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A Lawyer, A Priest, A Builder

For six generations members of the Berry, Wright, and Graham families of Rome, Georgia, have spent their summers in Mentone.

Graham Glover, a fifth generation member of these families, spent virtually every summer of his life in Mentone, constantly drawn to the many attractions of this area.

He was a lawyer who became an Episcopal priest. He had an affinity for people, antiques, and the act of building — whether it be organizations, churches or log cabins.

Graham Glover left his imprint on Mentone, on the lives of people and especially in the form of St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain, one of the first objects of beauty one sees upon arrival in our town. The story of the building of St. Joseph's is a history incarnate which any writer dealing with Mentone in future years must deal with.

Born in Rome, Georgia, on September 15, 1926, Graham Glover was a son of William Alexander Glover and Eleanor Graham Glover. He attended Cooper Hall Elementary School, Darlington School in Rome, and went on to the University of the South at Sewanee, majoring in pre-law. It was at the University of Georgia School of Law that he received his LL.B.

In 1951 he began the practice of criminal law with his cousin Graham Wright. Following the death of his cousin, he entered the firm of Harris, Harris and Glover. A mounting interest in religion and the ministry caused him to go back to Sewanee, this time to seminary. He was 37 years of age.

During seminar he did clinical pastoral training at San Antonio State Hospital and spent one summer as staff member for a camp for emotionally



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DeKalb Tourist Director Addresses March MAPA

Tourism as it relates to Mentone will be discussed by John L. Taylor, executive director of the DeKalb County Tourist Association, at the March 6 meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association at 7:00 o'clock at Brownie's in the Hitching Post.

A native of Gadsden, Taylor came to DeKalb County in 1975, retiring as fire service commander. He became involved in tourism while assistant innkeeper and beverage director of the Fort Payne Holiday Inn. In 1979 he opened Taylor's Emporium in Geraldine.

His service on the board of directors of the DeKalb Tourist Association was a prelude to his choice as executive director when Sis Martin resigned in September, 1982. In 1983 he organized and has served as president of the Northeast Alabama Tourism.

Other associations related to tourism are Taylor's membership in Multi-Media Marketing, Alabama Appalachian Association, and the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce — as a director in each of these organizations. With his wife and two sons he resides on a farm in the Dawson Community.

Mentone members of the DeKalb Tourist Association executive committee are Amelia Brooks, vice-president; and on the board of directors are Donna Bukley, Sharon Barron, Olive Jones, and Randy Still.

Director Homer Crow of MAPA, who will preside at a business meeting preceding Mr. Taylor's remarks, invites all Mentone citizens to attend this gathering. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Mentone's 100th Birthday Celebration Proclaimed By Mayor And Town Council

With unanimous consent of the Town Council at its February meeting, Mayor Rob Hammond pronounced 1984 as the year of the Centennial of the Town of Mentone, suggesting that all local organizations take part in commemorating in various observances the 100th anniversary of the founding of the community. A steering committee is being appointed by the mayor which will begin plans for coordinating the event.

Suggestion for the celebration resulted from conversations between the editor of THE GROUNDHOG and Sandra Padgett concerning the recent acceptance of the Mentone Springs Hotel on the National Historic Register. When Sandra mentioned that the 100th anniversary of the building was forthcoming, the editor checked available historical sources. The historians generally conclude that both the laying out of the town and the building of the hotel occurred in 1884.

A memo was sent to the mayor and leaders of local organizations requesting that the Mayor and the Town Council declare 1984 the Year of the Centennial. The following suggestions were contained in the memo:

The mayor appoints a steering committee consisting of the heads of organizations and that this committee chooses a coordinator not necessarily from these groups.

Each of the above-listed groups not only participates in the overall activities, but makes the

Centennial the major theme of its activities. For instance, the theme of the Crafts Festival and the Fall Color Fest would be the Centennial.

Because of the historic significance of the Mentone Springs Hotel, the Padgetts would be closely consulted, and their celebration events would be coordinated with the larger Centennial.

An artist would be designated to design a logo. Our various artists and crafts people would be encouraged to provide suitable mementos, gift items, calendars, T-shirts, etc.

One specific event is declared the actual celebration. It might well be the Fall Color Festival. On that weekend all Mentone churches would join for a service of worship in which all ministers participated.

The city of Mentone, France, is contacted for an exchange of mayors.

A suitable glossy commemorative booklet is published, including a history, quality photos, financed by advertisements, the sale of which would aid in financing the various events.

In addition to the Mayor, the memo was sent to Homer Crow, Director, Mentone Area Preservation Association; Helen Hill, President, Rhododendron Garden Club; Linda Brown, President, Arts and Crafts Festival; Leonard Shigley, Commander American Legion and Captain of the Rescue Squad; Sammy Cash, Chief, North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District; and Ray and Sandra Padgett, owners, Mentone Springs Hotel.

Mayor Hammond has called a meeting to formalize the committee, begin plans, and set in motion the Centennial Celebration.

The meeting will be at Town Hall, Saturday, March 3, at 5 p.m. Linda Brown is temporary chairperson.

To the above list have been added Donna Bukley, Chairperson Spring Rhododendron Festival; Marty Griffin, Chairperson of the Spring and Fall Classic Runs; Avline Brown, Coordinator of the Christmas Festival.

The First Decent Snow



Photos By
Donna Bukley



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Police Car Bought By Town Council

Law enforcement in Mentone received an appreciable boost with announcement by Mayor Rob Hammond that the town has purchased a 1981 Ford LTD which has already been activated as police car, serving the routine needs of town policeman Colquitt Jones.

The old police car had become virtually inoperable.

Mayor Hammond urged citizens who are interested in improved law enforcement locally to support the 1 cent sales tax when it comes up for vote in the upcoming referendum. Its proceeds conceivably could provide as much as \$11,000 for law enforcement in Mentone.

The mayor said he had been contacted by county officials who are convinced of the need of these funds for better protection for our citizens.

March Groundhog Award



Recipient of the March Groundhog Award for the most improved building is the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Organized in 1924, the first of two structures were destroyed by fire. The present auditorium was constructed in 1948.

The most recent additions are the new vestibule and spire. There is now a paved parking lot, extended sidewalks, and a ramp for the handicapped. Present minister is the Reverend William Steele.

During the month of March the Groundhog Award Sign will be displayed on the grounds of the church. The selection was made by a committee consisting of Mabel Kirk for MAPA, Nelda Howe for the Garden Club, and Max Cash for the Town Council.

All Local Officials Chosen On July 10th

Heightened interest in the national Presidential election has overshadowed the Mentone municipal voting on Tuesday, July 10th in which offices of the mayor and all five councilmen will be filled. If runoffs are necessary, they will be held three weeks later, on Tuesday, July 31st.

Notice of the election will be posted by the town council in the period between May 8th to May 15th. Those wishing to qualify for any of these six offices must register by June 5, at the Town Hall, prior to 5:00 p.m.

All candidates must have lived in Mentone for 90 days prior to the qualifying time. The newly elected officers assume duties on Monday, October 1.

Present office-holders are the following: Mayor, Rob Hammond; councilmen: Max Cash, Lee Davenport, Hobson Kirby, Kenneth Crowe, and Jimmy Wright.

Fire Department Expects Another Small Truck

Sammy Cash, Fire Chief of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection district, has some exciting news about his organization:

(1) The state of Alabama will be furnishing a smaller fire truck for Mentone. Equipment for this truck will be the responsibility of the town.

(2) Construction will begin on the building addition as soon as weather permits. Volunteer firemen will do the work.

Chief Cash gives special thanks to the Town Council for giving the fire department \$100 per month for the next six months. These funds will be matched by the state for equipment.

Those desiring a 1984 calendar may pick them up at the Fire Hall. Mentone's emergency telephone numbers are printed on these calendars.

MAPA Minutes

Following the reading of the minutes, Treasurer Ann Climer reported a February 1st balance of \$1918.07. For the Groundhog Jean McGehee reported a balance of \$430.24. Randy Still stated that he was attempting to have Mentone included in the computer at the Welcoming Center. Randy also stated that when the weather improved, he would like someone to help him dismantle the Christmas decorations.

Homer Crow then presented copies of the report of the planning session of the executive committee held at Mabel Kirk's home. The plans were well received and set in motion (see story elsewhere).

Homer read a letter from Lynette and Jimmy McCarty with a list of names protesting the rebuilding of the Covered Bridge which once crossed Little River on Old Summerville Road. The matter was tabled for further action.

Randy Still presented as a new member L. M. Flannigan.

Following the resignation of Marie Shadgett, Amelia Brooks was elected secretary.

Sammy Cash presented Fire Department calendars to all present.

The program consisted of an excellent talk by Probate Judge Paul Thomas.

Digested from the minutes recorded by Bernice Crow.

Groundhog Finance Report

February Issue

INCOME

Balance on hand \$402.01

Ad Sales 305.00

\$707.01

DEBITS

Donna Buckley (sales) \$42.00

The Summerville News Co 178.75

U.S. Post Office 56.02

\$276.77

Balance in account \$430.24

New MAPA Members

MAPA welcomes these new members this month: Joe B. Brown, Ft. Payne; L. M. Flannigan, Judge Paul Thomas, Ft. Payne; the Rev. Floyd Crowe, Gadsden; Jane Bennett, Cloudland, Ga.

For Our Visitors

WHAT TO SEE

Begin at the Hitching Post, the Mentone equivalent of a Welcoming Center and Chamber of Commerce. If they are open, directions will gladly be given and suggestions made. Maps are also available there.

Standing outside the Hitching Post, you can look across the highway at the Victorian Mentone Springs Hotel. Looking to the left across DeSoto Parkway you can see the Mentone Inn and St. Joseph's Catholic Mountain Church, built around a log cabin said to be Mentone's oldest structure.

DeSoto Falls is about two miles down the Parkway. Five miles farther are DeSoto Park and Lodge, and Howard's Chapel, built against a giant boulder, where were placed the ashes of the well-known Colonel Millard Howard.

This is just the beginning. Ask questions. Keep in motion.

WHERE TO EAT ON THE MOUNTAIN

(1) Just across from the Hitching Post — The Log Cabin Deli.

(2) About two and a half miles down the Parkway — Cragsmore Manna.

(3) Further down the Parkway — DeSoto Restaurant.

(4) Back on 117 east — Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland, Georgia.

To MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50 in support of the objectives of MAPA, desiring to join with others in preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, I enclose \$10 for voting membership for one through June 1984.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

The Groundhog

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Letters to the Groundhog

It has been my privilege to borrow three or four copies of THE GROUNDHOG from one of my church members provided I would return them to her, and I was thrilled to read about the maintaining of Mentone's heritage and qualities of life and the hospitality that has been there since its beginning.

I was born in Mentone February 16, 1916, and I lived there all my childhood and youth years. I was born in the old home that my brother Edmond now lives in.

All of you are to be commended for the informative, dignified, neat paper and the much I am enjoying. My hat is off to all of you. Keep up the good work and may God bless you.

Floyd Crowe, pastor
South 11th Street Baptist Church
Gadsden, Alabama

Brow Briefs

Next meeting of the Christian Ladies Fellowship will be at the DeSoto Park Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on March 14th. Mission Possible is the subject of a talk by a young man who has smuggled over 100,000 Bibles into the Iron Curtain. Because this is AEA week, young people are invited to join in this fellowship and luncheon. The last meeting, addressed by nationally-known speaker Elaine Holmer, was attended by people from Chatanooga, Fort Payne, and Dogtown, as well as Mentone.

Barbara Cameron and John Hilderbrand have been busy working to move their Cameron's Craft Cottage to the square. They will be opening soon in the shop Ruby Stalvey and the Lees' Country Charm used before moving beside the Fergusons.

Congratulations to Avline Brown who was married on February 26th to Arthur Wallace. Following a Caribbean Cruise they will be at home in Chattanooga at 1701 North Concord Road Apt. 6 (892-5290). Operator of Browne's, she was coordinator of the 1983 October Color Fest.

IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT. Remember to vote in the Alabama Presidential preference election at the Fire Hall March 13th 8-6.

Did You Know?

That LaHusage got its name

from its developers,

Lamb, Hubbard and Sage?

ViewPoint...

By Charles White McGehee

Most of us considered it the most beautiful snow we ever saw. It began falling around 3:30 p.m. on February 5th.

It was a friendly, soft, non-threatening snow, that within a few short minutes had covered the ground. It caressed the limbs of the trees, coating the leaves.

An Atlanta TV announcer called it the first decent snow in years.

Like Pearl Harbor or the death of John Kennedy, people later began remembering when they were. Eleanor Moerlins had been on a drive to Gunterville and was halfway down Sand Mountain when the huge flakes began to fall.

Jean and I had gone to Atlanta for a long weekend in an attempt to relieve some of the stress she had undergone in connection with the illness and death of her mother. After two quiet days of reading, relaxing, and enjoying good food, we checked out of the Terrace Garden at noon and went to the Hunan restaurant for an excellent Chinese meal.

We toyed with the idea of a movie or visit to a super market, but decided to head back to Mentone. We knew snow had been predicted, but the indications were that it would be later in the afternoon.

When we reached the top of the mountain at Cloudland, there were white specks blowing in the wind. As we closed the rear gate to the cabin yard, the flakes had grown quite large and were slowly drifting to the ground. After building a fire in our trusty wood stove, Jean looked out the window and said excitedly, "Look!"

Within these short moments the yard was completely covered with a soft blanket and the flakes were still coming down. We were just minutes ahead of the snow. Only a short time later we would have been stranded in Summerville or Menlo.

The weather people were predicting a drop in temperature. It seemed that all of the ingredients were available for another horrible ice storm, with limbs falling, the power failing and the pipes bursting.

But this gentle, decent snow had a soul. Even by morning the roads and walkways were clear. Despite this, the beautiful blanket remained, snow clung to the side of trees, the branches and leaves retained their coating. This snow just brought beauty and inspiration. It hurt nothing, caused no damage. It slowly faded away in two or three days.

Nature was showing us that there is more to her capacity than the brutal and destructive 10 below cold of Christmas Eve, or the constant and enervating heat during the summer of '83 that never seemed to go away.

This bountiful snowfall (it should not be referred to as a snowstorm) did not leave an inexcusable blunder committed by the staff of this publication. We overlooked the important ritual — Groundhog Day — the day on which the Mentone Area Preservation Association was formed.

As if to emphasize our error, seldom has this holiday been more observed. On February 2, I began my day as usual, watching Diane Sawyer and the CBS News. First off was displayed the solemn face of Punksutawney Phil. Most newspapers and magazines gave Groundhog Day unusual prominence.

Bruce brought me a copy of US Magazine, referring to an 89-year-old leader who has never been wrong — a weather prophet who works only one day a year. If he sees his shadow, he burrows down for a six week snooze until spring arrives. The tradition began in a small Pennsylvania town in the 1880's when German settlers trekked up to Gobbler's Knob to await the groundhog's prediction. Each year some 2,000 people witness the event, and it's written up in the Congressional Record.

More significantly, there has come about the Punksutawney Groundhog Club, with 11 chapters around the nation. There is talk of a summer festival honoring the groundhog.

On a lighter note, son Stuart from the University of Virginia sent a clipping from The Progress about the first Groundhog Eve Party. Branchchild of Charles Thompson of Creative Media, the cocktail party was in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the founding of his agency. All of his public relations skills were brought into play.

Center of interest was Charles "Chuck" Woodson, president of the World Order of Woodchucks and Groundhogs. Chuck, a large stuffed groundhog dressed in a tuxedo, received guests at the office desk. Propped next to him were groundhog books from the library.

At this celebration, Groundhog Day was referred to as a holiday with no expectations. The guests sang such songs as "Wonderful the Red Nose Woodchuck." Carol strips, the creature's favorite food, were served. Efforts were set in motion to diffuse the rumors that groundhogs and woodchucks are separate creatures, and that groundhogs are cowardly creatures afraid of their shadows.

A toll-free number is under consideration. A logo has been designed, featuring the face of Chuck Woodson and the Latin name for groundhog — Marmota monax. A press kit may soon be available to coordinate groundhog celebrations. Most frivolous of all is a sun in of 800,000 woodchucks at Virginia Beach on July 4th.

Every effort will be made to arrange for MAPA membership in the Punksutawney Groundhog Club and the World Order of the Woodchucks. Still, despite this year's oversight, THE GROUNDHOG claims the honor of being the only regular publication hearing this honorable title.

Mountain Cookery

Readers are reminded to send their favorite recipes to Box 50 to be sure they are included in the proposed **Groundhog Mountain Cookbook**.

Josie's Macaroni Loaf (from Millie Moerlins)

- 1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1½ cups sharp grated cheese
- 1 cup crushed saltines
- 3 eggs
- 2 chopped onions and 2 green peppers
- ½ stick margarine melted

Cook and cool macaroni. In a large bowl mix it and all other ingredients well. Pour into greased baking dish and bake till sides are brown and top is puffed up.

Make this sauce to pour over loaf: Melt a lump of butter. Add ½ cup catsup and 1 can mushrooms. Worcestershire sauce, and red pepper. Heat well.

Bill Cyr's Brown Bread

Stir and let stand overnight or 8-9 hours:

- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups raisins (1 box)
- 4 teasp. soda
- 2 tables shortening
- 3 cups hot water
- Add:
- 2 eggs
- 2 teasp. salt
- ½ cup orange juice
- 5½ cups flour
- 1-1½ cups chopped pecans

Pour into 6 or 7 greased No. 2 (large chunky soup cans). Fill just under ¾ full. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Mountain Greenery

There could be no life without—. If you used soil to fill in the blank, you would be correct. Soils in our area are not totally independent. They need nutrients added to make them sustain our lives through the food we eat. Fertilizer nutrients added to gardens include NITROGEN. This gives dark green color to plants; promotes growth; and used correctly, hastens maturity.

PHOSPHORUS stimulates root formation, gives a vigorous start to plants, and increases seed formation and fruit development. POTASSIUM gives vigor, produces strong stalk, and promotes production of sugar and starches. CALCIUM mainly regulates the intake of the other elements.

If you are a heavy user of non-prescription drugs, you probably need the following advice. If fertilizers are to be used most efficiently, the correct nutrients and the correct amounts need to be prescribed. This is done by soil testing, much as a doctor prescribes medicine.

The test is simple. A sample of soil is taken and sent to Auburn to be tested. Recommendations will be made according to the specific needs of garden plants. Sample boxes and information forms are available free at the Agribusiness Department as well as easy to follow instructions.

We are well underway with the construction of our shop addition, approaching the roofing stage. Thanks largely to your purchases from FFA fruit sales, this is possible. THANKS! We are beginning production of our garden plants and hanging baskets, looking forward to spring.

—L. A. Smith, Agri-business teacher, VHHS (In this regular feature Mr. Smith will be pleased to answer any questions submitted from readers or to include any views or experiences they have had in the areas of mountain greenery.)

Garden Club To Meet

The Rhododendron Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the Speed home on Tuesday, March 13th. Hostesses will be Lydia Speed, Lynette McCary, and Linda Brown. The program will be presented by Helen Hill, president, Fern Fitzgerald, and Grace Howard, who attended a wild life workshop on Signal Mountain. Betty Johnson, vice-president, will distribute information about pruning fruit trees. The group did not meet during January and February.

The Mentone garden club has continued its planting of rhododendrons all over town. Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund for this project may do so by sending a check to Mrs. Helen Hill. The plants cost \$5 each, and any amount will be gratefully acknowledged.

Did You Know?

That on April 3, 1973 Mentone was declared a bird sanctuary by the Town Council, following recommendation by the Rhododendron Garden Club?

Families Of Mentone

The Joneses eighth in a series

During the Civil War a group of Union soldiers came near Mentone looking for food and supplies. One of them, caught stealing peaches from Eldridge Jones' tree, was killed by a member of the Home Guard.

Eldridge had refused to fight for either side during the war. He had almost been hanged once — he was strung up — by an outlaw band, supposedly for his conscientious objections to war. Some said it was retribution for his having refused to marry a daughter to one of the outlaw gang.

The day after the Yankee soldier was killed, Eldridge was repairing his front gate. A Union officer arrived to investigate the killing. The officer told Eldridge that Mr. Jones was known to have threatened to kill the first damn Yankee who set foot on his place. Before he left, the officer hit Mr. Jones with a piece of lumber.

In the night the Union soldiers dragged Eldridge from his bed, and the next morning his body was found about three miles from home, riddled with sixteen bullets.

Not long ago, Riley Jones from Texas visited relatives here; he had with him the leather vest Eldridge Jones was wearing when he was killed. There were sixteen bullet holes in the vest.

Eldridge Jones was the progenitor of the Mentone Joneses. In 1834 he married Elizabeth Lane. They had nine children: John, Williams Taylor, Jett, Jim, Ann, Nan, Molly, Media, and Thomas.

Nan married Dave Blalock; they were parents of Taylor Blalock and grandparents of Mrs. Edith Lyday, Ray, Mack, and Joe Blalock, Stella and Edna Crow, and the late John Blalock and Rose Brown. Other Blalock children were Annie (Cooper), Joe, Taylor E. and Flavie.

William Taylor Jones was the father of Davy, George, and Nettie Jones Green, mother of Clara (Mrs. Sammy) Cash.

John Jones married Betty Crow. They were parents of Horace and the grandfather of Betty (Mrs. James) Johnson and Frances (Mrs. Clyde) Crow.

The youngest of the Eldridge Jones' sons, married to Almeda Crow, was Thomas. His eight children and their offspring are the Joneses known in Mentone today.

The first son, Ernest Norman Jones, married Minnie Burgess and was a partner in the Maxwell-Burgess General Merchandise Store (later the site of Crumley's store and now Cooper's Mill). Ernest acted as undertaker for the community and helped to establish the Citizens Bank in Valley Head; he was president of the bank when he died in 1947.

Oldest of Ernest's six children is Annie Bailey, married to Allen Hyatt. Both are retired teachers.

Christine married William Henry Harrison; both are deceased but were teachers in Montgomery and parents of five children.

Lillian married John Roberts, now deceased, and they had four children. Thomas A. Jones married Henrietta Shirley. Mr. Jones was president of the bank before his death last year. Their children are Tom, Jr. and Shirley Taylor.

Ernest Jr., (Winker), who died in 1980, was married to Elizabeth Wilson. Their children are Karen Campbell and Ernest III, Buz.

Guy Jones had a twin sister who died at birth. Guy, married to Grace Huron, has two children, Gordon and Gail Hamilton. Guy is now president of the bank.

The second son of Thomas Jones was Fred Jones who married Bertie Brown, sister of Raymond, Catherine Bailey, and Carrie Ruth Kirby.

Fred worked as a contractor all of his life; during the Depression he frequently built free coffins for people who couldn't afford to pay. There were eleven children; nine survive. Carl died in 1982. Evelyn Selman died in 1971. Evelyn was postmistress at Mentone. She and James Selman had two daughters, Sarah Pickle and Marilyn Dodd. Eva Jones Johnson died in 1967. Eva also served as postmistress, just before Leland Cox became postmaster for Mentone.

Herman Jones, who worked as a contractor and served as town councilman and as Democratic beat committeeman for over twenty years, married Kathryn Ellis. Kathryn taught at Moon Lake School for 34 years, teaching every grade through 8th and serving as principal for eleven years. She taught first grade for fifteen years. She and Herman have two children, Herman Jr. and Evelyn Graves.

Mary Ruth Jones married the Rev. Sam McCord. Their children are Bob, an artist and retired teacher who served as principal at Collinsville; Norman, Sammie DuPont, Jimmy, Bertie Sue Dewees, Johnny, and Amelia Crain.

Almeda married Minous Blevins, who died in 1980. Minous worked for TCI in Birmingham. They had nine children: Billy, Betty Lawson, Sarah Williamson, Fred, Dot Cranford, Ronnie, Eva Frederick, Nan Sutton, and Chuck. Almeda now lives at Mentone in the former home of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Shigley. Mrs. Shigley was a sister of Mrs. Fred Jones, Almeda's mother.

Gertrude Jones married Leland Cox, who served as Mentone's postmaster for 31 years. Gertrude worked in the Title I program at Valley Head and is now at

Sylvania High School. Their children are Marsha Merrill, Treva Lindsey, Leland Jr., Sheldon, Edie Neeley, and twins, Alesia and Felicia Blackwell.

Fred Jones Jr., his brother Leck, and Leland Cox served in World War II. He married Ina Mae Morelock; their children are Carolyn, Fred III, Linda, Tony and Cynthia.

Lester (Leck) Jones also worked for TCI. He married Juanita Jones. Their sons are Lester Jr. and Tim. Twin sons, Larry and Barry, died in infancy and are buried at Bankhead Cemetery.

Jim Jones married Dallyne Tilly. Their children are Sharon Harris, Glenda Smith, Rita Carr, Deborah Jackson, Susan Manning, and Carl II. Myra Nell died in infancy. Jim and Dallyne operated a chicken farm until retiring in their new home on the river. Jim also works as a contractor.

Marjorie, youngest of Fred and Bertie Brown Jones' children, is married to Jimmy Berry, also a poultry farmer. Marjorie is a registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center in Ft. Payne. Their only son Billy is a teacher at Moon Lake School. Their home at Berry Patch once belonged to Marjorie's great grandfather Jones, and there is an old family cemetery on the property.

The third of Thomas and Almeda Crow Jones' children was Eldridge (El) who married Josie Hixson and had two sons, Hixson (deceased); El Jr.; and Geraldine. El worked at Maxwell-Jones Store in Valley Head; he died in 1947.

Annie, first daughter of Thomas and Almeda Jones, died in infancy. The second daughter, Emma Lou, married James P. Carmichael Sr. Their children are Pauline Faulker and Jim Jr., who married Doris Helms. The latter have two daughters, Linda Thomas and Emmy. Two sons, Larry and Gary, are both deceased.

A son born to Thomas and Almeda Jones died in 1907. The next son, Hardy, married Maud Colquitt. Hardy served on the hospital board in Ft. Payne and was a charter member and board member for the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative for 25 years. Their daughters are Elizabeth Romans, a retired nurse who lives at the old home place in Mentone, and Mary Louise Cauthen, also a nurse and anesthetist in Rome. The two daughters care for their mother, 91, the only living charter member of Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Rufus Colquitt is the oldest of Hardy and Maud's sons. He is Mentone's policeman, married to Lucille Thomas. They have two sons, Bobby and Donnie.

Lovejoy and Ruth Kidd Jones are both deceased. Their daughters are Iris, a nurse, and Deborah, a legal secretary.

Ed Jones married Dean Martin, a teacher in Ft. Payne. They are parents of Ronnie, Amanda Shirey, and Patricia. Ronnie and his wife Gail were the Alabama Farm Bureau's Outstanding Farm Family for 1983.

The youngest son of Thomas and Almeda Jones was Joe B. Jones, who married Foye Doherty. They are both now deceased. Joe served on the Tax Equalization Board and Foye taught for 40 years in DeKalb County. Their son Joe Brandol married Blanch Barrontine. Their children are Bobby and Shannon Freeman, who with her husband Mike, is studying to be a missionary. Wynema, their daughter, married A. L. Elam. Their children are Joe Roy, Becky, Beth and Cecilia. They were also foster parents to

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Report From Grenada

(A Groundhog Exclusive)



Exclusive for THE GROUNDHOG, 31 January 1984.

Grenada, West Indies — The highway system and the system of government on this independent island nation are in equal disarray. Grenada is shaped like a nutmeg (a product for which 24 percent of the world's supply is produced here), 21 miles from north to south and 12 miles from east to west. The terrain is mountainous, spectacularly beautiful with lush plant life, waterfalls, rushing streams, and sparkling beaches. If you took an area from Valley Head to Menlo and from Mentone to Dogtown, surrounded it by beaches, and moved it to 12 degrees north latitude, you'd have Grenada.

Potholes in the roads come in about the same size and frequency as on Cove Road between 117 and the State Line Grocery and Package Store. And just like in DeKalb County, the Grenada government uses the "cold patch" system of road repair just before an election is upcoming. And wouldn't you know it: a cold patch doesn't work any better or last any longer in Grenada than on Lookout Mountain.

Fortunately for DeKalb County, the government and (can you believe this?) the telephone system work much better than their respective counterparts in Grenada. Grenada, however, commands a strategic position in the Caribbean Sea, lying about the same distance from Venezuela as Cuba is from Florida. And an irresponsible Marxist government, thusly located, is nothing to be joked about.

I am writing from a hotel at the south end of Grand Anse Beach with a beautiful view of the capital, St. George's, in front of me. Twenty feet behind me, surrounded by vicious concertina wire is a tall chain link fence topped with barbed wire — around the former Russian Embassy, now occupied by Jamaican troops, part of the Eastern Caribbean Peacekeeping Force.

The air is regularly shattered by the sound of U.S. helicopters leaving or returning from patrols to the small helicopter base about 1/4 mile down the street. From time to time a siren will pierce the air, followed by an explosion which shakes the walls and rattles the windows as yet another mortar shell has been found and safely detonated.

The former broadcasting station of Cuban-controlled Radio Free Grenada, situated about halfway between our hotel and the helicopter base, is now a burned-out, bombed-out ruin. The U.S. Embassy and the various hotels along the Grand Anse Beach presently housing military personnel are securely surrounded by piles of concertina wire. The former driveways and beach accesses have been transformed into check points of sand-bagged guard emplacements, where all you can see is a helmeted head and the tip of a rifle.

Wherever we walk around the capital or along the beach, we are confronted with the sights and sounds of a nation which only four months ago was controlled by Communism. Buildings are burned from bombings, walls are pock-marked from gun fire, Marxist slogans on walls, and trucks and jeeps with armed soldiers. If that description is insufficient to give you the feeling of a world controlled by Communism, consider this: the entire wall behind where I'm sitting is dominated by a huge map of the world — all of it in the Russian language.

All this aside, it is quite safe here now. Most of the U.S. force at this time is military police who usually ask how far Mentone is from Anniston where they trained at Ft. McClellan.

However, we have the feeling it may be the calm before another storm of political unrest. Sir Eric Gairy, the much feared and hated former prime minister and leader of the notorious "Mongoose Gang," a band of criminals and thugs who terrorized the Grenadian citizens, arrived back in Grenada four days before we got here.

The current governor general, Sir Paul Scoon, has announced general elections before next Christmas. There are about as many political groups as the Democratic Party has candidates for U.S. President — and they are nearly as fractionalized. Gairy's Grenada United Labor Party (GULP) is the only unified political group. Most of the people we've talked to fear, truly fear, that if political elections are held that soon, Eric Gairy will be in power again — if not the elected head of state, at least the real power in the background.

The widespread hope here is that when Secretary of State George Shultz visits this weekend, he will get a good reading of the situation and recommend that elections be postponed for a longer time.

Meanwhile, 800 American tourists are expected to arrive today on a Cunard Line ship, the first cruise ship to visit since the intervention in November. With the arrival of that many tourists, literally on the beach in front of our cottage, Kyle and I are packing up and heading for the comparative calm of St. Vincent on tomorrow's morning flight.

— Durwood "Doc" Long



The Mentone Wall

There is the Great Wall of China.
There is the Berlin Wall.
There is the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.
Walls have a way of shaping the earth and its people.

The people of Mentone and its visitors are familiar with the protective wall that runs alongside Highway 117 downward from Beauty Springs to Tutwiler Gap — a distance of about two miles. It was built for the purpose of saving lives, preventing vehicles from careening off the highway and tumbling precariously down the steep slope of Lookout Mountain.

It was built as part of a state road project in 1928 to replace the old road that formerly emerged north of Valley Head after a steep descent down the mountain. Built for practical purposes, it is actually a masterpiece of masonry.

A restoration project is now in the works to repair certain damage that had resulted from a half-century of wear.

Builder of the wall was Lee Crow, father of Homer Crow, MAPA's director, who until his death in 1980 was considered one of the finest stonemasons ever to practice the art in the Mentone area.

Other stone structures built by Lee Crow are the Nugent, Smith, and Miller (McSpadden) houses at DeSoto Falls, Nippersink Lodge and on the brow the homes of the Badhams, Burdettes, and Carmichaels.

When the wall was built, there were no mechanical gasoline driven cement mixers. The mortar was prepared by armpower. The mortar man on the project was Jack Jones. Others assisting were John and King Magnussen, Roy and Joe Crow, Pauly Jones, Jim Cohen, Hartford Brown, Harrison Lush and a Mr. Crane.

Next time you drive down the mountain, pay extra attention to THE MENTONE WALL.

FAMILIES OF MENTONE (Continued From Page 3)

several children.

El, Hardy and Joe all served in World War I going overseas to Germany.

The prolific Jones family has contributed to the richness of Mentone's heritage in many ways. Their gifts include teaching, nursing, building and banking while standing up for the fine ideals exemplified by Eldridge Jones in 1865.

(THE GROUNDHOG is indebted to Kathryn Ellis Jones who did extensive research for this article.)

Judge Thomas Presents Old Mentone Documents

Judge Paul Thomas, judge of probate court in DeKalb County, spoke at the February MAPA meeting and brought along some of the earliest deeds and wills on record at the courthouse. The county was founded in 1836.

The earliest Mentone deed is dated August 19, 1841. This parcel of land went from Albert Hale to William O. Winston. Another old deed, recorded in 1855, contained twenty acres from A. R. Gilbreath and his wife Sophia Gilbreath to William O. Winston. In 1856 William O. Winston ceded nearby land to S. E. Taylor.

The Gilbreath deed concerned some twenty acres of land that were sold for \$185. The deeds are written in flowing old-style long hand and are interesting to decipher, Judge Thomas reported.

Judge Thomas also displayed two old wills. One, from Solomon C. Smith, begins, "In the name of God, amen. I, Solomon C. Smith, aforesaid county (DeKalb), being of weak body, but of disposing mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, hath this day made and established my last will and testament as follows. First, I give my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the Mother Earth." After requesting that his debts be paid, Mr. Smith willed his possessions, including his slaves, to his wife Sarah and to his sons and daughters. To friends, Mr. Smith willed his cows and calves. He bequeathed a pledge of \$20 per year to his church (Harmony Grove) and money for his children's education.

Two of the most interesting deeds from the Men-



tone area are for the construction of a railroad in 1883 and 1888. This land was just east of Mentone, probably in LaHusage neighborhood, and the railroad was to be built by the Alabama and Chattanooga

Railroad Company. The land was sold by the Alabama State Land Company. The railroad may have been the "dinky line," built to haul coal.

Colonel Milford W. Howard's will, dated July 6, 1936, left everything to Jennie M. Howard. This was for two reasons, Col. Howard stated: "The first is that she is the only human being that came to my rescue after I was deserted, neglected, left alone, despised and even hated by those who have shared my generosity and bounty for years..." Furthermore, "She is one of the only two people I have ever known whose loyalty I could count to the death. The other was my dear brown-eyed Sackie..."

Recorded in deed book 37, page 141, is a deed from Charles M. T. Sawyer and Nannie H. Sawyer of some land to the town of Fort Payne. This deed is written totally in verse and contains such good rhymes as "To have and to hold to the said town of Ft. Payne/ In the County and State aforesaid/ And until all the face of earth is dead/ And the blare of old Gabriel's trumpet at the crack of doom/ Shall resurrect all the dead Yankees of the Ft. Payne boom..."

Since 1930 all of the birth and death records have been kept by the Health Department. In Judge Thomas's probate court election results have been kept from 1890. The county seat was moved to Ft. Payne in 1876. In 1950 the present building was occupied.

People come from all over the United States to do genealogical research at the DeKalb County Courthouse. Newspapers are on file from the 1880's.

Judge Thomas emphasized the importance of making survivorship deeds and of leaving wills. He said that a good time to do business at the court house is on Saturday mornings. He closed his presentation by promising to bind the first four or five years of THE GROUNDHOG for posterity.

Mentone Springs Hotel Is Home Say Ray And Sandra Padgett



"Mentone Springs Hotel is my home. My initial plans have not changed. I plan to have a hotel where I would rent rooms, have a restaurant and make my home." So says Ray Padgett, Computer Operations Manager at Coca Cola in Atlanta, who with his wife Sandra purchased the hotel in 1980 and has a long-range development plan in effect.

Sandra is excited about some of the more immediate plans: the opening of a craft/art shop on the first floor called "Mountain Stuff," opening on May 1st and to be managed by Richard and Lorri Steinberg of Fort Payne. Sandra also has definite plans for resumption of the Dicker Days on the Second Saturday of each month.

Following a request for a progress report by THE GROUNDHOG editors, mindful of the significance of the Mentone Springs Hotel to the upcoming Centennial observances, Ray Padgett submits the following:

"For the past week I have been trying to put my thoughts into words about our Mentone experience. It is a very difficult task. The effect of Mentone is an elusive one. So I will begin by saying that my experience with Mentone and our restoration attempt has been wonderful. Sandra and I have always shared a love of the grace and grandeur of Victorian architecture. And of course the building was the thing that attracted us here. The peace and tranquility of the place, however, has become the bonus. Before discovering this magical place I had many happy experiences, but Mentone has given me joy.

"Mentone Springs Hotel is my home. My plans are that it will always be my home. I will not be able to enjoy it daily until my retirement, but this is my base. I relate to the people in Mentone, diverse as they are, because I feel we have a common spirit in search of a peaceful, slow-paced life that can only be found in a small town. Sandra and I have scheduled events in the past that we felt would generate a little excitement. The Greater Mentone Horseshoe Classic was my favorite. Because it was my brainchild, I want to do it again. Due to the new ordinance concerning dancing, we will not have another 'Night of the Tenth Moon Costume Ball.' But we will plan events that would give the town a boost and encourage tourism a bit.

"The true date of the hotel's birth is somewhat disputed, but it was between 1884 and 1887 and we have always considered it 1884. So this is the birthday of our building, and we plan to have a fitting celebration. In the spring we will open a craft/art shop called 'Mountain Stuff.' Items for sale will be on a consignment basis. There will be limited antiques, but it will mainly be hand-made items and pure mountain crafts. Richard and Lorri Steinberg will manage the shop for us. The opening is planned for May 1st.

"Our ultimate goal has never changed — a country inn, craft shop, restaurant, and our private residence on the third floor. To date the money spent on the building has been mine. Since I don't have a great pot of gold, the progress has been slow. Progress to this point has been primarily preventative. We had to stop 25 roof leaks. The window replacement was critical. The soffits (eaves) were rotten, causing a hazard with birds building nests and flying in. The only interior improvement has been the dining room paint and rebuilding the ceiling and trim. Sometimes Sandra is impatient because she wants the lobby back in order. Before that can begin, such major tasks as rewiring and plumbing have to be accomplished.

"The immediate projects will take a great deal of money. We have different options for accomplishing that. The past few months have been spent soul searching the approach we wish to take. Some of these are to develop a limited partnership and get investors. Another is to sell time-sharing such as Florida condominiums do. Grants are one possibility, but that appears to be very remote since only a few are available.

Nationally speaking, historic preservation is not a high priority. Realistically the money will come from the commercial projects. And even if they do not materialize, my private funds will continue. This only means the completion date will be 1999 instead of 1989 which would be the case if we had the money today. Our commitment is as strong today as it was in the first days we marvelled at the deserted old building in July 1980.

"We did a successful restoration on our 1907 Victorian home in Grant Park in Atlanta. The difference, other than that this house was about one-fifth as large as the Mentone Springs Hotel, was that we had a group of kindred souls who were also restoring homes. In Mentone I fear we are considered somewhat insane.

"We miss the Grant Park front porch. The only thing I salvaged were the columns. We totally rebuilt the balustrade, floor, and ceiling. Porches enhance your social life so much. It wasn't uncommon then for a neighbor to walk up with the dog, two children, muddy shoes, and sit in the swing or pull up a rocker. We talked about politics, shared restoration ideas, caught up on family triumphs and tribulations. It was just a good experience that I miss.

"So you can see why I look forward to having the

Rhododendron Festival, Spring Run Included In 1984 Mentone Events

A Spring Classic Run and a Rhododendron Festival were added to the Fall Colorfest and Christmas celebrations as a result of a planning session of the Executive Board of the Mentone Area Preservation Association and presented at the February meeting. Committees were announced and plans set in motion.

The planning session was held at the Kirk residence and was attended by the following: Homer Crow, Director; Mabel Kirk, Associate Director; Marie Shadgett, Secretary; and Ann Climer, Treasurer.

New on the Mentone calendar is the Spring Festival on the weekend of May 19-20. On Saturday the First Spring Classic Run will be staged, coordinated by the same committee that made such a success of the Fall Classic Run last year: Marty Griffin, chairperson; Randy Still and Amelia Brooks, assisted by various associates.

The Rhododendron Festival will feature the crowning of a rhododendron queen, displays of rhododendron plants in containers or burlap wrappers, which will be sold afterward, and various other activities appropriate to this time when these unusual flowers are in bloom. Chairperson of this festival is Donna Bukley, assisted by Harrell Jenkins, Patti Bryan, Marie Shadgett, Ann Climer, and others.

The Fall Colorfest will be held on Halloween weekend, with Avline Brown as chairperson and a committee consisting of Dorothy Crow, Bernise Crow, Sandra Padgett, Ann Climer, and Marie Shadgett. This committee is considering the possibility of a small craft show.

Again the Fall Classic Run will be coordinated by Marty Griffin, chairperson, Amelia Brooks, and Randy Still.

At the Christmas festival, emphasis will be on music, especially choral groups, Christmas decorations, arrival of Santa Claus, and similar activities. Chairperson Sharon Barron will be assisted by a committee consisting of Donna Bukley, Barbara Cameron, Bruce Bon Fleur and Grace Howard. Christmas activities will be coordinated with the annual celebration of St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain.

These committees are expected to meet at an early date, plan their events, and submit estimated budgets to the March meeting for consideration of the MAPA membership. Each committee is asked to establish clean-up crews for the after-events.

front porch back on the hotel. Neighbors and tourists can mingle and socialize on the verandah. I want a good supply of rockers for the obvious reasons.

"In addition to our love of the old hotel and the people, North Alabama is one of the most beautiful and scenic areas in the world. Where else can you enjoy a waterfall, mountain river, and valley views within a 15-minute drive? But the real bonus is the tranquility. We never imagined we'd get this much satisfaction and fun from what we're doing at the hotel. This alone makes our toiling worth it."



PHOTOS BY DONNA BUKLEY



A Lawyer, A Priest, A Builder

(continued from front cover)

disturbed children. After graduation from seminary he became curate of All Saint's Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama, and Vicar of St. Mary's by-the-sea, Coden, Alabama following which he was Vicar at Grace Church in Mobile (1966-68). While in Mobile he established the Formerly Married Organization for the divorced and widowed, helped establish a Youth Center, and was chaplain of Goodwill Industries.

While in Mobile he met and married Josephine Anne Terrell, a native of that city. They had two daughters, Ann Berry and Eleanor Graham.

In 1968 Glover moved to Perry, Georgia, where he became Vicar of St. Christopher's by the Crossroads. During this time he was also vicar of St. Mary's in Montezuma, Georgia. He was instrumental in starting a nursing home ministry in both these cities; the Mental Health Center in Perry; and worked with returnees from the mental hospital. He was involved in the Faith Alive Movement and worked with youth and prayer groups.

It was in 1970 that Graham Glover moved nearer toward Mentone, becoming rector of St. Luke's Church in Scottsboro and St. Phillips in Fort Payne. In 1971 he began organization of St. Joseph's in Mentone and was rector of all three churches until 1973. At this time the bishop separated St. Lukes from St. Phillips, pairing the Fort Payne and Mentone churches.

With residence in Fort Payne, spending much time in Mentone, he ministered to both churches. In Fort Payne he organized a nursing home ministry which is still operative; and established both an arthritic center and a youth center. He was in Rotary and played the role of Santa Claus in the Chamber of Commerce parade.

During the ensuing years he was active in the Crusillo movement, a member of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese of Alabama, dean of the Mountain Convocation, member of the Board of Trustees of St. Andrews School (Sewanee), and member of the board of the Appalachian Arthritic Center in Chattanooga.

Once St. Joseph's was completed in Mentone, Graham Glover said it was done by people with talent and commitment. The congregation managed to provide \$3,000 for purchase of two acres in downtown Mentone, which included a hand-hewn log cabin generally considered the oldest building in town.

The cabin had been built by a northerner, Mr. Vernon, in 1870 and in the 1880's was moved to the present site, where it became the central unit for the now completed structure.

Determined to complete the building with no assistance from the diocese, Graham Glover said: "We then began to inquire all over the mountain for old barns, houses, and other buildings that people gave us if we would tear them down and move them



away. On Saturdays we would tear down, move them, and on the next Saturday we would incorporate them into the structure."

Much of the actual labor was done by Glover himself. He was especially appreciative of the building skills of Charles Kirby and Fritz Smith.

That which may be referred to as Glover's ecclesiastical scrounging resulted in such appointments as stained glass windows from St. Luke's in Scottsboro and long dark pews from the Episcopal Church in Tuskegee, Alabama, which had been hand rubbed and stained by George Washington Carver.

Following completion of the building Graham Glover said "Now let's start building lives." In 1981 he was devoting his entire ministry to Mentone's St. Joseph's. Homer Crow, MAPA president and a member of the church vestry, says: "I don't think the people of Mentone have any idea of the many things he did. The people he helped were not necessarily members of the church. For needy families he sometimes arranged payment of utility bills and provided groceries." Even when he was undergoing treatment in the Bahamas, he wrote back inquiring about a family he had been assisting.

Determined to live full-time in Mentone, the Grahams set about another building project — a two-story log cabin on Little River just above Taylor's Ford. Again, Graham's skills as a designer and discoverer of antique building materials resulted in a magnificent structure.

It was not until the Mentone Area Preservation Association was organized that this writer became really acquainted with Graham. He was active in its formation. At most meetings one of us said, "We must get together for that long talk."

One afternoon, only a few days before he left for treatment in Bahamas, I was down at my barn-study when he dropped in, and we at last had that long talk. I regretted that it had come so late. About his physical condition he was realistically hopeful and yet had a kind of serene acceptance.

His funeral was held on February 12, 1984, at St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain, with Bishop Furman C. Stough, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, officiating. Burial was in a new cemetery which Graham Glover had established just across Little River from the cabin where he had hoped to spend his remaining years.

In a 1980 interview with Jayetta Benefield of the Fort Payne Times-Union he said: "A person's life is his own eulogy. I hope mine will be a worthwhile one."

Thus it was that he pronounced his own valid and fitting eulogy. — C.W.M.

Town Council Meets

At the regular meeting of the Mentone Town Council on Monday, February 6th, the mayor and councilmen unanimously declared 1984 to be the year of the town's centennial (see story elsewhere).

Other action included a unanimous vote to give the Fire Department \$100 a month for the next six months. Policeman Colquitt Jones will not attend the police academy until September. There was continued discussion about repairing the police car.

Most of the councilmen's time during the meeting was spent discussing Mentone's water source. All agreed that having independent system would be the ideal solution to the water problem. This, however, is impossible just now. Senator Lowell Barron stated that the town could get its grant amended, but that no more monies will be forthcoming from state funds "for quite a while."

Possibilities being considered include continuing with the Fort Payne contract and hooking onto the Valley Head system. Another consideration would be to drill deep wells and pump water to the town, as Menlo does.

Councilmen decided informally to construct the brow park shelter locally rather than applying for a grant. A leaking underground spring has been diverted in front of the Town Hall.

Rescue Squad News

Leonard Shigley, Rescue Squad captain, announces that a First Aid course will be conducted sometime in March for members and the public. For further information call one of these members at the new telephone listings.

Leonard Shigley, 634-4140; Stanley Brown, 634-4864; Ovie Blalock, 634-4166; Bobby Brown, 634-4755.

Announcing First Issue Of The Trader's Tab



AUNT POLLY

Aunt Polly's "Produce Picks of the Month" is one of the features of THE TRADER'S TAB, a new publication of Mentone-based Mountain View Communications which will be published monthly beginning in March. Bruce Bon Fleur, editor, states that this tabloid is directed toward those who attend flea markets, trade markets, antique auction-shops, factory and mill outlets, surplus salvage stores, and similar establishments.

In addition to "Produce Picks of the Month," the initial issue will publish an article on Scottsboro's First Monday Trade Day; a section featuring flea market operators in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama; a story on "AntiqueLand," one of the state's largest outlets, located between Huntsville and Decatur.

Additional departments are as follows: Collector of the Month, the "Best Bargains" column; listings of area auctions, bargain shopping locations, photo features, and many others.

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Calendar

Thursday, March 1 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Dept meets at Fire Hall. Sam Cash, Chief.

Saturday, March 3 — 5 p.m. — Mentone Centennial Committee meets at Town Hall. Linda Brown, Temporary Chairperson.

Monday, March 5 — 6 p.m. — Town Council meets at Town Hall. Rob Hammond, Mayor.

Tuesday, March 6 — 7 p.m. — MAPA meets at Brownie's in the Hitching Post. Homer Crow, Director. John L. Taylor, Executive Director, DeKalb County Tourist Association, speaker.

7 p.m. — Rescue Squad meets at American Legion Hall Annex. Leonard Shigley, Captain.

Wednesday, March 7 — 10 a.m. — Bookmobile comes to Town Hall. Judy Dowiat, Librarian.

Tuesday, March 13 — 10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at Speed home. Helen Hill, President.

8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Presidential Preference Election, Fire Hall.

Thursday, March 15 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Dept. meets at Fire Hall.

Wednesday, March 21 — 10 a.m. — Bookmobile comes to Town Hall.

Deadline for copy for April Groundhog.

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DeKalb Tourist News

The last meeting of the DeKalb County Tourist Association, on Wednesday, February 8th, discussed principally the upcoming March 12th visit of the Alabama Travel Council. The group will visit the Alabama Fan Club, DeSoto Falls, Mentone, and Sequoyah Caverns.

The membership committee reported 56 renewals and 4 new members. Other items discussed were an upcoming brochure travel guide and a travel pack.

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 Sunday Worship: 10:50 A.M., 6:00
 P.M.
 Wednesday Evening Service: 7:00
 P.M. Telephone: 634-4210

ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Graham Glover, minister
 Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
 Sunday Worship: 11:00 A.M.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 P.M.
 Telephone: 634-4210

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The Rev. Dewey Oswald, minister
 Sunday School: 10:00 A. M.
 Worship Service: 11:00 A. M., 6 P. M.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 P. M.

CAMP SADDLE ROCK: Marty Griffin, director; Girls' Summer Camp; June 19, July 17, July 31. 634-4608.

CAMP WOODMONT: Jane Bennett, director; Boys' and Girls' Summer Camp; June 27, July 1, 15, 29; Aug. 5. 404-284-5369.

CAMP SKYLINE RANCH: Susan C. Hooks, director. Girls' summer camp. June 16-29; July 1-26; July 29-Aug. 11. 634-3201.

CAMP ALPINE: Richard O'Ferrall, director; Camp for boys; June 13 and July 11. 634-4200.

CAMP DeSOTO: Sue Henry, director; Camp for girls; June 14, July 14. 634-3411.

CAMP LANEY: Rob Hammond, director; Camp for boys; June 18, July 2, July 17, July 31. 634-3561.

LOOKOUT MT. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER: Anne and John Morrison, directors; 24 cabins, gym, lodge, amphitheatre, dining hall; non-profit. 634-3471.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP: Glenn Miller, director; Christian Youth Camp, June 13 through July 30. 634-3795.

CAMP JULIETTE LOW: Kathy Holly, director; Girl Scout Camp in Cloudland, Ga., four two-week sessions from June 19 to Aug. 13. (404) 428-0446.

COMER SCOUT RESERVATION: Bob Dunaway, director; Boy Scout Camps June 12-July 16. 634-3445.

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