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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, March 1
7:00 p.m. MAPA Meeting
at Kountry Chef

Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14
All Day
5th annual Spring Canyon Cleanup
call 845-0051 to assist
or for additional information

Tuesday, March 16
7:30 p.m. CPR Class
by Desoto Rescue Squad
American Legion Building in Mentone

Wednesday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day

Saturday and Sunday, March 20-21
DeKalb County Beautiful Cleanup

Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28
Alternate Days for
DeKalb County Beautiful Cleanup

Sunday, April 11
Easter

Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18
Mentone Gospel Music Festival
Ed Mason Park, Mentone

LITTLE RIVER CANYON CLEANUP MARCH 13-14

By Janet Mayo

CENTRE—Spring Cleaning time is just around the corner and everyone's help is being solicited.

DeSoto State Park Superintendent Talmadge Butler spoke Wednesday (February 18, 1993) to those attending the Cherokee County Rural Development Committee, giving an update on the annual Little River Canyon Cleanup.

The fifth annual cleanup will be held March 13 and 14. "We've made a lot of progress and we're looking forward to this year," Butler said.

The program, which began in 1989, has been successful in airlifting 137 cars out of the canyon and "tons of trash." Butler said there are still a few big objects that need to be removed from the canyon. "Someone has dumped an old stove and we still have an occasional 'canyon critter.'" Butler used the term "canyon critter" in referring to a dead cow someone dumped in the canyon.

The biggest problem we have right now is the roadsides, Butler said.

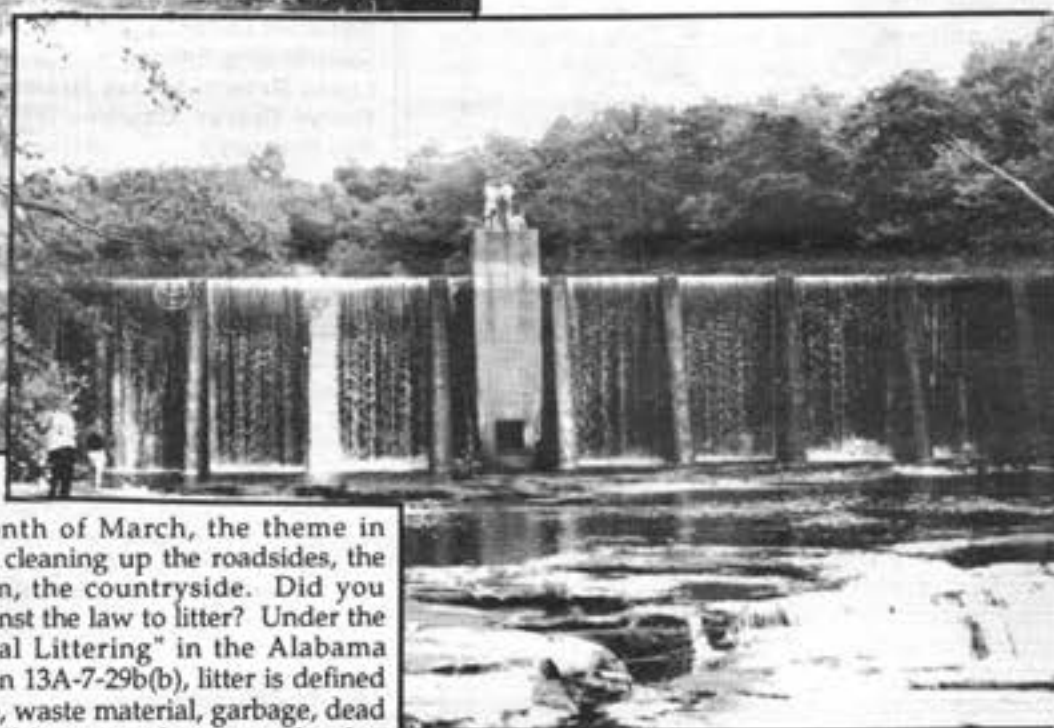
Butler said gave the results of what happened when one litterer was caught. The culprit was given a \$100 fine and four days community service work, picking up litter. When the person could not pay the fine, he was given an added three days community service.

Butler said the cleanup has won top honors in the "Take Pride in America" program for the first three years and is in the finals for last year's cleanup.

Butler said teaching children about the environment is a good investment to reducing litter. "I think our education efforts are going to be paying off," Butler said.



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During the month of March, the theme in DeKalb County is cleaning up the roadsides, the parks, the canyon, the countryside. Did you know that it's against the law to litter? Under the heading "Criminal Littering" in the Alabama Code under Section 13A-7-29b(b), litter is defined as "rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, dead animals or foul, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, scrap metal, debris or any foreign substance of whatever kind and description, and whether or not it is of value." If you see someone littering our roads and highways, use the form set out below to report this thoughtless act. People Against Litter in the State (PALS) have sponsored a brochure regarding litter laws, and part of that brochure is a form that can be filled in to report littering. This form can be sent to: Alabama PALS, 340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. You can also print this information on a card and mail it to the same address.

Tag Number _____ State _____
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State/Road/Highway _____
Date _____ Time _____
What happened _____

REMEMBER...DON'T DROP IT ON ALABAMA!

During the clean up sessions, all those who have adopted a mile of highway in Alabama, particularly those in DeKalb County, please do your part and pick up your mile, plus another, if possible. All members of Friends of Little River are asked to participate in the Canyon Clean Up as they have done in the past. Everybody, please get out there and let's help Alabama stay beautiful. Thank you.

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The Editor's Column

By
JUDITH
LOLLIK-ANDERSEN

When my husband and I first discovered Mentone and Valley Head we were impressed by three things: the beauty of the area, the warmth of the people, and the pride residents have in this wonderful place.

Having lived in other places, not nearly so appealing, we are constantly aware of the wonder of God's work in the creation of Lookout Mountain and the valley we now make our home. It saddens us when we find litter and trash marring this marvelous creation. Just this morning, Kaare picked up two trash cans full of litter along the road in front of our home.

Please do your part to cleanup and make sure this fantastic area stays beautiful, not only for those of us who live here, but for all those who will come to visit.



ILENE GREEN, STANDING, AND CAROLYN COOTS BUSILY SEWING AT C'LENE'S.

Valley Head has New Business!

C'lene's Sewing Shop, located on the square in Valley Head in the former ceramics shop building across from Citizen's Bank has opened by proprietors Ilene Green and Carolyn Coots. They are open for business Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Their services include: custom sewing and alterations of wedding and prom dresses, casual clothing and home accessories such as curtains and drapes. They can be reached at telephone number (205) 635-6424.



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DeKalb NARFE to Host District IV Seminar

The DeKalb County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will host the District IV Seminar beginning at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 16, in the Santa Fe Room at the Western Sizzlin' in Fort Payne. The meeting, chaired by Robert C. Bennett, District IV Leader, will break for lunch at noon and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. until about 3:00 p.m. The agenda will include legislation, health care, and other subjects. All District IV officers and members are urged to attend.

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The deadline for all material for *The Groundhog* is the 15th day of the month preceding publication.

Entertainment in Mentone

Live entertainment is featured on Fridays and Saturdays in Mentone. Dessie Newberry's Kountry Chef offers gospel music and singing by the gospel groups, the Griffins and the Angel-Heirs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays. On Saturday night, Dessie's features instrumental music and singing by Tena and Mike Cryer. Ye Old Heritage House, owned by Charlie Johnson, provides a variety of music on both Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 until closing. One of the groups who have entertained at Ye Old Heritage House is Larry Johnson.

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M.A.P.A.— President's Column

By
PAT SEYMOUR



"Every litter bit hurts", is a slogan we in Mentone can certainly identify with. Our beautiful streets and roads are becoming covered over with trash—reminding me of a sign on a mountain road in Colorado—"Only trash litters!" If everyone in Mentone picked up the ditches and road-sides along the front or back of his property, we could take a giant step in re-beautifying our mountains. What must visitors think of us?

Kudos to Dorothy Crow and her helpers for the tremendous success of the fireman/Moon Lake School benefit. With the Magical Vetzels (Barbara and Buddy) and the Griffins and the Angel-Heirs donating entertainment for the evening, there was something for everyone. From the proceeds, carpet was purchased for the kindergarten area and the teachers' lounge at Moon Lake School, and more fire fighting equipment provided for the volunteer fire department. Thanks to all who baked, donated door prizes, worked in the kitchen, or simply came out to support the benefit. A special thank-you to Charles Bell, Moon Lake School Principal, for all his cooperation. And, when it was all over, Sybil Hopper quickly and expertly cleaned the gym and put things back in order. Mentone folks have to be the greatest.

Much concern has been voiced about the state-ordered removal of the Mays Gulf Marker on Highway 117 at Tutwiler Gap. Petitions calling for its re-erection, off the right-of-way, are at various area merchants. If this petition effort is strong enough, DeSoto State Park Superintendent Talmadge Butler is confident that the state will consent to allowing Park workers to put the marker back.

MAPA membership is growing steadily. Dues are only \$10.00 per person, \$15.00 per couple. Won't you join us at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Kountry Chef and work with us to support Mentone? Other than MAPA business, there is always a great program and delicious food served by MAPA members. Come and join us. We can always "add a tater to the soup!"

The Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. Norma Williams will give the devotional, and Ken Thomas will present a program entitled "Wildflowers". The hostesses will be Alyce Springer, Bernise Crow, and Helen Hill.

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Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



I am writing this on the coldest day of winter so far this year. We complain about the cold, but there is something refreshing about temperatures below freezing. Ann Wright says that peaches and other fruits need a certain number of cold days to produce a good crop. I will certainly put up with some cold days to be able to enjoy those delicious peaches this summer. Don't you enjoy the changing of the seasons in this area? Where else can you experience such a difference in temperature or so quick a change in weather and still enjoy every minute of it? I've said many times that we live in one of the prettiest areas of the country. Even winter is beautiful. Notice how you can define every limb on the trees. A bare tree is a very symmetrical and beautiful thing. There are icicles on the side of Lookout Mountain. Nothing is more mystifying than running water that freezes.

Recently, Desmond Disney and I were talking about the cold and things in general. We both remember sleeping in very cold rooms. We agreed that it was quite an experience to wake and find the glass of water in our room frozen solid. The one positive thing about this is that you learn to hurry. You learn to make quick decisions on what to wear that day and somehow it doesn't matter that your hair is not perfect. My Mother-in-law tells of sleeping in the upstairs of her home and having snow accumulate on her bed. It seems that the cedar shingles on the roof would keep out the rain but the soft dry snow would sift through them. Remember the good old days, but enjoy the present days of warmth and comfort.

The Board of Directors for the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District was recently reorganized. This body consists of five members who are concerned with the safety and welfare of Mentone and the surrounding area. The members are: Chester Crowe, Chairman; Nelson Stallings; Gail Chambers; Leonard Shigley; and Dessie Newberry. Eleanor Tate was appointed to continue as treasurer and I was appointed to serve as secretary. This board assists the volunteer fire fighters in all their activities and helps in obtaining much needed funds. The chief of the volunteers is Donnie Voils and the assistant chief is Jim Roberts. One of the items badly needed in this area is a tool called the Jaws-of-Life. This is a large power driven tool that can cut a car open so that anyone trapped inside can be rescued. I understand that one was needed at a recent accident site and it was necessary to wait for one to be obtained from Fort Payne. This delayed the treatment of the person involved. This is quite an expensive item and will need the cooperation of the entire community to obtain. The Board agreed to give this matter their attention and see if one can be purchased in the near future. All donations and contributions are appreciated and can be mailed to:

North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District,
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Stay warm, love your children and take care of each other. If you know someone who lives alone, check on them on these cold days. Spring will be here soon.

Mentone Town Council meeting

At the February 1, 1993, meeting, the Mentone council members heard a report from Jimmy Wright on the activities of the Zoning Commission. James Johnson made a motion to appoint Dessie Newberry to the North Lookout Mountain Fire District Board, and the motion passed unanimously. James Johnson made a motion, which passed unanimously, to adopt a resolution honoring Wanda and Norman E. "Bud" Simmons, Jr. for their many contributions to the Town of Mentone, and to name them honorary citizens of the town of Mentone.



WANDA AND BUD SIMMONS RECEIVE PLAQUE.

DeSoto Rescue Squad Offers CPR Class

On March 16, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a CPR class open to the public. The class will meet at the American Legion Building in Mentone.

Also, the Rescue Squad would like to recruit new members. If anyone is interested, please attend one of the meetings that are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Applications will be available for those who are 18 years or older and wish to join the Rescue Squad. You don't have to be medically trained, you can be trained through the Rescue Squad.

Also, the Rescue Squad is having a cook book fund raiser, anyone who would like to contribute recipes is most welcome. The funds will be used toward the purchase of training equipment.

For more information, call the following persons:

Darlene Smith - 634-4736
Mike Kennamer - 634-4484
Ilene Green - 634-4770



MAPA Receives Plaque

In the January issue of the Groundhog, it was reported that the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association had nominated MAPA's Rhododendron Festival for one of the top 20 events in the southeastern United States. MAPA has received a plaque attesting to the nomination. It can be seen on the wall at Dessie's Kountry Chef.



MAPA'S NEW 12X16 STEEL STORAGE BUILDING LOCATED ON EAST SIDE OF NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, WITH DONNY VOILS, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND BUD SIMMONS, MAPA'S EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN.

MAPA

Mentone Area Preservation Association

The MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on February 2, 1993. President Pat Seymour, presided and called the meeting to order. She welcomed board members, members, and guests. Rev. C. Dennis Mays, permanent chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and amended and approved as amended. The treasurer's report was given.

Under old business: Reports were heard from several chairmen: Rick Chapman, Goals Committee chairman; Dot Crow, Fire Department Benefit chairman; Dessie Newberry, Gospel Music Festival chairman; and Wanda Simmons, Rhododendron Festival chairman.

Under new business: The president said she had attended the Mentone City Council Meeting on Monday, February 1, and one of the items on their agenda was to pass a resolution honoring Wanda Parks Simmons and Norman E. "Bud" Simmons, Jr. with honorary citizenship for their meritorious service to the City of Mentone. This resolution was passed unanimously.

Erma McAdams announced that the Valley Head Girls Softball team was in the process of being formed and requested any assistance that MAPA members would be able to provide. Tickets on a quilt or a plastic mug of Alabama or Auburn are being sold for \$1.00 each. Past President Homer Crow pointed out that the MAPA Bylaws prohibited the organization from making a donation; however, individual members could do so by purchasing tickets to support the effort.

Bud Simmons, chairman of the Christmas decorations and MAPA equipment chairman, told members that the new decorations made it necessary for MAPA to have a portable building to store not only the Christmas decorations, but all of the other equipment and supplies that are used for the various MAPA festivals. The North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department previously gave MAPA the authority to place a building on their property for this purpose. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to purchase a building for storage of MAPA equipment. (See picture below.)

The president then introduced the program participants for the meeting. Rev. Randy Addison, Pastor of Mentone Wesleyan Church, presented a musical program with his wife Cathy accompanying him on the piano.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by MAPA members.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

(Condensed from the minutes of Marie Dillenbeck, Secretary.)





A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The U.M.W. of Valley Head Methodist Church met at the home of Elizabeth Coleman, January 26, Laura Margaret Allison as co-hostess. Adelaide Biddle gave the program based on "We Have Hope", a message by Billy Graham. Others present were Mary Frances Tate, Geraldine Hawkins, Vesta Hawkins, Velma Hammond, Mary Louise Holleman, Frances Longshore, and Eloise Brown.

Doris Carmichael attended a Heart Fund meeting at Shoney's in Fort Payne recently. She reports that DeKalb County has a high rate of heart disease, but working with better diet, exercise, and research, they hope to lower the rate.

The Sunshine Club met January 28 with Lilly Bowden. Sue Cooper gave the devotional. Since the president was absent, Gladys Cobble presided; she also read a poem "Whatcha Worrying About?". Ruth Pickett gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Others present were: Jean Jones, Bess Bauerle, Geraldine Hawkins, Evelyn Clark, and Eloise Brown. The February meeting will be held at Leona Chadwick's home and for the march meeting, we will have lunch at Western Sizzlin.

Christine Brooks is recovering from surgery. It's good to hear she is doing well.

Venna Livingston went to Lilburn, Georgia, to help her grand-daughter Suzanne Mosley celebrate her ninth birthday. Suzanne invited her classmates to a skating party at "Skate Along".

Amy Holleman, (youth leader at Valley Head Baptist Church) with Jean Jones, Sharon and Jackie Lee and L. A. Smith, took the following members of the Youth Group to Roebuck to the Dawson McAllister Youth Evangelistic Conference at the Cathedral of the Cross: Selissa Sweatman, Kim and Patrick McKinney, Chris and Michael Helms, Andy and Wade Phillips, Ginger Gray, Heather Hulan, Christy Tillman, Sally and Leah Kay Sharp, Sandy Coots, Mathew Hulan, Stephanie Hester, and Jason Baber.

Kay and Davis Rhea brought Hazel Johnston from Rossville, to spend a few days with her niece, Sadie Cooper, February 14. It was Hazel's birthday so Sadie invited several relatives to greet her including Chris Cooper, Lester Hawkins, Stella Brewer, Joyce Smith, Thelma and Clyde Hawkins, Tammy Hawkins and friend, Tonya Rudder, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins, and JoAnne Hawkins and friend, Richard Bass.

Harlan Cooper, and wife Barbara, and sons, David, Justin, and Will, of Montgomery, came for the weekend to visit relatives.

About fifty or more concerned citizens met with Senator Shelby at City Hall in Valley Head, February 8, to discuss national problems. Maynard Donahue was concerned about productivity, Ed Ringer—the environment, Arno White—morality, and I read some items from Paul Harvey's column about the government's foolish extravagances and stated that is where the economizing should begin instead of penalizing people who did not cause it—also, why not collect the debts owed by other countries. We do appreciate Senator Shelby taking the time and being gracious enough to visit and discuss these problems. He also pledged to do his part to protect Social Security benefits.

Bobbie Freeman visited Virginia and Bill Livezy recently, while her husband, "Buddy" Freeman was touring the Holy Land. He was pastor of Valley Head Methodist Church in the early sixties. He is now pastor of First Methodist Church at Montevallo where they have been for five years. Bobbie also visited her

children: Wendy in Richmond, Virginia, who will graduate in June from law school and will practice law in Birmingham; and son, Brooks and his wife, Shiela in Richmond, Virginia. They have a son, Andrew Jackson Freeman. Brooks graduated from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and works for an airline out of Washington D. C. Bobby and "Buddy" have a daughter, Lisa, at home, working and attending school.

Alison Meadows has recovered and is back in school after surgery at Baptist Hospital in Gadsden.

The Valley Head Baptist Church had a full house to celebrate and re-dedicate their beautifully renovated building. Dr. Hugh Chambliss, former Vice-president of Alabama Baptist Convention, delivered the message. John Jones gave a report on the work and recognized contractors present. Many people worked very hard on the project with outstandingly beautiful results. Many women worked hard to prepare a bountiful and delicious feast. Visitors received a warm and loving welcome.

Laura Margaret Allison has returned from a visit with her daughter, Peachie and husband David Cearley in Irvine, California. She enjoyed seeing the J. Paul Getty Museum, such a beautiful building as well as its interesting contents. She heard the son of Robert Schuller preach in the Crystal Cathedral, toured Beverly Hills, visited the Capistrano Mission, but the swallows had not arrived. She enjoyed her non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Atlanta on the Delta L1011, their largest plane. Flying time was only three hours and seventeen minutes.

Helen Waters is president of the U.M.W. at White Hall Methodist Church. They are to be congratulated for the addition of a nice kitchen to their church building. She reports that she sends the Groundhog to her son, Charles Acres in Perkinston, Mississippi. He said he "dearly loves it!" This little Groundhog, really covers a lot of territory and everyone seems to like it a lot. Unlike other groundhogs, it casts a huge shadow but doesn't retreat and hide, but goes far and wide to spread sunshine and pleasure.

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Beauty Tips

By Charlyne O'Rear



Hello again! I am going to continue the piece what was started in last month's Groundhog, on dry skin and general tips on skin care.

Don't forget your face!

To prevent premature aging, special treatments are necessary to help address the unwanted signs of aging.

To replenish and maintain essential oils needed by those with dry skin, a regular skin care regimen must be followed—religiously during the winter months—when the face is exposed to extreme heat and cold. In the morning and evening, a creamy cleanser, an alcohol-free toner and an elastin-enriched moisturizing lotion generously applied. Twice a week a gentle exfoliator should be used to clean away all flaky dead cells. When a foundation color is worn, it should always be an oil-based foundation.

Use a washcloth to remove cleansers and help exfoliate the skin.

Gently massage cleansers and moisturizers into the skin to promote needed stimulation.

Rinse your face with warm water only. Extreme water temperature can damage your skin. Hot water stimulates oil production and enlarges the pores. Cold water can shock your skin and burst the small blood capillaries that are close to the surface.

Treat your neck as an extension of your face—cleansing, exfoliating, toning, and moisturizing. Remember, the eye area and the throat are the first to show signs of aging.

Remember! Never wear makeup to bed!

At night, your body works hard to repair the effects of daily wear and tear. Skin that is cleansed and protected from moisture loss will be able to function better and repair itself more easily while you sleep.

Morning cleansing is necessary to remove cellular debris secreted from the pores during the night.

And again! **ALWAYS** apply moisturizer to clean, moist skin. This enhances moisturizer's primary function—to condition the skin and prevent evaporation of water.

Next month, let's talk about **HATS!**



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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Last week I was thinking of spring and favorite spring recipes but this morning I woke up and it was 17° F on the back porch, which brought me abruptly back to reality. So I decided to include two soup recipes which I found recently. One is a nice asparagus soup, and the other a lentil. Both recipes are low fat and very good.

Asparagus Soup - Laurel's Kitchen

1/2 C onion or 6 scallions, diced.
1 T oil or butter
1 medium potato, peeled and diced
2 C vegetable stock (I use vegetable bouillon cubes) or water.

1 1/2 pounds fresh asparagus
4 stalks celery, chopped fine
salt and pepper to taste
milk or broth (optional)

Saute onion in oil, add potato and 1 cup stock. Cook until potato is soft. Wash asparagus and snap off tough ends, slice and add to soup (set aside tender tips and add to the soup just before serving). Add celery and remaining stock to soup and cook until quite tender. Add salt and pepper and puree in blender or food processor. Add milk or broth to thin soup to your taste. Add asparagus tips and serve. (Be certain to puree the soup very well, the finer it is pureed, the creamier the soup will be.)

Lentil Soup - Gourmet Magazine, January 1993

2 large onions, chopped
1/4 C olive oil
4 cloves garlic, crushed
6 ribs celery, chopped
3 carrots, chopped
1 t curry powder
1 t ground cumin
1 t salt
1 t pepper
1/2 t thyme
5 C chicken broth
2 bay leaves
2 t dark brown sugar
2 T ketchup
3 C canned plum tomatoes and juice
2 C dry lentils
Juice of one lemon

Brown onions in olive oil. Add garlic, celery, carrots and cook for 10 minutes stirring occasionally. Add rest of ingredients and simmer for 2 hours. Adjust seasonings and add lemon juice.

I would like to hear from area cooks and invite you to submit recipes for this column. Please be specific with amounts and containers used. Send your comments or recipes along with your name, address and telephone number where you can be reached to Recipe Corner, c/o Groundhog, P. O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.



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Valley Head Woman's Club Honors Young Writers and Artists By Maurine Donahue

The Valley Head Woman's Club was proud to present the winners of their annual poetry and essay contest from the Valley Head High School and the poster contest from Moon Lake Elementary School at the February meeting which was held at the Valley Head Baptist Church.

As members and guests entered the fellowship hall, refreshments with a Valentine motif were served by hostesses, Mrs. Tom Bauerle, Mrs. Alva Hammond, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Jack Lyons and Mrs. Herbert Stanley.

Mrs. Alex Hamilton, president, presided in the beautifully restored sanctuary of the church.

Mrs. Lyons gave the devotional based on Proverbs 3:5,6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths". She pointed out to the students the value of combining the best of the old with the new as members of the church had done in

their restoration. We should meet all challenges and do our best to make it count for something for the Lord.

Subjects for the posters were "Communing with the Wild Things of Nature" and "Clean-up of Little River Canyon". Mrs. Joyce Smith, 4th and 5th grade teacher, presented the winners: 1st place, Jeffery Bullock; 2nd place, Stephanie Worthey; 3rd place, Candace Fuller; honorable mention, Tonya Webb.

Mrs. Chris Wright, English teacher, said that after studying the essay form and reading an essay by Ralph Hammond, the students were asked to write an essay on their thoughts about growing up in Alabama. Winners in this contest read their essays: 1st place, Cheri Keith; 2nd place, Jody Wagner; 3rd place, Leah Sharp; honorable mention, Gerry Bain, Michelle Chappell, Terry Durham, Adrienne Hall, Chris Hammon, Matt Lee, Lisa Smith.

Mrs. Stanley presented the prizes to the winners and a painting of a gold-finch by Mrs. Hamilton to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wright.

RECEIVING AWARDS IN THE VALLEY HEAD CLUB CONTEST WERE:

FRONT ROW (L TO R), MATT LEE, ADRIENNE MICHELLE CHAPPELL, CHERI KEITH, LEAH SHARP. BACK ROW (L TO R), GERRY BAIN, JODY WAGNER, CHRIS HAMMON, TERRY DURHAM, AND LISA SMITH.



FIRST PLACE

SIXTEEN YEARS OF ALABAMA MEMORIES By Cheri Keith

The memories of all my sixteen years in Alabama are mainly from the time I was six to fourteen.

I guess my most memorable is my grandfather's stories to scare me. They as in my grandad and my mom came up with the Gilly Blue Bird. You know those kind they tell when you've pitched one of those temper tantrums. This bird lives on the side of Sand Mountain. There are rocks for his home. He is six feet and seven inches tall. His feathers are blue with red tips. He has a dark blue beak and green eyes.

Now, can you imagine telling a six year old child this. My blue eyes would get as big as saucers. My grandfather would still keep going and never stop. Then my mom would start in. She would tell me about seeing him when she was a little girl. I couldn't sleep at night after those horrid stories. I heard the story a lot but usually after I had been a very bad girl.

One thing that also sticks out in my mind is learning to swim. All of my cousins and I were at the Pothole. That is our swimming hole. At this time I was probably seven. Anyway, my uncle said, "The little ones who can't swim are fixing to learn how." Well, needless to say we did. He took us one by one and threw us in. So, in other words it was sink or swim. My uncle was a lifeguard so I wasn't too scared. I doggy paddled my way to the side. After about two more times of swimming back and forth, I had it down pat. Learning to swim is like life, sink or swim you've got to do it either way.

Now on to the next memory. Now this is a definite knee slapper. My cousins and I were gonna be regular Davy Crocketts. We decided to camp in my back yard instead of those "monster" infested woods. There



were four of us. My eight year old brother, seven, and Nathan my little brother, I was nine; the oldest of four of us tramping out into the woods. They were trying to scare us. And we're off with our thermos full of grape Kool-Aid.

It is dusk and we are sitting around a campfire. We are just relaxing, in amazement as bats fly about when all of the sudden we hear a noise at each other. I decided I was scared. The three of us decided to go. Well, I was not going to chase the blue yonder. I am walking away. When all of a sudden I start screaming bloody murder. I heard me cause when I got to the house. They were waiting. I stood my two twelve year old cousins. Their eyes were watering. There was a Ranger had been set up for me.

When I was four, my grandmother taught me the art of baking. She was the local camp for boys who sat on the front porch in rocking chairs. Then my dear old grandad told us about his latest hole-in-one.



THIRD PLACE

THE HONEY MAN

By Leah Sharp

I will never forget the pride I took in telling everyone that my great-grand father (paw-paw Crowe) was the Honey Man.

My classmates would listen to me in amazement as I would describe to them how my paw-paw Crowe would reach down and get the honeycombs out of the little white bee hives he built. Of course, I would exaggerate a little bit and fail to tell them he was wearing a bee suit.

I remember standing on the front porch of his house and watching him from across the road as he would gather the honeycombs and bee screens. I would hold my breath because I was afraid the bees would sting him even though he had on his bee suit. When he would return with the



honeycombs and bee screens that is where he would make his home.

He would slip the jars and I thought I was through the eyes of a six year old.

I remember the glances in, to take to the Rhododendrons as the bees would come in. I admired and looked at that patience is the key to a sweet reward.

I am sure a lot of people remember him, a Honey Man.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: TEACHER JOYCE SMITH WITH HONORABLE MENTION WINNER TONYA WEBB, 2ND PLACE WINNER STEPHANIE WORTHEY, 1ST PLACE WINNER JEFFREY BULLOCK, AND 3RD PLACE WINNER CANDACE FULLER.

SECOND PLACE

A CHANCE TO LIVE BY Jody Wagner



Growing up on a rural farm in Alabama has been a great learning experience for me. This experience has drastically aided in the building of my character. Many lessons have been learned while growing up on the farm but one experience has left a great impact on my life. To many people, this experience would be insignificant, but to my father and I it was a lesson never to be forgotten.

It took place on a mid-summer day in May. My family and I were hard at work keeping the farm and its implements in superb working condition. As we made our way around the pastures checking the cattle, we noticed that one of the cattle was lying on its side—motionless. The thought of death crossed our minds as we approached the cow. As we moved closer we were greatly relieved to see that the cow was breathing even though it still lay motionless. When we finally approached the cow, we noticed that its side resembled a hot air balloon filled with air. We immediately phoned the veterinarian.

The veterinarian arrived moments later. It appeared to him that emergency surgery was necessary. The veterinarian explained that only through total cooperation among us might the bloated cow have a possible chance of surviving. This bloating was caused not by a brute, physical force, but by an infection due to the grass the cow had consumed. The surgery began with the pumping of the stomach. Then, as the veterinarian and my father were preparing to cut, I realized that in my father's eyes life was precious and that any attempt to save a life, even though it was only a mere cow, was worth more to him than any material goods known to man. Several days later the cow died due to complications from the surgery.

As I stood there watching the two busy at work, I realized that I too was just like my father in such a way that I saw life as a precious being also and that any being should, without doubt, be given the chance to live no matter what the cost in worldly possessions.

WOMAN'S

IE HALL,
SHARP.
AGNER,
IA SMITH.



ar old cousin, Scott, his sister Lauren, who was brother who was also seven. Then, of course, t of us all but not the wisest. So, here we go all my back yard. Lauren and I were the chefs of Scott and Nathan were in charge of the camp-hop wood. My dad ended up chopping our ur ham sandwiches, chips, marshmallows, and il-aid.

ive boiled our hot dogs, finished our sandwich-tening to the birds chirping, and watching in e us, and we are roasting our marshmallows ar leaves rustle and faint footsteps. We all look as gonna be the leader of the pack. "Come on hem looked at me as though I had given them a hey were gonna stand guard at our campsite. ken out. Here I go tramping off into the wild ind listening to the things that go bump in the n someone or something grabbed my hand. I er. I tore out for the campsite. They must have here they were gone. So, I kept going to the a me at the kitchen table. As I walked in, there d cousins doubled over laughing so hard their I stood; the Lone Ranger gone bad. The Lone practical joke.

en I stayed with my grandmother a lot. She pple pies. Also, I learned the perfect consistency energetic that summer. Sometimes I went to re she worked. After we got home, we would iers, eat apple pie, and talk of the day's events. ould come in from a day of golf. He would tell e shot and just smile.

I would follow him to the Honey House, and honey. creets in his old-fashioned machine and then d I would watch breathlessly as the honey o the jars. d let me turn the crank and I remember the ney. Then he would let me put the labels on special, and that I was part of his business. old girl the "Honey Man" was amazing. a honey bee cases he would put hundreds of endron Festival. The children would stare in (crawl) around their container.

id up to paw-paw Crowe a lot, and he taught to success, and he taught me that hard work

ople from the Mentone and Valley Head com- d I know that I will never forget the "Honey



MAKE-A-WISH SENDS CHILD TO FLORIDA

By Lisa Rogers

A child's true delight is having his dream come true, and with children who are afflicted with terminal diseases, the Make-A-Wish Foundation is there to fulfill that dream.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation helped in DeKalb County when a five-year-old Ider boy had his wish fulfilled with a trip to Disney World.

DJ Wylie was diagnosed with a Pineal blastoma brain tumor in May 1991 and no children that have been diagnosed with this type of cancer have survived.

DJ and his parents, Dewayne and Sandy and his two sisters, Jessica, 6, and Courtney, 2, went to Florida Nov. 18-25 and visited Disney World, Sea World and Universal Studios.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation paid for all of the expenses for the trip, including meals and the rental of a car.

Because of the cancerous brain tumor, DJ also suffers from Hydrocephalus, a condition which causes spinal fluid build-up in his body. He also suffers from seizures.

DJ had his first seizure on April 30, 1991, and was taken to Jackson County Hospital. He was immediately flown by helicopter to T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he was diagnosed with the inoperable tumor.

His parents knew that he was sick for several months prior to the seizure, however. He was diagnosed several times with various intestinal disorders.

He has received extensive chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

His first chemotherapy treatments began in June 1991 and ended in August. The following September, radiation treatments began and lasted seven weeks.

DJ's parents credit Dr. Roger Culpepper at Ider for saving DJ's life when he relapsed in August of last year. His condition appeared to be improving, but one day another seizure began. DJ was taken by his mother to Dr. Culpepper's office, where emergency procedures began immediately that saved DJ.

He received a second series of chemotherapy in September and October.

Sandy explained that the chemotherapy shrinks the cancerous tumor and the radiation can kill it, but in DJ's case it did not kill it.

DJ has received the maximum amount of radiation that his body will ever allow and he continues to suffer from its effects.

His vision has deteriorated greatly and he continues to suffer from headaches and leg cramps.

DJ has spent many long hours at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital because his blood levels have dropped dangerously low, and he has needed many blood transfusions. These low blood levels also cause infections.

There are many children who suffer from illness similar to DJ's, according to Sandy.

DJ has also been to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. When DJ first began going to St. Jude's, his patient number was 11,948. The hospital's patient list now totals more than 13,000.

DJ's cancer is a rare type and the doctors do not expect him to survive since little is known about the condition.

Not sure about what the future holds, DJ and his family celebrated Christmas a little more than two weeks early.

Doctor bills have reached over \$10,000 at T.C. Thompson and will probably climb higher.



DJ WYLIE WITH BARBARA AND OVIE BLALOCK

Calvary Baptist Church in Ider has hosted a benefit for DJ, which brought in almost \$2,500. According to Sandy, this is a tremendous help. She said, "We are so thankful for the people from Calvary Baptist Church. They have been just like family and we appreciate everything they have done."

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD CONTRIBUTORS

A DeKalb County group, headed by Mentone's Ovie Blalock, is the chief contributor to a national foundation that fulfills the wishes of sick children. Woodmen of the World are the major contributors to Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Make-A-Wish operates chapters worldwide, with the Alabama office located in Fairhope, telephone (205) 928-9811. The Foundation has granted wishes for thousands of children. These children, all under the age of 18 and suffering from life-threatening illnesses have never before had a wish granted.

Make-A-Wish dedicates funds it has raised to fulfill all financial aspects of completing the child's dream.

Woodmen of the World is responsible for helping to make these dreams come true, and every year, in March, they solicit funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

In 1990, Alabama raised \$60,000 for the cause and almost \$50,000 of these funds came from Woodmen of the World.

There are about 5,000 to 6,000 Woodmen members in the three-county area of DeKalb, Jackson, and Cherokee Counties.

Woodmen of the World Society also sponsors other worthwhile benefits for children, including a camp for kids, a skating rink at Ider, Toys For Tots, and various community services.

According to Ovie Blalock, Fort Payne Lodge 436 president, the unique thing about Make-A-Wish Foundation is that almost 90 percent of the funds raised goes directly to the children with only a small portion being used for administrative purposes.

It is the parent's responsibility to make the initial phone call to Make-A-Wish (telephone 205-928-9811), and then the Woodmen assist in any way they can.

Woodmen of the World is accepting donations and conducting fund raisers during the month of March. This is when the Woodmen go out in full force, so be compassionate and give generously to help make some dying child's wish come true.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Below are two of the many letters received by the Groundhog.

Dear Pat Seymour,

Many thanks to you and the staff for the publication of the article concerning The American Heart Association in the February issue of the Groundhog. Placing it on the front page was really an added bonus; extra plaudits must be directed to you. I truly appreciate your genuine interest and efforts shown in sincere public service.

Sincerely,

Patricia Huiet.

The Groundhog is pleased to tell our readers of items concerning our communities.

Below is a letter suggesting an idea for our paper.

Dear Editor:

I am wondering if you would consider adding a column which would be of service to the area.

Many of us have items to sell or give away, but don't know who might want the items--especially the give-aways.

Right now I want to give someone over 1000 points in Betty Crocker coupons with the catalog.

Also, I want to sell a ping-pong table with net and paddles -- \$40.00. This table is also great to use for large dinners or outside picnic spreads.

As I said, there's a need for this because we don't always know how to give things away. Not everyone goes to the post office and sees the bulletin board.

Thank you for considering this idea.

Nancy Lusk

Nancy, we will start a new column next month entitled: "Buy, Swap, and Sell". Readers please let us know of items you have to sell, swap, or want to buy. We will run items in the column on a one-time-basis for our readers. No business ads and no repeat ads.

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Memories: An Imagined Kind

By Lee E. Jones, Mentone, AL

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She is an old bear, a little used and worn;
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She will never let you down;
If you need her, she will always be around.
If left on a shelf too long, she will feel lost and all alone.

For teddy bears occasionally need a hug, a fact which is well known.

Just place her on your pillow, she will feel right at home.

Enclosed, please find a teddy bear and a gift.

Although the gift cannot be opened, in it, you will find

Memories, an imagined kind.

Of giggling girls, their gifts and secrets never shared;

Of a longing for something --someone that's gone, yet, was never there.

A memory of these words left unspoken;

For in my mind, were these words said:

Quick, a big hug, and I'll tuck you into bed.

Here's a teddy bear, I'll lay it by your head.

Enclosed, please find two curios

Especially designed, created from memories, imagined in kind;

For a sister I never knew, from a sister who was an only child, too;

Keep them on a shelf, yet hold them dear.

When you think of me, bring them close, and know,

In spirit I am near.

Lee E. Jones is a fourth-generation Mentone resident.

Just after Dawn

Garrett Collins, Age: 11



I went down to the river,

It was just after dawn.

A robin was curled up with her little ones.

It was such a beautiful sight.

The squirrel leapt from tree to tree.

When he arrived at his hole,

It scared the poor little foal.

It was just after dawn.

A small fawn ran down to the river

to drink with its mother.

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Garret Collins is the son of Sammy and Susan Collins, grandson of Bill and Ann Wright, and great grandson of Eloise Burnette, all of Mentone.

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MAPA has adopted a logo for its letterhead and festival flyers. One of the newest events is the Gospel Music Festival. Readers will notice that this logo is at the bottom of the flyer located adjacent to this article, in this issue. This logo has been designed and produced by David Cryer, one of MAPA's talented members.



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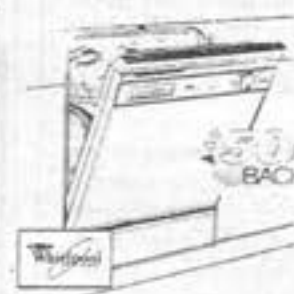
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The Country Journal
By
BERNISE CROW

Music is the language universal, reaching to the depth of the soul. It transcends all ethnic and social barriers, and good music is available to all of us whether great or small, rich or poor. All it takes is a small radio at home or in the car. Any celebration calls for some type of music. There is a kind suitable for all occasions, whether happy or sad—some to soothe and some to exhilarate. There is simple mountain music, middle America country music, and sophisticated classical and opera music. I enjoy all of it at one time or another, depending on the mood.

I grew up singing southern gospel songs, using shaped notes. My father, Lee Cooper, sang and taught singing schools at little rural country churches where people learned the basics of reading shaped notes and lines and spaces. This was sort of a social thing everyone enjoyed during summer months, usually held in the evenings. This type of music was strictly southern and was, and is, unique to our southeastern part of the area.

Mr. John Lyday, who was an excellent teacher, taught this form of music in our own community. We were given a small book of rudiments showing the shapes of notes, scales, diatonic scales, etc. We had to study some at home to be prepared for the class. He taught us how to tell the C clef from the F clef, and to determine in which key the song was written by the line or space on which the "Do" was placed. We learned to measure time and to conduct or direct the choir by use of the hand-called beating time. It makes me want to go back and refresh these studies. Someone should teach here again. It would help our church choirs.

Then we had music companies who produced new song books each year, or twice a year—keeping writers busy composing new melodies. These songs are complicated to those who have studied serious music and are hard to accompany on the piano. It is gospel music in a class of its own.

All day singings were most popular, and are still held in some places. One had to study the music in order to sing the new songs as they published in shaped notes. These singings were well attended, with dinner on the ground. They are a definite part of our local history and I hope they remain.

The Baracca Class of First Baptist in Ft. Payne did have this type of singing for an hour prior to the Sunday school class. Mr. Tom Edwards managed this singing for many years prior to his death. Maybe they still have them.



JUNIOR KING SHOWS THE LOCATION OF THE 3 UNMARKED ISABELL GRAVES.

Reader's Respond Isabell Marker Update

In response to the February article, "Where There's Love", when the March Groundhog went to press, the following individuals had contributed to the fund for a stone for the unmarked graves in Little River Cemetery for Jim and Willie Isabell, and their stillborn child.

Alice M. and Joseph J. Stoker, Cloudland GA
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gray, Jr., Mentone, AL
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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Moon Lake Baptist Church enjoyed a church-wide Valentine banquet on February 14. Bryan Johnson led the youth in their time of worship. The church choir has begun rehearsing for a special music program on Easter Sunday.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church enjoyed having their new District Superintendent, Jimmy F. Johnson, speak in the service on February 21, following a fellowship supper.

The U. M. W. of the Valley Head Methodist Church will meet March 2 with Venna Livingston and Frances Longshore as hostesses. Flowers were placed in the church on February 14 in memory of Teddy Bankson and in honor of Helen Bankson. Sunday School is at 9:00 o'clock and worship services at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning. Anyone in the area is welcome to attend these services.

The youth of the Valley Head Baptist Church attended a Dawson McAllister Youth Evangelism Conference in Birmingham at the Cathedral of the Cross on February 12-13. They report a fantastic experience. They plan to attend an Al Denson concert in Birmingham on Friday night, February 26. They will have a spaghetti supper at the church on Saturday night, February 27, to raise money to go to Florida this summer for another Dawson McAllister retreat.

Phil Pruitt and family, missionaries from South America, will be present for a special service at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on March 14.

The UMW of Mentone United Methodist Church will meet March 4 at 2 p.m. with Barbara Blalock as hostess. The program, "Call For Prayer And Self Denial" will be presented by Catherine Bailey.

Children's membership and/or confirmation classes will be held March 3, 17, and 31, beginning at 3:30 P.M. This is for ages 6-12 years. Parents are urged to attend at least one session with the children, and refreshments will be served.

The first Sunday in February Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church in Valley Head commemorated the deaths of two of its valued members, Brownie Tuttle and Constance Osterland, by using the music which was used at Brownie's funeral service in their morning worship.

The third week in March will be Family Enrichment Week at the Mentone Church of God. Speaker, Reverend Burton, will be in charge during this special week. Four young boys from the church went to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in February, and had a wonderful experience.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church plans an Altar Guild luncheon on Saturday, March 6. On March 13 and March 27, there will be Koinonia dinners, where people come together and talk about their Christian experiences in relation to Lent.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is still experiencing good things. 15 persons united with the church during the month of February. A fellowship supper was enjoyed on Valentine's Day. The men and boys enjoyed a Brotherhood breakfast on the same day.



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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

The Solution to Pollution is Not Dilution

One of the sayings among "scientists concerned with pollution" is "the solution to pollution is dilution". If pollution can be diluted enough with water, dirt, or air, then the pollutants will no longer be a problem; that, in a nutshell, is the thought. Well, obviously, that's true enough in the "short haul", but over the "long haul" that solution won't work, and that is just as obvious.

Dumping pollutants in a river will eventually ruin the quality of the river water. Pumping great quantities of unwanted gases into the atmosphere will just as surely make our air unbreathable, or, at least, unhealthy. And, of course, the problem continues and continues at an ever increasing rate. No permanent solution is in the offing.

Last September, I had a most unusual experience at a conference I attended on the subject "Environmental Equity". Sue and I went to this meeting in Atlanta as representatives of Friends of Little River. It sounded like it ought to be an instructive weekend, and we should pick up some valuable information. Well, it was instructive, alright, but in a way which I had not originally anticipated.

There were some papers presented on the subject of the meeting, and "Environmental Equity", it turns out, is a euphemism for "all the junk gets dumped on the poor, underprivileged counties and communities". I guess, to a great extent, that is fact. The interesting part of the meeting was not the planned lectures, but what the audience/attendees did after each lecture. Folks jumped to their feet and stood waiting for an opportunity to relate their war stories about how they had fought off the polluters; and polluters included industry and government at all levels (city, county, state, and federal). I've never been in a group of such angry, frustrated and vitriolic people. Hate oozed through the meeting. Some groups reported triumphs and others reported on-going battles; some few reluctantly reported failures.

I was struck by an interesting anomaly which may have been unknown to the two parties. A group from the south coast of Georgia described their struggles to prevent an incinerator for medical waste being built in their county. They were successful in getting it moved to the second county north. That county's group rose to speak and described their on-going battle to halt construction of the same incinerator.

An interesting situation! But neither group recognized that such waste exists and must be disposed of. Their thought was ... not in my back yard. (Now, let me hasten to say that, under similar circumstances, I'd behave in the same way.) But, that attitude does not get rid of the hospital garbage! It's still there and more is collecting every day.

All of this brings me around to my point ... garbage, waste, unwanted stuff is there and it must be handled. Everyone contributes to the accumulation of this "stuff". Do you drive a car? Yes! Do you eat food and beverage and wash your clothes? Yes! Do you wear polyester, nylon, cotton, wool, leather, and rayon clothes? Yes! Do you use electricity? Of course! Do you read books, magazines, and newspapers? Yes! These and every other activity or product creates waste and it must be handled safely and in an environmentally responsible manner.

So, who creates pollution and hazardous waste? People, every single person! If you object to the waste, don't use the product. Don't practice conspicuous consumption by using throw-away products. Reuse, reclaim, recycle, and reduce waste. Push EPA into doing meaningful research into environmentally correct methods of waste disposal. Write to EPA and write to your elected officials. Work for and participate in recycling programs, but, above all, reduce your contribution to the mountain of waste. Send your concerns to EPA:

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13A-729 Criminal Littering

a) A person commits the crime of criminal littering if he:

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(2) Negligently deposits in any manner glass or other dangerously pointed or edged objects on or adjacent to water which the public has lawful access for bathing, swimming or fishing, or on or upon a public highway, or within the right of way thereof; or

(3) Discharges sewage, oil products or litter from a watercraft vessel of more than 25 feet in length into a river, inland lake or stream within the state or within three miles of the shoreline of the state; or

(4) a. Drops or permits to be dropped or thrown upon any highway any destructive or injurious material and does not immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed; or

b. Removes a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway and does not remove glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the highway from such vehicle.

(b) "Litter" means rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, dead animals or fowl, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, scrap metal, debris or any foreign substance of whatever kind and description, and whether or not it is of value.

(c) It is no defense under subsections (a)(3) and (a)(4) of this section that the actor did not intend, or was unaware of, the act charged.

(d) Criminal littering is a Class C misdemeanor; however, the minimum fine shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(e) The fine from such conviction shall be awarded and distributed by the court to the municipal, and/or county, and/or state general fund, following a determination by the court of whose law enforcement agencies or departments have been a participant in the arrest resulting in the fine. Such award and distribution shall be made on the basis of the percentage as determined by the court, which the respective agency or department contributed to the police work resulting in the arrest, and shall be spent by the governing body on law enforcement purposes only.



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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4:23

How about your heart? Are you keeping it with all diligence, free from evil thoughts, free from all evil desires, or do you have heart trouble? Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Moon Lake Afterschool Club M. A. C.

Interest was very high among the adults, and excitement was building among the children as the Moon Lake Afterschool Club began again on Tuesday, February 23, at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. The time is from 3 pm to 6 pm. Most of the same volunteers have returned to help in the program, and there are some new volunteers. The program will run through April 13. An original performance of "Noah's Ark" will be presented at the end of the M. A. C. program in April.

The various churches in the area are providing meals again as they did in the fall session.

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