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A SALUTE TO TWO SPECIAL TEACHERS



Mrs. Kathryn Jones named Favorite Teacher

photo by Gloria Jackson of the *Times-Journal*

Kathryn Ellis Jones was the grand prize winner in the *Times-Journal* "Name Your Favorite Teacher" promotion. Kathryn's name was selected at random from the hundreds of ballots received nominating local students' favorite teacher and retired teachers.

For winning the promotion, Kathryn received a dozen red roses from Gail's Florist in Fort Payne, a box of candy from The Candy Store in Fort Payne, dinner for two at Travel Lodge Restaurant in Fort Payne, and a free video rental from Main Street Video in Fort Payne.

Kathryn, who currently resides at North Jackson Nursing Home in Stevenson, is a former first grade teacher and principal at Moon Lake Elementary. In 1944—her first teaching assignment, she taught the fourth and fifth grades at Moon Lake School. She received her B.S. in education from Jacksonville State University, after attending the University of Chattanooga (now UTC). Kathryn was a classroom teacher until 1966, when she became principal, as well as taught first grade. After 11 years as principal, Miss Kathryn retired in 1978.

Her nephew, Dr. Bill Berry, is currently the principal at Moon Lake. Kathryn was

also Bill's first grade teacher.

Kathryn is married to Herman P. Jones and they have two children: Herman P. Jones, Jr., and Evelyn Graves.

Miss Kathryn was featured in the April 1985 issue of *The Groundhog*. She said she preferred teaching over administrative work. Best of all, she liked teaching first grade. "They are so honest, and you can see such rapid progress."

Mrs. Joyce Smith was honored on Sunday, May 23, for 28 years of dedicated service to Moon Lake Elementary School. The celebration was held in the classroom size gazebo in the eco center/butterfly garden.

Joyce Hawkins Smith began her teaching career after graduating from Jacksonville State University in January of 1966. Her first position was as a reading teacher at W.D. Thompson School in DeKalb County Georgia.

After moving to Mentone in December of 1969, Mrs. Smith began teaching at Moon Lake Elementary School. She was one of four teachers, including Mrs. Kathryn Jones, Mrs. Juanita Smith, and



**Joyce Smith at her retirement party
at the Moon Lake Elementary School on May 23, 1999**

Mr. Charles Bell.

Through the years, Mrs. Smith has been—among other things—4-H leader (having been named outstanding leader for several years, and in 1979 received the top leadership award in DeKalb County), yearbook editor, DARE sponsor, and an ever present PTA/PTO member, helping with all fund raisers, and a mentor for the many teachers who pass through the classrooms of Moon Lake School.

In the November 1985 issue of *The Groundhog*, Mrs. Smith was featured for her work in 4-H. She has been a teacher of the fourth and fifth grades, and in that article said her favorite age group is the fourth grade: "Nine going on ten seems to mesh better with my own personality," she explains.

Mrs. Smith will always be remembered by students, faculty, and staff as a beloved part of Moon Lake. We'll miss her very much, but, if you listen carefully, you can probably still hear her whistle blowing and the sound of children playing on the kick-ball field.

Joyce is married to William Hoyle Smith and they have two children: Lea Long and Clark Smith.

The hostesses for the retirement party were: Carol Hazell, Kathy McMunn, Rachel Lee, Sandra Pruitt, Nancy Frost, Connie Hughes, Cathy Crow, Marsha Hurt, Jean Corey, Lea Long, Karen Wright, Sible Hopper.

Among the gifts and tributes was a scrapbook, which Mrs. Smith said she will enjoy for years to come.

**"The teacher affects eternity,"
said Henry Brooks Adams;
"never knowing where the
influence stops."**

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MAPA MAY MEETING

On Tuesday, May 4, Homer Crow, President, called the meeting to order and Jim Lyday gave the invocation.

Several matters were discussed with no action taken, since an election is coming up. The main topic was the 450 mile yard sale that is held annually in August. This year it will be held August 19, 20, 21, 22. (See the back page for a flyer.) A MAPA tent will be set up during these days. Homer and Huey Mathews will check out all the MAPA tents, and set one up for MAPA.

The sale of rhododendrons was discussed. The membership voted to reimburse Homer for the cost of the rhododendron that the boy scouts planted on the brow as part of an Eagle Scout project.

The nominations committee: Jim Lyday (chairman), Marilyn Mathews and Rick Chapman, submitted the following names for the officers for the year 1999-2000:

President: Marilyn Mathews
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Member at Large: Betty Bain
Parliamentarian: Homer Crow

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the next meeting on June 1, and officers for the new year will be elected.

There being no further business, the speaker was introduced. Patty Tucker, Director of DeKalb County Tourist Association, gave an overview of tourism in DeKalb County, and how it contributes to the funding of the tourism office, and how much it brings in the county. Just for fun, she passed out a sheet titled "DeKalb County Test." It had 14 questions. The highest point in Mentone is 1980 feet. 30,000 visitors attend the Collinsville Trade Day. In 1997, travelers to Alabama spent approximately \$5 billion, and DeKalb County received \$28 million of that amount. There are 17 towns in DeKalb County and only 5 towns support the bureau.

A question and answer period followed, and the big question was "When will the renovations for the tourism building be completed?" The director said work was going on, but she did not have a completion date yet. Hopefully, in the very near future. Construction is going on at the present time.

After the meeting was adjourned, the members and guests enjoyed delicious refreshments.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 1, at 7 PM at Dessie's Country Chef. It is the nomination and election of officers for the coming year.



GROUNDHOG PUBLICATION NOTICE

The July issue of The Groundhog will be published on July 1st. Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th and the 20th of June. July issue due date is June 15-20. Photos need to be in no later than the 15th. "Thank you."

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AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 1999

June 17

September 16 December 16

All meetings are held in the town
public meeting room at 4 p.m.
and are open to the public.

...We are Ambassadors for Christ...

(II Cor. 5:20)

Dearest Friends

So nice to have "family" see me off at the airport (Edith Early and his mom). The plane was on schedule, and I had a lovely encounter with a young psychiatrist in Atlanta! Once, when I smiled, he said he "saw the glory of God all around me." To God be all the glory... (Col. 1:27). I didn't have to use words much after that! I promised my dentist, Dick Miller, I would send everyone who mentioned my smile to him; but unfortunately, he was from Texas! On board my plane, was a young group from Brownsville going to have a 3-day revival in the Christian Church of Vienna.

I am having my first experience of staying in a Youth Hostel (only \$8.00 per night). It is located inside a huge bell tower connected to an old Catholic church. From 11:30 - 5 p.m., it is closed for cleaning. Many of the young people are doing some sightseeing during this time. I have been in Vienna once time before, and had a good tour by bus... the parks are beautiful now with crocus and tulips in bloom. The Danube is not far from here, as well, and has a lovely walking trail. Yesterday, while walking to the next community, I saw my first McDonald's sign! Nice to see a touch of home!

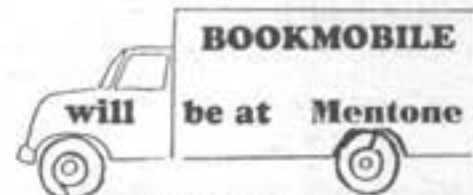
I have ministered to many young people while here, so deceived by Satan, looking to Buddha, Karma, and everything but Jesus. But when the anointing of the Holy Spirit starts to manifest, (Luke 21:15) the gainsayers must be silent! Such joy bringing life and light to those who sit in darkness. Sunday night, God opened a door for me to minister in a Yugoslavian Church full of precious Roman (or Gypsy) people now converting to Christ. Pastor Frank was interpreting for me. We had a wonderful time. They really enjoyed the harp, as well. I will be with them in some of their home meetings, as well. (Math 28:19)

The Lord is working out a way for me to reach the unchurched, possibly at the Hungarian border. How grateful I am for your support and prayers. Please continue to remember me in continued support also, using the box number, PC 365, Mentone, AL 35984.

Jean Gauld, PO Box 365, Mentone, AL 35984

Note: Jean Gauld went on a mission to Austria in April for an approximate three-month period. In her letter to me dated April 1, said that I might share this with the readers. She was enjoying her first wiener schnitzel (her chef wrote it for her) "It was delicious!" She wrote that Vienna is lovely and she would be going to Burganland, where the Gypsy people live, to witness to them. (She can use your prayers and your support.) Marie Dillenbeck

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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MLB The Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees are showing no resemblance to the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees. The Braves starting pitching has struggled in early innings, and the hitters are playing catch up all the time. It seems like every time you turn around, a Brave starter is giving up a home run. The Chicago Cubs (recently) made them look like the Braves of the 80s. The Yankees are trailing Boston in the American League eastern division. The Bronx Bombers have a target on their back, and need to turn it up a notch. I can tell you what's wrong with these teams. It's injuries and bad luck, something that neither has seen much of in recent years.

Somebody better slow down the Cleveland Indian train, they may run away and hide. If the playoffs started today, they would be the overwhelming favorite.

College Baseball Alabama won the Southeastern Conference Baseball tournament championship in Birmingham. The Tide had great pitching throughout the tournament, and defeated Arkansas 9-3 for the SEC title. Alabama (46-14) has won four of the last five SEC tournament championships. The last one of the NCAA regional tournaments, riding a 10 game win streak. Arkansas (41-21) won the regular season title and moved on to host a regional tournament. Auburn also hosts a regional tournament. They lost to Arkansas in the semi-finals.

The SEC western division went 66-22-1 against the SEC east, during the regular season. They were 4-0 in the league tournament. Kentucky and South Carolina were eliminated in two games. That's what you call an unbalanced league.

NBA Basketball The NBA playoffs need some spice. There are too many 77-71 type games. I agree that winning a NBA championship takes great team defense, but this "run-the-shot-clock-down-to-three-seconds" stinks. That leads to the 30% shooting and fans sitting on their hands until the final two minutes.

The finals could be good if it's New York or Indiana vs. Utah. Anything else, and people will be begging Michael to come back, even harder!

Auto Racing Dale Jarrett leads the NASCAR points championship after his first win of the season, at Richmond. Jarrett leads Jeff Burton by 63 points. Bobby Labonte is third, Mark Martin is fourth, and Jeff Gordon is fifth. Next stop is the Coca-Cola 600 at Concord, North Carolina.

College Football For all you football junkies like me, school is out and full pigskin practice is just around the corner. Here is a peek at Athlon's pre-season magazines' prediction due out June 8th: Florida State, Penn State, Tennessee, Arizona, and Texas A&M round out the top five. Alabama checks in at 12th, Georgia 13th, Florida 17th, and Arkansas 24th. They pick Tennessee vs. Alabama in the SEC title, on December 4th in Atlanta. For my two cents worth, where is Ole Miss? The Rebels are that darkhorse team going into the fall, like Arkansas was last year.

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

The Valley Head Tiger football team finished up spring practice last week. According to Coach Jerry Brown, they had a lot more positives coming out of spring practice, than negatives. The Tigers' spring jamboree game was at Pisgah against North Sand Mountain and Pisgah. Valley Head lost to NSM 12-8. Both teams seemed to run up and down the field at will, during the first 15-minute quarter. While the Tigers took a breather, Pisgah (coached by Valley Head's own John Kirby) knocked off NSM 8-0 in the second quarter. The Tigers then defeated Pisgah 6-0, on a Derreck Crone TD run in the night cap. Coach Brown said "The fans definitely got their money's worth."

Clint Croxton threw the ball well and had a TD pass. Johnathon Dean played well on both sides of the ball for the Tigers. Chris Busby, Rusty Carter, Craig Hulgian, Dusty Holcombe, Dean Gravit, Corey Kirby, and Derrick Crane were also singled out by Coach Brown for their efforts.

You know, this team may surprise some people. They have a good taste in their mouth going into the summer workouts. They can be as good as "they" want to be.

The Valley Head varsity baseball team qualified for the state playoffs. They finished second behind Ider in the area. The Tigers fell to West Morgan 11-2, in the first round of the 2A state playoffs at Trinity. Coach Frank Hambrick has to be pleased. His squad started the season 0-5, but finished at 5-10. Valley Head teams going to the playoffs in baseball is rare. Hats off to the Tiger baseball team.

Geraldine's girls softball team won the 2A girls state slow pitch softball tournament in Montgomery. Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs. Lindsey Cofield, Lauren Monroe, Audra Sexton (MVP), and Julia Troxter made the all state tournament team. You may remember some of these young ladies from the state runner-up basketball team.

Softball season has begun at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. Again, we have two teams from the area competing. Mentone in the Mens lower league and CBS in the mens middle league.

Mentone is 3-0 and tied for first. Team members are Kevin Worthey, J.J. Wigley, Chuck Flannigan, Jason Goss, Shannon Nix, Robert Mauney, Bobby Browder, Jonathon Browder, Phil Harris, Van Battles, Brent Haney, Charlton Bell, Dwight Gray, and Chris Hammon.

CBS is currently 1-2, and usually gets off to a slow start. Their record will improve. Team members are Kevin Cash, Phil Owens, Jason Owens, Timmy Burt, Jeff Bain, Tommy Harrison, Eric Kirby, DeWayne McKenzie, Shane McMahon, Aaron McKenzie, Alan Smith, Michael Frazier, and Anthony Brown.

Dixie Youth baseball is still going on. The area has four teams competing against teams from Fyffe and Rainsville. Two from Valley Head and two from Mentone.

The Valley Head 9-10 year old team is coached by Dennis Lewis, Robert Brown, and Jason Gregory. Team members are Zack Cooper, Alan Crider, Sydney Johnson, Ethan Lewis, Billy Wallace, Corey Dobbins, Ike Akes, Charlie Akes, Rusty Rector, Dallas Manning, Matt Fuller, Adam Tuxbury, and Justin Brown.

The Valley Head 11-12 year old team is coached by Randy Turner and Jeff Harrison. Team members are Matthew Hicks, Christopher Evatt, Benjamin Windom, David Boman, Billy McKinney, Tyler Harrison, Aaron Grisham, Eric Willingham, and Brandon Hawkins.

Next month, maybe we can list the Mentone 9-10 and 11-12 year old teams and coaches.

One final note, Geraldine head football coach Raymond Weaver is retiring. He is the only coach left in DeKalb County that I played against. Now, all the players I played with or against are head coaches. Boy, how time flies.

God bless and see ya' next month.

Chocolate or Carob? Your Choice

Health Nugget
By Dowe Foreman

A few years ago, I had a cup of coffee and a piece of chocolate cake for breakfast. This was not one of my smarter moves, since, first of all, I was not a coffee drinker, and I've never liked sweet foods in the morning. But, it sounded good at the time, and was pretty tasty, too! Life was well and good for about an hour, and then I got rid of it the same way I consumed it. Sorry, folks, to share that with you; but, after doing a little research on the subject of chocolate, I understand why I felt so crummy.

Methylxanthines (rhymes with Ethel Francine) are found in coffee, tea, colas, and our so-called friend chocolate. Caffeine, theobromine and theophyllin are in methylxanthines.

Some effects you have after eating chocolate (which has mostly theobromine) are: imperfect balance, racing of the heart, insomnia, fatigue & finger tremors. Some people experience an unexplained sense of dread and anxiety. Other symptoms may occur several days after eating chocolate. These include: sleep disturbances, headache, restlessness, vertigo, reflex hyperexcitability, tremulousness, unsteadiness, palpitations, irritability, agitation, and general discomfort. If you've been eating chocolate and suddenly quit, you may have withdrawal symptoms. Many serious diseases are made worse from methylxanthines--heart disease, allergies, diabetes, and fluid retention. Depression may be caused by them along with some gastrointestinal disturbances. Cancer is more common in those who use methylxanthines and has been associated with chromosome damage and even deformities in the offspring of the user. I also need to add that this is only a partial list. Fibrocystic disease has been found to have methylxanthines as a culprit, as well as breast and prostate cancers.

Chocolate goes thru several processes before it is even edible. It is very bitter, so therefore it has to have loads of sugar to make it taste good, and a lot of oil to get rid of the grainy texture. Most chocolate comes from countries where sanitation is not all it should be. The pods are cut from the cacao tree, then left in the farmers' yard to ferment (which gives it the chocolate taste) for 3-8 days. During this time, people, animals, and whatever, are walking on it or living in it. At the peak of fermentation, heat builds up and promotes bacteria and mold growth. Large quantities of aflatoxin, the cancer producing agent from molds, can be produced in cocoa beans.

The U.S. Dept. of Health, Education & Welfare lists what is allowed in certain foods. Prepare to be disgusted. In chocolate or chocolate liqueur (ex. to make candy bars), up to 120 insect fragments per cup and 2 rodent hairs per cup. Visible or solid animal excreta must not exceed 10 mg. per pound. For chocolate powder, no more than 75 insect fragments in 3 Tbsp. of powder. Fortunately, a good substitute of chocolate is carob. It has NO methylxanthines and is naturally sweet. Esthetically, it doesn't require fermentation to develop its flavor. Carob is almost 8% protein, has B vitamins, and contains calcium, magnesium, and potassium. Carob also is rich in pectin, which had fiber in it.

So, compared with chocolate, carob is 5 times richer in calcium, but has 1/3 less calories and 17 times less fat.

Most information from Dr. Agatha Thrash. Other references available.

VEGAN RECIPES

4 C Soy milk
1/3 C honey
14 C carob powder
1/3 C cornstarch
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. salt

Blend all ingredients until smooth. Pour into saucepan, lightly boil until thick, stirring constantly. Pour into container and chill.

For pie: increase cornstarch to 1/2 cup.

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Continue to keep the following on your prayer lists: **Leonard and Mae Shigley.** Kathryn Jones has recently begun cancer treatments at the new cancer center in Ft. Payne. Keep her and her family in your prayers. **Rev. Dennis Mays** of Fort Payne has cancer and needs your prayers.

Gerry Disney fell at Nippersink on Wednesday, May 19, and broke her arm and a bone in her hip. She will be receiving treatment and therapy at a Rome Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to **Miss Rebecca Ann Smith**, daughter of Campbell and Linda Smith. Becky graduated from Jacksonville University on May 1st. Becky is the granddaughter of Mr. Dixie Brown and the late Mrs. Nell Brown and the late George and Frances Smith.

The **Valley Head Kindergarten** class graduated following the May P.T.O. meeting. There was lots of entertainment including a song performed by 5 year old Brian Jones. Trevor Lewis and Jessica Thornberry danced while Brian sang and played his guitar. They all did a wonderful job. We look forward to their performance on graduation night 12 years from now.

The **Valley Head 1999/2000 PTO officers** were elected during the May PTO meeting. New officers are: President, Carol Busby, Vice President, Sherryl Lewis, Treasurer, Judy Windom, Secretary, Margie Daniel, and Parliamentarian, Norma Hulan. Please help these new leaders do a great job.

The **Valley Head 1998/1999 P.T.O. officers** would like to once again thank everyone who helped them with all the activities held this past year. "Without you, it could have never been done and they are grateful for your support."

Congratulations to **J.L. Gibson, Effia Harrison, Becky Mays, and Beth Moore** who were all chosen to participate in the 1999 Jacksonville Honor Band held on May 7th and 8th. These students did an excellent job and represented their band well.

The **Valley Head concert band** played an outdoor concert on the lawn of the school on May 17th.

Mr. Trevor Justin "Wilson" Lewis celebrated his 6th birthday on May 15th with a "Bug's Life" birthday party. Trevor is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Lewis of Valley Head. He has one brother, Ethan, who is in the 4th grade at Valley Head. Trevor graduated from Kindergarten at Valley Head on May 10th.

Valley Head High School held its **Awards Day** on Thursday, May 13th at 10:00 A.M. A list of winners is listed elsewhere.

Congratulations to **Campbell Smith**, Counselor/Band Director at Valley Head High School. Mr. Smith was chosen as the Favorite Teacher at Valley Head. The contest was sponsored by the *Times-Journal*.

Sharon Dowlat, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dowlat of Fort Payne and granddaughter of Ms. Eugenia Dowlat of Mentone, and Ms. Annie Young of Blake, has been sent to Bosnia. Sharon is an investigative reporter for WAAY TV (channel 31) from Huntsville, Alabama and she is reporting about the war there.

Congratulations to **Seth and Renee Holloway** of Henagar. They are the proud parents of a new baby girl, **Bailey Karston Holloway**. Bailey was born on May 15, 1999, at BMC-DeKalb, and weighed in at 6 lbs, 2 oz., and was 19½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Coach Bobby Holloway and Dawn of Valley Head, Sandra Cook of Rainsville, and Charles and Patsy Warren of Henagar.

Congratulations to **Scott Blalock**, who went to the Space Camp with Williams Avenue School in Fort Payne. When awards were passed out, Scott, age 10, was the first one and received an Outstanding Trainee Award. He has a chance to go to the advanced academy class. His parents are Joe and Stephanie Blalock of Mentone. His grandparents are Joe Blalock, Cloudland; Robert and Ilene Green, Mentone; and

Melvin and Marcy Kirkpatrick of Rossville, GA. He has two sisters, Brittany and Allie Blalock.

Alma Crabtree celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 15. She invited her brother and sister, Laura Mae Clark and Archie Biddle, to spend the day with her. It also was Jay Wideman's birthday on the 16th, so they had a joint party on Saturday. On the 22nd, Alma went to New Home for Decoration Day. Afterwards, they all went to Paul and Norma Biddles for lunch and a family reunion. The dinner was delicious and they all had a good time.

Congratulations to young weather artist, **Heather Daniel** (9), from Valley Head whose drawing appeared May 12, in the *Times-Journal*.

Jerome and Liz Stephens will be in Mentone on June 18, and will be celebrating **Liz's 50th Birthday**. Many more happy returns, Liz. Hope you both enjoy your stay in Mentone.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Roy Ellis, 82, Huntsville, 82, 5/5;
- Robert A. Blansit, Hammondville, 81, 5/8;
- T.J. "Toots" Lusk Baxter, 74, Mentone, 5/13;
- George Morris, 77, Valley Head, 5/22.

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 McKinny, Kim McKinny; •6-Anna Young; •7-Sally Lewis; •8-Dennis Mays, David Dean, Ralph Delegraza; •9-Alan & Tricia Black (anniv.); •10-Lisa Moore, Joyce Wright, Michelle Chappell; •11-Evelyn Hunt, James Young; •12-Doris White; •15-Campbell Smith, Cole and Jennifer Blake (anniv); •16-Lorie Carter, Donnie Davis; •17-Andy Beason; •18- Krissy and Phil Harris (anniv.); Ashley Langston (18); •19-Johnny and Paula Cooper (anniv); •20-Linda and John Tucker (Anniv.), Murrell Haney, Sherry Cox; •21-Catherine Bailey, Trey Kincer, Nicky Langston; •22-Jewell Rogers; •23-Benny Goss (50), Jack Johnston; Luvenia Langston; •24-Brenda Goss, Tyler Hester; •25-Thann Owens; •27-Larry Tripp, Cecil Bridgeman, Robin and Jerry Hulan (anniv); •28-Annie Young, Rusty and Angela Chambers (anniv); •29-Lisa Beene; •30-Janel Fraizer, Myrtis Brown, Becky Smith.

School is out and graduation exercises are completed for the most part. As parents and teachers, we are all entrusted with the task of educating our children and teaching them values that will help them develop into loving, caring individuals. With this in mind, I leave you with this poem:

OUR TASK

I wove one time a lovely piece
With shimmering silken thread;
The pattern was so intricate,
My heart was filled with dread
Lest I should skip one tiny string.
Or knot it here or there,
Spoiling the plan prepared for it
And mar its beauty rare.
More precious far than any cloth
Of woven silk or gold
Are boys and girls we have in trust,
To lead and teach and mold.
May we in earnest, godly care
Weave in the good and pure,
Help build the pattern meant for them
With things that will endure.

Author Unknown



Flag Day

This editorial appeared in The New York Times on June 14, 1940, to mark Flag Day, a holiday that seems to have fallen into neglect in more recent years. Flag Day commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

What's a flag? What's the love of country for which it stands? Maybe it begins with love of the land itself. It is the fog rolling in with the tide at Eastport, or through the Golden Gate and among the towers of San Francisco. It is the sun coming up behind the White Mountains, over the Green, throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain and above the Adirondacks. It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, rolling past Cairo, pouring down past the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, it is a sea of wheat rippling in Western Kansas, it is the San Francisco peaks far north across the glowing nakedness of Arizona, it is the Grand Canyon and a little stream coming down out of a New England ridge, in which are trout.

It is men at work. It is the storm-tossed fishermen coming into Gloucester and Providence and Astoria. It is the farmer riding his great machine in the dust of harvest, the dairyman going to the barn before sunrise, the lineman mending the broken wire, the miner drilling for the blast. It is the servants of fire in the murky splendor of Pittsburgh, between the Allegheny and the Monongahela, the trucks rumbling through the night, the locomotive engineer bringing the train in on time, the pilot in the clouds, the riverer running along the beam a hundred feet in air. It is the clerk in the office, the housewife doing the dishes and sending the children off to school. It is the teacher, doctor, and parson tending and helping, body and soul, for small reward.

It is small things remembered, the little corners of the land, the houses, the people that each one loves. We love our country because there was a little tree on a hill, and grass thereon, and a sweet valley below; because the hurdy-gurdy man came along on a sunny morning in a city street; because a beach or a farm or a lane or a house that might not seem much to others were once, for each of us, made magic. It is voices that are remembered only, no longer heard. It is parents, friends, the lazy chat of street and store and office, and the ease of mind that makes life tranquil. It is summer and winter, rain and sun and storm. These are flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, blood of our blood, a lasting part of what we are, each of us and all of us together.

It is stories told. It is the Pilgrims dying in their first dreadful winter. It is the minuteman standing his ground at Concord Bridge, and dying there. It is the army in rags, sick, freezing, starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and the men on foot going westward over Cumberland Gap, floating down the great rivers, rolling over the great plains. It is the settler hacking fiercely at the primeval forest on his new, his own lands. It is Thoreau at Walden Pond, Lincoln at Cooper Union, and Lee riding home from Appomattox. It is corruption and disgrace, answered always by men who would not let the flag lie in the dust, who have stood up in every generation to fight for the old ideals and the old rights, at risk of ruin or of life itself.

It is a great multitude of people on pilgrimage, common and ordinary people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice. The hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.

The land and the people and the flag—the land a continent, the people of every race, the flag a symbol of what humanity may aspire to when the wars are over and the barriers are down; to these each generation must be dedicated and consecrated anew, to defend with life itself, if need be, but, above all, in friendliness, in hope, in courage, to live for

Happy Birthday Page



Miss Amanda Beth Moore

Miss Amanda Beth Moore celebrated her 16th birthday, Monday, May 17, with a party given by her family. She started off the day with a trip to the Department of Public Safety to take her drivers test. She and her sister, Kerstin Formhals, both passed the test. There are now 2 more drivers on the road. WATCH OUT!!!!!!

Beth is in the 10th grade at Valley Head High School and plays the snare drum in the band. Her parents are Lisa Moore of Blake and Rodney Van Moore of Sylvania. Her grandparents are Glen and Wanda Black of Blake, Shelby Langley of Powell, and Rodney and Berthell Moore of Sylvania. Her great grandparents are Mrs. Erma Black and Mrs. Annie Young, both from Blake. Beth has a special sister, Kerstin Formhals from Germany.

Beth's mom wished her the best birthday ever and wanted her to know that she loves her bunches and bunches and is very proud of her. Happy Birthday, Beth!!!!



Effia and Annie Harrison

Effia and Annie Harrison celebrated their 16th Birthday on April 2nd. They are the daughters of Oscar and Louise Harrison of Valley Head. Their grandmother is Mrs. Jeff Harrison of Valley Head. Effia and Annie both attend Valley Head High School and are in the 10th grade there. Effia plays the flute and Annie plays the trumpet in the Valley Head High School Band, and each one has received many awards for their excellence.



Caitlin Marie Kirby

Caitlin Marie Kirby celebrated her 5th birthday on May 22. Her parents are Preston and Amy Kirby. She has a sister, Bailey. Grandparents are Ralph and Irene Willingham and Hobson and Martha Kirby. Her aunt is Tammy Kirby, and her uncle is Don Willingham.



Happy 75th Birthday to Frances Rosario Blix

L/R: Ed and Gerry Disney, Frances Rosario Blix, Mickey and Sherman Gough, Homer (in back) and Bernise Crow

Daughters, Nonnie Blix and Mimi Preiss, prepared a surprise birthday party for their mother, Frances. Many of her friends from Mentone went to join with friends from Gainesville and other areas to help her celebrate. The Mentone Group is shown above with Frances at her daughter, Mimi's home at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Georgia. For her celebration, the daughters had prepared a buffet luncheon on Saturday April 24. Her birthday was April 15th. Frances was surprised!

We wish you many more happy birthdays, Frances!



Mrs. Annie Koger Young to celebrate 88th birthday

Mrs. Annie Koger Young from Blake will celebrate her 88th birthday on June 28th. Annie is the mother of Carolyn, Sharlie, Wanda, Johnny, Peggy, Judy, and Phyllis. She is the most wonderful mother and grandmother in the whole world and is shown here accepting her Distinguished Service Award from Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc. "Miss Annie" worked as Head Librarian at The DeKalb County Library for many years until her retirement and still volunteers her time once a week to repair books and help patrons at the library. At home, she is still very active and works in her garden and with her many plants and flowers. She also takes walks daily and cooks for her daughters who live nearby. She is shown here accepting her award from Dr. E.T. York and Mrs. Judy Brown.

"Happy 88th Birthday, Annie."

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Library Sale-Best Yet

By Joanne Durham, Chairman,
Library Booksale, Fort Payne Culture Club

The 1999 DeKalb County Public Library Sale has concluded with the largest proceeds yet. The total amount was \$5,790.41. All of this will be used for needs not available in the regular budget.

An Audio book order will soon be made. The following items of library equipment and furniture have already been ordered at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00: 3-Computer stations-one each for Public Access Catalog (PAC), Cataloging, and Acquisitions; 2-spinners (revolving display and storage units); 35-mm camera; Lecturn; 2-task chairs.

The Fort Payne Culture Club members have conducted this sale for seven years, raising a total of \$29,558.09. It has been a symbiotic relationship among people who love books too much to throw them away, those who like to buy good books at a low cost, and those who believe the public library is vital to a thriving community.

Our club members worked from January through April 21 several days/evenings per week to price and categorize the literally thousands of donated books, games, puzzles, and audio visuals. However, we had help from others in the total project.

We gratefully thank the following individuals and groups: The donors and buyers; the media--The Times-Journal, The DeKalb Advertiser, The Weekly Post, The Gadsden Times, The Groundhog, WZOB, WFPA, Century Communications; principals, parents, teachers, students at Wills Valley Elementary, Williams Avenue, Fort Payne Middle Schools; Pam Burt, Angela York, Herb Martin, Bill Dix, Jack Locklear, Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, DeKalb County Tourist Association; Fort Payne Improvement Authority; Richardson Signs, DeSoto Printing; Fort Payne Rotary Club; Foodland Plus, Earthgrains Retail Store, Fritz Steel; Businesses which displayed fliers; Beth Beaty, Ann Gilbreath, Marie Burt, Deborah Schrimsher, Sue Burt, Linda Cochran, Betty Chapman, Connie Cook, Josie Cook, Grace Crow, Diane Gilbreath, Kelly Bell, Vicki Wilkins, Lisa McDonough, Lynette Porter, Lee Stout-all Altrusa Club members; and the Library Staff.

We hope that this worthy project can be continued, enabling the library to better serve you--the public.

CORRECTION IN THE ADDRESS FOR DR. QUIMBY

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Moon Lake Head Start Class of 1999

(L/R) Bottom Row: Kara Young, Gage Foster, Kalch McKenzie, Mahala Combs; Row 2: Jeffrey Smith, Michael Blalock, Lily Harrison, Meagan Petersen; Row 3: Brady Key, randi Miller, Trey Moore, Meagan Poe, Kayla Powell; Top Row: Justin Liles, Tiffany Easler, Daniel Phillips, Hope Carden, Rodney Storey, Brittany Daniel. (Not pictured: Amber Carson)

Photo by Ashley Harrison



Moon Lake Head Start children with their certificates they received awarding their achievement for learning the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Johnny Miller, a representative of Woodman of the World, presented the children their certificates. Teacher Phyllis Bailey and Assistant Carol Lancaster are in the back row.

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The

Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

Mento Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Women's prayer service is every Wed. morning at 9:30.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM and morning worship at 11 AM each Sunday. The Youth Choir meets at 5 PM on Sunday under the direction of David and Marcia Tucker. Discipleship Training is also at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM on Sunday. Youth Fellowship is after Evening Worship on the third Sunday of each month. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Adult Prayer Service is held and Youth Bible Studies and Children's Choir meet. The Youth had a great Pizza Bash with Valley Head Baptist and Minvale Baptist on May 1st, with entertainment by Captain Noah Band. They also enjoyed a fun time at their fellowship at Mrs. Alma Crabtree's home on Sunday, May 16th. A great time was had by a large group of Moon Lake members and visitors at a church-wide fellowship meal on May 19th at the church. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 26th - 30th in the evenings. We are looking forward to a busy and fun summer at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Come and join us.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our **Lady of the Valley Catholic Church** on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Everyone is welcome. Song Service & Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00 - 12:00. A big thank you to Lew and Darlene Keith for all the effort you've put into our church. You will be missed. The Keiths are moving to Iron City, Tenn., (above Florence, Ala.) to start a small Lifestyle Health Center.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is committed to being a Bible teaching community church where all peoples of all races, social standing and diverse church backgrounds are welcomed and loved. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Youth Ministry Sunday afternoon 4:30 PM; Bible Study Wednesday 7 PM.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, 112 First Street, SW, Fort Payne, invites you to attend Sunday Worship at 8 AM, School at 9 AM, & Tuesday Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. Vacation Bible School will be June 7-11, from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. The theme will be mountain climbing (climbing spiritually). June 20, from 12:15 to 1:30, is the regular 3rd Sunday dinner at the church. This is a fund raiser to help build a new fellowship hall. The food and fellowship are great!!! Also, the church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church services begin at 10 AM EST and 6 PM. Wednesday services are at 7 PM. Pastor James Braddy invites you to attend all of our services and a special invitation is extended to everyone to join our Saturday night singings. We always have a wonderful fellowship dinner at 6 PM followed by singing at 7 PM EST. On May 15, the Willing Vessels will be with us; and on June 26, Brian Keith & Covenant. Come with an open heart and you will certainly receive a blessing! We are a small country church with a big country welcome! We are located 2 miles behind the Lookout Restaurant. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun., Tues. and Wed. nights. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Tucker invites everyone to attend. Annual Conference is June 6-9. Vacation Bible School will be June 14-18. Sunday, May 30, is "Older Adult Sunday." This is a special day in the life of the church, at which time the "80 and above folks" will be recognized. A covered dish dinner will follow the service. The church is continuing to raise funds for a new roof. The total cost (estimated) is \$10,000. Those wishing to help may do so by mailing their donations to PO Box 344, Mentone, AL 35984.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING: PLANTAIN

By Laura Catherine a/k/a Moon

Until about a year ago, I thought of plantain as a weed--now, I believe there is no such thing as a weed. I was talking to Marilyn Wrigley and Marsha Hair last summer, and they let me in on the wonders of plantain when applied to your insect stings and bites. All you have to do to get relief from an itch or a sting is pull off a leaf, thoroughly bruise the leaf or chew it for a few seconds, and apply it to the affected area. Plantain is the most beneficial herb for insect bites and stings, according to my research. Although, if you cannot find any plantain the chlorophyll from almost any green leaf will help.

In case you do not know what plantain looks like, it is a plant that grows the leaves from the base or directly from the root. There are two kinds of plantain--one type has wide oval-shaped leaves, and the other, lance leaf, has narrow leaves. Both types of plantain have distinctive veined leaves and cylinder shaped flower spikes that grow 6-18 inches, displaying very tiny purplish-green to yellowish-green flowers. Plantain is native to Europe, but grows all over the United States. It grows in full sun or part shade. Plantain grows in the spring through the fall, in fields, along roadsides, by streams, in the woods, etc. It is likely that every person has crossed paths with plantain. If for some reason you do not have plantain near where you live, you can sow the seeds shallowly in spring or fall. It is basically free of pests and will proliferate by itself.

Plantain is not only excellent for insect bites and stings, it has been used since Anglo-Saxon times for all types of poisonous bites--such as snakes and rabid dogs. Plantain is soothing and beneficial for the lungs, bowels, urinary tract, kidneys, and helps prevent bed wetting. Fresh leaves of plantain can be pounded into a paste to help stop bleeding wounds. A tea of plantain will help eczema, burns, scalds and hemorrhoids when directly applied to the affected area. A tea of plantain is beneficial when taken internally for tuberculosis, syphilis, ease bowel pain, ease excess menstruation and kill worms in the stomach and bowels. Plantain mixed with equal parts yellow dock root kills ringworm. To bring a boil to a head, apply a poultice of plantain.

A tea of plantain is made by steeping 2 tsp full of plantain leaves in a cup of water. Drink a cupful 2-5 times a day, depending on the severity of the condition. A poultice of plantain can be made by boiling a heaping handful of plantain leaves with 2 cups of water for about 10 minutes. Then let it steep until the liquid is able to be handled. To bring a boil to a head, it is best to apply at 100° F and replace frequently, keeping the poultice above body temperature.

The leaves of plantain can be eaten raw or steamed. The seeds of plantain can be soaked in water overnight, and the gel that it produces should be applied to the white areas of thrush. For diaper rash, you can apply a plantain ointment.

An ointment can be made easily by filling a very clean, dry jar full of clean plantain leaves, and covering them with olive oil. Get out all the air bubbles, put a lid on the jar, and put the jar in a sunny spot for 6 weeks. Remove the leaves from the oil and squeeze excess oil out of the leaves. Grate 1 tablespoon of beeswax per ounce of oil. Heat oil and beeswax until the beeswax melts. Pour the mixture into small wide-mouth jars, let it cool. Use as needed for wounds, bites, stings, and rashes.

Last but not least, you can harvest plantain for use when it is not freshly available. Always clean the plant before you dry it. The root can even be harvested and dried. Chew on the dried root to relieve toothache pain.

If you feel that harvesting is too much trouble, then you can find plantain ointments in herbal stores. As always, it is best to consult your health care provider before taking your health into your own hands.



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This is a beautiful time—with flowers blooming and birds singing and the earth so fresh and green.

The Valley Head UMW met at the church on April 27 for the Day of Prayer program, which was led by the Secretary-Treasurer, Laura Margaret Allison. Those present were Marjorie Gray, Mary Crow, Venna Livingston, Geneva Smith, Adelaide Biddle, and Eloise Brown. Adelaide Biddle was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of devoted service. She is moving near her daughter. She will be sorely missed, but we have to accept change for the better and needs as we grow older. After the program a good lunch was enjoyed.

Betty Bracken, from Chattanooga, and Selma McElhaney, from Fort Payne spent the day, recently, with their sister, Ruth Pickett.

James Adams brought his parents, "Red" and Betty Adams from Gadsden, to visit Janie Longshore and Ted and Mary Holleman, on Fri. May 14.

Joanne Hawkins came from Idaho to visit her parents, the George Fraziers, and her daughter, Tammy Pilson and husband, Matt, at Mentone. She also visited Sadie Cooper and other friends.

Jason Meadows, Brandi Shirley, Teri Campbell, Chad Mosher, Jason Owens, Wendy Hyde, Jeremy Hope, Rene Brendle, and Dawn are enjoying a few days' vacation at the Trade Wind Resort in Panama City, FL.

Susie Clark and Evelyn Clark spent the day with Evelyn's sister, Anna Daniel, in Gaylesville, recently. Anna is moving to Colorado. We will miss her.

Lillie Bowden's niece, Lisa Owens and husband, Jeff, from Byron, Ga., are visiting her for several days and she is showing them the attractions we have.

Camila Angeli, from Brazil, is spending the summer with Mark and Karen Freeman.

Congratulations to Billy Caylor, Sr., who celebrated his 62nd birthday on May 17. He is the "Good Samaritan" who rescued Venna Livingston when she fell and broke her hip. He took her to the hospital. Thankfully, she is recovering nicely. He was so kind and helpful.

Congratulations to Dillon Brown who celebrated his 7th birthday, May 19. His grandparents, Betty and Coy Butler, and aunt Cindy from Cartersville, Ga., came to spend the weekend with him and his parents, Chris and Gracie Brown, and sister Amanda.

I hate to report that Laura Margaret Allison broke her hip. We hope for her a quick and complete recovery. Also, for Gerry Disney who suffered a broken wrist and hip. There have been so many broken bones recently—we must be very careful!

Gladola Holleman is a patient at BMC-DeKalb. We pray she will have better days. Also, Foyl Cooper is having a rough time. We hope he will be better soon.

Marty Biddle and family spent the day at Six Flags and brought Adelaide Biddle from Dallas, Ga., to spend several days with Mary and Ted Holleman. They were joined for dinner, Sunday, May 23, by Jim and Michelle Adams, "Red" and Betty Adams from Gadsden, Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis from Rainsville, Frances Ellis, E.T. Holleman, and John Holleman.

Emmy Ricketts and Lucy and Polly brought lunch to help Doris Carmichael to celebrate her birthday on Sat., May 22. Linda and Katy Thomas also came by.

Dence and Sharee Jenkins are visiting their grandparents in Mississippi.

The Valley Head Baptist Church is planning for Vacation Bible School. The theme will be mountain climbing (climbing spiritually). The church is being decorated to carry out the theme. The church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund. The Bible School will be June 7-22, from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. Valley Head Methodist Church is also planning a Vacation Bible School, but plans are not now complete.

My cousins, Bill and Blanche Fuller, from Madison, AL, came Sunday, May 23, and Emily Brown and I went with them to Ryan's in Chattanooga for lunch. Then, Emily and Blanche went to Wildwood for a cooking class, while Bill and I went to Tiftonia to find the McGill Cemetery where our oldest ancestors are buried. We didn't get into the cemetery as the gate was locked. Then, we went to Barry and Emily's, then to see little John Robert, Michelle and Robert Brown's new son—and incidentally, my great grandson. Of course, he is very precious.

Congratulations to all graduates! And congratulations to all achievers and award winners. There are so many, I can't list you individually. And that is very, very good! Keep up the good work.

I hear reports of gardens planted and growing well. Eugene Smith is expecting a lavish harvest of sunflower seeds to make the birds happy and add beauty to the scene. I hope all the sick get well and everyone enjoys beautiful days.

The Nights of June

The nights of June are soft and warm,
A full, bright moon exudes its charm;
The tunes of life fill all the air,
The fireflies flicker everywhere.

The Honeysuckles' perfume sweet
All vagrant breezes seem to greet
With fragrant lingering caress
The atmosphere of earth to bless.

Each star is twinkling like a gem,
The sky is crowning diadem—
A rose's petals drift and fall
As mocking birds so softly call.

The soft warm nights—their sounds and scents,
Offer enticing recompense.
The nights of June are for romance
When vibrant hearts all long to dance. --

—Eloise Brown

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Life's confusion, rushed in reels,
Strife's illusion crushed ideals,
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Unspoken schemes, costliness,
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Initiative dead—lack of reason
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Rebellion's blaze beams all around,
The hellions' maze seems to surround
Unachieved goals' frustration,
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—Eloise Brown

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

May has been a fabulous month—the time when everything becomes fresh and green, and our rhododendron blooms. The rhododendron has been extra lush and full of blooms. It seemed a shame that we didn't have the festival this time, but we will recoup and maybe have it next year. There were some disappointed people who come every year. We have some good new MAPA members who are good workers and will help us do it. Our October Colorfest is being planned now.

Many thanks to David and Claudia Wasson for bringing the Antique Car Club to Mentone. There had to be more than a hundred beautifully restored antique cars, some as early as 1912. They were well restored, polished, and in driving condition. I love to hear their old horns blow—Ah-oo-ga. It brought back memories of my childhood when any car had two or three flat tires, when we went as far as twenty miles. Everyone carried a repair kit, complete with rubber patches and glue to patch the holes in the inner tubes. What a blessing it was when they began making tubeless tires! When the old ones had a flat, the tire had to be removed from the rim, the tube taken out, pumped up, and put in water, turned around until the hole was found. They were usually small, but enough to let the air out. The glue had to be heated with a match, spread on the hole, and the rubber patch placed on it while hot, then a hand pump put air back into the tube, tested again, put back in the tire. It was a scientific process. But this was progress, and we got to our destination a little easier than the horse and buggy days. To crank the old T-Model Ford was a hard job. The hand crank was on the front, and it had to be turned by a brawny arm several times before it started. "We've come a long way" in the past 90 years. I believe the first cars in this area appeared about 1905. Mother said everyone would run to see a car when she was a child. In the 30s, the cars were much improved and very beautiful. I think the overall appearance was prettier than our new ones. I loved the sports car with a rumble seat in the back. (Some people called them mother-in-law seats). And I liked the "running board." It was easier to get in and out of the car. I noticed that most of these antique cars were Fords. When we were in school, the boys argued all the time about which vehicle was better—Ford or Chevrolet. They were the only ones used in our area, I guess.

Our daughter, Doreen, and her husband, Jerry Waters, have kept an exchange student from Sweden this year. He is a fine

boy, and Homer and I have enjoyed having him visit us, occasionally. He is David Kroon. He has been a student at Northeast State Community College—and a very good student. He studies and makes high grades. We feel proud of him like we were his grandparents.

David's family visited a few weeks ago—his father, Linnart, mother, Inger, brother, Marcus, and sister, Sara. We enjoyed having them at our house when we had our music practice with Rev. Al Cherbonneau and Jan, and church members of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Inger plays the huge pipe organ at her church in Sweden, and we asked her to play our little electric organ for our singing session. She plays well. I love to hear her play the big organ. They are a lovely family, and we enjoyed visiting with them. All of them speak English, so there was no problem with communication. They visited friends they have in Atlanta, and spent a day in Chattanooga, which they enjoyed. Food was different here for them, but they seemed to enjoy it. We had dinner with them at Jerry and Doreen's new home on the night before they left. They wanted to see the sights in New York City, before going home. David is going to work at a summer camp in Maine, when school is out. He will return to Sweden to continue his college studies there this fall. We shall miss him. He likes my cornbread, so I'm working on a recipe for him to take home with him, and I'll probably have to give him some of our meal because it would be different in Sweden, if available.

We had Homer's brother, Lester, and his wife, Annice, from Powell, TN, on Sunday, May 16, the decoration day at Little River. We had a great time reminiscing about the gold ole' days when our children were small. Annice and I would eat together almost every day at lunch time. Homer and Lester were working out of town on construction jobs either in Chattanooga or Atlanta. The children said they enjoyed the days when they would go outside to play and could come back an eat again, because we were still at the table talking—and probably still eating!

The Lookout Mountain Parkway Assn. meetings are held monthly at the Mentone Springs Hotel, with a buffet lunch served. We in Mentone are right in the middle of the mountain, so it's a good location since some people come from Chattanooga and Gadsden. The parkway is in three states: Tenn, Ga., and Ala. Right now, Georgia is in the process of trying to get the Parkway designated as a Scenic By-way. This could help get more funds for road improvement and maybe some overlooks. We really need the overlooks on the Georgia brow, because there are so many wonderful views one just gets a glimpse of and cannot park to get a full view. This mountain is a most beautiful place to live or to visit.

Summer is here and we will be busy with camps, Bed n' Breakfast establishments, and restaurants. Hopefully, those of us with shops can reap some of the benefits from tourism. We have many good shops and should be able to offer good merchandise while giving out information and directions.

Enjoy these wonderful days before the heat of summer. The weather has been perfect for all the month of May.



Allen Gray Receives Awards

Allen Gray has completed his high school education at Fort Payne High School with academic excellence. He has maintained an A average since Kindergarten, with a 4.0 GPA. He was Vice President of his senior class, Secretary of FFA, Secretary of the Science Club, Chairman of Chapter Development FFA, Sergeant at Arms FCA, a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among High Schools, Superior Award Agriculture II, Achievement Award Agriculture III, member of the Spanish Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Sixth Man Club.

Allen has received a two-year scholarship in leadership at Northeast State Community College, a scholarship from Union Hill Baptist Church, a Rotary Club Memorial scholarship, a scholarship from St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, and one from Altrusa International, Inc. Fort Payne/DeKalb Chapter. He received a Superior Academic Achievement Award from Compass Bank, a President's Award for Education Excellence, and a Fort Payne High School Certificate of Achievement.

Allen is active in church and community involvement, serving as representative from the Church Youth Council, co-leader of the Planning and Finance Committee, is assistant teacher of Children's Church, sings in the Youth Choir, is a junior member of the Fort Payne Volunteer Fire Department, Planning Committee member of Farm Safety Camp, Planning Committee Jr. member of the Community Food Drive, Volunteer Team member on the Water Monitoring team, is a member of the anti-litter committee for Royal Ambassador Adopt-a-Mile, is on a sponsorship committee for Farm Safety Camp, and member of the Crime Prevention team. He is a member of the Union Hill Baptist Church, Fort Payne, Alabama.

Allen's plans after completing one year at Northeast State Community College are to transfer to Auburn University to become a veterinarian.

Allen's parents are Steve Gray and Sandra Pruitt. He has a sister, Katie Gray. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gray Jr. and the Reverend and Mrs. Jimmy Graves.



David Kroon's Family

L/R: David, his mom, Inger, his brother, Marcus, and Dad, Linnart, and David's sister, Sara, in front. Picture was taken at the home of Jerry and Doreen Waters in Fort Payne. Submitted by Bernise Crow.



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Rhododendron Garden Club

Annual Luncheon held at Mentone Springs Hotel

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Twenty-four members met at the Mentone Springs Hotel, on May 11, for the annual luncheon meeting. The new officers were installed after the luncheon.

At the business portion of the meeting, President Jan Wilkinson thanked all the outgoing officers and presented each with a gift. Linda Brown conducted the installation of the new officers using the theme of healing herbs.

The officers for 1999-2001 are:

President - Dallyne Jones (who was absent)

Vice President - Mickey Gough

Secretary - Christina Wise

Treasurer - Peggy Roark

Parliamentarian - Jan Wilkinson

The new program books were available to all those who had paid their dues.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. Deep South Region, the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Garden Clubs of District II, and the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Club.

The next meeting is on June 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Community House. Devotional is by Rev. Linda Tucker of the Mentone United Methodist Church. Roll Call: Describe a home remedy for insect stings and bites. Hostesses: Christina Wise, Jan Wilkinson, Rovene Truett. Topic: "Bees - The Garden Friend." Speaker: Garlon Jackson



Dinner on the Grounds at Little River

Little River Church Decoration Day

By Marie Dillenbeck

Decoration Day at Little River Church began with good Gospel music. Dorothy Crow organized the singing, and had a lot of help from those attending.

Nelson Stallings, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, read a list of those who had been buried in the past year: George H. Shipman, Mrs. Ruby Shipman, Horace Richard Goss, Mary W. Addison, Alex Womack, Eunice L. Baxter, Edmond L. Crow, Mabel Crow Kirk, Donyal "Foots" Rector, Marty Goss Hollaway, and Mrs. Shirley Jean Martin Lusk.

Rev. Gordon Stallings, 82 years old, from Chattanooga, brought the message about resurrection. Following the 11:00 service, a delicious dinner was had on the grounds.

After the meal, a short business meeting was conducted by Nelson Stallings. He said the work in the new area was done free by Kenneth Kirby and Hobson Kirby, using their own equipment. He thanked them for the work and

time they donated.

Amelia Lolli agreed to serve as trustee for the time remaining on her mother's term. Those present voted unanimously for her to serve.

Mr. Stallings announced that due to a lack of sufficient funds, it may be necessary to sell plots in the new area just opened up.

There is work that needs done to the exterior of the church, general maintenance and upkeep, and the trustees would like to purchase and install ceiling fans. They need approximately \$4,500.

Following the meeting, the Melody Men sang several gospel songs.

For those wishing to contribute, they may do so by sending their donation to Little River Church, c/o PO Box 191, Mentone, AL 35984. Trustees are: Nelson Stallings, Chairman, Dot Crow, Ken Kirby, Hobson Kirby, and Amelia Lolli.

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Three special awards were earned last year by three students who participated in the Harvest Festival Poster Contest:

3rd: Fred Castleberry
2nd: Randy Addison
1st: Sarah Hurt

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Phyllis Sarra teacher presented awards to students who completed all 36 word lists assigned during the 1998-1999 school year.

Brittany Bain
Akela Barkley
Tyler Blansit
Carla Cash
Colleen Castleberry
Trey Kincer
Hunter Stone
Abby Underwood
Josh Whitaker

(Without the help of their parents, these students would not have achieved this recognition.)

Parents & Volunteers Certificates
Sherry Blansit
Larry Johnson

1ST GRADE, Karen Prestwood, teacher, presented two awards for outstanding achievement: All A's

Ethan Crider
Peter Stevens
Language: (3 students w/high average)
Whitney King
Tia Newell
Jacob Tweedell

Best handwriting (writing & drawing)
Desiree Cash

Math: (3 students w/high average)
Alex Blackburn

Ethan Blackwell
Desiree Cash

Reading
Michael Harrison
Keisha Powell
Daniel Scott
Brandon Willingham

Science
Kaleb McMunn
Michael Norman
Social Studies
Leanna Webb
Savannah Williams

Spelling
James Hawk
Rachel Pollard
Keisha Powell

Improvement award for really working hard all year: Keisha Carr
Music: (for improving greatly in singing Shurley Jingles)

Kerstin Barnes
Holly Davis
Chaz McSpadden
Brian Phillips

Award for helping teacher (and two of the quietest)

Keisha Powell
Leanna Webb
Awards to Parents
Angela Phillips (projects)
Tammy Kirby (parties)
Ashley Harrison (field trips)

2ND GRADE: Myra Hill presented awards to one who tried hard and just missed making all A's in every subject: Thorn Rich

All A's
Lauren Addison

Vance Carden
Jessica Easler
Brittany Hester
Daniel Hughes
Eric Hunt
Kara Miller
Sierra Nicely
Heather Smith
Megan Smith

100 average in reading

Jessica Easler
Nathan Jones
Megan Smith
All A's in science
Steven Barkley
Fred Castleberry
Chad Evans
Newley Ingram
Nathan Jones
Becky Piña
Matt Pollard

All A's in spelling (super spellers with 100 or above)

Lauren Addison
Heather Smith
Steven Barkley
Vance Carden
Fred Castleberry
Jessica Easler
Brittany Hester
Daniel Hughes
Newley Ingram
Nathan Jones
Kara Miller
Sierra Nicely
Becky Piña
Matt Pollard
Nathan Jones
Megan Smith

Worked so hard in Shurley Language

John Whitaker
B Average in Science: Dustin Cash

Improved in
Spelling: Chris Elrod

Physical Fitness: Josh Williams
Good Friends: Brandon Hubbert

Good Student: Maggie Hollis
Parents Awards

Kathy Addison
Pam Baridey
Lynn Castleberry
Barbie Hester
Connie Hughes

Linda Miller
Heather Nicely
Garrett Smith
Cindy Jones
Becky Pollard

3RD GRADE: Nancy Frost, teacher
Overall Academic Achievers

Randy Addison
Tim Bain
Kayla Hazell
Sarah Petersen
Sheena Tishaw
Paige Wright
Cursive Handwriting

Randy Addison (left handed)
English: Patrick Murphy

Health: Chris Davis
Math: Denise Smith

Reading: Will Scott
Science: Michael Streeter

Social Studies: Tom Tipton
Improvement in

Oral reading: Danny Green
Math & oral reading: Aaron Bice

Best Effort: (giving 100%)
Vickie Stinson

Good Conduct and Best Manners:
Jessica Barkley
Citizenship Award: Brittany Clark
Parent Award: Carol Hazell
Celebrity Reader: Barbara Petersen
Best all around student:
J.J. Stinson

4TH GRADE: Tammy Cooper and Donnis Barkley, teachers

Overall academic achievement:
99.89: Drew Smith

Above 95

Brittany Bevel
Mark Corey
Melissa Crane

Cursive handwriting: Brittany Bevel
Academic student(s) w/highest average over all

English: tie 100 in Shurley method
Brittany Bevel

Drew Smith
Reading: tie 100

Brittany Bevel
Mark Corey

Science: tie 100
Drew Smith

Robin Stevens
Science (5th and 6th)

Sarah Hurt -5th
Kelly Wright -6th

4th Spelling awards: 100 or above
(bonus points for extra words)

Brittany Bevel
Logan Chambers

Mark Corey
Melissa Crane

Michael Hawkins
Alex Hazell

Julie Ingram
Skyler King

Jacob Meadows
Chad Newell

Drew Smith
Angel Wesley

Improvement in conduct and Accelerated Reader Award (in 4th grade): Steven Shanklin

Effort (Shurley): Phillip McNutt

Citizenship-Boy: Barnabas Bettis
Citizenship-Girl: Angel Wesley

Parent who helped all year:
Parental Involvement Award:
Carol Hazell

5TH GRADE: Joyce Smith, teacher
Overall Achievement in Academics

All A's for the year

Jared Bare
John Baxter

Kira Goodwin
Katie Gray

Lori Hope
Sarah Hurt

Joshua Pollard
Emily Tipton

Computer Achievement:
Jared Bare

English: Lori Hope & Sarah Hurt

Spelling:
Kira Goodwin

Katie Gray
Lori Hope

Sarah Hurt
John Pollard

Emily Tipton
Overall Speller—bonus words and

Character Education in Reading (classroom and personal):
Sarah Hurt

February marked the 15th plus years that the 5th grade class participated in the Valley Head Woman's Club Essay Contest. This year the essays were written on "What the American Flag means to me."

Creative Writing:
Kira Goodwin
Katie Gray

Sarah Hurt
This year, for the first time, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes participated in team teaching.

Social studies
4th-Alabama History (100 average):

Brittany Bevel
Chad Newell

Bruce Smith
Daughters of Confederacy Contest

1st - Jake Meadows (who went on to the county contest and won 3rd place at the county level)

2nd - Drew Smith
3rd - Julie Ingram

5th - American History:
John Baxter

Sarah Hurt
6th - World History:

Andrew McCole
Kelly Wright

Improvement
(Tremendous improvement in oral

reading - Rosee Swain was his inspiration): Logan Jackson

Improvement in manners & self control: Justin Steel

Winners in Y2K Logo Contest (competed with older students):

3rd grade - J.J. Stinson
4th grade - Robin Stevens

5th grade - Sarah Hurt (entered hers in the March Youth Contest, which is on display at the DeKalb Theater, and won 3rd place)

5th grade Y2K entries:
Lori Hope

Cayla Bell
6th grade Y2K entry:

Samantha Stevens
Outstanding helper:

4th grade - Will Blackburn
6th grade - Clark Crow

Children who made the year more efficient:

Laura Floyd
Melissa Harrison

Brandy Manning (personal secretary and ran errands)

Emily Swindall
Citizenship Award

Boy - Joshua Pollard
Girl: Cayla Voils

6TH GRADE: Leslie Bunch, teacher
Tried to prepare them for advancement by departmentalization with the three grades- 4th, 5th, and 6th

Academics - Shurley system above 96 average:

Matt Hawkins
Andrew McCole

Mathematics: B or above average, two programs going at once reading lessons and independent work on behalf of the students:

4th grade
Mark Corey

Chad Newell
Brittany Bevel

Drew Smith - top achiever

5th grade - Math group

Independent workers earning B or above average:

Laura Floyd
Kira Goodwin
Brandy Manning
Katie Gray
Emily Tipton

Two others finished the 5th and went through lesson 40 in the 6th with average above 95—they were working that fast. They will be in 1/2 Algebra next year:

Lori Hope
Sarah Hurt

6th Grade: four students taking the SAC placement test (2nd year 23 students)

four to be placed with Alg I:
Samantha Stevens

Kelly Wright
Andrew McCole (highest average)

Matt Hawkins
(thirteen to be placed in Alg 1/2)

Best Speller in class. Also competed in DeKalb County Spelling Bee (takes time and parental involvement): Andrew McCole

Students whose helping hands made the year easier:

Ashley Clark
Sara Dodd

Josh Smith
Parents Award:

Mrs. Karen Wright
Glenn Miller

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Wendy Hains (1st year to teach)

Presidential Fitness test, students competed at the national level of 50%, competing in five different tests: sit ups, push ups, mile run, shuttle run, V-set:

KINDERGARTEN:
Most Improved: James Phillips

National Physical Fitness Award:
Hunter Stone

Starla Cash
Casey Green

1ST GRADE: Most Improved
Jacob Tweedell

Leanna Webb
Desiree Cash

2ND GRADE:
Most Improved:
Heather Smith

Josh Williams
National Physical Fitness Award:
Jessica Easler

Brittany Hester
Kara Miller

Eric Hunt
Vance Carden

Mark Pollard
Newley Ingram

Steven Barkley
Presidential Physical Fitness Award:
Lauren Addison

3RD GRADE:
Most Improved: Vickie Stinson

National Physical Fitness Award:
J.J. Stinson

Paige Wright
Shinice Smith

Randy Addison
Jessica Barkley

Brittany Clark
Patrick Murphy

TH GRADE:
 Most Improved: Skyler King
 National Physical Fitness Award:
 Whitney LaBuda
 Brittany Bevel
 Jim Wells
 Julie Ingram
 Katie Herndon
 Melissa Crane
 Stephen Shanklin
 Residential Physical Fitness
 Award:
 Karen Kean
 Julie Ingram
 Robin Stevens
 Angel Wesley
TH GRADE: Most Improved:
 John Baxter, competed on
 national level, except for sit ups
 Katie Gray
 National Physical Fitness Award:
 Emily Tipton
 Randy Manning
 Lori Hope
 Kyle Garrett
 Kirby McMunn
 Logan Jackson
 Residential Physical Fitness
 Award:
 James Wells
 Fred Bare
 Sarah Hurt
TH GRADE:
 National Physical Fitness Award:
 Katrina Ingram
 Kristen Addison
 Kelly Wright
 Clark Crow
 Nick Floyd
 Residential Physical Fitness
 Award:
 Samantha Stevens
 Sarah Dodd
 Writing to Read Awards by
 Sarah York (Reading and com-
 munication skills)
KINDERGARTEN:
 Colleen Castleberry
 Ayla Barkley
 Brittany Bain
1ST GRADE:
 Lisa Newell
 Keisha Powell
 Dr. Berry: The Eco Center/
 Butterfly Garden is approximately 4
 years old and has become a role
 model for other schools. He pre-
 sented Awards and Thank Yous to:
 Cheryl Baker
 Vicki Blackburn
 Jerry Blansit
 Abby and Linda Brown
 Angela Chambers
 Carol Hazell
 Oma Hope
 Bonnie Hughes
 Larry Johnson
 Weston Kirby
 Lenlo Lumber Co.
 Heather and Lyle Nicely
 Georgia Stevens
 Martha Wood
 Ann Wright
 Karen Wright

Dr. Berry also presented a Certificate of appreciation for the Butterfly Garden to the Rhododendron Garden Club for their inspiration and dedication in creating a gardening and learning paradise.

Karen Wright accepted on behalf of the Club and announced that, at the last Rhododendron Garden Club meeting, Ann Wright had made a motion that was seconded and passed unanimously, to contribute the sum of \$2 for each of the 85 eco-teer club members for a total of \$170. They bought four trees, which have been planted at the back of the school. The balance of \$150 was given to Moon Lake School.

Dr. Berry, upon the acceptance of the \$150, announced that the school will purchase picnic tables.

Karen Wright presented Sandra Brazier an award for the hard work and dedication she put into the Butterfly Garden.

Woodmen of the World Awards were presented by Barbara Blalock of Lodge 436 to:

Boy: John Baxter

Girl: Sarah Hurt

Perfect attendance awards were given out along with a T-shirt to:

KINDERGARTEN: Tyler Blansit

1ST GRADE:

Ethan Crider

Keisha Powell

2ND GRADE:

Becky Piña

Megan Smith

3RD GRADE: Jessica Barkley

4TH GRADE:

Barnabas Bettis

Brittany Bevel

Logan Chambers

Julie Ingram

John Meadows

Jacob Meadows

Chad Newell

5TH GRADE:

Laura Floyd

Brandy Manning

6TH GRADE:

Paul Davis

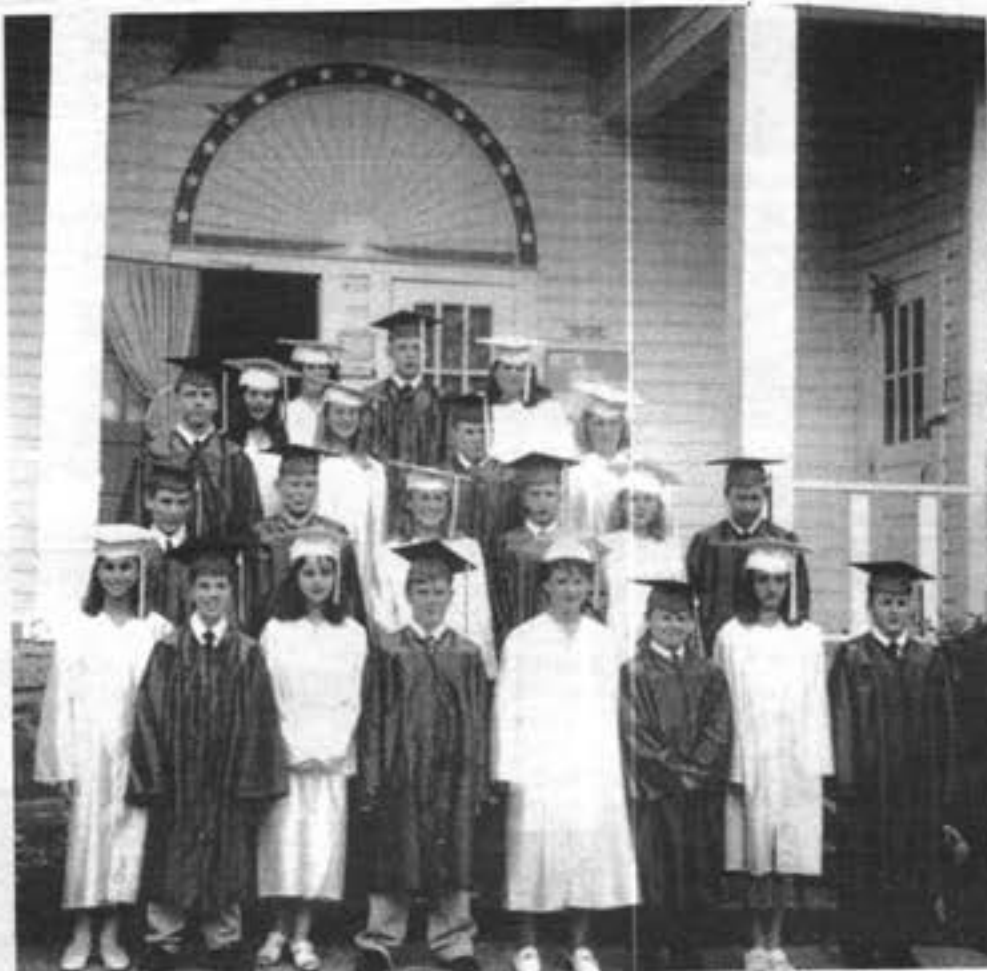
Heather Plunk

Jessica Meadows

To the Friends of the Moon Lake PTO

Moon Lake PTO would like to thank all our members and supporters for making this year's projects a great success--Gym Floor Jamboree, Harvest Festival, Turkey Shoot, BBQ Dinner, and Golf Tournament. The projects have been a lot of work, and to everyone who pitched in, your time is greatly appreciated!

Special people deserve special praise this year, for, without them, these projects would not have been possible. First, Cindy Jones, who tackled the monumental task of Gym Floor Jamboree Chairman, and whose fearless determination and positive vision of the project made this major fundraiser a great success. Next, Gary Jones, for so graciously allowing PTO the use of the Cloudmont Golf Course for our recent Golf Tournament, and for his time, expertise, and use of his backhoe at the school. Carol Hazell, whose kindness and competence put all at ease and made every project so pleasant. Kenneth and Kathy McMunn, whose lives are so full, but are always there when you need them most. Barbie and Jimmy Hester, so consistently helpful at every event, and



1999 Sixth Grade Graduates of Moon Lake Elementary School

Kristen Addison, Colby Baty, Erica Campbell, Ashley Clark (Citizenship Award), Clark Crow, Paul Davis, Sara Dodd, Nick Floyd; Matt Hawkins (Co-Valedictorian), Kevin Hulkan, Catrina Ingram, Fawn Kitchens, Andrew McCole (Co-Valedictorian), Brigitte McNutt, Jessica Meadows, David Miller, Heather Plunk, Andrew Smith, Josh Smith, Samantha Stevens, Natasha Tishaw, Josh Tweedell, Kelly Wright (Salutatorian)

A special thank you to Sarah Hurt who played the processional and recessional music, "Pomp and Circumstance."

MOON LAKE WHO'S WHO

Mrs. Leslie Bunch, 6th grade teacher, presented the who's who candidates selected by the class.

BEST ALL AROUND: Matt Hawkins, Keith Miller & Kelly Wright

MOST ATHLETIC: Paul Davis & Samantha Stevens

MOST TALENTED: Matt Hawkins & Kristen Addison

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT: Clark Crow & Catrina Ingram

CUTEST: Andrew McCole & Samantha Stevens

MOST DEPENDABLE: Josh Tweedell & Erica Campbell

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Andrew McCole & Kristen Addison

CLASS CLOWNS: Clark Crow & Sarah Dodd

MOST STUDIOUS: Keith Miller & Natasha Tishaw

NEATEST: Colby Baty & Sarah Dodd

MR. & MISS 6TH GRADE: Nick Floyd & Fawn Kitchens

The final but most prestigious honor was voted on by the entire student body, kindergarten through 6th grade

MR & MISS MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for 1999 are Clark Crow & Kristen Addison.



dedicated to preserving and improving Moon Lake School. Garnet and Mickey Smith, for their assistance and good humor at the Turkey Shoot. And last, but not least, John Corey, who so generously allows Little River Hardware to become headquarters central when these projects arise.

Our new gym floor is installed; and thanks to Mr. Land and very substantial funding from the school board, also federal money secured by Todd Greeson, our new entrance to the gym should be completed over the summer break.

As outgoing president, I pass the torch to our new president, Larry Johnson. Good Luck. Thanks again for all your support.

Lyle Nicely



WOODMAN OF THE WORLD LODGE 436



Several members of Lodge 436 attended the Jurisdictional Convention in Mobile, April 9-11. Ovie Blalock and other Past Presidents were honored with a reception.



Ovie and Barbara Blalock with Lodge 436 present check to Boy Scout Troop 106 in Mentone.

1st place
Beasty Boys



Woodman of the World Lodge 436 sponsors annual basketball tournament on March 26-27 to benefit "Make-A-Wish"



Johnny Miller, field rep. and Ovie Blalock of Lodge 436, present radios and battery chargers to Valley Head Fire Dept.



2nd Place - New Home



Jennifer Blalock, member of Youth Lodge 1788, presents checks to Valley Head and Mentone Police Departments to help with the cost of the drug dog.

3rd place
Heil



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(4) **LAUREL CREEK LAKES SUBDIVISION.** Wooded lots starting at \$8,500. Lakeside (2 left) and pasture lots (2 left) starting at \$12,500. Mentone area, County Road 106. Common areas for hiking and fishing. Restrictive covenants. Owner financing available.



(5) **EAST BROW, CLOUDLAND, GA.** What a view from these 2 to 3 acre lots located off Hwy 157 North. Rock formations, wooded, private with 100 to 250 ft. of breath-taking edge of the world view. Starting at \$32,000. Owner financing.



(6) **WONDERFUL OL FARMHOUSE** with 4 acres, garden area, two outbuildings, on paved road, Mentone. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large country kitchen for canning and a cellar for storing. \$59,500.



(7) **WILD RIVER COMMUNITY.** 100x300 ft lots on the East Fork Little River. Secluded and Scenic. \$10,000 each. **ALSO AVAILABLE:** 3 acre tracts-EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER, secluded, with natural deep swimming hole and rapids. Wild and Scenic beauty surrounds you. \$30,000 each.



(8) **COTTAGE ON LAKE LAHUSAGE.** Furnished, Rustic 3 Bdrm 1 Bath, Fireplace, 2 decks and Screened Porch. All appliances. Also Efficiency apartment above Garage. Creek on the West Boundary. A unique structure with lots of Mountain Stone Accents. Dock on Lake. ~~\$86,000.~~ Reduced \$82,500.



(9) **MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES Phase 1 & 2** now open. 3 to 5 acre tracts on the middle Fork of Little River. Located off Lookout Mountain Parkway, 4 miles from downtown Mentone and 2 miles from the Ga. line. River front tracts starting at \$27,500, and 4-15 acre wooded stream tracts.



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(13) **BROW, BROW, BROW - MENTONE.** Approximately 3 acres with 300 ft. of view frontage. Property is on the West (sunset) on Desoto Parkway. City Water available. Great Location. \$80,000.

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Tabitha Brisendine is national award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Tabitha Brisendine of Mentone has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner. Tabitha, who attends Valley Head High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy. The USSA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Tabitha is the daughter of Jerry and Diana Brisendine of Mentone. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Brisendine, and Mrs. and Mrs. Glenn Stophel, all of Fort Payne.



VALLEY HEAD'S PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Valley Head High School Class of 1999

Matthew Alexander, Ashley Blalock, Tabitha Brisendine, Jonathan Browder, Daniel Brown, Nick Brown, Valerie Chappell, Jesse Clements, Garrett Collins, Robert Collins, Selina Couch, Eric Crane, Toby Crider, Derek Davis, Jerome Farmer, Emily Frazier, Kyle Freeman, Brook Garrett, Chris Gaskin, Jacob Gibson, Tricia Goodman, Amanda Goss, Greg Hawkins, Jeremy Hyde, Brandy Jackson, Nancy Jeffery, Amanda Laney James, Frank Lewchuk, Lori Manifold, Dennis McDonald, Patrick McKinney, Josh Miller, Jason Owen, Josh Pullen, Michael Scruggs, Josh Shelton, Derek Talley, Carl Tuberville, Shawn Vernon, Terri Vest, Josh Williamson, Lee Worthey, Stephanie Worthey.

Posing with this year's Senior Class is the Valley Head High School Class of 2011.

The graduating Kindergartners are: Nicholas Benjamin Atkins, Rebecca Jo-Ann Marie Bradbury, Megan Renee Cooper, Jason Michael Hall, Anthony Levi Hulan, Jordyn Alexis-Faye Burt, Brian Lee Jones, Trevor Justin Lewis, Amber Renea Matthews, Megan Reed McElhaney, Jessica Elisabeth McKenzie, Samantha Marie Ogden, Corey Dustin Powell, Tyler Andrew Tidmore, Halie Storm Westbrooks, Aubrey Melinda Cash, Steven Wayne Clark, Nickolas Adam Gatlin, Shelby Lynn Headrick, Matthew Blake Myrick, Dustie Leann Nix, Kayla Brooke Reynolds, Jessica Diane Thornberry, Chris Lamar Templeton, Matthew Dillon Watts, Jared Blake Wilks, Brandon Michael Freeman, Brenden Rien Wilbanks, Andrew John Conroy. (Not pictured are their teachers Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Simpson)



CORRECTION

Jessica Barrier of Valley Head was incorrectly listed in the A-B honor roll when it was sent to the paper and placed in the May issue. Her report card shows all As. The Groundhog is pleased to set the record straight.



Kimberly Brisendine recognized for award

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Kimberly Brisendine of Mentone has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner. Kimberly, who attends Valley Head High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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JUNIORS: Lisa Boothroyder (American history); Thomas Brendle (consumer math, Geometry A, president's education improvement); Jeffrey Bullock (woodworking, Woodman of the World American history award); Brandy Clure (advanced horticulture); Katja Dammann (biology); Donnie Davis (president's education improvement); Kerstin Formhals (band, geometry, physics); Candace Fuller (scholar athlete); Paul Hawkins (scholar athlete); Dustin Holkem (Algebra B); Heather Lawton (Boomerang award); Lydia Luke (English, Algebra II); and Anna Rievley (computer applications,

anatomy, geometry, English, American History, psychology/sociology).

SOPHOMORES: Jessica Barrier (family/consumer science, world history, Spanish II, English); Slade Carden (biology, Student Council treasurer); David Chaney (president's educational improvement); Annie Harrison (band, Student Council reporter); Effia Harrison (band); Laura Martin (Student Council secretary); Becky Mays (band); Beth Moore (band); Nathan Owen (FFA top score land judging); Will Shanklin (world history) and James Tuberville (FFA Gold Hammer Award).

FRESHMEN: Byron Beason (president's educational improvement); Jerry Lee Brisendine (Spanish I, English, Algebra I); Brandy Browder (physical science); Audrey Byrd (Algebra A); Lacie Clure (health); Jenny Gregory (FFA top sales); Andrea Grisham (Alabama history); Kristy Hatfield (family/consumer science); Stacey Hyde (FFA health); Hilary Lawton (Algebra I); Jenny Lewchuk (president's educational improvement); Zac Pritchett (FFA star chapter member); and Kayla Wilbanks (English).

EIGHTH GRADE: Tessa Collett (English, science); Sara Gregory (president's educational improvement); Josh Hulgans (social studies); Brittney Johnson (English, social studies, science, family/consumer science); Amanda Knowles (family/consumer science); Penny McElhaney (pre-algebra); Tessa McKinney (pre-algebra, math, band); and Jason Wright (social studies).

SEVENTH GRADE: Kim Brisendine (math); Robert Brown (social studies); Jeremy Edgeworth (social studies); Britt Heinrich (English); Ashley McSpadden (English, computer lit); Steven Thornberry (science, English, social studies); Ashley Tuxbury (science, English, 2nd place Accelerated Reader); and Michelle Smith (3rd place



Valley Head High School Valedictorian

Eric Crane is the Valedictorian for the Valley Head High School Class of 1999. He is the son of Leon and Cheryl Crane of Mentone. He plans to earn a degree in Computer Science from Jacksonville State University.

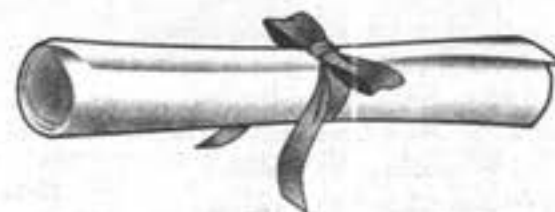
Valley Head High School Salutatorian

Ashley Blalock is the Salutatorian for the Valley Head High School Class of 1999. Her parents are Betty Blalock of Valley Head, and Leslie Blalock of Mentone. After graduation, Ashley will attend NASCC and transfer to Jacksonville State University, seeking a degree in Business Administration.



Class Officers

The Valley Head High School Senior Class Officers are: Toby Crider, Treasurer; Ashley Blalock, Vice President; Valerie Chappell, President; Amanda Goss, Secretary; Nancy Jeffery and Daniel Brown, Student Council Representatives.



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Becky Piña, Nathan Jones, Chris Elrod,
Fred Castleberry



Megan Smith, Dustin Cash,
Sierra Nicely, Becky Piña



Kara Young, Caleb McKenzie,
Brittany Daniel, Megan Petersen



Thorn Rich (with water), Kara Miller (behind
trash can), Brittany Hester (back turned), Mrs.
Connie Hughes (back turned), pre-schooler
Hannah Keel (supervising the entire process),
Chad Evans, Matt Pollard



Becky Piña, Newley Ingram, Heather Smith,
Mrs. Heather Nicely, Megan Smith



Mrs. Myra Mills Second Grade



Daniel Hughes, Thorn Rich (getting water),
Vance Carden (back turned)



My Scary Dream

By Vicki Stinson
March 2, 1999

First I was dreaming of having a horse in my yard, but I decided to not dream anymore so I slept through the night. It was close to midnight and that's when it began. I was sweating really hard because I was dreaming about a tornado, not one tornado but three tornados. They hit each other and formed into a 200,001! It was climbing on top of the mountain. I was scared. We didn't know what to do. We hid in the bathroom. It didn't have any windows. We brought a radio but the radio said that the 200,001 tornado was coming near us. It was only a dream, but I didn't know that. I couldn't wake up.

It was almost morning. The dream was a scary dream until we found out that we were not safe enough. Mom tried to get out of the door. She was hungry and said, "I'll get killed not you." I was still in my bed. I couldn't get up. When mom said "Time to get up! The bus will be here at 6:00!" Pearl, my kitten, saw that I wasn't getting up so she jumped up and licked my face. When Snickers saw Pearl licking my face, Snickers jumped up on my bed and she too licked my face. I got up and tried to walk but I was late, so I hurried up. So I wasn't late. I was right on time. So thank my cats!!!

The End

My name is Vicki. I wrote this story and it really happened on March 1, 1999. It happened to me. I am only 10 and it is true. The tornado is a dream, but my cats did lick my face and woke me up to get dressed. I hope you people enjoy my story. My cats are still alive to this day. Their names are Snickers and Pearl. I'm glad my cats woke me up. I could have been late but instead I was on time. My cats are lovable and nice. My mom is real too in this dream. 200,001 will not form again. This tornado was real but it happened a long time ago to a village. It happened in South America but I forgot when it happened.





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- (15) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling-heavily wooded-with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.
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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Hasn't this been the most marvelous, beautiful spring. The rhododendron are just beautiful everywhere on the mountain and the laurel is really spectacular, too. I have had a couple of requests for recipes. One was for a chocolate cake without eggs or dairy products and the other was for breakfast dishes. So, I am repeating a recipe for a great little cake called 'wacky cake' which has been passed around in my family for years. It is quick, easy and really delicious. The breakfast dish is for Oven-baked French Toast. It is one of those lovely recipes that is fixed the night before and just popped into the oven about an hour before serving your family and/or guests the next morning. Enjoy and look for good cooking that is easy and quick and allows you more time to enjoy this wonderful place we live in.

WACKY CAKE

Measure and stir together into a bowl:

1-1/2 C flour

1 C sugar

3 Tbsp cocoa

1 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

In another bowl, mix:

1/3 C vegetable oil

1 Tbsp vinegar

1 tsp vanilla

1 C cold Water

Mix liquids with dry ingredients just to moisten, and bake in a greased 9-inch square pan at 350 for 30 minutes. Frost with your favorite frosting, or it is good with no frosting.

OVEN-BAKED FRENCH TOAST

1 loaf French bread cut into 1-inch thick slices

8 large eggs

3 C milk

4 tsp sugar

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

3/4 tsp salt

2 Tbsp butter cut into small pieces

Maple syrup or honey

Completely cover bottom of generously buttered 13x9 inch baking pan with bread slices. Set aside. Stir together eggs, milk, sugar, vanilla and salt in large bowl. Pour over bread; cover tightly with aluminum foil. Refrigerate overnight. Next morning, heat oven to 350 degrees. Remove pan from refrigerator, uncover, dot with butter. Bake, uncovered, until puffed and golden, 40-50 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with syrup or honey. Makes 6 servings.

I like to add 1/2 tsp of cinnamon to the egg mixture.

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By Mary Alice Stout & Ellen Spangler

"Surviving Emergencies with Utilities OUT" or "Good Sanitation for 'Bad' Times" is the theme for the once-a-month Saturday morning workshops, starting June 12 at 10:00 am.

In preparing for Y2K, TORNADOES, or ICE STORMS, most people know to have water and food stored ahead. They've also probably thought about having a back-up heat source in the winter, and a way to cook some food or heat water, as well as extra batteries for flashlights and candles handy. However, if there's no electricity and no water for more than a week, maybe even no garbage pick-up--things can get pretty nasty. A clothespin on the nose won't be enough! BUT, there are simple solutions, as the workshop will cover.

Three areas will be covered, with information handouts to take home. The first is about simple compost toilets-toilets that need no water to flush and you can build it yourself or buy a kit ready to screw together. The second area is backyard garbage composting without offensive odors and pesky flies. Not only do you get rid of smelly food scraps and have a place to empty your compost toilet, but you create rich garden humus that your flowers and plants will love. The third area covered at the workshop is rainwater collection for washing and drinking. Let's say we're going into the 3rd week of no utilities and no showers or baths, but everyone in your house wants to stay in the living room near the fireplace--get out that clothespin for your nose against Or, hook up the rain barrel and heat some water on the camp stove to wash.

The workshop will also include discussion on getting together with your neighbors to see how you can help each other out in emergencies.

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OTHER INTERESTING HAPPENINGS AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

Morgana, one of our potters, will be demonstrating the Majolica technique of painting pottery on Saturday, June 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. (GA time)--a good time to get your pottery questions answered.

In mid-May, Mary Alice went to Henagar, AL, picked strawberries and turned 6 gallons of berries into the best tasting homemade jam! It's selling quickly.

Mary Alice will be demonstrating how to make homemade jam at Mountain Mamas on Saturday, June 26, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. (GA time). Stop by, she may have samples!

We welcome you to stop by Mountain Mamas for both of these demonstrations.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

May and June in Mentone is the most labor-intensive time for the gardener. With the warmth and the wet days, yards are liable to turn into jungles overnight! It seems like the vegetation springs up overnight, and if it's edible--that's good; but, if it's not, then it's work! Back-breaking work but intensely satisfying work!

This is also the time to really be on your guard if you use pesticides or herbicides on your edibles. Try to change it year by year so that the plants do not get immune to just the one, and, for health reasons, try to make it a people-friendly and earth-friendly pesticide or herbicide.

It is said that, to keep cats from using your garden as their "potty," coffee grounds seem to do the trick. It's great for the soil, too.

A non-organic apple a day exposes you or your child to 32 different pesticides a year--an average of 4 (and up to 10) with each apple, according to a new report by the Environmental Working Group (EWG). Experts agree that children are more vulnerable to pesticide residues. Government data indicate that more than a million pre-school kids currently consume at least 15 pesticides a day in their food.

Looking to attract many different feathered friends to your backyard? Then, it's time to take inventory of your feeders. There are basically five types of bird feeders--tube, hopper, platform, suet and sugar-water. Tube feeders that hold niger (or thistle) seed will attract finches, while ones for larger seeds (like sunflowers) are irresistible to perch-loving chickadees, nuthatches and titmice. Hopper-style feeders will draw larger seed-eating birds such as cardinals and grosbeaks. Low platform or tray-type feeders will attract ground-feeding sparrows, juncos and mourning doves.

For an even greater variety of birds, you may want to try suet and sugar-water feeders. Woodpeckers, Carolina wrens and other birds find suet hard to resist; and hummingbirds, orioles and tanagers are just a few that will frequent sugar-water feeders.

Proven and time-tested tricks: If ants are noshing at the sugar-water feeder, try hanging your feeder from clear plastic line, ants find it hard to crawl on the smooth surface. Another interesting one to deter ants from the feeder is to use simple chalk lines drawn around the limb holding the feeder, it will last through several rains and set up a "barrier" that ants won't cross!

If the birds don't wait for the sunflowers to ripen, just try putting old panty hose over the seed heads to protect them. An added bonus is that the dangling legs will wave in the breeze to discourage the birds.

If it's butterflies you like, then try to attract them with some watermelon. Cut the melon into four pieces and leave it on a picnic table in the yard. Even hummingbirds are attracted to this treat.



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82 Antique Vehicles arrive in Mentone on May 15.

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Antique Horseless Carriage Club held their 4th Annual Social Security Run from Rome, Ga. to Mentone on May 15. The theme was "Rome around Georgia." Mentone citizens and visitors who were out that morning between 9:30 and 12:30 were in for a treat. Antique cars beginning with the year 1910 came from several different states and began their tour in Rome, Ga.

They ate lunch at the Mentone Springs in Caldwell's Restaurant. In order to accommodate the large number of people, they took turns eating in shifts.

There was a schedule to follow that Robert Taylor, the tour chairman, had prepared. The trip from Rome to Mentone was approximately 66 miles. From Mentone, they could travel to DeSoto Falls, then on through DeSoto Park, to Hwy 35 and Little River Canyon Preserve, and back to Rome, Ga. They could do the tour at their own pace.

Mr. Taylor drove a 1916 Hudson convertible, and was from Fayetteville, Ga. His wife, Margie was with him.

I talked to Ed Meloan of North Augustus, S.C., who brought his wife, Susan, with him in a 1912 Ford Model T. He said there was an older Model T, a 1910 Overland, red in color, that looked much like his, and was the oldest car on the tour.

Mr. Meloan enjoyed his vehicle and enjoyed talking to anyone who came up. He used a crank to start his Ford, but there are two methods of starting it. He has the crank up front and a starter inside the car. The crank is for the public. The spark plugs are located inside the driving area. He has three pedals: one to go

forward, one to go backward, and a brake. He said the top speed was 45 mph.

A Stanley Steamer that had no clutch was also on the tour. It brought a lot of onlookers and photographers. It was parked in the shade, so my photos did not turn out.

Morris and Linda Steinberg of Mentone told about an interesting auto. She said, "My father was Walter Marr. He was chief engineer for General Motors from 1903-1915. He built the Marr Auto, a Buick. The plant burned and there went the Marr Auto." Bill and Sara Close of Signal Mountain, Tenn., who were on the tour, told the Steinbergs that they had recently purchased a Marr Auto, and that they had found a Marr Auto that had been misnamed and placed in the Ford Museum.

A fire engine was among the vehicles that brought a lot of looks from those enjoying the lineup of antiques. One convertible came complete with a Great Dane. It attracted a lot of attention, too.

Mr. Ed Meloan said there were 18 Ford Model T's, 5 Buicks, 1 1916 Hudson, 5 Chevrolets, 36 Ford Model A's, 2 Pontiacs, 1 Star, 1 Willis 6, among the 82 cars on tour. I noticed a 1916 Packard, 1917 Locomobile (Hobby), a Dodge 6, and a 1916 Studebaker.

I took several pictures, as did most of the others there to view the antique cars. These were really well kept vehicles. The owners have done a super job of keeping them in tip-top shape. They don't make cars like they used to. It was a most enjoyable and interesting Saturday. I was sad to see them leave.



A partial view from window on second floor of White Elephant Antiques of the parking lot on May 15



Ed Meloan and his 1912 Model T Ford



A view of three antique cars parked at Ruby's Variety. The vehicle at the left has the Great Dane sitting in the back.



Oldest vehicle on tour: 1910 Model T Ford



VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB
MAKES PRESENTATIONS

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club has worked diligently this year, as in previous years, to make a difference in the community. Through fund raisers such as the sale of pecans, wrapping paper and accessories, and other endeavors, thirty women have been able to realize some of their goals.

This year, the Education Committee, under the leadership of Sue Hamilton, Committee Chairman and former educator, studied the needs of the schools, and the Club was able to present a check of \$300.00 each to the Moon Lake School Library and to the Valley Head School Library. The donation to the Moon Lake School library is to be placed in the Jimmy Berry Memorial Library fund. Dr. Bill Berry, principal at Moon Lake, states that plans are underway to begin construction of a new library and that the gift was both timely and very much appreciated. Norma Hulgán, librarian at Valley Head School, was most appreciative, as well, for their donation to the library, and her plan is to purchase a set of Art Encyclopedias, which is much needed in the art classes.

Several applications for scholarships were submitted to the Education Committee, and after careful consideration by the committee, the Club was happy to present a scholarship to Tabitha Brisendine.

It is also the responsibility of the Education and Special Projects Committee to direct a project each year involving the students of the two local schools. This has been essay contests, poster contests, and poetry contests, and new exciting plans are being made for a different type program for next year.

A personal thanks to each Woman's Club member for all you do to make the Club interesting, exciting, and worthwhile.

THE VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Flo Kirby

The Valley Head Woman's Club held its annual Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 19th at Nippersink Lodge. Unfortunately, just before the luncheon, Gerry Disney (owner of Nippersink and one of the hostesses) suffered a fall and was taken to the hospital for surgery. Her staff handled everything beautifully and the lunch was delicious.

The table centerpieces were arrangements of rhododendron and mountain laurel. The Entertainment Committee provided miniature African violets and miniature mums at each place setting. Our thanks to Dot Blackburn, Dallyne Jones, and Edna Morgan for those flowers.

In the absence of our President, Evelyn Graves, Judy Shelley presided over the business portion of the meeting. Evelyn's husband, Jimmy Graves, had emergency surgery and was also at DeKalb-BMC.



Eric Crane was the recipient of a scholarship from the University of Alabama from the designated Sheldon Cox Memorial Fund. Shown with Eric are Sheldon Cox's parents, Leland and Gertrude Cox.

ERIC CRANE RECIPIENT OF
SHELDON COX MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP

By Evelyn Graves

A fund was established through the University of Alabama Alumni Association in Sheldon Cox's memory following his death. Since that time, students have been helped with scholarships from this fund. This year's recipient is Eric Crane, valedictorian of the Valley Head graduating class. This is a very appropriate award, since Sheldon and Eric were both Moon Lake students, Valley Head graduates, and both chose the University of Alabama for the completion of their education. Congratulations, Eric, and loving memories, Sheldon.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



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Valley Head Woman's Club President, Evelyn Graves, presents check to Dr. Bill Berry for Moon Lake School Library. Sarah Hurt, first place winner of the Woman's Club sponsored essay contest, is also excited to help receive the check.



Valley Head Woman's Club President, Evelyn Graves, presents a check to Norma Hulgán, Valley Head School librarian for the school library.



Tabitha Brisendine, Valley Head graduate, is presented a scholarship by Evelyn Graves, president of Valley Head Woman's Club.



Bert and Ruth Pickett to celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary June 27

Bert and Ruth Pickett will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 27 from 2-4 p.m., with a reception at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head. The reception will be given by their children and grandchildren. All relatives and friends are invited to celebrate this joyous occasion with them. Your presence is the only gift requested.



The Pullen Family honored at Bankhead Decoration Day, May 23, 1999

By Linda Burns

In 1919, Robert Fouché Pullen from Polk County, Georgia, helped a friend, William Colquitt, move to Mentone, Alabama. He liked the area, so he returned home and began to prepare his family for a move. The Pullen family moved to the Lahusage area in December 1919. At the time of the move, Robert (Bob) Pullen and his wife, Daisy, had 6 children: Jack, Alleen, Bill, Tommy, Mutt, and Irene. Bob's brother, Avery, moved with them, also. After moving to Alabama, Florene and Ralph were born. The Pullens settled in the Holly Springs community south of Mentone, where they lived the rest of their lives. Bob Pullen and his family farmed, but he was well known in the area as a master carpenter, too. His skill at cooking, especially barbecuing was also well known.

In 1927, tragedy struck the family, when the oldest son, Jack, drowned in a lake near Camp DeSoto. At the age of 16, Jack was the first Pullen to be buried in Bankhead Cemetery. Robert and Daisy Pullen, as well as Avery, were later buried here upon their deaths.

As the children of Robert and Daisy grew up, most chose mates from the Mentone area, made homes here, and reared their own families on Lookout Mountain.

The oldest, Alleen Elizabeth, never married. She was buried at Bankhead in 1988.

Robert Bruce "Bill" Pullen married Grace Green. They had five children: Linda Burns, Walter, Ann Bonner, Kay Wagner, and Robert Bruce, Jr., "Bob" and 11 grand children. Walter lives at Mentone and is currently a trustee of Bankhead Cemetery, succeeding his father and grandfather, Frank Green, in this position.

Thomas Fouché "Tommy" Pullen married Ruth Keith. Their daughter, Eleanor Tate, lives in Mentone. She has three sons and a grandson. Tommy, Ruth, and their infant daughter, Martha Lynn, are all buried at Bankhead.

Evans Hughes "Mutt" Pullen married Lela Belle Kirby. Their children are June Crowe and Jimmy Pullen. Mutt and Lela Belle have four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Both Mutt and Lela are deceased and buried at Bankhead.

Irene Pullen and her husband, Ted Mauney, lived in Cherokee County. They have no children. Irene died in October of last year.

Florene, who married Brit Kirby, had three daughters: Faye Grady, Joyce Brown, and Kathy McMunn, eight grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Brit died in 1998, and Florene currently lives with and is cared for by her daughter, Kathy.

The youngest son, Ralph "Jeff," went to Howard College (Samford University) after returning from World War II. He married Lois Gandy, and they made their home in Birmingham, where Ralph practiced pharmacy until his death in 1984. He and Lois had three children: Wayne, Wesley, and Barbara Green. They also had five grandchildren.

The Pullen descendants feel a strong heritage of faith, love, work-ethic, and perseverance from their forebearers. There is also a family bond that is being kept strong, as evidenced by the annual family reunions and "Cousin Parties," which are eagerly anticipated each year. It is occasions such as this one today, that help keep that sense of family unity perpetuated to the younger generations. Thank you for honoring the Pullen family today.



Annual Memorial Service Bankhead Chapel, May 23, 1999

By Marie Dillenbeck

Howard Carson, Program Committee Chairman, welcomed all those who were in attendance. After singing some gospel hymns, the Pullen Family was honored. (See writeup on this page.)

The following passed away since the last decoration: Pauline Clark, Gladys Cash, Ethel Green Adams, Jewel Baty, Della Flannigan, Joe Blalock, Unasee Lea, Jesse Henderson, Donald Cash, Tommy Gardner, Pearl Matthews.

Ed Jones gave a brief finance report and thanked Walt Pullen for mowing. Last year the trustees intended to proceed with plans to renovate the chapel, but that has not been done yet. Estimates for the renovations are between \$8,000-\$10,000, and funds need to be raised prior to beginning the renovations.

Rev. Ken Shelton of the Church of God gave

a message on hope.

Following the services, dinner on the grounds was served. Families use this time for reunions and there were many people in attendance on this day.

The business meeting began at 1:30 p.m. As always, there was a lot of good gospel music.

Next year, the Sammy Cash family will be honored.

Bankhead Cemetery Memorial Association Trustees: Mrs. Howard Carson, Mr. Walt Pullen, Mr. Ed Jones. The Board of Directors are Max Cash, President; Rev. Don Brock, Vice President; Mrs. Betty Johnson, Secretary; Syble Tipton, Treasurer.

To make a donation, you may send it to any of the trustees. It may be designated for repair of chapel if you so wish.



AUGUST YARD SALE

THURSDAY - SUNDAY
AUGUST 19-20-21-22



We need your help!!!!

If you have items taking up space in your attic, basement or garage, (small as a pocket knife or large as a couch,) that you would like to get out of your way, please consider contributing these items to the:

Mentone Area Preservation Association

a Non-Profit Organization (known as MAPA) whose main purpose is to Preserve, Protect, Beautify and Help the Volunteer Organizations and School here in Mentone. These items may be brought to the Red Log Cabin beside Dessie's Kountry Chef Hwy. 117 each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. from June 5th through August 14th.

For large items that need to be picked up call: local 634-4041 or 1-888-340-3381.

Please clean and price your items before bringing them in.

(NO CLOTHING PLEASE)

MAPA THANKS YOU!!!

Thank you

The family of Maggie Eunice Payne thanks everyone who sent flowers, made visits, and for the cards and prayers during her sickness and death.



CORRECTION IN THE ADDRESS FOR DR. QUIMBY

Those wishing to write to Dr. Quimby may do so at the following address:
James Quimby
c/o Robert Quimby
13808 Rustlers Row
Rockton, IL 61072
The Groundhog staff is happy to make this correction.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Monday, May 31, MEMORIAL DAY
- Tuesday, June 1, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, June 7, 7 p.m. Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Monday, June 14, FLAG DAY
- Sunday, June 20, FATHER'S DAY

(See also other events throughout paper.)



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. And loving favor rather than silver and gold. Prov. 22:1

A father who has a good name and loving favor, is rich and makes his family proud. Many today are working for this world's goods, but they will only last a while; and the good name will last forever. Fathers, be a good example so your children can follow you and make our world a better place to live.

Happy Father's Day.



Martha and Hobson Kirby, new owners of the Mentone Superette, on duty at 6 a.m. Saturday, May 22.

MENTONE SUPERETTE RE-OPENS



Wesley Frost, Mayfield delivery man, and Benny Goss at the checkout counter on Saturday, May 26. Benny Goss, the first customer, turned in a "free Mountain Dew" cap and received a free drink, along with his purchase of snacks for the day. Tammy Blackwell and Martha Kirby are behind the counter.



A look at the Mentone Superette from the outside. New gas pumps and a concrete drive way. Business as usual began early Saturday morning. (Photo taken later in the day.) The canopy (not shown) was installed on Wednesday, May 26.

The Mentone Superette officially re-opened up Saturday, May 22 at 6 a.m., with new owners, Hobson and Martha Kirby. Their hours are:

Monday-Friday- 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hours may be subject to change. Hobson and Martha Kirby, said they plan their GRAND OPENING at a later date. Be watching for their notice!

It seems like a L-O-N-G time since the Superette closed on February 28, and the customers are glad to have you opened for business. Thanks for being there!