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PEGGY HOWE, A LADY OF CHARM AND ADVENTURE

By Evelyn Graves

I looked forward with anticipation as I traveled in snow flurries to the home of my friend, Peggy Howe, to do an interview for The Groundhog. She met me at the door with the same charm, dignity, and enthusiasm that I have come to expect from her. Her home is always inviting, now beautifully decorated in "watercolors," all the lovely pastels that complement such a beautiful lady.

It was with a great deal of love that she told me about her family. Charles Tolbert Ellis had a small store in Valley Head, and in the corner of that store was the post office run by Pallie Margaret White. The two fell in love and married on October 5, 1902. Charles was 30 years old and Pallie was 27 at the time. Only six years later, Charles died of pneumonia, leaving Pallie with three small children, Nelda Estella, James Albert, and Robert Hillman, and another child on the way. When the baby, a little girl, arrived, she was given the name Gladys Charles. She was proud of these names, especially the one honoring her father who had died prior to her birth. However, in early childhood, because of the taunting of a mischievous little boy in her neighborhood who would call out her name, prolonging the syllables in such a way that infuriated her, she found that when she was referred to as "Peg O' My Heart" by one of her endearing admirers, she much preferred that name, and "Peggy" she has been since that time.

Despite the responsibilities that came to a single parent, Pallie did not allow her children to be deprived in any way. She was a teacher, a homemaker, and a postmistress, but she had time for her children, and they had a happy childhood. The family was saddened when Robert Hillman died at age 15 from rheumatic fever.

By her high school years, Peggy had developed into a young woman of respect, responsibility,



Pallie M. Ellis and children, Nelda, Albert, Hillman, and Gladys (Peggy)

beauty and talent. The Valley Head yearbook of 1927 attests to that.

There is a delightful clipping from an old yellowed Birmingham newspaper with a gorgeous headshot of a beautiful girl wearing a typical 20s hat and fur collar with headlines declaring, "Valley Head Selects Sponsor for Grid War of Howard-Southern Colleges, Peggy Ellis." Though Peggy was still in high school, the story reads:

"When Valley Head went back to the business of selecting her most beautiful girl as representative for the football festival at Legion Field here Saturday, November 22, when Howard and Southern meet, Valley Head did not even pause. Miss Ellis, one of the most attractive girls in that mountain city, will appear as "Miss Valley Head" during the grid-iron whoopee in Birmingham next weekend."

Peggy had already determined her future. She had a dream, to enter the world of music and become a mezzo-soprano performing artist. She implemented her plan by entering Chattanooga's Chadek Conservatory where she studied music appreciation, theory, harmony, and took private voice lessons under the renowned J. Oscar Miller.

It was not an easy task that Peggy had undertaken because she had to board the train in Valley Head every Tuesday evening, travel to Chattanooga, and check in at the YWCA. She continued this pace, commuting each week until she completed a certificate in voice three years later. This was quite an accomplishment for a young lady of that

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- Saturday, March 9, 8th Annual Little River Canyon Clean Up--DeSoto State Park (See notice on back page.)
- Sunday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday, March 20 - 1st day of Spring
- Sunday, March 31, Palm Sunday

- Monday, April 1, 6 p.m., City Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall
- Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting, Town Hall
- Sunday, April 7, 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins
- Sunday, April 7, Easter

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Olive Jones — April 25



MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Bernise Crow

It is with much sadness that we have lost Homer's brother, Chester Crowe. Chester was reared here in Mentone and returned to the area after his retirement in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He and Lucille joined right in with us to work on community projects. Dessie Newberry appointed Chester as chaplain of MAPA, our first. His gentle, soft voice as he gave the invocation at our meetings will certainly be missed. His prayer at our last meeting was beautiful, and I feel that his plea for us to do greater things will be answered.

We are constantly losing someone, but with God's help, we live with faith and hope in each new day. We should enjoy each day as a gift—live it to the fullest, love one another, and "ask not" what Mentone can do for us, but what we can do for Mentone. Chester would want us to continue to support MAPA and the Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department that he worked with for some time.

Let's keep our goals in mind and work toward accomplishing them.

MARCH MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) meeting was held at the Mentone Town Hall on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. In the absence of the president, Bernise Crow, vice president Jim Lyday called the meeting to order. He announced that there was a great loss to the community and to MAPA with the death of chaplain, Chester Crowe. He then gave the invocation. The regular order of business was changed to accommodate the speaker, Dorrie Zupko, an employee of the Social Security Administration. Mrs. Zupko is a resident of Mentone, and works in Rome, Ga. She presented a very interesting talk on the issues of Medicare and Social Security, after which she opened the floor for discussion. Several questions were asked and answered, and materials were available for members to take home.

The meeting resumed and Mr. Lyday announced that we had one visitor, Joycell Webb. There were 18 members present. He recognized Jack Jones as another published author, having a recent book out, "Come—Sit A Spell."

Mickey Gough read the minutes from the November 1995 meeting, and they were approved, and the treasurer's report was given and filed.

There was no old business. Under new business, the plans for the Rhododendron Festival were discussed and volunteers requested for several phases of the festival.

It was announced that member, Bud Simmons, was in Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Jack Jones announced that WAAY, Channel 40 out of Huntsville was going to do a live TV Show Saturday, March 9, at the Dude Ranch, and on Sunday, film other areas of Mentone.

Sherman Gough announced that there will be a MAPA adopt-a-mile pickup on Tuesday, March 19, starting at 9 a.m. Everyone is asked to meet at Suttons Place on Hwy. 117.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments served.

The next MAPA meeting is Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., at the Mentone Town Hall.

--Thank you--

to all the friends who sent cards, flowers, and words of comfort at the death of my mother, Bess Hodges. A very special thank you to all the employees of the "Log Cabin Deli" who took over for us while we were gone. It will never be forgotten.

Collette Kerby and family

LETTERS FROM READERS

February 9, 1996

Dear Dr. Seymour,

We at Nature's Classroom are trying to learn more of the local folklore of Mentone and Lookout Mountain to add to our program. We are most interested in stories of the Cherokees who came here around the time of the Trail of Tears and early settler's legends. Could you please ask the good people of Mentone via the Groundhog to think back and send us any stories they know. This would be a great help to our program and a way to keep these wonderful tales alive! Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Cheronos

Nature's Classroom, P.O. Box 400, Mentone, AL 35984
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February 4, 1996

Dear Editor,

This is a very cold Sunday morning, that I couldn't even get to church, and someone brought me a copy of the Groundhog paper earlier in the week. I never knew there was such a thing, but being the reader that I am, I have enjoyed it so much that I want to get a copy for myself each month.

Many years ago I worked at Van Heusen shirt factory in Ft. Payne, and a number of people from Lookout Mountain also. At the close of the days work, we'd say, well lets go to the good mountain, depending on which one we lived on, and the others would always stand up for their mountain. To say this, I'm from Sand Mountain, but I never fail to visit beautiful Lookout, Mentone, DeSoto, Little River all each year. It is so beautiful, which ours is also, but just different in a number of ways. People travel hundreds of miles to see what we have right here at home. Thanks to Linda Gold who brought me the paper.

Sincerely,

Mildred Owens, Fyffe, AL

Mentone City Council Meeting

The March meeting was held at 6 p.m. on March 4, with council members, Mayor Max Cash, Larry Hooks, James Johnson, Benny Goss, Catherine Bailey, and Johnny Ferguson, present. Others at the meeting were Jimmy Wright, Betty Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Britt, and Marie Dillenbeck.

The last meeting was held on February 5, during the snow storm, and Larry Hooks took the minutes in the absence of Catherine Bailey, City Clerk. They discussed the application for a new grant to secure water lines in the Lee Crow and Baty Communities. They agreed that there would be no increase in the salary of the city council members or the mayor, and agreed to pay \$75.00 to Moon Lake School to cover the cost of DARE T-Shirts.

At the March meeting, the issue of an application for a grant was again discussed. Also, it was announced that Waste Care was continuing its trash pickup in Mentone, but that a reduction of rates is in the process. Jimmy Wright apprised the members of the status of the zoning ordinance matter, and said that Sam Franks had withdrawn his application at this time, but they would be going in another direction, so the City of Mentone does not have to advertise for April. Mr. Wright said there was a regular planning meeting to be held in March on the 21st.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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SPORTS ON THE SCENE

By Phil Harris

Lady Devils win third straight 2A title. Collinsville girls fall to Carrollton in 1A semi-finals.

The Fyffe Lady Devils made it three state championships in a row, knocking off Hutton 35-31. Fyffe lost five seniors last year, and still had enough to bring home the trophy for the fourth time in five years. Fyffe began the season 3-7, and were without star post player, Joy Simmons. After Simmons' return, they won 18 out of their last 21 games, enroute to the title.

Fyffe shocked number one Section 61-51 in the regional finals. Coach Mike Cochran's team moved on to Birmingham and defeated Straughn 56-31 in the semi-finals, before defeating Hutton in the finals. Watch out next season--everyone returns for Fyffe, including state tournament MVP Joy Simmons.

Collinsville's Lady Panthers fell to Carrollton 62-47 in the state semi-finals in Birmingham. Jennifer Gray scored 29 points to keep the Panthers close for three quarters. Carrollton totally took control in the fourth quarter, of a very physical contest. Coach Randy Taylor's team just didn't have enough depth.

Valley Head's Lady Tigers (19-9) finished the season as the Northeast Region runner up. The Lady Tigers lost to Collinsville in the finals 62-45. Valley Head will miss seniors Angie Wheat, Kayla Bell, and Jamie Baugh. Thanks Kayla and Jamie for all the memories.

The future is bright for Lady Tiger basketball. Coach Bobby Hollaway has a young, yet talented group coming back next year.

DeKalb County schools can be proud of themselves once again. Girls teams around the county are the most competitive in the state. Girls basketball has come leaps and bounds over the last decade. Popularity continues to grow locally, as well as nationally.

Boys teams did not fair as well, in the state playoffs this season. Collinsville, Crossville, Sylvania, and Plainview all made the region tournament at Jacksonville. All four were eliminated in the first round. Each did have wonderful seasons.

Here is a look at how local teams fared and ended the 1995 season.

GIRLS

Collinsville	(23-6) lost to Carrollton in the 1A state semis
Valley Head	(19-9) lost to Collinsville, NE region finals
Fort Payne	(27-5) lost to Phillips, NE region semis
Crossville	(11-13) lost to Fyffe in the sub regional
Ider	(4-18) lost to Fyffe in area tournament
Geraldine	(10-12) lost to Sand Rock, area tournament
Plainview	(14-11) lost to NSM, area tournament
Sylvania	(3-18) lost to Plainview, area tournament
Fyffe	(21-10) State Champions, defeated Hutton

BOYS

Valley Head	(8-18) lost to Woodville 2nd round, area tour
Ider	(1-19) lost to Section, area tournament
Fyffe	(6-14) lost to Skyline, area tournament
Geraldine	(13-14) lost to Section, sub regional
Fort Payne	(8-20) lost to Boaz, sub regional
Sylvania	(14-10) lost to Litchfield, NE region semis
Plainview	(17-11) lost to Glencoe, NE regional semis
Collinsville	(24-7) lost to Altamont, NE region semis
Crossville	(22-7) lost to Lineville, NE region semis

STATE CHAMPIONS

Girls: 1A-Mars Hill Bible; 2A-Fyffe; 3A-Sulligent; 4A-T.R. Miller; 5A-Eufaula; 6A-Central (Tuc.)

Boys: 1A-Calera; 2A-Lineville; 3A-Holtville; 4A-Abbeville; 5A-Andalusia; 6A-West End

High school baseball is already under way. The DeKalb County tournament will be coming up soon. Fort Payne will host the tournament and should be the favorite to win. Keep your eye on Crossville and Plainview. Each team has a lot returning and should have good seasons. Valley Head will be improved. The Tigers return enough to be competitive this season. They are young, but experience returning from last year will help.

Congratulations go out to two local athletes. Former Fyffe standout Heather Mayes, is now a starting guard at Western Kentucky. Heather scored a career high 16 points recently. Former Valley Head star Jamie (Phillips) Blalock recently

signed a scholarship to play at Berry College in Rome, Georgia. Jamie has spent the last two seasons at Chattanooga State. Good luck to both of these fine athletes.

NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

By Phil Harris

Mens College Basketball: Kentucky is far and away the favorite in the SEC tournament. The Wildcats should win the tournament hands down. Look for some surprises in other games. The other eleven teams can beat each other on any given night. **GROUNDHOG PICK:** Kentucky vs. Georgia in the finals. Kentucky to win easily.

Nationally, Kentucky will be the top pick. The Wildcats are number one and playing well. Villanova, Connecticut, U Mass, Cincinnati, Kansas, Purdue, and Texas Tech will be teams to watch out for. **GROUNDHOG PICK:** Final four: Kentucky, Cincinnati, Kansas, and Connecticut. **NCAA Champs - Kentucky**

Womens College Basketball: The womens SEC tournament in Chattanooga was better than ever. LSU shocked Georgia and Florida swamped Vanderbilt. This left Tennessee and Alabama to breeze to the finals. The Lady Vols are no stranger to the finals (twelve times). The Tide made their third appearance, the first since losing to Georgia in 1984. Tennessee won its record eighth tournament title, prevailing 64-60 over Alabama.

Nationally, Tennessee has been the real surprise this season. The Lady Vols lost five regulars off last years' team, and have managed to stay in the top five. Georgia has been the best team all season, and may be the favorite to win the national title. Watch out for Connecticut, Louisiana Tech, Vanderbilt, Colorado, and Purdue. **GROUNDHOG PICK:** Final four: Tennessee, Georgia, La. Tech, and Connecticut. **NCAA Champs - Georgia**

Auto Racing: Dale Jarrett is the story thus far. Jarrett won Daytona, and has followed that up with two second place finishes in a row. Dale Earnhardt failed to win Daytona once again, but is still off to a great start. Dale is fourth in the points standings, 105 points behind Jarrett. Last years Winston Cup points champion, Jeff Gordon, finally got on track. After a 40th and 42nd place finish in the first two races, Gordon dominated the field at Richmond. Jeff moved up to 24th in the standings. Next week, Atlanta.

Pro Basketball: The Chicago Bulls continue to dominate the NBA. The Bulls will be the team to beat come playoff time. Orlando is young and talented, but it remains to be seen if they can defeat Chicago. The Eastern Conference will be decided between these two. The Western Conference is up for grabs. The Houston Rockets are beginning to play well. A threepeat is not out of the question.

College Baseball: Tennessee and LSU are the pre-season favorites to win the Eastern and Western Conference titles of the SEC, respectively. Alabama, Auburn, and Florida are teams on the rise and could challenge the front runners. The SEC Baseball Tournament will be held in Birmingham (Hoover Met). Maybe this will create interest in college baseball. The tickets are available at the SEC office in Birmingham.

Pro Baseball: The Atlanta Braves look to repeat as World Series Champions. The Braves have resigned the key elements, that will keep them on top (such as Fred McGriff). Question is can Cleveland repeat as American League Champions, and challenge the Braves again? **GROUNDHOG PICK:** National League

East	Atlanta	American League
	NY Yankees	
Cen.	Cincinnati	Cleveland
West	LA Dodgers	California
WC.	Colorado	Baltimore

World Series: Atlanta vs. NY Yankees

World Champs: Atlanta in six games

Thanks to Mike McGowen at WFPA AM 1400 for covering all the high school basketball tournaments. Mike has big plans for WFPA. College baseball (SEC Western Division) is a possibility, the Braves, and high school baseball and softball. Call Mike at 845-7721, and give your support for any sport you would like covered.

Well that does it for another month. May God bless us all. See you next month!

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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Loyal subjects, moi is filled with joy and ecstasy! The onslaught of flatlanders has finally abated and local adorers can admire moi without having to take a number and wait.

That dear child, Megan Smith (4) was just in the Superette with her mother, Garnett and squealed with delight when she found the pathway clear to the magnificent paws. What bliss to be touched by familiar little hands!

Speaking of familiar little ones, Levi Hulan (2), son of Tim and Heather, crawled up to place a drooling kiss on moi's supple muscular body.

God's-gift-to-women-everywhere, Bryan McAdams, just brought in daughter Brittany (4) to spend a few special moments contemplating the unsurpassed vision between the counters. Now, there's little lass who appreciates perfection.

Well, loyal readers, moi has just been visited by Mentone's stingiest resident, L.M. Flannigan. Do you think he would share one teeny, little cheese curl? Not on your life!! Moi thinks he counts the curls in the package to be sure one isn't misdirected from his greedy mouth.

At least there's Bill Russell to brighten my day. Bill drinks his coke, and moi gets the empty bottle to chew to bits. You pick your teething ring, and moi'll choose mine! How do you think moi keeps such clean, gorgeous teeth.

Cricket is the only one in this tacky store with any taste. Lucky for moi that taste is for Beanie Weenies, which she always shares. Cricket is so awe struck by moi she even uses a spoon to feed moi.

Mentone's resident historian and writer, Ernest Smith, has just purchased--what else--a sensible, healthy treat--a granola bar. As long as he shares, moi can forgive him for the health food. More food for perfect muscle structure--which, of course, moi has!

Whoops! Pop has that pinched look on his face, so a "necessary visit" to the house is called for. Til next month, remember: this little "Irish" Elf expects St. Patrick's Day treats on March 17.



Relaxing after avalanche of flatlanders abates

Supplied by Phil Hurt



Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Congratulations to **Robert and Ilene Green** grandparents for the 10th time with the birth Jan. 2, 1996, of Ciara Schyler Eltzrath, 6 lbs. 14 oz., at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. Parents are Rusty and Sandy Eltzrath and big brother is Bo Ryan.

Outstanding students **Norman Alexander Jones**, in the college of Arts and Sciences, son of Buzz and Linda Jones; and **Michael Norman Jones**, a major in biology, son of Tom and Norma Jones, have made the Deans list at the University of Alabama. Both students were also tapped into Phi Eta Sigma, prestigious academic honorary fraternity at the University. The fathers of the boys are officers at the Citizens Bank in Valley Head.

Lucille Crow is keeping the road hot with her travels. She was in Oak Ridge, Tenn., Feb. 12-18, after catching a ride with her granddaughter Christie, and her husband Mack Farley, who were passing through from Houston, Tx. They were headed to Oak Ridge to visit her mother. Lucille visited with her two sons, Leroy and Cecil, and their families. She attended church on Wednesday night and saw a lot of friends who, she says, are like family to her.

The **Valley Head Band** has changed the date of the auction from March 9, 1996, to **May 4, 1996**. This is due to all the bad weather we have been having lately. The **Spring Fantasy Beauty Pageant** has also been changed to **April 20, 1996**. We will have both divisions: elementary and high school, on Saturday night.

Congratulations to **Mike and Lisa Blevins** and William on the birth of a new son and brother, and to **Shane and Pattie Grider** and children on the birth of a new daughter and sister.

Valley Head Band students went to Knoxville, Tn., in February for the Honors Band and to Gadsden Community college in Gadsden, AL, for the District Contest. Everyone did a wonderful job, and all of the band members involved in each event worked VERY hard. Hats off to all these band members.

Remember the "Jesus Kids Day Care Center" at the **Mentone Revival Center**. It's open 5:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Cost per child is \$45 a week. The center accepts children before and after school. Drop-ins are \$2.00 per hour. For further information, call the Day Care at 634-4247.

Way to go, **Rene McKenzie**! She will be entering Northeast in mid-March to continue her studies begun in Texas. Rene will pursue a pre-veterinarian curriculum with plans to transfer to the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine. (Do I have a yard full of "patients" for Rene!)

Valley Head and **Moon Lake** schools were represented by two excellent young spellers in the DeKalb County Spelling Bee. **Effia Harrison** from Valley Head and **Stuart Hurt** from Moon Lake, were the two spelling representatives.

Quite a few people in and around Valley Head special to the Grapevine and Mentone would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to police chief **Ken Busby**, husband of Carol and father of Kenny, Chris, and Alisha. Chief Busby worked the mountain accidents during the last snow storm and is doing a great job in making the highways safe for our children and us by nabbing the people who insist on exceeding the speed limit and ignoring the laws that make our highways a safer place. "What a great tribute to a fine, young police officer!"

During the ice storms of late January and early February, **Darryl Rogers** had a frightening encounter with a coyote in his yard. The animal was so big and well fed, Darryl mistook it for a wolf. Only one thing made the difference: a wolf will not attack a human unless it has rabies. There is no record of a wolf attacking a human under normal circumstances. Those who live around the old coal mines in this area have been bothered by coyotes these past couple of years. Game Warden, **Steve** (telephone 845-4314) says that property owners can

shoot the animals if they pose a threat to people, livestock, or pets.

Good news for all their Mentone friends: **George and Hope Walker** are back in town! The bad news is they're having to deal with all those fallen trees in their yard at Stonehenge, a result of our several winter storms.

Mrs. Jackie Wright's (Kerby) farm has been sold. A Mr. and Mrs. Clause will take up residence soon, and they will be bringing all their horses with them. They raise thoroughbreds.

Only in Mentone! While playing bridge with friends, **Margaret Craft** asked, "Who would like to fly to Charleston, S.C., on my King Air Jet and spend a week at my Charleston home sightseeing and playing bridge?" Seven women made the trip and say they had the time of their lives on the "hen party." Making the trip were Jo Beaubee, Beebe Graham, Lucette Dix, Carolyn Eberhart, Joanne Durham, Billie Vezertis, and the hostess, Margaret Craft. (I did NOT make up this item, people!)

Norma Williams, one of Mentone's favorite ladies, is in Baptist Montclair Hospital. She is in Room 1016, 80 Montclair Road, Birmingham, AL 35213. She would truly enjoy a note or card from her many friends "back home."

One of the ice storm casualties was **Gertrude Cox** who stepped out of her car at the post office and slipped on the ice. Gertrude hurt her back and her hand.

Several young matrons are expecting babies in the near future: **Karen Wright, Crickett Lyles, Missy White, and Donna Smith**, are just a few of them. Good luck to all these mothers-to-be!

Michael Chambers, son of Mary and John Chambers celebrated his first birthday with a host of his friends at the American Legion building recently. Attending to join in the festivities were W.A. and Polly Chambers, Marie Dillenbeck, Melonice, Cheston and Trenton Green, Wendy and Austin Harrison, Keith Hadley, Dr. Pat, Chris, Teresa, and Matthew Collins, Emily Collins, Debra, Robert and Robert Jr. Johnston, Stephanie Hester, Sanford and Juanita Hartline, Allen Chambers, Scott Mount, Ben Parkinson, Rusty and Logan Chambers, Joni and Hunter Brown, Michelle Martin, Kim and Kevin Worthey, J. J. Wiggley, Chris O. Smith, Krissy Harris, Sam, Lisa, and Alex Whitley, and Josh Goss.

Wanda Grisham from Rock Castle Cafe asked the Grapevine to say "hello" for her to all the ladies in the lunch room at Valley Head. Wanda misses all of them a lot!

Terri and Jimmy Richie have a new son, **Billy Jay**. He arrived weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. and was 21 inches long, with a head of jet black hair. He is the answer to a long time of prayer for this couple. His great aunt Carol Busby and family wish God's blessings on the new baby and his family. Aunt Carol loves you, Terri.

The fall quarter 1995 Dean's list at Gadsden State Community College was released recently by Dr. Victor Fickes, GSCC president. **Dennis Goolesby** of Valley Head was cited for his academic average. Way to go, Dennis!

Popular teenager **Coley Morgan** is recovering nicely from his recent brain surgery and is back in school. Good news to everyone.

Friends of **Bud Simmons**, who has a shop in the Mentone Craft Village, are deeply concerned that he has been hospitalized at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Bud went for a routine medical exam and was immediately admitted as a patient. The complete details of his medical difficulties were not available at press time.

Britt and Florene Kirby are both doing much better physically. Many, many prayers have been answered in their cases!

Sincere sympathy to **Collette Kerby's** family upon the death of her mother, Bess Hodges, on Feb. 13, 1996. Mrs. Hodges had suffered from Alzheimer's for several years and had come south so Collette could care for her at home.

The terrible flu bug has claimed its latest victim in **Charlyne O'Rear**. Here's hoping she can get off easier than some of us who've had to deal with the disease.

Milton and Grace Howard continue making arrangements to move from Mentone to Stone Mountain, Ga., to be near their son, Henry and his family. **Joanne Hawkins** has bought the Howards' two houses on the brow. She will live in the large home and her daughter, **Tammy Tillson**, will occupy the cabin. Moving day is set for the latter part of June.

Terry Gillis, formerly of Kellett, Gillis & Kellett, attorneys at law, has officially become a partner with Rocky Watson and Sheri Carver to form Watson, Gillis and Carver, P.C. Terry has many clients from the Mentone area who may still be unaware of his recent move to 305 Grand Ave. S., almost directly across

from the front of the DeKalb County Courthouse. However, other than his new location, clients will find that little else has changed. Terry even brought his loyal secretary, Holly Day, with him. (Holly is the daughter of Francis Day. They both reside in Mentone.) Drop in and see their new office or give them a call at 845-0410, or drop them a line at P.O. Box 589, Ft. Payne, AL 35967.

A lovely 68th birthday party was held on Sunday, March 3, for **Mrs. Louise Worthey** at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse in Fort Payne. Several family members and friends were in attendance, including Milton and Gail Chambers, Krissy and Phil Harris, Kim, Stacy, and Kevin Worthey, Wink Painter, Kayla Bell, Keith Hadley, JoJo Wiggly, and the guest of honor. After a good meal, guests were treated to some delicious birthday cake, beautifully decorated white with pink rosebuds, made by Mrs. Worthey's granddaughter, Krissy Harris. Gifts included such items as house slippers and 2 new clothes outfits. Mrs. Worthey will undergo another surgery about the middle of March. Please continue to keep her in your thoughts and prayer requests during this difficult time. Thank you to everyone who has stopped by, called, sent a card, or prayed.

Krissy Harris, wife of Phil Harris, has completed the Wilton cake classes offered by J.C. Penney in the Hamilton Place Mall in Chattanooga, Tn. She is now capable of creating cakes for all special occasions, including birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, showers, etc. If you need a professionally made cake for your special occasion, please call Krissy at 845-5745.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, **Max Cash's** friend, **Paul Carroll** was coon hunting in Rome, Ga., during the evening. About midnight, all of a sudden one dog, **Old Banjo**, got too far away. Paul hunts with a direction finder to locate his dogs, but Old Banjo had lost his collar and Paul couldn't find him. Paul went back Sunday to retrieve Old Banjo. There's an underground mine near where Paul was hunting, and his dog was in the mine. He called the Cloudland Rescue Squad, Captain Taylor Adams, Co-Captain Leon Tucker, Scott Brown, Donald Holbrook, Darryl Adams, Heath Blalock, Janace Tucker and Debra Shirey responded and went into the mine and found Paul's dog. Paul thought Old Banjo had played his last tune!

A birthday party for **Nancy Rector** was given by **Annette Orr** on Feb. 27, at the Orr home. Others helping Nancy celebrate were: husband, Fouts, and son, Rusty; Marshall Orr, Tommy Kilgore, Marie Dillenbeck, Jenny Combs, April Nix and children, Dusty Nix and Samantha Rhodes, Dr. Pat, Jewel, Shirley, and Robbie Collins, and Charlie Rogers.

Kenneth Crowe was seriously injured (neck injuries) in an auto accident on Feb. 20, in Cartersville, Ga., when a man ran a red light at a high rate of speed. Kenneth would appreciate your prayers for him. He is at home.

Margaret Stallings, who broke her hip, is in Heath South, 2412 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37404. She would appreciate your prayers and would enjoy cards and notes.

Deepest sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones:

- James R. Babb, 63, who died Feb. 8, 1996.
- Robert Lane Baker, 41, who died Feb. 20, 1996.
- Arnold Lance, 75, who died Feb. 23, 1996.
- Phillip Hall, 70, who died Feb. 25, 1996.
- John William "Bill" Ellis, 75, who died Feb. 26, 1996.

Happy Birthday to the following: •1. David Battles; •2. Robbie Freeman; •3. Dean Freeman, Gaynell and Jimmy Worthey (23rd); •4. Mildred Crouch, Denise Brown, Leslie Thornberry; •5. Shelby Langley, Eiko Key; •6. Shawn Vernon; •7. Clyde Jones Tallent; •10. Francis Day, Spencer Harris; •11. Johnny Brown; •15. Luther "Junior" King; •16. Penny Davis Scott; •18. Melinda Hall, Scott Tate, Sheryl Lewis; •21. Wanda Black (Happy day from Lisa and Beth); Mary Johnson Chambers; •26. Stephanie Worthey; •28. Sam and Toots Whitley - 38th anniversary; •30. Robert Johnston.

We have lost some beautiful, contributive people in Mentone over the past winter months. This calls to mind a piece my mother gave me for my Bible many years ago.

When I die, give what is left of me to children.
If you need to cry, cry for your brothers walking beside you.
Put your arms around anyone and give them what you need to give to me.
I want to leave you with something better than words or sounds.
Look for me in the people I have known and loved.
And, if you cannot live without me, then let me live on in your eyes, your mind, your acts of kindness.
You can love me most by letting hands touch hands and letting go of children who need to be free.
Love does not die; people do. So, when all that is left of me is love—give me away.

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Peggy Howe, taken in 1930

playing bridge, and making a home for Claude until his death.

Peggy is a member of the Valley Head Woman's Club which was established more than 60 years ago promoting culture in that area. She was presented a special plaque by the local chapter of AARP in 1992, designating her as retired senior of the year.

For Peggy, life continues to be an adventure. Her niece, Susan Van Apeldoorn, has followed in Aunt Peggy's footsteps, and is a part of the production of the TV series, "In the Heat of the Night." She introduced Aunt Peggy to each of the stars of the show and took pictures of them with her. Susan's husband, Hank, is involved in the production of the TV series, "I'll Fly Away" in Atlanta. Susan, who spent her childhood in Valley Head, and Hank are frequent visitors to Mentone, staying in the family home next to Peggy on weekends as often as possible.

Peggy attended Mardi Gras where her great-niece was presented at the ball. She enjoyed the festivities, and especially the colorful costumes worn by the Queen's Court.

Peggy has never lost her zeal for life and enters each day with grace and enthusiasm, much like that of her mother who lived to be 95 years of age. Peg has a keen mind, and it is a joy to be around her.



Peggy Howe taken Christmas 1995

day from a small town in Alabama during the rise of the depression. She assisted her mother at work in the post office during that time.

This was followed by another adventure. For several years, through a booking agent, Triangle Productions of North Carolina, Peggy traveled through Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina directing musical comedy in small communities.

To bring a bit of culture and entertainment into a community, an organization or school would serve as sponsor, selecting a local chorus and casting the characters.

Then Peggy would arrive with a trunk full of costumes and script, and for the next ten days would direct the production. During this time she would become a part of the community, staying in boarding homes or the homes of teachers, and then move on to the next little town and begin again.

As times changed, during the height of the depression, Peggy returned home to Valley Head, with music still a part of her life, and involved herself with church choir and service.

Later, she applied for work in Birmingham and can still remember the happy day when she received the letter that she could begin work with Liberty National in their home office in Birmingham. She remained in Birmingham, visiting home frequently, until her marriage to Claude Howe in 1955. Claude was originally from Ohio. His brother, Hal, had already married Peg's sister, Nelda. The two brothers had discovered Mentone, and this was to be their happy home for the rest of their lives.

And so Peggy came to be a mountain girl, sharing her love of music with the Moon Lake Baptist Church, sharing hobbies of the outdoors, reading,



1926-27 Girls Basketball team

1st row: Cora Greg, Gladys Ellis (Howe) Captain, Elizabeth Davenport (Coleman)

2nd row: Ruth Ellis (Welch), Marie Hartline (Skidmore), Catherine Brown (Bailey), Velma Hulan (Hammond), Kerner Humble (Wright)

3rd row: Coach Luny Smith, Eleanor Mitchell

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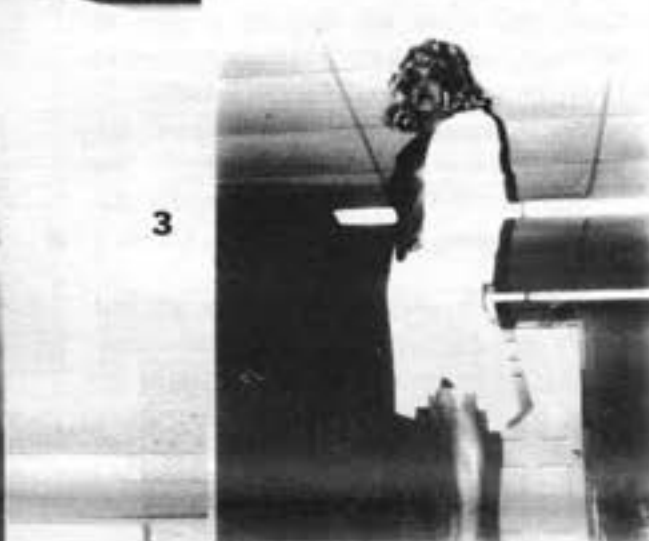
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1. Bodacious Bubbles, Flame and Hot Lips
2. Marcia and Cherry
3. Tanya Michelle
4. Marvelous Marlene

5. Rolanda with escort, Darlene Owen
6. Tanya Michelle
7. & 8. Unknown beauties from Rainsville Rescue Squad to be identified in next month's issue.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD PHOTO REVIEW OF 1996 WOMANLESS BEAUTY PAGEANT (CONTINUED)



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8. Judges: Talmadge Butler, Superintendent of DeSoto State Park; Johnny Allen of WQRX; and Pat Gifford, Ider Rescue Squad
9. Dr. Pat Seymour, emcee, crowning Bodacious Bubbles as the 1996 Queen
10. Part of The New Generation Cloggers, Karen Wright at the right was in charge of all the music.

Thanks goes to DeSoto Rescue Squad members Lisa Scott and Jennifer Smith, who were the organizers; Nature's Classroom who ran the concession stand; Elaine Burt who assisted with the makeup; Escorts Darlene Owen, Rhonda Wright; Mrs. Brantley, Melissa Douthat, and Shelly Blalock; all the contestants, including the children's division: Michelle, Justine, Andra, Felina, and Vixie.

Thanks to everyone who participated in any way.
Without your help, it wouldn't have happened.

DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD

By Ilene Green

New officers started their duties at the beginning of 1996. They are Captain - Richard Douthat, First Lieutenant - Alan Chambers, Second Lieutenant - Sue Freeman, Sec./Treas. - Ilene Green, Sergeant at arms - Rob Sharpe, and Chaplain - Walt Pullen.

Several members were able to get out during our recent storms and cut trees out of the road and assist those in need. I hope that if you needed help of any kind, that someone was able to get to you.

On February 16, the Squad presented it's 2nd annual Womanless Beauty Pageant. If you didn't come, you missed a very entertaining evening. Even though our audience wasn't as big as we'd hoped, it was a great success. Thanks to so many that volunteered: contestants, judges, our master of ceremonies, entertainers, escorts, sponsors, and workers. Thanks especially to those that came out to support us, even with the threat of bad weather.

The rescue squad and fire department, are all volunteers. There are no paid positions. We are supported by donations and fundraisers. By offering family entertainment such as the 50's dance and the Womanless Beauty Pageant, we are trying to give something back to our supporters for the money we are asking for so often. For your support, we are sincerely grateful.

Canyon Clean up is Saturday, March 9, and our squad will participate in this project as it has for several years. If you would like to help clean up our canyon, contact a squad member.

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P.R.- Janice Parker-----845-0178



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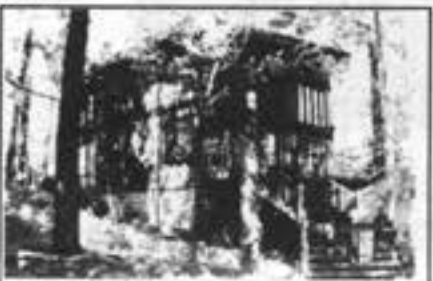
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(6) TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT COUNTRY LIVING and breathe the clean air at this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 year old home on 4 acres. Front porch, screened back porch, a single car garage, barn, and gazebo. All appliances and furniture to remain with house. A must see at only \$72,500.



(3) 3-bdrm, 1 bath FARMHOUSE on 40 acres. Hardwood & Pine Floors, Rock Fireplace - 2 car garage - equipment shed & Greenhouse. \$78,500.



(7) COZY COUNTRY COTTAGE - 1 acre wooded lot on East Lake Drive. Less than 2 years old. 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, large living, dining & kitchen. Fireplace. Front & Back porches, 2 car carport & detached garage. REDUCED to \$82,500.



(4) MENTONE BROW - Spectacular View-Beautiful, unique, unusual describes this finished home which offers three bedrooms, one full bath (with Jacuzzi), two one-half baths, great room with wet bar and fireplace, kitchen area features ceramic counter-tops and an island with custom hood, range, disposal, dishwasher and refrigerator. A two-car garage, glass-enclosed octagon-shaped casual pool with patio overlooking pool, sauna, shower area, recreation room with pool table, hot tub, and decks are just some of the amenities. All this and approximately 700' of brow frontage! Shown by appointment only to qualified buyers. Great for a restaurant. \$295,000.

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(12) OVERLOOK THE BREATHTAKING GEORGIA VALLEY from this 3.76 acre West Brow lot, about 10 miles north of Mentone. Lightly restricted. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty. Only \$22,000.

(13) LAKE ON THE BROW - Where else can you find magnificent sunrise and lake view in the same place? Only at Lake on the Brow. Restricted building lots 10 minutes from town. NOW OPEN—PHASE II - look now while the choice is prime—starting at only \$12,500.

(14) OAKWOOD IS NOW OPEN and already selling. At least 3 acres in each tract. Wooded, cleared, great pond sites, lightly restricted. Prices starting at only \$9,950. Make your appointment to see now.

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William Lavaughn Crane
and Austin Harrison Crane

Will Crane celebrated his second birthday party at the home of his great grandmother, Sue Crane, at Mentone. Celebrating with him was his baby brother, Austin Harrison Crane, who was born November 17, 1995. Will and Austin are the sons of Vaughn and Angie Crane of Chattanooga, the grandsons of Reece and Doris Crane and Mike and Susan Farrar. Great grandparents are Mary Waller, Herbert and Mary Gray, and Sue Crane.



Kristen Michelle Lauro

Kristen Michelle Lauro is the three-month-old daughter of John and Lorelei Lauro of Springfield, Va. She was born on Dec. 12, 1995, weighed 6 lbs 4 oz, and was 19-1/4" long. Kristen has an older brother, Justin, and two older sisters, Kara, and Sarah (3 years old in April). She is the granddaughter of Marie Dillenbeck of Mentone, and the great granddaughter of Dorothy Shelden of Las Cruces, NM.



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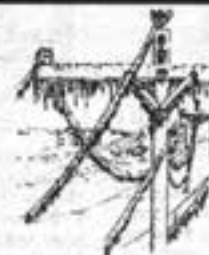
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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Welcome, sweet Springtime, we greet you with joy. Please don't let icy breezes blow you away again! Flowers are blooming and birds are singing—we all think it is Spring!

The Sunshine Club met at Sue Clark's home Feb. 22. Leona Chadwick presided, as the president. Lillie Bowden was absent. I gave the devotional. Ruth Pickett gave the Secretary-Treasurer's report. Leona brought material to make attractive Easter and Saint Patrick's book marks. She also read an article about Saint Patrick's Day. Others present were Bess Bauerle, Gladys Cobble, Jewel Palmer, Sue Cooper, Anna Danial, Violet Barker, Evelyn Clark, and Glenda Savage. Our March meeting will be a luncheon meeting at Mentone.

The Valley Head UMW met Feb. 27 at Venna Livingston's home with Frances Longshore as co-hostess. I conducted the program, "Symbols of Resurrection—Our Own and South Africa's." Velma Hammond assisted and Venna Livingston did the Scripture reading. Others present were Laura Margaret Allison, Gladola and Amy Holleman, Marjorie Gray and Mary Crow.

We are so glad to have J.L. Gibson come and play for our worship service at Valley Head Methodist Church.

Ed Ringer had as his weekend guests, his brother, Dr. Robert Ringer and his friend, Robert McReynolds from Marianna, Florida. They attended the Methodist church with him, Mar. 3.

Sadie Cooper spent the weekend with her aunt, Hazel Johnston, in Rossville, Ga. They visited her other aunt, Stella Brewer in Chattanooga. They attended church at South Rossville Baptist Church on Sunday.

Jean Jones was called to Hackleburg, Ala., as her father, Clyde Holcomb, suffered a stroke. Glad to hear that he has fully recovered.

Sue and Foyl Cooper's children and grandchildren honored them with a dinner in Hixson, Tn., for their 40th wedding anniversary—may they have many more!

Bill and Martha Gibson visited her son, Mark and his wife, Jane Gibson, in Dallas, Tx., for their little granddaughter, Jordan's third birthday. They were joined by Carla and Keith Gibson and son Sean who came from Burleson, Tx., for the celebration.

Ruby and D.M. Humble from Hixson, Tn., visited Dot and Bill Blackburn, March. 3.

We have been grieved by the loss of several friends and loved ones in the last month. Clayton Blansit passed away. His widow, Dolly, sends her appreciation to all who visited them and for every expression of love and kindness. Mildred Carmichael, a longtime friend, who was well acquainted with the history of Kaolin and Battelle, as she lived there many years ago. Bill Ellis, who was born and reared in Valley Head, also passed away recently. He had a good and productive life. I am sure his influence will be felt for many years by the many lives he touched as teacher and coach. To all who have lost loved ones—sincere sympathy.

There has been so much sickness and so many falls and injuries. Elizabeth Coleman is recovering from a broken leg. Geraldine Hawkins was recovering from a broken arm suffered in a fall at her home, then she fell in the doctor's office in Chattanooga and cracked two ribs and chipped her elbow, so she is having a rough time! Geraldine was admitted to BMCD, March. 4. She has four broken ribs instead of two. Her son, Randall Hawkins, had extensive surgery at Memorial Hospital and is recovering at his home in Chattanooga. Opal Tatum is recovering from a cracked pelvis suffered in a fall. We wish for these and others who are ill a quick and complete recovery.

Congratulations to Jennifer Robertson, a senior at Valley Head High School, who won the DeKalb County Good Citizen Award presented recently by the Phillip Hamman Chapter of the Alabama Society of Daughters of the American

Revolution. She is a beautiful girl and is quite an achiever!

Congratulations to Alison Meadows, who was elected Miss Valley Head by students of Valley Head High School. She is a beautiful and talented girl—even if she is my great granddaughter. Congratulations, too, to Trevor Strickland, who was elected Mr. Valley Head!

Remember the meaning of Lent and look forward to a beautiful Springtime!

March's Golden Touch

March, your magic, golden touch
is of beauty just too much
to contain in rapture's bliss.
earth awakens to your kiss
to produce a golden scene
framed in clean emerald green,
bright with smiling Daffodils
with new life all earth thrills.
Wingers bleak and freezing cold
explodes into Springtime gold—
Forsythia and Jasmine too—
March, like Midas, has touched you
with touch more precious by far
as the light from distant star
More dependable and true
More pure and fragrant too
the gold of March gives more pleasure
than all of King Midas' treasure!

—Eloise Brown



Lana Cooper

Lana Cooper, daughter of Teresa and Van Cooper, celebrated her third birthday with a party at the Valley Head Baptist Church. She had a beautiful cake and all the "trimmings" in the Cinderella theme. Those sharing the event were: Lydia Gifford, Hayden Kirby, Hannah Jackson, Megan Cooper, brother, Tyler, grandmother, Sadie, Barbara Gifford, Van and Teresa Cooper, Sharley Cook, Linda and Natalie Cook, Janet and Jim Cooper and Brent and Patrick, and Louise Hammond. Lana received many lovely gifts for a lovely little girl. May you have many, many more, Lana!

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Edward Jones



Hoyt Uyless Potts

In Memory of Hoyt Uyless Potts, 71, of Mentone, who died, Saturday, Feb. 3, 1996. Funeral services were Thursday, Feb. 8, 1996, at Burt Funeral Home Chapel in Valley Head, with Rev. Ken Shelton and Ron Johnson officiating. Burial was in Bankhead Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Naomi Ruth (Bain) Potts; two sons, Hoyt Eugene Potts of Valley Head and Ronald Lee Potts of Chattanooga, Tn.; two daughters, Barbara Ruth Crabtree of Ringgold, Ga., and Cloyce June Allen of Ft. Payne, Ala.; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren.

The Family would like to thank all of the doctors and nurses of DeKalb BMC, the DeKalb Home Health Care, and Hospice of Northeast Ala., for the love and kindness they showed us during Hoyt's illness. Thanks to all of our friends, neighbors, and family for their many prayers and all the wonderful food that was brought to our home. Thanks to Rev. Ken and Sandy Shelton, Ruby, Russell, and Phyllis for being at my side when God said, "Hoyt, come on home, you have suffered enough. I will give you rest and no more pain and heartaches."

"Darling, you have left us lonely and broken hearted, but with peace of mind, knowing that you are safe in the arms of Jesus."

Naomi and Children

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Mentone Wesleyan Church will have a sermon and drama series on prayer every Sunday morning for the month of March. March 16 is Youth Activity Night at the church. On March 31, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a church-wide dessert night and game night in the fellowship hall.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church will have a Youth Retreat on March 24-26 at Shocco Springs. There will be a church supper followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.

All members of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church are asked to read selected passages of scripture and think on those for the Lent season. On March 31, there will be a special service that will begin outside with the carrying of palms and will proceed into the sanctuary for the continuation of the service. Rev. and Mrs. Hussel have just returned from a stay in Florida. They will be away again on March 17 and March 24, and there will be guest priests. Bill Blackerly will speak on March 17, and Ron Delbele will speak on March 24.

March 3-9 will be the observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions at the Valley Head Baptist Church. The ladies' prayer group met on March 5 at the home of Martha Stanley. March 9 is the date for a brotherhood meeting and breakfast which will be at 8 a.m. March 24 will be the fourth Sunday hymn sing. On March 31, the church will observe communion in the morning service. The community service will be held at Valley Head Baptist Church in the evening on March 31. Reverend Jerry Davis, Presbyterian minister, will be speaking in that service.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church will have a fifth Sunday singing. The Bible study, taught by Sharon Lee, is still in progress. The UMW Week of Prayer and Self-Denial meeting will be at the church at 11 a.m., on March 26, followed by lunch. Sunday School is at 9 a.m., and Worship Service is at 10 a.m., each Sunday.

The Mentone Church of God will host the North DeKalb Ministerial Association from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on March 7. On March 7, from 7-9 p.m., the youth will be having a skating party at Fort Payne Skating Center. Christian music will be played. The youth are raising money to help build a seminary in Romania. On Friday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m., there will be an auction held in the fellowship hall and refreshments will be served. The young person who raises the most money over \$110.00 will receive a cash prize of \$50.00 for first place, \$25.00 for second place, and \$15.00 for third place. All monies go to help build the seminary in Romania. The auction will consist of items that the church members have gathered up for this event and it should prove to be a rather profitable event for both buyers and for the fund. On March 18, at 7 p.m., the church will be meeting for a solemn assembly prayer meeting. The church will be going into a 40-day declared fast time for revival, which will begin on April 28. On March 31, there will be a guest speaker, Rev. Bob Bain, for both the morning and evening services.

The Churches of God of Prophecy in this district of Alabama will be meeting in the annual District Convention March 14-16, at the Leesburg Church of God of Prophecy in Leesburg, Alabama. Services begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6:00 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to attend this "Camp Meeting." The Mentone church will fellowship through a covered dish dinner at the church Wednesday evening, March 27, at 5:30 p.m.

The services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith speak on alternate Sundays. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is in the process of building a 24'x30" addition to the fellowship hall and installing central heat and air-conditioning in the entire building. The church received six new members on Sunday, March 3. The Men's Chorus and the Ladies' Ensemble will be singing at the DeKalb County Baptist Associational Choir Festival on Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m., at Macedonia Baptist Church #2, at Crossville, Ala. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.; morning worship service at 11 a.m.; discipleship training at 6 p.m.; evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service at 6:30 p.m., preceded by GA and RA meetings and youth choir practice at 5 p.m. Adult choir practice is at 4:30 every Sunday evening. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in any or all of these meetings.

Howard's Chapel, "The church in the rock," near DeSoto State Park, welcomes everyone to worship with them each Sunday at 10 a.m. Local and out-of-town visitors are always welcome. Dress is casual, vacation outfits will be fine. As part of the Park and Canyon cleanup on the weekend of March 9-10, Howard's Chapel will be involved in the cleanup, and as part of the celebration, an old fashioned singing is planned on Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m. There will be lots of congregational singing and also the lovely voices of Barbara and Lois, so join in for a great evening of gospel music.

Three members of the Mentone United Methodist Church attended a leadership workshop: 21st Century - Ready or Not, at the First United Methodist Church in Gadsden on Sunday, March 3. The UMW met on Thursday, March 7, at 2 p.m. for their Call to Prayer and Self Denial program. Sunday, March 10, there will be a concert-sermon service. Everyone is invited to attend. Friday and Saturday, Mar. 15-16, there is a men's retreat at Camp Sumatanga.

North DeKalb Ministerial Association

The March meeting of the North DeKalb Ministerial Association will be held at the Mentone Church of God on March 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Plans will be made at that time for the annual sunrise service.

J.O.Y.

The Just Older Youth will meet on March 28 at the Moon Lake Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend and a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and fun. This is a non-denominational community-wide organization, and everyone is welcome.

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CAMPS EARN ACA ACCREDITED CAMP STATUS

Mentone, Alabama - The American Camping Association (ACA) announced today that Alpine Camp for Boys, Camp DeSoto for Girls, Camp Laney for Boys, Saddle Rock Camp for Girls and Skyline Ranch for Girls have received ACA Accredited Camp status for 1996.

"An independent evaluation by camp experts is very important," emphasized Dr. Margery Scanlin, Director of ACA's Standards program. "By being ACA accredited, these camps demonstrate that they care about their campers and comply with the highest quality standards designed specifically for camps."

"Parents expect their children to attend accredited schools. They also deserve a camp experience that is reviewed and accredited by an expert, independent organization," stated Scanlin.

"ACA accreditation is very important to a camp," said Rob Hammond, president of Lookout Mountain Camping Association. "While the program is strictly voluntary, we owe it to our campers and parents to have the best operation that we possibly can. ACA Accreditation demonstrates our commitment to health, safety and program quality." These camps are located in or near Mentone, Alabama. They are in operation from June to August and offer sessions lasting from one week to four weeks.

The American Camping Association is the only independent accrediting organization reviewing camp operations in the country. Their nationally-recognized standards program focuses primarily on the program quality and health and safety aspects of a camp's operation. The standards are continually reviewed, refined and updated.

The accreditation process is quite comprehensive and thorough. Currently, ACA accreditation is held by 25 percent of day and resident camps.

At least once every three years, two or more trained camp professionals, not affiliated with the camp seeking accreditation, review the camp's operations and procedures while the camp is in session.

The American Camping Association, founded in 1910, is a 5,000 member not-for-profit organization committed to the continuing values and benefits the camp experience offers. Its membership encompasses all segments of the camp movement including non-profit agencies, independent operations, religiously-affiliated organizations and public/municipal agencies.

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THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO

By Ernest I

"The Yankees are coming! The Yankees are coming!" This may well have been the cry of Rebel Pickets as they abandoned their post in the face of hundreds of Federal Cavalry, riding hell-bent for Winston's Gap, near Valley Head, Alabama.

On the first day of September, 1863, two corps of Union Troops, a part of MajGen Rosecrans' three corps, "Army Of The Cumberland", consisting of twenty thousand men each, were marching across Sand Mountain for the passes on the west side of Lookout Mountain. One Corps, under the command of MajGen McCook, was marching on Winston's Gap. The other corps, under the command of MajGen Thomas, was marching on Johnson's Creek, near Rising Fawn, Georgia. The remaining corps, under the command of MajGen Crittenden, was encamped at the foot of Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga. Generals McCook and Thomas were in receipt of orders to proceed immediately, and with all speed, to intercept and engage Gen Braxton Bragg's Army, in his retreat south from Chattanooga toward Rome, Georgia.

An advance guard of several hundred Federal Cavalry, under the command of MajGen Stanley, had preceded Gen McCook to Winston's Gap, arriving on September 1. Their mission was to clear blocked mountain roads (submerged by Confederate Forces to delay passage) in preparation for McCook's Corps to transit Lookout Mountain, in the planned march to Summerville, Georgia.

On September 2, McCook's Troops ascended Lookout Mountain and continued their march along the Winston's Gap Road, also known as the Alpine Road, the Nine Mile Road, and after the war, the Federal Road, with patrols fanning out in a clean sweep across the mountain. This road connected well with Henderson's Gap on the east side of Lookout, near Alpine, Georgia, where a part of McCook's Troops were encamped at the foot of the gap, on September 11.

The long nightmare of the widely scattered settlers had now begun.

This article does not deal with the Civil War as a whole, but rather that part that affected the Lookout Mountain Settlers, so directly and so cruelly. For the better part of two weeks, twenty thousand Union Troops were turned loose to prey upon these innocent and defenseless settlers.

Post Civil War Northern Historians have written, at great length, extolling the virtues of the Union Soldier and his humane treatment of the Southern Non-Combatants. Sadly, this was not the case for Lookout Mountain Settlers. From the first day that Union Forces arrived on the mountain, until the day of their departure, settlers were victimized, beaten, killed, harassed, bullied, and finally left near starvation.

Of course it is realized that at that time, the whole country was embroiled in a civil war and that atrocities were being committed by both sides of the conflict, but, if anything was to be written concerning treatment of non-combatants, the truth should've been told. Apparently, in some cases, not only did the spoils of war go to the victor, but the privilege to write history, as well.

In all fairness, it should be said that had the tables been turned and more of the action taken place on northern soil, Confederate Troops might've acted in much the same way. Even though Confederate Troops weren't put to this test, we Southerners still have a great deal of blame to bear. The Andersonville Confederate Prison in Georgia was an affair that we in the south had rather forget. Although this was a matter between combatants, the treatment of Union Prisoners of war was a scandalous outrage. The conditions of the camp would've rivaled the Nazi death camps of WWII. No doubt, the Confederate Commandant of this POW Camp could've taught the Nazis a thing or two in cruelty.

The first major incident on Lookout Mountain, involving Yankee Troops and settlers, occurred at the Eldridge Jones place, now known as the "Berry Patch" on the east side of Little River, about a mile north of the old Winston Gap Road. This incident has since become known as "The Peach Orchard Incident."

As might be expected, there've been several slightly different versions of this incident passed down through the generations. For the purpose of this article, I'll give the version as told by Margaret C. Rouse in her biography, "On His Eighteenth Birthdays, Thomas Truman Culbertson Remembers," dated August 22, 1965, excerpts appearing in the DeKalb Legend, Volume 5, 1977-78, reprinted here by permission of Landmarks.

"And Jones Culbertson, born August 31, 1852, had an even more bitter memory of the Civil War years. In her community on Lookout Mountain near Mentone, the older men belonged to the Home Guard. On one occasion, a group of Union Soldiers came through the community in search of food and supplies, and one of them, discovered pilfering fruit from Eldridge Jones' peach tree, was shot and killed by one of the Home Guards. Eldridge Jones was Ann's father and he was out repairing his front gate the next day when a Union Officer arrived to investigate the shooting. During the argument which ensued, the officer struck Eldridge with a piece of lumber and accused him of having threatened to kill the first Yankee that set foot on his premises. The angry officer finally departed, but late that night Union Soldiers dragged Eldridge from his bed and out into the darkness as his terrified family watched. The next morning his lifeless body, riddled by sixteen bullets, was found about three miles from home.

Eldridge Jones had been a neutral in the war, a man of family and upstanding in the community. He'd now become a casualty in the war, as much as any soldier killed on the battlefield.

The swarm of Yankees kept at their foraging until nothing was left. Fresh food was always a welcomed change to their menu of weevil infested beans and wormy salt pork.

Knowing something about how the military works, I suspect that most of the ill-gotten food had probably ended up in the officer's mess tent. It's doubtful if all the food on the mountain would've fed twenty thousand-plus foot soldiers.

The corn patches, out of roasting ear, but not yet mature enough for harvesting, were cut near the ground and loaded on wagons as provender for their horses. All smokehouses and cellars were cleaned out. Gardens were stripped and potatoes dug. Work animals were commandeered, never to be seen again. Livestock, pigs and chickens were slaughtered on the spot and hauled away to feed the unwanted horde.

Those settlers having the time and foresight to hide food and valuables were usually unsuccessful. By now the Yankees knew all the likely hiding places.

Many times I've heard the stories about that bitter harvest of 1863. In the case of the Lawrence Smith family, the only thing left for the harvest after the Yankee foraging was the late pumpkin crop and no salt for seasoning that. As soon as the family had made some recovery, Lawrence would never again allow pumpkin on the table in any form or fashion.

Due to scrutiny under the control of Union Forces from time to time, many critical items were in short supply or nonexistent for the Lookout Mountain area. The supply of oil became completely exhausted and none was forthcoming. Many families dug up the earthen floors of their smokehouses in order to recoup pots of salt droppings from catnip meat. They then placed the soil mix in a fashioned hopper with a cloth strainer and poured water over the whole affair, leaching out the salt content. The salty liquid was then reduced by boiling and then placed in the sun for evaporation of the remaining moisture. The somewhat discolored salt crystals were then used to season their cooking.

The next incident of note occurred at the Francis Marion O'Rear place, then known as the O'Rear Bottoms, near the middle creek, just north of the present highway 117. Again, this recounting has been passed down through the generations.

Even in the midst of a civil war, certain household chores must go on. Charlotte Fenne O'Rear, wife of Francis Marion O'Rear, was hanging out her week's laundry when she was shot from ambush.

The ball struck her head and knocked her to the ground, where she lay still. The assassin rode on, no doubt believing that she was dead. Although he probably never knew better, he was robbed of his supposed kill, for Charlotte had only been knocked to the ground and stunned. Apparently, the velocity of the shot was very nearly spent, owing to an insufficient charge, or perhaps the range was too great. In any case, the ball was only slightly embedded in her skull, with no life threatening damage apparent.

Charlotte was taken by buckboard to a Confederate Field Hospital, near LaFayette, Georgia, where the ball was safely removed. She lived out a full and normal life span.

It was never known whether or not this had been a random shooting or if it had been ordered. Descendants are certain that this incident occurred during the Civil War, and it is believed to

have happened during the time Union Troops were on the mountain. The assassin was not seen. Therefore, it is not known for certain that a Union Soldier was involved.

Three granddaughters of Charlotte, the daughters of Samuel and Alice O'Rear, always said that their grandmother was shot by a bushwhacker. The Bushwhackers were Confederate Guerrillas. It is possible that they were using the word in a general sense, and not alluding to that Confederate Group.

The Confederate Bushwhackers were an undisciplined group, oftentimes loose cannons, self-appointed assassins, looters, profaneers, collaborators, despicable hoodlums, despised by both the north and the south. It doesn't seem likely to me that they would've had any reason to harm her. She was born in the north, but her husband, Francis Marion O'Rear, was well known in the community as a supporter of the south and held a prominent position in logistics with local Confederate Forces. Without proof to the contrary, it does seem likely that Union Forces were involved.

There are presently several descendants of Francis Marion O'Rear and wife Charlotte, living in the Mentone and Valley Head areas.

By this time McCook's Troops at the head of the long train had reached the east brow of Lookout at Henderson's Gap, now known as the Old Yankee Gap, in Cherokee County, Alabama, about four miles south of the Old Tapp Gap, at present day Cloudland, Georgia. It've been told that a landslide closed the Yankee Gap many years ago.

The Union Troops continued their fatigue and harassment of the mountain settlers, as well as settlers in the Alpine, Georgia area. It has been said that the Union Army used the Old Alpine Church as a field hospital for their sick and wounded. McCook's Troops now had plenty of time for mischief making while their general awaited certain developments to materialize in the Summerville, Georgia, area before the march could be resumed.

The long train now reached from Indian Falls (DeSoto) to the foot of Henderson's Gap, less than three miles from Alpine, Georgia. A large part of the corps was encamped at the Deemy spring, near the head of Henderson's Gap.

The Steering Family lived nearest to the spring. The Lawrence Smith Family lived across the hollow, some few hundred yards distant. The two families shared the same spring, now taken over by the Yankees. At first they were denied access to the spring. Eventually they were granted permission to make one visit to the spring each night. They were not allowed to go near the spring during daylight hours. The Officer-in-charge thought they might interfere with the foraging of the camp.

During this time, Lawrence Smith had been hiding out with his thirteen year old son, Lewis Miller Smith. He feared for the life of the boy if the Yankees discovered him. He'd heard that the Yankees had sometimes harmed young southern boys considered to be potential soldiers in the Rebel Army. Lawrence and his son would sneak home late at night for food and a few hours of sleep.

They were both home the night the Yankees came calling. The Yankee Soldiers often harassed the settlers in the middle of the night in order to increase the element of terror. The family was rudely awakened in the dead of night by yells and banging on their front door. One of the mounted Yankee Patrol, or scout, called out for them to retire then, side. Lawrence and his wife, Mary, were ungainly behind the closed door. While Lawrence was trying to think of a suitable reply, his wife called out that they were Quakers. To their surprise and relief, the Yankees accepted their claim and rode on into the night, the light from their burning torches bobbing eerily. They probably intended to burn them out or at least make them think they were all things weren't to their liking. These Smiths were the Great Grandparents of this writer.

The Smith Family weren't Quakers, but this little white lie may well have saved their lives. As is commonly known, Quakers are neutral in all wars.

At the time, it was thought that the family might've been turned in as a northern family, recently settled in the south. The Union Forces considered all northern families living in the south, not actively supporting the Union, as traitors. This charge was far more serious than being a rebel.

In this Civil War, Lawrence Smith and his brother, Melvin, were neither fish nor fool. Both of them wanted to support the

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south, but they were not trusted because they were born in the north. And because they didn't wish to support the north, they were considered traitors by Union Forces.

General McCook was now becoming uneasy. There had been no sign of General Bragg's Confederate Army retreating toward Rome, Georgia. His observer had returned from near Lafayette, Georgia, with word that General Thomas hadn't moved on Lafayette, but instead, was still encamped at McLemore's Cove, under constant fire from Bragg's forces. Nothing was happening according to plan for moving on General Bragg's Confederate Army.

The grand plan for the Union Army had been drawn up by General Rosecrans. General Bragg had now been driven out of Chattanooga and was retreating; it was thought to the vicinity of Rome, Georgia. General Rosecrans' plan was to attack General Bragg along his projected route of retreat. General Crittenden's Corps, near Chattanooga, was to close up and attack his rear. General Thomas' Corps was to leave McLemore's Cove and attack near Lafayette, Georgia, and General McCook's Corps was to head him off in the Sumnerville, Georgia area. It was thought that this squeeze move might annihilate General Bragg's Army, or so severely cripple it that it might hasten the end of the war.

In the meantime, General McCook's men captured one of Confederate General Wheeler's couriers carrying dispatches to Rebel Units to the south. The dispatches confirmed General McCook's worst fears. General Bragg was not retreating, but instead, making a stand just north of Lafayette, Georgia. General McCook now realized his precarious position. A sizable Confederate Army now stood between him and the rest of the Union Forces.

At about the same time, General Rosecrans, in Chattanooga, realized the danger in his three corps army being at three widely separated locations. He immediately dispatched General McCook, now spread out across Lookout Mountain, to join General Thomas at McLemore's Cove.

General McCook, finding no mountain road to the north, was forced to make a return march to Valley Head, Alabama. In leaving the mountain, his troops had no time for mischief making. They were now showing their backsides to the settlers, stepping warily to the called audience as they marched their Yankee behemoths off the mountain.

The Valley Head, Alabama experience in the Civil War has been well covered in the history of Winston Place. Valley Head's most famous landmark, appearing in several Landmark Publications.

On reaching Valley Head, again General McCook deposited his sick and wounded in a field hospital, then turned north along the valley floor to Johnson's Creek, where he followed General Thomas over the mountain to McLemore's Cove. The two armies were now united.

Soon the bloody battle of Chickamauga began.

While General Bragg's Confederate Army was considered slightly victorious at Chickamauga, it was a hollow victory. Each side had suffered more than fifteen thousand casualties. Other battles were now being fought on the ridges, in some of the valleys, and on the north end of Lookout, all in the area just south of Chattanooga.

General Bragg's Army now encircled Union Forces, in and near Chattanooga, and lay siege to the city and the surrounding area. The idea being that if they couldn't whip them in battle, perhaps they might starve them out.

On October 16, 1865, less than a month after the battle of Chickamauga, MajGen Rosecrans was relieved by General Grant at Chattanooga.

President Lincoln had ordered General Grant to take command of the Army of the Tennessee and the Cumberland and Ohio.

General Grant placed MajGen Thomas in charge of the Army of the Cumberland and General Sherman in charge of the Army of Tennessee.

It was General Sherman who finally broke the Confederate siege of the city of Chattanooga and pushed General Bragg's Army east into Georgia, with the Union Armies in close pursuit.

At last Lookout Mountain was left in peace, far from the roar of cannon and the cries of the wounded and dying.

Today, the northern extremity of this majestic mountain stands as a timeless sentinel, towering above the grand monuments, marking the now silent battlefields, where, in myth, the souls of these fallen heroes, both the Blue and the Gray, were home on the wings of Odin to that place of honor, in Valhalla.

In writing this article, I've drawn heavily on the fruits of the labor of Robert Sparks Walker. His book, "Lookout: The Story of A Mountain," has been an invaluable reference source for Civil War military type information, for the area of my interest. With the exception of some information taken from Bruce Canton's book, "Civil War" (three vols), the identification of military units, dates, troop movements and battles, was taken from his book.

The incidents, involving Union Troops and Lookout Mountain Settlers, are the heart of my story. On this subject, Mr. Walker remained silent. Whether or not he was made aware of it in his numerous interviews with mountain people is unknown. Indeed, there has never been any documentation of the abuse suffered by these poor mountain people, at the hand of this invading army.

In Mr. Walker's acknowledgments, he listed, by name, several Lookout Mountain Settlers that he had obtained information from, but all of them were Post-Civil-War Settlers. Therefore, all of his questions were probably directed to them.

Never have I questioned the validity of the Civil War stories passed down through the generations of our Lookout Mountain People. It was a humble experience that they remembered for all the rest of their lives.

Almost all of the mountain people had never owned a slave. For the most part, they were poor patch farmers and timber workers, like most other poor people of the south. They were equally victims of their own side, being skillfully manipulated and supporting something that was never in their interest. The wealthy plantation owners, through their political lackeys, were calling all the shots.

The Civil War now seems like an ancient war. Since that time, we've had a war with Spain, two world wars, and several lesser wars, and still the troubles of the world go on.

Will there ever be a time, I wonder, when the whole world will be at peace? Probably not, unless and until, aggressor nations realize that war is not their road to salvation. In war, no one really wins. Any war is a tragedy visited upon many innocent people.

Destiny has now placed America at the pinnacle of power in the family of nations. Let us hope and pray that we may be found worthy to wield such awesome power.

But, all is not despair, as long as there are those who seek the righteous way and strive to live in harmony with all mankind in this imperfect world.

Perhaps one day all world leaders will speak with the tongue of Old Chief Joseph, Chief of the Nez Perce Indians, when he uttered these famous words, "I will fight no more forever."

SOME POST-CIVIL-WAR NOTES

The Jonathan Crow family paid a heavy price for the southern cause.

All during the Civil War, Jonathan lived in what was later known as the Bankhead Community. He owned two hundred acres of land he later sold to John Mason, in 1873. It has been said that Mr. Mason later gave this same property to his son-in-law, Samuel O. Rear, and wife, Alice, as a wedding present. In any case, it became their home until their death, many years later.

Jonathan Crow served during the Indian War in Georgia before he settled here on Lookout Mountain. The Indian uprising resulted from the dispute over the New Echota Treaty, which most of the tribe didn't honor.

Jonathan served as a private in Capt. William (Bill) Demick's Company of Georgia Volunteers. He served from December 1, 1857, until July 14, 1858, a period of seven months and fourteen days.

There are several descendants of Jonathan Crow now living in the Merone and Valley Head areas.

On August 14, 1861, three sons of Jonathan Crow, Lewis, Eli, and Green Berry, left their homes on Lookout Mountain for Fred's Tavern, at Cedar Bluff, Cherokee County, Alabama,

and enlisted in the glorious Army of the Confederacy. Only one would return from the war, and he would be severely wounded. All three brothers were assigned to Captain Millsaps' Cherokee Mountaineers, which later became Company "G" 19th Reg't, Alabama Infantry.

According to traditional information passed down through the generations, Jonathan Crow's son, Private Eli Crow, was killed in battle, but where is not now known.

Jonathan Crow's son, Private Lewis Crow, died of fever at Citizens' Hospital, Columbus, Mississippi, on June 5, 1862, leaving a wife and young daughter, Almada.

His widow, Emma Day Crow, later married William (Bill) Jones. They had three children: David Lovejoy, Nettie, and George.

Almada Crow, the daughter of Lewis Crow and Emma Day Crow, later married Thomas Jones, a brother of William (Bill) Jones. They had seven children: Ernest, Fred, Emma Lou, Herman, Eldridge, Hardy, and Joe.

Jonathan Crow's son, Private Green Berry Crow (Unusual name was probably taken from two surnames of ancestors) was wounded in the battle of Resaca, Georgia, on April 6, 1864. (One knee was shattered by a mini-ball and he suffered a concussion from a falling limb sheared off by a cannon ball.) He was later taken prisoner by a Yankee Patrol. He, along with fifteen other wounded Rebel Soldiers, was carried to Louisville, Ky., and imprisoned, just across the Ohio River from that place. He remained in prison until the end of the war.

According to statements made by Green Berry in his pension claim, he was released from prison after General Lee surrendered. He then took the oath of allegiance to the Union and was given a pardon. He was then told to skedaddle. He had to walk all the way back to his home on Lookout Mountain.

Green Berry later married Hannah J. Crow (no relation), daughter of Isaac Crow and Alice Cox. They had seven children: Sarah Jane, Caroline, Mary Jane, John Morgan, Eli, and Amanda.

Many times I've heard the stories that were passed down from Green Berry about his long journey home. It was said that he told of the many people on the roads, and that it seemed that everybody was coming from or going to some place, or perhaps just wandering with no place to go. Freed slaves were everywhere knocking on back doors begging for food in exchange for work. Confederate Soldiers, returning home, ragged and half-starved, were asking for food at households all along the way. But rarely was there any food to be had. All who were traveling these roads of sorrow, were, in one way or another, victims of the terrible war.

Green Berry Crow was not quite sixteen years of age when he enlisted in the Confederate Army. Although it became an ordeal for him, he was proud of his war service. It became one of the highlights of his life. The fact that his side lost, didn't seem to matter to him.

Green Berry was always present at any local event honoring Confederate Veterans. He was very fond of the tune, "Dixie", and would ask for it to be played every chance he had.

On one fourth of July, some Confederate Veterans were having a barbecue at Sunset Rock, near Merone. They'd brought along a small band to entertain them. Green Berry was present and asked them to play, "Dixie", which they did. Afterwards, one of the band members asked, "How was that, Old Yimer?" Green Berry replied, "It was alright, but not near as good as my old outfit played it."

Green Berry Crow was the great grandfather of this writer. Although he died before I was born, I feel as though I knew Grandpap personally. There've been so many stories about him passed down through the generations.

Green Berry died in 1921 and is buried at Bankhead, beside his beloved wife, Hannah, who preceded him by several years.

Isaac Crow, another Lookout Mountain Settler, lost sons in the Civil War. The particulars of that family were covered in the fine article by Mabel Crow Kark, just recently published in The Groundhog (April 1995 issue, page 38).

There were certainly other Lookout Mountain families that suffered just as much as the families I've mentioned. Unfortunately, I have no information on these families, and I fear that their stories may now be lost to the past.

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Mickey Gough

The February 1996 meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club was held on Feb. 13, at 2:00 noon, at the beautiful home of Penny Lyday. Hostesses were Linda Brown, Penny Lyday, and Ruby Daniel. President, Marie Dillenbeck, called the meeting to order, and Linda Brown gave the devotional reading passages from scripture about trees. She also read Joyce Kilmer's famous poem, *Trees*. Jo Beauble led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were read by Mickey Gough, secretary, and approved with one correction. The treasurer's report was given by Flo Kirby, and filed. One guest, Eleanor Teverino, was present.

Corresponding Secretary, Marilyn-Blanton Campbell, reported she had sent cards to Alma Crabtree, Bill Schwarz, Mrs. Lucille Crow on the death of Chester Crow, and Norma Williams. She also reported receiving a Christmas card from Michael Stephens. Patti Bryan, on the special projects committee, reported on the progress of the butterfly garden project at Moon Lake School. One bed is completed, but due to the weather, everything has been on hold. She said they would need some pea gravel. Mr. Ken Kirby is going to donate some large rocks for the stream bed. There will be an adjacent water project done by the Friends of Little River. One problem is all the junk to be cleared away, particularly one large piece of metal. They won't do much more until the construction is completed. Patti said there would be a garden show at the Springfest and the members were welcome to participate.

Marie announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture was holding a Dogwood Anthracnose workshop in Huntsville at the Botanical Gardens, April 3, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., that was open to the public, and garden club members were welcome.

The speaker was Marilyn Blanton Campbell, who spoke on "Nationally Known Famous Trees." She explained how trees in the early days marked a settlement. There are many stories about some famous trees, but they are not always completely accurate. Some of the trees she spoke about were the Johnson Oak, the trees at the Battle of Shiloh, the hanging tree, and of course the Kilmore Oak. She urged us to plant a tree, the last week of February, when we celebrate Arbor Day in Alabama.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and the members visited over refreshments. The president thanked the hostesses for the refreshments.

The next meeting is at 2:00, on March 12, 1996, at Flo Kirby's home at 446 County Road 942. Mildred Wylie has the devotional, and Bernice Crow will present the program, "Trees to Attract Birds: The Birds Who Came To Dinner." Hostesses are Flo Kirby, Patti Bryan, and Karen Wright.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs.



Happy Birthday

Amber Nicole Kilgore

will celebrate her 2nd birthday on March 11. Her parents are Michael and Kimberly Kilgore. She has one sister, Briana. The grandparents are Joann Thomas and David Hall of Pine Ridge, and Jimmy Don and Venessa Kilgore of Warren,

Ohio, and Mark Wright of Mentone, Randell and Beverly Hayes of Rainsville. Great Grandparents are the late Tressie Thomas of Mentone, late Sidney Kilgore and Hazel Kilgore of Warren, Ohio, and the late Lethel and Jay Reeves of Rainsville, Elbert and Louise Hayes, and Great Great Aunt and Uncle R.D. and Marie Johnson of Ft. Payne.



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Jean Gauld's daughter and grandchildren: Pam, with Emily and Zack, enjoying a rest at a tea room in Zionsville, near their home in Indiana. Pam also has a new baby named Luke (3-1/2 months), not shown. They all will be visiting Jean here in Mentone for a few days.

First Semester	Fawn Kitchens
1ST GRADE	Andrew McCole
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Logan Chambers	<u>A's & B's</u>
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Erica Cryer	Paul Davis
Michael Hawkins	Nick Floyd
Alex Hazell	Jessica Meadows
Katie Herndon	Keith Miller
Julie Ingram	Emily Platt
Whitney LaBuda	Josh Smith
Chad Newell	4TH GRADE
Justin Smith	<u>All A's</u>
Angel Wesley	Emmy Corey
<u>A's & B's</u>	Kyle Hooks
Barnabas Bettis	<u>A's & B's</u>
Mark Corey	Kim Brisendine
D.J. Howard	Donna Daniel
Loren Kean	Niki Johnson
Phillip McNutt	Ashley LaBuda
Jacob Meadows	Ashley McSpadden
Jed Platt	April Shelton
Justin Scott	5TH GRADE
Kelly Swindall	<u>All A's</u>
2ND GRADE	Tiffany Bare
<u>All A's</u>	Stuart Hurt
Jared Bare	Kerri McMunn
John Baxter	Kiley Young
Katie Gray	<u>A's & B's</u>
Lori Hope	Justin Dingler
Sarah Hurt	Beth Easler
Brandy Manning	Joshua Hughes
Kellye Phillips	Corey Kirby
Emily Tipton	Kelly Owen
<u>A's & B's</u>	6TH GRADE
Laura Floyd	<u>All A's</u>
Melissa Harrison	Jana Goss
Marie Hunt	<u>A's & B's</u>
Kirby McMunn	Tessie Baty
Joshua Rogers	Jennifer Blalock
Cayla Voils	Jerry Lee Brisendine
Phillip Waller	Brandy Browder
3RD GRADE	Ben Corey
<u>All A's</u>	Alan Hawkins
Kristen Addison	Cassie Hooks
Rachel Bryan	Peter Hurt
Matt Hawkins	
Amanda Johnson	

4th Six Weeks	Matt Hawkins
1ST GRADE	Andrew McCole
<u>All A's</u>	Kelly Wright
Logan Chambers	<u>A's & B's</u>
Mark Corey	Rachel Bryan
Melissa Crane	Erica Campbell
Michael Hawkins	Paul Davis
Alex Hazell	Nick Floyd
Katie Herndon	Catrina Ingram
Julie Ingram	Amanda Johnson
Whitney LaBuda	Fawn Kitchens
Jed Platt	Jessica Meadows
Chad Newell	Keith Miller
Justin Smith	Emily Platt
Angel Wesley	Josh Smith
<u>A's & B's</u>	4TH GRADE
Barnabas Bettis	<u>All A's</u>
Erica Cryer	Emmy Corey
D.J. Howard	<u>A's & B's</u>
Jacob Meadows	Kim Brisendine
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John Baxter	Tiffany Bare
Katie Gray	Stuart Hurt
Lori Hope	<u>A's & B's</u>
Marie	Beth Easler
Hunt	Corey Kirby
Sarah Hurt	Kerri McMunn
Kirby McMunn	Kelly Owen
Kellye Phillips	Kiley Young
Emily Tipton	6TH GRADE
<u>A's & B's</u>	<u>All A's</u>
Laura Floyd	None
Melissa Harrison	<u>A's & B's</u>
Brandy Manning	Ashley Brown
Joshua Rogers	Ben Corey
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Outstanding Achievement
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Emily Tipton
Most Improved
Kirby McMunn
4th Grade
Most Improved
Emmy Corey - handwriting



Congratulations

Jana Goss, eleven-year-old native of Mentone, has been named the 1996 valedictorian for the Moon Lake Elementary School. Jana is a three-generation Moon Laker, since both her mother Brenda, father Benny, and grandfather, Emmett Bain attended the school. Both of Jana's brothers, Jason and Josh, are Moon Lake graduates. Jason was valedictorian of the class of 1989, and Josh had the third highest average in 1990, when he graduated. Father Benny is postmaster of Mentone, and mother Brenda is the owner and stylist of the New Image Beauty Salon. A beautiful but bossy white miniature pomeranian, Poo Bear (also shown above), rounds out the family.



MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

Aerospace Week is March 11-15. There are activities planned for every day. On Tuesday, March 12, Gary Dobbs, weather forecaster from Channel 31 in Huntsville will come. On Wednesday, March 13, there will be a Moon Walk activity. Thursday, March 14, is Field Day with activities outside all day. On Friday, March 15, there will be a speaker, Bart Graham, from the U. S. Space and Rocket Center. Also there will be an alien contest where the students dress as aliens and parade. March 5 was the first activity of Aerospace Week when Starlab visited. The children got into a small planetarium and observed. A Troll Book Fair was held during the week of March 4-8. Books and posters were available for purchase by students and parents, and each purchase gave points to the school to be used in purchases for the school. On March 21, there will be a special guest, Raymond Hamilton, who will speak on ecological topics to the second, third, and sixth grades. **Spring Break** is March 25-29. The school is enjoying the new lunchroom facility.

The Moon Lake After School Club (M.A.C.), directed by Jean Corey, began on February 13, with 75 students from Grades 1-6 enrolled. All of the area churches have been wonderful in providing labor and meals for this program. The M.A.C. play, "Cool in the Furnace," will be presented on Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m. in the Moon Lake School gymnasium. Dress rehearsal will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 30.

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OUTDOOR TIPS

Compiled by Dr. Pat Seymour

●**CUBIC GOLD. THE BACKPACKER'S FRIEND:** Beef and chicken bouillon cubes are among the most versatile items you can keep around, whether they're in your survival kit, backpack, camping larder, or kitchen. By themselves, they offer a tasty and nutritious alternative to coffee or tea. Mixed with a little flour, they make a passable gravy for trail foods such as rice or instant potatoes. They also enrich soups, stews, broths, and pot roasts. And since they take up little room, weigh next to nothing, and don't spoil, bouillon cubes are especially suitable for backpacking, hunting, or any other outdoor activity. Not to mention the fact that they are very inexpensive.

●**KEEP YOUR SLEEVES OUT OF A JAM.** To prevent your gloves, coat sleeves, and other loose-fitting field wear from getting tangled in and jamming your pump-action shotgun or rifle (it can happen, especially during fast cold-weather shooting), try securing them with rubber bands or Velcro strips.

●**SMILE AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Close encounters with strange dogs can be dangerous. When you encounter a canine in the woods, or even in a hunting buddy's kennel, don't flash your pearly whites. To a dog, showing teeth means you're ready for a fight, even if you're saying, "Nice doggie" in a pleasant, nonthreatening voice.

Take care to each young children—as soon as they're old enough—not to grin at pets, strange dogs, or even the family pointer or retriever.

Since canines territorial rules vary depending on whether they are alone or in packs, use common sense when dealing with them. Dogs roaming in packs are notoriously unpredictable—so, it's usually best to avoid them altogether. If you enter somebody's yard to ask hunting permission, do not approach the resident dog. You're intruding on its territory—and you're automatically suspect. If the dog approaches, calmly and slowly present only the back of your hand for it to sniff. Otherwise, a sudden snap might take a chunk from your trigger finger.

●**WHEN CHOOSING FOOTWEAR** for any outdoor activity, keep this in mind: soft soles are quietest but lack protection; stiff soles are more protective but make noise when they scuff on things; soles with rugged treads tend to pick up debris; and those with less aggressive treads are generally less durable.

●**TO REMOVE A HOOK** embedded under the skin, pass a length of strong fishing line under the bend of the hook and hold both ends in one hand. Use the thumb of the other hand to press the eye of the hook firmly against the skin, then jerk hard on the ends of the fishing line. The hook will pop out.

●**THE MIRRORLIKE** reflection of sunlight off gun barrels can spook wildlife you never knew was around. You can dull the finish on a shiny gun barrel by wrapping it with camo masking tape, or, while afield, by wiping it brusquely with green leaves, grass, or mud. Doing so can be important when you are hunting in open country under bright sunlight. At day's end, you can wipe it down with no harm done to the gun.

●**ROWING STRAIGHT.** Anyone who has rowed a boat knows that it can often be difficult to maintain a straight course, especially with your back facing the bow, as is the case with most boats. Here's the trick: after you establish the direction in which you wish to head, pick a landmark off the stern and align it with a specific part of the boat. Keep your eye on the landmark, and your course will be true.

Did You Know...

- An octopus has three hearts.
- Common shrews eat three times their own weight in insects daily.
- Toads live up to 40 years.
- Mosquitoes are more attracted to blue than to any other color.
- Tuna can swim 100 miles a day.
- Worms do not have eyes, but they can sense light through their skin.
- Some worms have two hearts.
- A hummingbird, weighing less than an ounce, can fly nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico.
- The chimney swift is the only bird that flies by beating its wings alternately rather than simultaneously.
- When building its nest, a barn swallow makes more than 1000 trips, each time carrying back a tiny pellet of mud for its home.
- The ovenbird got its name because its round, dome-shaped nest resembles a miniature Dutch oven.
- Research has shown that squirrels forget where they've buried their nuts within a half hour. Using their keen sense of smell, they do find nuts—but not necessarily the same ones they buried.

Canyon cleanup set

DeSoto State Park has scheduled the annual cleanup of Little River Canyon for Saturday, March 9; this will be the eighth year for the award-winning environmental project.

The cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. Registration points will be at the Little River bridge on Alabama Highway 35 and at the entrance to Little River Canyon Mouth Park.

Volunteers should wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sturdy shoes, and bring a pair of gloves. Dress according to the weather forecast.

Crews will work the roadsides along the canon and on roads approaching it. The National Park Service will be cooperating this year, and the Little River Canyon Mouth Park will be given special attention.

Preserve personnel are currently making improvements to Canyon Mouth Park, and hope to have it open for day use by Memorial Day.

Rescue squads in the county have a special invitation to participate, because their personnel have expertise which can be used at the overlooks.

Anyone needing additional information about the cleanup is encouraged to call Talmadge Butler, Superintendent of DeSoto State Park, at 845-0051.

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Golden Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Luke Crouch

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Crouch will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, March 24, 1996. A tea will be given in their honor at Chickamauga Civic Center in Chickamauga, Ga., from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, by their three daughters, Brenda Cross (Soddy Daisy, TN), Dianne Brown (Kennesaw, GA), and Gail Worthey Chambers (Mentone, AL).

The only gift requested is the presence of friends and loved ones.

Girl Scouts to celebrate 84th birthday March 12

March 12 is Girl Scouting's 84th birthday. In honor of the occasion, Girl Scout officials recognized the following area leaders.

Over 350 girls and 102 adults participate in Girl Scouting in DeKalb County. Officials also thanked all the businesses that sponsor these troops.

•**DeKalb County Board of Directors:** vice President Linda M. Decker, volunteer coordinator and cookie chair, Virginia Harrison

•**Fort Payne:** Daisy Troop #13, Kelly Bell and Kendra Young, Brownie Troops: #35, Renee Lawman, Paula Scott, #94, Jean Hitzing, Connie Hung, and Sheila Traylor, #113, Regina Pate and Cyndy Robertson, Junior - #4, Susan Elliott and Sharon Hughes, #96, Regina Pate and Dawn Piroa, #468, Janet Howard and Cathy Warner, Senior - #198, Betsy O'Dell

•**Mentone:** #1012, Karen Prestwood and Christy Voils.

•**Collinsville:** #1011, Donna Gilliland and Claire Chandler, Volunteer coordinator and cookie chair, Eva Hays.

•**Rainville:** Brownie #50, Emily Hays, #494, Denise McAbee, Rhonda Martin, and Lisa Keel, Daisy #1022, Rhonda Bonds, Junior/Cadette #1025, Eva Hays and Denise McAbee.

•**Fyffe:** #1021, Kim Farmer and Michelle Girdaukas, #149 Ann Pippin and Deborah Richey.

•**Sylvania:** Brownie #494, Tammy Gunter and Sharon Neely, #346, Betty Brooks and Teresa Goolsby, Daisy #770, Lynn Wright, Junior #138, Carol Hackworth and Sharon Neely, #135, Betty Brooks, Diane Monroe, and Sheila Wells.

•**Crossville:** #1024, Vickie Mullinax, JoAnn Wakefield, and Mitzi Holbrook.

•**Geraldine:** #1023, Marie Gibson

•**Ider:** #1031, Rhonda Royal, #1033, Deborah Crow.

•**Henagar:** #195, Pam Harris, Judy Blevins, and Deborah Davis.

About— Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



The weather this winter has really been something else! Have we ever had this many snows? Everyone seems to be ready for spring. I have seen some tulips and crocus already, so I'm sure that everything will soon burst into color. There is no better time to be in Mentone than the spring.

Mentone may also be about to burst into a booming little town. We have all known that this would happen some day. The Mentone Zoning Commission Public Hearing held in February was for the purpose of hearing pros and cons of a proposal to rezone some property. The property in question is the large old house between the Lookout Mountain Parkway and Linchpney. The house has become known in Mentone as the "Martha Berry House." It was recently purchased by Mr. Sam Franks. He purchased it thinking that he could make a Bed and Breakfast of it. When he applied for a privilege license, he found that area was zoned as R1, which is residential only. He went through the proper steps and asked for a variance that would allow him to do this.

The public meeting was step two for this. The final outcome of the meeting, after some discussion for and against, was the Zoning Commission voting to recommend to the city council that an area beginning at the present B1 District and extending to include Mr. Franks property be rezoned as B1 District. The final vote will be taken at the council meeting in April. This really brought home to me how fast Mentone may change and how the City Council needs to maintain control over the growth. We all know what happens to something growing out of control, it soon gets taken over by weeds or hangs over your belt!

Speaking of politics, let's all stay abreast of the County Commission situation and do anything we can to get a new County Health Department built for this county! I have not been to the present health department many times, but the times I have it did not take me long to realize how overcrowded they are. Some of the departments are in separate buildings, which can be really confusing. There is one where the entrance is in the rear of the building! If three men are allowed to stop this endeavor, I think that something is bad wrong with the way our county government is structured. If we as a community can do anything as individuals or as a whole, I hope someone comes forward and lets us know what it is. I think the other projects are important also, but the health department serves 100,000 people a year, and a large percent of those are children or mothers expecting children! The national government is now stressing that it's time to do something for our children, let's start in DeKalb County!

A health letter from The Hope Heart Institute is mailed to our home each month. A recent article was so timely that I want to share part of it with you. Maybe it explains something that I have been observing lately, everywhere you go, people are complaining and crabby! Here is the quote, "Whatever happened to the pauses in our lives? We've lost them! We let technology weasel them away from us—and in the process we've become a crabby, nasty, me-first nation of soreheads.... We're a hurried people. Things are going too fast to make sense. We long for the old days because life was slower. As we moved from typewriters to word processors, from wall phones to car phones, and from stoves to microwaves, we lost assimilation time. The trick is to give yourself assimilation time. Pause to share a joke, buy flowers, walk around the block, or count an unexpected blessing—your good health, a helpful neighbor, an old car that keeps on running.... Don't wait for your annual vacation to pause—take time to pause in little ways throughout the day." End of quote. Now, go back and read it again and then start to take some pauses.

See you next month. Take time to enjoy the Spring!!

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

As I sit and write this, on the 17th of February, it's sixteen degrees Fahrenheit, and there are patches of snow on the ground outside, and my poor aching bones are craving to feel the heat of the sun. I'd like to go outdoors and feel that gentle breeze passing over my face and that heat penetrate my flesh and warm these aching bones. I'd like to feel it make my scalp prickle as it shines on my head. This winter has been too long for us here in Alabama, and I kind of guessed it would be when I came back from vacation last year in July. I noticed that the cows had begun to grow patches of fuzzy fur all over their bodies and as I knew hardly anything about taking care of cows, I started to ask a few old timers (farmers) about it, they said they had not idea why that was happening. I suggested that maybe it predicted a long cold winter here in N.E. Alabama, they looked at me as if I had just made a rude sound. I had always heard that for really predictable weather keep a close eye on the animals. Right now, most of our cows look like they are wearing very thick furry coats—they look strange. The dogs also look five times their normal size—the chow-chows resemble small lions or huge furry cats.

Anyway, according to the FARMERS ALMANAC for 1996, it says the spring months will average near normal in temps in the north (I presume they mean north Alabama), with well above normal rainfall, and above normal in both temps and rainfall in the south (again, I presume they mean south Alabama). They go on to say that April and May will see several periods of cold, stormy weather before a relatively dry, hot spell arrives and stays until the end of June. I love reading the FARMERS ALMANAC, but I admit that I have never believed in such things as planting by the light or dark of the moon and the weather predictions just don't coincide with all the talk of global warming and melting of the polar caps. For more accurate predictions, I will keep watching the weather broadcasts and the flora and fauna of the area.

If your azaleas have been bothered by Japanese beetles or Asiatic beetles (similar to Japanese beetles but have a velvety, chestnut-brown wing cover), and you want added protection apart from the beetle traps, try using a spray made up of pyrethrum and isopropyl alcohol. To make this solution, add one tablespoon alcohol to each pint of pyrethrum, or with pyrethrum rotenone, and spray your plants every three-five days for two weeks. For long term control, apply milky spore disease (Bt) to the soil. In the spring, carefully cultivate the soil around the azaleas and rhododendrons to expose the eggs, larvae, and pupae to the weather and predator birds. Azaleas and rhododendrons suffer from borers that drill their way into the tips of stems and twigs. As they get larger, they move into the woody part of the shrub, pushing out fine sawdust as they go. Ugly scars mark the branches, and sometimes the branches die. Both these stem borers are about half an inch long and yellowish. They overwinter in their stem burrows as partly green larvae; then, in June, adults emerge and lay eggs on leaves, new twigs, or the rough bark of the main stem. Adults sometimes girdle branches when laying their eggs, this causes the tip to die back and break off. In June, destroy eggs that you find, and try and run a wire into the hole of the borer to try and get it out, or you could use a solution of nicotine sulfate and spray it into each hole. The most complete control is to prune and burn affected stems, then coat open cuttings with paraffin or tree paint. (paraffin is also known as kerosene).

Seaweed and Fish Emulsion: It was found that spraying apples and peaches with seaweed prevented loss of fruit set when a cold snap occurs during flowering. The growth regulators in the seaweed help some of the fruit buds recover from the shock of the cold. It takes just a few applications of seaweed each spring to give your trees frost insurance. Spray peaches with a mixture of seaweed and fish emulsion when you can just see pink at the ends of the flower buds. Repeat just after the petals fall off. Apples and pears get three sprays: the first when about half an inch of green leaf is showing at the tips of the buds, the second when you can just see pink at the ends of the flower buds, and the third when the petals fall off. If your spring is warm and there is no frost during bloom, seaweed won't increase your final harvest. Seaweed and fish emulsion are available separately or pre-blended. Mix with water to make a spray according to the foliar feeding instructions on the label. The pH scale ranges from 1.0 to 14.0. Soils are called acid or alkaline, but the degrees are not great enough to pose any hazard to humans. Most soils are less acidic than orange juice and less alkaline than baking soda. The lower the pH value the more acidic the soil, the higher the value the more alkaline. With flowering and fruiting plants, foliar sprays are most useful during critical periods (after transplanting, during fruit set, extreme temps and drought). When using liquid fertilizers, always follow label instructions. You could also use a surfactant such as coconut oil or mild soap (quarter teaspoon per gallon) to ensure better coverage of the leaves, otherwise the spray may bead up on the foliage, and you won't get maximum benefit, make sure you measure the surfactant carefully, too much may damage plants. A slightly acid spray mixture is most effective, so check your sprays pH. Use small amounts of vinegar to lower pH and baking soda to raise it. You can also water in liquid fertilizers around the root zone.

WLS IN CHICAGO FOLLOWUP

By Bill Bryant

I wrote an article a few weeks ago (see Jan. 1996 issue of The Groundhog) about a radio station in Chicago: WLS. Since that time, I have contacted WLS and talked with the assistant to the station president about obtaining a cassette copy of an old Art Roberts' show. Mr. Roberts, as you will remember, from my previous article, was a disk jockey at the station.

The president's assistant (Ms. Ruth) told me that all the old tapes from the station had been sent to the Broadcast Museum in Chicago. Ms. Ruth was very helpful, and asked that I send the station a copy of my article, which I have done. She also gave me the phone number to the museum.

The gentleman at the museum told me they didn't copy tapes, and that I needed to contact a man who lived in New Hampshire, a man known as Mr. Ed. I called and left a message on his answering machine.

He returned my call that evening. His company, Man from Mars Productions, could and would make me an hour cassette copy of an Art Roberts' show for a nominal fee. Mr. Ed was a wealth of information; he told me several things about WLS and the disk jockeys who worked there. He also informed me that, as of 1988, Mr. Roberts was working at a station in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Ed and I had a good talk, and he said that, in spite of my "southern drawl," he had enjoyed talking with me. I, in turn, assured him that he had been a tremendous help in spite of the fact that he was a "damn yankee."

If anyone out there is interested in contacting Mr. Ed about a show, please let me know. My address is: Bill Bryant, HC 68, Box 761, Mentone, AL 35984.

Prelude to Spring

(This seasonal article and others to follow are 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 "Madagascar" by Don & Vonne Brock.)

With the lengthening days, the curtain rises on spring even before the calendar marks its coming. The sun shining on the southern eaves so strong that the fringe of icicles growing longer and longer drip a merry accompaniment to the March wood winds. Buds almost perceptibly swelling. Snows retreating on southern slopes. Distant hills deepening their purples. Sunsets in apple green and gold. Jupiter and Saturn, evening stars. Venus welcoming the dawn.

A flock of arriving fox sparrows busily scratching under the barberry bushes. Chickadees calling, "Phoe-be." Purple finches, royal harbingers of spring, now peering in the windows, as their stubby beaks make the husks of the sunflower seeds fly. Then taking time off in the shrubbery, there to puff out their gay feathers and tune their tone poems soon to be heard from tops of tallest trees.

In the garden, a pheasant trailing glory as he struts. In the old apple tree where winter-withered apples still cling, a purple grackle reconnoitering for his clan. Down the slope a cottontail flipping softened snow.

The sights and sounds humming a harmonious prelude. Sweet prelude to year at the spring.



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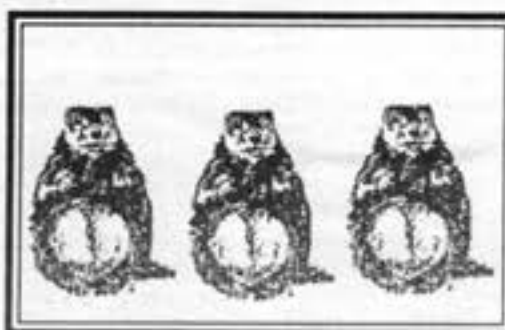


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by Randle & Charlotte Rice

IT
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CLEAR



The City of Mentone has had a comprehensive zoning ordinance for several years now. A sign was placed at each road coming into Mentone which says "ZONING LAWS IN EFFECT".

Sam Franks bought the old Martha Berry house on July 21, 1995. It is on Lookout Mountain Parkway just past the curve after passing the Episcopal Church. He proceeded to redo the house by making more bedrooms and baths as well as putting in new septic tank and field line facilities. He then applied for a license to run a bed and breakfast in his new property. The city officials explained to him that he could not open a bed and breakfast business because the house was zoned R-1 and would not allow him to do that. Sam was very unhappy because he had spent a lot of money and was not able to open the business that he had planned to use to generate substantial revenue.

Later, the Town of Mentone amended the zoning ordinance giving Sam the right to rent out three bedrooms instead of to just three people and to serve them breakfast as a tourist home. This was a reasonable accommodation and we had no objection to the changes.

On Monday, February 26, 1996 the Zoning Commission held a public meeting and decided to zone the area from the Mentone Inn to Sam's property on both sides of Lookout Mountain Parkway as B-1 so that Sam could expand and be classified as a Bed & Breakfast. Charlotte and I were the only ones to oppose the amendment to the zoning ordinance which would accommodate Sam.

Many of the people at the public hearing for the zoning commission felt like we were being unkind and harsh by opposing this zoning ordinance amendment. The simple truth of the matter is that we don't think the people involved realize that it is illegal for the zoning commission to pass an amendment to the zoning ordinance to accommodate Sam. A major change in the land use for the area would be required before an amendment would be legal.

That is why we are preparing legal briefs for the board of adjustment to appeal the decision of the zoning commission before they submit it to the Town Council for approval during the April meeting. Here are a few of the reasons for our determination to legally stop this amendment from being passed by the Town Council.

Law Books (C.J.S., Zoning and Land Planning) say:

It is generally the rule, subject to some exceptions, that amendments or other changes in zoning regulations or classifications should be made with caution, and only when changed conditions clearly required a modification of the regulations, or where it appears that the original zoning was erroneous, mistaken, unwise, or unjust; and this rule is particularly applicable to piecemeal changes from original zoning.

Correctness of original zoning and of comprehensive rezoning is strongly presumed, and to sustain piecemeal change therefrom, there must be strong evidence of mistake in original zoning or in comprehensive rezoning or else of substantial change in conditions. --- Md. - Mack v. Crandell, 223 a. 2d 248, 244.

A reclassification of only a small area or single parcel from residential or rural to a business, commercial, or industrial district without lawful basis and without reference to the public welfare, is improper spot zoning.

Extension of existing business zone - The mere fact that zoning commission acted to extend existing business zone in midst of, and wholly surrounded by, residential zone did not preclude change from being invalid as, in effect, constituting spot zoning. --- Conn. - Woodford v. Zoning Commission of Town of Ridgefield, 156 A. 2d 470, 147 Conn. 30.

If a residential zone rests on the border of a business or commercial zone that does not mean that it automatically can be rezoned a commercial district.

There is a presumption in a proceeding before a zoning board or commission that the original zones were well planned and the proponents of a change have the burden of proof as to the need therefor. Action taken on a rezoning application must be based on competent and substantial evidence.

Persons owning or purchasing property in an area classified under a zoning ordinance have a right to rely on the rule that a general classification will not be changed unless required for the public good.

An amendatory regulation may be invalid where it bears no substantial relation to public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. Regulations should not be changed or amended merely because certain individuals or groups desire a change.

The test of validity of a rezoning ordinance is whether the rezoning is for the general health, safety, and welfare, or whether by such rezoning the body taking such action is guilty of an unreasonable, arbitrary, or capricious exercise of legislative power.

Citation of Precedent:

C.A.Colo. 1974. A landowner cannot create his own hardship and then require that zoning regulations be changed to meet that hardship. --- C.F. Lytle v. Clark, 491 F.2d 834.

C.A. Mo. 1976. Property owners in area who have relied on existing zoning classification have an interest in perpetuation of such scheme unless public good dictates a change. --- Burns v. City of Des Peres, 534 F. 2d 103, certiorari denied 97 S. Ct. 164, 429 U.S. 861, 50 L. Ed. 2d 139.

Ala. 1950. A city is not obliged to zone, but if it attempts to zone, the city must follow the procedure prescribed in the act giving it power to zone. --- Code 1940, Tit. 37 #772-785. --- Ala. Alcoholic Bev. Control Bd. v. City of B'ham, 44 So. 2d 593, 253 Ala. 402.

Ala. 1949. Statute authorizing municipal corporations to adopt zoning ordinances is a delegation in part of the police power of the state to be exercised within the limits prescribed by the statute and the state and federal Constitutions protecting property rights for the promotion of the public good and general welfare, and contemplates that such zoning ordinance should include the whole municipality in a comprehensive plan and does not authorize spot zoning or zoning by piecemeal. --- Johnson v. City of Huntsville, 29 So. 2d 342, 249 Ala. 36.

Ala. 1972. Ultimate criteria in determining validity of a zoning ordinance, and amendments thereto, is whether ordinance creates zones in such manner that classifications are consistent with land use pattern of area and bear a substantial relationship to public health, safety, morals and general welfare. --- Code of Ala., Tit. 37, Sec 777. --- COME v. Chancy, 269 So. 2d 88, 289 Ala. 555.

Ala. 1965. Zoning Ordinance cannot be validly enacted or amended on basis of mere whim or pleasure of municipal authorities. --- Burnham v. City of Mobile, 174 So. 2d 301, 277 Ala 659.

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Ala. 1972. In determining whether a zoning ordinance is arbitrary and capricious, financial loss is not the test; rather, question is whether scheme is sound and classification fair. --- COME v. Chancy, 269 So. 2d 88, 289 Ala. 555.

C.A. Ala. 1981. If zoning ordinance is clearly arbitrary and unreasonable, having no substantial relation to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare, it must be struck down. --- Wheeler v. City of Pleasant Grove, 664 F. 2d 99, Certiorari denied 102 S. Ct. 2236, 456 U.S. 973, 72 L. Ed. 2d 847, appeal after remand 746 F. 2d 1437, appeal after remand 833 F. 2d 267.

Remember this. Without adherence to the law, there is no law.



The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

•New arrivals abound in Menlo. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Elbert Flood announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Wendall, on Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Floyd Medical Center, Rome.

•Mr. and Mrs. Joey Wayne Ross announce the birth of their son, Michael Brandon, on Saturday, Jan. 24, in the Floyd Medical Center, Rome.

•Deepest sympathy to the family of Sherry Woods Bishop, 49, who died on Jan. 21.



NEWBORN

Donnie and Sherry Wooten, LaFayette, would like to announce the birth of a daughter, Hayley Nicole. She was born Dec. 23 at Floyd Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce. She was 18 inches long. She has one brother, Matthew. Her grandparents are Charlotte Hegwood, Summerville, Troy Williamson, Fort Payne, Ala., and Hoyt and Kathleen Wooten, Menlo. The great-grandparents are Maudie Watson, Centre, Ala., Cora Lee Williamson, Fort Payne, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wooten, Perennial Springs.



4½ MONTHS OLD

Tiffany Julia Majors is the 4½-month-old daughter of Franky and Wendy Majors, Summerville. She was born Oct. 12 at Floyd Medical Center weighing 7 pounds, 12½ ounces. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Brenda Johnston, Summerville, Frank and Nancy Majors, Menlo. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Vera Majors, Menlo.



Oratorical Contest

Menlo Elementary School's participants in the Summerville-Trion Optimist Club's oratorical contest this week are, not in order, Zack Bradford, John Brown, Casey Luther, Clint McMurray, T. J. Pierce, Matt

Robinson, Justin Beaver, Guthrie Frazier, Ryan Hudgins, Ryan Jarrett, Nigel Plant and Joseph Swords. Judges for the contest were Cindy Hall, left, and Peggy Elrod, right. (Staff Photo).



Speech Participants

Students in grades 5-8 at Menlo Elementary School participated in the oratorical contest sponsored by the Summerville-Trion Optimist Club this week. Girls who participated are, not in order, Anna Dotson, Caris Farrar, Amanda Gentry, Brittany Hudgins, Samantha

Maloney, Erin DeMesquita, Amanda Hartman, Steele Lee, Lindsey Nixon, Sunny Smith, Ashley Swicegood, Kristy Walston, Sarah Kerce and Leslie Knox. Not shown are judges Pam Hegwood and Debbie Hedgis. (Staff Photo).



Oratorical Contest Winners

Menlo Elementary School's winners in the Summerville-Trion Optimist Club's student oratorical contest are Casey Luther, T.J. Pierce, Joseph Swords, Lindsey Nixon, Sarah Kerce, and Leslie Knox.

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Butterfly bush, *Buddleia davidii*, will flower in late spring and last through the summer. It is a permanent woody shrub and can grow up to 10 to 12 feet tall. This shrub will not die back in the winter and you can cut it back to keep it small. There are no serious pest problems with butterfly bush.

Some varieties of butterfly bush to look for include Black Knight which has dark purple flowers and Charming which has pink flowers. Lochinch has lavender-blue flowers that are fragrant. Nanho Purple has purple flowers that are smaller than the others. Royal Red will produce red flowers.

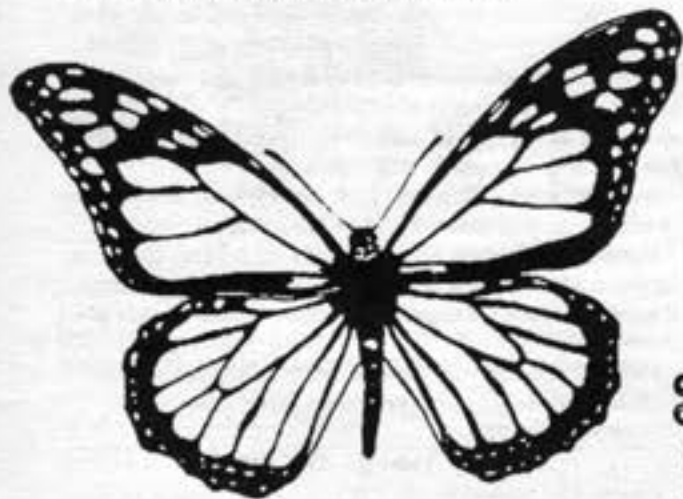
Lantana is another butterfly attractant that can be planted in the spring. This shrub may have pink or solid color flowers. You may recognize it by its yellow flowers that are trimmed in orange. Cultivars of lantana are compact and refined. Lantana is a smaller shrub than butterfly bush and is not as hardy. It will flower from late spring throughout summer.

You can plant some flowers, both annuals and perennials, to complement the shrubs. Zinnias attract butterflies but are susceptible to powdery mildew. You can find different varieties of zinnias in seed catalogs. Zinnias will bloom all summer. Other annuals to plant include french-hybrid marigolds, cosmos, tithonia and moss verberna. Moss verberna grows low to the ground.

Even though perennials will die back to the ground in winter, in the summer, some varieties will attract butterflies. Plant perennials such as thistle (creeping phlox) or purple coneflower. These perennials will flower in early spring and summer, respectively.

Don't rely on plants alone to attract butterflies. Create a habitat for them. Include a moisture source and fat stones for perching and basking in the sun. And avoid pesticide use.

Contact: Dr. Dave Williams, (334) 844-3032.



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Wendy Hyde	Kelly Spencer
Nikki Smith	Justin Baugh
DeWayne Grisham	9th Grade
10th Grade	Hayley Alcorn
None	Valerie Chappell
11th Grade	Shelley Ingram
Tabitha Brisendine	Nancy Jeffrey
Ashley Bialock	Eric Crane
Michael Scruggs	Jake Easler
8th Grade	Jason Owen
None	Josh Pullen
7th Grade	8th Grade
Virginia Hatfield	Sheenna Crow
Jill Wampler	Adriane Robertson
Eric Battles	7th Grade
ALL A & B	Jessica Barrier
12th Grade	Shelly Brown
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Ingrid Vik	Shannon Chappell
Shaunathan Bell	Annie Harrison
Lyndall Elkins	Laura Martin
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11th Grade	Will Shanklin
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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Baptist Church fellowship hall was adorned in red, white, and blue in observance of Presidents' Day, and to set the stage for a special meeting of the Valley Head Woman's Club on February 21. In the month of February each year, the Woman's Club sponsors an essay and poetry contest for Moon Lake and Valley Head students. This year was no exception, as teachers and winning students filed into the building to take their places among the Club members.

This year's essays were about Japan and its culture. The fifth grade students from Moon Lake are excited about having a Japanese class this year, taught by Yumika Muramatsu from Japan. A number of the essays expressed the fact that this is the favorite class of the day, and they expressed a strong love for their teacher. First place winner in the essay contest was Stuart Hurt; second place winner was Joshua Hughes; third place winner was Kiley Young; and receiving honorable mention were: Kerri McMunn, Justin Dingler, and Kelly Owen. Mrs. Joyce Smith, fifth grade teacher, works with the students every year as they prepare their essays for entry. The Valley Head High School students, under the direction of Ms. Rhonda Downer, wrote poetry, with Julie Yates winning first place, Trevor Strickland - second place, and Christy Ferguson - third place. (Copies of the poems are not available at this time.)

Delicious refreshments were served from tables with the patriotic theme of red, white and blue, centerpieces with American flags and Presidents' hats, by hostesses Martha Stanley, Judith Lollik-Andersen, and Helen Longshore.



1A All-Tournament

1A All-Tournament Team - Front: MVP Jennifer Gray, Rachel Jones and Ashleigh Adrian (Collinsville). Back: Nikki Smith and Jamie Baugh (Valley Head).

TIME TO GET GROWING

Essay Contest Winners

Japan Its Culture and Geography

By Stuart Hurt - 1st Place

Before I introduce you to Japanese culture, I would like to tell you about Japan's Geography. Japan is located in the Pacific ocean and is made up of four islands. It is known as an archipelago--an island nation. The four islands are: Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu. Mount Fuji the volcano, is situated on the island of Honshu and has an estimated altitude of 12,000 feet.

Ohayo! Watashiro namaewa Stuart Des. Genki? Translation: Good Morning! My name is Stuart. How are you? This is how one child would greet another in Japan. If the child were greeting an adult he would add "gazymas" after ohayo, thus, Ohayo Gazimas, in order to show respect. There are other greetings for different times of day. Konnichiwa means good afternoon. Karbanwa means good evening.

Most Japanese people have black hair and darker skin. If a girl happens to be born with large eyes, she is considered beautiful. Boys with large eyes are considered handsome. The majority of the people have a slight build.

In Japan, there are three basic alphabets, which are: Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji. Katakana was developed from Kanji. The difference is in the way they are written. Hiragana and Kanji are more complex, while Katakana is simpler. At Moon Lake our teacher, Yumika Muramatsu, is teaching us basic katakana. There are 46 basic letters in this alphabet.

Instead of dollars and cents, in Japan people use yen - a yen is equal to one US cent. For example, if you wanted to write \$31.57 in Japan, you would write it 3,167 yen. I am wearing a fine yen piece. In Japan, a five yen piece is considered a good luck charm. Ladies keep one in their purse and may never spend it. The five yen piece, like a fifty yen piece, has a small hole in the middle, giving it a doughnut shape.

Origami is enjoyed as a pastime in Japan. Origami is folding paper to get various shapes. You can make many creative and unique things using this art form. One can make paper boats, flapping cranes, balls, and colorful flowers.

In my opinion, Japan is a very interesting country. I have enjoyed studying this culture this year in school.

Joshua Hughes - 2nd Place

Yumika Muramatsu has given us great exposure to Japanese language. At the present time she is teaching us katakana which is the Japanese Alphabet. It is fun and interesting to learn the Japanese Alphabet.

She has taught us other things like how to say some Japanese words like "ohayo" meaning good morning, "konnichiwa" which means good afternoon, and "konbanwa" meaning good evening.

Yumika has taught us something I really enjoy which is how to count in Japanese, that's really fun.

For our school Christmas play she taught us how to sing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" in Japanese.

Yumika has taught us some very important things in Japanese which is the seasons of the year, and also the national holidays. They are important because they are days of people's birth.

I have really enjoyed Yumika being at Moon Lake, and I think she has taught us a lot of things about Japan.

Kiley Young - 3rd Place

I really like Japanese class. It gives you a chance to learn about another country and culture. Our teachers name is Yumika Muramatsu. She's more than a teacher. She's our friend. We really look forward to 8:35, which is Yumika's time. We really enjoy learning about Japanese Schools, Japanese national holidays, Japanese writing which is called Katakana. Now she is teaching us how to write the Japanese Katakana. The first class she taught us a lot about Japan. She taught us about the four islands that make up Japan and about the largest mountain in Japan and lots of other educational stuff. Next, she taught us how to count and how to say some Japanese words, such as Ohayo--good morning. Aligato--thank you. Yumika teaches us how to play games and makes learning fun. I love Japanese class. Its real, real fun. In my opinion I wish Yumika could stay for a couple of years instead of just one year, but Yumika has a family to be with too.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

The days are getting longer, and even if the cold wind blows, and there is still an abundance of snow over a great deal of the United States, spring cannot be far behind, and thoughts of planting gardens, landscaping and cleaning our yards are beginning to take shape. Spring has a musical sound to it after having braved a harsh winter. It also has a magical touch that is hard to believe. The earth starts warming and buds on trees start swelling with new life when the sap rises. Bulbs that have lain dormant for a few months seem to literally pop up and bloom as if a magic wand had been passed over the beds where they lie. That is the beauty of living in an area where we have four definite seasons. Mildred Burgess, Homer's sister, lived in Hawaii three years while her husband, Dennis, was in the Air Force, and she said she missed the seasonal changes more than anything. Mentone lies in the south temperate zone where we get the best of all four seasons. The only part I dread is the cold, damp, wet weather we usually have in January. "Old Arthur" doesn't like it at all. So the warmer clime of Florida has a special appeal at this time.

We are still having a good time feeding the beautiful Scrub Jays. This soft blue and gray colored bird is so gentle and unafraid, it just doesn't seem like a wild bird. It has become accustomed to our feeding it every morning, and if we sleep a little late, it comes to the door and chirps loudly for us to bring on the victuals. They enjoy peanuts, so we have been purchasing bags of them for their use. The Tampa Tribune ran an article on birds last week, telling of an island near Tampa where many varieties of birds nest and raise their young in the winter months. The Scrub Jay is one of the residents. Our neighbor, Bill Hughes, says they migrate to the north in the summer. I just wonder where in the north. I wish they would drop in for a visit in Mentone. We do get a variety of migratory birds in the spring and fall, and they are not always the same varieties.

Another bird here that is unusual to us is the Laughing Dove. They sound a little like owls, and seem to be in constant conversation with each other. Our lot is situated on Red Lake and when we walk down there, we see waterfowl. We're in bird paradise.

Strawberries are a big farm item from January until March. The farmers have had a hard time protecting the fruit this year. There was frost in some areas for two consecutive weekends, and some of the crop was damaged, but not enough to ruin all of them. Some workers were up all night spraying them with water, which ices over the plant and protects the berries from freezing. The sun cause temperatures to rise quickly, the ice melts, and the plants are all right. They do orange groves the same way. The groves are all around us, loaded with beautiful oranges and grapefruit. I don't believe they were sprayed here during the freeze. Maybe it was not cold enough to damage them.

Our address is listed as Avon Park, but we are actually closer to Sebring. We are between the two towns. Some days, we shop at Avon Park, but most of the time, we go to Sebring, which is about four miles from our property.

Sebring is a neat little town, situated on a large lake, with neat homes built of concrete blocks and stuccoed in the Spanish style. They are painted either white or in lovely pastel colors like most Florida homes. I think the citrus business is the main industry. The beautiful orange groves surround the area, except for the lake, of course. And I'm sure tourism is a mainstay during the winter months. More and more northern residents are coming to the inland part of Florida, to escape the extreme cold weather, instead of going to the overcrowded coastal areas. There are many trailer camps here where one may rent them for any length of time. They are not run down areas like we associate with trailer parks. They have recreation areas, swimming pools, and nicely landscaped surroundings. I met a couple at a coin laundry who live in Illinois and

who have been renting a trailer in one of these areas for six consecutive years. They stay for four months. They are acquainted with others who come each year, and they love it. All they have to do is get in their car with a few clothes and head south. We see them playing Shuffle Board and having a lot of fun when we drive by. Sebring, instead of having a square in the middle of town, has a "Round." It is very attractively landscaped with green grass, shrubs and blooming plants in beds, such as begonias and petunias. The Round is surrounded by neat shops. There is an antique shop, dress shops, restaurants, and a florist. One unique place is the Cat House Restaurant. Homer and I laughed till we hurt thinking about how we were going to tell our family and friends that we went into the Cat House, and that I went with Homer and even let him eat there. It is advertised as the only legal Cat House in the state. And the food is good. The waitresses wear T-shirts with cats printed on them, front and back. And we have frequented the place several times. When we got inside (honestly, I was worried about going in until I saw nicely dressed church people enter), we saw why it was so named. There are shelves on all the walls loaded with every kind imaginable of ceramic cats. Some have captions with them, some are small, some large—very interesting. The restrooms are called Sand Boxes, and there is one for Pussycats and one for Tom Cats. It gets one's attention. The place mats explain that the people who started the restaurant were cat lovers and used to train their pets and present them at cat shows.

Last week, they had their annual festival on the Round, sort of like our Rhododendron Festival. They call theirs the "Roaring Twenties" and have music, antique cars from that era, and even some people dressed in flapper attire. There are craft booths all around the "Round." This week, the County fair is here in Sebring. There is always something to do, but we have been happy just to be right here on our property—read, walk, write, and just generally enjoy resting and feeding the birds. This is the most relaxing time we have ever had. When we go on an overseas trip, it is usually fast paced, and we try to see as much of a country as possible in a short length of time. I like that, too, but rest is wonderful when we need it. Now, when we get home, there will be much work to be done, and we will be more able to handle things.

Work progresses on the tearoom at the Hitching Post and my brother, Don, should be working on replacing the side porch. It will be nice to come home to improvements and get back into the shop and see all of our friends, probably the middle of the month.

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VALLEY HEAD AREA - 2 Bdrm, 2 bath home on 7.25 acres. Home is located on Big Ridge, off of Road 969. \$40,500.

2 ACRES ON THE BROW, minutes from all attractions in and around Mentone. 146 ft. of Brow frontage (west, sunset). On DeSoto Parkway, with city water. Great buy at \$20,000.

ROLLING HILLS IN GEORGIA is what you would find in this 15 acres located in Cloudland Valley View Ranch Rd. Property has approximately 10 acres of grazing pasture, 1,000 ft. of private road, and the rest beautiful Hardwoods. A must see to appreciate the opportunities for this piece of land. \$45,000.

GREAT POTENTIAL FOR BED AND BREAKFAST in this 3 level home with elevator on the BROW on Desoto Parkway, Mentone. With so many amenities, here is just a few. 5 bedrooms, 5-1/2 baths on 2 levels with a full basement with another 10 rooms. Central heat and air, 3 fireplaces, screened porch and open deck, plus a sunroom. Large Great room and separate dining, kitchen, and breakfast room. 270 ft. of Brow frontage, with a sunset view. \$250,000 firm with owner financing to qualified buyers.

78 ACRES ON THE WEST BROW minutes from DeSoto State Park. Great investment property with over 1,000 ft. of brow frontage. Rocks, Creeks and a beautiful view, all one could ask for at a great buy of \$100,000. Call to see.

AUTHENTIC POLE LOG CABIN Perched on the rim of Little River Canyon and surrounded by 5 acres. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, living-dining combo, and Stone fireplace. Small log cabin at entrance of driveway, plus a large concrete workshop w/Elect., satellite dish. Great "Getaway" from everything. Reduced - \$57,000.

ALSO AVAILABLE - River, East and West Brow tracts, Little River Canyon, Building lots along Desoto Parkway, Mentone, and Acreage.

Lookout Mountain Properties is looking for Listings on Lookout Mountain and Mentone. If interested in renting, leasing or selling, please call Angela Wood.



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**Especially for you,
Toots,
on our 38th
Wedding Anniversary,
March 7.**

God bless us both as we celebrate this special day. May our love continue to grow even deeper as we walk together in the good things He has planned for us.
Thank you for 38 fantastic years, Toots.
Happy Anniversary!
Your loving husband, Sam



50th Wedding Celebration

DeSoto State Park Lodge was the setting for a reception on March 3 honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Jim and Elizabeth Ellis.

The dining rooms were beautifully decorated, the serving tables were exquisite, and the couple received over 300 guests throughout the afternoon. Among the lovely gifts was a poem written by a long-time friend, beautifully framed, and presented prior to the reception.

Half A Hundred (1946 - 1996)

The circle of love upon your hand,
A golden reminder, your wedding band.
United by God, husband and wife,
A holy union for all of life.

Half a hundred, a journey of years,
God has shared our many tears.
Joy and peace transcend our sorrow,
As we remember, God holds tomorrow.

Now the prescription for marital bliss,
The motto of life is simply this:
Put God first and then your mate,
Make each day a special date.

By Ancil Coulter

Happy Easter To You



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Psalms 34:3

Hasn't the Lord been good to us, bringing us through the cold, snow, and ice? But spring is on its way, the flowers are beginning to come up, the birds are singing joyfully. Don't you think it's time to praise the Lord and exalt his name together?



• REWARD • FOR LOST DOG

Sherlock is a black lab who wandered away while his owners were moving into a house on DeSoto Parkway on February 23. He is black with white on his neck. Sherlock's collar was found, so he is wearing no I.D. He is very friendly, but is unfamiliar with the area. If you have information about Sherlock, please call 634-4916.



The Fountains Mr. and Ms. Sweetheart Contest
for residents and employees

L/R: employee - Mr. David Sisk; resident - Ms. Ethel Adams; resident - Mrs. Ersken Davenport; and employee - Ms. Linda Moss. Ms. Adams is the mother of Grace Pullen and Robert Green.

Alien contest

Friday, March 15, 8 a.m.

Moon Lake School

Everyone who wears an alien costume will receive a prize.

There will be prizes for first, second and third, too.

Don't miss this event.

Come and watch or participate.

You'll have a great time.

See how innovative these Moon Lake Students can be.

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 8, at noon and evening at Church of God on Hwy. 117, Mentone Fundraiser for Church of God youth group for Youth Missions

Spaghetti, & Meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, and cake - \$4.50.

Eat out in or take out.

Call in orders accepted - 634-4418