

Dessie Newberry: Mentone's Kountry Chef

By Emily Smith

A taste for some good catfish prompted Dessie Newberry to open her own restaurant, the Kountry Chef. The Kountry Chef has been open almost one year and has won top reviews for their catfish and the other dishes they serve.

"When we came to Alabama, my son, David Cryer and I discussed many times about having a restaurant for catfish. We had a great restaurant in Texarkana and we had tried all the restaurants around here and couldn't find anything even close," Dessie said.

"That's when we decided to open our own," she explained.

They began with a mobile unit called "Just Food." They went different places and served quick food and snacks but, wanted something more permanent.



The I-59 Flea Market had just opened and hired Dessie to provide food there. At first she worked from the mobile unit and then moved indoors when the Flea Market's kitchen was set up.

One day when she was in Mentone, she noticed a "For Sale" sign on the building where she is now. She contacted Charles Malcolm, the owner and asked to see it.

Malcolm had owned a barbecue restaurant in Fort Payne and was interested in a restaurant in Mentone.

"My daughter Sharon came down with me to look at the building. The walls were a yucky yellow, dirty grease, just filthy dirty. Sharon was thinking 'Mother won't want this building,' Dessie remembered.

"When I told Charles, 'well, I see it has possibilities, I'd like to take it,' Sharon almost dropped her teeth," she laughed.

Heritage Foundation Addresses MAPA

MAPA heard plans for the Mentone Springs Hotel from Mentone Heritage Foundation steering committee chairman Vernon Gray at their March meeting. The Mentone Heritage Foundation is a newly formed community group whose purpose is to restore and preserve the old hotel as a community center for Mentone.

Gray said the Foundation steering committee had met four times and plans a public meeting for March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Mentone Town Hall.

He told the group that the idea for a community based group came about from several people in Mentone who wanted to see the hotel saved.

"We feel it is possible to secure the hotel for Mentone," he said. "As one of our committee members said, 'it's do-able.'"

They are in the process of incorporating and will be a nonprofit organization. As a public group, the Heritage Foundation will be eligible to apply for several grants.

Even two million dollars wouldn't be enough to restore the Mentone Springs Hotel to its original use as an inn according to Gray. However, the Foundation believes they can raise the funds necessary to purchase, renovate and open the hotel as a community center.

They have inspected the hotel and found it to be in good shape. The foundation is solid and the original heart pine timber used in its initial construction is in good shape.



Woodhaven in Valley Head

Woodhaven: Blending Norway and the Old South

By JUDITH LOLLIK-ANDERSEN
and EMILY SMITH

A touch of Norway has blended with southern tradition in Valley Head at historic Woodhaven on Lowry Road, the home and bed-and-breakfast owned by Judith and Kaare Lollik-Andersen.

Kaare, a native of Sandefjord, Norway, and Judith had been living in Miami, but wanted to move somewhere similar to the beauty and tranquility of Norway, but not as cold. Every vacation was spent in search of the perfect place.

On one vacation trip they traveled all through North Florida and up the Alabama-Georgia line searching. The day they were to turn around and head back to South Florida they discovered Valley Head and Mentone. It was instant love.

"We were actually heading down the mountain toward I-75 and the quickest way home when we saw a 'for sale' sign." They spent the day investigating the property and left with an agreement to purchase the property one year to the day from that date. To their disappointment, the week before closing, the owners decided they did not want to sell.

"We were back at square one, although we had determined a location," Judith said.

They scoured the Groundhog, the Fort Payne paper, and all other area papers mailed to them in Florida.

"Everytime we saw an ad that intrigued us, we'd call," she related.

Finally a call to Brenda Taylor at Ralph and Taylor realty in Fort Payne brought hope.

"she said she had just gotten a listing for a colonial, six-bedroom home on thirty acres of land. She had not even been out to measure the property and complete the listing, but she thought it would make a wonderful bed and breakfast. We came on the run to see it," Judith said.

MAPA members responded favorably to the proposal made by Gray and the Mentone Heritage Foundation.

Sherman Gough will lead a group to pick up trash along MAPA's Adopt-A-Mile on Monday, March 16 at 9 a.m. Members will meet at the old Sutton's location. In case of rain, the group will meet on Tuesday.

The Cloudland Trade Center has adopted the first section of Alabama roadway past the Georgia State Line. Bill Pilson said the Highway Department advised him that it was "the worst mile in Alabama."

Wanda Simmons reported on plans for the Rhododendron Festival. She showed two quilts made by Lola Mae Blalock that will be raffled off; one is in the "Log Cabin" pattern and the other is called "Trip Around The World."

Kaare and Judith both liked the house, but there were many concerns about the foundation and other necessary repairs. In Norway, just to level and reinforce the foundation on the house would cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000. That added to the cost of the house and any additional updating "just put it out of the ballpark."

The Andersens spent a week in the valley, searching and checking on properties, always avoiding Lowry Road and Woodhaven. Brenda Taylor did not give up so easily, though, and had Morrell White of Rainville out to check on the sills and foundation of Woodhaven. When the Andersens called to tell her goodbye and to keep looking, she informed them that Mr. White had an estimate on the costs of the major foundational repairs if they were interested.

"We rushed to Mr. White's office and were delighted to hear it would cost only a tenth of our expected cost." "I was so excited, but Kaare was more cautious," Judith said. "He wanted to check the property out

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Town Council Notes

Much of the discussion at the March Mentone Town Council meeting centered around a property line dispute between J.P. Nations and Mrs. Lee Davenport. The line in question is east of DeSoto Parkway in the old Signal Rock Park subdivision.

Nation wants to open Linchapey Road as it is shown on the original plat. At this time Linchapey Road stops at DeSoto Parkway and Sunset Avenue. There is a chert road presently that runs along a portion of the unopened street. It has been used by residents for several years. It is maintained by the county.

The area in question lies between the chert road and the part of Linchapey which has never been developed but shows up on the original plat.

Attorney Roger Killian who is representing the Davenports contends that all the property south of the chert road belongs to the Davenports and has been maintained by them for about 75 years.

"Regardless of what a deed says, land can become owned through adverse possession," Killian told the council. He also said that the fence that is present that was built by the Davenports' many years ago is the "strongest evidence of assertion of ownership."

Nation told the council that he was there to "open a city street" and that he had received permission from the council at an earlier council meeting to do so.

Killian warned the council that if Nation opens the proposed road, he will be an agent of the city.

The council postponed action on the matter until the next council meeting when the town's attorney Pat Tate can be present.

In other matters, the council passed an ordinance increasing traffic fines in Mentone. They also swore in Tim Overby as an auxiliary police officer. Overby will ride in the police car with Chief Johnny Ferguson or Officer Brian Phillips. Overby has applied to attend the police academy.

He told the council that he couldn't go to the academy unless he had been hired by a police department and that he couldn't be hired unless he had finished at the academy. The experience he will gain in Mentone will help him enter the academy.

A large water leak was found above Camp DeSoto and accounts for a loss of approximately 15,000 gallons of water per day. It has been repaired but Mentone is still losing more water than it should. Mayor Cash is looking in to the purchase of monitoring equipment which will help the town find leaks as they occur.

The meeting time for the next council meeting on April 6 will change to 7 p.m. due to Daylight Savings Time.

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March Roars In

By Emily Smith

It looks like March has tiptoed in on little lamb's feet, making its entrance with beautiful, warm, sunny days. And it will surely roar out like a lion as plenty of with a great choice of activity on the horizon for Mentone citizens.

Moon Lake School is looking for volunteers as you will read in this issue of The Groundhog. A good way to shake off the lethargy of winter is to get involved with the bright youngsters at our school. There are lots of ways suggested that we can help at the school, encouraging the children in their classwork and at play. What a worthwhile investment in the future of Mentone to take an active part in these young lives.

The Mentone Heritage Foundation is picking up momentum with its drive to save the old hotel for Men-

Along the Boulevard

(Reprinted from The Times-Journal, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1992)

By Charles White McGehee

They're going to pave Willie Nelson Boulevard. I learned about it when Jean and Ginny Ballinger returned from one of their walks up beyond the Mentone water tanks. They saw some county engineers who announced that this was their project. I verified it with Glen Lacy at the office.

On some maps it's Scenic Highway 89; in part of Mentone it's Central Street. It runs from Gadsden's Noddalula Falls along the brow of Lookout Mountain, through Mentone, past Camp Ponderosa to Chattanooga. Future plans are to join the Allegheny Parkway, which runs to Maine. Georgia has already paved its portion above the line.

We gave it the name Willie Nelson Boulevard because it runs past our house, linking us with property bought by Willie in 1986. Rumors were that it was to be a summer home on the brow or a resort of some kind overlooking historic Battelle down in the valley.

Alas, poor Willie blew it with the Internal Revenue Service. Suddenly he owed multiple millions to Uncle Sam. Most of his property was foreclosed. Willie had received bad advice from financial experts and been overly-generous with hangers-on. The fact remains that Willie Nelson is one of the genuine artists of our day. The nostalgic, melodic tone of his voice belies the seedy undershirt and grizzled features. Over the holidays Willie suffered another tragedy. His son in Nashville took his own life.

When Willie bought the choice property up on the brow, he made a brief visit to Mentone. He dropped into the Hitching Post and Gourdie Shop, and the ladies went into ecstasy. He purchased three of Sharon Barron's Gourdies. To my knowledge he never returned to this area.

Turning the Mentone Springs Hotel into a community center is one of the most exciting projects that has ever been suggested for our town. We predict the public meeting, Thursday, March 12 will be well supported.

March is the time when we begin to see the shops spruce up for the spring season. Around the Log Cabin Village and the Hitching Post you'll hear saws and hammers and see new paint being applied. Lots of new merchandise is being unpacked and is ready for sale. The Superette and The Shed have their bedding plants, seeds and trees out and everyone is taking advantage of the nice weather to prepare their gardens.

There is a saying that the man who wakes up a success hasn't been asleep. Life may slow down a bit during the winter in Mentone, but spring jolts us all awake with its revved up proposals.

Let's let the lion roar and wake up those other sleepy heads.

This is the musician who brought about Farm Aid when farmers of the Midwest were having such difficulties. He has always been generous with his talent. He made many investments but money really seemed unimportant.

Not long ago on the Nashville TNN Cable Channel, I saw a delightful evening of music by Willie Nelson and Ray Charles, an unusual combination. They were interpreting various kinds of songs, improvising, and having the time of their lives.

At one point Willie patted Ray on the shoulder and said that he was looking forward to a game of chess between them later. This drew me closer to them. Anyone who plays chess must have certain qualities. Also on the Nashville Cable I was fortunate to see the "Celebrities Offstage" interview with the group Alabama, conducted capably and personably by Lorianne Crook. There were some beautiful shots of our mountain taken from a plane flown by Mentone resident Mark Hemdon.

Once again we realized the tremendous talent and generosity of this group which springs from the soil of DeKalb County. These young men are no press agent's gimmick. Their continuing popularity is because of their ability to make music with their voices and various instruments.

As one who appreciates a wide range of music, I find occasional pleasure and solace from cassettes by such popular artists as Sinatra, Willie Nelson, Alabama and Nat "King" Cole. They are often mantra-meditations.

Because of Willie's misfortunes it would be a temptation to refer to the street in front of our house as the boulevard of broken dreams. For us, it's a wonderful, enchanting place to watch the changing seasons and a view of the American procession.

Dear Editor:

The Little River Coonhunter's Association would like to publicly state our opposition to the Little River National Preserve (Park). We are not opposed to preservation of the area, in fact, we support the idea of having a place for recreation for everybody (hunters included).

We feel that there are better alternatives such as the Forever Wild Program administered by the state which would cost the taxpayers nothing. If passed by the voters in Alabama, the funds would come from offshore drilling.

We feel that there are too many minus points as opposed to plus points when the scales are applied to the National Park Service and to Mr. Bevil's House Bill HR 3665.

We respectfully request that you use your influence to stop such a cancer as the NPS from infringing upon the rights of the people of Northeast Alabama and establishing a foothold from which to spread and control our lives.

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Gratefully,
Pay Seymour

From the Pastor's Study

By Fred Higgins, Pastor Howard's Chapel

I had thoughts of writing a very learned piece but, instead, I want to scatter some direct quotes from God's Word then gather them back together.

Isaiah 55:11 — "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Isaiah 55:8-9 — "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Matthew 24:14 — "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and shall the end come."

1 Peter 3:8-9 — "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

You and I would never have done it this way, but God has given you and me the job of telling others about Christ. He hasn't asked us to save anyone. He will do that. Just as you go, go telling others. Not only that, he has delayed his coming so that someone will have a chance to tell someone more. But the day of the Lord will come. We must use the time that he has given us.

The Country Journal

By Bernice Crow

This is Leap Year — the one when we gain another day that I call a bonus. Leap Year is an interesting year, but was a puzzle to me as a child. It was hard to imagine how that extra day every fourth year came to be. We played "Leap Frog", as children do, and somehow that stuck in my mind as having to do with Leap Year. Did we skip time the other three years and suddenly leap forward — going into high gear?

Then, somewhere in grammar school, we learned that there are a few more hours in a day than we record. It still befuddles my mind. Anyway we got caught up last week and can relax for another three years as being back on schedule.

Leap Year is always election year for the president of the United States, and politics takes up about all the news. Politicians are a dime a dozen and news is filled with each one trying to extol his own virtues and degrade those of others who are running for office. The way our government functions is certainly the best in the world, and I am glad we have two parties so they can counter-balance each other.

Mud-slinging and searching through closets for all kinds of defamation seems like an awful intrusion on privacy. We have lost some good candidates who would have filled offices well if their personal lives had not been exploited to the point of ruining their character in the eyes of the voting public. And the bad news is that there are some bad things about each of us — nobody is perfect — so I have the utmost admiration for the person who decides to put his or her life on the line and run for public office.

It is true that some things should be brought to public attention, such as being of a sound mind and being able to make right decisions — using good judgement. But I detest the idea of exposing families to the extent that there is no privacy. We hear enough gossip without adding any more to it.

Then, after all is said and done and the candidate is in office, none of the campaign smears counted anyway. (Or none of the promises.) May the best of them win!

The calendar is a complicated system of reckoning time, designed to make the naming of a day convenient and possible. The hard part is working with two recurrent cycles of nature: that is the cycle of the seasons (the sun) and the cycle of the moon. The solar cycle is longer than the lunar system. The earth completes its orbit in 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds.

The problem of the calendar has been to harmonize the solar and lunar years. Months and years cannot be divided exactly by months. In its simplest form a month is 29 1/2 days, hence having some with 30 — some 31. The calendar now most widely used is that of the Roman form. July and August got their names from Caesar.

In the old English form, there were some left over

days each year. They had 30 days each month, and five days left over, with an extra day every four years.

An interesting calendar which was thought to be near perfect was made by the Mayas, who used a year of 365 days divided in 18 20-day periods with a 5-day period at the end. The simplest calendar was used by our native Americans who used the lunar system alone. Time was judged by so many moons — a moon meaning a month.

The Christians have a system determined in 325 A.D. that Easter should fall on the Sunday following the next full moon after the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox is considered by the church to fall on March 21, according to the Nicea Council.

The Chinese have their calendar; the Jews have theirs; and the Muslims have still a different one.

Now for the humorous side: Leap Year has always been considered a time for all spinsters (old maids we call them) to catch a man! The girls are free this year to be the aggressive ones and propose to the men. Of course with the advent of "women's lib" they probably do most of the proposals of marriage anyway.

So, you bachelors or otherwise eligible men, get out your running shoes and be prepared. Wouldn't it be fun to hold a "Sadie Hawkins Day" race, and see if the men could outrun the women? I would guarantee that some of the women have already been practicing. We might just try this at our Rhododendron Festival. Again, may the best man win!

Parkway Association Meeting

The 450 Mile Outdoor Sale was the topic of the Lookout Mountain Parkway Association's February meeting at the Kountry Chef in Mentone. The sale will be held Aug. 20-23 from Cincinnati, Ohio to Gadsden, Alabama along U.S. Highway 127 and Lookout Mountain Parkway.

An estimated 30,000 to 50,000 people shop at the sale each year and according to Jack Jones, LMPA president, many of those plan their vacations around the event.

The Parkway Association hopes to encourage more people to participate as sellers and several co-chairmen were appointed from different areas. Lloyd Wagon of Gadsden will cover the south end of the parkway. Joe Barnes will cover Dogtown and La Rue Alford will cover the area from Fort Payne to Mentone.

James Mackey is overseeing planning along the Georgia part of the parkway. Marsha Hair will cover the Cloudland area. Evelyn Pennington will cover New Salem and Wayne Karanovich of Trenton will be in charge of sales for the Parkway Association at the new overlook.

Karen Alexander will cover the end of Lookout Mountain Parkway in Tennessee.

A work day has been planned at the new overlook, 1,000 yds. south of the hang glider flight park near Trenton. The date is March 28.

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again. "They drove back to Woodhaven and Judith could not tell how Kaare felt about the property until Mrs. Brownie Tuttle, who lived next door, happened to go to her mailbox. "Kaare raced across the yard in a rush to introduce himself and trailing after him I arrived just in time to hear him tell Mrs. Tuttle we were buying the house." That happened six years ago.

Kaare and Judith returned to Miami where Judith worked for IBM as an editor and technical writer and Kaare works for Norwegian Cruise Lines. They found a wonderful caretaker family in the Junior Brendles, and work started on restoring Woodhaven.

When IBM laid off Judith and Kaare's ship moved its home port to Puerto Rico, the Andersens joined the Brendles at Woodhaven. Kaare still works on the cruise ships, sailing out of San Pedro, CA and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Both Judith and Kaare have always enjoyed traveling and especially staying in Bed and Breakfasts. With Kaare in the hospitality business, it was a logical move to open their home as a bed and breakfast.

Throughout Woodhaven are reminders of Kaare's seagoing-career. Paintings, models of ships, and ship memorabilia take prominent position in every room.

A never-ending pot of fresh coffee is always on for guests. This is one of the hallmarks of their Norwegian style hospitality. In Norway, you must always greet a guest, whether on business or pleasure, with a cup of coffee served at a table covered with a lace tablecloth and best china service. "First we have coffee".

Guests who arrive near four in the afternoon are greeted with a "combination Norwegian coffee and English tea", Judith commented. In the winter, guests are given logs for their fireplaces. "In the evening, before we go to bed, we make sure there is plenty of hot fresh coffee, cookies, candy, and fruit on the table upstairs. There is nothing worse than to wake up in the middle of the night and be starving to death and have nothing to nibble on," Judith said.

Early in the morning, before the guests arise, orange juice, muffins, and fresh coffee are set out. Then early risers can have their coffee and juice as they wake up before coming downstairs to breakfast.

Guests have breakfast in the dining room or on the veranda in warm months. It consists of fresh fruit, pastries, some sort of hot cereal a Norwegian custom usually havregrot (oatmeal), and eggs and bacon or waffles with fresh fruit and sour cream or another breakfast specialty.

Guests also enjoy Norwegian style bedding. Each double bed has two "duner" (down comforters), so each person can roll up in his own. "That avoids having your half of the blanket stolen in the night", comments Judith.

The windows have lace curtains, hung a few inches above the sill, giving you a place to set your coffee cup as you sit by window or to hold a flower pot. This practice is common in Norway where every minute of light is coveted. The curtains provide privacy, yet do not obstruct the light and view.

Because each of the upstairs guest rooms has a fireplace and sitting area, the fire is lit for overnight visitors. In the wide upstairs hall, there are plenty of books and other reading materials.

"Having guests is a joy," says Judith "and provides us with wonderful memories." One story is the time our guests included a couple, their two children, their dog, and their two horses.

THE HISTORY OF WOODHAVEN

Woodhaven was the first and largest of five houses built by the five Winston grandsons. It took nearly two years to construct and was completed in 1902. Woodhaven served as the central house for the family. It was here the children from surrounding homes on Lowry Road attended school.

Winston Overton Paine built Woodhaven. Lumber for the house was cut and milled at the family saw mill located on the property. The original design was "dog trot" style with a large hall through the middle of the house. Doors at both ends could be opened to allow breezes to cool the house in summer.

The doors at Woodhaven match the old doors found at Winston Place and were apparently made at the same place.

The house has four large rooms downstairs. The two to the left of the entrance were the parlor and dining

Mentone News, Twenty Years Ago

Taken from Ruby O'Rear's columns in the Fort Payne Times Journal March, 1971

Susan Cash, Connie Manifold and Darlene Clifton attended the Beta Club Convention at Birmingham last week. They were among the club officers from Valley Head High School who attended. They were accompanied by Mrs. Jimmy Crumbley and they stayed at the Bankhead Hotel while in Birmingham.

The Young People of the Wesleyan Church sponsored a covered dish supper at the lunch room of the Moon Lake School on Friday. After supper Rev. Jimmy Kay of Fort Payne showed slides of pictures he had taken while on a trip to the Holy Land recently. Several from both churches enjoyed the fellowship and the very interesting pictures.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhodes who had to vacate their home in the San Fernando Valley following the recent earthquake wrote relatives that their 16-year-old son who was asleep, when the quake came, woke up to find himself lying on the floor. Although they had no extensive damage things were quite shaken up in the house. Mrs. Rhodes is the former Claire Cox, sister of Leland Cox.

room. On the right were two bedrooms, one for the Paines, and another for Mr. Paine's father.

The late Brownie Tuttle, Brownie died in January of this year, who was born in the upstairs bedroom of her uncle's home, Woodhaven, recalls seeing the senior Mr. Paine roasting rabbits in the fireplace of his bedroom.

This story prompted Mrs. Andersen to remove the wall built by some later residents and uncover the fireplace. The fireplace was quickly repaired and now houses a wood-burning stove.

Brownie also told the Andersens that as a young child she remembered going through the pockets of the children's coats while they attended school. The coats were left on the bench at the foot of the staircase and were tempting to a little girl.

One time she discovered a knife in one of the pockets and cut her hand. Her mother found out and put an end to Brownie's exploring.

There are three chimneys at Woodhaven, one central to each side of the house, each providing fireplaces to heat two downstairs and two upstairs rooms and a third large chimney with an open fireplace in the kitchen was used for cooking.

With the exception of the brick and rock used for the fireplaces and the foundation, the house was constructed totally of wood. All the exterior walls feature six layers of wood. The first layers applied to the rough cut 2x4's are diagonally laid 1x4's. on the outside, the diagonal 1x4's are covered by vertical tongue and groove and finished by horizontal lapped siding. On the inside, the diagonal 1x4's are followed by horizontal tongue and groove and finished with vertical tongue and groove all planed smooth and detailed. This six layer construction is also found in the walls of the central hallway. other interior walls are four layers thick.

The woods used include oak, cherry, walnut, cedar, and clear pine. originally only the exterior was painted. Interior walls were left natural or covered with burlap.

The roof is constructed of lathe with cedar shakes. The original roof still remains on the house but has been covered over with asbestos shingles giving a somewhat rough and uneven appearance along the edge.

The Paine's sold the house to the Thompsons after Mr. Paine was transferred in 1910. Sally Thompson was a dressmaker and kept a sewing room upstairs. Many of the ladies of Valley Head remember days spent hemming dresses with Mrs. Sally Thompson. The Thompson children even brought their pony up the stairs to their bedroom as a prank one day.

"You can tell a lot about the history of Valley Head and when people came here by what people call the house. For those who new it in its earliest days it is Woodhaven, then the Thompson Place, the Fiescher Place, or the Morris Place" explained Judith. Each family lived at Woodhaven at some time. Other families who have called Woodhaven home are the Stallings and most recently the Browns.

The huge oak, hickory, and beech trees planted by the Paines give shade through the summer and a park-like appearance to the grounds. The strong influence of its history is still felt on a visit to Woodhaven.



The North Lookout Mountain Fire Department is having a fundraising drive during April. A representative will make door to door calls at Mentone residents' homes for asking for support. You will receive an 11x14 family portrait for your donation.



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4-H News

By Tabitha Brisendine

The Moon Lake 4-H club met Feb. 25 for its 3rd meeting. Rene Brendle, club president, called the meeting to order. Brandy Jackson, Candace Fuller and Emily Smith led the club in singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Angela Russell led the pledge.

After secretary Ashley Blalock read the minutes of the last meeting and called roll, Mrs. Wardrup, the 4-H Agent-presented a program on "Taking the Demand out of Demonstration." They went over important ways to use appliances.

The club worked on three 4-H contests this month, crafts, hobby picture and sweatshirt.

By Clayton Frazier

The Boys 4-H club met at Moon Lake, Feb. 25. Richard Fuller, president, called the meeting to order. Haley Hilliard, Brian Daniels and Ken Miller led the singing of "America, The Beautiful." Josh Pullen gave the devotional and Allah Gray led the pledge. Garrett Collins read the minutes of the last meeting and called roll.

Mr. Shakelford, the 4-H Agent presented a program on "Plant and Soil Science." The club had a quiz on plant and soil science and then adjourned until the next meeting in March.

Bits and Pieces of History

From Zora Strayhorn's History of Mentone

September 1863, two years into the Civil War, was extremely dry; streams and ponds were dried up in Mentone and across the land. There was a thick layer of dust over everything. Little River and DeSoto Falls, called Indian Falls at that time, still had water, according to historians who wrote that Union forces camped along Little River.



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Valley View

By Eloise M. Brown

Margaret and Loy Clark and children, Scot and Jeremy, honored Evelyn and Loy (Samp) Clark with a reception at their home in Birmingham. The occasion was their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Harvest Fellowship Church in Fort Payne entertained Sue and Foyl Cooper with a surprise dinner at the church for their thirty-sixth Wedding Anniversary. Darrell Alexander, their son-in-law, is pastor of the church.

The Sunshine Club met Feb. 27, at the home of Sue Cooper with Geraldine Hawkins assisting. Emily Alexander gave the devotional. Others present were: Vernice Young, Addie Hall, Carmel Gifford, Eloise Morgan, Bess Bauerle, Opal Tatum, Gladys Cobble, Evelyn Clark, Ruth Pickett, Dot Blackburn, Gladys Stott, Jean Jones, Eloise Brown and a visitor, Ilean Lowery. Gladys Stott and Dot Blackburn reported on the landfill progress and members expressed their opinions and were unanimously against garbage being brought in from outside the county and signed a petition to that effect. Some members plan to attend the district meeting of the Homemakers Extension Clubs at Centre on March 11.

The Valley Head UMW met at the home of Frances Longshore Feb. 25, with Verna Livingston as co-hostess. Mary Holleman was leader of the program, "Rivers in the Desert," which was a very timely subject. We are all so grateful for an abundance of good pure water. Others on the program were: Gladola Holleman, Helen White, Laura Margaret Allison, Adelaide Biddle and Velma Hammond. Also present were: Elizabeth Coleman, Vesta Hawkins, Mary Frances Tate, Geraldine Hawkins, Eloise Brown and a visitor, Virginia Ramans from Middletown, Ohio.

Jean and John Jones, L.A. Smith, Teresa and Devan Jackson, Amy Holleman and Runae Burt, chaperoned a group of about twenty-three youths from Valley Head Baptist church to the Dawson McAllister Student Conference "Search for Significance," at the Cathedral of the Cross in Center Point on Reebuck Parkway in Birmingham. Many young people were converted or rededicated their lives. They reported that it was a fan-

tastic weekend. Amy Holleman and Devan Jackson are the Youth Directors at the Baptist Church.

Martha and B.K. (Hoot) Gibson and Dot Blackburn have returned from Houston, Texas, where they were guests of Jane and Mark Gibson and little Matthew. On Valentine's Day, Mark presented each of the ladies a dozen red roses. They reciprocated by taking Mark and some friends to dinner on his birthday. Linda Blackburn and Betty Jo Lewis of Orange Park, Fla., are visiting Dot and Bill for the weekend.

Jean and John Jones are busy preparing their Bed and Breakfast, The Humble House, for business.

Maureen Hammond and Dot Blackburn attended a special C.A.A. meeting in Scottsboro in the County Commission Office. They met with Joseph Rembert, Chief of Community Services Division from Montgomery.

Sincere sympathy to the J.L. Downer family for the loss of his brother, Floyd Downer of Geraldine, who died Feb. 22.

Bonnie Phillips is in the hospital in Scottsboro with a broken hip from a fall.

Adis Childers is confined to his home, recovering after a stay in BMC-DeKalb.

L.A. Smith is recovering from surgery at the home of his mother in Henagar.

Barbara Rape is in a Birmingham hospital recovering from back surgery.

Billie Harper spent three days in ICU at BMC-DeKalb and then to Gadsden for tests. Glad to hear that they ruled out heart attack.

I hope and pray that all the sick ones will make a quick and complete recovery.

I appreciate, so much, all the prayers and all the kind and thoughtful things that were done for me while I was a shut-in. With Spring, we should all have a new lease on life.

Geraldine and Howard Hawkins and I enjoyed a good dinner last Sunday prepared by the OES in the Sylvania Lodge Hall. They have some good cooks in that community.

March blew in like a lion's roar,
Winter trying once more to score —
Should go out with a gentle breeze.
Like a fleecy lamb too warm to freeze.
I hope, I hope!

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After many hours of hard work with the whole family pitching in, the new restaurant was ready for opening. The family atmosphere at the Kountry Chef makes you feel at home.

One of the features of the Kountry Chef is entertainment. On Thursday nights, local talent performs. They have had all kinds of musicians from country to gospel, comedians, magicians and even Elvis impersonators.

Dessie's son Mike Cryer and his wife Tina are both professional entertainers and will return to Lookout Mountain when they wind up their commitments in the midwest. Mike also helps in the kitchen and is a fantastic grill chef, according to his mom. Tina helps out as a waitress.

Another son, David Cryer and his wife Cathy also help at the Kountry Chef as does daughter Sharon Wooten and her husband Jerry. Even the grandchildren pitch in.

The family member that all the restaurant customers look for is Dessie's mother, Jessie A. Brown. Mrs. Brown is 89 and loves to greet everyone when they come in. She is called "Granny Brown" by all.

One of the ways Granny Brown helps is by roiling the silverware and Dessie says she is very particular about how that is done. "She inspects the silverware when she goes to other restaurants and knows how it ought to look," Dessie says.

Darlene Floyd of Mentone is a full-time waitress at the restaurant. Additional staff is called in when needed.

The restaurant has added many popular dishes to their menu since their opening like pizza and barbecue. They are the only place in Mentone that offers hamburgers and fries and, of course, their catfish and fried chicken are great specials.

The Kountry Chef also serves breakfast on Saturday mornings. They make their own biscuits and bake them fresh.

This spring Dessie's sister, Katherine Wright, is making floral arrangements for decoration and they are available at the restaurant.

Dessie's own background as a decorator and florist are evident in the restaurant's decor.

They have served several large church groups from Birmingham since opening. One of the most interesting groups was the staff of the Medicine Wheel Convention of American Indians that met at Saddlerock. There were 79 people dressed in full native costume.

A number of Mentone people have encouraged Dessie to keep going through her first year, considered the hardest in the restaurant business.

"One of the main ones is Jackie Skelton, she introduced me to a lot of Mentone people," Dessie said.

Several people have shown a lot of faith in Dessie and she says she has worked twice as hard as she might have not to let them down. Pat Seymour, Maurie Dillenbeck, Bill and Sue Schwarz, and Buddy and Barbara Vetzal are some of those who have encouraged her.

Dorothy Crow has been another good friend. She often joins Dessie on Thursday nights to sing for the restaurant guests. Dessie has been playing the piano since she was 11 and now plays for the Mentone and Valley Head Methodist Church on Sundays.

"I had a hard time convincing Daddy to get me a piano," she smiled.

She has played in churches since she learned to play the piano and says her religious background is important to her.

One Sunday she had played for the service at Howard's Chapel. She said she was a little down because things were slow at the restaurant and after she left, the congregation offered some special prayers on her behalf.

"We had more people here that Sunday than we had ever had before. In fact, my son told one of the church members, 'Let us know when you are going to pray for Dessie so we can brace ourselves for all the business!'" she said.

Since January, Dessie has kept a guest register on the counter and found that she has customers from as near as Mentone to as far away as Australia.

"We're really grateful for the people from Mentone, because they will be here when all the tourists are gone. This is a Mentone restaurant and we love to have people just drop by for a cup of coffee or even to just say 'hi'" she said.



Poetry Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the 1992 Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Valley Head Woman's Club were announced in February. The students participating in the contest were all seniors in Mrs. Ellen Wright's advanced placement English class.

Laurie Longshore won first place with her poem, "To Shine."

The students were asked to consider a person or place that was special to them as their subject.

Second place went to Ashley Everett with "Canyon" and Valerie Smith with "Alabama the Beautiful" and Carolyn McElhaney with "Sand Mountain Potato Festival" tied for third.

Honorable mentions went to Nathan Baggett for "Summer in Mentone," Rhett Freeman for "A Man

Named Shine," Raren Koger for "Harmony Grove," Penny Flarity for "Our Town in 2012," Sandra Bullard for "Alabama Pastime," and Jamie Hulan for "A Country memory."

The students read their poems to members of the Woman's Club at their February meeting.

TO SHINE

By Laurie Longshore

First Place winner, Valley Head Woman's Club Poetry Contest

There was a very special person
A backbone of the community
A root that can't be pulled.

He was a kind, humble man
Quick to lend a helping hand
Easy to love.

His contributions to my life alone were countless
The bicycles, the horses, the rabbits
The knowledge he shared but most of all the love
He gave.

We live our lives to be someone
To live up to our name
To be remembered.

Shine did just that
He spread rays of hope and love to each
Person he met.

May we always take time to remember
Those who were good and follow carefully
Their example.

Thank you Shine.

Recipes needed by Valley Head PTO

(Reprinted from The Times-Journal, Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1992)

By Judy O'Daniel

The Parent Teacher Organization of Valley Head needs recipes for a cookbook members are compiling. Sandy Hulan, PTO president, urges former graduates, teachers, lunchroom personnel, bus drivers, or anyone who attended VHS or has been involved with the school in any way to send in recipes for the cookbook.

Recipes can be from any category but they need to be accompanied by the name of the person submitting the recipe and relationship of that person to the school, along with dates.

Teachers need to indicate their years of service and subjects taught. Graduates need to include their year of graduation and, in the case of women graduates, their name at that time as well as now. Coaches should indicate the sports coached and their dates of service. Support personnel also need to specify their years of service.

Cookbook committee members Kathryn Carden and Ellen Wright, along with Sandy, are busy typing the recipes we have already received to get them ready for the printer; but we need more. Send us 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes right away to Valley Head School, P.O. Box 145, Valley Head, AL 35989, or you may call 845-2261 or 635-6228 and arrangements can be made to pick up your recipes.

I think all of you will enjoy this cookbook when we are finished, but until then you can try the recipes below:

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN

6 chicken breasts Flour
Salt and pepper 1/3 cup Crisco oil
Paprika

Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Flour chicken and then sprinkle with paprika. Pour oil in baking pan. When oil is hot, place chicken in pan. Bake 15-20 minutes. While chicken is baking, make the following sauce:

SAUCE

1 large can pineapple chunks 1 TBSP. soy sauce
1 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. ginger
2 TBSP. cornstarch 1 chicken bouillon cube
3/4 cup cider vinegar 1 green pepper, cut in rings

Drain pineapple, save juice and add enough water to make 1 1/4 cups. In saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Add remaining ingredients except pineapple chunks and green pepper rings. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Pour over chicken and bake 30 minutes, basting occasionally. Then add pineapple chunks and green pepper. Bake uncovered 30 more minutes. Serves 6.

Kathryn Carden, PTO Treasurer 1990-92

HAM AND POTATO PIE

4 oz. cheese Black pepper to taste
2 cups ham, cubed Onion powder to taste
2 cups potatoes, cubed 1/2 to 1 cup mayonnaise
2 TBSP. butter 2 cups milk
2 TBSP. flour

Stew ham and potatoes separately. Melt butter in skillet, then add flour, pepper and onion powder. Stir until thick, then add cheese, mayonnaise and milk to make a cream sauce. Heat until cheese melts. Pour over ham and potatoes and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Ellen Wright, English Teacher since 1988



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Nature's Classroom Brings Kids to Mentone

By Emily Smith

Lookout Mountain becomes a huge outdoor learning experience for groups of school children who attend Nature's Classroom at the Lookout Mountain Camp.

Nature's Classroom, founded in 1972 operates at 10 sites in the country, mostly in New England. Lookout Mountain is the only site for Nature's Classroom in the southeast. With a staff of five teachers, headed by Kevin McCoy, Nature's Classroom is a unique educational program which is designed to support traditional classroom learning by showing creative and practical applications of subjects taught in school.

The school groups range in age from third to eighth graders. The students may study math by constructing a geodesic dome or using a map and compass in an orienteering project. Science activities range from soap and candle making to dissections of a rat or fetal pig. They can also explore the humanities by producing their own radio or television broadcasts or studying different types of music. For social studies, there is a program called "Egg Babies" where the students care for an egg as if it were a child.

These are just a few of the activities a school group may choose from during their stay at Nature's Classroom. There are over 250 class instructional guides available.

Jamie Aiken, one of the teachers for Nature's Classroom says that the students' reaction to the program is enthusiastic.

"They say, 'I wish we could learn this much all the time,'" Aiken told The Groundhog.

"Learning is exciting," he said. "We try to help the kids discover the 'whys' of all the things around them."

The program is structured with an emphasis on the reason everything around us exists.

"We like to help the kids understand why a tree is important to the whole of nature. They will learn all about the parts of a tree and how it grows from textbooks. This (Nature's Classroom) experience helps them understand why we need to learn about the tree."

On field hikes, an appreciation for nature is the main focus. Marilyn Fricke, who works in the summer at Camp Saddlerock as a Project Adventure (rope's course) instructor, finds that much of the learning that takes place in Nature's Classroom happens in the outdoors.

"We hold many of our classes outside, regardless of the weather," she explained.

Along with Nature's Classroom, another program is offered under the title of The Refuge. The Refuge was set up to serve children and adults who find themselves facing some of life's greatest struggles: those with life-threatening illnesses, adults who are mentally retarded, children and youth in institutional settings, adults who are struggling to cope with schizophrenia, and children who live in harsh inner-city areas. The Refuge's slogan is "Meeting the Need." Activities are customized for the particular population being served, but include hiking, crafts, fishing, talent shows, team-building games, animal care and campfires.

A group of schizophrenic adults came to Lookout Mountain Camp in October as the first group to participate in The Refuge.

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"That is a group that is often overlooked," Aiken said. "You could see a lot of healing in those people when they left here."

The two programs are closely connected. Nature's Classroom donates a minimum of 10% of its gross revenue to The Refuge.

Weekend retreats for churches and other groups are also offered at the Lookout Mountain Camp location. Winterized accommodations and a choice of activities are available.

David Knight is in charge of promotions and contacts schools and groups to tell about Nature's Classroom and The Refuge.

"There are really no negatives for this program," he said. "Scheduling is the only problem for most of the teachers and schools."

Aiken commented that the people in Mentone have been very supportive of Nature's Classroom and The Refuge.

"Everyone has been so helpful and made us all feel at home. The people here are one of the neatest things about Mentone," he said.

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