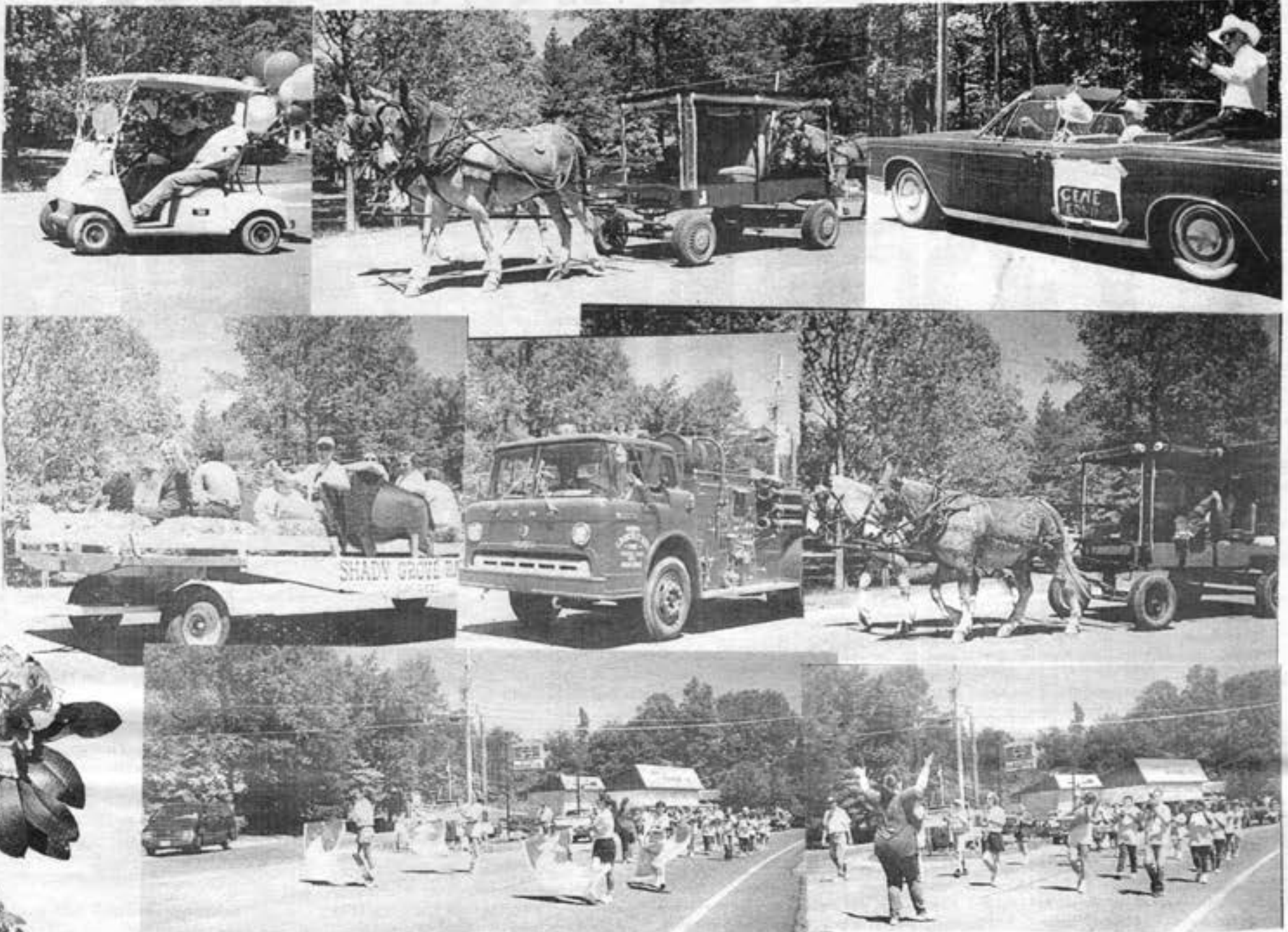
Our advertising was great! Chuck Peters got news to all media and they responded. Our festival was listed in Southern Living, which is very good. USA Today did

an article in its travel section and in the regular publication. The Atlanta Constitution did an excellent article and the Gadsden Times did a feature story in the magazine section of its Sunday paper.

Beautiful weather, good quality merchandise by vendors, wonderful entertainment and fellowship made a great 1997 Rhododendron Festival.



RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL PARADE PICTURES



Left to right: top row: Sonshine the Clown; Ed Jones and his mules; Gene Erwin, parade marshal; second row: Jack Jones wagon with riders, North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Truck driven by Jim Roberts, Fire Chief; Ronnie Jones and his mules; third row: Valley Head Color Guard, Valley Head Band; and bottom center: visitors to Brow Park for the festival (couple from Atlanta with their two cocker spaniels dressed in pink hats)



Jesse Crabtree, Commander of American Legion Post 215 Mentone, congratulating Preston Kirby on winning the \$1,000 given away during their recent fundraiser

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Valley Head High School



Wendy Dawn Hyde
Valedictorian

Christy Gail Ferguson
Salutatorian

Graduation ceremonies for the Valley Head High School Class of 1997 were held Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Valley Head Tiger Football Stadium. Baccalaureate Services were May 18, at Valley Head Baptist Church. Class Night was May 16.

Wendy Dawn Hyde, daughter of Joey and Kaye Hyde of Valley Head, is **Valedictorian** for the Valley Head Class of 1997.

Her activities include: Beta Club President, FFA Co-Vice President, Student Council Treasurer, Bible Club, Math Team, Spanish Club officer, volleyball, basketball, softball, Cheerleader, Track Team, Purple and Gold, D.A.R.E. Role Model, Scholars' Bowl.

Wendy's awards include: NASCC Presidential Scholarship, National Scholar Athlete Award, National Honor Roll Who's Who of American Students, Woodmen of the World, AP English, Chemistry, Physical Science, Spanish I, II, Biology I, Algebra I, II, Home Economics.

Her educational goals include: NASCC Associate in Science; UAB major in Physical Therapy.

Christy Gail Ferguson, daughter of Johnny and Debora Ferguson of Mentone, is **Salutatorian** for the Valley Head Class of 1997.

Her Activities include: Yearbook Co-Editor, Beta Club Vice President, Spanish Club, Vice President, FFA, county officer, Student Council Representative, Math Team, Scholars' Bowl, basketball, softball, volleyball, FFA, Bible Club.

Christy's awards include: Women's Club poetry contest, third place; Algebra I, II, Advance Math, Chemistry, Keyboarding I, Class Beauty, Homecoming Attendant, Prom Princess, 1996 Girls' State Delegate.

Her educational goals include: NASCC Associate in Science; Huntington College Master's Degree in Dentistry.

The 1997 Senior Class officers include: President, Matthew Hulan; Vice President, Josh Smalley; Secretary, Christy Ferguson; Treasurer, Misty Ferguson; Reporter, Nikki Smith.

Mr. and Ms. Valley Head: Matthew Joseph Hulan and Angie Hunt Elkins.

Mr. and Ms. Senior: Jim Phillips and Amanda Bethune.

The DAR Good Citizenship winner is Haley Johnson.

The Optimist Club Outstanding Student Award went to Matthew Hulan.

SportsFirst Scholar Athlete Award winners are Matthew Hulan and Christy Ferguson.

Valley Head's Top Ten Seniors include: Wendy Hyde, Christy Ferguson, Nikki Smith, Angie Hunt Elkins, Haley Johnson, Misty Ferguson, Amanda Bethune, Josh Smalley, Mandora Hannah, and Kerry Blalock.

Class of 1997 Who's Who:

Best Personality: Dewayne Grisham, Misty Ferguson; Most Studious: Matthew Hulan, Joshua Smalley, Nikki Smith; Friendliest: Joseph Hall, Amy Crane; Most Courteous: Jonathan Allen, Ginger Gray; Cutest: Brian Blalock, Angela Hunt Elkins; Best Dressed: Jonathan Allen, Nikki Smith; Most Likely to Succeed: Matthew Hulan, Christy Ferguson, Haley Johnson; Most School Spirit: Jim Phillips, Wendy Hyde; Most Unique: Jonathan Floyd, Joseph Hall, Anke Bieberich; Class Clown: Josh Smalley, Wendy Hyde; Most Dependable: Dewayne Grisham, Angela Hunt Elkins; Quietest: Michael Day, Ginger Gray; Loudest: Brian Bone, Tonya Turgeon; Biggest Flirts: Heath Watson, Amanda Bethune, Heather Moses; Most Athletic: Heath Watson, Heather Jackson; Most Talented: Jim Phillips, Haley Johnson; Best All Around: Brian Blalock, Christy Ferguson; Class Favorites: Matthew Hulan and Haley Johnson; Beauty and Beau: Angie Laney and Heath Watson.

Valley Head Senior Class History: As we move into this big world with our work cut out for us, we will never know what the future holds, but we do know that the love, the friendship and the memories of the Class of 1997 will forever remain in these halls of "our" Valley Head High School.

Nineteen hundred eighty-four was the year it all began--we became the Class of 1997. Today, we have nine of the original members of our kindergarten class. They are Summer Blansit, Heather Moses, Jim Phillips, Joshua Smalley, Haley Johnson, Joseph Hall, Tina Hester, Michael Day and Matthew Hulan.

Things were really starting to pick up when, in 1985, our first grade class received their first new classmates, Josh Woods and Christy Koger.

Things were running smoothly until our second grade class got a little rowdy with the entrance of Heath Watson from Birmingham and Amanda Bethune from North Sand Mountain.

Just as the Class of 1997 was finally settling down, Heath Watson and Michael Day decided they had better things to do and bigger places to go, as they were off to Birmingham and Fort Payne. Our class did, however, manage to move on with the



The Valley Head High School Class of 1997 in alphabetical order:

Brandi Abercrombie, Jonathan Allen, Amanda Bethune, Crystal Bettis, Brian Blalock, Kerry Blalock, Summers Blansit, Amy Crane, Michael Day, Angela Hunt Elkins, Christy Ferguson, Misty Ferguson, Jonathan Floyd, Dewayne Grisham, Ginger Gray, Joseph Hall, Mandora Hannah, Tina Hester, Matthew Hulan, Wendy Hyde, Corey Ingram, Heather Jackson, Haley Johnson, Christy Koger, Angie Laney, Carolien Lansbergen, Maddalena Mangino, Natasha Martin, Heather Moses, Jim Phillips, Joshua Smalley, Nikki Smith, Lynn Tidwell, Tonya Turgeon, Heath Watson, Joshua Woods.

entrance of Mandora Hannah from Fort Payne.

There was something special missing in our class until 1989, when Dewayne Grisham joined the team and made his mark on the class of '97.

Our class felt as if we needed a little extra support moving into the high school building, and no one else but those Moon Lake kids could fill the spot. They were Angie Hunt Elkins, Tonya Turgeon, Heather Jackson, Corey Ingram, Amy Crane, Jonathan Floyd, Ginger Gray, Brian Blalock, Kerry Blalock and Nikki Smith. Christy and Misty Ferguson also heard our calling and came all the way from Gaylesville just to be with us. Crystal Bettis decided that she could only be a Class of '97 graduate and we must have been pretty loud because before we knew it, Heath Watson, realizing his love for ole VHS, was back in town.

As we took our next step toward the future, our Freshman year brought us love, spirit, and individuality. We knew things would never be the same as Wendy Hyde felt the need to become a Tiger instead of a Ram, and Natasha Martin came all the way from Chattanooga to be a part of VHS.

Another new face from Sylvania graced us as our Sophomore year started when Brandi Abercrombie knew that Valley Head was the place to be, but Natasha Martin thinking that her school spirit lay elsewhere, was off to Fort Payne.

Things took a wild turn when two more faces joined the Junior class. They were Michael Day, Angie Laney, and Jonathan Allen and his "all's well that ends well," we regained the love of Natasha Martin for good, and Michael Day.

As things began to wind down and our Class of 1997 took the stage front and center, we learned of two very interesting, caring people who made an unforgettable impact on our Senior class, Maddalena Mangino of Italy and Carolien Lansbergen of the Netherlands joined us for our final days at ole VHS.

Valley Head High School Seniors' Last Will and Testament: We, the undersigned, officially known as the Senior class of Valley Head High School, being of unsound mind, of weak heart, and having but a few short hours to dwell among the harrows of trials and tribulations of our high school

days, do make, publish, and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

To our school, we leave our love and loyalty, and the echo of our resounding voices, the privilege of our Senior class pictures, our hand and shoe prints all over the walls and our record of heroic, achieved hopes that it will be properly kept.

To the faculty we leave our undying love and devotion and appreciation for their patience and understanding.

To next year's Seniors we leave our ability to plagiarize and our senior privileges.

To the upcoming Juniors, we leave iron hat bands to prevent any further swelling of their heads. We also leave our brains and ability, the joy of laughing at nothing, and the pleasures and pangs of puppy love.

To the upcoming Sophomores, we leave a bottle of smelling salts to help them recover from the shock of discovering they don't know as much as they think they do.

The individual members of the graduating class have left their most prized possessions and habits as follows:

I, Brandi Abercrombie, do hereby leave nothing to anyone because I am afraid I will need it all.

I, Jonathan Allen, do hereby leave my ability to never be at school and still graduate to anyone who wants it, and my amazing sense of fashion to Jamie McKinney.

I, Amanda Bethune, do hereby leave my ability to live through all the rumors and still find the perfect guy to Rene Brendle, and my ability to forgive and forget to Jason Owen.

I, Crystal Bettis, do hereby leave all my left-over homework that I don't want to do to anybody who makes A's and B's.

I, Brian Blalock, do hereby leave my ability to be snowed in, no matter what the weather is like to Derek Talley, and my heart to Candace Fuller.

I, Kerry Blalock, do hereby leave my ability to skip Tech School to Jennifer Hammon.

I, Summers Blansit, do hereby leave my size, my clothes, and my ability to eat anything I want and not gain weight to Stacey Hyde, and my love to my brother, B.J. Thomas.

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I, Amy Crane, do hereby leave my ability to miss school to Eric Crane.

I, Michael Day, do hereby leave my ability to always get to school on time to Amy Izell.

I, Angela Hunt, do hereby leave my ability to smile and keep quiet all through high school to anyone who talks a lot.

I, Christy Ferguson, do hereby leave my amazing sense of balance to Teri Campbell.

I, Misty Ferguson, do hereby leave my ability to be late for everything to Mrs. Talley, and my ability to trip every time I enter the library to Teri Campbell. Also, I would like to leave my stress to Mrs. Hulgand and Teri Campbell.

I, Jonathan Floyd, do hereby leave my ability to skim by with a 60 to Craig Stanfield.

I, Dwayne Grisham, do hereby leave my ability to not do classwork to anyone who feels the need for it.

I, Ginger Gray, do hereby leave my ability to not talk all the time to Anna Rively.

I, Joseph Clyde Hall, do hereby leave my ability to be at school every day and never be tardy to Keisha Burgess and Tara Tipton, my ability to always have my history homework to Nathan Keith, and everything else to my sister, Amanda.

I, Mandora Hannah, do hereby leave my parallel parking abilities to Shane Storey and Justin Baugh and all my other driving abilities to my little brother.

I, Tina Macheffe Hester, do hereby leave my ability to put up with Leeland Bullock and Justin Fisher during band to Adriane Robertson.

I, Matthew Hulgand, do hereby leave my ability to not know where I am during football games and still play to Chad Mosher and Richard Fuller.

I, Wendy Hyde, do hereby leave my ability to put up with Coach Tidmore's torment to Rene Brendle, and my ability to NEVER quit talking to Kim McElhaney.

I, Corey Ingram, do hereby leave my unused books to Lee Worthley.

I, Heather Jackson, do hereby leave my ability to stay out of trouble to Brandi Jackson and Emily Frazier.

I, Haley Nicole Johnson, do hereby leave my responsibility of the annual parties to the gang, and all my prayers, love, and support to my Bubba and all my friends at VHHS.

I, Christy Koger, do hereby leave my ability to graduate to Carla Knowles.

I, Angie Laney, do hereby leave my airheadedness to Kerri Hale and my bass drum to Beaver.

I, Carolien Lansbergen, do hereby leave my coming late to Josh Williamson.

I, Maddalena Mangino, do hereby leave my connections with the Italian mafia to Paxton Harper.

I, Natasha Martin, do hereby leave my attitude and my ability to argue with everyone to Candace Fuller.

I, Heather Moses, do hereby leave my ability to argue with someone and win to Jason Meadows.

I, Jim Phillips, do hereby leave my ability to never carry a book home and still pass to Bradley Wright.

I, Joshua Paul Smalley, III, do hereby bequeath my heart, soul, and music collection to Mrs. Debra Talley.

I, Nikki Smith, do hereby leave my temper on the basketball court to Teri Campbell, who is desperately in need of one, my plaid pants to Rene Brendle, and all the pretzels in the Chex Mix to Heather Wilbourn.

I, Lynn Tidwell, do hereby leave my tan to Tricia Goodman.

I, Tonya Turgeon, do hereby leave my ability to come to school and graduate to Crystal Wright.

I, Heath Yancy Watson, do hereby leave my ability to have a different girlfriend every week to Paxton Harper.

I, Josh Woods, do hereby leave my truck to Buck Strickland.

VHHS CHEERLEADING NEWS

By Sandy Hulgand

The Valley Head Varsity cheerleading tryouts were held in March. Twelve girls originally were trying out and seven were selected for the varsity squad. The girls chosen were: Ashley Blalock, Tabitha Brisendine, Brooke Chandler, Kerri Hale, Jana Laney, Kim McElhaney, and Brandi Shirley. Brooke Chandler left VHS and Brooke Garrett was asked to join the squad. Mrs. Christie Young will be the Varsity Cheerleader sponsor this year. The girls will also be attending the COA camp during June at VHS. They recently held a fundraiser to help them purchase cheerleading uniforms and equipment. Practice will continue through the summer to prepare for the upcoming sports season.

The Valley Head Junior High Cheerleading tryouts were held on May 1, 1997. Ten girls tried out for the squad and eight were chosen. The girls that made the squad were: April Aldridge, Crystal Bethune, Jennifer Blalock, Nicole Hulgand, Brittany Johnson, Amanda Knowles, Loribeth Peace, and Kayla Wilbanks. Nicole Hulgand and Kayla Wilbanks will serve as head and co-head of the squad. The girls will be attending a COA camp during the month of June at VHS and will practice throughout the summer to prepare for the fall sports season. Mrs. Sandy Hulgand will be the Junior High sponsor this year and looks forward to a great year with these girls. The girls have just recently finished with a T-Shirt fundraiser and earned money to purchase cheerleading uniforms and supplies. Another T-Shirt fundraiser will probably be done when school starts back for the fall football season. During the summer, the squad will schedule a car wash in the area, so come out and support the VHS Jr. High squad.

WRITING TO READ 2000 COMPUTER PROGRAM AT VALLEY HEAD

By Sandy Hulgand

Valley Head School received the Writing To Read 2000 computer program in November of this past school year. This program is designed to teach kindergarten and first grade students how to WRITE ANYTHING THEY CAN SAY AND READ ANYTHING THEY HAVE WRITTEN. Computer Lab Assistant Sandy Hulgand has worked with the program, along with the kindergarten and first grade teachers, Angie Bell, Carol Slay, Ann Carroll, and Trena Coots. All of us are really excited about what this program has done for the students, and it has been a great teachers aide in the classroom. It has proven to help in all classroom subjects, especially reading comprehension and writing exercises. By learning twenty-eight phonemes, the children learn the sounds associated with these and can therefore sound out words while reading. The program has been a great success and we all look forward to implementing the program again next school year. Writing To Read 2000 will undoubtedly make a difference in the future academic progress of our students.

VALLEY HEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

NASCC: Presidential - Christy Ferguson, Wendy Hyde
Academic - Nikki Smith
Leadership - Matthew Hulgand, Misty Ferguson
Performance Arts - Heather Moses
JSU: Presidential - Joshua Smalley
Gadsden State Tech Division - Michael Day
Valley Head Woman's Club - Haley Johnson
Navy: Mandora Hannah, Josh Woods
Don & Martha Smith: Ginger Gray
George Whitney: Academic - Haley Johnson

Valley Head Elementary Awards

Kindergarten Awards - National Physical Fitness- Chris Moses, Decker Jones, Andrea Cooper

First Grade Awards - National Physical Fitness- Vince Wright, Matt Fuller, Paige Bethune

Second Grade Awards - National Physical Fitness-Ethan Lewis, Justin Brown

Third Grade Awards - 1st-Tylor Harrison, Rebecca Terrell; 2nd-Sheena Moses; 3rd-Hillary Nichols; 4th-Trista Blackman, Dustin Davis; 5th-Christina Armstrong; Art-Dustin Davis; Best All Around-Sheena Moses, Physical Fitness-Tylor Harrison

Mrs. Knott's Fourth Grade Awards - 1st-Matt Battles; 2nd-Chris Miller, 3rd-Amber Hannah; 4th-William Blevins, Kyle Hicks; 5th-Jackie Davis, Stacey Ogle, Kimberly Wilbanks; 6th-Matt Croxton, Best All Around-Matt Battles, National Physical Fitness-Jacklyn Davis, Stacie Ogle, Billy McKinney

Mrs. Haymon's Fourth Grade Awards - 1st-Ben Windom; 2nd Sheena Combs; 3rd-Heather Freeman; 4th-Nelson Overby; 5th-Crystal Gregory; Art-Derek Payne; Best All Around-Shelly Terrell; Most Improved Chris Richardson, Latasha Edgeworth

Fifth Grade Awards - 1st-Robert Brown, 2nd-Steven Thornberry; 3rd-Aubrey Ogle; 4th-Jeremy Edgeworth; 5th-Blake Hulgand; Art-Steven Thornberry, Robert Brown; Woodman of the World History-Steven Thornberry; Most Improved-Britt Heinrich; Student of the Year-Jeremy Edgeworth; Most Improved Conduct-Rece Hall; National Physical Fitness-Missy Williams, Almada Parker; Presidential Physical Fitness-Justin McMullins

Sixth Grade Awards - 1st-Beth Shirley, 2nd-Josh Hulgand; 3rd-Tessa McKinney; 4th-Amanda Knowles; 5th-Brittany Johnson; Art-Nancy Logue, Sharee Jenkins, Josh Hulgand; Good Citizenship-Sharee Jenkins; Most Improved-Thad Heinrich; National Physical Fitness-Brittany Johnson, Thad Heinrich, Amanda Knowles, Tessa McKinney, Nancy Logue, Nicole Harris, Dusty Storey

VALLEY HEAD 4TH GRADE NEWS

By Ben Windom

On May 7, 1997, the fourth grade class and third grade class went on a field trip to Huntsville Space and Rocket Center. Many kids were surprised to see so many rockets. There were some rides there. Some would make you sick, others would give thrills.

Some fourth grade students are playing on the Mentone's baseball team. Our players are Ben Windom, Ethan Lewis, Robert Kauble, Cory Dobbins, Adam Knowles, Kevin Jeffery, Chris Gant, Chris Richardson, Nelson Overby, Billy McKinney, Zachary Cooper, Kevin Bates, Tylor Harrison, and Andrew Smith. The coaches are Joe Smith, A.C. Windom, and Dennis Lewis.

Wedding Announcement

The Rev. and Mrs. Don G. Brock of Mentone announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Donna Renee Brock, to David L. Vest, son of Ms. Patricia Vest of Valley Head and David Vest of LaFayette, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ruby Brock and the late Rev. Raymond Brock and the late Mr. A.B. Coots and Mrs. Delilah Coots, all of Mentone.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. C.M. McNutt and the late Mrs. Carol McNutt of Valley Head and the late Mr. A.J. Vest and Mrs. Foy Rayburn of LaFayette, Ga.

Donna is a 1997 graduate of Northeast Alabama State Community College and is employed by Crown Health Care of Fort Payne.

Dave is a 1996 graduate of Northeast Alabama State Community College and is currently a senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he will receive a degree in secondary education.

The wedding will be Saturday, June 7, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of God of Prophecy in Mentone.

A reception will be held at the Mentone Springs Hotel.



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Happy Father's Day!



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

June is upon us already and haven't we had glorious spring. June is a busy time for everyone, with a special day in June to honor our fathers. Fathers are our unsung heroes. My Dad has, as the saying goes, made sure that I was supplied with "roots and wings." He is a very strong honorable man who made certain that my brother and I had a good foundation in life and encouraged us to stand on our own and try our wings. Then he and mother have always been there through our trials and errors. A special "Thank you, Dad," and to all you other Dads out there.

Easy Chicken Pot Pie

1-10 oz package frozen mixed vegetables

3-4 chicken breast filets, cooked

and cut into bite sized pieces

1 10-oz can cream of chicken soup

3/4 C milk

Topping

1 C self rising flour

1 C milk

1/4 C melted margarine

Cook frozen vegetables, drain and add chicken, soup, and milk. Put mixture in oiled deep-dish pie plate. Mix topping ingredients and drop by spoonfuls onto chicken mixture. Bake at 375° until mixture is bubbly and topping is brown. About 20 minutes. Yield - 6 servings.

Steak Marinade

1/2 C soy sauce

1/4 C Worcestershire sauce

1 clove garlic minced

1/4 t pepper

1/2 t dry mustard

4-6 steaks

Combine ingredients for marinade in shallow pan. Place steaks in marinade and refrigerate for approximately 4 hours, turning once. Broil over hot coals to desired doneness.

American Legion Post/Unit 215

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

New Year's Activities Planned

American Legion Post/Unit 215 of Mentone's numbers are small when it comes to the actual contingent of active members, but, for a group as small as they are, the ladies and gentlemen of Post/Unit 215 accomplish a great deal. There are large numbers of worthwhile local, state, and national legion activities that the ladies of Unit 215 simply cannot support because of their numbers and their modest financial resources, but the ladies have chosen carefully the particular activities that they feel they can give their time and their monetary support.

In a planning session recently, the ladies of Unit 215 set their priorities for the coming year, and they had to choose carefully which legion activities to support. They settled on the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville (and the six veterans from DeKalb County who reside there) and Girls State. The next step was to provide the funding necessary for financing the various projects for the coming year. Having only recently drawn up their budget, the ladies were more acutely aware of their limitations than they would have been ordinarily. At any rate, money was needed for the ladies to do their work. With that in mind, the ladies of Unit 215 had an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper, Friday, April 18, at the legion home on Cove Road in Mentone. They served generous helpings of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, tea, coffee, soft drinks, and dessert at a rate of \$5.00 per person—preschoolers were \$2.50—and had good reviews on their food.

The legion home was decorated in the manner of the dining hall in a rustic inn with white table covers. Votive candles burned leisurely on the tables in tulip-style holders. Fresh spring flowers added a feminine signature touch to the occasion. Pale pink fruit blossoms floated on water in red wine goblets, and pansies were floated in tulip-style candle holders that got pressed into service in the capacity of flower vases. One large, multi-colored bouquet of mixed flowers decorated the rock mantle over the fireplace, and a smaller but equally beautiful arrangement graced the first table.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone all worked very hard on their spaghetti supper, and those persons in attendance all seemed to enjoy themselves. The day was chilly with a high wind, and, as the sun set, the temperature began to drop. In order to drive away the chill and increase the ambiance of warmth, the ladies built a roaring fire that blazed away in the fireplace as the evening progressed. The occasion was moderately well attended, and the ladies wish to let the world at large know just how much they most certainly do appreciate all the support they were given in that endeavor.

On Saturday, April 26, the men of American Legion Post 215 at Mentone worked parking cars at the Sequoyah Cruisers Car Show at the Hammondville City Park. The ladies of Unit 215 assisted the men with that project.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215's regular meetings take place the second Tuesday night in the month at 6:30 p.m. year round. Mrs. Syble Tipton, President of Unit 215 and Thirteenth District President as well, would like to encourage all current legion auxiliary members to be as active as possible and remind all eligible ladies, who are not now legion auxiliary members, to join either the ladies of Unit 215 or another legion auxiliary unit. The ladies of the legion auxiliary do good work toward making the world a better place in which to live. Recently, at the Thirteenth District Meeting, the ladies of the various units compared notes and found that all of them could certainly use new members.

Mrs. McGee Awards Auxiliary Unit 215

Certificate of Appreciation

Tuesday, May 13, 1997, was the regular meeting for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 of Mentone. At their regular meeting, President Syble Tipton and the ladies of the unit were presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation by Mrs. Joyce McGee, Veterans Affairs Assistant for DeKalb County, and whose office is located in the courthouse annex that used to be the location of the DeKalb Advertiser, for their once-per-season visits to DeKalb County's residents living at the Fann Home and for their card sending campaigns. The wording of the certificate was humbling for the ladies present. It read: "In grateful recognition of your support for veterans in the Floyd E. 'Tut' Fann State Veterans Home, Huntsville, Alabama. You are to be commended for giving so generously of your time, your gifts, and your love to these most deserving men."

The District 13 American Legion Meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, at the legion home on Cove Road in Mentone, and the ladies took the opportunity to plan that gathering. A meal is always served at district meetings, and the menu for the June 10 gathering was set to consist of spaghetti, crisp, fresh, garden salad, with a choice of dressings, garlic bread, a selection of desserts, tea, and coffee with plenty of refills. District 13 ladies and gentlemen mark your calendars and remember to be there for a good meeting and a delicious meal.

All the plans are in place for the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 to send their candidate to Girls State in Montgomery in June. A report on that should be filed at a later date.

MERF OPEN HOUSE A GREAT SUCCESS!

By Jean Corey

Clear skies and warm sunshine on Sunday, May 4, made for a perfect day for the open house for our new community house. The afternoon gave us a glimpse of what the Community House will be about: people of all ages coming together, enjoying each other and learning from each other. The afternoon began with refreshments offered inside as everyone checked out the work of the churches and other organizations in the community in the different rooms throughout the house. Moon Lake students performed a May pole dance on the lawn and there was plenty of good entertainment in the amphitheater next door, with the Kenneth McMunn family, Anna Crowe, Terry Hutcheson, and Patty and James Bryan playing with Norman Blake, and others. The crowd gathered on the lawn to watch the "New Generation Cloggers--Tiny Tots" perform on the front porch. Four generations of cloggers were represented, the first generation being Ovie Blalock, who Karen Wright says shared his love for clogging with her when she was very young.

The entire afternoon was a wonderful illustration of what can happen when we pool together the rich resources of our community. The cloggers represent the kind of inter-generational learning that will be an everyday occurrence at the Community House. The Community House is to be place where older generations will offer their wisdom and life experience to the youth of this community, where people with talent and expertise will share their gifts with others, and where all of us can take time to just enjoy each other.

The Community House itself is a testimony to what can happen when people work together. Several churches in the community along with Nature's Classroom have adopted rooms in the house and have volunteered many hours of labor in order to finish the house. Boy Scout Jake Pinholster has adopted the Community Walking Park for his Eagle Scout project, and it is scheduled to be paved the last week in May. Woodmen of the World erected a beautiful flagpole that stands in the middle of the Walking Park. (See picture on next page.)

The open house initiated the last lap in fund raising which is to be a \$20,000 fund drive. This last lap will complete the payments on the property and the cost of readying the house for programs to begin in the fall. Your fully tax deductible contribution can be sent to Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, P. O. Box 107, Mentone, AL 35984.

Keep an eye out this fall for upcoming classes and programs. Be sure not to miss out on the good things the Community House will have to offer!

See pictorial review on next page.

Look for an article next month that will include the history of the Shigley home-place that is now the Community House.

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PICTORIAL REVIEW OF MERF OPEN HOUSE

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MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From the Tiger Paw Print

Special Edition Dedicated to the 6th-Grade Graduates!

Natasha Moreland

Natasha likes to ride her bicycle. She also likes going to Ashley Clark's house to play volleyball. But what she enjoys most is talking to friends.

Her future plans are majoring in elementary education in college. Her favorite memory is when Corey Kirby showed her how to use chopsticks.

Tessa Collett

Tessa's favorite hobbies are playing basketball, baseball, football, and soccer. She likes to swim, write notes, and talk on the phone. She likes smiley faces, friends, boys, and animals. She is a major tomboy, and likes for people to be happy.

She has great future plans. She plans to attend college to become a veterinarian. Her favorite Moon Lake memory is coming to the school.

Beth Easler

Beth's hobbies are boys, basketball, and bugging people. Her future plan is to be a nurse in a doctor's office, and her favorite Moon Lake memory is the excellent 6th-grade basketball season.

Justin Dingler

Justin likes to play basketball. He also likes playing his Nintendo. But most of all he likes staying at home and keeping his sister.

His future plans are studying business management in college and winning the Georgia lottery. When he wins the lottery he plans to move to Brooklyn, New York. His favorite Moon Lake memory is when he started in the middle of kindergarten.

John Fischer

John's hobbies are girls and sports. His future plans are to play in the NBA. John's favorite Moon Lake memory is playing basketball with Corey, J. R., and Tommy.

Joshua Hughes

Joshua likes to collect pens. He also enjoys playing soccer. Josh wants to go to college and be a businessman.

His most vivid memories are of Joyce Smith's helpful lectures. He also enjoyed being Moon Lake's milk delivery manager.

Kelly Owen

Kelly's hobbies are boys and sports. Her plans for the future are to be an astronaut. She would like to be the first lady on the moon.

Her favorite memory of Moon Lake is when Kiley first came. The advice she leaves for other Moon Lakers is to stay out of trouble and stay in school.

Corey Kirby

Corey's hobbies are playing basketball and playing more basketball. His interest is girls, and his future plans are to play for the NBA.

His favorite Moon Lake memory is making it to the final four in basketball.

Tabitha Storey

Tabitha enjoys many different kinds of sports such as basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, and swimming. She also enjoys going out of state. One of her favorites is bugging her grandmother.

She has odd but interesting future plans. They are to run for mayor. If she does not make mayor she wants to be a professional swimmer. Her favorite Moon Lake memory is when she scribbled on the kindergarten carpet and blamed it on Matt Tillman.

Tommy Dodd

Tommy's hobbies are playing basketball and baseball. His interest is girls.

Three of Tommy's cats recently had 11 kittens. He hopes to give some of them away.

In the future he wants to play in the NBA for the 76ers. Tommy's favorite Moon Lake memory is making the final four in basketball.

Tiffany Bare

Tiffany's hobby is flying with her Dad. She plans to be a pilot and would love to attend aviation school. She would like to get a commercial pilot's license.

Her favorite Moon Lake memory is the time Marsha Hurt blew the top off the Coke bottle in 3rd grade.

Stephanie Plemmons

Stephanie's favorite hobbies are boys, basketball, and bugging people.

Her interests are boys and dancing. Her future plans include becoming a dancer.

Kiley Young

Kiley's hobbies are sports and boys. Her future plans include playing professional soccer after she attends college on a soccer scholarship. Her two dogs are Lucky and Maggie.

Her favorite Moon Lake memory is first coming and meeting new friends.

Kerri McMunn

Kerri enjoys reading and horseback riding. She also likes to collect Coke can tops. She plans to be either a horseback trainer or an inventor.

Her favorite Moon Lake memories are the time in kindergarten when Juanita Smith read stories aloud and the time in second grade when the class worked word puzzles in Joyce Smith's class.

J.R. Patterson

J.R.'s hobbies are running and girls. His future plan is to play in the NBA and after 13 championships he will be a mud wrestler.

J.R. has four pets—a cat, a dog, and two puppies. Every time the puppies try to play with the cat, the cat scratches them!

His favorite Moon Lake memory is playing basketball with Corey, Tommy, and John.

Stuart Hurt

Stuart likes to read, and at the present he says that he has no other interests. His future plans are to get a full scholarship to a good college and graduate with honors. He would like to study drama in preparation for an acting career.

His favorite Moon Lake memory is when he came to kindergarten dressed as an elf and had an opportunity to read to the class.

6th Grade Gifts

Tiffany Bare leaves her job cleaning tables after lunch to Enmy Corey.

Tessa Collett leaves her conduct grades to Coby Harrison.

Justin Dingler leaves his height to his sister Jessica Dingler.

Tommy Dodd leaves his books to Coby Harrison.

Beth Easler leaves her desk to Niki Johnson.

John Fischer leaves his popularity to Adam Manning.

Joshua Hughes leaves his table cleaning job to Kyle Hooks.

Stuart Hurt leaves his sense of humor to Kyle Hooks.

Corey Kirby leaves his talent in basketball to Coby Harrison.

Kerri McMunn leaves her ability to place 2nd in spelling bees to Enmy Corey.

Kelly Owen leaves her height to April Shelton.

J.R. Patterson leaves his quiet ways to Mason Plunk.

Natasha Moreland leaves her desk to Ashley LaBuda.

Stephanie Plemmons leaves her attitude to April Shelton.

Tabitha Storey leaves her social studies book to Ashley LaBuda.

Kiley Young just leaves!

**Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the 1997 6th-Grade Graduates.**

6th-Grade Prophecy

Five athletes have pursued careers in sports. Kiley Young gets a kick out of her work as a professional soccer player. Tommy Dodd, John Fischer, Corey Kirby and Kelly Owen shoot hoops as professional basketball players.

All this sports activity requires frequent medical attention. This is provided by Beth Easler, who works as a nurse.

When the athletes' pets are sick, they take them to veterinarian Tessa Collett. She often works with Kerri McMunn, who spends her time training horses. Flying high is the occu-

pation of two '97 graduates. Tiffany Bare stays close to earth as a pilot, while J.R. Patterson is out of this world as an astronaut.

All the others keep their feet on the ground. Justin Dingler works as an office manager. Joshua Hunt is a businessman, and Natasha Moreland serves as a teacher. Tabitha Storey enjoys her life as a mom.

Entertaining their former classmates are dancer Stephanie Plemmons and actor Stuart Hurt.

6th-Grade Who's Who

BEST ALL AROUND: Corey Kirby, Kiley Young
MOST ATHLETIC: Corey Kirby, Kiley Young
FRIENDLIEST: Justin Dingler, Kerri McMunn
MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT: Stuart Hurt, Beth Easler
QUIETEST: J. R. Patterson, Stephanie Plemmons
LOUDEST: Joshua Hughes, Tessa Collett
CUTEST: Tommy Dodd, Kiley Young
APPLE POLISHERS: Stuart Hurt, Kelly Owen
NEATEST: Corey Kirby, Tiffany Bare
CLASS CLOWNS: Tommy Dodd, Tessa Collett
MOST TALENTED: Corey Kirby, Kerri McMunn
MOST STUDIOUS: John Fischer, Natasha Moreland
MOST DEPENDABLE: Justin Dingler, Tabitha Storey
MOST STYLISH: Corey Kirby, Kiley Young
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Stuart Hurt, Kerri McMunn

6th-Grade Graduation

The graduation ceremonies were held Friday night, May 23, 1997. Sarah Hurt, pianist, played the processional and recessional music, "Pomp and Circumstance."

Co-Salutatorians were Tiffany Bare and Kiley Young. Co-Valedictorians were Stuart Hurt and Kerri McMunn.

The students of the 6th-grade Class chose teacher Joyce Smith and parent Sharon Swindall as the recipients of their graduation dedication. Joyce Smith was presented this year's sixth-grade staff appreciation award, and Sharon Swindall was presented this year's sixth-grade parent appreciation award.

Mr. and Miss 6th grade were Tommy Dodd and Beth Easler.

Mr. and Miss Moon Lake Elementary was voted on by the entire student body, Grades K-6. Serving Moon Lake for 1997 are Corey Kirby and Kiley Young.

Each year, one 6th grader is honored as Outstanding Citizen. This award recognizes traits of citizenship displayed during this student's years at Moon Lake Elementary School.

This year, the Outstanding Citizen Award goes to a young man who may be classified as "aggressively helpful." He actively seeks people whom and places where he may assist, and then he carries out his tasks to completion. He is conscientious and serious about the jobs he assumes. He gladly volunteers his time and abilities, and, in so doing, serves as a role model for his fellow students. He exemplifies good citizenship.

The 1997 Outstanding Citizen Award for Moon Lake Elementary School was presented to Joshua Hughes.

Dr. Bill Berry, principal, and Nancy Frost, 6th grade teacher, handed out the diplomas to the sixteen graduates: Tiffany Dawn Bare, Tessa Marie Collett, Justin Lane Dingler, Thomas Kenneth Dodd, Elizabeth Rose Easler, John Travis Fischer, Joshua Bruce Hughes, Stuart Broadway Hurt, Corey Drew Kirby, Kerri Elizabeth McMunn, Natasha Marie Moreland, Kelly Deanna Owen, Edward Ray Patterson Jr., Stephanie Leigh Plemmons, Tabitha Nicole Storey, and Kiley Kathleen Young.

Moon Lake Head Start Graduation

Moon Lake Head Start Graduation was held on May 22 at 5 p.m. There were eighteen students involved in the ceremony: Letha Cortner, Kelsey Kemp, Leanna Webb, Michael Norman, Daniel Scott, Zackary Peek, Casey Green, Samuel Easley, James Hawk, Aubrey Cah, Taylor Smith, Keisha Powell, Bryan Phillips, Marion Leiminger, Christopher Roland, Brittany Bain, Savanna Williams, and Taylor Graham. Teachers were Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Stinson. See next month's issue of *The Groundhog* for a writeup and pictures.

Moon Lake Kindergarten Graduation Exercises

Moon Lake Kindergarten Graduation Exercises were held May 22 at 9 a.m. Sarah Hurt played the music, and diplomas were handed out to: Lauren Addison, Steven Barkley, Vance Carden, Desiree Cash, Fred Castleberry, Jessica Easler, Marcus Feltz, Brittany Freeman, Brittany Hester, Daniel Hughes, Eric Hunt, Newley Ingram, Nathan Jones, Kara Miller, Sierra Nicely, Matt Pollard, Thom Rich, Heather Smith, Meagan Smith, John Whitaker, and Josh Williams. Teachers were Mrs. Phyllis Sarraitt and Mrs. Leia Brown. See next month's issue of *The Groundhog* for a writeup and pictures.

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Amanda Beth Moore

Amanda Beth Moore celebrated her 14th birthday on May 17, 1997. Beth is the daughter of Van and Lisa Moore and attends Valley Head High School.



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(7) **SOOTHING SOUND OF RAINDROPS ON A TIN ROOF,** brings back the warm cozy feeling in this 2 Bdrm 2 Bath cottage. 1 car garage and 3.8 wooded acres, and only two years old. Located Mentone area. \$65,500.



happy father's day



L-R: Kim Pledger watches as 5th grade student, Katie Kerce, learns spinning technique taught by Kristin Poulsen, as David Brown (foreground) cards wool to be spun. Porch of Cove Classroom.

L-R Churning buttermilk: Ann Payne, David Brown, and Jane Summers

"Pioneer Days" A Success

By Barbara Reece

Neither thunderstorms nor a tornado watch prevented pioneer craftsmen and visitors from having a wonderful day on Saturday, May 3, 1997, at Menlo School. Vendors and artisans from North Georgia and neighboring Alabama demonstrated skills and chores of the Pioneer era and displayed their wares to a constant stream of visitors throughout the day. (See Pictures on this page.)

Friday night's play "How Green Is My Valley", related events in the lives of the pioneer Saterfield and Major's families. Although lightning forced the outdoor drama inside, actors performed before a packed audience.

The Menlo School faculty and staff plan to make this an annual event in an effort to make our history come alive and be entertaining and informative not only to students but adults as well.

Menlo Oration Competition

Menlo Elementary held its Modern Woodmen of America oration competition on April 23 in the school's media center. Fifteen contestants from grades 5 through 8 presented speeches on the topic, "An American Invention." The top five contestants were Casey Luther, Anna Hall, Erin de Mesquita, Kenya Webb, and Sunny Smith. Anna Hall was named the winner of the competition and Erin de Mesquita was the runner-up. Both Anna and Erin competed in the district competition at Annuchee High School on May 1. (See photo next page.)

Young Georgia Writer's Contest

Two Menlo Elementary students won the Young Georgia Writer's Contest at the county level. Doni Lee, a fifth grade student, won first place with her poem, "Which Cat is a Witch Cat?" Doni is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell of Cloudland. Eighth grader, Ben Dotson, won first place with a poem, "The Cycle." Ben is the son of Claudia Bagley and Randall Dotson of Lyrly. Their poems have been submitted for state competition in the contest. They are on this page.

Greatest Mom Contest

Chase Hegwood, a 5th grade student at Menlo Elementary was chosen as a winner in "The Greatest Mom Contest" sponsored by The Summerville News. He thought his mom was the greatest ever and wrote a 100 word essay explaining how his mom sacrificed in a special way to make life better for his family.



She cooked biscuits, beef stew, chicken, ribs, and peach cobbler. In background, Bobby Lee prepares to demonstrate mule packing as visitors inspect many of the old items displayed around Cove Classroom.

MENLO NEWS

●The Cloudland Rescue Squad has completed its building. The Woodmen of the World have donated a flag and placed it at their new site.

●You've probably noticed that the new business, AAA, owned by Taylor, Faye, and Darryl, near the Cloudland Rescue Squad building is already open. Taylor Adams said there will be a **grand opening on Saturday, June 21st, from 8 a.m. til 6 p.m. (EST)** Their regular hours are 8-6 M-F; and 8-2, Saturday. Not only will there be plumbing, electrical, and general hardware available, but they also have for rent mini-storage spaces (10x10 - \$25/mo. and 5x10 - \$15/mo.).

There'll be coverage of the open house and it will appear in the next issue of *The Groundhog*.

●Deepest sympathy goes to the family of James Harold (Buddy) Deering, 54, Cloudland, who died May 3.

●Menlo First Grade teacher, Sybil Langston, will be missed at Menlo Elementary. She's retired from teaching after 38 years. Lynn Hall, Principal at Menlo, said "She leaves a gap to fill, and we will miss her very much."

●Congratulations to Sarah Kerce, valedictorian, and Ernest Brown, salutatorian, at Menlo Elementary School. Other students named as holding highest honors include Mandy Yarbrough, James Durham, Jonathan Hegwood, and Ashley Montgomery.

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Which Cat is a Witch Cat?

I want a furry witch cat,
With eyes yellow and green
Who jumps on her little broomstick,
Every Halloween.
She will purr when she is taking off.
She will be a purring plane
Who will not mind a tailspin,
Not even in the rain.
She's a cat who dares to light
The candles of the moon
She will set its jack-o-lantern face
a-laughing like a loon.
I want a cat who laps the milk,
a long the milky way.
A cat with spunk and character
She will do dares all day.
But only gently-looking kittens
are in stores to sell.
Which cat is a witch cat?
I really cannot tell.

Doni Lee
2/20/97

THE CYCLE

The morning dark and dreary,
The hunter rises from his bed.
Although he is quite weary,
The great deer dances through his head.

His morning cup of coffee,
His breakfast on the run,
Now he's ready for anything
His day has just begun.

As he enters into the woods,
He breathes the morning air.
He puts his hat atop his head
to cover his fiery red hair.

He knows a place
Not far from here
Where he thinks he might get lucky
And find his great dream deer.

The day is quickly brightening
Into the perfect day.
The dark is slowly receding
As he tries to find his way.

He finds the place he's looking for,
The perfect place indeed.
It's like the animals' heaven,
It supplies all their needs.

A stream to his right,
A small meadow straight ahead.
An oak thicket to his left
And signs of a deer's bed.

The light is quickly shortening.
The day is about concluded.
Again it is the hunter
This shrewd deer has eluded.
The hunter will be here tomorrow.
The deer will too.
And so the endless cycle.
Will begin anew.

Ben Dotson





A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

May has been a busy month—with graduations, celebrations, reunions, and meetings. Of course, I only know of a few for you don't call me and tell me.

My cousins, **Bill and Blanche Fuller**, from Madison, Ala., came over May 4. **Emily and Barry Brown** joined us for a good lunch together, then took us to the Falls at Mentone and to visit Wright's beautiful garden—River Oak—in Mentone. On Mother's Day, **Emily and Barry** took me to The Cabbage Bowl for a delicious dinner.

The Valley Head UMW met April 29 at the church, with Laura Margaret Allison in charge of the program. Betty Jacks, from Anniston, who is with the East Alabama Medical Service, also spoke to us on the Vial of Life Program, and gave out material to be a part of the program. Others present were, Geneva Smith, Velma Hammond, Mary Holleman, Mary Crow, Marjorie Gray, Venna Livingston, Arno and Helen White, Adelaide Biddle, Margaret Loyd Murphy, and Eloise Brown.

Dr. Robert Ringer, from Marianna, Fla., and his granddaughter, **Ashley**, from Florence, Miss., visited his brother, **Ed Ringer**, and they went to the memorial service at Pleasant Hill Cemetery where their grandparents are buried.

Gladys Cobble, Becky, Casey, and Nicole Stott, attended the graduation of **Jennifer Stott White** at the University of Alabama on May 18. Jennifer received her Doctor of Medicine degree.

Vesta Hawkins celebrated her 93rd birthday on April 24. Those joining her in the celebration were Nancy Hawkins from Birmingham, Lynn and Paul Roberts from Memphis, Nick and Lee Roberts from Atlanta, and her sisters, Geneva Smith and Velma Hammond.

Geneva Smith had her birthday dinner May 24. Sharing the occasion were Bessie and Lavoyd Wilkes; Heath and Amanda Cain and daughter, Amy, from Fort Payne; Glen and Joyce Wilkes from Huntsville; and Patricia Smith from Chattanooga.

Jewell Palmer is proud of her new great grandson, **Zachary Smith**, born to **Les and Christy Smith** in Montgomery. She plans to visit him soon. She reported that her granddaughter, **Tracy Adamowski**, of Iowa, had gone to Australia for a week.

Peachie and David Cearley spent several days with her mother, **Laura Margaret Allison**. They are moving from Irvine, Ca., to Atlanta.

Mary and Ted Holleman honored their son, **John**, for his birthday, Sunday, May 25. Sharing the occasion were Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis from Rainsville, Frances Ellis from Summerville, Red and Betty Adams from Gadsden, Adelaide Biddle, and E. T. and Gladola Holleman.

The Junior-Senior Prom of Valley Head High School was held April 19 at DeKalb Theatre. **Matthew Hulan** and **Angie Elkins** were elected senior king and queen and **Jason Meadows** and **Brandi Shirley** were elected junior prince and princess.

Darrin Smith, Brent Haney, Tim Clifton, and Scot Meadows enjoyed the Memorial holidays in Panama City.

Venna Livingston went with the Mosley family, May 17, to Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama, to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, **Carmen Mosley**. On May 18, she attended the musical performance at Greater Atlanta Christian School, where her grandson, **Ben Mosley** performed in the quartet, chorus and choir. On May 19, she attended the piano recital at First Baptist Church in Snellville, Ga., where grandchildren, **Suzanne and Ben Mosley** performed. Then she came home and had several family members for a reunion on Memorial weekend and to attend memorial services at Memory Garden on Sand Mountain.

On Mother's Day, **Martha and Hoot Gibson** took **Dot and Bill Blackburn** to Mud Creek for a delicious catfish dinner, then they went to the Gorham Bluff development at Pisgah and pronounced it "beautiful."

Sue Clark and Verence Hawkins were hostesses on May 22 for the Sunshine Club. They served a lavish picnic luncheon at Payne's Park at Rising Fawn. It was a beautiful setting on the banks of Lookout Creek, at the foot of Lookout Mountain. The meeting was enjoyed immensely by **Lillie Bowden, Ruth Pickett, Gladys Cobble, Joy Hurt, Anna Daniel, Evelyn Clark, Elizabeth Bauerle, Billie Harper, Leona Chadwick, and Eloise Brown**.

The Valley Head UMW met May 27 at the home of **Adelaide Biddle**. She was assisted by **Mary Holleman**. **Venna Livingston** presented an interesting program, "I Learned It From My Mother." **Laura Margaret Allison** showed a beautiful hand made piano scarf made by her mother. **Mary Holleman and Adelaide Biddle** told of interesting memories of their mother, and we reminisced about our mothers and grandmothers.

Congratulations to: **Amanda Shrader**, who has been named a United States National Award winner in science by the U.S. Achievement Academy. **Thomas Jones**, who received the Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Alabama School of Law on May 17; **Chief Petty Officer John D. Jones**, who received a Letter of Commendation for superior performance of duty aboard the attack submarine U.S.S. Montpelier; **Amber Hannah**, a fourth grader, who has accumulated 375 points by reading and testing on 115 books in only three months; **Robert B. Brown II**, who won the DARE award for his essay on being drug free; **Laurie Longshore and Michael Cox**, who had a beautiful wedding at Winston Place, on May 24, and all graduates from all schools. May all you be blessed with success and happiness.

THE GLORY OF JUNE

Listen - to earth croon
nature's happy tune—
the music of June.

Look - flowers in bloom,
myriad colors loom,
the beauty of June.

Smell - the sweet perfume,
Honeysuckle's bloom,
Aroma of June.

Feel - the light caress
As warm breezes bless
with the touch of June.

Speak - your thanks to God,
for blessing the sod
with harvest of June.

Meditate - with nature commune,
Over earth is strewn
the glory of June.

—Eloise Brown

Fathers, You Must Know

Fathers, if you could realize
the piercing, probing, searching eyes
Watching ev'ry motion you make
ev'ry 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
Ev'ry single word you may speak
And its meaning promptly to seek
Your tongue you would firmly bridle
And speak kind words—not profane nor idle.

If you knew—they mimic your acts—
Speak all your words 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,
And know you need God's guidance thru prayer.

For you are their pattern and example,
Your love for your children must be ample
To lead and guide them ev'ry day
In the wisest and Christian way
That will assure and richly bless
Their life with happiness and success.

—Eloise Brown



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Menlo Oration Competition Winners and Judges

L/R: Katrina Bolton, judge; Anna Hall - 1st place;
Erin deMesquita - 2nd place; & Karen Sanford, judge

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



This will be my last article until September. I almost decided to not write one this month, but I had something I wanted to say to you all. You may not miss me, but I feel as though I am leaving a lot of good friends behind as I leave for an extended stay in another town. Camp Laney could easily be compared to a small city once it is in full swing. We even have a mayor, Bedell and/or Whitney?

Once again, I would like to remind everyone how much impact the camps have on the economy of Mentone. Last week alone, Camp Laney had at least 14 local people working there. Combine that with all of the materials and other things we purchase directly in the town, and you can see the effect that only one camp has. Multiply that by all the camps and the impact can really be felt.

I know that camps have left a bitter taste in the mouths of local people over the years. (I have lived here a long time.) But, all in all, they have the best interest of Mentone at heart. Why would they not? We are their bread and butter, and anything they do to hurt any part of Mentone will ultimately hurt them and their business. One of Helen Turner's favorite sayings was, "What goes around, comes around." I am understanding what she was talking about more every day.

Now to what I wanted say to you all. I want to express my thanks to you! So many of you come up to me in various places and tell me that you enjoy reading this article. I am so glad that you do. As I've said before, I try to write as though we were sitting around a big kitchen table enjoying a cup of coffee (and a cinnamon roll, monkey bread, coffee cake or Bear Claw, take your pick.) I am always so pleased when someone relates to some event I have described. Last week at my grandson's graduation a lady told me she enjoys the old stories I tell. I like when this happens.

I cannot close this article without telling all my grandchildren how proud I am of them. One has finished another year of college (hang in there, Marc), one graduated from high school (way to go, Josh), two finished another year of high school (keep up the good work, Daniel and Shelly), and two finished another grade in elementary school (good job, Alex and Kayla). And they all made very good grades!! Jackie Kennedy Onassis once said that if you "bungle raising your children nothing else much matters in life." The same applies to grandchildren. Hillary Rodham Clinton has said "It takes a village to raise a child." When and why did we forget this?

I'm sure that everyone will enjoy their summer, how could you not enjoy this beauty! The next time you go down the mountain (if you are not driving) look over the rock wall. It looks like a jungle down there, everything is so lush and green. Charlie Daniel has a song with a line that sums up my parting thought this month. "Watch where you're going, remember where you've been. That's the way I see it. I'm a simple man."

Take care of yourself, and I'll see you in September!!

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

May, this year, here in Mentone, Alabama, has been the most beautiful that I can remember. The weather has been just out of this world, perfect! It really makes one feel glad to be alive. The days have been filled with warm sunshine and no humidity, and the nights cool to cold--very refreshing after a long day outdoors. All the flowers, wild or otherwise, have really had a good year, too, and the people who suffer with pollen allergies are really suffering! But we feel that we are well compensated by the abundance of resplendent blooms and tender greenery shooting out all over the place.

It has been reported that a certain wildflower indigenous to only N. America has become the latest victim to eradication, not from herbicides, but poachers of all things. That wildflower is the purple coneflower (a member of the daisy family). It and other species of the *Echinacea* are reputed to be a cure for colds, the flu, and various other rockiness.

The Plains Indians discovered the medicinal value of *Echinacea* centuries ago, and used the roots frequently to treat everything from coughs and colds to toothaches and snakebites. At the moment, the roots are fetching as much as \$21 a pound (approx. 1 1/2 kilo).

If your peonies have not yet bloomed (mine have), apply hardwood ashes and plenty of water for best bloom. Divide your chrysanthemums and perennial asters as soon as possible. If you follow the moon, plant above ground crops when the moon is waxing (from the 6th-22nd May).

A single hydrangea can be divided into three or four plants, just look for the suckers (new shoots that originate from the crown or roots) and divide them. A few nursery-grown plants that produce suckers and divide easily are mock orange, some lilacs, shrub dogwood, forsythia, honeysuckle, daylilies, hosta, phlox, many herbs, and also some fruit crops such as currants, blackberries, and raspberries. To divide a nursery plant, remove it from its pot and carefully shake or hose the soil from the roots. With some individual plants, you will be able to separate every shoot system intact, while others may allow for only one or two divisions. Although most divisions produce a carbon copy of the mother plant, occasionally a surprise pops up.

Feed spring-flowering bulbs, gather all the flowers you want, but don't cut back the foliage until it has yellowed and withered and yellowed. Deadhead the lilacs, laurels and rhododendrons after blooming. Transplant seedlings outdoors on overcast days or in the early morning hours before it gets too hot, and don't forget to water generously until they are well established.

If you have suffered with corn ear worms, which are large, striped, brown or greenish caterpillars that hatch from the eggs laid by moths, some recommended methods of prevention include timing plantings before and after peak ear worm season; planting corn varieties that have a tight husk extending beyond the ear, and clearing debris from vegetable gardens in the fall to remove opportunities for the pupae to overwinter. Fall tilling, which will expose vulnerable pupae to the cold and to predators, is another tactic. Treat infested plants by applying Bt every four days for a period of two weeks, starting just as the silks begin to emerge. A more traditional remedy is to place a dropperful of mineral oil in each ear as the silks begin to wither, but before they turn brown (that will really be a job if you have more than a few rows).

IN MEMORY OF DELILAH COOTS

If I can be the parent you were,
The kind of parent who knows for sure
A child's future will soon be his past,
And each moment together may be the last

A parent who teaches a quality of life,
And listens patiently during times of
turmoil and strife
These are the traits I wish my children to see
Like you, I want them to have the best of me

Was there a guiding angel perched
on your shoulder?
Or did you become wiser as I became older?

I want you to know I like what I see,
The part of your character that is in me
And should you have ever doubted
your purpose on earth,
I hope you looked at me to count your worth

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14

God made us and His works are marvelous. We owe Him praise, morning, noon, and night. We need to praise Him in good times; praise Him in bad times; praise Him in sickness and in health; praise Him. We were made to give honor and glory to God.

When low in spirit, a praise from the heart will lift you up.

Give it a try.

Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers.



DeSoto Rescue Squad Easter Egg Hunt

The DeSoto Rescue Squad would like to thank all of the children (and their parents) who came to the Easter Egg Hunt in Mason Park in Mentone. Not all the children who attended are pictured above, as some left before the photo was taken. Plan to be at the 1998 Easter Egg Hunt.

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