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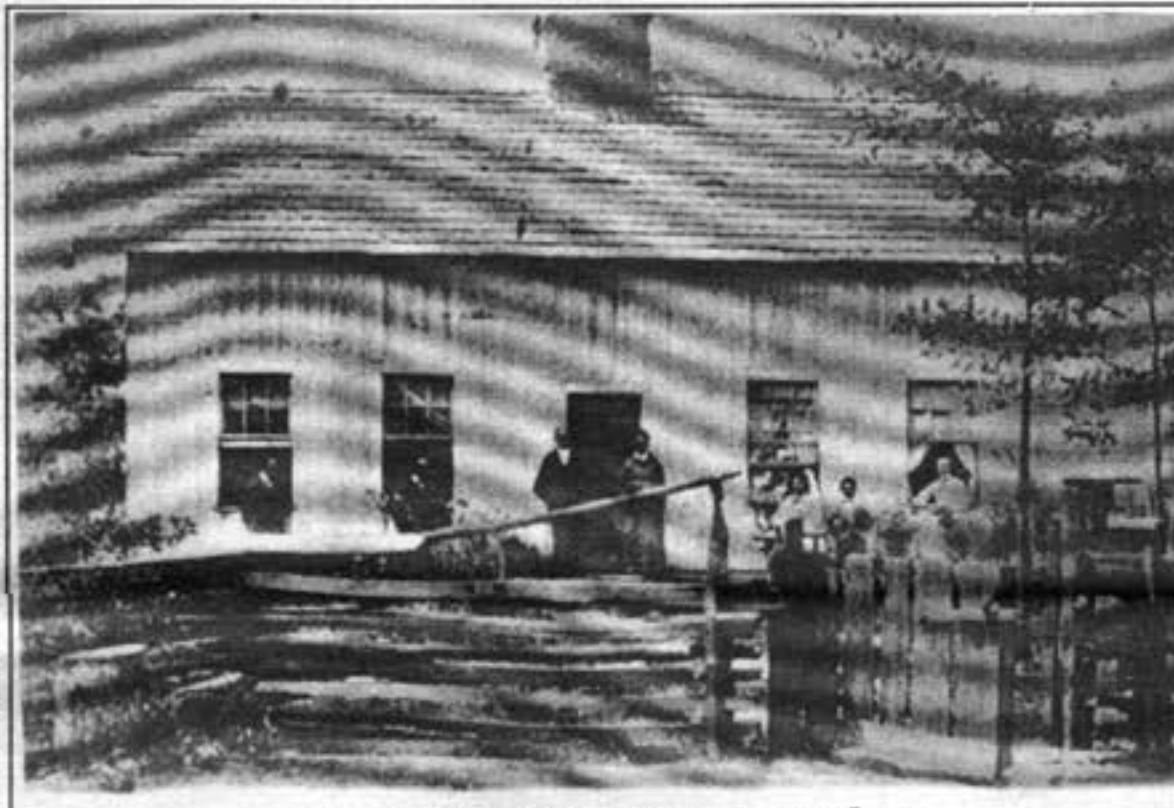
FAMILY OF LAWRENCE SMITH AND MARY SMITH

By Ernest Smith

Note: This article and photographs will appear in the soon-to-be book, "History Of DeKalb County, Alabama," published by the DeKalb Heritage Committee, Rainsville, Alabama.

My Great Grandfather, Lawrence Albert Smith, was born on October 1, 1818, in Sandisfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He was the son of Samuel Smith and Arabella Beecher Smith of Sandisfield and later of Smyrna, Chatham County, New York. Lawrence married his third cousin, Mary Maria Smith on May 16, 1841, in Sandisfield. She was the daughter of Amariah Smith and Lucy Phelps Smith of Sandisfield. Lawrence and Mary were descended from long lines of New England Patriots, dating back to the founding of the Colonies. They were descended from four of the Mayflower passengers, of whom two were signatories to the Mayflower Compact and two were children at that time. Stephen Hopkins was the 14th signer and Thomas Rogers was the 18th. There were 41 signers in all. See copy of Mayflower Compact included with this article (on page 6). This was the first written law in the New World.

Lawrence and Mary with son, Virgil, moved from Sandisfield to Alpine, Chattooga County, Georgia, in 1843. While living at Alpine, he taught subscription



LAWRENCE A. SMITH SR. FAMILY, C. 1870

House was located at site of present Joseph Tate house, on Hwy 117 about 1/4 mile west of Ga. Line.

L/R: Lawrence Dider Smith b. 14 Jul 1852 m. Lula Blake 16 Nov 1882 d. 20 Jul 1924; Albert Plum Smith b. 14 Nov 1856 m. Margaret Glass 4 Mar 1880 d. 8 Oct 1908; Lawrence A. Smith b. 1 Oct 1818 m. Mary M. Smith 16 May 1841 d. 11 Feb 1892; Mary M. Smith b. 22 Aug 1818 m. Lawrence A. Smith d. 4 Aug 1895; Laura Ann Smith b. 27 Aug 1859 m. William Carter d. 1918; Sherwood M. Smith b. 24 Oct 1862 m. Mollie Jane Powell 27 Mar 1892 d. 21 May 1945; Lucy Ellen Smith b. 22 May 1895 m. 1st--Canant 2nd --Tapp d. unk; (A son not in picture); Lewis Miller Smith b. 24 Feb. 1850, m. Mary Ann Hixon d. 14 May 1924

schools and clerked in Force's general store. In 1853, he moved to Lookout Mountain, near what is now the town of Cloudland, Georgia. Here he continued working for the Force Family, operating a cheese factory, dairy and droving business, using some slave labor. It is thought that he had the first water-powered sawmill on Lookout Mountain during that time. In

1861, he moved his family to Cherokee County, Alabama, near the head of the Henderson Gap. Here, he spent the Civil War years tending an 80-acre farm and teaching subscription schools. At the close of the Civil War, he moved to what is now the Greater Mentone Area of DeKalb County, Alabama. Their children were as follows: Virgil, Jerome, Lewis Miller, Lawrence Dider, Ellen, Albert, Laura, and Sherwood. Lawrence died at his DeKalb County home February 11, 1892, and Mary died there August 4, 1895.

My grandfather, Sherwood M. Smith, son of Lawrence and Mary Smith, was born October 24, 1862, in Cherokee County, Alabama. He was about one year old when Yankee troops were all about. He married Mollie Jane Powell of Alpine, Georgia, on March 27, 1892. She was the daughter of Houston Powell and Josie Waters Powell. Sherwood was a farmer and lived most

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Sunday, April 5, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Begins
- March 30 - April 5 - Spring Break
- Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting,
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Sunday, April 12, EASTER

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This issue is a combined March-April issue so that The Groundhog can get back on its regular schedule. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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MAPA March MEETING



At the March 2nd meeting, Parliamentarian Bernise Crow presided in the absence of other board members, who were unable to attend due to illness and other reasons. The number one item on the agenda was the upcoming Rhododendron Festival to be held the third weekend in May, May 16-17, 1998. A lot of discussion took place and many good ideas were again discussed in an effort to coordinate different aspects of the festival. Karl Yatoona, this year's chairman, had a festival meeting just prior to the regular monthly meeting, and he and his committee have a great festival planned.

Instead of a quilt to raffle off this year, there is a beautiful stained glass rhododendron by Chuck Peters. His work is excellent and the stained glass piece can be seen at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

The next MAPA meeting is April 7, 7 p.m., at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL
MAY 16 and 17, 1998
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--PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 1998

June 18
September 17
December 17

All meetings are held in the town
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HOPE Reaches \$500 Million Milestone

Governor Zell Miller announced this week that Georgia's HOPE Scholarship program has passed the \$500 million mark in scholarships.

The new record comes one month after Miller introduced Lauren Stripling, a University of Georgia student from Newnan, as Georgia's 300,000th HOPE Scholar.

"Today marks another milestone for HOPE," Governor Miller said. "But HOPE is not about numbers, it's about giving students the opportunity to succeed and keeping our best and brightest children in Georgia."

New figures released by the Georgia Student Finance Commission show HOPE has awarded \$509.2 million in scholarships to 300,478 Georgia students since the program began in September, 1993.

The Commission administers HOPE and offers numerous other grants, loans and scholarships to Georgia students seeking education beyond high school.

HOPE Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Georgia Lottery.

Georgia's HOPE Scholarship Program provides tuition, mandatory fees and a \$100 per quarter book allowance at public colleges, universities and technical institutes - or a \$3,000 scholarship to attend a private college or university - for students who earn a "B" (3.0 GPA) in high school. College and university students must maintain a "B" average to remain eligible for HOPE. Technical institute students must maintain a "B" average if enrolled in a degree program. There are no academic qualifications for students enrolled in certificate or diploma technical institute programs.



Annual Easter Sunrise Services

to be held at the Lee Crowe Farm
at 7 AM on April 12, 1998.

Randy Addison
will be bringing the message.
Everyone is Welcome!

NOTICE - To the person or persons who set the trap on County Road 165, You may pick the trap up, because it has been destroyed. Don't set any more traps, because I will be watching you.

Frank Kirby

SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NBA

The Chicago Bulls seek a fourth straight NBA title. This could be the final run for the Bulls. They better make it count and probably will. Indiana, Miami, Seattle, LA Lakers, and Utah can give the Bulls a run for their money.

Pro Baseball

Two new teams open play this spring, Tampa Bay and Arizona. Pitching will be watered down, so look for a lot of offensive numbers.

The Atlanta Braves take another stab at the World Series title. Atlanta finally has a right-handed power hitter in Andres Galarraga. The Braves lack a true lead off hitter. If they can find a lead off man, a World Series could be theirs.

The Cleveland Indians have put together a stellar team in the American League.

Groundhog pick:	National League	American League
East	Atlanta	NY Yankees
West	LA Dodgers	Seattle
Central	St. Louis	Cleveland
Wildcard	NY Mets	Baltimore
World Series:	Cleveland over Atlanta	

College Basketball

The mens NCAA final four is somewhat a surprise. Three of the favorites, Duke, Arizona, and Kansas, were ousted before their time. Parity finally has shown up in college basketball. Kentucky, Utah, and Stanford join North Carolina in San Antonio this weekend. Carolina is by far the favorite to win it all. The other three are just glad to be there.

Women's college basketball has been dominated by the Tennessee Lady Vols (37-0). They may be the best women's team of all time. There have been some surprises in the women's NCAA tournament, also. Stanford, Connecticut, Texas Tech, and even Alabama were surprised by underdogs. Louisiana Tech, Arkansas, NC State, and Tennessee bring a fresh new look to Kansas City for the women's final four. The Lady Vols are the heavy favorite.

NASCAR

The Winston Cup points championship is up in the air. Rusty Wallace is off to a great start and leads the points race. Wallace, Dale Jarrett, Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon, and Dale Earnhardt are going to fight it out most of the season. Next stop Bristol, this weekend.

Congratulations to Dale Earnhardt for finally winning the Daytona 500. If any man deserved it, he did.

College Baseball

The SEC has loaded the top 25 with conference teams. Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Arkansas, Tennessee, Florida, and Mississippi State are currently in the AP poll. Now, it is time to beat up on each other in SEC play. LSU, Alabama, Florida, and Auburn are teams to watch for. The ultimate goal is a College World Series birth in Omaha.

Sports on the Scene

Valley Head Lady Tigers enjoyed another stellar season. The final four trip, along with 23 wins, is a wonderful accomplishment. Coach Bobby Holloway's team ended the season, with a heartbreaking loss to Carrollton in the state semi-finals. That does nothing to overshadow the area and region titles by the Lady Tigers. Seniors Teri Campbell, Heather Smith, and Jennifer Nolan led the team to the edge of greatness.

Coach Jon Tidmore's Tigers ended the season with eight victories against the stiff competition. The Tigers have to be looking forward to next season. Everyone returns on a very improving team.

Spring football practice is just around the corner. Coach Jerry Brown's Tigers are looking to improve on a disappointing 1-9 season. Valley Head moves to 2-A next season. The Section, Ider, and Fyffe games will mean a lot more. Good luck, Tigers, the community is hungry for some wins.

Let's have a look at how some of the county teams did from around the area in basketball.

BOYS:

SYLVANIA (13-13) ended the season with a heartbreaking loss to Glencoe in the region semi-finals. Some say the Rams got rooked. I saw it that way!

CROSSVILLE (17-9) was defeated by Pisgah in sub region play.

COLLINSVILLE (22-9) was ousted in the sub region by Spring Garden.

The rest of the county teams were beaten in the area tournaments.

GIRLS:

GERALDINE (24-7) defeated Fyffe in the region finals at Jacksonville. The Lady Dogs beat J.F. Shields and lost in the state finals to Hazelwood. Congratulations to Steve Simpson and the Geraldine Lady Bulldogs. 2-A state runner up.

FYFFE (30-3) lost to Geraldine in the region finals. That brings a string of three straight state titles to an end. Quite a run for the Lady Devils.

VALLEY HEAD (23-12) beat ASD and Westbrook at Jax State. The Tigers then fell to the old nemesis: Carrollton. It just wasn't meant to be!

FORT PAYNE (19-10) lost in the region finals to Gadsden by two. A missed layup at the buzzer would have sent the game into overtime.

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Baseball and Softball are just a few weeks away. The Mentone baseball teams start play in Rainsville at the end of April. Local softball teams, Mentone and CBS, begin play in April at the Fort Payne Sports Complex.

Let me give out a personal thanks to all the people and businesses that support our local sports teams. And to those who don't, please consider it. People stereotype our community on how our young people look, act, and perform! If you have any sports news you would like for me to put in my Sports on the Scene each month, please contact me at 635-0830. May God Bless! See you next time.



From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Loyal fans and admirers, greetings again from outside Mentone! This great canine is really uptown, now. Got moi's own recliner chair--no sharing! What a rush! How many of you out there can say that!! Moi is still on guard duty here in big Atlanta--so much to do, no time to rest (much, that is, until moi gets into his OWN RECLINER). If you fans are still watching the news and reading the papers, you know crime is still here.

Moi looks forward to hearing from all of you, and AL has been real good at passing on the information about moi's adoring fans.

Moi continues to ride in the pickup to work--somebody has to do it, you know. Security guard dogs are at a premium--and moi is PREMIUM, that's for sure.

Moi heard that Prissy, the town clerk's dog, greets the public when they come into the town hall. However, moi has also heard that she's been sleeping on the job and missed a few proper greetings. Moi has always been on the job between the counters at the Superette. Contrary to what some jealous humans might say, moi was never sleeping--just resting moi's eyes until the time was right--fluorescent lighting is hard on the eyes, you know.

Well, it's time to make the rounds again. The photos didn't make it from Atlanta to Mentone, yet. Guess the mail has to go by way of China, or something. It's hard to tell what happens to mail when it hits that great post office in Atlanta. Looks like moi is going to miss the Easter crowd this year--and the candy and tributes. However, a dog's work is never done. To all my devoted and adoring fans: Happy Easter.



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E A S T E R



Happy 90th Birthday to Ruby Daniel. She will be 90 on March 31. Many more happy returns, Ruby. We love you! Ruby is at the Fountains in Ft. Payne, Room 212. She would love to hear from all her friends.

Continue to keep **Mr. Jim Berry** in your prayers. He was seriously injured in an automobile accident, early in March. He has been in the hospital for several weeks, and at the time of this issue, the report is good. Mr. Berry is responding and talking, the respirator has been shut off, and there is no need for continuing dialysis. His wife, Marjorie, and son, Dr. Bill Berry, and friends are so thankful for all the many prayers on his behalf. God has answered them.

Jean Gauld is back from Southern France and said it was a wonderful trip. They are so hungry to hear about Jesus. Jean was on a mission to spread the good news of the Gospel wherever God sent her and to give her testimony, which she did. She feels so blessed by her experience and the fact that God used her to bring His message!

Maureen Brewer recently spent the weekend in Guntersville with friends Dr. and Mrs. Evans, and on another day visited overnight with friend Hilda Sapp in Rome, Ga.

Dessie Newberry of **Dessie's Kountry Chef**, celebrated being open for 7 years on March 6. The Melody Men (Al Malone, Dennis George, Milford Cushen, and F.L. Pierce) entertained the crowd throughout the evening with Gospel music. It was a wonderful celebration. Every Friday night from 5:30 to 7:30 there is music. Go by and enjoy a meal and the entertainment. It's worth it!

Pam and David Dean celebrated their 10 year wedding anniversary on February 5th. Congratulations, Pam and David.

Get well wishes go out to **Jason Dean** who hurt his hand while at work. It required surgery, and he now has a hard recovery ahead of him.

Speaking of hands, **Chris Brown** recently cut off one of his fingers. Hope he is healing up nicely.

Beth Moore got some really great news in February. Her orthodontist told her she may be able to ditch the braces earlier than he first thought. She may be able to have them removed in May instead of October like they first thought. She is very excited about that.

Congratulations to **Terri Campbell**, a senior at Valley Head High School. Terri was awarded the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Terri also helped the Valley Head Lady Tigers basketball team win all Area I Regional games. Way to go TIGERS! Terri also celebrated her birthday on Feb 15th.

Lisa and Beth Moore and **Adriana Miranda** spent the Presidents' Holiday shopping in Huntsville. They all had a wonderful time.

Norma Hulgán is getting ready for the BIG day. She should be a grandmother sometime soon. She is excited about being able to spoil the little one.

Sue and Bill Schwarz are back from Florida. They had a great time and are looking forward to warmer weather and "life on the river" again.

Hope and George Walker also returned from Florida. Welcome back.

Nikki Smith, a student at Northeast, made a trip to England, recently. She is the niece of Ernest Smith of Mentone. Nikki liked it so much, she's ready to go back. We hope to have an article from her about her trip real soon.

Jean and Roy Matthews have returned from Belize, a country in Central America, in British Honduras. They stayed in Corozol, and loved it. Welcome back, Jean and Roy! Jean's granddaughter, **Luanne Johns**, of Marietta, GA., had her first birthday on March 3.

Rev. Jimmy Graves was told by his doctor this week that he is really doing great, and may not need to have any therapy after the surgery on his shoulders. Both Jimmy and Evelyn are thrilled with the news.

Allen Gray, Angela Russell, and Shelly Gray, all of

Mentone, were inducted into the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the National Honor Society of Ft. Payne High School. Congratulations.

Lydia Speed is celebrating her 81st birthday April 19. Happy Birthday from all your friends in Mentone, Lydia.

Jo and George Beaubé went to Copper Hill, TN, recently to celebrate **Minnie Sullivan's** (Jo's mother) 98th birthday.

Get well wishes go to **Edward Morgan**, brother of OH Morgan, who is an associate at Wal-Mart in Fort Payne. Edward suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago and at the time of this issue was still in the hospital in Guntersville.

Other travelers this past month include **Pat McKenzie**, daughter **Rene McKenzie**, **Ethel Manifold-Gregory**, and daughter, **Donna Hallahan** (Buford, GA) who just returned from a three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. From all indications, they had a GREAT time. Watch *The Groundhog* for some pictures of a marvelous trip. On the way back, they experienced two Mondays. Kind of makes me think of the movie, "Groundhog Day!"

Two new businesses are opening up in Mentone:
•**The Ivy Cottage** is due to open in April. Betty Bain is opening the florist and gift shop located above Lookout Mountain Preferred Realty Office on Alabama Hwy 117.

•**Serendipity** (which means "ability to find something great by chance") is looking to open around the first of May, according to Margaret Pope, the owner. She said there will be many gift items, some pine furniture, pictures, frames, etc. Serendipity will be located next to the Mentone Superette.

We're glad you both chose Mentone!

On April 5, the **Mentone Springs Hotel** celebrates its 2nd year of opening as a Bed and Breakfast under the ownership of **David and Claudia Wassom**. Congratulations, you've have worked hard and it shows. The Mentone Springs Hotel has come alive under your loving hands. Thanks for being here!

Happy belated **March Birthday/Anniversary** wishes to:
•3-Nate Wilson, Laura Martin (15); •4-Ruth Porter, Durell Owens; •11-Marie Hunt (10 years old); •17-Mary Jane Hunt; •19-Michelle Moore, Savannah Smith; •20-Wanda Simmons; •21-Wanda Black, Donna Bouldin; •23-April Aldredge (15); •24-Rick Chapman; •25-Evelyn Graves; •26-Angie Laney, Peter Stevens (6); •28-Betty Chapman, Brigitta Modglin, Frankie Lewchuk; •30-Donyal "Foots" Rector.

Happy **April Birthday/Anniversary** wishes to: •1-Jerod Hulgán; •2-Milton Chambers, Mary Pearson, Effia & Annie Harrison; •3-Alfred Chambers; •4-Georgette McGee, Katie Brandon, Jamie Phillips; •5-"Possum" Heather Moses, Chris Black, Kaitlyn Dean (2); •6-John Chambers, Jennifer McGee; •7-Gail and Milton Chambers (Anniv.); Shannon Chappell, Venna Livingston; •9-Ashley Hartline; •11-Josie Crider (2); •15-Frances Rosario Blix, Tommie Blansit; •17-Linda Kilgore Patterson, A.J. Plume; •19-Anne Hampton, Lydia Speed; •20-Carrie Patty; •23-Lauren McGee (2); •24-Junior Flemming; •25-Olive Jones, Jennifer Robertson; •28-Janie Dukes; •29-Jimmy Whisenant.

Check out the articles on the **DeSoto Rescue Squad**, **Volunteer Fire Department**, and **S.P.C.A.** They all are in need of your support. If you have some items they can use, please share with them. They will welcome any support you can give them.

Linda and Bobby Brown and **Carol, Alex, and Kayla Hazell** will soon be moving into their new home. It's hard work right now, but it will be worth it when they get in. Congratulations on your new home!

Charles Flannigan is working on the completion of his cabin, and it's looking good.

Remember, school will **not** be in session March 30, 31, April 1, 2, and 3. Spring Break is here! Be careful.

Have a safe holiday and celebrate Easter by attending the **Annual Easter Sunrise Service** (April 12, 7 AM) held at the Lee Crowe Farm in Mentone, Easter services at your church of choice.

The Human Touch

By Spencer Michael Free

"Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to be fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul away.

Fort Payne Optimist Club Oratorical Contest Won By Local Youths

The Optimist Club of Fort Payne is proud to announce the winners of the annual Optimist International Oratorical Contest for youth, following the contest on the evening of March 26 at the DeKalb County Activities Building in Fort Payne, Alabama.

First place winners in the girls' and boys' divisions were **Jana Watson** of Fort Payne and **Andrew Taheri** of Rainsville. Each received a gold medallion and a \$50 savings bond from AmSouth and First State Banks.

This contest is conducted annually by the local Optimist Club, as well as Optimist clubs all over the world. The official subject of this year's contest was "My Commitment to the Future." Contestants spoke between four and five minutes on the subject. Scoring was based on personal qualities, material organization, delivery, presentation, and overall effectiveness. Emcee for the event was Rick Jones of the Fort Payne Optimist Club. Ray Stone, Optimist President, gave the welcome and presented awards, and secretary, Laura Stone, presented gifts to the judges. Winners Watson and Taheri will now progress to the zone competition held on Saturday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the AmSouth Bank Building in Anniston. Zone winners proceed to the next level and eventually compete for a \$1,500 scholarship. Over \$150,000 in scholarships is awarded annually to Oratorical Contest Winners by the Optimist International Foundations of the U.S. and Canada.

Second place winners in the two divisions of competition were **Jennifer Holcomb** of Rainsville and **Collier Craft** of Rainsville. Each received silver medallions and monetary awards from the Optimist Club.

Third place runner-up winners were **Melissa Smith** of Fort Payne and **Seth Harper** of Dawson. They were presented with bronze medallions and monetary awards.

Honorable mention awards went to **Sarah Hurt** of Mentone and **Brett Spurlock** of Henagar.

In addition to the above awards a very special plaque was presented. As a memorial to Dr. Pat Seymour, who passed away in 1996, and who served as emcee for the contest for four years, a plaque was presented to the student voted by the judges as the "Best First Year Speaker" other than top winners. That student this year was **Andrew McCole** of Mentone.

Other contestants included **Girls Division**: Gabrielle Freeman, Maggie Jordan, Ananda Shankles, Ashley Smith, Ananda Wells, Angel Wilbanks, and Katie Wilson. **Boys' Division**: Scott Kyle.

According to Sheila Akins, chair of the event, "Dr. Seymour's quick wit and remarkable sense of humor made what could have been a boring, tension-filled evening into a delightful one. She helped the contestants and their parents relax and enjoy themselves, and she gave encouragement to the younger speakers just getting started."

Ray Stone, Optimist president, said the club gave the first award last year and planned to make it part of the annual contest as a way for everyone to remember "Dr. Pat."

Mrs. Akins said, "There were 25 applicants this year (16 appeared at the contest), the most ever. Dr. Pat told me in 1996 that she would like to help get more applicants by visiting the schools." Even though Dr. Pat died without being able to accomplish this, the legacy goes on. Two members of the Optimist Club, Bert and Christina Carson, have held speaking workshops at the schools and at the VFW building, encouraging young people to learn to speak before an audience. By the increased number of applicants, they have been very successful.

Chairing the event for the Optimist club were Kerry and Sheila Akins assisted by Bert and Christina Carson, who will be chairpersons next year. Robert Dixon served as timekeeper. Sergeant-at-Arms was Colonel Clinton Cole, and the invocation was given by Jonathan Shankles.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations, with over 160,000 members in 4,200 Optimist Clubs in the U.S., Canada, and other nations. Carrying the motto, "Friend of Youth," Optimist Clubs conduct service projects which reach five million young people each year.

This simple poem reminds us that genuine friendship is about the closeness of hands, hearts, and souls. It also, incidentally, captures the profundity of "touch" between Helen Keller and Anne Mansfield Sullivan.



GMC Commercial shot in Mentone

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Mentone once again is the spot to be. A GMC "Jimmy" commercial was shot by Leo Ticheli Productions of Atlanta and Birmingham, at the Little River Hardware store. Mr. Ticheli said that he had visited this area and thought it would be the perfect spot for a dealer commercial. It will be run everywhere in the country. Mentone will not be mentioned as the place where the Little River Hardware is shown in the background. See if you can find any thing wrong with the two pictures above. The commercial had the store featuring, milk, eggs, bread, etc. But, don't expect to see those items on a reg-

ular basis. John Corey, owner of Little River Hardware, was given an acting part in the commercial along with two professionals Kim Whitaker and Brian Matthews, from Los Angeles, CA, playing a husband/wife role in the commercial.

Three vehicles were used in the shooting here in Mentone on February 24. Leo said that Mentone is a beautiful spot in Alabama, and the perfect place for a sport utility vehicle commercial, and the scenery in the area is beautiful. He also said the people here were so friendly and accommodating.

John is donating his location and acting fee to charity. Gwen

Smith, the assistant retail advertising manager for all Pontiac GMC, located in Detroit, Michigan, commented that she, too, had visited this area and found it so much to her liking that when a location spot came up, Mentone was at the top of the list because of its scenery. Those who had been here from the 12-20 crew members said it was like "coming home." The crew stayed at DeSoto State Park while they were in the area filming the commercial. John Corey was very excited that his store was chosen for the location of the commercial.

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FAMILY OF LAWRENCE SMITH AND MARY SMITH

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Melvin M. Smith home near Ider, Alabama. Standing are probably three of his thirteen children and one grandchild. Seated is Melvin M. Smith, b. Jan 13, 1826, m. Esther Blake Oct. 19, 1875, d. Aug. 17 1914. Standing at his side, his wife, Esther (Blake) Smith, b. May 5, 1834, d. Oct. 11 1918. Melvin & Esther are buried at Smith Cem. (Old Pannel Cem.) near Ider, Alabama. Melvin Smith was a brother of Lawrence Smith and came south with him in 1843.

of his life in DeKalb County, Alabama. Their children were as follows: James, Antel, John Paul, Josie, Clyde, Howard, and Gladys. Sherwood died May 21, 1945, at Mentone and Mollie Jane died there May 11, 1960.

My father, John Paul Smith*, son of Sherwood and Mollie Jane Smith, was born December 29, 1896, near Mentone, Alabama. He served in WWI in France and later married Nettie Jane Crow of Mentone, on August 3, 1919. She was the daughter of John Morgan Crow and Martha Levona McRae Crow. John Paul settled in

Mentone and was at first a farmer, then a coal miner, a DeKalb County employee, and last a section hand for the AGS Railroad. Their children are as follows: Levona Cooper, Dorothy Gray, Ernest, Catherine Henley, John Paul, Jr, Geraldine Ellis, and Guy. John Paul died May 21, 1979. Nettie Jane survives and will be age 97 on November 25, 1998.

*Several pictures of the John Paul Smith Family appeared in the July 1995 issue of The Groundhog

Family Record
 Lawrence Smith
 was born April 1st 1818
 Mary Smith
 was born August 26th 1818
 Lawrence & Mary Smith
 were married May 16th 1841
 Virgil Annisiah Smith
 was born March 25th 1842
 Jerome Phelps Smith
 was born June 25th 1846
 Lewis Miller Smith
 was born Oct 21st 1850
 Lammie Dora Smith
 was born July 14th 1852
 Lucy Ann Smith
 was born May 22nd 1854
 Albert Plum Smith
 was born Nov 14th 1856
 Laura Ann Smith
 was born August 27th 1857
 Sherwood Montrose Smith
 was born Oct 21st 1862

Photocopy of Smith Family record - penned by Lawrence Smith, Sr.



Wife of Lawrence Smith Sr.
 Mary Mariah Smith, Ca. 1842



Son of Lawrence Smith Sr.
 Sherwood M. Smith ca. 1880s
 Los Angeles, Calif.



Son of Lawrence Smith Sr.
 Albert Plum Smith, b. 14 Nov 1856, m. Margaret
 Glass 4 Mar 1880, d. 8 Oct 1908, bur. at AMI
 Cem. near Menlo

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THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT.

On the 11th day of November, 1620 (old style), there was drawn on the lid of a chest on board of the Mayflower, at Cape-Codd, and signed by forty-one of the principal men of the first band of Pilgrims, a platform of government known as the Compact, and which gave to these people the claim of being the first "Signers" of this great and free United States of America.

THE COMPACT.

The following is the full text of the compact:

IN YE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

We whole names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by ye grace of God, of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King, defender of ye faith, etc., having undertaken for ye glory of God and advancement of ye Christian faith, and honour of our King and countrie, a voyage to plant ye first Colonie in ye Northern parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly, and mutually, in ye presence of God, and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of ye end aforesaid, and by vertue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal lawes, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for ye generall good of ye Colonie, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Codd ye 11 of November, in ye year of ye raigne of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.

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|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. John Turner, | 15. Edward Tilley, | 29. Henry Priest, |
| 2. William Bradford, | 16. John Tyler, | 30. Thomas Willson, |
| 3. Edward Winslow, | 17. Francis Cooke, | 31. Gilbert Winslow, |
| 4. William Brewster, | 18. Thomas Rogers, | 32. Edmund Margeson, |
| 5. Isaac Allerton, | 19. Thomas Tinker, | 33. Peter Brown, |
| 6. Myles Standish, | 20. John Rudde, | 34. Richard Bristowage, |
| 7. John Alden, | 21. Edward Fuller, | 35. George Sear, |
| 8. Samuel Fuller, | 22. John Turner, | 36. Richard Clarke, |
| 9. Christopher Martin, | 23. Francis Eaton, | 37. Richard Gardiner, |
| 10. William Mullins, | 24. James Chilton, | 38. John Sherwin, |
| 11. William W. Hix, | 25. John Crackston, | 39. Thomas Ingalls, |
| 12. Richard Warren, | 26. John Willington, | 40. Edward Dwyer, |
| 13. John Howland, | 27. Isaac Fletcher, | 41. Edward Alden, |
| 14. Stephen Hopkins, | 28. John Goodman, | |

The Mayflower Compact

This was the first written law in the New World

Two of the Smith ancestors were signatories to the Mayflower Compact and two were children at that time. Stephen Hopkins was the 14th signer and Thomas Rogers was the 18th. There were 41 signers in all.

(Copied from booklet, Signers of the Mayflower Compact, Part I, provided by Ernest Smith)



Grandchildren of Lawrence Smith Sr.

Children of Lawrence Dider Smith and Lula Blake Smith: Dave, Virgil, Wallace, and Myrtle Holland



Son of Lawrence Smith Sr.

Lewis Miller Smith and wife, Mary Ann Hixon. Their children were: Albert, Mack, Harvey, Millisa Dunlap, Soprona Humble, wife of Marion Humble



Mollie Jane Smith wife of Sherwood M. Smith ca. 1950s

Seavil of Deaths
Prudence Phelps Smith
Died December 2^d 1856
Virgil Amos Smith
Died August 12^d 1862
The above said boy lie in the Tomb
Low voice whisper from the gloom
Within the grave then yet is room
My Lord and Live in The sky
where words in clouds beauty die
And I shall see them beyond life
Lawrence Smith
A blighted flower within my heart
Again hath freshly bloomed
Alight that in my soul was quenched
Once more is all illumined
And may all goodly things be here
Who with again restore
The joy that had seemed could be
Removed on Earth no more
Oh if it were that human Love
Could live but once on Earth
If it must die with that which first
Crushes it into birth
How cold how drear this world would be
How fleeting human bliss
But thanks to him who teacheth me
Another Love than this
May Earth a similes Eden prove
To her who now supplies
The place of one whose girlhood love
Is now above the skies
Thus thus to me a double share
Of happiness is given
As pure as love as glow on Earth
An angel Love in Heaven

UNITED GIVERS FUND OF DEKALB COUNTY

CONTACT: BARBARA TURNER 845-4006

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED TO BOARD

At its annual membership meeting on February 19, the UGF Organization elected Marcheta Chapman, Philip Brown, Gwen Hill, Barry Higgins, Scott Ross, Thomas Whitten and Jeff Williams as new directors to the 33-member board.

Steve Eberhart, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the slate of nominees for re-election to the board: Karen Albrecht, Lee Cobble, Steve Eberhart, Randy Mitchell, Dr. Michael Parker, Bob Proia, Gene Wright, Scott Bateman, Joyce Ciotta, John Crow, Terry Gillis, Jim Houston, Rick Kuhn, Wilma Leath, Freda Lucy, Herb Martin, Randolph Bell, Gene Cleckler, Ronnie Duncan, Dean Fritz, Sharon Hughes, Chris Kuykendall, Mike O'Dell, Linda Sterling, Dr. Anthony Vizzinia, and Sue Wills.

Following the election of directors, Todd Shirey with Borders & Associates presented the 1997 audit report and congratulated the organization on another outstanding year.

Karen Albrecht, outgoing president, expressed her appreciation to board members, campaign volunteers, and office staff for their support during the past year. She presented Liz Wheatley, 1997-98 Campaign General Chairman, with an engraved plaque and thanked her for being such a cheerful inspiration during the campaign and for her leadership during this very successful campaign.

Member agencies represented at the meeting included: Alabama Easter Seal Society, Boy Scouts, Children's Advocacy Center, Child Development Center, Girl Scouts, and Hospice of Northeast Alabama. Ms. Albrecht expressed her appreciation to all the agencies for the work they do here in the county.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the UGF board met and officers for the year were elected. Chris Kuykendall will serve as President; Joyce Ciotta, Treasurer and Debra Dawson, Secretary.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts program was first started in DeKalb County in the mid-1920's and is now the largest youth organization in the county with over 1400 youth and adult leaders registered. W. M. Beck, Sr. played a big part in bringing the Boy Scout Program to DeKalb County and was the county's first Scoutmaster, leading Troop 64 on many adventures.

Judge Beck was one of a group of key people instrumental in acquiring the land and in helping to start Camp Comer. The Camp, now in its 33rd year of operation, is rated in the top 10 of all scouts camps in the entire nation. The Camp plays host to over 5,000 youth each year. This year's Summer Camping Season will begin on June 7th and run through August 1st.

Events and activities now in progress or planned for this spring and summer include: The Friends of Scouting Campaign which will run through the end of March, the Explorer High Adventure weekend to be held at Camp Comer the weekend of May 16. On April 25th the Pinewood Derby Race will take place at the Talladega Speedway and a Spring Camporee will be held at Buck's Pocket State Park May 1st through 3rd.

According to Jackie Pettit, Sequoyah District Executive, the Cub Scouting Program here in the county is one of the best in the entire Greater Alabama Council with 125 of approximately 600 youth registered in Pack 64 of Fort Payne. He says the Exploring Program is also going great with 25 youth registered in Post 200, the District's newest post organized this past fall at DeKalb BMC.

The Scouting Program, which began here more than 70 years ago, is still going strong. In addition to Judge W. M. Beck, many other people have played a key role in the history of scouting in DeKalb County including William Johnson of the Fisher Community and Troop 75; Dr. C.H. Pate, who served as Scoutmaster for nearly 20 years; W. Y. Shugart, Jr., W. A. Mitchell, Charles Sawyer, who was the first Eagle Scout of Troop 63 and who later served as Scoutmaster for several years.

Today, leaders such as Bill Mitchell, Scoutmaster Troop 164; Don Brown, Scoutmaster Troop 96; Mickey Bobo, Scoutmaster Troop 75; David Gilbreath, Scoutmaster Troop 106; and Jimmy Shankles with Troop 161, devote many hours of their time to help insure that a quality scouting program is available to the youth of our county.

Mr. Pettit says, "The Boy Scouting program in the county has provided great opportunities for many youth over the years. It has been instrumental in instilling values that have carried through to adulthood. The camping and outdoor activities fulfill a scout's need for fun, excitement and adventure. These experiences encourage him to spend quality time with family and friends. Council Camps directed by qualified leaders provide an ideal place for these activities."

Boy Scouts of America was one of the original six agencies funded by the first United Givers Fund Campaign held in the fall of 1958. They are currently one of 13 agencies funded by the annual fundraising campaign.



Girl Scout District IV Father/Daughter Skeet Shoot and Gun Safety Event

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH ALABAMA

The Girl Scout Promise says, "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." The Girl Scout Law says, "I will do my best: to be honest, to be fair, to help where I am needed, to be cheerful, to be friendly and considerate, to be a sister to every Girl Scout, to respect authority, to use resources wisely, to protect and improve the world around me, to show respect for myself and others through my words and actions."

This year, over 400 girls in DeKalb County have made that Girl Scout Promise. They enjoy a variety of exciting year-round activities in an environment essential to the development of a strong sense of self, family, and community. These girls, under the direction of over 100 caring and dependable adult volunteers learn to develop leadership skills, moral values, and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

In the past year, DeKalb County Girl Scouts have participated with the members of the DeKalb County Council on Aging in "Pass It Down Day" where senior citizens taught the girls everything from quilting and pressing flowers to playing horse shoes.

Troops have visited local nursing homes, adopted shut-ins, and provided books and services to local public libraries. The Senior Troop #53 and Cadette Troop #753 fulfilled their dream of touring Europe and visiting the International Girl Scout Centers in England and Switzerland.

The highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award, was earned by Troop #53 who provided training for parents with special needs children. Cadette Girl Scouts in Troops #9 and #753 earned the Girl Scout Silver Award.

Several events are being planned for this spring. One is a program called, "Dream Date" which will be presented in conjunction with the National Children's Advocacy Center. The program teaches girls, boys and their families about dating and relationships in the 1990's. Place, date, and time for this event will be announced later.

On Saturday, April 25, Girl Scouts in District IV invite families and their daughters to come to a repeat of last year's highly successful Father-Daughter Skeet Shoot and Gun Safety Day. This event is provided in conjunction with the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

JoAnn Pearson, a Rainsville resident and the District Director for Girl Scouts of North Alabama in DeKalb, Jackson, and Marshall Counties, says, "None of these activities, or the many others girls and their families participate in, could happen without the support of wonderful volunteers, generous sponsors and the businesses and individuals that support Girl Scouting and the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County."

Girl Scouting is open to all girls in kindergarten through the twelfth grades. Financial assistance is available to both adults and girls who wish to join.

For information on Girl Scouting, The Girl Scout Speakers' Bureau, or to register for upcoming events, call Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. District IV office at 256-582-0093 or 1-800-410-8338.

Girl Scouts of North Alabama is one of 13 agencies supported by contributions to the annual United Givers Fund campaign.



The Salvation Army Thrift Store and Service Center Located at 450 Gault Avenue North

THE SALVATION ARMY

Less than a year after the opening of the new Salvation Army Thrift Store and Service Center in Fort Payne, the store has had to re-locate to a larger facility. Nancy Cobble, Executive Director and Thrift Store manager, says response to the store has been great-both from shoppers and those donating items to be sold in the store.

On February 17, 1998, the store opened in its new location at 450 Gault Avenue North in Fort Payne, across the street from the city park. They are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Thrift Store offers local residents an attractive, clean, and spacious place to shop for used clothing, furniture, appliances, dishes, and other household items at reasonable prices. Merchandise changes almost daily as donated items are brought in and added to the inventory.

Ms. Cobble says that donations are the very life of the Thrift Store. She says they have been extremely pleased with the quantity and the variety of items they've received. Donations can be taken directly to the store during regular store hours. If someone has furniture, appliances, or other large items to donate, they can call the store at 256-997-0858 and arrange for the items to be picked up.

Proceeds from store sales, along with support from United Givers Fund, are used to provide assistance to those facing dire circumstances. Emergency aid in the form of food, medicine, shelter and transportation are just a few of the needs met on an almost daily basis.

Another service offered by Salvation Army is disaster assistance. In the event of a major disaster, they work in cooperation with other voluntary organizations under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In the last quarter of 1997 alone, The Salvation Army assisted 20 families who were victims of a household fire or were homeless and trying to set up housekeeping. These families received clothing, shoes, furniture, and household items from the Thrift Store. Financial assistance was given to 95 families in the form of prescriptions, rent, utility payments or other emergency assistance.

During the Christmas Holidays, the Salvation Army provided gifts to 64 residents of nursing homes here in the county. They gave out 20 food boxes, gave 100 new sleeping bags and 100 new stuffed animals to children for Christmas.

The Salvation Army has been at work in DeKalb County since 1958. The agency was one of the original six agencies to be funded by the newly-organized United Givers Fund of DeKalb County following their first fundraising drive in the fall of 1958.

Now, in 1998, The Salvation Army is one of 13 UGF member agencies working hard to make a difference in the lives of DeKalb County residents.

WILSON FUNERAL HOME

3801 Gault Ave. N.
P.O. Box 30
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(205) 845-9150

24-hour Obituary Information Line
205-997-9867

FIRST GRADE

All A's: Jennifer Britton, Courtney Chilson, Marjorie Harper, Kacie Hicks, Sydney Hixon, Natasha Lewis, Sara McSpadden, Brittany Miller, Cody Atkins, Ariana Beard, Andrew Cooper, Jessica Templeton.

A's and B's: Marcus Crider, Brittany Freeman, Alex Johnson, Chris Moss, Bo Barrier, Amanda Carson, Nicole Gass, Cody Gabbart, Patti Grider, Decker Jones, Daniel Poe, Coty Powell, Jeremiah Robertson.

SECOND GRADE

All A's: Larry Bradbury, Matt Fuller, Jessica Goodwin, Megan Gregory, Justin Grider, Danielle Johnson, Savanna Weller.

A's and B's: Casey Battles, Carla Ellis, Janette Williams.

THIRD GRADE

All A's: Tyler Gatlin, Amelia Hannah, Dallas Manning, Billy Wallace, Ethan Lewis, Zachary Cooper.

A's and B's: Amber Carrier, Alan Crider, Joshua Williams, Amber White, Ashley Tinker, Robert Kauble, Cory Dobbins.

Joseph Arwood.

FOURTH GRADE

All A's: Dustin Davis, Brandy Ellis, Tyler Harrison, Sheena Moses, Hillary Nicholas, Becky Terrell.

A's and B's: Christina Armstrong, Trista Blackmon.

FIFTH GRADE

All A's: Chris Miller, Matt Battles, Amber Hannah, Ben Windown.

A's and B's: Kyle Hicks, Billy McKinney, Kim Pritchett, Kim Willbanks, Mandy Brown, Sheena Combs, Heather Freeman.

SIXTH GRADE

All A's: Jeremy Edgeworth, Britt Heinrich, Steven Thornberry.

A's and B's: Robert Brown, Aubrey Ogle, Ashley Tuxbury.

SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: None.
A's and B's: Joshua Hulan, Brandi Lewis, Tessa McKinney.

EIGHTH GRADE

All A's: Stacey Hyde.
A's and B's: Jennifer Blalock.

Jerry Lee Brisendine, Brandy Browder, Lacie Clure, Andrea Grisham, Hilary Lawton, Kayla Wilbanks.

NINTH GRADE

All A's: None.
A's and B's: Jessica Barrier, Eric Battles, Shelley Brown, Slade Carden, Beth Moore, William Morgan.

TENTH GRADE

All A's: Jeffery Bullock, Anna Rievley.

A's and B's: Paul Hawkins, Adriane Robertson.

ELEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Ashley Blalock.
A's and B's: Matt Alexander, Tabitha Brisendine, Daniel Brown, Selena Couch, Eric Crane, Toby Crider, Nancy Jeffery, Josh Miller, Shawn Ymon.

TWELFTH GRADE

All A's: Rene Brendle, Teri Campbell, Hanno Perrey, Brandi Shirley.

A's and B's: Krissy Brown, Sandra Hinders, Amy Izell, Kim McElhane, Jana Redish, Heather W. Smith, Shane Storey, Greg Wasson.



HOWARD FINSTER

Finster is Featured in Magazine

Chattooga folk artist, Howard Finster, was featured in the *Oxford American* magazine's recent edition whose theme was Visions of Religion in the South.

The Mississippi-based magazine article was written by Carol Crown and was entitled, "The End of the World With Reverend Howard Finster."

According to the article, Finster's art has been published in *Life* magazine, *The Wall Street Journal*, *People* magazine, and on R.E.M. and the Talking Heads rock album covers.

Finster talked about how his art started and evolved and also talked about the end of the world as he saw it.

Valley Head Elementary News

The Elementary School has recently received new computers. Every class in the elementary building will be getting new math books. Many companies have been sending sample books for the teachers to evaluate.

The elementary school had a Science Fair in February. Fourth grade winners were:

- 1st place - Tiffany Beard
- 2nd place - Trista Blackmon
- 3rd place - Dustin Davis
- Honorable Mention - Christina Armstrong

Fifth grade winners were:

- 1st place - Kory Knopps
- 2nd place - Jacki Davis
- 3rd place - Kyle Hicks
- Honorable Mention - Kim Pritchett and Stacey Ogle

Sixth grade winners were:

- 1st place - Ashley Tuxbury
- 2nd place - Aubrey Ogle
- 3rd place - Jeremy Edgeworth
- Honorable Mention - Robert Brown

The Fifth grade class has been working on several projects. Everyone has been working on their science fair projects and as a class they have been making coal. It has been fun watching it go through the process of decaying. In Mrs. Haymon's class, students are reading biographies and preparing to write book reports. In Ms. Wagner's class fractions are the current topic of study along with the Revolutionary War and the Constitution. Students got to simulate the Stamp Act through a role-playing activity.

Mrs. Bell's and Mrs. Slay's kindergarten class recently went on a field trip to McDonald's. We bet they had lots of fun. Mrs. Carroll's and Mr. Coots' second grade class is learning two digit math and combining sentences into stories. They also have a new student named Steven.

Faculty and students participated in Alabama Aeronautics and Space Education Week March 23-27. The activities include model airplane contest, field day, paper airplane contest and cabin day activities. Games and prizes made the learning fun for everyone involved.

VALLEY HEAD NEWS

By Jessica Barrier

JUNIOR BETA

On Thursday, March 12, Valley Head Junior Beta attended the annual convention held in Montgomery. The members competed in the Banner and Academic competition. They returned on Friday, March 13.

SPANISH CLUB

Recently, the Spanish Club met to discuss the upcoming convention that will be held on April 24 and 25 at The University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa. Members will be competing in a wide range of academic subjects. The Spanish Club will be performing a play at the April 6th PTA meeting.

TIGER PRIDE DAY

On February 28, members of the Valley Head Spanish Club along with members of the Kaolin Garden Club, picked up trash, raked leaves, and cleaned the school grounds. The Woodmen of the World donated a new flagpole that was set up by Ovie Blalock, Johnny Miller, and Josh Miller.



Beth Moore (L)

and her new sister Adriana Miranda (R)

Adriana is from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and is attending Valley Head High School. She arrived in the United States on January 13, and will live with Lisa and Beth Moore until sometime in June this year. Adriana loves it here and is enjoying her stay. She is even considering going to college in the United States here in Alabama. First, she must go back home to Brazil to finish up her senior year, there. She and Beth get along very well and are enjoying being sisters. Adriana has an older sister in Brazil.

Lil' Mole Run organizing golf league

The Men's 1998 Summer Team Golf League at Lil' Mole Run Golf Course in Mentone, will have a 4-man team best ball every Thursday after work (5:15 tee off). League will start April 16 and end Aug. 27.

Teams will be formed following completion of sign-up based on the golfer's average skill level when playing at courses such as Terrapin Hills, Dogwood Hills, Goosepond, DeSoto CC, Rainsville CC, Saddlerock, Lil' Mole Run, or similar courses in the area. Sign-up ends April 1st. Entry fee is \$10 per golfer.

The teams will be competitively matched to provide all teams with a total team skill level as equal as possible to each other.

To sign-up or obtain more information, contact either: Roy Brittain, 845-5315 days, 997-9220 nights; James Russell, 845-1710; Mrs. Denita Manifold at Lil' Mole run, 634-4159.

When signing-up, please provide your address and telephone number, as well as your average skill level for 18 holes as follows:

A-Less than 80; B-80-90; C-90-100; D-More than 100.

DeSoto Rescue Squad

Greetings, friends and neighbors! March is here, along with more wind, more rain, and more fog. Thanks, El Nino! But, on the brighter side, the flowers are beginning to peek out and they are even more beautiful thanks to the highly successful War on Litter! We hope another trash pick up will be organized soon. We'll be ready to go! Unfortunately, litter seems to be in a never-ending supply. Another trash pick up-the Little River Canyon cleanup-was held March 21st. Volunteers met at the check in station at the canyon falls. Everyone was welcome.

Thanks to some much needed donated material, we have framed in our office area in the new building. Much more is needed to be done, but with a little luck and hard work, we hope to be in by summer. Right now, we are in need of insulation and wall covering and floor covering in order to finish our office. Anyone wanting to donate may contact one of the officers listed below. As always, thanks to everyone for your continued support! Anyone with questions or wanting information on membership may contact:

Richard Douthat, Captain -634-4813

Jennifer Smith, 1st Lieut. - 634-4577

Lisa Scott, Sec/Treasurer - 634-4207

DeSoto Rescue Squad

P.O. Box 213

Mentone, AL 35984

DeSoto Rescue Squad is a nonprofit, all-volunteer emergency medical response unit. Your support is greatly appreciated.



DeKalb County Commission President Grady Dalton presenting a \$1,000 check to Captain Richard Douthat of the DeSoto Rescue Squad at a meeting in February at the Community House in Mentone

Annual Easter
Sunrise Services
to be held at the Lee
Crowe Farm
at 7 AM on April 12,
1998.

Randy Addison
will be bringing the
message.
Everyone is
Welcome!



DeKalb County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

In a recent *Shelter Tails Newsletter*, Freda Waters, Director of DeKalb County S.P.C.A. makes a plea for support of the "Gucci Bill", now pending in the Alabama Senate. The bill could change the penalty for extreme animal cruelty. It is an anti-cruelty bill that would make extreme cruelty to animals a class C felony, raising it from a class B misdemeanor. Call, write, fax, and/or E-Mail your State Representatives and Senators. Ask them to please support this bill. The bill numbers are:

the Senate - SB2;

the House - HB 521.

For all you animal lovers out there, please contact one or more of the following to show your support of this bill.

Mailing Address: Your Rep. or Senator
Alabama State House
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36130

	FAX #	PHONE #
House Speaker	334-242-4015	334-242-7668
Lt. Gov Don Siegleman	334-242-4661	334-242-7900
House Members	334-242-4759	334-242-7600
Senate Members	334-242-8819	334-242-7800

E-Mail:

House Speaker Clark: alaspks@mindspring.com
Lt. Gov. Siegleman: DSieglem@wsnet.com
Senate: alasanate@mindspring.com
House: Not available

You may also contact: Gov. Fob James
P.O. Box 124
Montgomery, AL 36101-0123
Fax: 334-242-4541 Toll Free: 1-800-591-4217
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Your Local DeKalb County S.P.C.A. has a

NEEDS LIST

Cleaning Supplies: bleach/Clorox, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, towels, brooms, mops, paper products.

Office Supplies: copier paper, liquid paper, copy machine, computer printer paper, paper clips.

Kennel Supplies: latex exam gloves, blankets, cat litter, pet toys, first aid supplies, stainless steel bowls.

Large Animal Supplies: hay, halters, nose twitch.

Miscellaneous: floor buffer, extension cords, 48" fluorescent lights, light bulbs, paint, cam-corder (to use to educate youngsters at schools and to take the shelter "on the road" to visit groups and organizations as part of the education program).

If you have any of these items, please take them to the shelter at 550 18th Street SW, Fort Payne, Ala. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about community leash laws and proper pet care, and the "Gucci Bill", please contact them at the address below, or call 256-845-9463.

If you would like to make a donation, you may send it to:

DeKalb County S.P.C.A.
P.O. Box 680653
Fort Payne, AL 35967

To become a member of the DeKalb Co. S.P.C.A., dues are as follows, payable to the above address:

\$5.00	Individual
\$2.00	Junior
\$100	Lifetime Member
\$25	S.N.A.P. Fund





Southern Properties

845-6000 Agency, Inc.
302 Gault Ave. S., Fort Payne



(1) Over 1600 sq. ft. of Living Space. This house offers 2 bdrm, 2 bath, Large Kitchen with Island and Breakfast Nook - pine paneling & great closet space. Detached 2-car garage and storage shed on 2 acres. \$78,500.



(2) LESS THAN 2 YEARS OLD, this rustic 2 bedroom cottage with country kitchen is situated on 1 acre. Above standard insulation with 40 year galvalum roof. \$69,900.



(3) WHERE ELSE CAN YOU FIND an easy maintenance brick home featuring 3 bdrms, central heat & air, 2 car garage, concrete drive and yard for only \$72,500? Call today for your appointment to see. **SOLD**



(4) 2 bdrm, 1 bath, frame home on DeSoto Parkway - LR - Dining Room & den with wood floors & Mountain Stone fireplace on over 5 acres - commercial potential. \$74,500.



(5) MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES - 3 to 5 acre tracts on the middle fork of Little River - running into Lake Lanoka. Prices starting at \$27,500. 5 plus acre wooded tracts with mountain stream. Prices starting at \$16,700.



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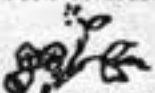
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 By
BERNISE CROW


February was such a short month we hardly had time to realize it was here until it was gone. On the fourth day of the month we had beautiful fluffy snow. At our M.A.P.A. meeting the third, someone came in at Dessie's Restaurant as we were ready to leave and said it was snowing. We all thought it was just a joke but when we opened the door we found it was falling fast. This was sort of wet snow and it clung to every branch of the trees and shrubs, giving a "winter wonderland" look. This kind I love. We made pictures that we could use for Christmas cards. We had about four inches, but the roads were passable and we enjoyed all of it. We were even guests of the Teverinos at Raven Haven the next night and had no problem getting there. Bill Cyr drove his van and that helped!

The most fun we have had during the snow and afterward is watching the many bright colored birds feeding constantly at both feeders at our home. We were happy to have plenty of sunflower seeds that seem to be a favorite with the Purple Finch, Goldfinch, Titmice, Cardinals, Nuthatch, and even woodpeckers. Very little housework was done during this time because it was so much fun to watch our little feathered friends. The snow made their colors stand out vividly. This is the first time we have had many birds frequent our feeders since moving to the Cooper house. They had to check us out and be sure of a good supply of food and water. I have never seen this many birds feeding at one time. We have tried to count them but they flit around so fast it was impossible. We estimated that there was a hundred of them many times. My brother Don Castleberry comes by occasionally and helps us identify some varieties. He said he had some Evening Grosbeaks at his feeder. We have not seen any but maybe we will. They are migratory and would just stop here for food and rest as they make their way north. We are cleaning the Bluebird houses so they will nest on the property. They will not nest where the old nesting material is left in the houses.

I am sorry to have missed Dallyne Jones' program on birds at the last garden club meeting. I am sure it was well done. We can always learn something new about birds.

Spring is not far away because the Robins are hopping around the yard looking under leaves for worms, and the doves are cooing—a sure sign. My grandfather Taylor always said it was time to plant corn when the doves came out with their calls.

Due to the mild winter we have had everything is budding out early. I just hope Jack Frost doesn't nip the fruit trees in the bud. Daffodils have bloomed early and the Rhododendron buds are swelling.

Photo of
 beautiful,
 fluffy snow
 on Cove
 Road in
 Mentone



El Nino has brought terrible weather to many parts of our country but has not hurt us here in our area. California seems to have suffered the most, with Florida coming in second. This is the first time I have heard of El Nino, but there are many things I don't know. It makes me wonder how many years it has been wreaking havoc. We may discuss weather in all phases but can never control its forces. Every year people in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, build flimsy shacks on the sides of the steep mountains and every year floods come and wash them away. They are warned that this will probably happen but somehow we always think it won't happen again. People here in America will rebuild in areas that are constantly being flooded. It is home to them and they refuse to leave. We try to build sturdy weather-proof homes but if a tornado comes, the walls come tumbling down. The good news is that we have good weather monitors and we are warned of the possibility of extreme weather conditions in time to find a safe location. The farmers live with these prevailing weather conditions every year. Let's hope they have a good year and that El Nino calms down and permits a good growing season.

The gardening catalogs keep coming and it makes one want to grab a few seeds, bulbs, or shrubs and start planting. We have a big place to landscape again. The front of the house looks bare but we have planted dwarf Nandinas along the walkways and some others new to me that I cannot name. We want to put in some hollies that produce berries for the birds. Of course, here on the mountain, we do not have to landscape much—just do a little pruning, fertilizing, and mulching, and keep it neat. We do not have a lawn to mow. It is sort of naturalized, with a few things added for color. Mulching is most important for keeping down weeds, protecting shrubs from extreme hot or cold weather, and for holding moisture. Pine needles are good for acid loving plants, such as Azaleas. Hardwood bark is very good for all-purpose mulch. Everyone needs a compost pile for leaves, kitchen scraps, cut grass etc. This can be done in a corner that is not seen and fertilizer added between layers and in a year you will have good soil for planting or using for mulch.

Well you can see that my mind is on gardening and I am rambling. It takes a lot of hard work to have a garden like we want, but after we get a landscape design set up it just takes a little discipline to keep it growing and groomed. Insects are a problem but I won't get into that. They can be controlled organically. Right now I am looking forward to the Redbud blooming. Last year our bluff section was covered with the mauve pink blossoms. We could walk out on the deck and reach out and touch the lovely flowering trees. And these are just naturally there for our enjoyment.

And if we are not successful in our gardening efforts we can always visit Bill and Ann Wright's well-landscaped gardens. And you must know that theirs did not just happen—they work on it. We have a problem with voles at our place. They ate all my tulip bulbs, and I have not replaced them. Maybe in time we can get rid of the voles and have some tulips that I love. We have tried many things but we have not been successful yet. I think rat poison in their holes may do the trick. We don't seem to have as many as we did.

I am happy to report that my sister, Jean Matthews, was able to go to Belize this winter and has returned.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

March, what can one say about this month, except that it instills feelings of buoyancy and joy at the thought of all those gloomy, rainy days about to be over, so we once again feel the sun on our heads and skin. My boys are bouncing off the walls with all kinds of outdoors plans, which, as usual, bear no fruit. They mostly enjoy the outdoors and not being cooped up indoors. For them, being able to go outside whenever they feel like it without bundling up (which we do lightly here in Mentone anyway, compared to other parts of the States) brings joy to their hearts, and to mine--less laundry and dryer use. As we have had the mildest and gentlest winter to date, a lot of people are weary about the beautiful temps and forecasts. They swear that doom is on the way, and judging by the coats of the cows on the farm, I think that we still have some bad weather ahead. So, don't let the lovely temps fool you into planting those summer perennials yet. I made mistakes like that once to often and lost all.

This is also the time to plan new flower or veggie beds and to try out some of the new plants that have been bio-tech engineered to give better produce. Please keep in mind the very mild winter and what that means--an abundance of pests for the season. So be prepared for them. Last year, most of the shops that sold pesticides ran out half way through the season, and I had to find alternative pesticides--mostly from chemicals found in my home.

The wildflower **St. John's-wort** (*hypericum perforatum*) has been used in herbal medicine to ward off anxiety and depression for thousands of years, and its extract, sold in gelatin capsules, is now a much touted staple of natural-food stores across the country. If you want natural, grow it yourself as the flower is so easy to grow that it has become a nuisance in Western range lands. Planted in the spring, St. John's-wort produces star-shaped yellow flowers. Seed packets are available this year in several seed catalogues, or call **Seeds of Change** at 888-762-7333 for a catalogue.

If you have a busy life and don't want to spend too much time on planting and caring each year, the way to go is perennials. I found a list of twenty easy-care perennials:

Yarrow (*Achillea*) - good for barren, dry areas. Roadside yarrows (milfoil) is a common specie.

Columbine (*Aquilegia*) - so named after the Latin word *columba* which means doves, and the *equila* is Latin for eagle, *equilegus* means water-drawing, which the plant certainly does with its long roots.

Wormwood (*Artemisia abrotanum*) - also known as "the old man" and southern-wood, as is the herb tarragon, which is used to make absinthe. Several types of western sagebrush are artemisias--they favor dry, poor soils, which is their native habitat. They also propagate well.

Aster - means "star" in Greek. There are over 600 species of wild asters, most of them in North America, but there are three types that bring welcome color to the summer/fall garden. I found that they like this area as they have given me years of wonderful color until the really cold weather moves in.

Campanula (*Bellflower*) - the most common campanula in the perennial garden is *Campanula glomerata*. This plant feels rough and scratchy to the touch, and, instead of graceful, nodding bells, it has funnel-shaped flowers of intense violet-blue or purple, which stick out from the tops of the 18" stems and occur in smaller numbers around the leaf axils.

Chrysanthemum (formerly *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*, now classified as *Leucanthemum vulgare*) - originally from China. Hardy mums which are *Chrysanthemum morifolium* hybrids for the most part. The garden classes are button mums, cushion mums, decorative types, pompoms and single types.

Coreopsis - comes from the Greek word *Coreopsis* meaning "resembles a bug" which pertains to the seeds. In the US it's known as tickseed. It is one of the longest blooming perennials. Avoid planting it in a very dry location. It is disease-prone, especially to rots and fungus and virus.

Delphinium - demand extra efforts, they are finicky plants. They can't take scorching summers and droughty soils and needs lots of nutrients.

Dianthus (Pinks) - they like average, slightly alkaline, soil. Like delphinium, they need light and air to prevent disease. Very hot summers discourages them but, in

the South or hot parts of the West and Midwest, a little shade, humusy and moist soil with mulching should help to keep them going.

Geranium (*Cranesbill*) - botanical name *Pelargonium*. The cranesbill is a hardy geranium that prefers full sun.

Hemerocallis (*Daylily*) - Robert E. Lee said that daylilies would be the sign of a neglected garden. They seem to be the heart of the perennial garden. They are care-free and edible right down to their fleshy roots. Daylilies tubers find nourishment and water even when grown over roots of trees and shrubs. If you want to hasten the increase of a planting, you can easily divide the clumps of tubers in spring or in mid-September. They adapt to a wide variety of soils and environmental conditions. In southern areas, daylilies are best grown in partial shade.

Hosta are indispensable plants in the shady parts of the perennial garden. They are grown for their leaves. In full sun, hostas tend to lose color and vigor. They prefer a humusy, well-drained soil.

Iris - the name was supposedly given to the flower by *Dioscorides* because of its resemblance to the rainbow of heaven. The German iris usually suffers from the iris borer, which can be kept at bay by good sanitation.

Lilium (*Lily*) - fragrant, gloriously beautiful (I am biased, I love lilies), easy to grow and easy to propagate. The **Lilium canadense** is at home in wet, boggy soil, but all lilies like slightly acid, humusy loam that's not too rich in nitrogen, average, garden soil improved with leaf mold or peat moss is perfect. As the saying goes, "lilies like their heads in the sun and their feet in the shade."

Paeonia (*Peony*) - peonies are best dug and divided in spring or late August. They can be moved in early summer, if watered well. To divide, first dig up the root ball and shake off the soil, then divide the ball so that each piece of root has at least three eyes. The eyes are the reddish growing buds that emerge from the tops of the roots and which you'll find in early spring and fall.

Papaver (*Poppy*) - oriental poppies are hard to get rid of once they get their roots going. Poppies will do all the filling-in you want, so division is not needed. Like peonies, poppies don't do well in zone 10.

Phlox - is notoriously subject to mildew in warm, humid conditions. To prevent mildew, keep the plants about 2' apart so that air can circulate freely among the leaves. Phlox in areas of poorer soil seems to be prone to mildew, so plant them in rich, humusy soil. They can be divided in the spring or early September. It is a fairly prolific seed sower, and seedlings usually produce uninspiring flower colors. Another May-June bloomer is *Phlox subulata* or moss pinks. This plant is the bright carpet of springtime color that people often grow along the edges of their lawns. *Phlox stolonifera* is a similar low-growing species that spreads from underground stolons. It produces clusters of clear blue flowers rather than the mat effect of *Phlox subulata*.

Primula (*Primrose*) - these are not low-maintenance and sometimes act like biennials in warmer climates. Most primroses grow easily from seed. They like cool, moist summers and some varieties require relatively mild winters.

Veronica - grow on tall spires that open their small blossoms from the bottom up. They are sun-lovers and need good, well-drained soil, and they grow well in zones 4 - 8. They are trouble-free plants with no insect or disease problems.

Viola - violets and pansies belong to the *viola* genus. One can divide violets after spring bloom, but they are most often propagated from the offset plants that arise near a parent. They are also usually grown from seed very easily. Most pansies and violets prefer partial shade because of their woodland heritage.

Keep in mind the wet, wet winter we have had here in Mentone and be prepared for an abundance of beetles. So, keep an abundant supply of **Dipel** or **Bt** on hand, and begin spraying as soon as you can. For tree borers, keep blocks of chewing tobacco handy. To make the solution, put the block on a sock or knee-high and soak it in a gallon of warm water and let it stew for a few days. When needed, use one cup to one gallon of water.

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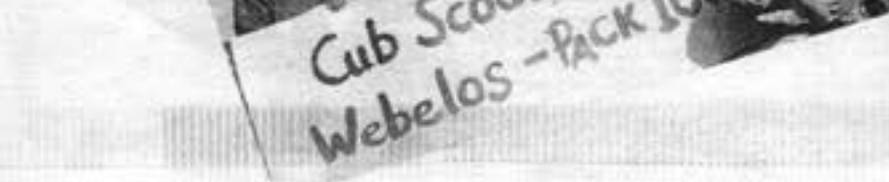
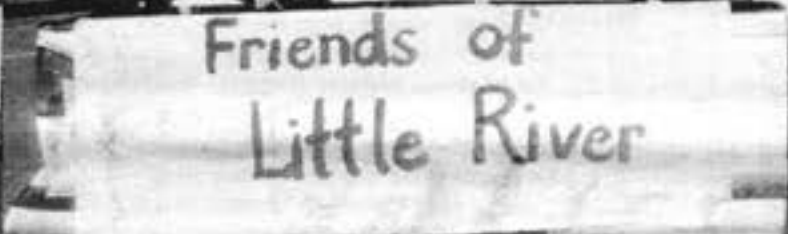


Approximately 90 people answered the "Litter" battle cry, joining the R. Garden Club and others, Saturday, Feb. 7, for a litter pick-up along the roadsides. "There was an eagerness in the group and a unity to the occasion," club president Max Wilkinson said.

Starting at Mentone Town Hall, citizens were assigned to receive litter pick-up assignments (provided by the Alabama Department of Transportation--Troy Bell pictured, above). Wilkinson and Mentone Mayor Max Wilkinson gave safety instructions. Organizations and individuals formed litter pick-up groups. One group had a pickup truck assigned to them as it was picked up.

The Mentone Police Department, Fire Rescue Squad, and the North Lookout Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department supported the workers with their officers and manpower.

When each group finished its assignment,



the "War on Litter" campaign in Mentone, Georgia, on Tuesday, January 21, in support of the "War on Litter."

Volunteers then enjoyed refreshments provided by the Rhododendron Garden Club and compared notes on how much litter was picked up. Volunteers estimated that they worked the equivalent of four 40-hour weeks during Saturday's land walk.

"What a great job," Wilkinson said. "What a huge pile of litter bags. What a beautiful mountaintop." Wilkinson said the club wanted to thank everyone who participated.

In April there will be a countywide litter clean-up. Churches, Adopt-A-Miles, clubs, businesses, and individuals in Fyffe, Henagar, Fort Payne, Collinsville, Sylvania, and Rainsville will be asked to participate. To volunteer, call Bill Springer at 845-9605. Help clean up your area, get involved, volunteer.

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GUIDELINES FOR JIMMY McCARY SCHOLARSHIP

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church now has applications available for the Jimmy McCary Scholarship Fund. This fund has provided many scholarships to students from the local area for quite a few years, and we will be taking applications from qualified candidates before May 1, 1998.

The guidelines for these scholarships are:

1. We must receive a fully completed scholarship application and family financial statement by the established deadline each year. Forms received after the deadline will generally not be considered, since we have limited funds and a large number of applicants.
 2. This scholarship is ordinarily only available to Mentone and Valley Head residents.
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Through adult education, many individuals have had the opportunity to get their GED, which has enabled them to secure or upgrade their employment or attend college or technical school. Many others have enriched their lives by learning to read and write. Adult education has lessened the burden for our welfare system because it has helped many public assistance recipients to become self-sufficient. The GED graduation is one way to express congratulations to those students who have worked so hard.

Any adult (including those who did not attend adult education classes) who has successfully completed the GED Test and has not previously participated in a graduation is invited to be a part of this ceremony. All family and friends are also welcome to attend the graduation exercises. Those interested in participating in the GED graduation or anyone needing more information should contact the adult education program at 256-638-2957 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GED CLASSES

Anyone 18 years of age or older may enroll in the adult education classes offered FREE by the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program. Classes are designed to help you improve your skills in English, math, social studies, science, and reading, and to help you prepare for the GED Test. High school graduates may attend for brush-up also. There is no charge for the classes, and the books and materials are provided FREE. You may enroll at any time by attending the class most convenient to you. Classes are taught by qualified teachers on an individualized instruction basis and are self-paced. For further information, you may call one of the numbers listed below, or you may contact your local board of education or the Adult Education Coordinator in Rainsville, at 256-638-2957 (see other numbers below) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Classes are being held at the following locations:

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Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 2nd, and First Graders must be six on or before September 2nd.

State Certified Birth Certificates are required for enrollment. Other records are not acceptable, but may be used to obtain a State Certified Birth Certificate. Applications may be obtained from the Administrative and Environmental Office located at 302 Alabama Avenue SW, Ft. Payne.

The Health Department, 500 Grand Avenue N, Ft. Payne, will provide immunizations for any student who needs them. All students, K-12, will be required to have a blue slip on file for the 98-99 school term. Students transferring into the system need to bring their yellow card to the Health Department.

Students are required to have a Social Security Card in keeping with state regulations. Parents are advised to begin the process of obtaining all necessary records for the 98-99 term.

Moon Lake School pre-registration is Wednesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. until noon.



Walter E. Zange and Shirley M. Zange

Shirley M. Collins and Sgt. Walter E. Zange of Pittsburgh, Penn., were married Dec. 3, 1997, at Oak Grove, Ky.

Shirley's parents are the late Robert Collins of Valle Head and Jewell Rogers of Mentone.

Walter's parents are the late Walter Eugene Zange, Sr. and Mrs. Carolyn Gavasto of Pittsburgh, Penn.

The couple is living in Oak Grove, Ky., close to Fort Campbell, Ky., where Sgt. Zange is now stationed.

--PUBLIC NOTICE--

On March 19, 1998, the Planning Commission met at the Town Hall, under the direction of a new chairman/administrator, C. E. Britt. At that meeting it was agreed that the citizens of Mentone should be re-apprised of the requirements of the

ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED JUNE 1, 1992 and AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 94-3, by the TOWN OF MENTONE

"It shall be UNLAWFUL to commence construction of any building or other structure, including accessory structures, or signs, or the moving or alteration of ANY structure until the Zoning Administrator has issued for such work a CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE."

This is including, but not limited to: New Construction, Remodeling, Storage Buildings, Garages, Porches, and Placing or Moving Manufactured Homes (Mobile Homes).

The Town of Mentone, Alabama, is divided into the following Districts:

Rural District RD

Residential District One R-1

Residential District Two R-2

Residential District Three R-3

Residential District Four R-4

Residential District Five R-5

Central Business District CBD

Retail Business District B-1

General Business District B-2

Manufacturing District M

Mobile Home Park District MHP

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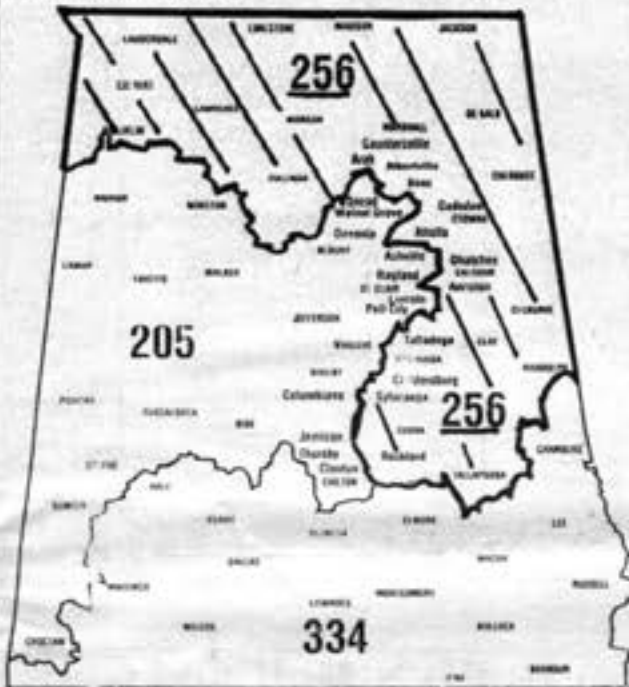
Application Forms are available at Mentone Town Hall, or you may call the Zoning Administrator with your request at 256-634-4278.

Area code changed to 256

Beginning March 23, the area code in much of north, northeastern and eastern Alabama changed to 256 from 205. See the map and chart below to show the areas and prefixes affected. The rest of the existing "205" area code remains unchanged.

The transition dialing period will continue until September 28, when customers will be required to use the 256 area code when completing long distance calls into and within the area. The new area code 256 becomes "Mandatory" on September 28.

BellSouth has established a special 24-hour toll-free line to answer questions about the area code change. The telephone number is 1-800-946-7941. TTY (text telephone for deaf or hard-of-hearing customers) users may call 557-6254 from within Alabama.



List of Prefixes affected by new 256 Area Code.

Your Alabama area code will change from 205 to the new 256 area code if your seven-digit telephone number begins with one of the following prefixes:

201	253	337	413	473	538	604	721	776	878
207	255	340	415	475	539	606	722	777	880
208	258	341	416	478	543	614	723	778	881
210	259	350	417	479	544	623	725	779	882
212	260	351	418	482	545	627	726	782	883
215	262	352	420	484	546	632	728	784	885
216	264	353	421	488	547	634	729	786	889
218	268	354	422	490	548	635	730	810	891
219	270	355	423	492	549	637	732	820	892
220	277	356	430	493	551	638	734	825	894
224	279	357	431	494	552	643	736	828	895
225	281	358	433	495	561	650	737	829	896
227	282	359	435	498	563	651	739	830	905
228	283	360	437	503	564	653	740	831	920
229	285	362	438	504	565	656	747	832	922
230	287	363	441	505	566	657	748	835	927
231	292	370	442	506	568	659	751	837	931
232	296	377	446	508	569	679	753	839	955
233	299	378	447	509	570	682	757	840	961
234	301	379	448	512	571	683	760	842	963
235	303	381	449	514	572	684	761	844	964
236	304	382	450	517	574	685	762	845	971
237	306	383	451	518	575	703	764	846	974
238	308	386	452	519	577	704	765	847	983
239	309	389	453	523	579	705	766	848	984
240	313	390	454	524	580	707	767	851	996
241	314	393	456	526	582	708	768	852	997
244	315	395	460	528	584	709	769	855	
245	317	396	461	532	586	710	771	858	
246	329	397	462	533	587	717	772	859	
247	331	401	463	534	593	718	773	860	
248	332	404	464	535	597	719	774	864	
249	335	409	471	536	603	720	775	876	



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend services with them. 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.) Pastor Tanner states they would most assuredly be blessed by your presence. (Hebrews 10:23-25). Women's Breakfast is every third Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. The church is still working on the church facilities. In an effort to continue the work, there will be a barbecue lunch and singing on April 19. There will be Sunday School at 10 AM, and the singing will begin at 11 AM. Everyone please attend all or part of the service. Donations will go toward the building fund.

Valley Head Baptist Church reports two new Christians were baptized on March 8. A church dinner was served on March 15 and donations were applied to the building fund. This will be repeated every third Sunday of each month. Every Tuesday at 7 PM the church will have a church visitation program. March 22-25 there was a revival with Reverend Woody Lee of Lafayette, Georgia, as evangelist. Special music was featured each night. On March 29, Communion will be observed immediately following the morning worship service. There will be a vesper service from 5 - 7 PM, with games, fellowship and refreshments. On April 5, Palm Sunday, the church choir will present an **Easter Cantata, entitled "Because He Lives" at 6 PM**. The public is cordially invited. April 7, at 2 PM, the Women on Mission will meet at Lynn Jenkins' home. On April 8 at 6 PM, there will be a church supper followed by a business meeting. There will be a Brotherhood meeting on April 11, at 8 AM. At 10 AM on this date there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. March 27, JOY will meet at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Cub and Boy Scouts meet at 6:30 PM on March 30. Team Kid is under construction. The new time will be 6:30-7:30 PM. The van will begin running at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. We will be using new exciting curriculum and be creative in involving others in this exciting program. The Youth and Youth Ministry team of Moon Lake with the purpose of investing in the community of Mentone and fulfilling God's Great Command to Love your Neighbor will be exploding onto the scene with **Change Your World** April 2-5, 1998. How may we serve you or your neighbor? (example: cleaning, light construction work, etc.) We also need your help. Would you be willing to host some students in your home, help provide a meal, help serve a meal? Please Contact David Tucker at 635-6644 for more information. Sunday, March 22, was a sad time for **Moon Lake Church** as this was the last Sunday for Reverend Hill Russell to serve as pastor. He has accepted a pastorate in Tennessee. A farewell dinner was given for him with love gifts of money by the members. Brother Hill, you and Gloria will be sorely missed!

Mentone United Methodist Church invites you to regular services at 11 AM each Sunday, with Sunday School at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bible study on the book of Mark continues each Wednesday at 11 AM in the fellowship hall. Rev. John Tucker of Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church is conducting the study. Following the study, a light lunch is served. March 22, lay speaker Allen Copeland from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fort Payne addressed the congregation. Pastor Linda Tucker was in Gadsden at the First Methodist Church in Gadsden to receive a Harding Scholarship. She is one of several recipients from North Alabama being honored with a scholarship. On the

fifth Sunday, March 29, a **guest speaker, Costa deOliveira from Angola, Africa**, will be bringing the message. Following the morning service, will be our regular fifth Sunday **covered dish dinner**. Come and be a part of the service, and enjoy a great meal and have fellowship with each other.

Only Believe...ministry/Apostle Curtis Moore held a special three-day revival in the promenade hall in Valley Head March 13-15. Apostle Curtis Moore is from Dalton Ga. The HOLY GHOST filled the services mightily. Regular services are as follows: Monday night (prayer) 6:30 PM. Thursday 6:30 PM Sunday 2:30 PM. We are a non-denominational/full gospel church. Pastor Susan Kendrick welcomes everyone to come and be a part of this work.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services at the Woodmen of The World Hall in Valley Head. Everyone is invited to services each Saturday 9:20 AM, Song Service, 9:30-10:45 AM-Sabbath School, 11:00-12:00 worship service. Pastor Wilbur Atwood, Lay Pastor - Hill Pyke. We want to thank each visitor who attended "Friends Day" on Feb. 14. We had a wonderful musical blessing provided by Wayne Atwood. Our church felt truly blessed to have everyone join us.

Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9 o'clock each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers at 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 10:00 and 11:00 AM services and evening services will be at 7:00 and 9:00 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 GAs and RAs 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 Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church members believe they are having the best services ever and feel blessed by their pastor, James Brady, who resides in Trion, Ga. Many new members have joined the church and new visitors are regularly coming in to enjoy the services. Sunday School begins at 10 AM. Worship Hour at 11 AM, Sunday Evening Service at 6 PM, and Wednesday Night Services at 7 PM. All times are eastern. The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly Gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. March 28, "The Daves Trio" from Rome, Ga. will be singing at 7 PM. Supper will be prior to the singing. Bring a covered dish, if you like. at 6 PM. April 12 will be our Sunrise Services. Everyone come out and enjoy the services. Breakfast will be served afterward. On April 25, "The Willing Vessels" sing at 7 PM, preceded by supper at 6 PM. Bring a friend. On May 23, "No Doubt" Gospel group will be performing. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church. This new church year holds great promise for Mount Calvary. Great things are happening and God continues to Bless. Please remember Pastor James and wife Evelyn Brady. Both have been in the hospital recently for heart trouble.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church**, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on County Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM. Morning Worship - 11:00 AM. Evening Worship - 6:00 PM. Wednesday Night Prayer - 6:00 PM.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has Parish cleanup day on Saturday, April 4, beginning at 9 AM. Coffee and rolls prior to beginning work. Palm Sunday, April 5, Distribution of Palms at 10 a.m., beginning outside and processing inside the church. Maundy-Thursdays, April 9, services at 7 PM. April 10, Good Friday service, 7 AM. Saturday, April 11, Easter vigil in evening beginning at 6:30 PM, with covered dish at Camp DeSoto. Candle light service to the theater, beginning 7:30 PM. Easter, April 12, a special flowering of the Cross for the Children at 10 AM, followed by the regular 10:30 AM service. The weekend of May 2-3 Rev. Ed Henegar from Durham, NC, will be here to do a special "Life Together" seminar, a part of the Mid Ferry Teaching Series. This will be on May 2nd, and a special evening teaching session, with a covered dish meal followed by music and the presentation. There is no charge. Rev. Henegar will preach on Sun May 3, in the morning service. Everyone is invited.

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IT'S A GIRL!!



Avery Jordan Burke

Scott and Cheri Burke are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Jordan. She was born October 2, 1997, at 3:41 p.m. at Gadsden Regional Hospital. Avery weighed 3 lbs. 15 oz. and was 17 inches long. Proud grandparents are Leonard and Amy Keith of Mentone, Dot and Gary Burke of Collinsville. Proud Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Keith, Sr. of Mentone, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dunlap of Crossville, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Burke of Collinsville, and Mr. T.W. Smith of Pisgah. Avery has one very, very proud uncle, Nathan Keith, Mentone.

IT'S A BOY!



Dustin Paul Blalock

Dustin Paul Blalock was born March 3, 1998. He weighed 8 lbs, 4 oz., and was 19.5 inches long. His parents are Barry and Rhonda Blalock of Mentone; he has a sister, Erica, 4 years old; and grandparents are Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone and Bruce and Carolyn Crain of Menlo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lisa Huskey Patterson

We would like to wish our daughter, Lisa, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., a Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

Her birthday was March 2, and her Anniversary was March 16.

We love you,

From Mom & Dad & Tyler

CONGRATULATIONS



Clay Sanders

The Gainesville Middle School boys basketball team recently won the Hall County tournament held at Johnson High School. Clay Sanders played point guard for Gainesville and was chosen to the all-tournament team. He is the grandson of John and Bobbie Smith of Mentone and the late T.J. and Susie Sanders of Pendergrass, GA. His great grandparents are Evelyn Bain and the late J.R. Bain, Nettie Smith, and the late Paul Smith, all of Mentone.



William H. Cash

In memory of William H. Cash, who died February 17, 1997, and whose birthday was March 8. We miss you, wife Jo Ann Cash and family.



FIVE GENERATIONS

Emma Jean Pena (back) Great Granddaughter; Jennifer Nolen, Brenda Nolen, Granddaughter holding Great Great Granddaughter, Jessica Nolen; and Della Flannigan. (Picture taken 1997)

Della Flannigan has been a member of the Church of God of Prophecy for many years. She was a farmer and raised six children: Eloise Lance, William Flannigan, L.M. Flannigan, Emma Jean Pena, Charles Flannigan, and James Flannigan.



Annual Easter
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Randy Addison
will be bringing the
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Everyone is Welcome!

Greetings from the Fire Hall!

It has been a busy winter with the board of directors of the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. At our January meeting, we welcomed Bud Fielder as our newest board member. Bud is a valued member of our board and we are looking forward to working together in the coming year. It is always great to have a new board member come along with new ideas and to help us renew our enthusiasm.

Our annual yard sale is set this year for May 2nd. We are now collecting nearly new merchandise for this annual event. If you have anything of value which you would like to donate to the fire department yard sale, please call one of the fire department volunteers or one of the board members and they will arrange to have your donation picked up. This is one of our major fund raising events of the year and to make it a success we must have a good variety of merchandise available for sale. So please look around your house and garage, gather your goods together, and then give us a call and we will even arrange to have it picked up. Receipts will be available for your tax deductions! Last year our yard sale brought in \$1,200 which went toward the upkeep of the fire department equipment. This year our goal is \$2,000, which we can achieve with your help.

As you can imagine it takes a lot of equipment to keep a fire department operational, and the most important single piece of equipment is the fire truck. We currently have two pumper trucks in our fleet, a 1978 Ford and a 1956 GMC. All of you who own automobiles know that the older the vehicle the more expense there is in keeping them up. When you have vehicles that are 20 and 42 years old the expense and the availability of parts become major factors. For this reason we have started a fund to raise \$\$\$ to replace our older GMC pumper. It is no longer practical to keep this truck operational. If you would care to make a tax deductible donation please send your checks to:

North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department
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I am excited to announce that the Alabama Fire College will be starting the Volunteer Fire Fighter Certification Course in DeKalb County. This course is for all new volunteers and also for any existing volunteers. If any of you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer this is a great time to sign up. There is no cost to you for the certified course but it does take a major commitment of time. The current plans are to offer the course one evening per week and the course requires 160 hours. For more information give me a call at 634-4516.

The fire station is in need of a TV and VCR. These items will be used to view training tapes for the local volunteers. If you have any extras around the house which would be suitable for this use please give us a call.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I hope all of you are well and enjoying life. We are looking forward to spring with all of its promise of new things and fresh foods to enjoy. I seem to be having a craving for lots of fresh raw fruits lately and have found a couple of recipes that I have enjoyed that I hope you will, too. The apple salad is a nice alternative to Waldorf salad, and I inadvertently created a carrot salad recipe the other day that turned out to be good. I was trying to make a carrot salad and the only dressing I had was some Marzetti's light slaw dressing. I put it in the salad and it was a hit.

APPLE SALAD

Salad:

2 large Red Delicious Apples cored but unpeeled
and cut into chunks

2/3 cup crushed pineapple, juice reserved

1/3 C celery, diced

2 Tablespoons raisins

Dressing:

3 Tablespoons plain low-fat yogurt

2 Teaspoons mayonnaise

1 Tablespoon pineapple juice

1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1. In a medium bowl, combine the salad ingredients.

2. In a small bowl, combine the dressing ingredients, and blend the dressing with the fruit mixture. Makes 4 one-cup servings.

CARROT SALAD

2 Cups grated carrots

2 Tablespoons raisins

2 Tablespoons toasted walnuts chopped

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

March has been a wild roaring beast— Hopefully, it will creep out like a gentle lamb, to welcome April.

If you would like to enjoy a feast of delicious food, go to the Valley Head Baptist Church on the third Sunday of the month. Their good cooks prepare a great variety of food that you can enjoy for a donation to their building fund—after church at 12:15.

The Sunshine Club met Feb. 26, at the home of Jean Jones. I gave the devotional and Gladys Cobble and Ruth Pickett gave humorous readings. Others present were Elizabeth Bauerle, Evelyn Clark, Billie Harper, Verence Hawkins, Lillie Bowden, Sue Clark, and Jean Jones. The next meeting will be a Dutch luncheon at the Little River Cafe, March 26.

The Valley Head UMW met Feb. 23, at the home of Venna Livingston. The video, "A Day of New Beginnings," was shown and plans discussed for the year. Present were: Mary Holleman, Adelaide Biddle, Laura Margaret Allison, Melinda and Amelia Adkins, Ansley McGinnis, and Eloise Brown. The Day of Prayer Service was March 23.

Velma Hammond spent a few days with Nita Young at her home in Chattanooga.

Peachie and David Cearley visited her mother, Laura Margaret Allison, and took her home with them. she enjoyed several days visit with them, helping them get settled in their new home at Alpharetta, Ga.

Billie Pickett and Ruth and Bert Pickett, are looking forward to a real birthday celebration on March 28, at Mt. Vernon Restaurant, in Chattanooga, given by Ruth and Bert's children. Billie's birthday is April 1, Ruth's is April 2, and Bert's is March 23. Happy Birthday to all!

Geneva Smith is at home after spending a few days at BMC, DeKalb. We hope she will be completely recovered soon.

Venna Livingston visited her sister Madge Sparks at Fort Oglethorpe recently.

Olene Roberts was visiting her daughter Martha Joan Killian and husband, Gerald, in Aiken, SC. They were called to Cassada, Ala., for the funeral of Olene's brother-in-law, Frank Hixon, on March 16. His wife was Olene's sister, Mozelle Cooper. He was born and reared in Valley Head and was brought to Valley Head Cemetery for burial.

We have two new businesses in Hammondville: Hoot's Auto Sales and J&J Used Furniture. We wish good success for them.

Gracie Brown and Amanda and Dillon are spending the weekend with Gracie's family, the Coy Butlers, in Cartersville, Ga.

We appreciate so much the excellent clean up job Harry Smith did on the Valley Head Methodist Church yard. You are a good boy, Harry Smith!

Congratulations to the following:

•Daniel Barker, who was named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter at LaGrange College;

•Alex Jones who was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at the University of Alabama;

•Robert Hale, who was named to the Dean's List at Gadsden State; and

•Terri Campbell for her D.A.R. honor.

Also congratulations to Valley Head's star athletes:

•Ashley Blalock, all area point guard, regional tournament, most valuable player All State Team and Time's Journal All Stars team;

•Amanda Hall and Terri Campbell who made the All-Star second team;

•and to all the Lady Tigers for a good season.

It seems that Winter is still fighting to stay around after laying the Jonquils low. I'll be so glad to see it go and for warmer breezes to blow—but we have been lucky wherewithal so far.

Easter's Holy Hope

At this holy season of rebirth,
When new life comes to an eager earth,
As each blade of grass and leaf of green
And bountiful blooms color the scene
Of springtime's beautiful perfection,
All proving the glory of resurrection.

The dogwood abloom, once straight and tall,
Now grows weak and gnarled, twisted and small,
But glories in its blooms tinged with sacred blood,
And a crown of thorns symbolized in each bud,
A legend of gain instead of loss—
Never again to be crucifying cross.

The silken cocoons set Butterflies free
To wing upward in delicate ecstasy—
Reminding of sinners set free from sin.
Born again, their secure happiness to win.
Brown bulbs buried deep beneath the sod,
Come up to beauty and speak of God.

How can doubt darken any living heart,
Who can be aware and a feeling part
Of the beautiful pattern that surrounds us
And the bountiful blessings that abound for us—
The joyous assurance and peace we achieve
By faith in God's promises as we trust and believe.

We know He is always beside us
To lead, strengthen, uphold and guide us
He is always as near as your praying breath
His love will enfold us, complete in death
The gift of hope in His crucifixion and resurrection
Assure us of attaining Heaven's perfection.

He promised "Where I am you shall be—"
The wonderful peace and joy of Heaven's eternity
If only we repent, trust and believe—
This amazing gift we shall freely receive.
Rejoice, be happy in this holy season—
Be constantly aware of its wonderful reason.

—Eloise Brown

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and affection
For all that she taught them and guidance in the
right direction.
She loved her family and church and was a
loyal steadfast friend
Always willing and hoping to help—on her word
you could depend
She was heiress to a Christian heritage
which daily she exemplified,
Accepting her fate with patient dignity, on
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Legion Ladies Meet and Send Valentines

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

It has long since been the established policy of the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 of Mentone to do "what we can when we can" in regard to support for the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville. Plan A consisted of going once every season to visit the five men from DeKalb County who reside there. However, this winter's visit has fallen by the wayside somewhere between numerous and varied personal illnesses and a total absence of cooperation from the weather. The ladies, who have not been sick, are afraid to leave home for fear they will be contaminated by the time they get back, and the ones, who have been sick, were not comfortable with the idea of taking their germs to the residents of the Fann Home. Apparently, hospitals and nursing homes are of the same mind, because notices are being posted discouraging the visiting of the elderly, the infirm, and the very young when people have whatever form of respiratory contagion that happens to be going around.

Plan A soon gave way to Plan B, and the Valentine Committee prepared a box of Valentines sufficient in number to greet the entire resident population and mailed those to Ms. Geri Daniels, the Activities Director at the Fann Home. The ladies, who were in the group making the autumn visit had talked to Ms. Daniels, and she assured them that she would gladly distribute cards for any occasion when the ladies were unable to make the trip. In addition to cards for the resident population, the Valentine Committee prepared and mailed individual Valentines to the five DeKalb County residents living at the Fann Home.

In addition to their support of the Fann Home, the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 are also sponsors of the Girls State program. In their meeting on Tuesday night, February 10, 1998, the ladies reaffirmed their support for both the Girls State program and the Fann Home.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is planning a pickup campaign to clean up the litter on the roadsides of Mentone on February 21, and American Legion Unit 215 President Mrs. Syble Baty Tipton has issued a statement of support for that particular activity, because it needs so badly to be done.

Monday night, February 9, Mrs. Syble Baty Tipton and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson attended the American Legion

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

There will be a magic show at 1:45 PM on Friday, March 27, in the school gym. The public is invited. Admission is \$1.00 per person.

Spring Break begins Saturday, March 28, and continues through Sunday, April 5. The next holiday will be Friday, April 10, and Monday, April 13, for Easter.

Report cards will be sent home on April 9.

Standard Achievement Tests will be given to students in grades 1-6 from Monday, April 14, through Friday, April 17.

Sixth grade will be going to Space Camp in the U. S. Space and Rocket Center from Monday, April 20, through Wednesday, April 22. This trip is sponsored by the DeKalb Educational Foundation with a generous donation that has been provided to the Foundation by the Mentone Area Preservation Association and other generous individuals of Mentone.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 PM with a program provided by 3rd and 4th grades.

Wednesday, April 22, the Valley Head High School band will present a Spring Concert in the Moon Lake School gymnasium at 1:45 PM.

Thursday, April 23, students will attend school for only a half-day.

During the week of April 20-24, (Arbor Day), Mrs. Carol Brown Hazell, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Lea Long, the children at Moon Lake, and many others will work with the Rhododendron Garden Club planting flowers, having a parade on campus, and ending up the week by planting a tree to celebrate the occasion.

Moon Lake School will be having Aerospace Week Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1, with special activities planned for the week.

Wednesday, April 29, from 9 until noon will be Kindergarten pre-registration for next year.

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Edward Jones

Health Nugget Too Sweet to Eat??!

By Dowe Foreman

It doesn't take very much sugar to cause health problems. When you eat more sugar than you need, your pancreas works overtime to produce insulin. All that extra insulin forces your blood sugar to a much lower level than normal. This is called hypoglycemia. As an occasional event, hypoglycemia is not serious, but let's say you have two sodas and a piece of cake during the day and continue to eat this way, every day; a vicious cycle is started, which can result in chronic low blood sugar. When this happens, hypoglycemia may be an early stage of diabetes. Processed foods and drinks have sugar, too! READ YOUR LABELS.

VEGAN RECIPE

Peanut Butter Cookies

3/4 C honey
2 tsp vanilla
1-1/2 C peanut butter
1/4 C oil
1 C whole wheat flour
1 C oat flour

Mix all ingredients together. Form into balls and place on cookie sheet. Flatten with fork. Bake at 350° approx. 10-15 minutes. Watch very carefully. Yield: approx. 27 cookies. (Note: if using peanut butter that is sweetened, you might want to dilute your honey.)



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS (FEBRUARY AND MARCH)

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

War on Litter Campaign

February 10, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. the Club met at the Community House in Mentone. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order. For the devotional, Linda Brown read a very meaningful poem about how women in general spend their lives striving to please others when that really is not practical, and, eventually, ladies should learn to say no when they feel overly extended. Ann Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wilkinson thanked the hostesses, Penny Lyday, Patti Bryan, and Karen Wright, and recognized the visitor, Ms. Rovene Truett.

Karen Wright reported on the Junior Gardeners at the Moon Lake School. Patti Bryan reported on Arbor Day (which in Alabama is the last full week in February) and talked about Earth Day. On behalf of the Horticulture Committee, Dianne Kuehl reported on the Heritage Garden History. The idea is to report when a plant is put into the Heritage Garden and tell where it came from originally as well as who it was planted there to honor.

President Wilkinson reported on the progress thus far in the Rhododendron Garden Club's openly declared War on Litter. Letters were sent out seeking publicity, and the responses from radio, newspapers, and television were most gratifying. Ladies signed up to help with the actual pick-up effort for the War on Litter on February 21, starting at the Mentone Town Hall.

Linda Brown created the War on Litter flyer the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club have been posting and sending out. The Alabama Department of Transportation supplied the orange safety vests for the pick-up, and Betty Chapman will distribute those at the Mentone Town Hall and collect them at the Community House.

Camp Alpine is contributing trash bags for the pickup effort. Camp DeSoto is providing warning signs to be attached to the pickup trucks accompanying and ostensibly protecting the various groups who will be picking up the litter on the roadsides. Dallyne Jones and Flo Kirby have been given responsibility for drafting ladies from the community to provide refreshments for the celebration at the Community House when the pickup campaign ends.

Under reports on Special Projects, Ann Wright reported on the long range plans for a large gazebo to be built in the Butterfly Garden at the Moon Lake School. Linda Brown reported on the \$250.00 PETALS grant that the Rhododendron Garden Club received from Shell Oil Company. In the future, when all the monies for that effort have been put together and invested in first class materials and workmanship, the gazebo project should prove to be quite impressive as well as a joy to all Moon Lake students for many years to come.

Under unfinished business, President Wilkinson said the April meeting will be at the Martha Berry Home, Museum, and Garden on the Berry College campus. Guides for the museum and home and either the horticulturist or head gardener will take the ladies through the garden. Afterwards lunch will be served.

Under new business, President Wilkinson said the Horticulture Reports (an accounting of all the seeds, plants, bushes, trees, bulbs, etc. planted over the past year) are due in March.

Dorothy Cyr won the Hostess Gift which was a most attractive flower arrangement that decorated the refreshment table.

Vice-President Flo Kirby introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dallyne Jones, current Rhododendron Garden Club member and former president, who gave an informative talk on the subject of birds. Mrs. Jones brought with her visual aids that were highly useful when it came to illustrating the points in her talk.

Few people ever think of woodpeckers without associating the word noble wit those particular birds. One of the most memorable points Mrs. Jones made was that we should all leave dead trees in tact so as to provide nesting places for woodpeckers.

We really should protect all birds, because of the balance they are a part of in nature and the fact that they eat bothersome and dangerous insects. Mrs. Jones talked about the peculiar characteristics of different birds such as the Kingfisher which burrows some 5 to 10 feet into the lake bank to build its nest. Robins are very territorial, and the male arrives ahead of the female to stake out their specific area. Blue birds remain in this area year round.

She showed a blue bird house with the traditional 1-1/2 inch opening. Because parasites are a terrible problem in the bird population, Mrs. Jones showed how to put a square of hardware cloth with the edges bent down in the bottom of a blue bird house to discourage parasites. She also made the point that once per year blue bird houses should be opened up, old nesting material cleared out, and scrubbed thoroughly with a brush and water containing chlorine bleach. Then dashing blue bird houses with boiling water in order to discourage the viruses that make birds sick allowing them to dry thoroughly before closing them is a very good idea. Since blue birds do not like the smell of chlorine bleach, it is absolutely necessary that the bird houses be rinsed completely and allowed to dry thoroughly before closing.

Hawks nest in barns and old buildings. Most mature adults remember an era when hawks were looked upon as being bad, because they preyed upon baby chickens that ran loose, but, when we consider all the bad insects and field mice that hawks eat, they suddenly look a lot better in everybody's estimation.

Owls are a very interesting and mysterious species of bird. Some

people think owls are bad luck if they are heard calling. Owls need a lot of food, and they too eat mice and insects.

This winter has not been cold enough to kill parasites and germs. Regular bird feeders need to be cleaned in the spring and in the fall with chlorine bleach water and a brush, because there are three deadly viruses that tend to be spread by improperly cleaned feeders. Hummingbird feeders are especially in need of a good cleaning every week, and a good cleaning is necessary every couple of days if the mixture in the hummingbird feeder contains honey and water as opposed to sugar and water. There are molds that will grow in honey and make the hummingbirds deathly sick, so preventing the growth of those molds is extremely important. Hummingbird feeders are hung by lengths of fishing line to discourage ants, and rubbing with a little bit of olive oil is supposed to keep honey bees, yellow jackets, and wasps off.

Mrs. Jones gave away bird feeding stations made from pine cones coated with peanut butter and cornbread crumbs as well as a chickadee house. She also provided a bird feeding station in the drawing. She had numerous books with her showing pictures of the various birds as she talked about them. At least once in our lives, everybody has been frightened half to death by a bird's attempt to fly through a building and in the time of it knocking itself cold on a plate glass window. Mrs. Jones suggested hanging either artificial owls or pictures of owls to discourage that sort of thing.

Another thing that Mrs. Jones pointed out was that people should walk or at the very least sit outside with their children and/or grandchildren and talk about the birds they see and hear telling how those birds fit into the world's eco-system. Children, who grow up watching birds, tend to be adults, who regard birds in particular and the environment in general in a more kindly light.

Gazebo A Reality

The March 10, 1998, meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was called to order by President Jan Wilkinson, at the Mentone Community House. Vice-President Flo Kirby read an inspirational devotional from the writings of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Treasurer Barbara Blalock led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Wilkinson thanked the hostesses, Virginia Borworth, Heather Nicely, and Frances Waller, for the lovely array of tasty and unusual refreshments presented on a table charmingly decorated with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Visitors Maurcen Brewer and Rovene Truett were welcomed, and Mrs. Truett became a new member for 1998-1999.

Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll. The ladies answered with both the botanical and common names of a particular plant. Treasurer Barbara Blalock gave the Treasurer's Report.

Ann Wright reported on the Ecoteers and Junior Gardeners. She announced that pine seedlings had been given out to every child at Moon Lake School, and the children had been encouraged to take those home and plant them as soon as they could get cooperation enough from the weather to accomplish such without drowning.

Arbor Day and Earth Week reports were given by Patti Bryan. During the week of April 20-24, the ladies, working in concert with Mrs. Carol Brown Hazell, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Lea Long, and many others, have scheduled several activities to work on alongside the children at Moon Lake, including planting flowers, a parade on campus, and ending up the week by planting a tree to celebrate the occasion. That custom of tree planting to celebrate is a good one because it not only serves as a lasting reminder of the occasion, but it also adds needed oxygen to the atmosphere.

March is the month when the ladies pass around "the list" to record how many flowers, trees, shrubs, seeds, etc., they have planted over the year, along with how much fertilizer, mulch, and the like they have used. Then all those numbers are added together and turned in to state and national.

President Jan Wilkinson thanked everybody concerned with the War on Litter that the Rhododendron Garden Club declared recently. The most good the War on Litter has done is to raise the consciousness level of the people of DeKalb County to the point where they are aware of how terrible the area's roadsides look, and efforts are being made to get them cleaned up.

Ann Wright reported on Special Projects, and the ladies voted to pay for the materials to build a classroom size gazebo--16 feet wide in every direction--as the crowning glory for the Butterfly Garden at Moon Lake School. The Butterfly Garden has been many years in the planning stages and even longer in coming to fruition, but the gazebo will reach the original goal. Five years ago, when the whole idea was prepared, it sounded preposterous, but a really ugly place has been reclaimed and transformed into an area of great beauty, pride, and enjoyment on the part of everybody who has had anything to do with it over the years.

Ed Mason Park in beautiful downtown Mentone is another pet project for the Rhododendron Garden Club, and under the heading of Special Projects the ladies set March 16--with rain dates of March 23 and March 30--as a date to work in the park, planting, cleaning out, and rearranging things to make that area beautiful.

Under Unfinished Business, President Wilkinson reminded the ladies that the April meeting is a trip to the Martha Berry Home, Museum, and Garden on the Berry College campus. Lunch will be

fried chicken that day.

Under New Business, the President reminded the ladies that it is time to pay dues. Ann Wright made a motion that the bylaws be changed so that the meeting time could be changed from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for next club year, and the motion passed.

Betty Chapman won the hostess gift which was a lovely basket of candles shaped like miniature vegetables.

Vice-President Flo Kirby introduced Rhododendron Garden Club member, professional nurse, and speaker for the occasion, Patti Bryan, who spoke about old and new healing plants. Mrs. Bryan began with the point that plants are vital to us in that they are a source of food both directly and indirectly. We do ourselves a favor when we protect plants. We fight diseases of different sorts when we eat a diet rich in fruits and vegetables using red meat sparingly. She named several vitamins and told which fruits and vegetables supply those in our daily food intake.

At this point, there are untold numbers of medicines that have yet to be discovered from plants. The main example that Mrs. Bryan used was the Pacific Yew tree. By the time that scientists came to the realization that a drug to successfully fight ovarian cancer could be made from the Pacific Yew tree, most of the Pacific Yews had already been cut down and burned. Then there was a rush to save the extant ones. At the rate we are going, there is no telling how many plants will be completely extinct before scientists can discover their medical qualities and possibilities.

The point was also made that what we think of as "western medicine" tends to completely write off natural plant cures used by aboriginal populations the world over purely because those people do not look, talk, dress, or act like what the westerners think of as civilized. For example, it was from the native population of South America the Spanish learned about the use of quinine to fight Malaria, but that was only after many had died from the disease.

Mrs. Bryan went through a list of plants (mainly herbs) and what they are used for in the area of healing. Among the most interesting was the discussion of how kudzu tea has been used in China for thousands of years to combat alcoholism, and we all thought that kudzu was little more than a horticultural pest bent on conquering the world one southern state at a time.

This time of year colds and other respiratory afflictions are the bane of our existence, and Mrs. Bryan says she swears by a combination of Echinacea, Zinc lozenges, and Vitamin C. Saw palmetto tends to reduce enlarged prostate glands. St. John's Wort is a mood enhancer that has many of the same properties as Prozac without the side effects. Ginkgo Biloba is a memory enhancer, and we all need all the help we can get in that area. Mints have a tendency to act as a mild sedative and calm the digestion. Catnip cures colic in babies, and, after so much crying, many mothers are willing to try it. Chamomile is a natural appetite suppressant. Garlic is said to reduce cholesterol and relieve high blood pressure. Alfalfa is supposed to help with arthritis, and so are slippery elm, and cherry bark and cherry juice.

Everything Mrs. Bryan had to say was fascinating as well as making a lot of sense. Had it not been for herbs and the healing that pioneer women were able to do with them, our whole country would have died out several hundred years ago. In everybody's family, there are stories about grandmothers and great-grandmothers who had to and could cure anything with herbs.

Successful Work Day

March 16, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. four ladies and one husband, showed up at Ed Mason Park in beautiful downtown Mentone for a morning of cleaning out, planting-particularly Christmas ferns, Oakleaf Hydrangeas, and other native plants-and rearranging things to make the park more attractive for us all. Even if the numbers were small, the efforts put forth by the people present were greatly appreciated. Thanks to everybody who helped.

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 Federation of Garden Clubs.

LADIES, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE. Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. Those who have signed up to make the trip to the Martha Berry Home, Museum, and Garden on the Berry College campus in Rome, Ga., are to meet at the parking lot of St. Joseph's to caravan to Georgia and take the tour followed by lunch.

(2) IT IS TIME TO PAY DUES.





Kumi Dillenbeck (middle)

at the Hugo Black Federal Courthouse in Birmingham, on January 29, after receiving her citizenship papers. She is married to **Walter Dillenbeck** who is currently stationed in Korea with the US Army. Kumi was born in Korea and is the daughter-in-law of **Marie S. Dillenbeck** of Mentone (L). Kumi's cousin, **Minseok Kang** (R), visiting her from Korea, also attended the ceremony, along with long-time friend **Nancy Worley** (not pictured) from Huntsville, who received her citizenship papers many years ago. *The Groundhog* is being sent to Korea while Ssg. Dillenbeck is stationed there.



Willie B. Langston at his 80th Birthday Party and Nell Kent
Mr. Willie B. Langston was honored with an 80th birthday party on February 8th at the American Legion Hall in Mentone. The party was hosted by his eight children and many grandchildren. The children are Leon Langston of Cedar Bluff, Frances Day, Loy Langston, Elly Voils, and Renae Langston of Mentone, Josey Noles and Christine Scott of Ft. Payne, and Myrtle Meeks of Lafayette. The highlight of the party was when Nell Kent led the large crowd in singing "Happy Birthday." About 50 people attended the party.

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Hammondville Armory to be sold to DeKalb County

Plans are being finalized for DeKalb County to complete the purchase of the National Guard Armory at Hammondville.

During the DeKalb County Commission's recent meeting, Ricky Little, Emergency Management Director, said that the state had accepted the county's proposal of \$25,000 for the armory. Last fall the armory was closed due to a nationwide defense cutback.

Hammondville will be allowed to use the armory under a lease agreement and had also bid on ownership of the armory. Hammondville wanted to purchase the armory so it could be used as a senior citizen center, a nutrition center and a community center.

According to Little, the armory

could be used for many things and serve multiple functions to benefit both DeKalb County and the Town of Hammondville. It could be a depot for county emergency equipment, could house Red Cross and local rescue squad equipment and even serve as an alternate command post during emergencies. The armory could also serve as a training center for police organizations and as a meeting place for area fire departments.

The County Commission adopted a resolution ensuring that Hammondville will be able to use the armory. A joint-use agreement is being prepared by Little and the county attorney for the commission's approval at their next meeting.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

NEWS RELEASE

In a proclamation signed by Mayor Bob Parker, April was declared Child Abuse Prevention month.

Child abuse is a cycle that can create adults who, in turn, may repeat the violence they experienced, inflicting it on society and on their own children. Victims suffer a lifetime of trying to recover from the hurt they experienced as children. Prevention of child abuse has the greatest likelihood of eliminating abuse in the future. If abuse is prevented before it happens, both this generation and future generations will benefit. The Children's Advocacy Center makes available, free of charge, child abuse prevention programs for grades K-6 to all city and DeKalb County schools. This program is funded by the Children's Trust Fund, the state agency for child abuse prevention.

To help prevent abuse and bring awareness to DeKalb County, The Children's Advocacy Center is promoting a blue ribbon campaign. Large blue bows are placed throughout the county and city on schools, city halls, churches, and the courthouse. Some of the city vehicles will have blue ribbons on their antennas. We are placing helpful information at the Health Department and the Women's and Children's Clinic. We are trying to make everyone aware of this serious problem. For more information call the Children's Advocacy Center at 997-9700.

The DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center is sponsoring a Blue Ribbon Campaign promoting the Awareness of Child Abuse in DeKalb County.



"It shouldn't hurt to be a child."

To report child abuse in DeKalb County, call 845-0661 or 1-800-4-A-CHILD.
To learn more about child abuse prevention, to volunteer, or for more information, call the Children's Advocacy Center at 997-9700.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is probably the most memorized verse in the Bible, yet the world seems to be dying from love starvation. Even children can say the words, but how many really believe God loves them?

When we can't seem to love ourselves, it is hard for us to believe that anyone else could love us. But we are loved. God loves us and tells us to love one another.

Annual Easter Sunrise Services

to be held at the Lee Crowe Farm
at 7 AM on April 12, 1998.

Randy Addison

will be preaching the service.
Everyone is welcome.

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With an exciting and extensive round up of contributed items, the Fort Payne Culture Club anticipates an exceptional Spring Round Up Sale April 25 through April 29 at the DeKalb County Library.

Current book releases, both hard cover and paperback, include excellent first editions of popular selections. Additionally, there is a wide variety of sought-after items, such as: computer-related materials, National Geographics for the collector, condensed books, volumes, puzzles.

Never has there been as interesting an accumulation for children at these annual sales; thanks to the energetic and competitive efforts of students who collected and donated a wonderful assortment.

The Culture Club looks forward to the contributions they will be making to the DeKalb County Library from the proceeds of the sale. Additional audio books are in great demand. And a drop-box for tape exclusively will enable their convenient and safe return at times when the library is not open. With more books on tape to offer, there will also be the need for display racks or carousels.

Do the library, and yourself, a big favor. Join the Spring Round Up Sale April 2 through 29. The DeKalb County Library doors will open at 10:00 a.m. Be there!