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Tenth Anniversary Celebration of Dessie's Kountry Chef (1991-2001)

By Evelyn Graves

On August 6, 1935, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Odessa Brown was born to Robert Eli Brown and Jessie Young Brown. She was the third child of a family of five children.

Dessie was a rather prodigious child, full of energy and a strong desire to learn. She was fascinated with life and what was going on around her and wanted to be a part of all the good things. Her father was a godly man who took the children to church and was concerned about their spiritual well-being and that they should have a proper upbringing. After his death, their mother took a more active part in those areas of their life.

When Dessie was 11 years old, she attended singing school which was being held at her church. She was very much interested in singing but was more interested in playing the piano. She asked the singing school teacher to show her some notes on the piano. She persisted day after day in seeking knowledge from the singing school teacher. He saw that she really was interested and talked with her father about buying a piano for her and sending her for lessons. Her father was hesitant to commit to such an expensive "fad" that he felt would soon pass. However, in time, he realized that his determined little girl intended to learn to play the piano. He bought the instrument, and Dessie took lessons from a fine piano teacher. She practiced diligently every minute that she had, and, in five years, she had mastered the music program outlined by the teacher and was told that she knew as much as the teacher did.

Dessie's desire to learn prevailed, and she received a diploma in General Business when she graduated from Kirkman Technical High School in Chattanooga.

Dessie's next big step was her marriage to Herman Cryer and their move to Texarkana, Arkansas. They had three children—Mike, Sharon, and David. She spent the next few years being a housewife and mother—perhaps the most honorable of all professions. Dessie took a great deal of



Dessie Newberry visits with customers at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

pride in being a good wife and mother. She learned to be an excellent cook, a challenge from her mother-in-law who also was an excellent cook.

The following years for Dessie were successful in that she was office manager for a photography studio; she had various sales jobs and became the first female Contact Sales Manager in the Sears Company. She worked for twelve and a half years there, and then she became the first female Home Improvement Manager for Montgomery Ward. She

worked as an insurance agent with two different companies, and had sales jobs with Avon, May Kay Cosmetics, and worked in interior decorating.

In 1989, Dessie was divorced, and her life took a new direction.

One Sunday in August 1989, Dessie visited Howard's Chapel near DeSoto State Park. She had been there on one occasion when she was a teenager. After attending two or three services there, she was asked to play the piano for the Howard's Chapel Quartet and continued for quite some time. She later became the Howard's Chapel pianist and served in that capacity for over two years. She had served as church pianist in every church she had attended through the years.

Texarkana was famous for several good restaurants that specialized in excellent catfish with all the trimmings. After driving far and wide looking for good catfish, Dessie and her family were always disappointed. Dessie and her son David talked about opening a food business. With those thoughts still fresh on their minds, an opportunity presented itself in the form of a Mobile Food Unit. However, it was not equipped for cooking catfish. Instead, they sold hamburgers, BBQ, hotdogs and other type sandwiches. Things went well for awhile, but it became too difficult for Dessie to manage by herself and the mobile unit was sold.

One day in January 1991, Dessie and her friend Dorothy, who was a member of the Howard's Chapel Quartet, were

See story and photos continued on page 5.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

It is difficult to realize that March is only a few days away. I don't know where the first two months of 2001 have gone. They have slipped away so fast, and I have not accomplished even a small portion of the things I had planned to get done.

Betty Bain and I are working on plans for the RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL. The dates this year are MAY 19-20. There are several other events that weekend, but we hope there will not be too much conflict. COTACO CREEK will again coordinate our entertainment for both days. We are making some changes in the agenda this year, and we will be announcing final plans for those at a later date. Several of the dealers who were with us in the fall have already indicated they will be back.

We are revising the tourist brochure which MAPA sponsors. Just in case you are not familiar with this brochure, it is the type found in hotel/motel lobbies and the rest areas along the highways. They are distributed all over northeast Alabama. If you would like your business to be listed in the revision, please contact Dessie Newberry. We are approaching the deadline, so you will want to get in touch with her as soon as possible. From the response we get, it seems they are read by a lot of people who are interested in our area.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather in January and February, we did not have a meeting of MAPA either month. The next meeting of MAPA will be Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. You are invited to come join us.



-PUBLIC NOTICE--

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for 2001

March 15 June 14
September 20 December 20

Other special or called meetings will be posted as required.

All meetings are held in the town hall meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

John Bares, Zoning Administrator

A CHANGE IN THE GROUNDHOG PAGE SIZE

The publisher has changed the paper size of The Groundhog. This means there are 2 inches less on the length of each page and 1/2 inch less on the width of each page. This has necessitated a lot of extra work and resizing on this issue.

In order for us to do each issue, we will adhere to the following

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

●The Groundhog is published on the first Thursday of each month.

●The due date for articles is the 15th of each month.

●The 20th of each month will be the FINAL day copy for articles will be accepted for each issue.

●You may submit an update to your article no later than the 25th of each month.

●Typewritten copy is preferred for long articles.

●Photographs must be submitted with any copy or information. The photos also must be in no later than the 20th of each month.

If an article/information/photo does not appear in the current issue, it will appear in the next month's issue. If it was submitted after the 20th of the month, it will be in the next issue.

Please help us to get each issue out by following the above deadlines. We appreciate the efforts of each columnist and those who submit information. We thank you for assisting us in putting together each issue of The Groundhog.

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Renovations in Town Hall are ongoing. There will be a counter up front and desks for the Town Clerk, the Water Board, and the Town Magistrate. There will soon be a new computer for the Town Clerk and Water Board. Magistrate Ethel Manifold-Gregory also will have a new computer to better track court cases and records. We succeeded in negotiating for additional monitors and software, a \$1500 value, for the original price quoted to us. We hope all of this streamlining will make Town Hall a more pleasant place and one in which we can all take pride.

Town Clerk Marie Dillenbeck, Water Board Chairman Bobby Brown, and I have been to a meeting about the new computers and upcoming innovations.

In addition, new phone numbers are:

WATER BOARD - 634-9106

Town FAX LINE ONLY- 634-9534

POLICE - 634-0704

(TOWN HALL remains the same - 634-4444)

The Town Council appointed a committee to study questions and procedures regarding possible annexation of areas requesting such. See article on the back page of this issue. Also, I have initiated a new service to be provided at Town Hall for deceased loved one's families and friends. This, too, is addressed in another notice in this paper.

A federal grant for radio equipment, a tower, and an FCC license has been applied for to improve our communication between police and other law enforcement agencies. We are also on the #1 priority list for an emergency siren.

Our citizens' committees: Beautification and Senior Activities; Tourist and Events; Streets, Parks, and Bridges; Judiciary; and Finance and Budget met at the Mentone Community House February 7th. Some 40 persons were present to make and discuss plans.

The Beautification and Senior Activities Committee, composed of chairpersons, respectively, Ann Wright and Sam Franks, have been busy. Soon new federal and state land and water grants will be available to help the Beautification group. They are planning new signs at the top of the mountain and for Ed Mason Park, too. Also, plans are underway for pedestrian walkways at the intersection of Scenic Drive and Highway 117. The Seniors folks have been hard at work to complete surveys and have met with a TARCOC director to finalize details for senior activities, including crafts, hot meals, and a meals-on-wheels program for shut-ins. Both Sam Franks and Ann Wright and their

hard working committees are due our gratitude for this fine work.

Tourist and Events Committee Chairpersons Sherri Brown and Joe Hines are also busy scheduling further sessions.

At the request of residents in the Dempsey, Dogwood, and Huron areas, these properties have been rezoned from R2 to R1, for single family residences only, by our Zoning Commission, led by John Bares, the new Zoning Administrator.

Pets running loose

We are having serious complaints about unruly dogs. Owners must be responsible for their dogs and pets. It is suggested that either you spay your dog or keep it in a safe place during mating season to avoid a possible law suit. Reminder: state laws require that dogs wear a tag.

WATER BOARD

Two grants have been filed. One is a drought relief grant for those residents along County Roads 641 and 639, and Alabama Hwy 117, who have been plagued by dry wells. This grant is for \$495,000. Another grant is for 1.5M for rehab of old two-inch lines, a new tank, and fire hydrants. The Water Board and the Town Council are dedicated to helping our volunteer Fire Department lower insurance rates and increase water flows and to provide fire hydrants required, and to get grants for equipment, too. Our new pumps are working and the new 8-inch supply lines are proving to supply a greater, faster flow of water.

NOTE: Just as the paper was going to press, we learned that the "Drought Grant Application" had been approved by the state RDA engineer. We hope to receive a letter of commitment in the next couple of months.

Congratulations to Jimmy Worthey for passing his Class I Operator's test required by the ADEM, and thanks to Ed Jones for securing study materials and taking him to take the test.

In accordance with state and local area studies, our Town Clerk, Police, and Water Board salaries have been updated. Chairman Bobby Brown has been attending meetings about possible future innovations for our water system.

TOWN MEETINGS

Again I urge any and all to attend the regular Town Council meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM., and the Water Board meetings on the 4th Thursdays at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome.

C.E. Britt, Mayor



LITTLE RIVER

CEMETERY



NEWS

By Ken Kirby

If you have traveled recently in the vicinity of Little River Cemetery, you may have noticed a different look for our church building. We have been busy refurbishing the exterior, which includes a new roof and vinyl siding.

Late last year, the Board voted to preserve this historic building rather than let it continue to deteriorate due to aging and weather conditions. Although this prominent landmark building is only used on Decoration Day (3rd Sunday in May) each year, it was felt the community would prefer to preserve rather than destroy this important landmark. We are beginning the process to have it added to the National Register of Historic Buildings. We believe the building was constructed in 1861. The final cost will be approximately \$9000.00.

The money required for this refurbishing was taken from our Trust Fund for this purpose, and this fund is in need of rebuilding. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please mail your check to:

Little River Cemetery Trust Fund
c/o Dot Crowe
PO Box 151
Mentone, AL 35984

Your support in this effort will be greatly appreciated!!

Further news!!

If you are one of the many people asking about cemetery plots, you probably know the original section is now full.

We have finally finished surveying the new section nearby and are now prepared to provide lots in the new section immediately. We have a survey plat, section details, a sales contract form, and a list of rules and regulations available for your review. These lots will sell initially for \$100.00 each. We will have a new bulletin board erected at the cemetery soon and will have the above documents displayed there for the public to review.

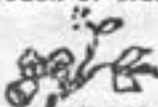
If you are interested in purchasing plots, please contact one of the following people:

Nelson Stallings.....256-634-4180
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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Barbara Nancarrow continues to improve slowly. She enjoys hearing him read all the cards and notes that she receives. You may send her a card or note at their Michigan address. She appreciates hearing from all of those who write to her. Her address is 205 Kennely Rd. A-4, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Bill Russell turns 77 on March 14. Happy Birthday, Bill!

Congratulations to Phillip Bryan McCurdy who has begun law school at UCLA Law School. He was valedictorian of the 1995 graduating class at Sylvania and a 1999 honors graduate of Emory University in Atlanta. He is the son of Martha Ann McCurdy of Valley Head, and the late Phillip Gerald McCurdy.

Kathryn B. Akins and Ronald Jason Willoughby, of Valley Head, recently were named to the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.5 grade point average at Jacksonville State University. Congratulations on your hard work!

The Culture Club continues to accept donations for its annual "March Into Reading" book sale to benefit the DeKalb County Public Library. The sale will take place March 31, and items can be donated until March 19. Now is the time to go through your books and donate them for a worthy cause. See notice on page.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Hoyt Franklin Ott, 78, Valley Head, 1/28;
- Willard Riedesel, 82, Mentone, 2/5;
- Mrs. Vera Mae Goss, 61, Henagar, 2/11
- Dr. James E. Quimby, 82, Valley Head, 2/19
- Mrs. Eleanor Ruth Pullen Tate, 59, Mentone, 2/17
- Dora Lee Schrader, 78, Mentone, 2/23

Congratulations to weather artist Christopher Templeton, 8, of Hammondville. His drawing appeared in the Feb. 27 issue of *The Times-Journal*.

Please continue to keep Royce Truett and her mother Alma Crabtree in your prayers, along with many others who are having health problems themselves or with family members.

Happy March Birthday/Anniversary wishes to: •3- Nalc Wilson, Laura Martin; •4-Ruth Porter, Durrell Owens; •5- Eiko Key, Shelby Langley; •6- Inez Guffey; •11- Marie Hunt; •12- George Shankles; •17-Mary Jane Hunt; •18- Sherryl Lewis; •19- Thomas Jacob Shepherd; Michelle Moore, Savannah Smith; •20-Wanda Simmons; •21-Wanda Black, Donna Bouldin; •22- Jimmy Cooper; •23-April Blansit; •24-Rick Chapman, Jimmy Phillips; •25- Evelyn Graves; •26-Angie Lancy, Peter Stevens; •27- Gary Talley, Sharce Jenkins; •28-Betty Chapman, Brigita Modglin, Frankie Lewchuk, Cindy Bethune; •30-Maureen Brewer, Donyal "Foots" Rector (in memory); •31- Ruby Daniel, Dence Jenkins.

WRITERS AND READERS:

Please read the article on Page 2 regarding deadlines for copy and photographs. We need your help for each issue. Thank, you.



President Jimmy Carter talking to Aaron Matthews (inset) Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter with Aaron Matthews



Aaron Matthews and his teacher, Neil Thompson

Aaron Matthews sings at the Piano Dedication in honor of Rosalynn Smith Carter

By Marie Dillenbeck

On February 3, 2001, Aaron Matthews, a 10 year old, was privileged to sing at the ceremony honoring Mrs. Rosalynn Carter for her more than two decades of work to improve the quality of life for people around the world. The ceremony was to dedicate the Rosalynn Smith Carter Steinway concert grand piano in the Ryland Theatre, in the Jimmy Carter Auditorium, in Americus, GA.

Aaron Matthews, soloist, is ten years old and a fifth grade student at Martha P. Nicholson Elementary School, Marietta, GA, where he has studied music under Neil Thompson since kindergarten. His performance debut was in third grade as the Cowardly Lion in the school's stage production, *The Wizard of Oz*. Since then, he has performed in a number of choral ensembles and is a frequent soloist at Nicholson's "Theatre of the Stars." Aaron was one of nine artists who were listed on the program. He signed several programs afterwards.

Also on the program was Aaron's teacher, Neil Thompson, pianist, from Marietta, GA. Mr. Thompson

teaches music at Nicholson Elementary School, Marietta, and has participated in a number of Steinway Pianorama Concerts at Atlanta's Fox Theatre.

Prior to the piano dedication ceremony of Feb. 3, Aaron sang on January 28, at the Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. He sang, "The Savior Is Waiting".

After the dedication, Aaron was asked by Mr. and Mrs. Carter to come to sing at their church, Maranatha Baptist Church, in Plains, GA. Aaron sang, "The Savior Is Waiting".

Aaron is the son of Bryan and Brigetta Matthews of Marietta, GA; the grandson of Charles and Janice Matthews of Valley Head, AL; and the great grandson of Howard and Jo Carson of Valley Head, AL.

Great Grandmother Jo said that she was excited that a 10 year old could go that far. She heard that Aaron was also asked by a member of the Braves team to come sing at a Braves game. Aaron's family is very proud of him and his accomplishments.

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riding through Mentone and noticed a sign in the window of what is now Dessie's Kountry Chef that the building was for rent or lease. The building had originally been built for a grocery store and service station, and, in its present condition, it was in a bad state of repair. Dessie, who was always ready for a new adventure and who believed that nothing was impossible, immediately began to visualize a wonderful restaurant that would serve the community—not realizing at that time that Mentone is a summer resort with summer camps and tourists year round—a restaurant that would serve delicious catfish and good home style cooking.

By March 20, with a lot of cleaning, painting, buying of fixtures, permits, licenses, and a lot of setbacks, Opening Day arrived.

Mike, Dessie's oldest son, and his wife Tena, who had been performing for seventeen years as a singing duo, came off the road and settled in Fort Payne to help with the restaurant. They had family in Texarkana who got the necessary information to be able to prepare the catfish like they had grown accustomed to while living there.

Despite a lot of ups and downs over the past 10 years, Dessie feels that she made the right choice in opening *The Kountry Chef*, which has more commonly become "Dessie's" to the local people.

The public's consensus is that *The Kountry Chef* has been successful, which has been demonstrated many times.

Dessie has been voted "The Best Cook in DeKalb County" for 1995-1997 and again in 2000.

The Kountry Chef has been listed in *Southern Living* magazine (October 1997 issue), and the hard copy of the *National Geographic*, *Small Town Escapes*. Dessie has been honored to be in the National Register of Who's Who

in Washington, DC, for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and was awarded two plaques. September 1998, featured Dessie's Kountry Chef in "The Barns of the South" calendar, when a professional photographer saw her advertisement on a barn roof on DeSoto Parkway, took the picture, and submitted it to *National Calendar of Barns of the South*.

Many of Dessie's dreams have been realized though the operation of *Dessie's Kountry Chef*: her love of people, of fine food, and of music have all played their roles in this operation. She experiences an overflowing crowd on Sundays, on special weekends at Mentone, and at other times.

In an interview with *Chattanooga Times Free Press* on February 14, 2001, Dessie stated that she insists on quality in all she serves and that her catfish comes from Mississippi, is pond-raised and shipped directly to her. She uses a light batter and the fish is not heavy or greasy. She uses recipes that have been passed from one generation to the other. She stated, "Catfish and a meat special are on the menu each day, with a good selection of sandwiches. On Sunday, the meat and vegetable menu is expanded to include several entree choices."

Live entertainment draws a crowd to the 100-seat restaurant on Friday evenings when gospel harmonies fill the air. Saturday evenings the pace picks up with music of the roaring '20s.

The Stephens Singers from Henagar sing on the first Friday evening of the month. The Kindreds from Fort Payne sing on occasion, as well as Rhyme and Reason from Georgia. The first Saturday evening of the month "The River Rascals" from Rome, Georgia, delight their audience with songs from the '20s, '30s, and '40s. Mike and Tena

perform on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of the month, with songs from the '50s and '60s with a lot of Elvis Presley and Patsy Cline music. They are a delightful duo and well worth your time to hear as they provide dinner music. Russell O'Dell is the latest addition. He has sung at other local restaurants as well as restaurants in Chattanooga. He will definitely entertain you with a variety of music and his ability to involve his audience.

Dessie's current plan is to install a big screen TV for playing Southern gospel music during serving hours when live music is unavailable. She feels that this is a ministry she can provide to people who enjoy this type music and also to people whose spirits need a lift.

You are invited to a Tenth Anniversary Celebration at *Dessie's Kountry Chef* on Sunday March 18, from 4 to 6 PM. (See flyer on back page of *The Groundhog*.)

Dessie says "Thank you" to God first, to her family, customers, and friends, vendors, bankers, and everyone else who helped *Dessie's Kountry Chef* become a success. She says, "With God as my pilot, friends like you, and family, how can I lose?"

Thank you, Dessie, for your contribution to Mentone, to the Mentone Area Preservation Association, to the Mentone Fire Department, and all of the other many ways that you are involved in making Mentone a great community. We especially thank you for making *Dessie's Kountry Chef* what it is, and that local people are able to dine locally with quality food and service.

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PRESCRIPTIONS



A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

We have had some beautiful Spring like days. Jonquills and crocuses are blooming and so many beautiful Forsythia bushes so full of golden blooms--and Robins are dancing and singing--everything believing it is Spring. I hope they are right!

Alison Meadows enjoyed a weekend visit, Feb. 23-25, with Bill and Jo Griffen and sons, Robert Griffen and Jeff Mosher, at Lake Altoona, at Acworth, Ga.

Ed Ringer's brother, Dr. Robert Ringer and friend, Robert McReynolds, from Marianna, FL, visited Ed Feb. 2. Next day, they drove to Murphy and visited the Stones River National Monument where a crucial battle of the Civil War was fought. The next day, they went to Nashville and attended the National Woodworker's Show. On Sunday, they attended Valley Head Methodist Church and returned home.

Walter Brook's brother, L.C. Brooks and wife, Arverlene from Albertville, spent the day, Feb. 28, with him and Christine.

Barbara Ray and her sister-in-law, Willene, from Ashland, AL, spent the day Feb. 24, with Eugene and Juanita Smith.

Lamar and Jimmy Waters, from Chickamauga, GA, spent the day, Feb. 23, with their cousins, Edith and Alvin Cox. They drove around Mentone and other places of interest.

Jim and Doris Carmichael went to Collinsville Nursing Home, Feb. 23, and visited Virginia Livey and Evelyn Skandies. They were feeling as well as usual.

Ruth and Bert Pickett, Beth Wright, and Dillie Pickett, went to Opelika, AL, Sun, Feb. 25 to visit Johnny Young and help her celebrate her 95th birthday, at their son Bill's house. Over one hundred friends came by also to wish her a happy birthday.

Gladys Cobble spent several days with her son, Micky Cobble, in Chattahoochee, recently.

Lillie Bowden went with Joy Hurt to Brewton, AL, Feb. 25. Joy purchased four baby (bottle fed) goats. She has eighteen Boer goats and expecting twins and triplets (goats, that is) soon. It seems she has a full-time job with them, but she said her husband, Johnny, is good to help her.

Len Bracken, Ruth Pickett's nephew, is very seriously ill in a hospital, in Little Rock.

Barry Brown is improving after a fall and broken ribs.

Venna Livingston is having a rough time with a back problem.

Patti Brown is ill with pneumonia.

Janice Gourdon, teacher at Ider, has suffered a massive stroke. Please remember her and her family, and all who are ill, in your prayers.

I am thankful to be feeling better after the flu or "what-ever." My granddaughter Robin Darby, came from Collierville, TN, Feb. 2, and spent the weekend bringing me candy and goodies. On Sat., she took Cindy Meadows,

Beverly Wright and me to Shoney's for my birthday dinner. For dessert, they served me a large square of fudge cake with candle--Nice!

The building and expansion program of the Valley Head Baptist Church has begun. The Baptist Church sent a meal to the Quimby family who were here for Dr. Quimby's funeral. I hope to have more about his funeral next month. He was dearly loved, and so good to everyone.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, the following members of the Sunshine Club, enjoyed lunch at Muffins Restaurant at Centre: Susie Clark, Lillie Bowden, Billie Pickett, Joy Hurt, Evelyn Clark, Anna Daniel, Lillian Pickett, Billie Harper, and Bethy Betties, who had surgery the next day. Bethy is home now and doing fine. Muffins is owned by Joy Hurt's son, Chad McGinnis, and wife.

I appreciate this news from Jim and Doris Carmichael:

"Jim and Doris Carmichael took an 8-day trip to Texas. They left Valley Head, Thurs., Feb. 8, and had lunch with their daughter, Emmy Ricketts, in Tuscaloosa, then drove to Vicksburg that night. The next day, they drove to Tyler, TX, to visit Doris' cousins, the Ozments, Smiths, and Breeders--six families--all got together for two days and nights. It was so much fun, as they rarely see each other. Afterwards, they drove to San Antonio for three days and nights. It was a beautiful drive, with beautiful ranches and countryside. San Antonio is a beautiful old town with lots to see and do. They left there the 14th for Baton Rouge. The highlight was driving through Houston--so much traffic! Called Jim's cousin, Peter Carmichael, but he was at LSU watching a baseball game, declined a nice invitation from his wife because they already checked in at a motel. Next day, went to Tuscaloosa to see grandchildren, Lucy, John, and Polly Ricketts and their parents, Emmy and Dr. Mark Ricketts. They were joined by granddaughter, Kay Thomas, a student at the University. Jim took the grandchildren to school, and they left for home just ahead of the terrible storm that did so much damage to Tuscaloosa and Birmingham. After a great time, it was good to be home."

I hope the warm weather lasts and the beautiful flowers and fruit blooms are not killed, as too often they are. Everyone be aware of the beauty and enjoy!!

March, the Beast

March is a wild roaring beast,
Constantly on the prowl;
Winter's last fury unleashed
To prance, to blist and to howl.

It seeks the warming breezes,
To change their temperature;
Their breath it quickly freezes,
Hoping Winter can endure.

It searches by the hour,
Any fruit's unwary bloom,
To shrivel, sear and devour,
If they venture from their tomb.

Roaring in the hurricanes,
In brutal destructive force--
Chewing up cluttered lanes,
Spits them out far from source.

It is a strong fighting beast,
But only for a season,
Meek as a lamb, snowy fleeced,
It must bow to April's reason.

--Eloise Brown

TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

Tri-County has had several volunteers complete the Georgia Fire Fighting Training, and another group of volunteers is preparing for the spring certification test. In mid-February, Tri-County was certified by the State of Georgia as an OFFICIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. A state inspector met with Chief Daniel Huskey and the inspector found all of Tri-County's training and equipment met state standards.

The Tri-County Volunteers send their thanks to the Mentone/Cloudland community for their help and support in becoming certified. Chief Huskey wants to remind everyone that Tri-County can always use more volunteers for fire/rescue, equipment maintenance, and fund raising. For more information call Chief Huskey at 706-862-6465.

CHILI SUPPER FUND RAISER

Tri-County will be hosting a chili supper at their headquarters on March 3rd from 4.00 to 8.00 p.m. GA time. The menu will include both meat and vegetarian chili, along with the choice of a grilled cheese or peanut butter sandwich. All proceeds will go toward buying fire and rescue supplies. Everyone is invited to attend. Tri-County headquarters are located at the GA/AL line where GA highway 48 meets AL highway 117.

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The April issue of *The Groundhog* will be printed on April 5 and in the boxes on the 6th and 7th.

If you would like to have an item or a birthday listed in the Grapevine, please call me at 634-4541 or write me at PO Box 293, Mentone, AL 35984. Thank you. All items will be appreciated.



Kayla Hazell



Haley Saferite

Alabama Highlands Ballet

"Millennium Concert" Coming March 17th

The Alabama Highlands Ballet will present a "Millennium Concert" on Saturday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the DeKalb Theater in Fort Payne. Based in DeKalb County, the Ballet is the performing company of the Alabama Highlands School of Ballet, whose studio is at the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Director Tim Murphy wanted to have his students do something big and special for the first year of the new millennium, hence, this performance.

The highlights of the program will be two story ballets: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," and the world premiere of "The Birth of Venus," the story from classical mythology of the coming of the goddess of love and beauty, rising from the foam of the sea. Shorter works will include a wide variety of dances ranging from a selection from "Swan Lake" to a Spanish suite featuring three soloists dancing to Massenet's music for his opera, "Le Cid." And guest artist Jenny Hannah, from Chattanooga, a world class baton twirler, as well as a dancer with Ballet Tennessee, will perform two routines to music of "River Dance" and "Malaguena."

Alabama Highlands Ballet dancers come from throughout the area. Mentone is

represented by Kayla Hazell and Haley and Amelia Saferite. Dancers from Valley Head are Lauren Grisham, Alaina Starke, Bray McCormick, McKenzie McCormick, Casper McCormick, Mandy McCormick, and Raven Pangle; from Pisgah: Brianna Brock; from Rainsville: Brianna Kitchen; and from Henagar: Savannah Owens. Dancer Julie Zanzig is from Adamsburg. From Fort Payne are: Kaitlyn Burt, Dee Dee DeDios, Anna Beth Dobbs, Cintya Guerrero, Emilee Harris, Rebecca Herzberg, Charlene Mendiola, Kennington Nolan, Amanda Noland, Meggie Rogers, Vicki Stinson, Rachael Thompson, Abigail Todd, Ashlea Willoughby, and Nicky Yate.

These young dancers have been hard at work the past few months learning and perfecting their dances, and are excited about sharing their artistry with you. So, for a colorful and magic-filled evening of dance, plan to attend our "Millennium" spectacular.

Advance tickets at \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children 12 and under are available at AmSouth Banks in Fort Payne, Morgan Drugs in Valley Head, and Little River Hardware in Mentone. Any leftover tickets will be available at the door the evening of the performance.



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Plan to begin your spring cleaning early by donating extra books, both hardcover and paperback, for adults and children. Other items accepted for the sale include video tapes, CD's, games, and puzzles. Please note that magazines will not be accepted.

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Executive Session Held By DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

At 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, Ann Wright, President of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs called the meeting to order in the Rio Room at the Western Sizzlin on Gault Avenue in Fort Payne. The group assembled consisted of representatives from the various garden clubs in the federation-President Dallyne Jones, Mickey Gough, Ann Wright, Linda Brown, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Rhododendron Garden Club; President Celestine Darnell, Fort Payne Garden Club; President Rieta Grant, Flowering Dogwood Garden Club; Lois Fuller and President Lori Stubbs, Ider Garden Club; President Aubie Mac Dean, Azalea Garden Club; President Ann Houston, Rainsville Garden Club; Kaolin Garden Club and Cedar Bluff Garden Club had no representatives in attendance.

Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with by mutual consent of all those present. Secretary Linda Brown marked attendance. Treasurer Ann Houston then gave the financial reports. Under unfinished business, the ladies discussed the fact that each garden club in the federation had sent a minimum of two representatives to last year's Home and Garden Show at the Rainsville Civic Center to serve as greeters, guides, etc. The Home and Garden Show has long since been extremely generous with the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs, and the ladies expressed their heartfelt appreciation for that fact. It is because of the financial support of the federation by the Home and Garden Show that the ladies are able to put on as nice a flower show at the fair every year as they are.

Plans were made to send representatives to the 2001 Home and Garden Show March 17 and 18 at the Rainsville Civic Center to function as greeters, guides, giving out programs, etc. The schedule the ladies decided upon for manning the Home and Garden Show was the same as last year with Rainsville Garden Club working from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 17. Fort Payne Garden Club will work from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the ladies from Ider Garden Club will take over. From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Azalea Garden Club will finish the day. On Sunday, March 18, Flowering Dogwood Garden Club will function as greeters and guides with various duties such as giving out programs and keeping exhibitors from leaving the dining area with food. The 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. shift will be taken by Kaolin Garden Club and Rhododendron Garden Club.

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs Spring Luncheon was the next big item on the agenda under New Business. The ladies agreed to have their Spring Luncheon at the Minvale Life Center on April 28 with registration beginning at 11 a.m. and the proceedings getting underway at noon. All ladies in the various garden clubs are reminded to put that date on their calendars. The price for the luncheon is \$10.00, and club members should pay their individual club treasurers so that each club can send one check to cover all the ladies from that particular group who will be attending. Reservations absolutely must be made by April 15. A tentative menu of baked chicken breast, green beans almandine, rice, congealed salad (flavor to be decided), rice, and fruit (flavor yet to be decided) cobbler was discussed by the ladies.

Each club was given a specific duty in preparation for the Spring Luncheon. Azalea Garden Club has charge of seeing to it that the programs are printed up and ready for distribution at the door. Fort Payne Garden Club agreed to provide name tags for the ladies attending the Spring Luncheon and the necessary place cards for the head table. Rhododendron Garden Club was given responsibility for registration which amounts to checking the ladies off the list as they come in

and giving them their name tags. Flowering Dogwood Garden Club will be making the flower arrangement for the head table. Cedar Bluff Garden Club and Ider Garden Club will be handling the floral designs for the various tables at which the ladies will sit at the Spring Luncheon.

Rainsville Garden Club will handle doing the numbers, the names, whatever, for the awarding of the door prizes. Members of Kaolin Garden Club will be in charge of seeing to it that the building is cleaned up after the Spring Luncheon. Each garden club is responsible for furnishing two door prizes to cost \$10 or less each and to be taken to the luncheon to be awarded at the conclusion of the installation program.

Since this is the year to elect new officers, there will be no formal program as such at the luncheon other than the installation ceremony. There was some discussion of who to get to handle the duty of installing the new officers, and a name was suggested. That person will have to be consulted before any more can be said about the installation.

In the past, it has been the custom in the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs for the various vice-presidents to advance automatically every two years. The immediate past president of the organization becomes the parliamentarian.

The biggest discussion of the entire meeting centered around who will fill the jobs of First, Second, Third, and Fourth Vice-Presidents due to the fact that the ladies, who now hold those jobs, have for various reasons-elected not to continue moving up. The flower show at the fair every year is such a tremendous undertaking that once a lady has done it for two years, there is very little to no chance of getting her to do it again.

The fact that young women are not joining garden clubs these days leaves the same aging garden club ladies to do all the work that absolutely has to be done for the flower show to be in the least successful, and ours is habitually the best in the state, so nobody has to be told that vast amounts of work go into it. For reasons of health and other involvements, the ladies, who have always been the backbone of the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs, are electing not to continue giving as much time to the federation as they have in the past. An extremely responsible person, who can get along with everybody, must be in charge at the flower show in order to keep it moving smoothly.

The committee to nominate people for the federation offices that are being vacated this year consists of DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs President Ann Wright and the presidents of the various garden clubs in the federation. They plan to meet March 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin arriving at 5:00 p.m. to eat ahead of the meeting.

In next month's issue, Eloise Brown will be writing something about Dr. Quimby's passing. If you have something you would like to add to his tribute, please write her and let her know, or send it to The Groundhog. Thank you.

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NEWS FROM THE SHED

By David and Cheryl Baker

Last month we shared Full Sun Perennials and drought tolerant perennials. This month I want to share important information with you on plants, viruses and diseases, before I give you your list, but before I do that *Crocodylus-Lucifer* should have been on this month's list not last month's. Sorry Folks, Typo Error!

People buy plants here and there, through the mail. For those of you that don't deal with a nursery you might want to listen up to the importance of why you want to buy from a nursery. David and I spent 3 days at TNLA (Tenn. Nursery & Landscaping Assoc.). It's an association that updates us on plants, viruses, diseases, and new chemicals along with a trade show that has work shops and seminars to attend for new ideas on landscaping and new plants and shrubs for the year and years to come. Entomology, Plant Pathology, and the study of Diseases, Weed Control, Soils, Plant Development, and Bog Gardens were given by Dr. Frank Hale. Dr. Alan Windham, Dr. Mark Windham, Dr. Gary Bachman, Dr. Reed Crips, from University of Tenn. gave the classes.

When you buy your plants, are you certain that they have been inspected? What do I mean? I'm about to share shocking news with you. When you purchase plants from a nursery, they are inspected by a state inspector that comes around and inspects the plant before it's ready to sell. Why? Due to the fact that many diseases, viruses, and illegal plants are coming into the state of Ala. and could cause you great grief. It is important to deal with a nursery or someone who has a **Nursery Certificate or Propagation License**. If they have either of these, then their plants are inspected by an Ala. State Inspector. Who has them? Ask to see their Nursery Certificate or call the county extension and inquire on the persons or businesses you want to buy from--

that will insure you that you have a **healthy plant**. I can only say that not everyone gets inspected and this is a very intense inspection. When you buy from a nursery that plant #1 has a tag on it, that tells you the proper name, common name, and its origin sometimes. If that plant does not have a tag, find out why. If it has been through inspection, they can sell it; if it has not, it will have a sign on it restricted to sell until further notice or may be an illegal plant. The nursery should provide you a tag when they arrive. The importance of not bringing in viruses, diseases, or illegal plants is very critical. If the business or person is not certified, think of what you are

doing to your yard or gardens. I will tell you, last year certain Daylilies had a disease on them called **Rust Disease**. It not only attacks Daylilies, but also spreads throughout the entire garden attacking perennials, shrubs and tropical plants until it is too late--and you just gave it to your neighbors. Guess what folks--you cannot control it with an over-the-counter pesticide. It **"must"** be controlled otherwise, which could **cost you dearly**. Where did this problem come from? It came from **Costa Rica transferred to Florida, & South Carolina**, which was shipped to many retail nurseries before they noticed the problem!! What does that mean? It means if you bought Daylilies or Stellas, you need to find out where they came from! Folks, this is why you should investigate a little more on your plants. If they are a grower the plants more than likely came out of their fields--which this problem only occurred in **Florida & South Carolina** last year, but has been shipped to many places. They are trying to locate and put a stop to it. The fact is, if you are buying a plant or plants, and you are concerned, call your county agent and he will be happy to tell you if you are buying a **healthy, disease free and legal plant** from that person or business. I do not want anything in my yard I can't get rid of. Do you? There is a bunch more I can talk about but I do not want to bore anyone or scare anyone. We have information available to look over, or you may give us a call. We will be more than happy to share more information about **diseases, viruses and illegal plants** along with the other fun and exciting news from (TNLA). Last month's list was on Full Sun & Drought Tolerant Perennials. This month's list is the continuation of **Drought Perennials Part-Sun, Part Shade**.

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Agastache
Aquilegia
Arabis
Aster
Asteria
Asteria-Schmidtiana
Astragalus-Achilleifolius
Asarum
Aster-Dumosus
Aubrieta
Aurinia
Baptisia-Leguminosae
B. Australis, B. Alba
B. Leucantha, & B. Tinctoria
Begonia-Grandis, &
B. Evansiana
Bellilla Strinta Orchid 7b
Boltonia-Asterioides
Campanula-Carpatica
C. Glomerata, C. Lactiflora
C. Persicifolia
C. Portenschlagiana
Centranthus-Red Valerian
Ceratostigma-Plumbaginoides
Chelone-Obliqua
Chrysogonum-Virginicum**

** (Perennial Impatiens) **
Chrysopsis-Villosa
Cimicifuga-Dugbana
C. Racemosa
C. Simplex
Corocopsis-Moonbeam
Corocopsis-Verticillata
C. Zagreb
Corydalis-Flexuosa
C. Lutea
Crocodylus-Lucifer
C. Monibretia
C. x Curtomus
Dianthus-Allwoodii
D. x Barbatus
Dianthus-Deltoidea
D. Gratiopifolius
D. Plumarius
Dietamnus-Gas Plant
Digitalis-(Fox Glove)
D. Ferruginea
D. Grandiflora
D. x Mertensensis
D. Purpurea
Continue Next month
634-4038 David & Cheryl



Happy 4th Birthday

Robert D. Baker

Robert D. Baker was born March 22, 1997. He will be four years old. His parents are Cheryl and David Baker, owners of The Shed. Pictured with Robert is his brother, Gage. Grandparents are Norma Baker and the late Spokee Baker. Happy 4th Birthday, Mommy and Daddy loves you soooooo..... (much).

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Fred Jones



Descendants of Herman & Kathryn Jones
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Descendants of James & Evelyn Jones Selman
(deceased). Their two daughters Sarah Garrison &
Marilyn Sizemore & their children & grandchildren



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jones
65th Anniversary, having



Leland & Gertrude Jones Cox & their children,
grandchildren & great grandchildren



Fred & Ina Mac Jones & their



Seated: Mary Ruth Jones McCord and Almeda Jones Blevins
Standing: Fred Jones Jr., Marjorie Jones Berry, Gertrude Jones Cox,
and James Jones, and Herman Jones (not pictured)
Six of the eleven remaining children



Marjorie Jones Berry with son, Bill

By Ev
The descendants of Fred and
Camp on December 10, 2000, for
30 years. It was an exciting time
pictures and excellent food!
My grandmother was a wonder
rience, and it is a real challenge f
excellence. With eleven children
children, she served two large t
plates of food. She enjoyed cook
enjoy cooking, because Grandda
and passers-by, and I'm sure
Grandmother to see how many
meal. She was a wonderful host
always had an unusual sense of l
it was not obvious. He did what
that wrongs were made right, and
He was never at a loss for words
times he made reference to some



on the occasion of their
been married Dec. 24, 1905



Mary Ruth Jones McCord
with her children and grandchildren



Almeda Jones Blevins with 6 of her 9 children
& 1 daughter-in-law



children & grandchildren



Descendants of Lester & Juanita Jones.
Their two sons, Lester Jr. and Tim, and
their children & grandchildren



Jim & Dallyne Jones with their
children and grandchildren

Graves
The Brown Jones met at Riverview
first reunion of the entire family in
together and share memories and

cook with over seventy years expe-
of us to come up with her culinary
the addition of in-laws and grand-
at a time with heaping bowls and
or us all, and it is good that she did
always invited guests--the preacher
many times it was a surprise to
people he had gathered in for the
and he was a great entertainer. He
it, and if he worried about anything,
uld do to help people in need, to see
the rest in the hands of the Lord.
knew the scriptures well, and many
ular passage of scripture in his con-

versation. He was careful in his part of rearing the children (and grand-
children) that they be taught good moral principles. He spoke with a rather
stern voice, but those of us who knew him best understood what was in his
heart.

Grandmother was a soft-spoken, kind little lady who loved us all. It was
always a pleasure to be in the kitchen when she prepared a meal on the
wood cookstove. She made dozens of biscuits at a time, and they were the
best I have ever eaten. She made several pans of thin, crusty cornbread as
well. The butter was hand churned, and the gallons of milk in the refriger-
ator were taken from their own cows. I always asked her to let me churn,
but I didn't last long with the churning. She knew I wouldn't, but she had
the patience to let me try. She was a very affectionate person, always kiss-
ing each of us when we came in for a visit and again when we left. We
never lacked for love in their home because everybody loved each other.

Our family has grown so large now with 41 grandchildren, 74 great-
grandchildren, and 44 great-great-grandchildren, that to get everyone
together at the same time is quite an accomplishment. There were 107 pre-
sent at the 2000 reunion out of a total of 192.

It is amazing to me what a strong family we seem to have. Each family

group has had its own share of sorrow, pain, and heartaches, but family
members emerge from these crises seemingly stronger than before. Both
of my grandparents were able to accept the things that came their way
without bitterness. I remember one particular incident that stands out in
my mind that has given me a lot of strength and faith. The incident I refer
to was the death of their daughter, Eva. I was staying with Granddaddy
that day while a number of the family members were in Atlanta at the hos-
pital awaiting Eva's death. The telephone rang in the middle of the after-
noon. Granddaddy nodded for me to answer it. It was the news of Eva's
death. I turned to Granddaddy and told him Eva was gone. He bowed his
head in silence for a few minutes and then said aloud, "The Lord giveth
and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." This was the
first of the children to die, and his reaction was so impressive to me. It has
helped me through many crisis situations in my own life.

I know that all families feel that their family is special, and this is the
way it should be. I am proud to be a member of the Fred Jones family.
The memories I have are so many and so rich that I would not want to trade
with anyone. We enjoyed simple living in a loving environment, and for
what more could one ask?



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

History is living with us every day, and we should keep a record of things occurring around us. So often I think of things I should have asked my father and mother to give an account of family connections and their lifestyles when they were growing up. Everything changes so rapidly that we forget how things were, just a few years ago. Who would have thought, fifty years ago, that we would be able to type a letter, press a button on a computer, and send it directly to another person to receive on their computer. E-mail is wonderful! We have some great ones that Homer's brother-in-law, Dennis Burgett, sent to him shortly before he passed away January 8. Those will go into a scrapbook and will be cherished. And we get some comic ones from my niece, Carol Pogue. Hers are so original--the type of humor that brightens our days.

My mind is on the history of the Hitching Post. All I have are sketches of information from many people. The old building is full of interesting history, and I would like to get it in order. I know the names of many former owners, or managers, and need some names that I know are missing, and I don't have the facts in chronological order.

Mr. Hal Howe told me about working there when he first came to Mentone from Ohio. He served ice cream to the public that was made in a hand cranked freezer, using ice that was preserved in an ice house owned by Ed Mason on Moon Lake. The winters must have been colder then, because the ice was cut into blocks and stored in the building insulated with sawdust. Isn't that fascinating? I'm not sure whether this was in the late teens or early twenties. From the best we can get, the name "Hitching Post" was given to the building in the 1940s by the Glovers. The original name was The Mentone Store, built in 1896, and it was just a long shotgun type of building--general mercantile store. I don't know who built the first part. More was added in phases. Guy Burgess added to the original building in 1912. His sisters were in the store a few years ago and told me that. And Homer's dad said that Mr. Burgess had a shoe cobbler's shop in the building. The ladies said the old marble bar was in the store then, and it was like a drugstore soda fountain, with good fountain cokes, ice cream and sandwiches.

Many others operated the store at various times. Davy Jones operated the store in the early twenties, I believe. Then, Pierce and Low owned it when the Depression hit in 1929, and they lost it because people couldn't, or wouldn't, pay their bills. The dance hall upstairs was added in the twenties, and was the most popular place in the county for many years. There are many stories told to me about what a good time was had at the dances. I have a file of names and stories at the Hitching Post.

Lee and Lottie Davenport had a grocery store there in the thirties. The Glovers--Bill and Eleanor, Alce, Graham and Billy--operated the business in the forties. They had a kitchen in the back, where The Dish restaurant is now, and they fed breakfast to the fox hunters early in the morning

after their hunt.

Cleve Porter has information that I will try to incorporate if I can get a little booklet done. He is the grandson of Mr. Low and lives in Knoxville. We have enjoyed talking to him, but I need to get him to write down some facts for me. I need to know the exact date that the post office was moved to the Hitching Post. I think it was in the late twenties. When I remember it in the early forties, Evelyn Selman was postmistress until 1946, when she had her first child and retired. Eva Jones was her assistant, and Clara Cash was a clerk prior to that (1930s). After Mrs. Selman's resignation, Leland Cox became postmaster and Eva Jones was his assistant until her death in 1967. Mail was delivered to the post office twice a day. It came by train to Valley Head, and was then brought to Mentone at 9:00 in the morning, and at 5:00 in the afternoon. And we talk about modern conveniences! Some are not so good.

There was a time when the Hitching Post was closed. No more dances, and the post office was moved to the Town Hall building in 1958 or 1959. It was sad to drive by and see the windows boarded up, with no life in a place where there had been lively activities.

Someone operated a beauty shop in the building in 1943, and my sister, Jean, got her first permanent there. Back then the curlers were electric! It looked dangerous to let them roll your hair and then hook you up to an electric machine. It's a wonder people were not electrocuted with those machines. Clydell had her shop in the space where the post office had been, at a later date. And there was a cabinet shop in the middle section of the building in the sixties, maybe.

Fritz and Joanne Smith saw an opportunity there and reopened the building in the mid-seventies. I shall always be grateful to them for saving the building. Many repairs had to be done, and Fritz was a carpenter and could do the work. It gave me a thrill to see the windows opened and a business in operation. They had antiques and decorating materials such as carpet and drapery fabrics. They sold the building to Doc and Kyle Long. My sister, Jean, and I bought it from them in 1982. We had rented it for three years prior to that. Then I bought my sister's half interest, and have been there 22 years. It doesn't seem like it's been that long, but time moves on. It has been a most rewarding experience to dabble with antiques and meet many lovely, interesting people. Of course, my sister passed away three years ago, and I have had it by myself. I'm old enough to have retired years ago, but it's a good hobby and there are things I want to do to the building yet. It is a very historic place, and I hope that whoever takes it when I'm finished will continue to preserve and protect it. It's a lovable old building in a good location. I would like to have the soda fountain operating again, with good Cokes and ice cream, and serve tea in the afternoons. Who knows...I may do that yet!

Sharon (Barron) Burke has rented space in the building for the famous Gourd Shop for fifteen years, I believe. We have had good times working together. I'm so happy she has stayed with me. The Dish restaurant has been a very

Lookout Mountain Natural Healing Pine

By L.C. Moon

Pine is one tree that no one seems to have a problem identifying. There are several different kinds of pine trees, though they tend to have similar healing properties.

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Be sure to contact your healthcare provider if possible before medicating yourself. Though, if you are in a survival situation, pine is the tree to find.

For more information you can contact me at

P.O. Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984.

good boost for the place. Good food is always welcome, and it brings more customers.

Lola Mae Blalock was wonderful to work for me two or three days a week, as long as she felt up to it. I miss her. She has heart problems and couldn't work the long hours any longer. She is not far away, and I can visit her. She still makes beautiful quilts. Shurlee Froehler is good to take care of the business when I'm away on buying trips.

Please help me if you have information of any kind on the history of the Hitching Post. My address is 16951 Co. Rd. 89, Mentone, AL 35984, or you may call me at home at (256) 634-4664. I will give you credit in the little booklet I intend to do.

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—Eloise Brown



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Harriet Turner speaking about heirloom plants



"The cup that cheers - (soup that is!)"

HEIRLOOM PLANTS ON THE TABLE AT RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Christina Wise

The February meeting of the club was called to order by President Dallyne Jones at 12:30 PM on Tuesday 13th. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison. One guest was recognized—Mrs. Dorothy Sheldon is spending time on the mountain with her daughter, Marie Dillenbeck.

A thought provoking devotional was delivered by Diane Kuehl. Her message was taken from the beatitudes, blessed are the peacemakers. The extrapolation was on sowing seeds of peace. In 1943, a young Jewish boy called Heinz faced down a bully on the streets of Nazi Germany. He managed to convince his assailant that violence was not necessary. Shortly after this incident, Heinz was able to make his way to America. He anglicized his name and prospered. Heinz became a prominent person and successfully used his tongue to sow seeds of peace around the world. He is known to us today as Henry Kissinger.

V.P. Mickey Gough, introduced the speaker, Harriet Turner. Harriet is a master gardener and spoke on one of her favorite topics—heirloom plants. In gardening terms heirlooms are those plants which have been growing in a natural state for at least 100 years. They are open pollinated and have not been altered by the hybrid technique.

They have significant historical value. As people migrated to the new world, they often carried seeds with them and the pioneers took their treasured seeds and plants as they moved west.

They also have an ethnic connection, for they transported the essence of the traditional cuisine of the travelers to their new homes. Today, this effort allows all of us to experiment with recipes from other cultures if we so choose. So gathering seeds from heirloom plants and replanting them gives us a connection to our forebears and helps to maintain genetic diversity in the world of growing.

Hybrids however occupy an important place in our world. They are hardy, resistant to disease and prolific. They are the mainstem of the agribusiness, which feeds our nation. They are expensive to develop, however, and cost more to gardeners than do the trusty heirlooms.

Anyone interested in using heirloom plants is advised to research the subject and use only those suited to their soil, altitude and climate. Plants will become diseased and will not thrive if used in an incompatible environment.

William Jefferson was an avid gardener and kept meticulous records on his gardening at Monticello. All of his work involved seeds from the old country and by a stroke of good fortune, everything he used is suited to this area. The Jefferson list is available from Monticello.

Jan Wilkinson then spoke in her capacity as chairman of

the special projects committee. She proposed the fashioning of a sign to be placed on the corner of South Cool Street and Alabama Hwy 117. The sign would read "Welcome to Mentone" and give the elevation and the date established. The town council has agreed to share the cost with the garden club. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The 2nd special project is the reworking of Mason Park sign. It will read "Ed Mason Native Plant Park" and will be a perpetual project of the Rhododendron Garden Club. This motion was also passed.

Ann Wright informed the membership that the spring luncheon of the Federated Garden Club will take place on 28 April at 11 AM in the Minvale Life Center at a cost of \$10 per person. Monies payable to the Rhododendron Garden Club treasurer by April 15.

Mrs. Wright reminded all present that volunteers are needed to work in the Moon Lake School garden to prepare it for the children's garden drive on Earth Day, 23 April. Ann also said that the club will plant a tree for Arbor Day during the school's Earth Day initiative in April.

The Rhododendron Garden Club has been asked to provide two hostesses for the Home & Garden Show in the Rainsville Civic Center on Sunday, March 18.

In the realms of the club's ongoing war on litter, Flo Kirby is organizing a clean sweep on the club's adopted mile in Mentone. She will contact the volunteers when a date has been determined. Mickey Gough reported that she and her husband had picked up on the edges of Highway 117 by their home. Harriet Lillick said her household had cleaned up on Co Rd 106, and Christina Wise stated that her family had accomplished the same on the road to the falls. The Kirbys maintain the roadside which fronts their property also.

Christina Wise and Margaret Baker will make an appointment with county officials in an ongoing effort to get a schedule established to clear the roadsides in DeKalb County of the increasing amount of discarded garbage, which is an embarrassment to most citizens.

President Jones thanked the hostesses, Gethryn Giles, Margaret Baker, Martha Wood and Virginia Setz for providing refreshments. These ladies hit the spot with a selection of gourmet soups and pastries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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 the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs.

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(13) **HIGHWAY 117 S. MENTONE** Older home, large live-in bedroom, bath with walk-in shower, 36x24 living room, handicap access. Two rooms in the basement, detached garage, City Water. Over 1 acre \$47,900.

(14) **ATTENTION-2 CHOICE BROW LOTS**, available, measuring 100' each on DeSoto Parkway and extending 500' westward over the brow of Lookout Mountain. Minutes to Mentone and DeSoto. **SOLD** City Water, \$60,000 each.

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(17) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES** Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$5,000.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



The weather in Mentone continues to be beautiful! The rain is so welcome after the long dry summer, that even it is beautiful. Did you notice how long it was into the winter before we had icicles form on the rocks on the mountain side of Highway 117? Even when it rained and turned cold in December, there was no ice on the rocks. That was a very good indication as to how dry it was, no water was running out of the side of the mountain. Now that we have had quite a bit of rain, we have ice there most of the time.

A person who has recently become a resident of Mentone was asking about what we natives call, "wet weather springs." This was a totally new idea to him. He had observed that they are only present when there is a lot of rain. I started thinking about this phenomenon and decided that they must develop by following the contour of a rock formation. The rain water cannot soak into the ground where it falls, so it follows an underground rock until it can surface. That would explain why they are always in the same place. Some of them can be quite large and swift. If a geologist happens to read this, I would appreciate knowing this line of thinking is correct.

The spring flowers are starting to bloom in Mentone. As always, we are a month or more behind the surrounding areas. I finally have some purple crocuses again. When I first moved here, I planted a bed of crocuses. When they bloomed, some were yellow, purple, white and striped. One night a skunk came to visit us and ate all of the purple ones, leaves, blooms and bulbs!! I stood at the window and watched her carefully select the purple ones. A skunk is one animal I don't intend to bother. I have since replanted and now have purple ones again. The daffodils that are naturalized are really blooming. These are the ones in pastures and yards that have been there for years. The secret seems to be not to mow them down until the foliage has turned brown.

As usual, the winter months have been used for planning in Mentone. All of the committees that were appointed by the town, have met and organized. They have made many plans which will greatly benefit the town of Mentone. I am on the committee that deals with beautifying the town and surrounding area. The main concern of this committee is LITTER!! We all fight it constantly. If you empty a container, don't throw it out the window of your car! Take it somewhere and dispose of it properly. Most litter consists of fast-food containers and loose papers. When we get the parks and other areas cleaned, we have some great plans for planting flowers, trees and shrubs. Let's all take pride in our town and keep it clean.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is working with the town to build and install some beautiful signs. One is to replace an out-dated sign in Mason Park (beside the town hall). Another will announce to travelers on Highway 117 that they are entering the town of Mentone. Both are in the planning stages, but watch for them. Both of them must

meet the requirements of the zoning laws of Mentone. Johnny Bares is in the process of checking all of the "whereof's" and "therefore's."

The Mentone town hall is getting a much needed face-lift. The partition has been torn out, the walls have new paneling, ceiling tiles and new lights have been installed and new cabinets and counter tops are planned. I think that new floor coverings are planned also. It already looks like a different office, stop by and see it sometime. Marie will be busy, but she is so proud to get some new surroundings that she will stop and show it off.

I think that it was Yogi Berra, manager of the New York Yankees, who said, "It gets late early in left field." The month of February seems to last so long to be so short. The month has gone on forever. The bright flowers that are blooming are very welcome. Mentonians always enter the month of March with a sense of uncertainty. Some of Mentone's worst weather has occurred in March. We will just have to wait and see what it brings. Of course, all of the Irish folk are eagerly waiting for St. Patrick's Day. This is a fun day and be sure to wear green or you will be pinched.

A long time ago, a dear, sweet man lived here in Mentone who was named Patrick "Pat" Priest. His birthday was March 17, St. Patrick's Day. He was Irish to the bottom of his heart. He had a wonderful custom of giving presents on his birthday instead of expecting to receive them. He was short, fat and bald, but he said that when he got to heaven, he was going to ask to be tall, dark and handsome. He had a great sense of humor and was a real joy to be around.

Mentone lost a wonderful person in the death of Eleanor Tate. Eleanor was the treasurer of the local fire department. She was always at the meetings and other events, willing to do her part and more. Eleanor was a sincere and caring person with a ready smile and a good word for everyone. She was one of Mentone's finest and will be greatly missed. I loved her and considered her a true friend.

Some famous politician said, "We must hang together or we will hang separately." As we said in the infamous sixties, "Hang in there." Spring will be here soon, the flowers will bloom and everything will be green again. I'm not sure I could live where there are not distinct seasons. I love the changing of the seasons. Mentone has four very definite ones and all are interesting and different. I recently told someone that I once thought I loved Mentone, but now I know that I love the people of Mentone. I do like living here however.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! An old Irish blessing is, "May you be in heaven three days before the devil knows you're dead."

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The RECIPE CORNER

By
SUE SCHWARZ



Here it is the first of March already. The weather is turning nice and everyone I know is enjoying working outside in their gardens and taking care of those seemingly endless things that need done around the house. This month, I decided to share a couple of recipes from a cookbook that I bought when I was in Maryland one time last year visiting my parents. It is one of those wonderful books put out by Friends of Hospice; and I found a lot of old, very familiar recipes. I like recipes that are not too complicated and time consuming, and these fit both of those bills. Enjoy them and enjoy the wonderful spring time.

CHERRY CHOCOLATE CAKE - Eva Miller

1 box fudge cake mix

2 eggs

1 tsp. almond extract

1 can (21 oz) cherry pie filling

Mix all ingredients and bake in sheet pan for bars or 9 x 13 pan for cake at 350 degrees 20 to 25 minutes or until tests done.

FROSTING

1 C sugar

1/3 cup milk

5 T margarine

1 C chocolate chips

Combine sugar, oleo, and milk. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add chocolate chips and stir until they melt. Spread on cake. This makes a very moist, fudge-like cake.

OLD FASHION RICE PUDDING - Laura Frantz

2 eggs

1/2 C raisins

1/2 C sugar

1/8 tsp. nutmeg

2 C milk

1 tsp vanilla

1 C cooked rice

pinch salt

1 Tbsp butter

Beat eggs, add all other ingredients. Pour into buttered one quart baking dish. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean, as for a custard.

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The

Church News

By

EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotion at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month. Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6341 so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabellehner.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM. Morning Worship is at 11 AM. Evening Worship is at 6 PM. Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11, approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the **Presbyterian Church** worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church** is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services. Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM. 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

Lighthouse Fellowship, Greetings, Mentone! All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM CST; morning Worship - 11 AM CST.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11 AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chamoers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00-7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00-7:45. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all!

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAC meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Linda Tucker.

North DeKalb Ministerial Association announces

date, time, and place for
Easter Sunrise Services
Sunday, April 15, 7 a.m.,
Valley Head Methodist Church
Brother Gary Moore of Lea's Chapel
will be bringing the message.

Next month's issue
will have an article
about H.P. GOSS. If you
have not submitted your
personal comment, or story,
please do it by March 16.
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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, March 2. Spring pictures will be taken at school. Report cards for the third 9 weeks go out on March 1.

PTO will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 PM, with 6th grade presenting the program.

The sports banquet sponsored by the Athletic Club is scheduled for Friday, March 16.

Moon Lake is organizing a Junior Beta Club which will honor students for achievement, and the first annual tapping of members will be during school assembly on Friday, March 23.

Kindergarten pre-registration is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Honor Roll 2nd 9 weeks

1ST GRADE

All A's

Megan Addison
Tiffany Easler
Christian Henry
Brandi Miller
Caitlin Kirby
Kaylee McMunn
James Phillips
Haley Saferite

A's & B's

Hope Carden
Brandon Davis
Cage Foster
Cody Holland
Jessica Howard
Megan Petersen
Daniel Phillips
Kayla Powell
Ryan Wilkes

2ND GRADE

All A's

Brittany Bains
Akela Barkley
Starla Cash
Colleen Castleberry
Katie Crabtree
Hunter Stone

A's & B's

Tyler Blaisit
Dillion Kean
Trey Kincer
Josh Whitaker

3RD GRADE

All A's

Kcisha Powell
Chloe Griffith
Alex Blackburn
Ethan Crider
Nick Perego
Jacob Tweedell
Brandon Willingham

A's & B's

4TH GRADE

All A's

Vance Carden
Ashley Henry
Daniel Hughes
Jamic Sherwood
A's & B's
Dustin Cash
Max Cherbonneau
Jessica Easler
Brittany Hester
Kara Miller
Sierra Nicely
Megan Smith

5TH GRADE

All A's

Randy Addison
Jeb Bunch
Paige Wright
A's & B's
Tim Bain
Emily Bonna
Clint Gray
Kayla Hazell
Tom Tipton
Sheena Tishaw

6TH GRADE

All A's

Mark Corey
Chad Franklin
A's & B's
Logan Chambers
Melissa Crane
Livvy Griffith
Alex Hazell
Julie Ingram
Loren Kean
Justin Smith
Angel Wesley
Eric Willingham

7TH GRADE

All A's

A's & B's

Congratulations,

Students!



VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The Valley Head Woman's Club met on January 17, 2001, at the lovely home of Helen Longshore. President Judith Hammond called the meeting to order and conducted the business of the club.

Inelle Hurt gave the devotional, using Romans 5 as the scripture. She talked about being wise and rejoicing in adversities as well as in good times. She pointed out that salvation is God's gift and is not because of anything we have done to merit it.

The speaker for the meeting was Charles Shipp, former principal of Fort Payne High School. He gave us some very valuable information on how the schools and teachers are being challenged with the enrollment of over 800 foreign children in DeKalb County who do not speak English. It is estimated that by the year 2020, seventy-five percent will be Hispanic. Many of the children do not have literacy even in their own language. It is not an educational issue but a civil rights issue. They must be tested and placed with teachers with English as a second language. They must be funneled into the classroom to function with other students. There are two kinds of languages to be considered—social language and academic language. The teachers have to deal with a different vocabulary in every classroom. It takes from 7 to 9 years to be able to function. The Mexicans are very oriented to each other, they have strong family ties. They show respect to teachers. We have a legal obligation as to how the children must be educated. In Alabama, the top five languages are Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Cambodian, and Korean. The hosiery industry and the poultry industry are the main places of employment. It goes without saying that classroom teaching has taken a different turn since the influx of foreign students in this county. There are many things that must be addressed before it can become a conducive situation for learning and for teaching.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Helen Longshore, Maurine Donahue, Velma Hammond, Bonnie Barnett, and Kristie Rastall.

The Club met on February 21, 2001, at the lovely home of Kristie Rastall. The business meeting was postponed until after the program.

Martha Stanley gave the devotional, talking about the many different musical instruments that are mentioned in the scriptures and music and singing.

The program was given by Terry Wooten who gave a very interesting talk about Sacred Harp singing. This has almost become a lost art except in a few churches that get together and sing. The singing is always done a cappella and in a group. Someone leads the group in the song. Sometimes a song is sung sounding only the notes from the scale - do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do - the notes of the diatonic scale. Once a person has mastered the sound of each note as it appears in the song book, which is done by the shape of the note on the line or space, he is able to sing any song that is placed before him. Most of the modern hymnals have round notes, and it is the position of that note on the line or space that determines which sound to give to it. Mr. Wooten brought enough song books for all of us to examine, and they were quite interesting. They were different from any that I have ever used. Many of the titles referred to a particular state, i.e. Florida, Virginia, etc. I don't know if the song originated in the state named in the title or why it was given such an odd name. Various countries were named in song titles as well. We were shown part of a video of a recent Sacred Harp singing, and even the little children were involved in learning to lead the songs. I observed that much of the music was written in very slow time, and the music on the tape was no different. We all thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Wooten's presentation.

Following the program, delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Sadie Cooper, Ruth Hammon, and Kristie Rastall.

The Valley Head Woman's Club is a member of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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(2) WHAT MORE COULD YOU ASK FOR? With a private setting and a bargain price, you'll love this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with one acre for only \$92,900. Wood burning fireplace, 2 out-buildings plus additional acreage available.



(3) OUT IN THE COUNTRY, yet only minutes from town. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is almost 3 acres with central heat and air, carpet and vinyl flooring and the roof is only 3 years new. Located in Ider, Alabama. Priced at \$64,500.



(4) NESTLED AWAY IN MENTONE - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage, and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$65,000.



(5) COMPLETELY FURNISHED and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors, add a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for \$79,500.



(6) HISTORIC HOME IN VALLEY HEAD! You'll love this 3 bedroom, house with its large screened-in front porch, spacious living room and dining room, high ceilings and crown moldings and wood floors, plus a new roof, new central heat and air, new exterior paint, situated on over 1 acre. Priced at only \$80,000.



(7) YOU'LL BE THE FIRST! Homeowner that is in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal balcony and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment! \$109,900.



(8) TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT COUNTRY LIVING - Breathe the clean air at this immaculate split level home featuring a large live-in size master bedroom, eat-in kitchen with screened-in porch, 2 car carport, plus a separate garage with bonus room upstairs - all on 4 acres for \$124,500.



(9) OWN YOUR OWN GETAWAY IN MENTONE. This wonderful home offers seclusion just off DeSoto Parkway! Sit on the deck and watch the squirrels play amongst the trees surrounding this rustic 11,000 sq. ft. home. Some of the features of this secluded home are 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautiful Mountain Stone fireplace, central heat and air, wonderful rock formations. All this and more situated on 1.94+ acres in Mentone. \$133,500.



(10) ESCAPE THE MADNESS - Just minutes from tranquility this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Mentone. Built by an artist this house has lots of charm. \$199,900 REDUCED TO \$179,000.



(11) WATCH THE SUNSET from the deck of this rustic country cabin. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, two-story living area with mountain stone fireplace, large kitchen and sunroom all with a charm of their own and sitting on 2.6 acres of brow property. \$179,500.



(12) OWN A NEW HOME WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING - Perched on the edge of the mountain, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath all wood cottage with stacked stone fireplace can be a weekend get-away or permanent residence. A must see for \$180,000.



(13) ALL THE SPACE YOU NEED is right here! This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining sized living room with fireplace and a multi-level, open basement that could serve as a guest room, office or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$229,000.



(14) MENTONE - Impressive rustic contemporary rises before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting room, decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 3.7 acres all for \$244,500.



(15) HOME AND ACREAGE WAITING FOR YOU! Situated in a private location this distinctive log home features floor to ceiling rock fireplace, wood and ceramic tile floors, tongue and groove walls and ceilings, 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a loft with a spectacular view of a pond with your own private fishing dock. Call for your private showing today. Priced at \$267,900.



(16) LOOKING FOR SPACE? This home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room and great room, front and back porches on 77 1/2 acres. Beautiful rolling front yard surrounded by large hardwoods all with privacy of a dead end street. \$232,000.



(17) WHAT A DEAL! MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL - Historical landmark in downtown Mentone currently being run as a bed and breakfast is now for sale. Restaurant will seat 100 plus people. There are endless possibilities with this great landmark. \$599,000. REDUCED TO \$499,000.



(18) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast room, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of elite brow front property. \$249,900.

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(19) 160 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY on Lookout Mountain - just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Ready for your dream - hunting club - weekend retreat or development. Sold as a whole only \$2150 per acre.

(20) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre. Sold as a whole.

(21) WHAT A DEAL! 4-1/2 acres on the West Fork of Little River. Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$29,000.

(22) LAKE ON THE BROW - We have a lake lot that is over an acre and is listed at \$37,000. If you're interested, call us today.

(23) BROW LOT ON COUNTY ROAD 103 - South of Mentone in Phase II of Lake on the Brow. \$45,000.

(24) FOR LAND'S SAKE! Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$49,900.

(25) WHY WAIT? 6 acres on DeSoto Parkway now available and ready for development. Almost 600 feet of road frontage. Great opportunity! \$48,900.

(26) JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY - 6.2 acres with large rock formations and a winter view. \$59,500.

(27) GO JUMP IN THE RIVER - Little River that is! Just listed 3 +/- acres on the West Fork of Little River. No restrictions. Call today. \$60,000.

(28) BUILD HERE!! We have listed (3) Five-acre tracts just off DeSoto Parkway! If you've been looking for acreage to build on, give us a call today! \$44,500 each or all for \$99,000.

(29) 10 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling, heavily wooded with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$29,000.

(30) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL AVAILABLE - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.

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**KINDERGARTEN
Pre-registration**

Tuesday, March 27, beginning 8:30 AM
Moon Lake School

"Litter Alert"

All Mentone Area Residents

Please pick up all litter on the sides of the road on your property. If all of us do our part to keep roadsides clean, Mentone will be so much more attractive.

Also, you pickup truck owners, please be careful not to put stuff in the truck bed that can blow out when the truck is moving! Thanks for your help.

Litter Committee, Rhododendron Garden Club

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Sunday, March 11, GIRL SCOUTS DAY
- Thursday, March 15, 4 p.m.,
Planning and Zoning Commission meeting,
Town Hall meeting room, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Monday, March 12, 7 P.M. Town Council,
Mentone Town Hall meeting room
- Saturday, March 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Tuesday, March 20, FIRST DAY OF SPRING!!

- Thursday, March 22, 6 p.m., Waterworks Board Meeting,
Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, March 27, beginning 8:30 am; Moon Lake
School KINDERGARTEN Pre-registration
- Sunday, April 1, APRIL FOOL'S DAY and
BEGINNING OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
(Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour.)
- Thursday, April 5, Groundhog printing date
and Friday & Saturday, April 6 & 7, distribution date
- April 6, Palm Sunday • April 15, Easter Sunday (See
Church page for Easter Sunrise Services.)

???ANNEXATION???

Contrary to rumors, petitions, and speculation, the Mentone Town Council **IS NOT** attempting to annex any area of its own volition. We have appointed an annexation commission to study and provide the mayor with information regarding annexation procedures in order for him to intelligently answer inquiries from citizens regarding this matter. The laws and remedies are quite detailed and lengthy. There are three primary procedures:

1. By petition of 100% of the land owners in an area
2. By a majority vote of the residents in a given area
3. By legislative action

In order for an area to be considered, it must meet several tests. Mainly, it must be contiguous to the existing town limits.

That brings us to the third procedure, legislative action. It is conceivable that Fort Payne or Valley Head could reach out from their borders and annex areas adjacent to them, which could surround Mentone. The Mentone Town Council is committed to procedures 1 or 2 and **WOULD NOT** use legislative action. We cannot be assured that Fort Payne or Valley Head would not.

Rest assured, it is our intention to address the concerns of ALL citizens in Mentone and the surrounding areas with legally correct answers.

KAOLIN GARDEN CLUB

meets on the 2nd Monday of each month
at 6 PM at Valley Head City Hall
Contact Marty Smith for more information.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

1 Peter 3:12

What a great promise! God is watching over his children and hearing their prayers. You can't hide from God, because his eyes are in every place. He sees all we do, both good and bad, and his face is against them that do evil. It pays to live a righteous life so we can have God's protection.

Love and Prayers!!

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