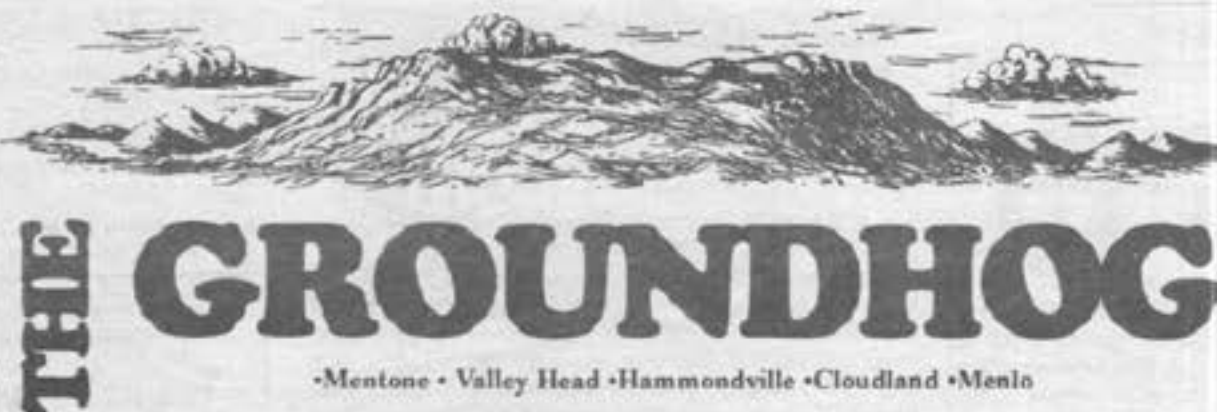


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RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

MAY 18 - 19, 2002
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LOCAL AND AREA ARTISTS

LOTS OF FOOD

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
WITH
COTACO CREEK AND GUESTS

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The Rhododendron Festival, sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA), to celebrate the arrival of spring, has become a tradition. The festival dates for this year are May 18-20. This is a beautiful time of year on Lookout Mountain with the spring flowers, especially, our lovely rhododendron in bloom.

The arts and crafts displays will be located in Brow Park. Live entertainment both days will be COTACO CREEK and their guests.

At press time, according to Festival Chairman, Marilyn Mathews, all booth spaces had been assigned. There will be plenty of food. On May 18 and May 19, MAPA will sell pinto beans, cornbread and drinks, as well as peanuts at its booth. Coffee and donuts/sweet rolls will be served in the morning.

Three-year-old rhododendron will be sold.

See other articles throughout the paper.

The Fire Department will be selling their usual Bar-B-Q and hotdogs, along with chips drinks, and ice cream. Sausage and biscuits and coffee will be available for breakfast.

Various duties have been assigned to volunteers and workers. With the help from members of the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District and the Boy Scouts of Mentone Troop 106, other aspects of the festival will be taken care of, such as cleaning the parking area and removing any unnecessary brush.

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•Sunday, May 12, MOTHER'S DAY!!!

•Monday, May 13, 6 PM, Town Council meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

•Tuesday, May 14, 12:30 P.M., Rhododendron Garden Club Annual Luncheon, DeSoto State Park

•Tuesday, May 14, 7 PM, American Legion Post 215 Meeting, American Legion Hall

•Saturday & Sunday, May 18 and 19,
RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL,
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•Sunday, May 19, Decoration Day, Little River Church, 11 a.m. service, with dinner on the grounds afterwards and singing in the afternoon

•Thursday, May 23, 4 PM., Waterworks Board Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public

•Sunday, May 26, Decoration Day, Valley Head and Bankhead Cemetery, 11 a.m. service followed by dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon

•Monday, May 27, MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

•Thursday, May 30, OFFICIAL MEMORIAL DAY

•Graduation Services in May (see elsewhere)

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MAPA MEETING

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The May 7 meeting was held at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy. This was a change as the meeting was to have been held at Dessie's Kountry Chef. Dessie Newberry was hospitalized and surgery performed and she is now back home recuperating. Present were Homer and Bernise Crow, Hope and George Walker, Huey and Marilyn Mathews, Jim and Penny Lyday, Tom and Lynn Donald, Ruby Brock, Lucille Crowe, Rick Chapman, Jack Jones, Dot Crow, Marie Dillenbeck, and visitors Dorothy Sheldon and Margie Coots.

In the absence of the president, Mickey Gough, treasurer, Bernise Crow, conducted the meeting. Ruby Bro gave the invocation.

The minutes were read and approved. But it was noted that the adopt-a-mile pickup had not taken place on April 13, due to ill health of the members volunteering to do the pickup. The treasurers report was given by Homer Crow.

The nominating committee presented its nominees for office as follows: President: Jack Jones, Vice President: Dot Crow, Treasurer: Bernise Crow, Secretary: Marie S. Dillenbeck; Members at Large: Hope Walker and Lucille Crowe, with Mickey Gough as the Parliamentarian. Nominations from the floor will be accepted and the election will take place at the June meeting.

The upcoming Rhododendron Festival was the topic of the evening. All available booth spaces have been assigned. On May 18 and May 19, MAPA will sell pinto beans, cornbread and drinks, as well as peanuts at its booth. Coffee and donuts/sweet rolls will be served in the morning.

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MOUNTAIN MAMA NEWS

This month Kelly Wynn Clinton describes her art and experience with Mountain Mamas. Kelley is from Cedar Bluff, AL. She, along with 42 other regional women, has a variety of handmade creations placed on consignment at Mountain Mamas Shop. Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland, GA, on GA highway 48, 1/2 mile from the GA/AL state line. The Shop is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 6:00 pm (GA time).

Local Artist brings touch of Whimsy to Mountain Mama's

by Kelley (Wynn) Clinton

I've been making things since I was a kid. I made sculptures and crazy hats. I restrung old costume jewelry into fantastical new patterns. I'm nearing thirty now and not much has changed. I just have better toys.

I met my first Mountain Mama in May 2000 at the Finster Festival in Summerville, Ga., where I was displaying my metal sculpture and tie dye shirts. Fayann Schmidt gave me her card and I soon gave her a call. They were kind enough to take some of my sculpture into Mountain Mamas; and, since then, I have also placed beaded angels and butterfly earrings (anything with Wings I love!). After spending the past year living in southeastern Pennsylvania, I'm back in this area with my kind husband; and I've brought DRESSES!!!

Women in my family have always sewn. I spent my childhood in homemade clothes with patchwork quilts on my bed. I started sewing several years ago when I couldn't find a sundress that was sun-colored. I reluctantly started looking for fabric to make that dress in my mind. Wearing the dress brought more compliments than anything I have ever owned—people would stop me every time I was out in it and want to know where I got it. I made more. I like to make things that people can use and add a little sparkle to every day. They feel good on, too. I've made thousands of tie dye pieces over the years and realized that sewing was another way to play with color and fabric. I have been making my dresses to peddle and trade since. I make them good for twirling, too. They're around 100 inches wide at the bottom and so comfortable that I live in mine all summer.



Kelley Wynn Clinton models one of her patchwork dresses. Kelley's sculpture, Jehosaphat, stands beside her.

(Photo by Ed Clinton)

I'm actively involved in so many forms of creation that they all blend into and play off of one another. The common thread would be whimsy, as I am a big fan of whimsy and let it run freely through whatever my hands are into at the moment. It's all in celebration, all filled with love and laughter and the Great Wahoo. Now that we're settling for a while, I'll have Space for making Big things. I'll be firing up the welder and hopefully the kiln as well and will be bringing new and hopefully interesting pieces to Mountain Mamas as the summer goes. I'll be making lots more dresses and tie-dyes this summer, too and peddling my wares at local festivals and shows.

You can see a few of my dresses and catch a glimpse into our days at the website my husband has created, www.doolick.net. It's his first one, so be patient and come back often. Be sure to stop by Mountain Mamas to see not only what I do, but also lots of wonderful art by lots of wonderful women. You'll be glad you did.

MAY IS A MONTH FULL OF HAPPENINGS

May 8, 6:30 p.m. - The Dedication of the new Moon Lake School Community Library

May 11, 8 AM - The PTO golf tournament at Cloudmont Saddle Rock Golf Course

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 17-19 - Hwy 11 Yard Sale

May 18-19 - Rhododendron Festival

May 19 - Decoration Day at Little River Church

May 22 - Last Day of School

May 26 - Decoration Day at Bankhead & Valley Head

May 27 - Memorial Day observed

May 30 - Memorial Day (official)

Graduation ceremonies:

May 6 - Graduation of Valley Head Kindergarten

May 22 - Graduation of Valley Head Seniors, 7PM

May 21 - Graduation of MLES Kindergarten 9AM

May 21 - Graduation of Moon Lake 6th grade, 7PM

May 22 - Graduation of the Head Start class; 9AM

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

We cannot thank our Boy Scouts enough for the marvelous job they did in cleaning up our town and helping to rid us of the West Nile virus threat. They and their leaders worked for several days to rid us of literally mountains of unsightly and dangerous junk. Remember to make a donation to the Scouts if you are able: Boy Scout Troop 106, POB 205, Montone, AL 35964.

Also I want to remind anyone engaging in business without a license: do so immediately if you do not wish to incur a fine.

Another reminder: Zoning ordinances are in effect; penalties will be levied on violators.

First Federal Bank is proceeding with the demolition and clearing away of the old houses across from the Post Office. We are most grateful to them.

Some good news from our Water Works Board: bids for our Drought Grant are scheduled to be opened May 22nd. This grant will enable us to improve and upgrade our water system and allow us to reduce water losses.

Recently I spent a weekend in an Atlanta hospital undergoing necessary test procedures. The water I had to drink there tasted horrible. When I came home, Karen handed me a glass of water when I had to take a bunch of pills. Folks, it was the best tasting water ever! Our water hasn't been coming from the Tennessee River lately, but from the reservoir in Fort Payne. We are truly blessed.

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We have had so many of our friends and family ill and in hospitals these past couple months.

Jim Roberts had bypass surgery and he is resting at home. Virgil Battles is tending Ruby's Variety for him along with other capable people.

George Walker is getting checkups to keep him on his toes, and a hearing aid to help him hear.

Sherman Gough is continuing treatment for osteoarthritis in his back.

Dessie Newberry is recovering from surgery on an artery in her neck.

Jim and Penny Lyday keep checking with their doctors to see if they can find out why Penny falls without any warning.

Ruby Brock has been having some stomach problems and that makes eating not a happy time.

Ed Disney has been to the hospital in Rome, GA, for treatment of ulcers.

CE Britt, Mayor of Mentone, checked into Emory Hospital in Atlanta for some treatment and is back home and back at work.

Lora Dell Pekins continues to have a marvelous outlook while dealing with cancer.

Marilyn Blanton Campbell is continuing to have checkups after her past surgeries.

Eloise Brown had a heart attack and is now wearing a pace maker. In spite of just getting out of the hospital on Tuesday this week, she got her column together to go in this issue.

Sue and Bill Schwarz just returned from Maryland and are resting in their home on the river. She said she would have her Recipe Column back in next issue.

Other news from Valley Head:

Judith Grider's 3rd Grade went on a tour of Valley Head. Their stops included Valley Head Water Board, Citizens Bank, Tigers Inn, Valley Head Fire Dept., and Valley Head Chevron.

Valley Head held Kindergarten graduation on May 6. The graduates put on a very good program. The theme of the program was in honor of Sept. 11.

New PTO officers at Valley Head for 2002-2003 school year are: President Pam Woolen; Vice President Pam Dean; Secretary Tina Gregory; Treasurer Sherryl Lewis; Parliamentarian Jennifer McKee.

Congratulations to **Tim Gregory** who will graduate from Nursing school on May 17.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE MEMBER

Painting helps artist recapture life's spirit

By KATHY KEMP News staff writer for the Birmingham News

Tres Taylor's art is a complex blend of the primitive and the sophisticated, as is the artist himself. Two years ago, Taylor, who has a master's in biochemistry, chucked a high-paying research job to create swirling expressionistic paintings, often of monks and gods, and sometimes of nude women. In Japan, where Taylor most often has exhibited his work, his style has been compared to that of the late Shiko Munakata, a celebrated printmaker known as "the Japanese Picasso."

"All my paintings are accidents—wonderful little accidents," says Taylor, who uses house paint on rice paper, tin and wood, the latter most often salvaged from a junk dealer. His paintings seldom fetch more than \$500, and often considerably less. But Taylor, who grew up in wealth and privilege in Mountain Brook, seems unconcerned with material comforts.

Art has been so joyful and liberating for me, he said. "I don't need much stuff." That's why, of late, every evening at sunset, the tall, lanky 44-year-old painter folds himself into a tin washtub filled with water heated by a bonfire underneath, and bathes as the stars appear.

"The pipes in the house froze when it went down to 8 degrees in January, and I just haven't had time to get them fixed," he says. "Even when the pipes are fixed, I'll never take a bath indoors again. Being outside like this is magical."

Taylor has spent four months working on paintings for a show in Birmingham—a one-man exhibition, "Love Supreme," that opens Friday at Lawler + Taylor Gallery in Vestavia Hills. The gallery is owned by his younger brother, Fonde Taylor, and his sister-in-law, Stacey Lawler.

To prepare, Tres, whose given name is William Henry Taylor, has settled into a mountaintop cabin in northeast Alabama that has been in his family for 35 years.

The Taylors dubbed their Mentone home Sweet Apple for the large apple tree in the back yard. Here, the five Taylor kids—nearly all of whom are artists—spent long, playful summers with their mother, Lillian, while their father, Dr. Bill Taylor, worked as an ear, nose and throat specialist in Birmingham. Taylor has returned to the clapboard cabin, with little money and a carefree heart, to look for himself in the brush strokes of his paintings and in the soft illumination of stars. His inspiration comes from the love-obsessed poets Rumi and Neruda, whose words Taylor often includes on canvas. His paintings seem inspired by Alabama's folk artists and also by Taylor's travels in Japan, Australia and South America.

"My brother has always been an adventurous, romantic soul," Fonde Taylor says. "What started as therapy for him has become a kind of passion."

Tres Taylor believes he would have found his way back to Mentone soon enough without the personal crisis that caused him to re-evaluate his life. Although he is cryptic about the upheaval, Taylor says it took place in 1998-99 while he was working as a research assistant in cellular and molecular medicine at the University of California, San Diego.

Long divorced, with a daughter who's almost 22, Taylor was unhappy with his work and with a relationship that should have ended long before.



"I was just basically deeply troubled," he says. "I had a lot of anger inside me I hadn't been aware of I had this rage, this nasty tongue, that was not pretty to be around."

He began tapping into his spiritual side, saying prayers at an altar he built in his bedroom. During a Christmas trip home to Alabama, Taylor, after glancing at a book on Alabama visionary folk artists, decided to visit some of those self-taught creators. He met painters Myrtice West of Centre and Jimmy Lee Sudduth of Fayette and, in Georgia, artist RA Miller, who told Taylor he ought to go home and paint.

So back in San Diego, the biochemist picked up wood he found on the side of the road, bought a can of paint at Home Depot, and created his first painting. "I was still working as a researcher then, but it got to where I was going home after work every day to paint. I started to feel alive again."

A friend saw Taylor's work and introduced him to a gallery owner who began selling the paintings on the Internet. A wealthy Japanese rice merchant bought three of Taylor's pieces, including one image he eventually featured on his rice bags. Taylor quit his research job in 1999 and headed for Aomori City, Japan, where, supported by the rice merchant, he put on a gallery show and donated the proceeds to charity.

Japanese television news reporters covering the event noticed the similarities between Taylor's images and those of the printmaker Munakata, and the American artist soon developed a following. Although relatively unknown in the United States, Taylor has shown his work at galleries in San Diego, New Orleans and at Naked Art in Birmingham.

This summer, he plans to return to Japan and work with an artist who has offered to be Taylor's mentor. His goal is to travel the world, creating art and raising money for charity.

Meantime, he's home in Mentone in a cabin with no telephone, television or, for the moment, running water, looking like a man who has tapped into his own private paradise. A girlfriend from Birmingham keeps him company. She even bought a potted apple tree to plant in the back yard, near where the old one stood.

Taylor is convinced he's discovered his perfect path, in tune with nature and his innate artistic talent.

"It's not me doing this," he says of his art. "Something else has taken hold of my life. Something that's good."

SPOTLIGHT ON UGF MEMBER AGENCIES OF DEKALB COUNTY

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Gail Chambers, Parent Educator

THE DEKALB COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center has been a member agency of United Givers Fund since 1994. Elizabeth Wheatley, Executive Director, says "Not only have they (UGF) been monetary supporters of the CAC, they have also been encouragers."

Wheatley outlined the five major program components carried out or administered by the twelve staff members of The Advocacy Center. She said all of their services are free. Children's Trust Fund of Alabama is one of the agency's major funding sources.

The "School Based Prevention" Program allows a trained CAC staff member to educate students in grades K-6 in the Fort Payne City and DeKalb County Schools. The program tries to make students aware of possible abusive situations, how to avoid them, and whom they can tell.

Three types of parenting classes are available through the "Parent Education Program." One program called "Healthy Homes" targets first-time teen moms and others families referred to the Center by the Health Department, Schools, or the Department of Human Resources. Trained Parent Educators go into the homes of young parents to help them with resource information, parenting skills, and growth and development skills.

"Parent Project is the newest curriculum of CAC and is designed to help parents of adolescents with particular behavior problems. The class meets one night a week for ten weeks. Attendees, who begin the class reluctantly, leave the class with manageable skills and a network of support from other parents who completed the program with them.

A third program is part of the intervention process of child abuse. If a child discloses that sexual abuse has occurred, the appropriate agency to contact is the Department of Human Resources. DHR then contacts the Advocacy Center to set up an interview with the child. The interview is conducted by a trained Forensic Interviewer in the pleasant, friendly atmosphere of the CAC's newly redecorated Interview Room. Monthly case review team meetings are held to discuss the progress and problems of each child sexual abuse case. The "team" is usually made up of the Assistant District Attorney, DeKalb County and Fort Payne Investigators, Juvenile Probation Officers, Social Workers from DHR, and CAC staff members.

Another important program offered by the CAC is

"Therapy Services." Therapy (most commonly known as counseling) is made available to children who have been interviewed by the CAC or referred by DHR. There are three therapists on staff.

Yet another program works with the non-offending caregivers of alleged victims of sexual abuse. The CAC's "Family Advocate" provides emotional support for the caregivers as well as education and important resource information. Support Groups are also an integral part of this service that helps the parents understand that there are others who are going through the same difficulties they are.

An upcoming event for the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center is "Membership Mayhem", a combination Membership Drive/Open House hosted by WQSB's "Jenna Sue." Everyone is invited to come by the CAC on Friday, May 10th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Meet Jenna Sue, the CAC staff, and board of directors and make a donation to help keep all these wonderful programs going. Wheatley says, "If you can't come by, we'll have people available to take your calls for donations and we will just send you a bill!"

For more information about the Membership Drive/Open House or any of the programs of the CAC, call them at 997-9700. Their office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center... another UGF agency "Making a Difference in DeKalb County."



ARC OF DEKALB COUNTY

For over 30 years, "serving people with mental retardation and their caregivers" has been the mission for the ARC of DeKalb County. The ARC, a nonprofit agency, is located at 201 Grand Avenue South in Fort Payne.

Currently, the agency serves 34 adults (ages 21 and older) with mental retardation. Five days a week, these individuals attend the ARC "Day Program" where they learn skills needed in the areas of self care, self sufficiency, and self direction. They then continue to work on maintaining existing skills in these areas.

Another program of the ARC focuses on training skills for employment in the community. ARC maintains a sub-minimum wage contract with local businesses. The individuals in the program are paid according to production and/or minimum wage. Several have graduated from this program to jobs with vocational rehab or to jobs within the community. ARC is currently exploring possibilities for their clients who are needing residential placement.

A total of nine individuals with mental retardation live in the ARC's three residential homes. Each of the homes has three private bedrooms and 24-hour awake staff.

Melissa Knopps, ARC Executive Director said, "March was Mental Retardation Awareness Month and each year the ARC has several events to celebrate. Our two biggest events are the Open House, followed by a Caregivers Appreciation Supper. Over 120 people attended our honorary event this year and 50 new ARC members were signed up. We look forward to an even bigger turn out in March, 2003!"

Want to know more about the ARC? Contact Knopps at 256-645-0165 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The guidelines for these scholarships are:

1. A fully complete scholarship application and family financial statement must be received by the deadline. Forms received after the deadline will generally not be considered since there are limited funds and a large number of applicants.
2. These scholarships are available only to Mentone and Valley Head residents.
3. Priority is given based on financial need and academic record.
4. Scholarships are available only to recent high school graduates and those who received this past year and are continuing their schooling, unless special circumstances apply and an exemption is given.
5. Before the scholarship is awarded, proof of admission and enrollment must be provided on an official form from the school.
6. The schooling involved must lead to a degree or, in some cases, professional certification.
7. Once enrolled, the student must maintain the equivalent of a 2.8 GPA on a scale of 4.0 in order to qualify for the succeeding year, and the Scholarship Committee should have those academic records with the new application.
8. The scholarships are available for a maximum of four years.
9. The student must maintain a course load of 6 credits per semester or equivalent in order to qualify. This may vary according to the program the student is in, but the student must be on a track to complete the program in a reasonable period of time.
10. St. Joseph's does not discriminate on the basis of religion, race or gender, so all applications will be given equal consideration.

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DEKALB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE A HUGE SUCCESS AGAIN THIS YEAR

Those who prepared for and conducted the sale to benefit the DeKalb County Public Library are so excited by the community response! We wanted to share the results with you.

A record amount of \$6,235.30 is now available for the library's wish list of unbudgeted needs. The money goes directly and completely into this fund. Additional audio books and large print books, 2 replacement computer monitors, a computer scanner, a face-up scanner for the genealogy room, and a printer for large scale media are high on the list.

The quality and variety of the donations, for the most part, were better this year making them more desirable. The recycled books, puzzles, games, audio books, CD's, videos, and records for children and adults all seemed to be "hot" items, because at the end of the week we had sold to the bare tables with one handful of remains. We could have sold more of quality items.

Volunteerism is not dead. It would have been much easier to donate some money to the library from our club and forget our civic responsibility. We were more than rewarded to see people lined to the corner waiting to get in the first day with a steady stream of folks all week.

The volunteers spent hours pricing, cataloging, sorting the donations, and preparing the room. From January through March, they came from Ider, Henagar, Rainsville, Valley Head, Mentone, and Fort Payne to work.

Our special thanks go to the students at Williams Avenue and Wills Valley Elementary Schools who participated in a contest for bringing the most materials. The library "weeded" some old books, making shelf space for the current collection. Individuals dropped off their unwanted things, which made up our stock. Laran Crowe, Nancy Martin, Linda Thomas, and Pat Horton,

Pizza Hut's Vicki Weaver, Ann Sawyer, and Amella Majors were the organizers for the school drive and rewards. Steve and Roger Harris delivered to the library from the schools.

Our publicity was outstanding. Directed by Celestine Darnell, it was a community effort. We are grateful for the following:

•Places that displayed our flyers •Marie Dillenbeck at the Groundhog; •Jerry Whittle at the DeKalb Advertiser; •J.D. Davidson and Scott Turner at the Times Journal; •DeWayne Patterson at the Weekly Post; •Roland Walls at WZOB; •Patty Tucker at DeKalb County Tourist Association; •Larry Hancock at Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce; •Mayor of Fort Payne, Bill Jordan; •First State Bank; •Adelphia; •DeKalb Theatre Manager, Frank Humphreys; •Fort Payne Improvement Authority.

We discovered how important it is to advertise widely. We had several people who live outside the county who came to Fort Payne for the sale. One gentleman told me he was here because he travels selling fire trucks. He saw a marquee and stopped at Wal-Mart to ask directions to the library.

Several others, whose efforts we appreciate are •Shan Bruce at Foodland Plus in Fort Payne, •Rainsville Foodland Manager, Scotty Smith, •Rainsville Lucky's Manager, Tommy Bryant, •Jean Fille, •Herb Martin, and •Bill Cyr. Bill cut all the boxes for our displays. Was it a thousand boxes or did it only seem like a thousand?

All DeKalb Countians can be proud of our library. The Culture Club is pleased to be able to help make the services more up to date and varied in order to meet the literary and educational needs of our booming area.

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(6) **ATMOSPHERE FOR CHARM** - Located on DeSoto Parkway, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 1/2 baths, wood floors throughout, screened porch, deck with hot tub, 4 bedroom guest cottage, greenhouse and 2-car garage with storage room. ...how many features to list them all. A must see to appreciate. Only \$249,900



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OTHER LISTINGS

(12) **160 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY** on Lookout Mountain—just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Ready for your dreams—hunting club—weekend retreat or development. \$2,160 per acre. Will sell in larger tracts.

(14) **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.

(15) **FOR LAND'S SAKE!** Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$49,500.

(16) **LAND AND LOCATION!** Almost 600' on the West Fork of Little River, gently rolling and heavily wooded all within 1 mile of Mentone. \$70,000

(17) **SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PRIVACY** - when you build your dream home on Lookout Mountain. 36 acres +/- offered as one tract inside Fort Payne City Limits and borders Hurricane Creek with water, power and natural gas available. Owner will finance with down payment. Call today for an appointment to go out and view this property with one of our agents today! \$4,000 per acre.

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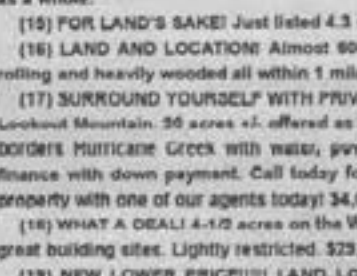


Includes a pond, 2 barns, corral, and a peaceful rock walk, trellis and flower garden area. All the work has been done so start packing! \$189,000

(10) **BIG ON SPACE AND LOTS OF PRIVACY!** This 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home on 11 acres has tons of extras! The full finished basement offers game room with fireplace and bar along with 2 bedrooms and bath. Upstairs the expansive screened porch has a beautiful view of the mountains and Sand Valley. Fenced and cross-fenced acreage



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(11) **VALLEY VIEW FOREST** - Secluded with an incredible view of the valley and Weiss Lake, this cabin offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has pretty pine floors and lots of windows. The bedroom upstairs is extra large and could easily be made into two rooms. All this and more located on 7.1 acres. Call today for more details on your perfect get-away. \$149,000



Large front porch welcomes neighbors and friends to this spacious rancher in Mentone. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, den with pine floors, and gas log fireplace. Beautiful landscaped yard with paved circular drive and privacy fence. All this plus 2.5 acres for \$5135,000.

•Southern Properties has buyers looking for building lots, brow property, River property, farms and acreage.

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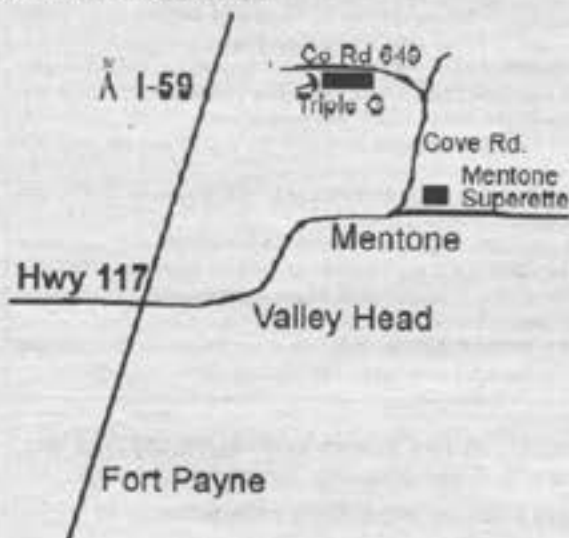
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DAYS OF YORE - TRADING POST AND OLD COUNTRY STORE COMES TO MENTONE

Located on Co. Rd. 649 just one mile from downtown Mentone, the rustic Triple G Tradin' Post and Ol' Country Store is pleasantly inviting to the amateur or seasoned collector. Designed in the fashion of an old trading post, it has a 12' deep porch that stretches the length of the building with rough sawn wood as the exterior and interior walls. The porch size makes one want to come up and set a spell in the rockers or in the extra-long swing that looks like it could comfortably sit a small family of four. Perhaps while the women shop, the porch will be the resting spot for the men folk who are more interested in a good game of checkers played atop an aged wooden barrel.

Inside the store is a generous collection of antiques and collectibles. Of particular interest is the vintage Fiesta Ware and new Fiesta Ware in a variety of colors. Crafts from local artists adorn the walls and shelves. The mountain stone corner fireplace is a welcome spot on cooler days. Scents wafting up from the black kettle fill the room with aromatic potpourri. The dulcimer music piped throughout gives one the feeling of days gone by. It makes one want to touch some of the antiquated farm tools that grandpa used with his mules or hold some of the old-fashioned cookware from grandma's kitchen back in the 1850s. These items evoke fond memories of a childhood where hard work and innocence were a part of every day life. Discontinued sewing patterns are available and, surprisingly enough, many of these fashions are back in style. There is a very nice mixture of accent rugs along with plantation and split-oak baskets of all sizes. Don't overlook the kids corner which consists of items for the younger generation.

Getting a little hungry or thirsty? Grab an ice cold Coca Cola from the antique refrigerated chest and a Moon Pie and sit in the 1850's diner-style, red vinyl booth. Relax and let your mind wander as you view the advertisements of products and services from that era that bedeck the wall.



League Champions

Menlo Tigers 12 and under girls finished the season as league champions of Chattooga County.

Bottom Row L/R: Caitlin Cavin, Meagan Hammett, Mascot Maci Price, Dakota Dooley, Allie Prince, Bailee Hawkins. Standing: Suzannah Eubanks, Megan Adams, Coach Debra Adams, Crysten White, Morgan Rush, Stephanie Cordell

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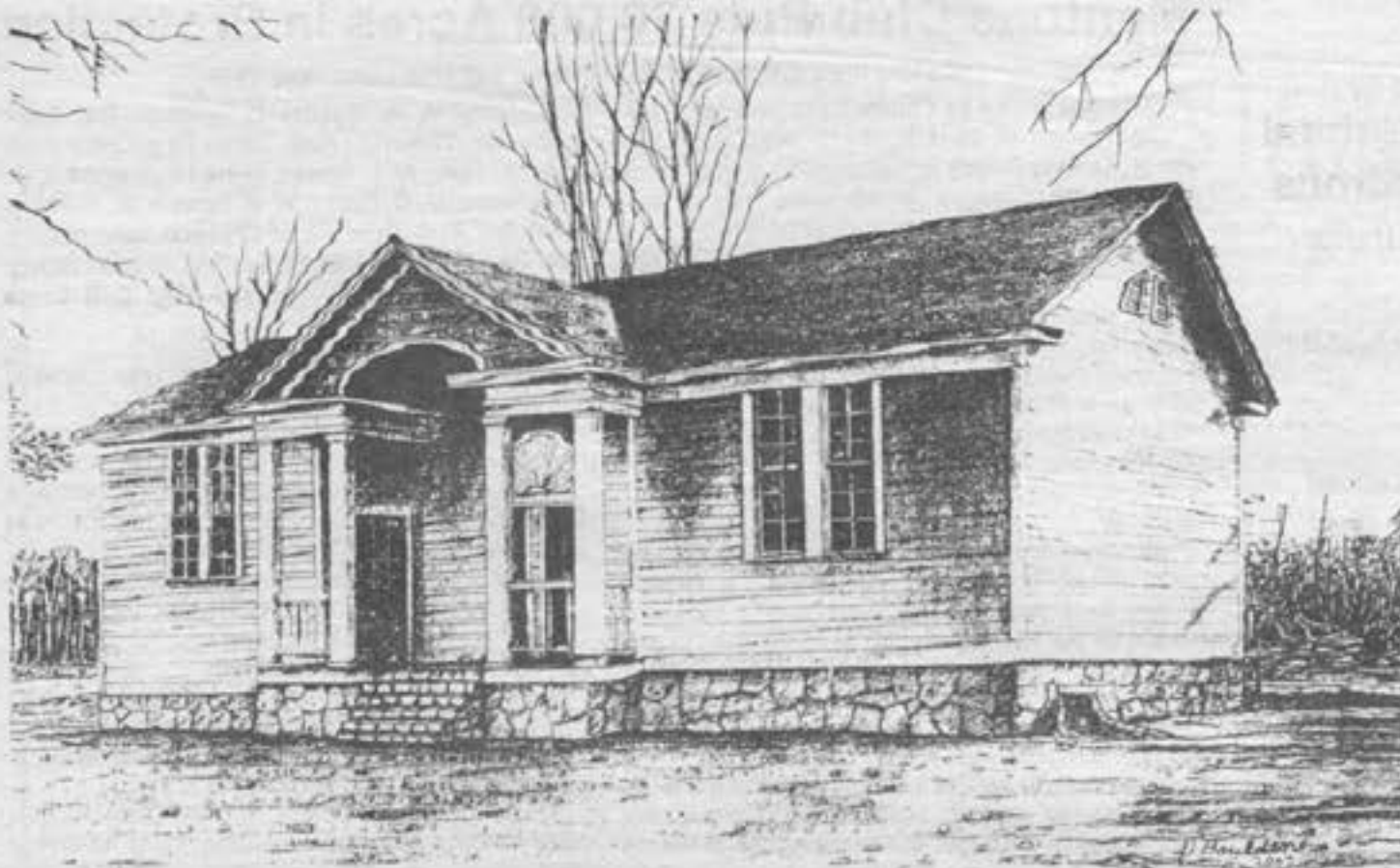
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MOON LAKE SCHOOL

A correction from last month's issue.

The above Moon Lake School is the one built around 1927-1928. The original Moon Lake School (a two-story structure) had burned, leaving the students no other choice but to go to Valley Head.

Some even walked down the mountain to school while the new school was being built.

The pencil drawing is from a 1929 photo,

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: Rhododendrons and Mountain Laurels

By L.C. Moon

Spring greets us with blooms dancing in the breeze. The miracle of experiencing the beauty of life anew feeds my soul after the stillness of winter. Of course, I also respect and appreciate the beauty before my eyes.

The Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) and Rhododendrons are enticing to the eye, though children should be warned against touching them. The shrubs are highly toxic and youngsters are known to put their hands in their mouth quite often. Just touching the shrubs won't hurt you, though. If you pulled off some leaves or flowers and got the juice on your hands and then put them in your mouth, you might end up with a "mysterious" belly ache. Even the honey of the Mountain Laurel flowers is reported to be toxic.

Native Americans are said to have used Mountain Laurel as a suicide plant. They also used the leaves medicinally. According to *Peterson's Field Guide Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants*, Native Americans used an external wash for pain and rheumatism. *Peterson's* also says that small doses have been used to treat syphilis, fever, jaundice, heart conditions, neuralgia and inflammation. In case of poisoning of this plant, either man or beast, whiskey is the best antidote," quote from Dr. Brown (1875) of *The Complete Herbalist*.

The Rhododendron is not known to be so poisonous as the Mountain Laurel. It is taken internally under supervision of healthcare providers for heart ailments. Native Americans used the leaves externally to relieve arthritis pain and headaches.

It is truly a miracle to me that the plants have the ability to heal and kill. There are quite a few that have the ability to do both in small doses. I choose to use safer alternatives when available. Though some plants reported to be toxic are completely safe if not taken in excess. I enjoy allowing others to experience the miracles of nature through informing them of their use and how to identify them. I hope you can attend one of my workshops and/or herb walks this spring or summer. Please contact me for details at (205-616-3148); or PO Box 224, Mentone, AL 35984. The medicinal and edible plant walks are biweekly.

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Mentone Club Puts 30,000 Acres in Protection

Copied from Article in Alabama Game and Fish News, May 1940

Submitted by Claude E. Owens, Jr.

"Organization of the Mentone Conservation Club, with 51 DeKalb County landowners as charter members and approximately 30,000 acres under a constructive game management and fire control program, was effected last month under auspicious circumstances.

"The new club had its beginning when the 51 landowners addressed a petition to Gordon Allison, prominent DeKalb conservationist, agreeing not to kill game on their property for two years, to prevent the taking of undersized fish, and to pursue a campaign to prevent woods fires. The petition, presented to Mr. Allison as chairman of the new Mentone Club, reads as follows:

"We the undersigned agree not to kill any game—turkey, quail or pheasant—released by Gordon Allison, for a period of two years, nor to allow any hunting on our premises for this period in order to give the wild game a chance to get a start. We also agree not to catch or allow small fish to be taken from the streams of our lands. We also agree to use our best efforts to prevent woods fires."

"As a means to provide food and cover for game, as well as saving valuable timber, the Mentone Club's chief objective is to halt the depredations of woods fires. This is shown by the heading on the petition which points out that fires destroy young timber, kill and damage mature timber, destroy fertility and permit erosion, prevent reforestation of idle lands, drive out game and destroy fish, and decrease land values.

"Praising the Mentone Club for its constructive program, J. Chapline Hodges, Birmingham sportsman, said, "I have never seen a more enthusiastic club. Mr. Allison is a member of the DeKalb County Sportsmen's Association as probably are many others who signed this petition. I think this club shows what the present Conservation Department program is meaning throughout the State."

"Landowners who signed the agreement were: Joe D. Crow, W. B. Batoy, R. T. Gallan, Roy A. Callan, R. M. Blevins, Lee Blain, Frank Powell, Nick King, W. W. Powell, Fred Huron, Hal Howe, R. D. Blalock, A. D. Adams, C. D. Swader, D. B. Swader, T. B. Swader, D. B. Swader, Jr., A. D. Swader, Claude Blevins, Herbert Chadwick, A. L. Sweatt, Golden Pace, Fred

Castleberry, W. A. Swader, D. Johnson, Roy Crow, A. C. Hale, William C. King, Luther King, Luther Kin Jr., T. E. Hale, Al J. Graber, Gene Underwood, L. I. Underwood, G. C. Flarity, W. E. Belsher, R. F. Pullie, Bill Pullen, F. C. Green, J. L. Gholston, John Blalock, Mrs. Sam Graham, John M. Graham III, Billie Glove, Graham Glover, Alex Glover, H. D. King, C. B. Eave and Milt Blives."

A note from Claude E. Owens, Jr. who submitted this article:

"In 1940 my mother's brother Gordon Allison sent me this information. He was born Sept. 10, 1884.

In the 1940s, he was President of the Mentone Conservation Club of DeKalb Co., and F.R. Bell was Secretary. Note letterhead attached!

The letterhead referred to was
**MENTONE CONSERVATION CLUB
DEKALB COUNTY
Mentone, Alabama**

J. Gordon Allison President F.R. Bell, Secretary

4-2. Claude Owens, Jr. wrote the following letter:

Dear Evelyn,

"This is the story Grand Father Robert Benson Allison told his wife Minerva Allison before he died in 1903, about Lahusage Coal Mine of Mentone, Ala. I have no record of the date it was found. He was drilling in earth for coal and iron for the New England Coal Mines Co., in the New England states, and had already found Coal City Mine on Sand Mountain and Durham Mine on North Lookout Mountain; and Iron Mine at Rising Fawn, Ga.

When they heard he had found coal in Mentone, the president Mr. Lamb, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Sage, both vice presidents, came to Mentone to see the new discovery.

President Lamb asked Grand Dad what they were going to name this new mine. Grand Dad Allison walked out in the woods. A few minutes later returned with an envelope in his hand, on which he had written the three officers names, Lamb, Hubbard, Sage! (Coal Mine)!

I will be 82 this year and I can remember the Old Hotel that was still there when I was growing up long after the coal ran out and the mine was closed.

Stay Safe This Memorial Day.

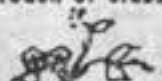
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(7) EAGLES NOOST, 2 acre tract on the East Brow,
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(9) 23 ACRES AVAILABLE Mentone area. Lightly Restricted, No Mobile Homes. Priced \$2200 an acre.

(10) SCENIC AND UNTOUCHED BEAUTY, describes this 26 acres mt on the East Fork of Little River. 300
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(15) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES: Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water
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2002 NE Alabama Women of Distinction Award Honorees

The 2002 Northeast Alabama Women of Distinction Awards, an annual event established by Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc., in order to recognize the achievements of women in DeKalb, Jackson and Marshall Counties, was held at the First United Methodist Church in Scottsboro. The event was sponsored by: the First United Methodist Church of Scottsboro, First Southern National Bank of Stevenson, Regions Bank of Scottsboro, H & R Block of Scottsboro, First Federal Saving and Loan Bank of Fort Payne, Albertville Flowers and Gifts, Compass Bank of Albertville, Compass Bank and Am South Bank of Fort Payne. This year's banquet honored seven women who exemplify the basic aim of Girl Scouting - providing positive role models for girls.

Claudette Smith, President of Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. opened the evening by welcoming everyone to the seventh Northeast Alabama Women of Distinction Awards Banquet. Girl Scout Troop #1072 from Grant, hostesses for the evening, performed the flag Ceremony and led the audience in the Girl Scout Promise. Elder James Craft, of the Scottsboro Open Door Mission Church of God, gave the invocation. Jamie Higdon, of Albertville, provided the musical entertainment for the evening. Jean Baird Jones, of Woodville, President of Viewpoint Publications, was the emcee for the seventh consecutive year. Mrs. Jones began the evening by stating, "The Girl Scout logo says, Girl Scouts. Where Girls Grow Strong. We are here to honor women who have proven to be strong in every way: committed, determined, involved, active and ethical. They are role models for today's young women and the leaders of tomorrow."

Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, a member of the Alabama State Board of Education and former Superintendent of Huntsville City Schools, was the keynote speaker. The delicious meal was catered by Fridays of Stevenson. The 2002 Northeast Alabama Women of Distinction committee members were: Suzanne Atchley of Grant, Dean Fritz Eberhart and Julie Mewes of Fort Payne, Linda Decker and Avice Pearson of Rainsville, Linda Bray, Kathy Ellenburg, Patty Cobb Stewart, Arlene Grede, Martha Welch, Louise Moghani and Deborah Jordan of Scottsboro and JoAnn Pearson and Judy Jones, Membership Directors

Director for Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of North Alabama staff members present were: Carol Kelly, Chief Executive Officer, Cheryl Hoard, Assistant Executive Director and Gina Walley, Fund Development Manager. Also introduced from the audience were former honorees: Sarah Betty Ingram, Arlene Grede, Martha Barksdale and Jane Cash.

The seven honorees and Northeast Alabama Women of Distinction Award recipients were:

Distinguished Young Woman-Recipient-Veronica Danille Wilder of Grant, nominated by Heroes of Kings Mountain, DAR Chapter

Outstanding Professional - Dot Dunlap Burke of Collinsville, nominated by Martha Barksdale and Carol M. Whitehead of Scottsboro, nominated by Scottsboro Kiwanis Club. **Recipient - Carol M. Whitehead**

Outstanding Volunteer Service-Bettina Gardner of Scottsboro, nominated by United Methodist Women of the Scottsboro First United Methodist Church and Christina Wise of Mentone, nominated by Fort Payne Culture Club. **Recipient - Christina Wise**

Outstanding Educator - Recipient - Diana McClendon of Albertville, nominated by the Albertville Elementary School PTO officers

Lifetime Achievement Award - Recipient - Dr. Mary Catherine Beasley of Collinsville, nominated by the Collinsville Study Club

Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc., a United Way and United Givers Fund member agency, congratulates the 2002 honorees. Many thanks, also, to the volunteers, corporate sponsors and nominating organizations and individuals. For information on this event or Girl Scouting, you may call the Girl Scout Regional office at (256) 562-0093.



Claudette Smith presenting award to Christina Wise

Christina Wise nominated by Fort Payne Culture Club

What's a nice girl from Scotland doing in Mentone, Alabama? It's a long and exciting story, which includes living in exotic places like, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Spain. In all of these locales, Christina Wise has left a legacy of giving. A certified nurse and mid-wife, she became Director of Nursing Education in Riyadh Military Hospital, Saudi Arabia. She developed the curriculum for the first nursing school in that country and convinced Saudi authorities to allow girls to attend. Her first class consisted of 4 boys and 4 girls, one of those boys is now the director. In Spain, she was a Red Cross Volunteer. In Sinai, Egypt, Christina was Chairman of the Charities Community, Multinational Force and Observers and set up classes for Bedouin girls to learn Nursing Assistant skills in Bedouin Hospital. In DeKalb County, she is responsible for bringing together all the churches for her "Christmas Pageant" every year. Inspired by her spirit of cooperation, even the camel and sheep have learned to work together, to make the pageant a huge success.

Christina wrote: I am most proud of establishing a nursing school in a country, Saudi Arabia, that formerly had no respect for the nursing profession. It was a considerable achievement, to convince the authorities to allow women to attend. Then, I was thrilled to achieve, for my school, reciprocity, with the United Kingdom Council of Nursing. Secondly, I am proud that I can bring so many denominations together, for the Christmas Pageant in Ft. Payne.

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A Friendly *Valley View*

By
ELOISE BROWN

I am so sorry to "short change" you this month, but circumstances beyond my control, dictates it. However, I can't leave you without a word, no matter how I feel.

I had a heart attack and thanks to 911 who sent a paramedic to check me, regardless; and because of two angels on earth who refused to accept "no" for an answer—I am still here and have a new appendage—a pacemaker—acquired at Gadsden Regional Hospital.

Elizabeth Bauerle entertained the Sunshine Club April 24 with a nice luncheon at her home. Those present were Lillian Pickett, Veronice Hawkins, Ruth Pickett, Leona Chadwick, Evelyn Clark, Susie Clark, and Eloise Brown. The next meeting is planned for May 23 at 2 PM at Lillian Pickett.

My granddaughter Robin Darby came from Collierville, TN, and spent three days with me in the hospital.

My granddaughter Laurie Dell, and grandson Jason Meadows, from Auburn, visited me in the hospital, as well as other family members and Melinda Adkins.

My cousins, Bill and Blanche Fuller, from Madison, AL, came and spent the day Sunday, May 5, and brought a big chicken dinner. They also visited Barry and Emily Brown.

Beverly and Shane Wright were called to Illinois by the death of Shane's grandmother.

The county was grieved by the death of Cecil Bridgeman. He had lots of friends for he was a very friendly person. He was always interested in politics and the welfare of the community. He served his country in the war, received Purple Hearts and several citations. He will be widely and deeply missed.

I appreciate so much all the calls, cards, flowers, and loving concern shown by everyone. It means so much and makes me feel very humble. I'll try to do better next month.

It is a very beautiful time. I think May is my favorite month. The flowers are so beautiful and the birds so happy—so should everyone be!

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May, How Can Earth Bear Thee

May, how can earth bear the wonderful rare
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Ev'ry hue of green sparkles on the scene;
Oaks and willows wear golden tassels fair,
Pines both high and low, hold candles aglow
Birds burst as they swell, exuberance tell
In colors so bright, they seem to take flight,
In dense fragrant shade,

where gay shadows played

Graceful ferns uncurled, blissfully dew pearled.
Waking from their sleep, elfin flowers peep
From their violet beds, shyly left their heads,
Birds joyfully sing and dance on the wing,
Mating and nesting, no need for resting.
By this rippling pond, frogs call accents fond.
Twilight brings the thrill of the Whippoorwill.
Beautiful, fragrant, play day of vagrant
Nature as it feels like kicking up heels,
Heaven's selection, May, your perfection
How can earth bear thee—beauty's ecstasy—
The joy that you bring with the heart of Spring!

—Eloise Brown

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God bless all mothers in the world today
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As examples for their children to see
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True to principles and trusting in Thee.

May they be loving and always be kind,
Firm, dependable, and gently remind
Of the helping hand they can always find,
Leading and guiding in the right way,
Give the strength and courage, God we pray.
Please Bless all mothers in the world today.

—Eloise Brown

Sweet May

Girdled by leaves that swing and sing,
Tenderly in the heart of Spring,
Sweet May, you are a gentle thing.

Clothed in garments of myriad hues,
Woven flowers perfumes diffuse
Bejeweled webs of diamond dew.

Now crowned by Azure satin sky,
Lambkin clouds drift lazily by,
When baby breezes softly sigh.

Clusters of Robins in your hand,
Contented chirpings understand
Heaven's bright beauty they have scanned.

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You soothe Spring storms to kindly spray,
To prove a gentle thing, sweet May!

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Roger Killian Seeking DeKalb District Judgeship

Roger Killian, a Fort Payne Attorney, has announced his candidacy for the office of District Judge of DeKalb County in the coming 2002 elections. On March 4, he filed qualifying papers and will be seeking nomination in the Democratic Party primary to be held on June 4.

Killian is a life-long resident of DeKalb County, was reared in the Colbran Community and attended local schools. He graduated from Jacksonville State University with special honors in political science. In 1972 Killian received his J.D. Degree from the University of Alabama School of Law.

In 1972, Killian began his career in the general practice of law in Fort Payne. In 1974 he was elected over four opponents to serve in the Alabama House of Representatives. During his tenure in the House of Representatives, he was appointed to the Judicial Committee and was selected by Chief Justice Howell Heflin to serve on a special advisory committee for implementation of the Judicial Article which established the Alabama Uniform Court System. He served as one of the members of a Judiciary Sub-Committee whose members were cited by the Alabama Press Association for meritorious work on legislation relating to Alabama's judicial system.

Killian has successfully engaged in the practice of law for 30 years handling all types of cases, both civil and criminal. His experience includes practice in the Probate, District, Circuit, Courts of Appeal (Civil and Criminal), the Alabama Supreme Courts and the Federal Courts. In the course of his practice, he has represented and assisted thousands of citizens, companies and organizations in legal matters. His practice is located in the former Killian and Weatherly Clinic Building where he was born. Practicing with Killian is his cousin, David Killian, a 2000 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law.

Roger married Sally Gilbreath in 1971. Their parents are Gad and Lorene Killian and the late Truman and Sara Gilbreath, all of whom reside(d) and raised their families in DeKalb County. Their children, LuAnne, Daniel and Sara Ellen are now grown, married, and establishing homes and careers of their own.

Killian and his wife, Sally, are both active members of Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne and are involved in civic and charitable organizations.

In announcing his candidacy, Killian noted that the District Judge in DeKalb County presides over the Drug Court and is also the Juvenile Court Judge. He stated his belief that the most pressing issues facing DeKalb County citizens and the Courts of are 1) the use and abuse illegal of drugs and related crimes 2) handling of matters involving families and children. Killian states: "We must be tough in dealing with Those who sell, manufacture or continually abuse drugs. Protection of the citizens of DeKalb and their property is of paramount importance. We must make DeKalb County a safe area, one where we can raise our children without exposure to the deadly effects of illegal drugs. In matters relating to the care and custody of children, the Court must use its resources and powers to help insure that our children are not abused nor raised in unfit or dangerous environments. The goal of the Court in dealing with juveniles is to make them law abiding, productive citizens. Oftentimes that requires strong, tough action on the part of the Judge. Again, protection of the community is imperative.

In working for and with DeKalb Countians over the years, in my marriage to Sally, and in helping to raise our own children I have gained experience in making the important decisions that a District Judge is called upon to make."

In concluding his remarks, Killian stated:

"As District Judge, with my best ability, I will work to earn the trust given to me by the voters. The office I seek belongs to the people and I will bring no dishonor to it. My decisions will be fair and based upon the law. I will not forget the lessons and values learned from family, friends, teachers and others in DeKalb County who have had a part in my upbringing.



Linda Sterling, newly-elected President of United Givers Fund presents plaque of appreciation to Dr. Michael R. Parker, UGF President 2001

UGF ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

At the Annual Membership meeting of United Givers Fund of DeKalb County held recently at the Richard Hunt Reception Hall, eight new directors were elected to serve on the UGF Board.

Garia Bryan, John T. Davis, Cecile Gray, Shelia Kerby, Clyde Martin, Chris McAbee, Ann Quevedo, and Dr. Mark Wilson were welcomed to the board by Dr. Michael R. Parker. Parker, outgoing board president, also expressed his appreciation to Russell Balvin, Scott Bateman, Randolph Bell, Philip Brown, Gene Cleckler, Lee Cobble, Pat Dunne, Jr, Steve Eberhart, Dean Fritz Eberhart, Terry Gillis, Gwen Hill, Jim Houston, Rick Kuhn, Ricky Little, Herb Martin, Mike O'Dell, Lynette Porter, Scott Ross, Candice Scott, Stephen Smith, Linda Sterling, Dr. Scott Thompson, Sue Wills, and Gene Wright, all of whom are currently serving on the 33-member board.

Linda Sterling was presented with an engraved plaque on behalf of the board in appreciation for her leadership during the 2001-02 campaign which exceeded the \$350,000.00 goal by more than \$35,000.00.

The first board meeting of the year was held immediately following the Annual Membership meeting. New officers elected for a one year term were: Linda Sterling, President; Scott Ross, Vice President; Gwen Hill, Treasurer; and Debra Dawson, Secretary. These officers comprise UGF's Executive Committee along with outgoing president, Dr. Michael Parker, and UGF Executive Director, Barbara Turner.

Ms. Turner said, "Even though the UGF Board meets only three times a year, the board members are encouraged to be actively involved on a year-round basis. Most of our board members serve on at least one committee. And, of course, during the annual fundraising campaign (a period of about eight weeks in the fall) many of our board members serve in key positions in the campaign. Each board member plays a vital role in the organization."

United Givers Fund of DeKalb County provides funding for 13 member agencies that help to make a difference in so many lives right here in DeKalb County. For more information on any of the programs funded by UGF, call the UGF office at 256-845-4006 or log on to their website at www.unitedgiversfund.com.



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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 9:00 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 devotional 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. Everyone is welcome to come.

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 635-6241, 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 Abwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 239 (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.

Princes of Peace Lutheran Church, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 645-4642, has regular Sunday services at 9 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.

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).

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

The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, Georgia, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday evening at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. Singing April 27, 7:00 GA time. Special Singers will be the Brown Brothers.

Lighthouse Fellowship assembly has moved to Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship - 11 AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 700-602-2007.

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 Chambers 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 Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible Study Wed. 7:00 - 7:45 PM. 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 any of their services or activities. Two Morning Services with Children's Church are at 8:45 AM, with Sunday School at 10 AM, and the second service at 11 AM. QAs 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.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10 AM; Morning Worship - 11 AM. Sunday evening - 6 PM, Wednesday evening - 6:30 PM. Pastor LuRue Garraway welcomes new comers.

Mt. Carmel Community Baptist Church, 1041 Yankee Rd, Cloudland, GA 30731, 706-398-7018, now offers a 24 hour Prayer Line. Need Prayer? Just call and leave your message. Other activities include: Sunday School - 10 AM, Worship Services - 11 AM & 6 PM; Monday 7-8 PM - Informal Prayer Time; Wednesday 7 PM- Mid-week Prayer Service; Thursday 7-8 PM -Bible Discussion. We need Piano Player, Music Director, Children for Sunday School and You!

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, regular 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 Frankie Jones. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 2 PM in the fellowship hall, and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30 PM at the church.

BIRTHDAY COLUMN

Happy June Birthday/Anniversary wishes to:

- 1- Sybil Hopper, ●2 - Lisa Harris, Glen Black;
- 3- George Westmoreland, Van Cooper, ●5 - Marsha McKinny, Kim McKinny; ●6-Anna Young,
- 8- David Dean, Ralph Deleagarza; ●10-Lisa Moore, Joyce Wright, Michelle Clappell; ●16-Loric Carter, Donnie Davis, ●17-Andy Beason, ●18-Krissy and Phil Harris (anniv.), Ashley Langston;
- 20-Linda and John Tucker (Anniv.), Murrell Haney, Sherry Cox; ●21-Catherine Bailey, Trey Kincer, Nicky Langston; ●22-Jewell Rogers McDaniel; ●23-Benny Goss, Jack Johnston; Luvenia Langston; ●24-Brenda Goss, Tyler Hester;
- 25-Thann Owens; ●27-Larry Tripp, Cecil Bridgeman, Robin and Jerry Hulan (anniv); ●28-Annie Young, Rusty and Angela Chambers (anniv);
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"I sincerely appreciate your vote on June 4 in the Democrat Primary and on Nov. 5 in the General Election."

Hendrix seeks District 24 seat in Alabama House of Representatives

J. Luther Hendrix announced this week he will seek election to the Alabama House of Representatives, District 24.

"I want to put my experience in business and public service to work for the citizens of DeKalb County," said Hendrix in announcing his candidacy. "We face many challenges in this county, and I believe I can help make a difference."

A DeKalb County native and life-long resident of the area, Hendrix spent 30 years working with families and landowners through the Farm Credit System. Hendrix rose to the position of Regional Supervisor and Vice President of Field Operations of Region One. Since his retirement, Hendrix has been involved in a number of successful businesses.

In 1990, voters elected Hendrix as Chairman of the DeKalb County Commission. There were many problems facing the county, and Hendrix led the commission in developing solutions. "There were some critical issues in county government 12 years ago," Hendrix said. "It took some tough decisions, but our county was in much stronger financial condition when my term ended." Hendrix said he is excited about returning to public service. "I love working with people," he said. "I feel great, and I'm excited about getting around the district to hear what's on everybody's minds." Hendrix said his service in the Alabama House of Representatives would be marked by the same values of leadership, honesty and integrity that have guided his personal, public and professional life.

NEWS FROM THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District volunteer firefighters are very busy this time of the year. Not only are they being called for more fires, mostly brush fires, but they are also preparing to serve food at the Rhododendron Festival on May 18th and 19th.

Look for them under the shelter at the Brow Park serving barbeque plates and sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream and soft drinks. Also, ask them about sausage and biscuit and coffee in the mornings.

The DeKalb County Health Department has set some very strict guidelines for organizations that serve food at festivals. The fire department has made a lot of improvements to comply with these regulations. They will install netting around the outside edges of the pavilion. After this is in place, they must install three sinks, a hot water heater, a waste water holding tank, and the means to keep cold things cold and hot things hot.

One of the requirements that is the hardest to comply with is that all food served must be prepared in an approved kitchen. An approved kitchen seems to be one that is inspected and rated by the health department. A local Mentone restaurant came to the rescue. Dessie's Kountry Chef cooked the meat and prepared it for freezing. Many thanks to Dessie Newberry, owner, for doing this for us. As of this writing, she is having some health problems and we want to express our love and best wishes to her.

Be sure to visit the volunteers during the festival and enjoy some of the good food. The prices are right and the food is always delicious. This is the main fund raiser that the fire department sponsors each year. The profit made is used for daily operating expenses. There are many things that the tax money cannot be used for and community support and fund raisers are the only way this money can be provided.

Another project that the volunteers are helping with is the flying of flags around the town of Mentone. We have more flags which will be ready to fly on Memorial Day weekend. The Woodmen of the World have furnished the flags and the volunteer firefighters put them on the poles and take them down according to the schedule set forth by the American Legion.

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Rusty currently works for Carl Jones Construction. He enjoys spending time with his family fishing and coaching baseball.

Rusty has been a volunteer fireman for 12 years with the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Volunteer Fire Department in Mentone. He currently holds the position of assistant chief. Rusty and the other volunteers are working hard to make the NLMFPD Volunteer Fire Department the best it can be.

Parallel Lives: Soul Sisters by Mireille Scheni and Jean McGehee

Jean McGehee of Mentone and her French teacher friend, Mireille Scheni, were at Moon Lake School on May 9th, after the PTO meeting and had their joint book for sale. They autographed each copy. If you would like to have a copy, the book will be on sale in June at the Open House of the new Moon Lake School Community Library in June. The cost is \$10.

The two autobiographies, one about a young Jewish woman in Paris who went through a kind of hell during World War II, and the other about a young woman comfortably brought up Southern Baptist in Alabama, come alive with their startling juxtaposition. Reading about their becoming "soul sisters" will leave you feeling better about your own close friendships and evaluating your own life.

THE UNSUNG

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By John Baty

Today, March 30, 2002 at about 3:30 p.m., I (author) and wife were returning home from grocery shopping. As we rounded the last curve before reaching our driveway, I pointed to a rocky-like spot on the gentle slope there just below Cleo Smith's farm lake. I began recounting to Mary Sue one of the many stories with which I have been blessed (or cursed, don't know which).

Before I write the story, I might preface it by explaining a little of the personal and laying some groundwork, which might better explain my interest in the old story and how I could sort of identify with the facts told to me long ago.

I never did like school until perhaps freshman college or thereabouts. I rebelled when I was six years old and would not go back to that traumatic place until I was seven years old. Then I "quit" school in the fourth grade and began going with my Daddy and Brother to Georgia to the sawmill. I rolled the logs down the skids and kept them handy for my Brother who did both the log turning and the sawing. My Daddy watched me carefully and pointed out any mistakes I made in handling the logs, which might lead me into an accident. Thus I learned about the dangers of rolling logs at an early age.

One day we were discussing the use of a Cant hook (hook with handle for rolling logs) and Daddy explained that if a log was already in motion, rolling down a slope, even though the speed of its rolling was very slow, one should never try to stop it by catching it with the hook. Every logger understands intuitively, and by trial and error, Newton's First Law of motion. The Law states that "a body at rest tends to stay at rest, and a body in motion tends to continue in motion." That is an abbreviated statement of the Law, but is quite adequate for our purpose here. I may have replied in an impatient manner, in the way a youngster

will sometimes do, because he became rather intense and warned me in a more severe tone about that particular danger.

He then looked out across the log yard and said in a quiet tone: "I had another Brother once, other than the ones you know. His name was Everett. J. Everett. The J. was for John. My Grandpas on both sides of the family were named John. Ma's daddy was John Rutledge. Pa's daddy was John Baty. John Rutledge disappeared while in the Civil War. John Baty is buried at Little River. My Pa, John Riley Baty and my Ma, Erman Rutledge Baty, neither of which you knew, are buried at Bankhead. Beside Pa's and Ma's graves is a stone which reads J. E. Baty, 1893 - 1914. The J. E. is for John Everett. He was born a year before my twin and I were born. He died when he was twenty-one years old."

Do you know the tiny little wet-weather branch there just across the ford near our upper, East landline? Well, there where the old Shorty house log road crossed that little wet place, Pa and Everett were loading logs on the little slope there about Thanksgiving in 1914. One of the logs, a smooth, round one, of pretty good size they said, got to rolling down the slope and was about to miss the skid poles. Everett was below it and caught it with the Cant hook. The momentum of the heavy log, as Newton's Law predicted, slammed the handle of the hook with such force that Everett was knocked to the ground. He was sick and disabled after that for about a month, then he died. His stone reads: February 6, 1893 - December 20, 1914. He died a few days before Christmas. Be careful about rolling logs."

I was finishing the story about the 1914 drama which happened about 200 yards from our present house, and as we entered the front door, I remarked in my favored, sawmill language that if one catches a rolling log with a hook, it would indeed slap Hell out of him. As I sat down at the table and began eating our sup-

per, my thoughts went to that small grave marker at Bankhead. That young man, twenty-one years old, cut down in his best years by something as innocent as a sawmill Cant hook. I reflected that I had known of the tombstone all my life, but only recalled a very few times I distinctly recalled seeing flowers on the grave at important times. It had been very little mention I had heard made of this young man, Everett Baty.

I thought of all the many thousands of young men, down across time, who had fallen in wars and other tragedies. How many of them were honored and remembered in some way. It occurred to me that here, on this Easter's eve, I would like to somehow honor and remember this young Baty, unsung, virtually unknown.

I looked at the clock and it showed 4:16 p.m. I picked up the phone and dialed The House of Fabric in Fort Payne, and Mr. Paul Benefield answered. We are regular customers of Mr. Benefield, but I did not identify myself. "When do you close?" I asked. "In about ten minutes," he replied. "What do you need?" "Oh, I just wanted to grab a last minute pot of flowers for a grave I had forgotten," I said. "I am at Mentone and can't make it. Thanks anyway. It's no big deal." "I'll wait," he said. "No, I wouldn't ask you to do that," I replied. "It's okay." "No, it's not," he replied. "Come on! I'll be here. Just identify yourself when you get here."

I walked to the other room and asked Mary Sue if she might go back to Fort Payne with me. We had been in Fort Payne only an hour before. She asked what I needed. I said "A pot of flowers for the grave I told you about a few minutes ago." She nodded as she slipped on a different pair of pants.

As I placed the flowers on Everett's grave, we noted that there was another such pot from a past, but recent time, blown over on its side. "Someone else has not forgotten," I mused to myself. Wonder who?

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A recent report of the Administrative Office of Courts shows that 51% of the District Court cases are traffic cases, 15% are misdemeanor criminal cases, 22% are civil cases, 8% are juvenile cases, and 3% are child support cases.

TATE serves as Fort Payne Municipal Judge. Fort Payne's Municipal Court heard 3501 traffic and misdemeanor cases as compared to the 4862 heard by the District Court during the same time frame.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

"My, how time flies!" to coin an old cliché. Spring came in so suddenly, and it was so warm it seemed like June in April. Records were broken in New York, Chicago and Chattanooga. The temperature was in the 90's for several days. It seemed that everyone was working fast to get vegetables and flowers planted, before it got too hot to work outside.

Homer has been laid up for about three weeks with a terrible cough and fever at night. He has been doing some work in dust, which causes these coughs, but this one has lasted longer than usual. The pollen has been heavy, which may have caused some of the problem. He is much better now, with good nurses like Coy, Joyce and me to nurture him with TLC.

Just recently, Joyce and I took her dad's pickup truck to an estate sale on Lookout Mountain in the town of Lookout Mountain. We went up Lookout Mountain Parkway, and just oohed and aahed all the way. The scenery is fabulous! The fresh spring colors of all shades and tints of green are so refreshing. Everything seems new and clean. If you have a few hours to just go for a drive, take the Parkway. I was amazed at all the development along the way—and they are not chopping all the trees down! There is one big private area where beautiful homes are being built, with a golf course under construction. Some areas are just wilderness, with many wildflowers blooming on the roadside. What a wonderful scenic area in which to live! We passed an area where Joyce went to a Methodist Camp with a friend when she was ten years old.

The only thing needed is an overlook for the view of the valley on the east side. Traveling up Highway 157, one can turn left on Highway 136 and go up the west

brow of the mountain, past Covenant College, and there are places where the scenery is wonderful seen from your car on this side.

The trip was so nice, I told Joyce that even if we didn't buy anything at the sale, we had a pleasant experience just driving to the location. The house was in a lovely setting, not far from Rock City and Point Park. We parked in an area behind the house, and a nice garden of many varieties of flowers was a pleasure to see. There were several colors of rhododendron—red, pink, deep purple and a yellow I had never seen. There were some native azaleas, one being a Flame Azalea that I have only seen on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We stood in line about 30 minutes, waiting for the door to open. It was a nice, pleasant day, weather-wise, and it's fun to chat with others who are seeking a bargain. This sale was conducted by Those Girls—Sunny and Mary Jo. They are sweet, attractive girls whose sales Homer and I have attended for several years. This was Sunday afternoon, and most things under \$100 are half of the original price at the Saturday sale. That's the only way a shop owner can buy and hope to resell. This was an above average home, and we found some good china (I got three teapots), silver and crystal. I just purchased small things we could pack in a box. The largest item was a crystal punch bowl, which was heavy. I usually come away wishing I had bought other things, like a nice sofa, probably of 1900 vintage. But there is always another sale.

Of course we live on Lookout Mountain Parkway, and it is very beautiful driving our way, from Mentone. The trees are beginning to form an archway over the road, and it looks fresh and cool all summer. We watch for deer and wild turkeys when driving, which makes us aware of the beauty of nature, and how blessed we are to live in an environment like this.

On the sixth of April, we had the pleasure of having a birthday party for my Aunt Ruby Taylor, who was 90 years old that day. She seems to be in good health, and I thought she was beautiful. Her daughters, Gaynelle Smith and Pam Craig, were here with their husbands, Jack and Tommy, their daughter Ashley, and cousins Andy and Iva Lea; Andy's sister, Winona and husband, Jerry; Andy's niece, Carol; Norman Freeman and Elizabeth King. We had dinner and good visits with everyone. Doreen made beautiful balloon arrangements that made the house look festive. It was a good day. I just hope Aunt Ruby stays well and we can have another party for her.

If you haven't been to the Hitching Post lately, you should come see the nice things the Lookout Mountain Artists' Guild has upstairs. They continue to bring in new things. Our little corner of Mentone was lively during the last weekend of April. It was cold part of the time, but people were enjoying the area anyway.

School will be out for summer vacation soon, our camps will open, and families will be traveling to Mentone. Our rhododendron are blooming; I just hope there will still be blooms when we hold our festival May 18 and 19.



90th Birthday: Ruby Taylor, seated; standing L/R: Gaynelle & Jack Smith; Pam and daughter, Ashley; and Tommy Craig

About

Our Town

By

LINDA BROWN



What a gorgeous Spring this has been!! The azaleas and rhododendrons have never been more beautiful. I think that anyone who doesn't live in Mentone is missing a great blessing. Of course, I have lived here now for about forty years and I could be prejudiced. Almost everyone who moves to the area seems to agree that it is a wonderful place to live.

So much is happening right now that it is hard to keep up with all of it, even with the help of a calendar with large blocks for each day. There are numerous decorations at the local cemeteries and almost every family has to attend at least one decoration out of town.

There are also graduations to attend. You may be surprised to know that Moon Lake Elementary School has graduations. They have three! The head start program has one, the kindergarten class has one and the sixth grade class has one. The sixth graders have speeches and everything. The education that our children receive at Moon Lake School is great preparation for future situations. Some of the students go on to Valley Head High School, some to Fort Payne School system and some to private schools around the area. From the news that we get back from them, they all do very well wherever they go.

I hear people talking and realize that many young families move to the area because of Moon Lake School. We, as a community, need to strive to maintain the standard of excellence that it has become known for. I have been serving on a committee with some of the teachers of Moon Lake, and I have been very impressed with the caring and committed attitude they show toward the school. One of the teachers, who drives over fifty miles each day to get to school, stated that she would leave when she was either fired, retired or dead. That's commitment!

Everyone is so excited about the new library. Officially it is the Moon Lake School Community Library. The school children will use it during school hours and the public will have access to it on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We are now in the process of working out the details of a schedule. There is much to be considered when dealing with two entities like this. We ask that everyone be patient with us for the first few months. As is always true, there will be something that will cause a problem and need to be corrected. The best laid plans of mice and men... The grand opening of the library is scheduled for May 8 at 8:30 PM and everyone is invited to come and see this beautiful addition to our community. Since nothing can operate this day and time without money, the community part of the library can use donations for their part of the expenses and to buy new books and supplies. You can send a donation to: MLESL, PO Box 401, Mentone, AL 35984. This is a good way to remember birthdays and anniversaries, as well as memorials.

So many improvements are being made to our com-

munity. Of course, the first that comes to mind is the clean-up spear-headed by Boy Scout Troop 106. They did a wonderful job and the results can be seen around the area. Now we need to all pitch in and keep it clean and neat. Not long after the clean-up, an article appeared in an Alabama newspaper stating that the West Nile virus would indeed be a threat this year throughout Alabama. It stated that the best defense was to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. The next best thing is to destroy the places that mosquito larvae like to grow into adults. Old tires and gutters on houses were mentioned as two of the most popular. If you remember, one of the main focuses of the Mentone Clean-up was old tires. Now each household needs to clean the gutters on their house. It seems that the leaves and debris that collect in gutters holds the water and dampness and provides the perfect place for mosquitoes. If standing water cannot be dumped, it can be treated with a larvicide which can be purchased from hardware stores and garden centers. These pellets contain bacteria that kill adult mosquitoes and is not harmful to animals or the environment.

This information may be more than you want to know, but the article states that West Nile virus is a form of encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. The symptoms are fever, headache and body aches. Sometimes a rash and swollen lymph glands will appear. More severe cases may include stiff neck, stupor, coma, convulsions and rarely, death. It is spread by mosquitoes that feed off of infected birds. It cannot be spread by person-to-person contact. The best prevention is to use insect repellent and wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when mosquitoes are most active, often at dusk or dawn. Parents, please pay special attention to your children this summer when they go outside to play. Take an extra minute to apply insect repellent. The West Nile virus seems to have arrived along with kudzu, Japanese beetles, thistles and some other things that we wish had not found Mentone.

Now that I've shared that picture of gloom and doom, on a much more pleasant note, Little River Church and Cemetery has a new picnic shelter. Now they can have their dinner-on-the-ground under a roof. I heard through the grapevine that a generous supporter of the church gave a donation to be used for this purpose. I know that they will enjoy this facility for many years to come. Do you know that the deep SOUTH seems to be one of the few places that still observe Decoration Day? This is an old tradition and one that has been written about in many books and plays. The act of honoring and remembering deceased loved ones seems to fascinate those who have only heard of it. For those of us who have always done it, it is a natural thing to do each spring, usually in May.

I loved the play that the Children's Advocacy Center presented in Fort Payne last February. It was written to try to explain Decoration Day in the South. In it, two daughters of a certain woman, who was buried in this particular cemetery, were constantly arguing about whose floral arrangement was the best and which should be at "mama's" headstone. It seems that they thought the best one should be at the head! Exactly what is the reason we continue to observe this tradition? I think we do it for the living more than for the dead. We see aunts, uncles and cousins whom we never see anywhere else. We fellowship with friends whom we haven't seen since last year at decoration.

A friend of many Mentone residents, who now lives in Maryland, is planning a visit to Mentone during the time of the decorations. He says that he gets to see more people that way. What a wonderful tradition! (If anyone doesn't know what Decoration Day is, it is a day set aside to clean and decorate the graves of loved ones. Each cemetery has its own particular day.)

Look for a complete schedule of all events and happenings in this issue of The Groundhog. Marie and Evelyn do a wonderful job of coordinating and listing the happenings of the Mentone area. I have helped Marie with The Groundhog recently and found it to be a most interesting and enlightening experience. I only proof-read articles and did the most simple things, but it helped me to realize how much work goes into this publication. I have an even greater admiration for this work of love. Tell Marie, Evelyn, and those who write articles and the members of MAPA how much you appreciate this effort. Remember that it is free to those of us who have a Mentone address and only ten dollars per year to others.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. 6:2-3

This is a good time to give honor to those who have done so much for us. We cannot pay them back for all they have done, but we can love them and do what we can to make them happy. If your mother is still with you, tell her you love her, and do something to make her happy.

Happy Mother's Day!

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

MENTONE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting dates for remainder of 2002

•June 20

•September 19

•December 19

Other special or called meetings
will be posted as required.

The regular quarterly meetings are on the 3rd Thursday; and all meetings are held in the town public meeting room at 4 p.m. and are open to the public.

DeSoto State Park Interpretive Program 2002

Date	Program	Speaker	Time
May 04	Wildflower Saturday	Steve Threlkeld	8:30AM-5:30PM
May 11	Legends of the Lowland	Gregory Hamilton	8:00 PM
May 17	Native Plants	Frances Hutchins	8:00 PM
May 18	State of North Alabama	Linda Reynolds	8:00 PM
May 24	It's Not Easy Being Green	Tallena Tatum	8:00 PM
May 25	We're Not Sorry	Tallena Tatum	8:00 PM
May 31	Medieval Plants of Little River Canyon	Frances Hutchins	8:00 PM
June 01	Native Plants of Little River Canyon	Frances Hutchins	8:00 PM
June 04	How the World Was the World	Timothy Tatum	8:00 PM
June 08	Life of a Forest Native Plant	Timothy Tatum	8:00 PM
June 14	State of Little River Canyon	Linda Reynolds	8:00 PM
June 15	Native Plants	Linda Reynolds	8:00 PM
June 21	Cherokee Trail of Tears	Andy George	8:00 PM
June 22	Geology of Little River	Andy George	8:00 PM
June 26	Midwest Ecology	Andy George	8:00 PM
June 29	Parishes of Little River	Andy George	8:00 PM
July 05	Archaeology of our Local National Parks	Larry Davis	8:00 PM
July 06	Cherokee Folklore	Randy Davis	8:00 PM
July 12	Herps of Little River	Malissa Dumas	8:00 PM
July 13	TBA	Malissa Dumas	8:00 PM
July 19	It's Not Easy Being Green	Tallena Tatum	8:00 PM
July 20	We're Not Sorry	Tallena Tatum	8:00 PM
July 26	Native Plants and Animals of Little River Canyon	Larry Davis	8:00 PM
July 27	The World of Plants and Animals	Malissa Dumas	8:00 PM
July 30	Archaeology of Little River Canyon	Olivia Hill	8:00 PM
Aug 04	Native Plants	Angie Morgan	8:00 PM
Aug 05	Native American Arts and Crafts	Walter & Margaret	8:00 PM
Aug 10	Indian Legends and Music	Walter & Margaret	8:00 PM
Aug 18	Archaeology of Little River	Robert Lindsay	8:00 PM
Aug 19	Dynamic Dinosaurs	Don Seabring	8:00 PM
Aug 23	Alabama's Endangered Mammals	Frank Ruppert	8:00 PM
Aug 24	Bear Hunt: Mammals and Turtles	Frank Ruppert	8:00 PM
Aug 30	Dinosaur	Steve Threlkeld	8:00 PM
Aug 31	North American Tools & Weapons	Larry Davis	8:00 PM



The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule for 2002

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays

from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

•May 8, 22

•June 5, *

•July *, 17, 31

The Bookmobile is in
VALLEY HEAD

on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15