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*Fighting Heart Disease
and Stroke*

A KILLER ON THE LOOSE

By Buck and Patricia Huiet

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What is the most serious death threat in America today? Is it crime, auto accidents, or cancer? NO! Incredible as it seems, heart disease, stroke, and related disorders count for almost as many deaths in Alabama as all other deaths combined. Someone dies from cardio-vascular disease every 34 seconds. In 1993, 209 people in DeKalb County died from cardiovascular disease! That was 48% of all the county's deaths.

Heart attack, the single largest cause of death in this nation, kills more than five times as many American women as breast cancer. Strokes are the third largest killer, and the chief cause of serious disability in the United States. Women constitute 50% of stroke deaths.

This "Killer On The Loose" is running rampant! Our most vital weapon against it is RESEARCH. The American Heart Association funds research at both the national level and the affiliate level. The Alabama affiliate depends on donations to fund such research.

The Alabama affiliate fights heart disease through:

RESEARCH: Funding research is the most cost-effective way to benefit the greatest number of people. Last year, 1.6 million dollars was granted to cardiovascular research in the states.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: The knowledge gained from research is converted into educational and community programs.

American Heart AssociationSM *Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke*



Program delivery is concentrated in schools, healthcare sites, and the workplace.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION: Sponsoring educational programs keeps physicians, nurses, and nutritionists informed of the test developments in diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

•35 years ago, there was no CPR to revive heart attack victims, no heart bypass surgery, and no coronary care units.

•25 years ago, there was no balloon angioplasty to open clogged arteries.

•15 years ago, there were no anti-rejection drugs to help heart transplant patients.

•10 years ago, there was no laser angioplasty or a theroectomy to remove plaque from arteries, and no coronary stents to keep arteries open.

Heart research breakthroughs are **SAVING LIVES EVERY DAY**. CPR, pacemakers, bypass surgery, new drugs, new surgical techniques have all come as a result of

American Heart Association Funding. Do you have a member of your family who was saved by one of these breakthroughs or was it too late for your loved one?

Heart attacks and strokes have affected our family. Instead of giving up, we are combating the "Killer On The Loose," voluntarily collecting funds in Mentone for the American Heart Association. Joining us this

year is a sincerely concerned team of volunteers. They are your neighbors here in Mentone:

June Crowe, Vista Wester, Gertrude Cox, Mickey Gough, Naomi Potts, Linda Brown, Eleanor Tate, Sybil Hopper, Cindy Harrison, Linda Lawton, Elizabeth Romans, and students and faculty at Moon Lake School.

Contact any of the volunteers to contribute to this most worthy cause. Say "yes" to medical progress, give generously to support heart research. All of us will appreciate your contribution! Who knows, your contributions my save your own life!

Help us wipe out this killer on the loose. From our hearts to yours, we thank you.

Buck and Patricia Huiet, Co-Chairpersons
Residential Campaign
DeKalb County American Heart Association



•Friday, March 10, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
DEDICATION OF ROCK WALL
On the square at the blinking light;
followed by a reception to be held at the
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Everyone is invited.
(See notice on back page.)

•Saturday, March 11, 8 a.m.
Little River Canyon Clean-up
(See article on back page.)

•Friday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day
American Legion Post 215 Ladies Auxiliary
Soup, salad, and dessert plates
Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and
Supper 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
(See notice on back page.)

•Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19
12th Annual Northeast Alabama Home &
Garden Show, Rainsville Civic Center

SCHEDULE

OF

EVENTS

•Monday, March 20, 1st day of Spring

•Saturday, April 1, April Fool's Day

•Sunday, April 2,
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

•Monday, April 3, 6 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting, Town Hall

•Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting, Kountry Chef

•Sunday, April 15, Easter

•Saturday, April 29, Moon Lake Spring
Festival

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THERE IS A \$10 DEPOSIT FOR TRASH. REFUND IF AREA IS LEFT CLEAN. TRASH BASKETS WILL BE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA.

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OCTOBER COLORFEST - OCT. 20 & 21 - # SPACES: _____ ELECTRICITY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR BOOTH FEE: \$ _____ PAYABLE TO: MAPA

AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR CITY TAX: \$ _____ PAYABLE TO: CITY OF MENTONE

ALL FESTIVALS WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY BROW PARK NORTH OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE LOCATIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED IN ADVANCE FOR EACH VENDOR. FOR EACH EVENT, YOU WILL RECEIVE A MAP OF THE AREA AND YOUR ASSIGNED SPACE WITH YOUR CONFIRMATION OF YOUR REGISTRATION.

NOTE TO FOOD VENDORS: THE LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING FOODS FOR EACH FESTIVAL: ON SATURDAY: HOT DOGS, B.B.Q. SANDWICHES, PINTO BEANS & CORN BEANS, BAKED GOODS, SAUSAGE & BISCUITS. FOOD VENDORS MAY SELL THESE ITEMS ON SUNDAY. MAPA WILL SELL CANNED DRINKS.

VENDOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Dessie Newberry, President of MAPA, said that over 250 applications have been sent to vendors. Publicity notices will be sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and Chambers of Commerce in Chattanooga, Birmingham, Huntsville, Rome, and Summerville, and other areas to advertise the festivals sponsored by MAPA as listed above in the copy of the application.

LETTERS TO THE GROUNDHOG

Feb. 4, 1995

We had an opportunity over the Christmas holidays to be in the Mentone area, we fell in love with your village. It reminded us of home here in Southern California. We live in a little mountain village in the San Jacinto Mountains above Palm Springs, California.

While in Mentone we picked up a copy of "The Groundhog" and would very much like it if we could have the paper sent to us on a regular basis. Enclosed is our check for \$15.00 to cover our membership in MAPA and a subscription to "The Groundhog."

In a couple of years we hope to retire back in Alabama, my home state, and would love to purchase a brow lot in Mentone or near by.

Send to: Roy & Rita Dowd
P.O. Box 3053
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Thanks, Rita Dowd

2/17/95

Dear Groundhog staff,

I am so excited every month when The Groundhog arrives at my home. Every issue gets better, and it is such a contrast to the Atlanta papers, which are filled with crime and violence and negative things. Thank you for a refreshing approach to journalism.

Emily Flanagan
Tucker, Ga.

P.S. It may become necessary for me to subscribe to a second copy because I have to wait in line with other family members to get my turn to read it.

2/24/95

I made a trip to Mentone recently with a friend who lived there for a short time. I was enthralled with your charming village. I can only imagine how beautiful it must be in the spring and fall. While I was there, I picked up a copy of the February issue of The Groundhog, and I have felt such a sense of nostalgia as I have read it over and over. Your paper is excellent!

Thank you for sharing it with visitors like me.
Jacqueline Hays
Covington, Ga.

MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

At the Town Council meeting on January 9, several motions were passed. Rev. Don Brock made a motion that the attorney representing the Hurt family search the title to the parcel of land north of the Mentone Water Works for the purpose of determining ownership. Larry Hooks made a motion that attorney Tate write a letter to the Hurt family saying the town did not have a claim on the land.

James Johnson made a motion to buy a breath tester using the \$100 donated to the police fund, plus \$24.

At the Town Council meeting on February 6, an addition to the January minutes was added as follows: James made a motion to have Attorney Tate draw up an ordinance placing a \$5.00 privilege license on each booth at the three craft festivals.

Attorney Watson, representing Camp DeSoto, presented a resolution regarding the parcel of land north of the Mentone Water Works.

James Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 95-1, which was seconded by Hobson Kirby, and the motion carried. This resolution provided for a license fee of \$5.00 per booth, stand, or concession operating at a crafts festival, Rhododendron Festival, Colorfest, or other festival in the town of Mentone, and the ordinance became effective on February 6, 1995.

Mayor Cash announced that the city would soon be able to apply for a grant for a larger feeder line from the pumping station. Attorney Tate recommended that Kim Martin handle the grant application for the city.

James Johnson made a motion to buy two bullet proof vests for the police, which was passed.

At the Town Council meeting on March 6, in the absence of Clerk Catherine Bailey, Don Brock was appointed secretary to take down the minutes. The mayor announced that he had followed up on the water issue regarding a feeder line from DeSoto Falls to Mentone. It will be necessary to secure grants to provide the feeder line and water lines to the Lee Crow and Baty areas of Mentone. James Johnson made a motion that was seconded and carried for the city to proceed with grant applications.

Mayor cash called on Dr. Pat Seymour to give a report on the status of the rock wall dedication and reception that is set for Friday, March 10. She announced that there had been a very positive response from the governor's office, senators, representatives, commissioners, judges, and other dignitaries. The Rhododendron Garden Club, under the direction of Ann Wright, President, is in charge of the reception. Several local businesses have donated to the cost of the reception. The Valley Head Band will play at the dedication ceremony to be held at the town square on Amelia Kirk's Mentone Inn lot. The mayor urged all the members of the council to attend and bring their families.

Under other new business, Benny Goss reported his findings on possible methods to help solve the current water issue and purchase of construction equipment. He suggested that the city sell a parcel of land to purchase equipment. A discussion followed. James made a motion that was seconded and carried that the city pursue selling the parcel of land and place the money in the general fund. The city continues to actively work toward a resolution of any water shortage problem.

Rev. Brock was appointed as the council's voting delegate to the Annual Convention of Alabama League of Municipalities, that is being held in Huntsville, April 1-4.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Columnists Bill Schwarz (Riverwatch), Sue Schwarz (Recipe Corner), and Bernise Crow (Country Journal) will be back in the next issue.

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MAPA BIRTHDAYS

MARCH/APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Wanda Simmons March 20
Donna Bouldin March 21
Rick Chapman March 24
Betty Chapman March 28
Ruby Daniel March 31
Bob Daniel April 1
Linda Kilgore April 17
Frances Rosario April 15
Lydia Speed April 19
Olive Jones April 25

THANK YOU! TOMMY GIFFORD

for bulldozing the Moon Lake School area where the butterfly-bird garden is in the beginning stages.

From: the Moon Lake Students
and faculty
and the Rhododendron Garden Club



Gerry Paul Bain

Valley Head High School - Gerry Paul Bain is the son of Frances Bain McNutt of Valley Head.

Gerry has served as class president three years, has won awards in History, English, Math and Algebra. His activities include Beta Club, FFA, FHA, Bible Club, Student Council, and varsity football, basketball, and baseball.

Gerry was named to the All-County and All-Area football teams, was the Weekly Post Player of the Week, and won the Scholar Athlete Award.

In the community, he has participated in the Adopt-A-Mile program, Drug-Free Red Ribbon campaign, and the tutorial program. He has held several part-time jobs, including lifeguard and swimming instructor.

Gerry plans to attend college, but his major is not definite at this time.



Laurie Longshore
Miss Longshore named to Idaho dean's honor list

Laurie Longshore, daughter of Helen and Larry Longshore of Valley Head, was notified recently that she has been named to the dean's honor list at the University of Idaho.

In making the announcement, Alton G. Campbell, Associate Dean for Academics and Continuing Education, stated, "The curricula of our college are not easy and your academic success in your chosen program is certainly an indication of your ability to meet and overcome a significant challenge. While grades are not everything, they are a good indicator of many admirable qualities. These include intellectual capability and the ability to understand and evaluate new material. I hope you will continue your excellent academic performance. It will serve you well in your professional career."

Miss Longshore, a 1992 graduate of Valley Head High School, is a Junior at UI. She is seeking a degree in the school of forestry, resources, recreation, and tourism.

A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she had a 3.70 grade point average for the semester.



Basic Training

Airman Steven R. Keener has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs, and received special training in human relations. Keener is the son of Carol E. and Rickie D. Keener, Cloudland. He graduated from Northwest Georgia High School, Trenton.

SOMEONE WHO CARES

When you are all alone and lonely
None to tell your troubles to,
Troubles seem like rugged mountains
Then you wonder what to do.

There's a friend stands ready waiting
He your burden wants to share.
Lift your eyes my brother, listen
He will lessen all your cares.

When all other friends forsake you
And your world has turned you down,
He your heartaches can make lighter
Give you a Heavenly crown,

Jesus understands each trial
And will willingly supply,
Everything we need and ask for
Even a lovely home on high.

Alma Crabtree

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Devoted readers, the time draws near for the nuptialization of the great one to Precious, and my magnificent heart leaps for joy! Ladies of this quaint village are planning to give us a nuptial shower, and Dr. Pat promised she will bring the flea soap. For the actual moment of nuptializing, Ed Jones says he will donate horse paddies from his pasture to spread around the area to keep flies off the bride. (Bless him, everyone knows how I hate the pesky creatures!) Keep tuned as plans develop.

Little Brittany McAdams (3) just came in with her daddy, Brian, to adore and stroke my flawless head. Such a sweet child to recognize true greatness so early in her life!

Today is "Black Friday" when the rug man comes to jerk moi's comforts away. One of these days, this cursed leash is going to break, and total vengeance will be mine. Rug man prepare for shredding, you destroyer of Superette serenity!

Here comes adorable Cody Ballinger (4) through the door. That means rub down time for moi, as the lad massages my incredible body! Such a clever, dear tyke.

Jimmy Graves left earlier, tears of gratitude streaming down his cheeks. Moi allowed him to creep to my majestic feet and offer a Zebra cake to the splendid one. I really get off on having a grown man wallow and grovel on my rug. What a sense of humility moi can bring to this Arnold Palmer wanna be.

A pitiful sight just caught my eye over by the heater. Street people Jack Lusk, Willis Blalock, and Charles Flannigan are clustered around its warmth as if they've nowhere to go. And they haven't, bless their hearts. Willis just rushed out saying he had to get busy—doing nothing. As moi has pointed out before, Mentone really should consider building a shelter for these homeless lads.

Well, maybe we'll finally get the telephone fixed on the Superette wall. Jack Johnston, the telephone man, wandered in and should be good for a honey bun. Sure hope he reaches out and touches someone (moi) with something sweet. Surely, no more than I deserve for the abuse I suffer here. Al trod on my foot again today—on purpose, I think. Just because I told him, "You're a dolt, you are ugly, and you are generally unacceptable." Moi thought he would love the attention.

L.M. and Al are dragging in chairs from the front, so I guess I will be called on shortly to walk Pop and put him to bed. Why does a noble creature such as I have to do everything around here?

Till next time!



Kim Worthey has joined the staff of The Groundhog as a news reporter

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for more information.



The news is still good from Jean Matthews (Mrs. Roy)! She continues to combat her lymphoma with holistic treatment, and reports that it's working. Great news!

Melinda Hall will celebrate her 82nd birthday on Saturday, March 18. Many happy returns of the day, Melinda!

Are we proud or what of our honor roll students in Ft. Payne schools:

BreAnna Williamson - 2nd grade Chad Williamson - 3rd grade
Glenn Cryer - 5th grade Kelly Bunch - 6th grade
Tyler Cooper - 6th grade Allen Gray - 8th grade

Jane Galloway has undergone serious shoulder surgery at St. Joseph in Atlanta. Her daughter, Juanita, and son, Tony, have been at her side constantly, as has foster daughter, Dowe Clifton. Jane is recovering at home. She says friends from her church, the Mentone Revival Center, are the most considerate ever!

Just in to The Groundhog: Elizabeth Lowe died Monday morning, March 6, at her home in Birmingham. Our deepest sympathy to her family. Memorials can be made to Hospice.

Eula Mae Robinson, mother of Band Booster President Kathy Robertson, celebrated her birthday on February 28. Congratulations to a great lady!

Charlie Johnson, owner of the Heritage House Restaurant, is gravely ill and on life support following a massive cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Johnson lapsed into a coma while in Riverside Hospital, in Gadsden, and an operation was performed to remove the pressure, but he remains in a coma on life support. He has now been moved to a nursing home facility, the Downtown General Hospital, in Chattanooga.

One of our favorite photographers is tying the knot! Ms. Linda H. Jackson of Fort Payne and William B. Jackson Jr. of Columbia, S.C., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Steven Stiefel, the son of Cledell and Joan Stiefel of Fort Payne. The wedding will be held at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. on April 8. The reception will follow at Cragmere Manna. Invitations will be sent and friends of the couple are also invited.

Deepest sympathy to Kathie Disney whose brother, Keith Rann, 40, died Jan. 31, 1995, in Rome, Georgia. Keith suffered a brain aneurysm and died almost instantly.

A big celebration is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Friday, March 10, in Mentone! The beautiful rock wall down Alabama Highway 117 will be dedicated on the square beside the Mentone Inn, and a reception will follow in the Town Hall. Mentone Mayor Max Cash will preside at the dedication and Ann Wright, president of the Rhododendron Garden Club, will be in charge of the reception. Many dignitaries will be present from national, state, county, and local government. Everyone is invited! Dress is casual for the event. Let's turn out, Mentone, and show our appreciation of a job well done. (See notice on back page.)

Jim Lyday gave everybody a scare last Thursday (Feb. 28). Wife Penny and Jim were leaving breakfast to attend a wedding when Jim passed out completely and fell headlong unconscious. He was found to have no blood pressure initially, but was revived and taken to the emergency room in Huntsville.

Three talented young artists have had their weather drawings on the front page of the Fort Payne Times-Journal this month. They are Logan Chambers (5), Mentone; Sharee Jenkins (9), Valley Head; and Mathew Alexander (14), Valley Head. Congratulations all around, guys!

Helen Hill continues to improve at home after a nasty fall on her hip. She is up and walking nicely, now. Sister Theresa Bosworth is not so fortunate. She has received a very serious diagnosis from her doctor and is facing cancer treatments. (Theresa was my 10th grade Algebra II teacher and advisor to the student council when I was president at Selma High School!) Our prayers are with these two great ladies!

George and Hope Walker have returned to Mentone from Florida. It's such a lift to have Hope's gracious beauty and

George's magnificent baritone voice at home again. Welcome back, friends!

Sue Schwarz is visiting with her parents, George and Ruth Porter, in Oakland, Maryland, for a few days while hubby Bill tends his grapevines. Father George is seriously ill, but resting at home; and mother Ruth celebrated her 81st birthday on March 4.

Ginny Bosworth is back home in Mentone after a long visit with her family out of state.

Bobby and Linda Brown enjoyed a week-long trip to Florida, recently. Daughter Carol and grandchildren Alex and Kayla, had the run of the house for days!

Marion Solomon has been fighting a serious throat infection for about two weeks. The pain has been so intense, she couldn't even swallow liquids. After a visit to a doctor in Rome, Georgia, Marion says she is somewhat better, but still very hoarse.

Jimmy and Lynette McCary are back in their Mentone home after several months in Birmingham. It's so good to have Lynette and Jimmy involved in Mentone activities. These two were missed!

Ed and Gerry Disney are making plans to celebrate Nippersink Lodge's 50th birthday in May. What a bash that's going to be!

Luther "June" King will celebrate a birthday on March 15. Whoa! That's the Ides of March that Shakespeare talks about in Julius Caesar. Watch out, June!

Jean McGehee says she is thoroughly enjoying her college teaching. She is staying quite busy, but it must agree with her. She looks wonderful!

Mabel Kirk is still resting up from her extensive trip out west with daughter Amelia. However, she is now quite ill with bronchitis, and we all wish her well.

After several days in a Gadsden hospital, Mrs. Jewel Baty is feeling much better. She is recuperating at home in Mentone.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell and Joe Stephens traveled to Talladega to visit Joe's son, Michael, on Monday, February 20. The occasion was Michael's birthday. His address is Michael Stephens, 24041-034, PMB 1000, Sigma B, FCI Talladega, Alabama, 35160-877.

Marilyn also visited her aunt, Mrs. Frona Johnson, in Rome, Ga., for Mrs. Johnson's 87th birthday on January 26. On the way to Rome, Marilyn stopped in rural Chattooga County, Ga., where she picked up Mrs. Lena Holder, a cousin and former neighbor, who is also 87, and took her along to enjoy the celebration. On February 18, Marilyn had as supper guests her mother, Mary A. Blanton, her brother, Daniel C. Blanton, and her nephew, Nathan Blanton, all of Rome, Ga. Then, on February 20, Marilyn was treated to breakfast at Tigers Inn by Mike and Michael Canerdy, father and son relatives. Marilyn reports to The Groundhog that her uncle, Newton Wagner, continues to recover at home in Rome after recent bypass surgery.

Stan Lawton and John Corey of Little River Hardware, have returned from a professional hardware meeting out-of-state. In their absence, Ed Disney "minded the store" and did a bang up job of it, too!

Ilene Green continues to recuperate at home after major surgery. She spends most of her days lying on the couch and trying to work in that position. Ilene would like to thank everyone for the kindnesses shown to her following her surgery, and reports that she is improving daily. You can't keep a good woman down!

Eunice Strickland recently suffered a bad fall into a ditch near her mailbox. She lay there for hours until Charles Plott came and found her. She now has fully recovered from her terrible experience.

Col. George Hauge, a victim of Alzheimer's Disease, has passed away in Mercy Medical Facility in Daphne, Ala. He was at one time the owner of Nippersink Lodge.

Deepest sympathy to Eugene Terrell of Valley Head whose father William David Terrell, 89, passed away Feb. 26, 1995, at Hopkinsville, Ky. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

James Crowe, brother of Rev. Edmund Crowe, and Mentone native, suffered a massive heart attack on Feb. 9, in Summerville, Ga., and was placed in the ICU in Rome, Ga. The next day, he underwent four bypass surgeries in Rome. He is presently resting at his home. On the same day, brother Floyd Crowe was in ICU in Gadsden with a heart blockage and hiatus hernia. James' address is Rt. 5, Box 1054, Summerville, GA 30747.

James Johnson's sister Florice had been quite ill in Birmingham. Keep her in your prayers.

Donna Bares, Skyline Ranch Camp assistant director, requests prayers for her father. His leg has been amputated, and he is back in the nursing home in Thibodeaux, La.

Hobson and Martha Kirby are celebrating their 29th

anniversary. They spent a weekend at Opry Land and had fifth row seats at the Grand Old Opry. Congratulations to a super couple!

Frank and Linda Villalpando are buying a house in the valley close to Cotton Hester. It will be sad to lose them as good neighbors on Cove Road, but their new home is lovely.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Lena Pearl Hester, 65, who died on Feb. 12, 1995: son, Charles Hester; daughters, Charlotte S. Campbell, Elizabeth Ellis, and Edna Swearingin, all of Valley Head; and sister, Inez Young, Valley Head.

Tigers Inn Cafe in Valley Head underwent major renovations, recently. New tile has been put down, the walls covered with repainted plywood, and the two front windows made smaller for more privacy. Owner Phyllis Lewis is very proud of the Inn's new look!

Bill and Fran Hawk of Valley Head, have a newly adopted son, James Owen Hawk. Congratulations to the new parents!

Grace Howard called to explain why her house and many others are infested with lady bugs. It seems that the government dumped millions of the insects on us from the air. The lady bugs were supposed to eat the pine beetles, but trees are still being destroyed, and now we have an infestation of lady bugs. Is this a great country, or what??

Louise Worthey celebrated her 67th birthday February 27th. Congratulations!

March birthdays: Bobbie Freeman, David Battles, Dean Freeman, Mildred Crouch (mother of Gail Chambers), 4th; Shawn Vernon (son of Teresa Clayton) 6th; Spencer Harris, 10th; Scott Tate, 18th; Mary Chambers, 21st; Stephanie Worthey, 26th; and Robert Johnston, 30th.

Jimmy and Gaynell Worthey celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on March 3. They have four children, Stacie, Stephanie, Lee, and Melissa Miller.

John and Mary Chambers are proud to announce the arrival of their son Michael Austin on February 24 at DeKalb BMC. He was over a month overdue! A formal announcement, along with his picture, will be in the April Groundhog.

Kim Worthey is now working at Watson & Watson Attorneys' office on Courthouse Square in Ft. Payne.

Chester and Lester Crowe celebrated their 70th birthday together in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Wives and family were with them. (Chester looks the youngest 70 I have ever seen. Maybe it's twin Lester who is 70, not Chester!) Congratulations, guys!

The five sons of Lee Crowe, Homer, Lester, Chester, Jessie, and Dewey, will be honored at the rock wall dedication at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 1995, on the Town Square. In 1927, their father, Lee, was part of the construction crew on the original rock wall up the mountain. What a proud heritage!

Those who participate in clogging and square dancing will be saddened to hear of the death of Tim Shirey on Monday, March 6, 1995, in Ft. Payne. Tim was the teacher of clogging to Ovie and Barbara Blalock of Mentone. Cause of death was complications of diabetes. Our deepest sympathy to Tim's family and friends.

Some unknown person penned a poem with the simple title, "Tomorrow" - and it has food for thought:

He was going to be all that a mortal should be
--Tomorrow;
No one would be kinder or braver than he
--Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he knew,
Who'd be glad of a lift, and who needed it, too;
On him he would call and see what he could do
--Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write
--Tomorrow,
And thought of the folks he would fill with delight
--Tomorrow.
It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
More time he would have to give others, he'd say
--Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would have been
--Tomorrow.
The world would have known him had he ever seen
--Tomorrow.
But the fact is, he died, and he faded from view,
And all that he left when his living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do
--Tomorrow.

--Anonymous



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

I like to compliment people and say good things about them and congratulate them when they deserve it—so, it gives me great pleasure to **CONGRATULATE** Christy Blevins who was named senior student of the month at Valley Head High School. She is the daughter of Bobby and Henrietta Blevins of Hammondville. Jessica Biddle and Sharee Jenkins of Valley Head, who illustrated weather reports for *The Times-Journal*, and congratulations to Laurie Longshore, who has been named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of Idaho. Laurie is the daughter of Helen and Larry Longshore and granddaughter of Frances Longshore. She is a 1992 graduate of Valley Head High School, a Junior at U.I. and a member of Kappa Gamma Sorority. Her aim is a degree in Forestry, resources, recreation, and tourism. She had a 3.70 grade point average.

We are especially proud of our Valley Head High School band, and congratulate Alison Meadows, Michelle Chappell, Kim McKinney, Haley Johnson, Sarah Tucker, Jennifer Robertson, and Suzanne Fletcher, who represented it at the Honor Band Concert at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on Sunday, Feb. 26. There were over 1400 applicants from all over the Southeast, as far as Ohio, from which 600 were selected and divided into 5 bands of 160 each. Band Director, Campbell Smith, took them on Friday. Kathy Robertson went as chaperone. The All County Honor Band will be selected Thursday, March 2, at Rainsville Civic Center.

Ed Ringer's brother, Dr. R. E. Ringer and his friend, Robert McReynolds, of Lake City, Fla., visited Ed for several days. They went to McMinnville, Tenn., on business, then went to Atlanta to attend the exhibit of wood working tools and crafts at the Gwinnett Civic Center.

Leslie Rogers has returned from a visit with friends in Bangor, Maine. She and Melinda Adkins spent last weekend at Lake Sumatanga.

Barry Kay, who played and sang so beautifully at the Valley Head Methodist Church recently, now has an album of Christian music out. Call the parsonage for further information.

We were glad that Dessie Newberry and Dorothy Crow were able to be back with us at church last Sunday. We appreciate Juanita Smith coming and playing for us when Dessie wasn't able.

Sharon Lee is conducting a Bible Precept Study at the Methodist parsonage. The study began Thursday, March 2, at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the sessions.

The Sunshine Club meeting for February was called off because of bad road conditions.

The Valley Head Methodist Women met February 28 at the home of Venna Livingston with Frances Longshore as co-hostess. Eloise Brown presided and Laura Margaret Allison gave a good Secretary and Treasurer's report. Mary Louise Holleman conducted the program, assisted by Laura Margaret, from the book "Cycle of Hope," on Lent and the subject, "Forget and Remember." Others present were Elizabeth Coleman, Gladola Holleman, Velma Hammond, Geraldine Hawkins, Mary Crow, and Marjorie Gray.

Robert and Gail Hawkins came from Brewton, Ala. to spend the weekend with his parents, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins. The also visited his brother, Randall Hawkins, in Chattanooga.

Jennifer and Perry DeFur have moved from Huntsville to Atlanta, where he has a position with Simmons Mattress Co., as a computer analyst. Jennifer's parents are Barbara and Benny Palmer.

William and Dot Crow visited their son, Bill Crow, in Huntsville, Sunday, Feb. 19, and helped him celebrate his birthday at the Red Lobster. They were accompanied by Mozelle Crow.

Mildred and Thomas Lackey and Juanita Simpson spent the day recently visiting relatives who were not well. They visited Helen and Orville Bradley at West Point, Tenn., and Eugene and Mary Moore at Florence, Ala.

Mona Cartee, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., with her little dog, Prescilla, recently visited her parents, Mildred and Thomas

Lackey, for the weekend.

It's good to hear that Jean Barnard Cassidy is recovering well after her surgery, and she and her mother, Adis Barnard, are back home in Huntsville.

Sincere sympathy to the family of Lena Pearl Hester, who passed away February 12.

Suzanne Palmer was honored with a bridal shower at the Valley Head Baptist Church, February 26. Hostesses were Norma Hulan, Gail Smalley, Mildred Lackey, and Glenda Winans. Suzanne is the bride elect of Rob Smith of Fort Payne. They will wed April 8 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

We have been blessed, so far, here, by not having weather catastrophes. Apparently, the Arab tornado passed over us, for Barry Brown found the remnants of a check from an Arab bank on the dam of one of his lakes at Kaolin.

I received a box of nice gifts and birthday cards and valentines from my granddaughter's family in Ohio (I received others, too), but I also received a valentine from their dog, "Sassy," signed by her cute little paw print. What do you think of that Brutus? I'll bet you didn't send any valentines, unless it was to yourself. I can't blame you—I didn't either. I meant to, but the day slipped upon me too soon. Come to think of it, maybe you did send me a valentine in a round about way. I received valentine greetings I appreciated very much. Anyway, everyone loves you, Brutus!

March marches in with wintry blast,
But that icy attitude cannot last.
It must surrender and calm down
And become as gentle as a lamb,
So all the earth can bloom and sing—
"Hallelujah! now it's Spring!"

LENT REMINDS

The season when seemingly dead earth
Awakes to beauty, reminds of birth.
A time when brown bulbs reach upward for life
And burst into color and fragrance so rife.

The silken cocoons set butterflies free
To wing upward in joyful ecstasy—
Reminding of Heaven's transformation
To life's eternal celebration.

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

Lent reminds of a garden—Gethsemane,
Where Jesus went to pray in agony—
Facing betrayal and denial,
To be beaten and condemned in unjust trial.

It reminds of Golgotha's three crosses,
Of three kinds of important choices,
When the sun hid in darkness its face,
Ashamed of the awful infamous disgrace.

Lent is a time of penitence and evaluation,
Of new appreciation and preparation
To receive the joyful, hopeful season
Of Easter's proof of resurrection's reason.

—Eloise M. Brown



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RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Marie Dillenbeck

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at the home of Penny Lyday. The 19 members present were: Barbara Blalock, Patti Bryan, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Betty Chapman, Bernise Crow, Mary Crow, Frances Crow, Ruby Daniel, Marie Dillenbeck, Gerry Disney, Mickey Gough, Flo Kirby, Mabel Kirk, Penny Lyday, Jean McGehee, Heather Nicely, Pat Seymour, Ann Wright, and Mildred Wylie. Dorothy Cyr was a guest. Hostesses were Penny Lyday, Mabel Kirk, Jean McGehee, and Ann Wright.

Dr. Pat Seymour gave the devotional on trees. Included was a passage from Genesis 3:8 regarding trees, which was read by Marie Dillenbeck. Pat recited the poem, "Trees," by Sgt. Joyce Gilmer. Jean McGehee assisting by reading, "Birches" by Robert Frost.

Barbara Blalock led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes were accepted as read by Bernise Crow. Gerry Disney gave the treasurer's report.

Several individuals had been remembered with cards, according to the corresponding secretary, Mabel Kirk.

The President Ann Wright announced the ecoteers will plant trees at Moon Lake School. She is in the process of preparing a book of evidence on the 1994 flower show.

The nominating committee composed of Helen Hill, Gerry Disney, and Mickey Gough, will present a slate of officers to the March meeting.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, the annual Home and Garden Show will be held at the Rainsville Civic Center. The Rhododendron Garden Club will be assisting with the prizes on Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Spring Luncheon has been changed to coincide with the presentation of the program, "Hummingbirds," sponsored by the Culture Club of Fort Payne. The luncheon will be held at the Western Sizzlin, at which time officers will be installed. The program will be held in the DeKalb Theater. (See Hummingbird Workshop notice elsewhere.)

Patti Bryan gave a report on the butterfly-bird garden that is planned for Moon Lake School. As soon as the trash has been bulldozed and burned, other work can begin. Heather Nicely, Gladys Crane, and Ann Wright have agreed to donate plants.

Ann Wright announced that Pat Seymour had received a letter from Tony Camp of the Alabama Department of Transportation requesting the assistance of the garden club in the reception to be held after the dedication of the rock wall. A date needs to be set. After a discussion, the club agreed on Friday, March 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to approval by the Department of Transportation and the City of Mentone. A list was passed around to include names of organizations to invite to the ceremony. The reception is to be held at the Town Hall.

Another correspondence from Tony Camp was read to the club members regarding his planting of wildflowers on the interstate in Alabama. Those members wishing to thank Mr. Camp, may write to him at P.O. Box 128, Dutton, AL 35744.

Patti Bryan announced that the Moon Lake Spring Festival would be held in the very near future. May 8th was a date proposed, which was later changed to Saturday, April 29. This is an annual fundraising event for the school. It will include a judging of flower arrangements and a pet show.

The District II Annual Spring Meeting will be April 6 at 9:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Ala. Ann Wright, Rhododendron Garden Club president, will be one of the officers installed. She is the third vice president, who is in charge of the 1995 Fall Garden Show.

Ann Wright presented the Arbor Day program in keeping with the theme, "Woodland Trails." Arbor Day is the last full week in February, and trees will be planted by the Ecoteers during that time. There are several ways to have a program on trees, one is to focus on the ecology of a tree and its interrelationship with the environment. One example Ann used was the formation of an oak tree from a seed, accompanied by stories of the growth along the life of a tree. If a tree is struck by lightning, as the top of the tree dies, animals live in it; and when the tree falls, animals live in it. The tree enriches the land by its decay.

The next meeting is on March 14, at the Mentone Town Hall. The theme is "Wildflower Trails," and Lynette McCary will present the program, "Plan Nature Trails." Pattee Ephgrave will give the devotional. The hostesses will be Helen Hill, Theresa Bosworth, and Ann Wright.



I WONDER

By Bill Crane

WHO WILL BE WINSTON CUP CHAMPION THIS YEAR? The hottest thing going right now is stock car racing. The Daytona 500 has just been run, and it was won by Sterling Marlin for the second consecutive time. Winning the Daytona 500 is a feat to remember for a lifetime, but to do it two times in a row is just unheard of! Sterling is a native of Columbia, Tennessee, and all his friends there are just thrilled! Congratulations to him from all the readers of this newspaper. There are subscribers to *The Groundhog* in that area of Tennessee, so if any of you are close by, and have a chance, congratulate him for all of us.

I don't know if there are any racing sport fans among the readers of this newspaper or not. If not, I am whistling in the wind in writing about it. But, there should be lots of them, for Talladega is not too far away, nor is Atlanta. There may have been some of you who read this that personally saw Marlin win the Daytona 500. Northeast Alabama and Northwest Georgia may not be a hot bed of race fans, but I bet that there are plenty interested in racing. I wouldn't be surprised to know that this area is a hot bed of racing, for I know of several people who live racing, as I do baseball. I remember when I lived in Greenville, Alabama, and it came time for the big race at Talladega. It was like a holiday! Churches' attendance was greatly reduced, many people who were supposed to work that day took time off, and there was a big exodus to Talladega. Anyway, I'm going to assume that it is somewhat like that here in this area, so I'll continue to write my thoughts about racing from time to time. If you wish I wouldn't, let it be known.

The big controversy in stock car racing now is whether the new Monte Carlo has got the Ford Thunderbirds covered in every aspect of racing. The Fords were the dominant brand last year, as they won the manufacturer's award for winning the most races. However, the Chevrolet Lumina, which was the Chevy used in the races last year, was redesigned, and the two-door model was given the Monte Carlo name so it could be the Chevy race car this year. The results of the Daytona 500, as well as the short races at Daytona prior to the 500, showed that Chevrolet has a winner in the Monte Carlo. I've bought one of the new Lumina's, and like it very much. The winner of the pole for the Goodwrench 500 at Rockingham, North Carolina, race this coming Sunday has just been announced, and it is Jeff Gordon, driving—guess what? A Monte Carlo. Gordon should have won the Daytona 500, for he had the fastest car until he had some problems during the last pit stop. If you watched the race on TV, at one time, you saw five Monte Carlos in the lead. The three top finishers all drove the new Monte Carlo. It looks like Chevrolet will win every race until a change in the spoiler will give the Fords a better chance. Until that is done, you can count on Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Sterling Marlin, and old #25, Ken Schrader, leading up front throughout a race.

I still wish NASCAR's rules specified that all cars would have to be exactly like the car you and I would buy from a dealer and drive on the highways. It used to be this way, but the sponsors, and the craving for more and more speed, caused them to permit modifications to the engine and body so as to satisfy the fans and financial backers. Race cars today can hit 200 miles per hour on the straight-away. Imagine driving a car this fast!

Yes, automobile racing is big-time, now. It is as big as any other sport, and the prize money favorably compares to any sport. What did the winner of the Indianapolis 500 receive in money? If I remember correctly, it was around \$3 million. No other individual sport winner receives this kind of money for a single win, unless it is the winner of a heavyweight

championship fight. Anyway, keep your eye on Dale Earnhardt, for he is going to win the Winston Cup Championship again this year. His edge, in my opinion, is not so much as the car he drives, but in having the best pit crew! He can pit way behind the other racers, and come out of the pit road first!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO BOXING? Speaking of boxing, I wonder what has happened to it as a captivating sport in recent years. There doesn't seem to be much interest in boxing since the days of Muhammad Ali. Why? Is it the activity of boxers, like Tyson, and their managers? Or, is it that the champions since Ali have not been promoters and human advertisers? Or is it that the boxers today are just not as good as the old-timers? What do you think? I suspect it is mostly the latter reason.

There is a good bit of interest in Georgia in boxing, because of a native. Holyfield was a champion at one time. But, as far as interest is concerned, this area is the exception. By the way, who is heavyweight champion, now? How about light heavyweight and middleweight—who are the champions for these weight classes? Off hand, I don't know.

IF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE GOING TO PLAY THIS YEAR? Spring training has already begun—with replacement players and some minor leaguers. Opening day of the regular season is around the corner—about 5 weeks away. It appears there will be major league baseball, but who will the players be? The owners and striking players will meet again next week to see if they can come to an agreement. I certainly hope so. I would suggest that if they can't agree on new regulations, let's play under last year's agreement for one more year. This would give both sides one full year to come to an agreement. Time will tell what will happen to major league baseball this year. There seems to be some resistance to using replacement players if the two groups cannot agree on the rules for playing this year. Sparky Anderson is in a strike of his own—he refuses to manage the Detroit Tigers using replacement players. I have admired Sparky as a manager for a long time, but I don't admire him for this. To me, he is an employee of the Detroit Tigers, and if he didn't want to manage them using replacement players, he should resign from his job. Agree? The owners are to decide whether to use replacement players, or minor leaguers, or both, if they can't reach an agreement with the major league players. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

WHAT IS THE FASTEST GROWING SPORT IN THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES? Did you say football? No, it is not that. How about volley ball, or pool, or tennis, or basketball? No, it is not any of these. Some are growing faster than others, but one of them is the one growing the fastest. Well, then, which sport is the fastest growing? It is soccer. The kids and young men who can't play the other sports can play soccer. So, now, everywhere you turn, you see kids trying their hand at it, and teams forming. Scores in newspapers now days are beginning to show as many scores for soccer as they do for some other sport. If it is not already, in a few years, it will be the sport with the most participants, and you can count on it!

WHO WILL ENJOY MARCH MADNESS THE MOST? By the time you read this, the local boys and girls (How about Fyffe's Heather Mayes?) basketball teams will be playing to determine the state championship. There are several good teams this year, according to the records up to now. But, I'm telling you one thing, anything can happen in the March Madness March! Any five players can beat any other five players at any given time! Play ball, and may the best teams win! SHALOM!

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

By Phil Harris

FYFFE WINS SECOND STRAIGHT TITLE; COLLINSVILLE FALLS IN SEMI-FINALS

The Fyffe Lady Red Devils (32-3) won the 2-A State Championship for the second consecutive year in Birmingham. The (68-47) victory over Trinity in the finals was proof this could be the best girls team ever from DeKalb County. Heather Mayes (state's all-time leading scorer with 4156 points) led the way with 24 points.

In the semi-finals, the Lady Red Devils jumped out to a (46-6) half-time lead over J.F. Shields. Mayes scored 19 points, had 10 assists and 10 rebounds, as her team went on to win (70-37).

Hats off to Mike Cochran and his team who were 67-4 over the last two seasons. Rhea Armstrong, Lori Bynum, Nicole Gilliland, Jamie Owens, and Mayes have been household names over the past two seasons. The five seniors will be missed, because whether you were for Fyffe or not, you got your money's worth when you saw them play.

The Collinsville Panthers' (8-27) impressive season came to an end with a (70-57) loss to eventual State 1-A Champion, Autaugaaville at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. The Panthers were forced to forfeit 24 games for using an illegal player after winning the DeKalb County tournament in January. Most teams would have used this as an excuse to give up. Coach Neil Thrash did a masterful job at keeping his team focused on the future, rather than the past. Players also had to deal with their school's being burned in early February.

Billy Clanton, Solomon Stanton, and Clay Gifford led the team on an amazing run, knocking off Valley Head (79-57), Randolph (74-72), and Athens Bible (68-51) in the sectionals. Moving on to Jacksonville, the Panthers beat Altamont (76-60) and Ragland (57-55) to earn their first trip to Birmingham.

Other teams from DeKalb County had impressive showings in the sectional and regional tournaments.

BOYS:

2-A GERALDINE (21-8). The bulldogs defeated Section (75-65) and Fyffe (95-89) in the sectional tournament at Boaz, but lost in a heartbreaker to White Plains (55-53) in the regional semi-finals.

3-A SYLVANIA (12-10) upset DAR (67-63) and Piedmont (61-57) to advance to the regional tournament. Coach Mitchell Padgett's Rams led by 10 points late in the game, but failed in OT to Glencoe (67-55).

GIRLS:

1-A COLLINSVILLE (25-7). Coach Randy Taylor's team had an impressive season. The Lady Panthers upset Valley Head (54-44) in the sectional finals. The regional tournament wasn't too kind to the Lady Panthers. Experience means a lot in tournament play, and that was probably the contributing factor in the (56-48) loss to Donohoo.

1-A VALLEY HEAD (17-16). Kayla Bell and Jamie Baugh carried the team about as far as they could go. The young Tigers, with only one senior, will be the team to watch for next year.

3-A PLAINVIEW (15-15). The Lady Bears, led by Jana Ingram and Shanna Pippin, defeated rival Sylvania (70-58) and knocked off DAR (59-38) in the sectional finals. The dream ended, though, with the loss to Glencoe (57-37) in the regional semi-finals.

Another season of high school basketball is over. The seniors from each school will be missed. It's hard to see them go, but they have to make way for tomorrow's future stars.

It's baseball time again, and with no major league baseball, I guess we will have to find other forms of entertainment.

High school baseball and softball are about to get under way. The DeKalb County Softball tournament will be held at the Sports Complex in Ft. Payne. Also, the county baseball tournament will be held at Ft. Payne High School. Leroy Stansil, Randy Cunningham and I are tentatively set to do the radio broadcast of the baseball tournament on WQRX-AM 870. Stay tuned to find out dates and times.



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Elizabeth Childers	Emmy Corey
Katie Herndon	Megan Dugaard
D. J. Howard	Sara Dugaard
Julie Ingram	Justin Dingle
Robert Johnson	Bobby Elkins
Loren Kean	Coby Harrison
Whitney LaBuda	Kyle Hooks
	Joshua Hughes
	P. J. Humphrey
Mrs. Mosley's 1st Grade	Niki Johnson
Jared Bare	Adam Manning
Laura Floyd	Ashley McSpadden
Katie Gray	Kelly Owen
Tyler Huskey	J. R. Patterson
Logan Jackson	Stephanie Plemmons
Hali Johnson	Mason Plunk
Brandy Manning	
Kirby McMunn	
Emily Tipton	
Cayla Voils	
Ms. Lehman's 2nd Grade	Mrs. Smith's 4th/5th Grade
Kristen Addison	Josh Baker
Colby Batey	Tiffany Bare
Rachel Bryan	Tessie Baty
Ashley Clark	Jennifer Blalock
Clark Crow	Brandy Browder
Nick Floyd	Ashley Brown
Matt Hawkins	Ben Corey
Catrina Ingram	Jana Goss
Amanda Johnson	Alan Hawkins
Fawn Kitchens	Peter Hurt
Andrew McCole	Stuart Hurt
Brigitte McNutt	Eddie Manning
Shannon Sammons	Kerri McMunn
Andrew Smith	Matthew Prestwood
Joshua Smith	
Natasha Tishaw	Dr. Berry's 6th Grade
Kelly Wright	David Chaney
	Davey Goodwin
	Ashton Jones
	Holly Kitchens
	Nathan Owen
	James Tipton

6th GRADE WHO'S WHO

Mr. and Miss Moon Lake	Wittiest
Nathan Owen	Davey Goodwin
Emily Collins	Holly Kitchens
Best All Around	Cutest
Nathan Owen	Nathan Owen
Holly Kitchens	Emily Collins
Most Cooperative	Neatest
James Tipton	Joseph Smith
Holly Kitchens	Holly Kitchens
Friendliest	Quietest
Will Shanklin	Will Shanklin
Tracy Coots	Tracy Coots
Most School Spirit	Loudest
David Chaney	Ashton Jones
Emily Collins	Holly Kitchens
Most Athletic	
Nathan Owen	
Emily Collins	

CLASS FAVORITES

Kindergarten	3rd/4th Grade
Mark Corey	Coby Harrison
Katie Herndon	Ashley LaBuda
1st Grade	4th/5th Grade
John Baxter	Ben Corey
Emily Tipton	Jana Goss
2nd Grade	6th Grade
Rob Childers	Nathan Owen
Kelly Wright	Holly Kitchens

MOON LAKE HONOR ROLL Third 6 Weeks

ALL A'S	ALL A'S & B'S
Mrs. Mosley's 1st Grade	
John Baxter	Katie Gray
Hali Johnson	Melissa Harrison
Sarah Hurt	Kirby McMunn
Emily Tipton	Kelly Phillips
Ms. Lehman's 2nd Grade	
Rachel Bryan	Kristen Addison
Rob Childers	Colby Baty
Matt Hawkins	Ashley Clark
Catrina Ingram	Clark Crow
Amanda Johnson	Riann Dugaard
Andrew McCole	Nicklos Floyd
Keith Miller	Fawn Kitchens
Shannon Sammons	Emily Platt
Joshua Smith	Andrew Smith
Kelly Wright	
Mrs. Hughes' 3rd/4th Grade	
Emmy Corey	Kim Brisendine
	Megan Dugaard
	Kyle Hooks
	Niki Johnson
	Ashley LaBuda
	Ashley McSpadden
	Kelly Owen
Mrs. Smith's 4th/5th Grade	
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Eddie Manning	Tessie Baty
Kerri McMunn	Jennifer Blalock
Kiley Young	Melinda Bradford
	Jerry Brisendine
	Brandy Browder
	Ben Corey
	Jana Goss
	Alan Hawkins
	Cassie Hooks
	Peter Hurt
	Corey Kirby
Dr. Berry's 6th Grade	
Ashton Jones	Emily Collins
	Holly Kitchens
	Will Shanklin

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

Stuart Hurt, fourth grader and local spelling bee champion, was the second runner-up in the County Spelling Bee held at the DeKalb Theater on Friday, February 24. One of Moon Lake's graduates, Garrett Collins, was third runner-up. (See pictures this page.)

Moon Lake will be celebrating Aerospace Week March 13-17, and special activities are planned every day.

There will be a book fair March 20-24.
The next regular PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Best Western, one of Moon Lake's Adopt-a-School supporters, presented awards for academic achievement on Monday, February 27.



LOCAL SPELLING BEE WINNERS
Garrett Collins, third place trophy
Stuart Hurt, second place trophy



Garrett Collins

8th Grade, Valley Head
Age 13
Parents: Sam and Susan Collins
Siblings: Chris and Emily, 21 & 12, respectively
Grandparents: Ann & Bill Wright, Mentone, Ala.
Christine Hollingsworth, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Great Grandmother - Eloise Burnette, Mentone, Ala.
Hobbies: I enjoy reading, playing basketball and baseball, and fishing.



Stuart Hurt

Grade 4, Moon Lake, Mentone
Age 9
Parents: Phil and Marsha Hurt
Siblings: Peter and Sarah, age 11 & 7, respectively
Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. John Hurt, Mentone, Ala.
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sanderson, Laurel, Miss.
Hobbies: I enjoy reading and biking. I also collect Calvin & Hobbes Comics. I enjoy swimming.

HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

Compiled by Dr. Pat Seymour

WHAT'S IN A NAME: In the 16th century, Spanish conquistadors returned to their homeland with some North American wild birds they had seen the Aztecs hunt and domesticate. The birds spread throughout Europe, where they were confused with another species of fowl brought by the Portuguese from Africa by way of Turkey—hence the name, "turkey."

MISUNDERSTOOD MONSTERS: Largest shark - whale shark, up to 59 feet long. Smallest shark - dwarf dog-shark, up to 7.9 inches. Species of shark - 368. Species that have attacked people - 21. Shark attacks reported per year - 100. Fatal attacks per year - fewer than 30. Sharks killed per year - 100 million. Odds of being killed by a shark - 1 in 300,000,000. Odds of being attacked by a shark - 1 in 100,000,000. Odds of being audited by the IRS - 1 in 66.

WORDS TO THE WISE: If you're interested in restoring a vintage 4x4, heed the following:

1) Check the availability of body panels. Make sure you can replace any missing or corroded panels. Because of rust, body panels can be hard to find.

2) Glass is a big issue. The sizes and shapes varied year by year, so make sure you can procure replacement glass.

3) Inspect the vehicle carefully before you buy. Engines are not really a problem, since so many restorers modify them anyway. However, you need to pay close attention to the transmissions and 4WD units. Make sure they work, especially the transfer case. A rebuild here can cost you as much as \$2,000.

4) Get the best-equipped vehicle you can find. The more on it, the less you'll need to spend down the road. For example, an air conditioning retrofit is a big expense. So are power windows and doors.

DON'T TRY to follow a directional course by looking at a compass while you move. Instead, hold your compass at waist level, then pivot yourself and the compass together until you are facing in the direction you want to travel. Now, choose a distant object on that line and walk to it. Keep repeating this procedure until you reach your destination.

WET BOOTS can be dried quickly by fitting them with heated stones. A bucket of dry rounded stones kept for this purpose can be heated on a camp stove until they are warm, but still safe to handle.

WHEN YOU PACK for camping trips, space can be saved by removing all ingredients from boxes, cans, and jars, and transferring them to sealed and labeled plastic bags. Eggs can be broken into plastic bags, and then placed in a rigid container for safety. Label bags with a felt marker.



Johnny Miller presented Ovie Blalock with a plaque of appreciation for his service in Lodge 436, Woodmen of the World.

COON DOG CEMETERY: Any dog owner who has laid to rest a favorite pointer or retriever will be moved by a visit to the Key Underwood Coon Dog Memorial Graveyard in northwestern Alabama, which was recognized by the Alabama Legislature in 1979 as "a unique and world-renowned tourist attraction." Locally, it is still known as the Coon Dog Cemetery. To reach the site, take U.S. Highway 72 to State Highway 247. Turn south, and drive about 12 miles to the road leading to the memorial. Signs at the junction of U.S. 72 and S.H. 247, and further south on S.H. 247, point the way to the graveyard. Listed as one of the ten most-visited burial grounds in the United States, this cemetery—the only one of its kind in the world—holds the remains of 140 prized coon hounds, such as Troop, a renowned hound buried at the site almost sixty years ago.

"People came from miles around to have their dogs hunt with Troop, hoping the other dogs might learn. But a good coon hound comes mostly from breeding, not training," says William O. Bolton, the person most knowledgeable about what area residents call the Coon Dog Cemetery.

Bolton, who has served as secretary/treasurer of the local Coon Hunters Association for 38 years, says hunters bury their prized coon hounds at the Coon Dog Cemetery in an effort to honor and remember their dogs. "Only tried-and-true coon hounds are allowed," explains Bolton.

Such a dog, Bolton said, has "a loud voice" so he can be heard from a distance. He runs coons only; not deer or squirrels or anything else. He has to be able to kill coons, and he has to get along with other coon hounds. And he needs to be fast. Every hunter likes his dog to be first to tree the coon.

Perhaps the best of the breed was Key Underwood's famous coon hound, Troop, a dog known throughout the Cumberland Mountains in the late 1920s.

Bolton, who hunted with Troop and Underwood, said Troop had been owned by a bootlegger who was caught and sent to prison. Key Underwood bought Troop from the man's wife for \$75 in 1932. "Today, a coon hound like Troop might go for \$5,000 to \$7,000!" Bolton said.

Troop lived and hunted until September 1937, and Underwood decided to bury him in their favorite hunting area. He chose a spot on a wooded hillside, wrapped the dog in a cotton-pickin' sack, and placed Troop in the ground. He chose a large gray stone and, with a hammer and chisel, chipped out Troop's name, date of birth, and date of death, and placed it at the head of the grave.

Today, Troop, Doc, Rusty, and other dogs—including Bolton's hound Red—rest quietly in the mists of the Freedom Hills located southwest of Florence, Alabama. Like any other owner, Bolton recalls his dog fondly: "He had a good mouth, meaning we could hear him from a long way off. He was big—a real pretty dog," Bolton smiled, and his voice softened as he said, "And, well, he was special."



Eric Braden Dykstra and Kelly Lynn Frazier

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frazier of Mentone, Alabama, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kelly Lynn Frazier, to Mr. Eric Braden Dykstra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dykstra of Des Moines, Iowa. A May wedding is planned.

Miss Frazier attended Tennessee Temple University, and is presently employed at Camp Skyline Ranch. Mr. Dykstra will graduate in May from Tennessee Temple University, with a degree in History.

TWO NEW VETERANS' HOMES IN ALABAMA

Submitted by Sherman Gough, Legislative Chairman of AARP Chapter 221 in Ft. Payne

Montgomery, Alabama - In January 1995, Alabama veterans now have available an additional 270 beds capable of providing skilled nursing care, according to Frank D. Wilkes, Director, Department of Veterans Affairs.

The 150-bed Bill Nichols Home in Alexander City has been operational for five years. The Floyd E. "Tut" Fann Home in Huntsville, and the William F. Green Home in Bay Minette, began accepting residents in January. The home in Bay Minette is 150 beds, and the home in Huntsville is 120 beds with approval to add another 30 beds at a later date.

Each home is a skilled nursing facility and is open to veterans who are Alabama residents. Each home provides the broadest scope of services possible. Many of the services included in the daily rate of \$39.30 (\$1,179 per 30-day month, and \$1,218 per 31-day month) are not normally provided as part of the daily rate at other facilities. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

For assistance and further information on the Alabama Veterans Homes and a full list of services included in the daily rate, contact your local veterans service office.



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You will need to go to small claims court if the amount is small (usually under \$2,000 or \$5,000), or hire a lawyer. Some Better Business Bureaus or state consumer protection offices will attempt to mediate some cases, but they will not represent you in court.

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Be sure to bring the following information for your tax preparation session:

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- Taxes paid.
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- Social Security number of dependents one (1) year of age or older.
- All Form 1099s for the following areas: Social Security, Interest, Dividends, Stocks, Real Property, Original Issue Discounts, and Refunds.



L To R: Jennifer Nolen, 1st Place; Rhonda Downer, English teacher; Amy Izell, 2nd Place; Paxton Harper, 3rd Place

VALLEY HEAD HIGH SCHOOL POETRY WINNERS

(The winning entries are typed as submitted.)

FIRST PLACE

Reflecting on the Past and Reaching for the Future By Jennifer Nolen

I'm just a teenager, but I have something to remind me
each day of the past.
Sometimes forgetting my past becomes a big task.
But I have memories of friends and people who love me
that will always last.
When reflecting on the past, I have good memories left;
but the past I must forget, be willing my mistakes to
except.
I must have the courage and faith to except things as
they are, reach out to the dreams I have of my future.
Only God holds the future in his hand, but I refuse to
bury my head in the sand.
I have dreams of the future that are not yet in sight.
I am going to try my best in life to fulfill my dreams.

SECOND PLACE

Reaching for the Future By Amy Izell

Reaching for the future
Reaching for the stars
You may find a treasure
You can hold in your heart.

You may find your true love
You thought was too far
You could find yourself floating at sea
Or maybe flying on a plane.

You could even be a doctor, lawyer or such
If you look really hard

THIRD PLACE

Reaching for the Future By Paxton Harper

In reaching for the future,
I have many plans
I may find a much needed cure,
Or travel across the land.
I've had plans to be a writer,
and live very prosperous
As I get older, the pressure is not lighter,
And I've found some plans to be preposterous.
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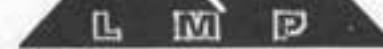
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DeSoto Rescue Squad

Pictorial



Six finalists: Marcie, Christina, Chantilly Lace, Rolanda Walls, Judy Mae Darlin', and Fast Frankie, with the master of ceremonies, the Blues Brothers: Merle Stokes and Gail Smalley



Uwanna Seymour



Judges: Johnny Allen, Dr. Pat Seymour, and Stan Lawton



Marcie with escort Shelley Blalock



Roberta Lee



HERE SHE IS: The winner of the Womanless Beauty Contest, Judy Mae Darlin', with Brian Keith - Judy Mae Darlin' - Miss DeSoto Rescue Squad, along with runners up: Fast Frankie



Lucy Blalock, Andrea Thomasena, and Christina Malena

THANK YOU!!!!

The DeSoto Rescue Squad wishes to thank all who attended and participated in the "Womanless Beauty Contest", and who made it the success that it was. Thanks to:

CONTESTANTS/SPONSORS: Jeff Grogan (Bonnie Jean)/Citizens Bank; Kevin White (Cherry)/Gail's; Runner-Up/Carl Gregory Ford; Leon Tucker (Dixie Dynamite)/Valley Head Hardware, Marcus Sutton (Lee)/Menlo Lumber Co.; Brian Keith (Judy Mae Darlin' - Miss DeSoto Rescue Squad)/Cloudland Rescue; Andrew Smith (Andrea Thomasena - special trophy)/Little River Hardware; Scott Blalock (Lucy - special trophy)/Triangle Grocery; Kevin Worthy (Chantilly Lace); Jason Goss (Uwanna Seymour)/Bills Hosiery; L. Superette, Chris Kirk (Christina - Miss Congeniality)/Dr. Pat Seymour, and Marty Biddle (Marcia).

JUDGES: Johnny Allen of WQRX radio; Dr. Pat Seymour of Mentone; and Stan Lawton of Little River Hardware.

MAKE UP ARTISTS: Charlyne O'Rear and Elaine Burt

ESCORTS: Penny Kemp, Rhonda Wright, Shelley Blalock, and Darlene Owen

ENTERTAINERS: The Cordells, a mother and son singing duo; Cloudland Rescue Jungle Jive (Greg and James Johnson/gorilla); and the master of ceremonies, the Blues Brothers, Gail Smalley and Merle Stokes

Womanless Beauty Pageant"

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th Miss Congeniality, and
and Rolanda



Dixie Dynamite Marcie



Levina Monique



Entertainers: The singing Cordells with
Fast Frankie, Bonnie Jean, and and Cherry



Entertainers: Cloudland Rescue Jungle Jive



DeSoto Rescue Squad Captain
Richard Douthat
manning the spotlight



Members of the DeSoto Rescue Squad working the
concession stand during the pageant fund raiser: from
left: Jennifer Smith, Lisa Scott, Ilene Green, Gail
Chambers, Abby Grogan and Ellen Thomas

Beauty Pageant" on February 10, held to benefit the DeSoto

is from Woodson Jones; Frank Villalpando (Fast Frankie--2nd
v (Marquita)/Dewey and Alan Scott; Robert Green (Roberta
cue Squad; Roland Walls (Rolanda--1st Runner-Up)/WZOB;
d trophy)/Chrysalis; Justin Scott (Christina Malena--special
M. Flannigan (Levina Monique--Audience Favorite)/Mentone

hardware in Mentone

rown/guitar, Daryl Adams/on the mike, Taylor Adams/Jane,

Song of Little River

My header springs from feeder rills
Drawn on upland seeps,
Where calls the groundling whip-poor-will
And the stealthy bobcat creeps.

I draw along in my quickening flow
And ripple down the stony ways,
I sally through the laurel row,
Then lull in languid bays.

Now gentle as a lamb
In my laggard pace,
Then over the brim of a holding dam
And off again to race.

Onward, onward, ever going
As o'er the course I weave,
Flowing, ever flowing,
Back to the shining sea.

In my shallows, the darting trout
Awaits a tasty slug,
In my shadowy deep, the bass swim out
To eye the spinner's plug.

In my standing grassy back
The handsome Wood Duck ride,
With now and then a calling quack
They steer their silent glide.

No longer doth the birchbark slip
With scarcely a trailing wake,
But, now the motorist at a jaunty clip
In headings they aimlessly take.

Onward, onward, ever going
As o'er the course I weave,
Flowing, ever flowing,
Back to the shining sea.

In my placid depth I shimmer,
On my bank the happy camper plays,
In my bosom the able swimmer
Althrough the balmy days.

Now o'er the precipice of DeSoto Falls
I take a mighty plunge,
I boil and surge 'tween towering walls,
Then out with a sprightly lunge.

In and out I bend
And through a gaping rift,
My path a timeless rend
Below the lofty cliff.

Now I quench the valley green,
And soon I mingle with a main,
Yielding my flow to another stream
With equal beauty, but another name.

Onward, onward, ever going
As o'er the course we weave,
Flowing, ever flowing,
Back to the shining sea.

Ernest H. Smith
Mentone, Alabama



Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

SPRING AND SUMMER FASHION FORECAST!!!

Ready to start your spring and summer clothing shopping? There's a vast array of wonderful clothes to choose from this season. The following fashions are suggestions from several personal shoppers (very experienced) of what's "must have" for the coming season.

Spring and summer's silhouette is extremely feminine and sexy with strong retro influences, that's the "40s and 50s retro look." The "lady look is the real difference," and I, for one, am sooooo glad that the "grunge era" has passed and hopefully for good!!! You will see women wearing wonderful form fitting suits, little wrap dresses with glorious hats and gloves! For the new refined, feminine look, the fitted suit, with a slim straight skirt is truly a "must have." Just remember the focus for this season is on shape and structure, shaped jackets, wrap dresses, cigarette or capri pants, bustiers, bras, and little fitted somethings or little fitted nothings! Those little cropped sweaters will almost fit the bill for that "little fitted nothing." Best colors are ice cream colors--the palest of pale and, of course, black and white are and will always be "in." Shoes are high heels (really high, high heels), strappy sandals, any shoe that is shiny. Accessories are great narrow belts, diamonds, gold and "old looking pins, rings, and necklaces." The fabrics of choice will be anything shiny, gingham, and floral as well as those great pale solid colors.

If you're looking for the "top ten must haves," here they are:

1. Form fitting suit
2. Cropped sweater
3. Belted jacket
4. A white tee
5. Cigarette or capri pants
6. Something in gingham
7. A great "little" dress
8. Very high heels and matching bag
9. A new hat and gloves
10. Something shiny.

Make sure one of these item has a 40s or 50s lean to it, and you will be in vogue.

These are just the top collected suggestions, they may or may not suit or fit your fashion preference. There's no reason to go out and spend all the kids' inheritance on an all new wardrobe. Check your closet for things that can be brought into this season by adding a new little belt, really high heels, etc. If you have those long flowing skirts, wear them with cropped tops, they will still be very stylish. If you buy one pair of pants, buy the straight legs (cigarette) in a very good color for your wardrobe so you can wear them with more than one outfit. That "something shiny" could be a satin blouse or a satin rose pin for the lapel of your jacket. Please be sure to purchase or get back into that closet far enough to get that great hat and wear it--if you really care about style, you will wear a hat this spring and summer!



GARDEN HINT

By Madeleine Bullock

Starting from seed

Providing seedlings with light, temperature, and nutritional conditions that they need takes some experimentation. Starting seeds indoors can be tricky. Personally, I have never had much success with the method, and I am bound and determined to conquer it. Starting seeds outdoors has never been a problem for me, though.

Pre-Sprouting

You can try pre-sprouting your seeds in paper towels and avoid the risks you encounter when sprouting seeds in soil mix--it also speeds up the germination process. Arrange them on a damp paper towel--make sure they don't touch each other--then, cover them with another sheet of damp paper towel, and roll the thing up and put it in a plastic bag. Then set them on something warm, like the top of a hot water heater, 'fridge, or--if you want to go expensive--a heating pad, set at a low temperature.

Check the seeds every couple of days or so and remove the ones that have sprouted and immediately transplant them to small pots. Most seeds need only moisture and warmth to sprout, but some seeds have additional requirements. Seeds may need darkness or light in order to germinate. Completely cover those that need darkness with a good seed-starting mix. If the seeds need light, sprinkle them across the top of your seed-starting mix.

If you sow seeds into cell packs, sow more than one in each cell for insurance. If both seeds sprout, simply pull one seedling out. Tiny seeds must be sown on the surface of the soil, otherwise seeds may be buried and never be seen again. To water, set the flat or container in a pan of water. Hard skinned seeds will sprout quicker if they are soaked in cold black tea first. Also, tea is a good fertilizer. The tannic acid softens the hard coat for easier germinating.

When seeds are started indoors, it's important to have good lighting; and using fluorescent lights is a cheap source. For stocky plants, especially in a cool garage or basement. Sphagnum moss can help fight fungus problems in seedling flats. Sprinkle about 1/4 inch of milled sphagnum moss (use your blender if you can't find milled sphagnum moss) in between the rows of seeds coming up in flats to help prevent damping off, which is caused by a fungus that attacks sprouting seeds and very young seedlings. One type of damping-off fungus keeps seeds from germinating, but the most troublesome type kills seedlings shortly after they've sprouted (that's the problem I have always had). The seedlings rot at their bases and fall over, or they just wither and die. It's the acidity of the moss that keeps the fungus from developing.

If your seedlings are grown on the window sill, you will find that they will tend to lean over to the light. You can make a light reflector that directs sunlight to the back of the seedlings. To make the reflector, you need aluminum-covered cardboard.



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GRACE SHIGLEY JONES' 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Evelyn Graves

Grace Shigley Jones celebrated her 95th birthday on February 12, at her home with family and close friends. The celebration had been planned for a big party at the church fellowship hall with everyone included. However, because of inclement weather, it was celebrated on a smaller scale.

Grace was born February 12, 1900, in what was then called the New Union community, near Mentone. She was the fifth of fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Shigley.

On October 8, 1916, Grace married Horace M. Jones. Their first child, a son, died in infancy of whooping cough. Along came two daughters, Betty Johnson of Mentone, and France Crowe of Clinton, Tennessee, of whom Betty laughingly says, "She adored then" and "Endures now." Mrs. Jones has three grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Grace and Horace shared 53 wonderful years together, and she has lived alone since his death on April 11, 1969.

Mrs. Jones took piano lessons as a child, and frequently young people gathered at her home. Mr. Shigley would ask Grace to play the old organ while they all enjoyed singing together.

Being active in church all her life, Grace served in several capacities. She was teacher of the Young Adult class for 12 years and the Junior class for 5 years; a delegate to the Conference several times; and church treasurer for 12 years. Mrs. Jones has been WWI Reading Course Secretary for several years, and is counted the best one in the Delta District. She doesn't mind rushing the ladies up so the books will circulate faster and more ladies can read all five of them! (I remember what an expert seamstress Grace was in years past, as she sewed twelve beautiful long peau de soie bridesmaids dresses for my wedding in 1967.)

Grace said she would never forget the Sunday afternoon when she was baptized at 12 years of age, along with her brother, Ernest, and sister, Ethel. It had come a big rain, and the creek was muddy. She wore a white dress, which was never white again! Mrs. Jones is one of the two living charter members of the Mentone Wesleyan Church. Her favorite hymn is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and her favorite scripture is Romans 12. "All Because of God's Amazing Grace," is her favorite special song.

This lady is truly 95 years young! She enjoys life and most of the things she has always enjoyed. She is still active, attends church regularly, does a moderate amount of traveling, and still enjoys reading and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Grace has a marvelous outlook on life, never complaining, but recognizing all the good things that God has given to her! She is proof that "life is what you make it," and that "the best is yet to come."



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SUPPLYING CAMP HORSES TAKES DETAILED PLANNING

By Nancy Smith

Preparing to move a horse to be used in one of Mentone's summer camps is an involved process. Horses that have been sold in the off season have to be replaced. Horses are only used nine weeks out of the year. During the off season, they have to be pastured; some are stabled; hay has to be put out; range pellets supplied; and salt provided.

When the horses are ready to be moved, they are groomed, shod, and proper bits are fitted. Saddles are also provided with each mount, either English for ring riding or Western for trail riding. When tack (saddle and bridle) is being prepared, the name of the horse is put on each piece. Square bales of hay and feed are provided at the home site to prevent horses from eating poisonous tetra, which comes on fescue grass that has been frost bitten.

Camps furnish stabling, bedding (wood shavings), helmets, and liability insurance. The camp pays a flat rental rate per horse for the nine weeks they have the mounts.

When horses are being prepared, they are ridden by the lessee for hours on a daily basis in order to gentle them for camper use in the ring or on the trail.

Camper sometimes purchase a horse at the end of camp. Some of these purchases recently have gone to Gulfport, Miss., Tallahassee, Fla.; Selma and Montgomery, Ala.; and Columbus, Ga. New horses are bought each season from such cities as Rome, Ga.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Birmingham, Ala. Horses are sought that can be called "baby sitters"—very gentle, obedient mounts.

Camps and the number of horses needed are: Skyline Ranch Camp - 26; Saddle Rock - 15; DeSoto - 28; Lookout - 10-12; Laney - 12, and Alpine (own their own) - 18-20.

Before mounts are transported by horse trailers, they are wormed (four times per year) and tested for Swamp Fever, a fatal disease detected by a Coggins Test. (Horses can be carriers of deadly Swamp Fever without actively having the disease, and it is highly contagious.)



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The Fort Payne Culture Club invites you to join them on Saturday, April 8, 1995, 2:00 p.m. at the newly-restored DeKalb Theater, 300 block on Gault Avenue, downtown Fort Payne. Off-street parking is available in the city parking lot back of the theater on Grand Avenue. NO admission fee will be charged.

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ODE TO "DON'T YOU KNOW"

Once there was a man with an irritating way,
He added "Don't you know" after all he would say,
Everyone got ready to go
As soon as they spied "Old Don't You Know."

One Two Three and away we go
Here comes "Old Don't You Know"

A man bought a horse from him and it wouldn't go,
But yeah it did, when he added a "Don't you know."
He went to a dance and do se doed,
Said he had a good time. "Don't you know?"

One Two Three and away we go
Here comes "Old Don't You Know"

Often he came back after he would go, to tell
Something else and add a "Don't you know."
He cornered a group to say he was feeling low,
They headed him off with a "We know",
He went right on with his tale of woe
Adding several "Don't you knows."

One Two Three and away we go
Here comes "Old Don't You Know"

They say he was stopped on I-59 for
Driving the fast lane slow,
But then was cited for insolence by a
Few ill placed "Don't you knows."
Now he was becoming senile and it was a
Pitiful show,
His babbling and muttering was lost
Except for an occasional "Don't you know."

One Two Three and away we go
Here comes "Old Don't You Know"

Then came the sad day when they laid him low
And carved this epitaph in stone:
"He died. Don't you know?"

One Two Three and away we go
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And that is the end as tales go,
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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The youth of the Moon Lake Baptist Church have a retreat scheduled for the last week in March, at Camp Winnetaska. Details of the retreat are not now available. The Sunday School is growing. A bus ministry is being provided for children on Sunday morning. If anyone needs a ride to Sunday School, please call Kathy Young, Chairman of the Bus Ministry, at 634-3014, and the church bus will pick you up.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church will observe a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial on March 18. The program will be held at the church at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish meal. Sharon Lee will be teaching a Bible Study beginning March 9. The first meeting will be held at the parsonage. This will be for all members and for anyone in the community who would like to participate. Joe Underwood and Pastor Jeff Adkins took dinners out to shut-ins on March 4.

The Valley Head Baptist Church had a Home Missions Study on March 5, with classes for all age groups. March 12 will be Youth Day with the youth taking part in the services. On March 18, the Brotherhood will meet for a breakfast and meeting at 8 a.m. On March 25, the adults will have a Progressive Dinner beginning at 5 p.m.

Every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. until Easter, St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will be having a Lent program called "Wrestling With Angels." The Adult Sunday School is having a study, "Being a Child of God," at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Every Wednesday at 12:05, noon communion is being observed.

Ken Shelton received a unanimous vote from the Mentone Church of God to be the new pastor. He, his wife, Sandi, and children, Josh and April, began work on the church field as of Sunday, March 5. The church has been doing some painting in the parsonage to get it ready for their coming.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to join in worship services each Sunday at 9 a.m.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is still anxiously awaiting the completion of the sanctuary. The baptistry has been installed, the painting is now in process, carpet is expected to be delivered by March 15, and the dedication will be announced soon. The Youth Choir participated in the annual Associational Choir Festival held at First Baptist Church in Fort Payne on Saturday evening, February 26. The choir has been selected from among the 66 churches in the association to provide the special music for the associational Evangelism Conference to be held on March 22, at 7 p.m., at Nazareth Baptist Church in Rainsville. The group is honored to be asked to sing for this large gathering. A study, "Experiencing God," taught by Evelyn Graves, will begin on Wednesday, March 15, at 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to tune in to the Mentone Revival Center radio broadcast every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. on AM870.

On Thursday, March 9, the UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church will meet at 2:00 at the Fellowship Hall. Carrie Ruth Kirby has the program, "Lent-Is Life a Unicycle?" Linda Brown is the hostess. The Administrative Council met Sunday, March 5, at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The spirituality class meets at 5 p.m. each Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Community Christian Fellowship Church meets at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head on Sundays, with Sunday School from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., and church services from 11 a.m. until. Sunday night services begin at 6 p.m. The public is welcome.

The "Good Fridays" Youth Ministry meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head.

"Good Fridays" is not a church or a denomination. Youths come from a number of different churches and denominations. It is a ministry for youth, where they can get together, hear the word of God, watch Christian videos, pray together, express their talents, have fun, hang out, and get radical for the Lord Jesus Christ!!!

For more information about "Good Fridays," call Candy Hansen at 634-4607, Ken and Carol Busby at 635-0225, or Pastor Randy and Janice Turner at 635-6467.

The monthly Gospel Singing at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy was Sunday night March 5, at 6:30 p.m. and featured special guests, "Forgiven," from Birmingham. Everyone is invited to attend the Gospel Singing on the first Sunday night of every month. Theresa Pettit will be the guest singer April 2, 1995. Pastor Don Brock has just returned from Christian Camping International's Southern Conference and is making plans for the church camping season. All young people are encouraged to get involved in summer camps.

Charles Flannigan and the Sunday School Department are already planning Easter activities. The annual Easter Egg Hunt at the church is certain. Other special activities are being planned, including an attendance drive. Everyone is invited.

J.O.Y.

The March meeting of the Just Older Youth (J.O.Y.) will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m., at Moon Lake Baptist Church. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the meal and the fellowship. Invite a friend who is not now attending. Everyone is welcome!

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association meets at 8:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month at the DeSoto Room at DeSoto State Park.



William (Bill) L. Russell
MOON LAKE CALLS

REV. BILL RUSSELL AS PASTOR

Moon Lake Baptist Church in Mentone recently called a new minister, William (Bill) Russell, along with his wife, Gloria. The Russells are the parents of three children, daughters Sondra Gaddy and Crystal Garrett, and son William Glenn Russell. They are the grandparents of Dylan Aaron Garrett and Seth Ryan Gaddy.

Rev. Russell was graduated from Hueytown High School and later entered Samford University for his associate of Divinity Degree. After further study, he was awarded a bachelors degree with a major in Religion. Rev. Russell also has a Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans.

Rev. Russell has pastored Alabama Baptist churches in Boaz, Irondale, Comer, and Trussville. He is vice president of the pastors' conference and an ASSIT team member.

The Russells are at home at 5358 County Road 106 in Mentone.



Gary Jones holding newborn, Austin Searing Jones, while son Nathan looks on. Austin inset above.

Gary and Cindy Jones announce the birth of Austin Searing Jones on February 25, 1995, at 10:34 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 12-1/2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Austin has a brother, Nathan Clark Jones, age 3-1/2 (will be 4 in July). Austin was born in Chattanooga. The grandparents are Jack and Olive Jones of Mentone, and Rolly and Sherri Clark of Madison, Georgia.



Kelly Dianne Dixon

Kelly Dianne Dixon of Mentone, a freshman at Birmingham-Southern College, has pledged Zeta Tau Alpha, one of six nationally affiliated sororities at BSC. Miss Dixon is the daughter of Mike and Dee Dixon, originally of Mentone, and presently in Germany. She is the granddaughter of Raymond and Mary Brown of Mentone. Bobby Brown of Mentone is her uncle.

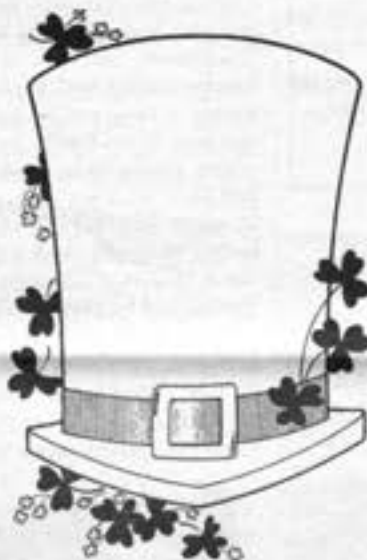
**Hunter Wade Stone**

will be celebrating his 2nd birthday on March 16. He is the son of Barry and Wendy Stone, and the grandson of Gary and Cathy Crow of Mentone, and Joe and Mary Stone of Fort Payne. His great grandmothers are Bea Crow of Mentone and Jewell Hilyer of Fort Payne. Hunter was The Times-Journal Beautiful Baby of 1995, and won the King of Hearts Pageant in Adamsburg 2 years in a row. Hunter will be celebrating his birthday at MaMaw and PaPaw Crows with all his friends and family on March 18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HUNTER!!

**Chasedy Mallard**

was 7 years old February 10. She had her birthday party Saturday, February 11. In spite of the snow, there were 11 present. She had a lot of fun playing games, receiving gifts, eating cake and ice cream, and watching it snow. She is the great granddaughter of Alma Crabtree.

**Great-Grand**

Caitlin Marie Kirby, 8 months, is the daughter of Preston and Amy Kirby, Mentone, Ala. She was born May 22, 1994, in Gadsden, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Ralph and Irene Willingham and Hobson and Martha Kirby, all of Mentone, Ala. She is the great granddaughter of Ruby Willingham, Cloudland, the later Gene Willingham, the late Bill Frazier, the late Frank and Lucille Blalock, and the late Paul and Bertha Kirby. She is the great-niece of Bobby and Joyce Brown, Cloudland.



M.A.C. PLAY: "The Boy Who Believed"



The Moon Lake After School Club (M.A.C.) players proudly presented "The Boy Who Believed," a children's musical of faith on Sunday, February 26, at the Moon Lake School Gym. For six weeks, they worked on the play. It represented much work and giving on the part of lots of adults and lots of children. Kathy and Kenneth McMunn worked with those who had speaking parts. Marsha Hurt and Lisa Johnson worked with the choir. The backdrop was painted by M.A.C. students under Stan Lawton's supervision. Juanita Smith played the piano. Blackburn's Nursery provided the plants on the stage. Dallyne Jones worked with the Mentone churches to coordinate the refreshments. Connie Hughes helped with costumes and many other M.A.C. adults contributed a part here and there.

About the cast: Zack is an orphan boy who earns his keep by doing chores for Old Aaron. This part is played by Ashley Brown. Old Aaron is played by Eddie Manning. He is an elderly innkeeper who takes care of Zack and teaches him God's word.

Ben Corey narrated the musical. Peter the Apostle was played by Kenneth McMunn.

The songs sung by the M.A.C. choir were: "That's the Way It's Always Been," "Prince of Peace," "Blessed is He," "Have You Heard?" "The Day Heaven Cried (Duet

by Kenneth and Kathy McMunn); "Prince of Peace (Reprise); "Risen;" "Family (Reprise); "Risen (Finale)."

Jean Corey welcomed those who came to see the play. There were over a hundred people in attendance, and everyone enjoyed the presentation. As stated above, a lot of work and giving went into the production of this play.

The M.A.C. Players

Emily Swindoll	Kristen Addison
Stephanie Plemmons	Ashley Clark
Joshua Hughes	Rob Childers
Matt Tillman	Elizabeth Childers
Stuart Hurt	Sarah Hurt
Emmy Corey	Brandy Manning
Ashley LaBuda	Adam Manning
Cassie Hooks	Andrew McCole
Jerry Lee Brisendine	Josh Smith
Justin Dingler	Nichols Floyd
Nikki Johnson	Laura Floyd
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By Richard Douthat, Captain
and Ilene Green, Secretary

The DeSoto Rescue Squad wishes to thank all who attended and participated in the "Womanless Beauty Pageant" on February 10. It was lots of fun and very successful. We raised over \$1,200.

Things are progressing steadily on our proposed new squad building. We are presently working with the City Planning Committee to get approval for construction. Mr. Jimmy Wright and Mr. Ed Disney spoke at our Feb. 21 meeting about zoning regulations and requirements we must meet. We have received permission to clear and fill the lot.

Guest speaker at the Feb. 21 meeting was Alabama State Trooper Bill Duckett. He spoke on accident site authority and safety getting to the scene. Trooper Duckett will conduct a defensive driving class for anyone who wishes to attend. It will be on Saturday, March 25, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. If you would like to attend, please call Richard Douthat at 634-4813 or Ilene Green at 634-4770 by March 15.

High angle rope rescue classes were conducted on Feb. 19 and 26. These classes will be offered periodically. If you are interested in these classes, contact Shaun and Melissa Douthat at 634-4876. The Douthats are also certified divers and recently helped retrieve a car from the bottom of a large pond near Ider.

Things are really happening in the squad. Former Captain, Mike Kennamer, encouraged the members to increase their first responder and medical knowledge, which will enable us to respond effectively to more calls. This year, we are stressing search and rescue, high angle rope rescue, and water rescue, as well as the medical.

So, there is a place for you in the rescue squad. Meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:30 p.m. We meet at the American Legion Hall in Mentone. Visitors are welcome. This includes people in Sulphur Springs, Hammondville, and Valley Head, not only Mentone.

Thank you so much for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Captain: Richard Douthat-- 634-4813 or 845-2210
1st Lt.: Sue Freeman--635-6421
Secretary: Ilene Green--634-4770 or 635-6424
Treasurer: Lisa Scott--634-4207

HOT CRANBERRY PUNCH

Submitted by Penny Lyday

(Served at the Rhododendron Garden Club meeting on February 14, 1995.)

About 20 min before serving: in a large kettle over medium heat, heat 2 32 oz. bottles cranberry-juice cocktail, 20 cups water, 4 cups granulated sugar, 1/2 cup lemon juice, 8 whole medium cinnamon sticks, and 2 tablespoons whole cloves. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add 2 cups orange juice; drain off spices if you like. Serve hot. Makes 36 3/4 cup servings.



Brittany Alexandria Roberts,

celebrated her 4th birthday of March 5. She is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Roberts, Hixon, Tenn. Her grandparents are Jim and Phyllis Roberts of Mentone; and Arvin Jr and Altiemae Henderson of Soddy, Tenn. Brittany's great grandparents are Russell and Ruby Stalvey of Mentone. Wilburn Blalock of Lafayette, Ga., and Arvin Henderson Sr. of Soddy, Tenn., are her great-grandparents.

The Snow-White Flower

(This seasonal article is the second of a series taken from a scrapbook belonging to long-time Mentone resident, Mary Weigand. The large scrapbook of her favorite seasonal articles by various authors was found recently in a storage chest at "Madaperca" by Don & Yvonne Brock.)

There's blooming in our garden
A snowdrop in the cold,
The ice and snow about it,
Yet life and grace unfold.

The little Flower's a prophet
Of singing birds a-wing,
And trees again applauding
Inconquerable Spring.

Snow-fall is only raining
Transmuted by the frost,
And warmth and light prevailing
Give back all beauty lost.

The trees will fling new banners,
The hedges glow in green,
And stars will gem the wayside,
For violets will be seen.

Endure, says tiny Snowdrop,
In patience wait for light;
Its shining warmth brings freedom
From winter's cold and blight.

Courage, it saith to mankind,--
Love on in the dark of the year,
Then triumph with light's glory
When the time for bloom is here.



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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



The month of March seems to be just stuck in the calendar to take up space. It neither starts nor ends anything. It is usually windy and sometimes cold and stormy. It is a very long month. I'm trying to come up with some good points--give me a minute! March does let us know that Spring is on the way. Some of the earlier flowers start to bloom. The birds and insects become more active. March is a good time to plant an early garden of onions, cabbages, etc. Spring Vacation (or AEA as it is called in Alabama) occurs in March. This gives the school children and teachers a break from each other. Maybe the month of March does have a purpose.

So many things are happening in Mentone. The twentieth century has finally arrived, I think. The DeSoto Rescue Squad is considering building a new building to house their many activities and much equipment. One of the members said that they had just outgrown the space they are now in. We all wish them the best with this endeavor. Let's all help in any way possible.

Moon Lake School and Moon Lake PTO are planning a Spring Festival that sounds like fun. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. I'm sure we'll hear more about this later. The Rhododendron Garden Club is working with some other groups at the school and planning to establish a butterfly-bird garden. Some high-classed backhoe work was done recently by Tommy Gifford and Ed Kirby.

Of course, with the coming of the Lenten Season and then Easter, all churches will be having special events and programs. If you don't already attend the church of your choice, this is a good time of the year to start attending one. All churches can certainly use more people in all of the services.

I have observed, lately, that people do not get along well with each other. Every organization I am involved with seems to have some dissension. Someone doesn't like the way the officers or leaders are doing something, so they decide to try to replace them. (I will be the first to admit that there are some leaders and officers who need to be replaced, but they are the exception rather than the rule.) So doesn't it make more sense to sit down and talk things out reasonably?

One of the main things I see is that no one will listen to anyone else. How can we know what they are trying to say if we don't listen? Sometimes the first thing a person says is not what they mean. The human mind works in a mysterious and wonderful way. We have to think things out, sort ideas in our mind, and even then we can't always say what we mean. We should give each other the benefit of doubt. Take time to listen, and take time to form your own thoughts before you speak. Be considerate enough to give the other person the same consideration. We all have to live together, we only have one earth, so let's try to do so with harmony. There is so much that needs to be done and such a short time to do it, that we shouldn't waste time on anything but accomplishing our goals.

Years ago, I had a wooden plaque above my telephone that stated, BE SURE MIND IS IN GEAR BEFORE OPENING MOUTH. Many times, this little reminder was all I needed to prevent me from making idle chatter and just talking to hear the sound of my voice. We get so caught up in our own importance and our own ideas that we fail to realize that everyone else feels the same way, and their ideas may be much better. My daughter says that I have a big problem with this (she calls it my Cochran Ego). She is right.

I'm sure that everyone is already planning their garden and new plantings of flowers and shrubs. Mentone is so beautiful in the spring. Let's all take time to smell the flowers as well as plant and hoe them.

Alma Crabtree, I saw you out raking leaves on that sunny day in February. You be careful; those of us who know and love you do not want anything to happen to you.





L to R: Jana Goss, 3rd Place; Peter Hurt, 1st Place; Cassie Hooks, 2nd Place;

Back: Joyce Smith, 5th grade teacher

Moon Lake Elementary School Interview Winners

(The winning entries typed as submitted.)

FIRST PLACE

Teaching Back When and Interview with Inelle Hurt

By Peter Hurt

Mrs. Inelle Hurt to me is a wonderful lady. I think she is real funny at times. She talks a whole lot just like me. She loves to learn new things and is just a good lady and grandmother.

I interviewed her at the kitchen table. I went to visit her one afternoon and asked her to tell me about teaching back when. She seriously told me about her teaching career.

We started off talking about her first teaching job. It was teaching home economics, chemistry and science at Inman High School in Inman, South Carolina, that was back in 1943 and she was involved in education for 43 years since then.

Mrs. Hurt said that education has changed "greatly" over the years since 1943. The biggest change that she mentioned was that there is more technology and that we learn things a lot sooner. She believes we have more information from the outside world through newspapers, television, the news media and computers.

Mrs. Hurt's most difficult teaching situation was teaching Viet Nam veterans who went to the services before they could get their diploma. She said it was hard to get them to want to learn. She thinks they were basically there for the money the government was paying them to get their diploma.

One time Mrs. Hurt taught senior adults in basic education. Her youngest student was 63 and her oldest was 80. Mrs. Hurt told me a story I will tell it to you.

"She had one man who was 80 years old retired from the labor force. He was so eager to learn," Mrs. Hurt said. Every morning he came in with a brand new word he had found somewhere and would go "Mrs. Hurt, what does it mean?" And she would give him an explanation. She thought that was one of the most rewarding teaching opportunities of her teaching.

Mrs. Hurt was full of advice for students and a couple of things were to learn all you possibly can. In her words it sounds like this: "Learn all you can. Pack your mind with good things about the universe and the world in which you live. Be challenged by new technology. Try to develop your whole being and be the kind of person who will give to the world."

Mrs. Hurt thinks teaching is a ministry. "It is one of the most challenging ministries of all. It gives you the opportunities to mold a child's life forever from that day forward."

SECOND PLACE

Mrs. Edna Morgan: An Encouraging Educator

By Cassie Hooks

"When students come back and say Thank you Mrs. Morgan for encouraging to do my best" is a favorite memory of Edna

Morgan's, retired teacher of Home Economics. For 25 years Mrs. Morgan taught high school girls, my mother included, about food and nutrition, home and personal management, clothing and housing. She also taught a class called Independent Living to the boys. In fact, some of the boys were her best students! Some of the clubs she sponsored were cheerleading, student council, but her main group as the F.H.A., Future Homemakers of America. After 25 years of loving her students and teaching them, she now loves being at home and enjoys her second career, working on her cattle farm in Mentone, the town she grew up in. Here are some differences I learned from Mrs. Morgan about education in the past: she did not use computers in her class when she taught. They were just beginning to be used when she retired. Another change that she noticed was that when she first started teaching almost every student had a sewing machine in their house to make clothes as the years passed people didn't have time to make their clothes, and therefore people didn't have sewing machines "I is a dying Art," she says. She feels that education has changed by getting away from the basics. For the future the one thing she wishes is that the teachers will remember that each child is an individual and has his or her own special needs when I asked what advice she could give me as a student she encouraged me to do my best. In fact she was so encouraging that I understand why she was one of my mom's favorite teachers.

THIRD PLACE

Comments on Teaching in the Past with Bobbie Smith

By Jana Goss

Bobbie Smith was a paraprofessional for ten years in the Chattooga County School. A paraprofessional is a teacher aid. The school she taught at was a Georgia Public School. Most of her work was done in a class for TMR students (Trainable Mentally Retarded). Bobbie commented that there were better relationships between parents and teachers in the past. She said, learning is easier for us today because of technology such as computers, calculators etc. etc. and for them it was strictly figure it out from the books and the teachers instructions. Because of so many ethnic groups today, the teachers have to know more about different cultures. Drugs are a problem in some schools. In the forties and fifties drugs and alcohol were no problems for teachers. Bobbie said, that teaching today is a lot more complicated, teachers have a lot more paperwork to do. It is not a six and a half hour a day job. Lots of their planning and paperwork have to be done hours at home. She enjoyed teaching very much because it was very rewarding to know that you had helped to develop character and self confidence in a young person.

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine Donahue

The lightning flashed and the thunder roared, but that did not faze the students from Moon Lake Elementary School and Valley Head High School as they calmly read their winning poems and interviews to the Valley Head Woman's Club at the Valley Head Baptist Church.

Dot Blackburn, president, presided telling the students how special it is to the club to sponsor these contests. She thanked the Education Committee, Mary Holleman, chairman, Marsha Hurt and Helen Longshore for their good work.

The theme of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs for the current term is "Reflecting on the Past and Reaching for the Future." This theme was the basis of the poetry and interviews of the students. This theme was also carried out in the refreshments served by the hostesses, Michele Anderson, Peggy Bently, Jean Jones, Flo Kirby, and Martha Stanley, immediately after the students read their winning entries.

Joyce Smith of Moon Lake School, renowned far and wide as a most outstanding fifth grade teacher, could not attend the meeting, so Marsha Hurt shepherded her students.

Rhonda Downer, English teacher at Valley Head, is a graduate of Judson College and has her MS degree from Jacksonville State University.

Martha Stanley gave the devotional basing it on II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth;" and Isaiah 40:28-31, wherein the Lord gives power to the faint and shall renew their strength like eagles. These instructions encourage us to continue to study. She concluded by reading a poem by John Ruskin which she found in "Carpenter and Builder's Guide." When we build let us think we will build forever. This our Father did for us that we may grow in understanding each day.

Inelle Hurt and Leslie Bunch were elected to membership in the club.

Poetry winners from Valley Head High School were:

First Place: Jennifer Nolan; Second Place: Amy Izell; Third Place: Paxton Harper.

Interview winners from Moon Lake Elementary School were: First Place: Peter Hurt; Second Place: Cassie Hooks; Third Place: Jana Goss.



ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Judith Crider will be the artist in residence at Moon Lake School for a four-week residency beginning Monday, March 13. Following this residency, Judith Crider will be at Valley Head School for four weeks.

Funded by: Alabama State Council on the Arts; Big Wills Art Council; Dekalb County Schools, and Moon Lake PTO.



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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

•• A manmade sinkhole caused by well drilling in Menlo has been covered up, according to City Superintendent Sid Swords. The well, which was being drilled by Abernathy Well Drilling, Rome, also has been capped, Swords explained. So far, work on digging a new well has been stalled while Menlo tries to purchase the land needed for the new well.

•• The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) recently has accepted the apparent low bids on 26 of 30 proposed projects in Georgia. One of the bids is for 9.930 miles of plant mix resurfacing on State Route 48 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending east to County Road 332, which is Dry Valley/Filter Plant Road. The low bid was \$553,706.17, and the scheduled completion date is Nov. 30, 1995. C.W. Matthews Contracting, Inc., Marietta, was the low bidder.

•• Congratulations to former Menlo resident and *The Summerville News* editor Helen Buffington who was inducted into the Georgia Press Association's Gold Club in Atlanta last week. The Golden Club is for persons with 50 years in newspaper journalism.

•• The American Camping Association (ACA) announced Thursday, February 23, 1995, that Camp Adahi in Cloudland has received ACA Accredited Camp status for 1995. Camp Adahi is owned and operated by the Moccasin Bend Girl Scout Council. Camp director is John Whitely who can be reached at (615) 877-2688.

•• Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Prince of Menlo on the marriage of their granddaughter, Darla Elaine Mason, to Thomas Lamar Minard, both of Summerville. The wedding ceremony was performed on February 18 at the Summerville Church of God.

•• Deepest sympathy to many families on the death in February of their loved ones.

Terry H. Lee, brother of Margaret Ward, Menlo

Cora Irene Seyton Willis, mother of Bud and Ann Willis, Menlo

Mrs. Lena Mae Parker Chappelle, wife of Henry Ellis Chappelle, Menlo

Mrs. Jessie Leah Rigdon, Menlo

Charles Wayne Shipman, grandson of Ruthie M. Shipman, Cloudland

Evelyn Frances Toles, wife of Guy H. Toles, sister-in-law of Fletcher and Wilma Toles, Lee and Estelle Toles, Daphne Toles, and Iris Toles, Menlo

Mrs. Georgia Pauline Rape, sister of Grady Brown, Menlo

Ms. Myrle Levon Henderson, sister of Robert Rape, Menlo

Mrs. Farise McWorter Jackson, Menlo

Mrs. Wessie Lee Copland, mother of Omega (Kitty) Wood, Menlo

Chattooga County Spelling Bee Held

Jeremy Flood, grades 4-8, and Spence Davis (first grade), of the Menlo School, were among the winners of the second county-wide spelling bee.

A list of the Menlo School students who participated in the county-level spelling bee are: Chelsey Ward, Spence Davis, Mary Morris, Ben Swords, Justin Canada, Carrie Patty, Jana Ward, Eric Dover, Jessie Hurley, Jeremy Flood, Sunny Smith, and Joseph Swords.



Menlo Tigers Basketball Team (Minor League)

The minor league boys' Menlo Tigers basketball team include, from left, in front, Chris Blackmon, Zack Brown, Jeremy Wooten, Brian Precise, Michael Crowe, and coach Darlene Treadaway; in back, Lee Petitt, Lann Pledger, Matthew Treadaway, John Hall, and Jake Woodard



Menlo Tigers Basketball Team (Junior League)

Members of the junior league Menlo Tigers basketball team are, from left, in front, Chris Butler, Heath Burge, Joseph Swords, Josh Hurley, and Christopher Kerce; in back, coach Bill Cross, B.J. Montgomery, Daniel Hunter, Randy Peace, and Coach Randy Peace.



It's a Boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Massey, Menlo, announce the birth of a son, Lee Roy Massey, on Feb. 6, at 9:09 p.m. at Hutcheson Medical Center, Fort Oglethorpe. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces. He has one sister, Vanessa. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Massey, Menlo, and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Elrod, Chatsworth. He is the great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bramlett and the late Grace Idella Massey.



Menlo Tiger Girls Basketball Team

The minor league girls' Menlo Tigers basketball team includes, from left, in front, Doni Lee, Katie Kerce, Maggie Rich, Emily Carr, Kenya Webb, and Steele Lee; in back, Coach Jeff Smith, Anna Prince, Sunny Smith, Tessa Brock, Amy Prince, Lindsey Nixon, LeeAnna Robinson, and Coach Susan Webb.



Menlo Midget Boys Basketball Team

The Menlo midget boys tigers basketball team includes, from left, in front, Jeremy Wooten, Jon Peace, Josh Wooten, and Tony Brown; second row, Jonathan Hegwood, Nick Price and Ben Dotson; in back, coaches Tim Hegwood and Amanda Peace.



Menlo Minor Girls

Menlo's minor girls basketball team includes, from left, in front, Caris Farrar, Ashley Swicegood, Jessie Hurley, Anna Hall, and Amanda Gentry; in back, Keri Beth Hill, Jacqueline Hegwood, Anna Dotson, coaches Cindy Hall and Mark Pickle, Kandi McGill, and Leslie Hurley.

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MENTONE WALL FINISHED

The Alabama Department of Transportation completed the rock wall project on Highway 117 in Mentone. Southeastern Landscape, Inc. of Huntsville, Ala., reconstructed the wall using the original native rock reinforced with a core of steel set in concrete. The original wall was constructed by Lee Crow and others in 1927. With the completion of this beautiful wall, the highway was reopened to two-way traffic early in December 1994. The residents of Mentone thank the Alabama Department of Transportation, Southeastern Landscape, Inc., and all the workers who labored to reconstruct the wall and leave a landmark that will be appreciated for many, many years to come. Thanks, again!

**** INVITATION ****

The State of Alabama Department of Transportation and the City of Mentone request the honor of your presence at the dedication of the rock wall on Alabama Highway 117 in Mentone and a reception to be held at the Mentone Town Hall on:

Friday, March 10, 1995, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Delicious refreshments will be served. Casual dress.

**** **EVERYONE IS INVITED.** ****

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

There is a Board Meeting is March 21 at 7 p.m. at Fischer Rescue Squad Building. There will be a speaker, Don Forrester of the Little River Canyon National Preserve.

A general membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 1. Plans will be announced soon. Everyone is invited

NARFE. The next meeting of the DeKalb County Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will be on March 21, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Western Sizzlin in Ft. Payne.

LADIES AUXILIARY AMERICAN LEGION POST 215

Plan an eat-in or take-out
dinner and supper
for Friday, March 17,
St. Patrick's Day.

at the Mentone American Legion Hall

Times: dinner - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

and supper - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Soup, salad, and dessert

\$5.00 per meal

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT COLLINS. HE PASSED AWAY MARCH 17, 1994

One year has passed since that day you left us. We think about you every day. It's been one year ago, March 17, 1994, but our hearts still hurt. We are still sad--to know you are there, and we are still here. But we will be here with your family and friends to help them through this sad time of the year, for it is by the Grace of God we are still here to help remember this sad time of year.

Your friends, Gail Crider and
the DeSoto Rescue Squad

4th ANNUAL

Wildflower Saturday

May 6 & 13, 1995

DeSoto State Park Nature Center

Hikes & Programs begin at 8:30 am

Wildflowers Saturday Activities

8:30 am - Orientation & Welcome

9:00 am to 11:30 am - Wildflowers Hikes

11:30 am to 1 pm - Lunch, bring your own or eat at the Lodge

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm - Wildflower Hikes

For More Information call

DeSoto State Park at 205-845-0051



God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you. John 15:16

What an honor, to be chosen of God, to bring forth fruit. We see the budding of the trees, and the flowers are beginning to bloom. It's time for us to go and bring forth fruit for Jesus. Someone is needing you.

7TH ANNUAL LITTLE RIVER CANYON CLEAN-UP SET FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Crews at DeSoto State Park and the Little River Canyon National Preserve are gearing up for the annual Canyon Clean-up that will take place March 11. For the first time, this year's clean up will most likely include Canyon Mouth Park.

Talmadge Butler, superintendent of DeSoto State Park, has been the coordinator of the event since its inception seven years ago. Over the years, there has been great progress made in reclaiming and protecting the beauty of the canyon.

Volunteers from both DeKalb and Cherokee counties, as well as people from around the country who have visited the park and canyon, gather at the Highway 35 bridge that crosses Little River and head out for a day of collecting trash and litter.

Butler likened the effort to the old fashion barn raising. "It's a good thing for the community to do," he said, and they come together to do it. Over the years, countless numbers of rappellers have lowered themselves over the steep cliffs, while others ramble along the paths in the bottom of the canyon, and still others are scouring the road sides around the canyon, all in an effort to preserve the beauty of the area.

"The road warriors and flatlanders" as Butler termed them, will have more to do on the roads surrounding the canyon this year than in past years. He said, in the past, the park crews have cleaned most of the road sides before the clean-up day. However, this year, park crews have been busy with maintenance programs at the park, so the "road warriors" will be busy.

Since the clean-up first began, the National Guard has assisted by air-lifting a total of 140 cars out of the canyon. Several years back, the canyon was a popular place to dispose of stolen vehicles or vehicles reported stolen. There is one car that has been dumped into the canyon during the past year, and Butler is hoping the Guard will be able to lift it out in the coming weeks.

An additional step that Butler said he is hoping to take this year will be diving the river bottom in at least three possible locations. He noted that, since the National Preserve will also be participating in this year's clean up, and Little River Canyon Mouth Park in Cherokee County, which was recently donated to the preserve, will also be included in the clean-up.

Butler said he is hoping that scuba divers in the area will volunteer to dive the park area and clean the trash out of the water. He said using divers had been discussed before, but "it seems (to me) the water is too cold at that time of year." However, he said he has been told the divers are willing to participate. There are at least two possible areas in the canyon where divers could be used.

Butler invites everyone who is interested in participating in the maintenance of the work that has been accomplished over the years to meet at the Highway 35 bridge any time after 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 11. Participants are advised to bring a pair of work gloves and a sack lunch if they plan to stay for the day. Even if they only have a couple of hours to spare, Butler said, "we can get them to an area that will be of benefit to us."