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Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 30
Halloween Parties in Mentone
Trick & Treating Day

Sunday, October 31
Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
MAPA Community Picnic
Shady Grove Dude Ranch, Mentone
(See flyer on back page for details.)

Saturday, November 6, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Annual Harvest Festival
Moon Lake School Gym, Mentone

Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.
American Legion Dinner.
Veteran's Day

Saturday and Sunday, November 13 & 14
DeKalb County Arts & Crafts Show
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
VFW Fair Exhibit Building, Ft. Payne

Sunday, November 14; 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
**Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department
Barbeque Chicken Dinner**
(See notice on back page.)

Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving

MOON LAKE 1993 HARVEST FESTIVAL



Moon Lake School's annual HARVEST FESTIVAL will be Saturday, November 6th, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the school gym. The HARVEST FESTIVAL, a long-standing tradition of the community, is the school's annual fundraising event. It involves parents of the children presently attending Moon Lake School, as well as parents whose children went to Moon Lake, 5, 10, 20 plus years ago.

Fundraising efforts are being conducted by each of the classes at the school from now until November 6th. The FESTIVAL itself consists of a night of games and fun at the school gym, supper served throughout the evening, the crowning of a king and queen of the competition, an auction, door prizes, and a general good time with folks in the community who support the faculty body of Moon Lake School.

Mark your calendars now, and keep Saturday night free. Plan to spend it supporting the work of Moon Lake School in this community. There is nothing else quite like it!

The P.T.A. will be serving a red-beans-and-rice dinner that night, while booths fill the gym for fun and fundraising. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening, and an auction will take place around 9:00 p.m.

A king and queen of the 1993 HARVEST FESTIVAL will be crowned that night. HARVEST FESTIVAL royalty is chosen on the basis of the most money collected. The following students are running for king and queen:

Grade	King	Queen
K	Joshua Rogers	Hillary Fenley
1	Clark Crowe	Rachel Bryan
2	Ashley McSpadden	Coley Webb
3/4	C.W. Holcomb	Stephanie Plemmons
		Brandy Browder
4/5	Josh Baker	Cassie Hooks
	Johnnie Wesley	Jennie Wesley
6		Amberly Denham

Anyone wishing to participate in the HARVEST FESTIVAL or having any questions should contact John Corey (634-4848) or Connie Hughes (634-4428). Those wishing to make a contribution should make their checks payable to Moon Lake School for the Harvest Festival. Checks may be mailed to the school or taken by the school office.

MOON LAKE SCHOOL

Moon Lake School is fortunate to have for the entire school year Mrs. Sue Broyles, who is the speech teacher. Miss Linda Abernathy is teaching in the Indian program for nine weeks.

Bids for the scraping and painting of the main school building are now being accepted. The paint will be provided. The bidder will use his own tools and will be expected to do a good job. The job will go to the lowest bidder.

Basketball is starting up for this season. Pat Brendle is the basketball coach. Mrs. Cindy Webb is working with the cheerleaders.

Moon Lake students are preparing for a spelling bee that will be coming up before long. The local winner will enter the county spelling bee.

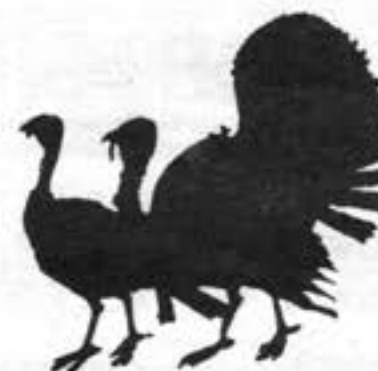
Students, teachers, and parents are working in preparation for the annual HARVEST FESTIVAL, which will be held on Saturday, November 6. (See notice elsewhere.)

The members of the School Improvement Planning Committee have been appointed. They are: Dr. William Berry, Mrs. Joyce Smith, Mrs. Rebecca Blalock, Miss Karen Prestwood, Mr. John Corey, Mrs. Pattie Bryan, and Mrs. Karen Wright.

MOON LAKE P.T.A.

Moon Lake School's P.T. A. began the 1993-94 school year with high involvement and excitement due to record turnouts at both meetings. An all-school Open House preceded the most recent meeting. Students and teachers worked decorating rooms and preparing for parent visitation. Teachers were on hand to welcome parents and answer any questions they might have. Students showed parents their work and explained particular projects. Mr. Charles Bell, principal of Moon Lake, expressed his appreciation to parents for taking seriously their involvement in their children's educational experience at Moon Lake.

The focus of both meetings has been the school's annual HARVEST FESTIVAL. The event, which is open to the entire community will be the night of Saturday, November 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the gym.



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Letters to the Editor

My husband and I have been coming to the October festival since 1987 and have enjoyed it immensely. Several years we have run in the Groundhog Classic and have always had a grand time shopping. Last year, my pig was the grand marshal in the parade. This year, the festival has lost some of its excitement by being moved up on the brow. First, we never saw any signs except some festival parking signs and just heard by word-of-mouth about the location of the booths. Wouldn't it have been a more viable option to have put orange cones up downtown or had a policeman on duty monitoring traffic? How about the elderly or handicapped that find it difficult to walk up to the brow or back into town? Won't traffic be a problem with parking and then pedestrians going back and forth? Things just seemed disorganized and notices were not even mailed out to us about the Groundhog Run. Please bring back the festival I remember.

Sincerely,
Terri Dickinson
Atlanta, Georgia

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAPA MEMBERS

Phil Howard.....November 3
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The Editor's Column

By
EVELYN GRAVES

During the past week, I asked several persons, "What are you thankful for as the Thanksgiving season is approaching?" Every person I asked replied with a similar answer, "I am thankful for my family--that they are well and happy."

I was going through a file drawer searching for a lost document when I came upon an old Sunday School lesson plan that I had used with a class of teen-age girls for the Fourth of July, 1987. I had given them ten minutes to write some thoughts on "Why I am thankful to be an American." I, too, had jotted down some thoughts. I would like to share them with you during this season of thanksgiving.

America...the land of opportunity...in no other country do its people have the choices and opportunities that Americans have. We are privileged people who can make the choice to stay in bed or to get up in the mornings, to go to work or to choose some other avenue of endeavor. All Americans have the opportunity to pursue an education, to reach the highest pinnacle of success without interference from government or church or other agency. We are permitted to serve God and our country to the fullest extent, to give expression to what we believe, and to live as our conscience dictates.

America...the beautiful...in no other country do we find natural resources in such abundance, pure air, hidden streams, bounteous waterfalls, green grass, open fields, crops of grain and other foods in abundance, shady forests where we can walk and enjoy nature with its wild flowers in the spring and its color splendor in the fall--where we can look up and say without reservation, "Thank you, God, for your handiwork;" "Thank you, God, that we are Americans;" and "Help us to share your love with other countries who do not have what we enjoy."

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Bo Baggett doing the boot-scootin' boogie
Fan Letter to Brutus

October 20, 1993

Dear Brutus,

My brother, Jake, from Menlo, wrote you a fan letter last month and didn't even mention that he had a brother, Bo, here in Mentone! That's just like Jake! He was the bossy, take-over kind from the first, rooting all of the rest of us puppies out of the way to get the best milk position on Mama's stomach.

My boy, Josh Baggett, lets me run loose and free most of the time to play with my canine buddy, Teddy. We race cars and trucks up and down Cove Road barking all the way. Teddy and my boy share the same birthday, June 28. Josh is eleven and Teddy is eight. I understand today is your second birthday. Happy Birthday!

I love to chew shoes, milk jugs, and footballs. (Popped one in the back yard. Josh had a fit.) Cotton Baggett, Josh's dad, said you are overweight from eating junk food. All I ever get is dry dog food with an occasional hot dog thrown in. On very special occasions, I get part of a Little Debbie. That diet and running all the time keeps me a lean, mean, lovin' machine! Every so often, I drive this bunch over here crazy by running off for a couple of days--so many girl dogs, so little time. Whoops, you wrote in *The Groundhog*, your pop told you the difference in girl and boy dogs was the pink or blue collar. Man, it's another world outside of those counters!

I have a real nice dog house in the back yard with a blanket floor to sleep in at night. You lucky stiff! I read you get to sleep with your pop in a real, human bed. If you want to see what life in the wide-open spaces is really like, come over for a spend-the-night party. I'll even take you on one of my "hunting" trips down the road where some real cuties live--one is a French poodle. As you can see in my picture, she's even taught me to do the boot-scootin' boogie. Pink collars, indeed!

Your reader and admirer,
Bo Baggett
c/o Josh Baggett
Mentone, AL

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The season of almost utopia has arrived. We have enjoyed some cool nights where we sleep under a quilt and can greet the morning refreshed and ready for the day without turning on the heat or the air conditioning. The trees are decked out in fabulous colors dancing their last fling before the fall to enrich the soil and prepare us for growing in the spring.

A drive down the Lookout Mountain Parkway is a nice trip. We at Mentone are right in the middle. If we follow the map north, we go to Cloudland, GA, turn left on 157, and continue through almost virgin territory to Rock City, TN. We can go down the mountain and be in the St. Elmo area of Chattanooga in a few minutes. The scenery is picturesque all the way, and the road is pretty good. It is narrow like ours here to DeSoto State Park, but very navigable. If we go south from Mentone, we go through the state park across Hwy 35, past Five Points and Dogtown, and continue on to Noccalula Falls--an extremely lovely tourist attraction, including beautifully landscaped gardens, a pioneer village, a covered bridge, and a well-done memorial marker honoring our armed forces--and go down the mountainside and arrive in Gadsden. We call the Lookout Mountain Parkway the most scenic one hundred miles with historic sites, accommodations and attractions, restaurants, shopping, hiking, biking, and more. We offer a good map of the entire length of Lookout Mountain, which has never been done before; and we, of the Parkway Association, are proud of it. It cost us a great deal because of all the research that had to be done to get it printed. The mountain is in three states, which also complicates the work, a little. Most of it is in Alabama, but Georgia has a most beautiful part of it in the New Salem, Rising Fawn, and Trenton area. Chattanooga is most famous for the small portion of the mountain that is in Tennessee. Most historians who have studied the Civil War think Lookout Mountain begins and ends at Chattanooga. They read about the battle on Missionary Ridge and at Chickamauga and do not realize that troops crossed the mountain in several other places south.

Many tourists are out now driving the entire parkway and are fascinated at the beauty of the area. I am proud of what we have to offer to those traveling this route for the first time. Our map pinpoints other scenic attractions to be reached by alternate routes, such as turning on Hwy 35 to go to Little River Canyon or Cloudland Canyon Park, or Desoto Falls.

Our Colorfest was marred a little by wet weather, but we didn't complain because we needed the rain so badly. There is barely a trickle of water at DeSoto Falls, but, hopefully, it will be flowing fully soon. We had many visitors who seemed to have a good time in spite of inclement weather. The runners in the Groundhog Classic didn't seem to mind. Most of them are professionals.

We had a number of visitors complaining about the festival being moved to Brow Park. It lost something, they said. The gala atmosphere died. I felt the same way. It did not affect us as merchants, except that we missed the fun and excitement. And it kept us busy giving directions to the festival. Our traffic was bad because we had no policemen. This will have to be corrected for the next one.

All of us are enjoying Brutus' column. That's one of our best features in The Groundhog. I hear many good comments about it. Maybe most of us should



Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on October 12, at the home of Bernise and Homer Crow. The hostess was Bernise Crow, assisted by Ann Jackson, Frances Rosario, and Pat Seymour.

Ann Wright, president, led the club in the reading of "A Collect For Gardeners" and in the pledge of allegiance in the absence of Virginia Bosworth.

Ann Wright, president, welcomed the 23 members and five guests: Marjorie Gray, Marion Lamkin, Frances Crow, Patty Ephgrave, and Dorothy Cyr.

Prior to the regular business, Marie Dillenbeck introduced the program speaker, Sue Schwarz. Sue has been a member of the club for four years, is a nurse with a master's degree in nursing, is an accomplished weaver and spinner and has been a member of the Huntsville Handweaver and Fiber Arts Guild for 10 years, and took an Extension-Service-sponsored master gardener's course in Huntsville in 1991. She presented a program entitled, "Xeriscaping." This is a new concept in gardening that is good for arid areas. It is water conservation gardening, where gardens are developed to make the best use of available water, using rocks and sand. Seven ways to do this are: proper planting, planning turf area, efficient irrigation, soil improvement, mulching, appropriate plant selection, and maintenance. County Extension agents and books, as well as nurseries, can be of assistance.

The minutes were read, and the treasurer's report was given.

Ann announced that Jo Beube had prepared an arrangement entitled, Autumn Splendor, for the October VFW Fair, and received an honorable mention ribbon. Jo also won second and third place ribbons for two of her arrangements. The Hosta exhibit that Ann Wright and Linda Brown prepared for an educational display won 1st place. Ann Wright received 3rd place ribbons for two of her arrangements.

Committee reports were heard. Jean McGehee gave a horticultural report on what to do for your gardens in preparation for the winter months. Helen Hill, membership chairman, gave a report on life memberships for club members. Eligibility is based on appreciation of work done in garden clubs. A tax deduction donation of \$50 is required, and these funds are used to award scholarships to young people who are interested in gardening or related subjects. The students' eligibility is based on grade average and financial need. National life memberships are also available for \$100. Bernise Crow has a national membership, a gift from her husband, Homer.

Lynette McCary accepted the chairmanship of the Adopt-A-Mile Program upon the resignation of Ferne Fitzgerald.

Lynette McCary, special projects chairman, reported that one of the club's projects will be the planting of the area in front of Ruby's Variety on Hwy 117 in Mentone. After hearing Lynette's report on PAL (People Against Littering), a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to have three signs made by the Sign Man that say: "Don't drop it on Alabama. It's the law." Lynette also announced that the triangle had been sprayed again, and also the school grounds and post office. Thursday, October 21, was set for the club to meet at the Mentone sidewalk for mulching the plants.

The trip to the District II meeting at Pell City was made with Pat Seymour, Marie Dillenbeck, and Ann Wright doing the program. Helen Hill, Jo Beube, and Hope Walker also attended. A Club of Distinction Award, earned during Hope Walker's presidency, was given to the club.

view the world through the eyes of an innocent animal.

Enjoy our beautiful fall weather while our colors are splendid, but prepare for frost, which may come this week.

Ann announced that the District II Convention in the spring will be held at Guntersville State Park, June 7-10. The fall meeting will be held in Scottsboro.

The next meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club will be Tuesday, November 9, at 2:00 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson. The hostess will be Betty Johnson, assisted by Mary Crow, Ruby Daniel, and Ferne Fitzgerald. Bill Schwarz will present the program, "Bird Habitats."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CIVIL WAR CAMP OF INSTRUCTION

The Alabama Horse Soldiers Inc., a not for profit, historical and educational, living history organization will conduct an authentic Civil War Camp of Instruction at Wild River Ranch at Mentone, AL, from Nov. 13 to 14. Demonstrations will be conducted throughout both days. A wide variety of equipment used by the Confederate States Army will be utilized. The infantry will be conducting bayonet exercises and firing demonstrations from a variety of period Army manuals. The Cavalry will demonstrate their proficiency over a sabre course, while mounted according to the standards contained in Cooke's Cavalry Tactics of 1860. The Artillery will conduct firing exercises with a full-scale artillery piece. This event will be conducted in an authentic setting and should transport the visitor back into the 1860s. For those with an interest in the Civil War or the history of this area, this is a "must see" educational experience.

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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

More Wonderful Water

Now that fall is officially here, and the Mentone weather is beginning to prove that fall is here, I'm reminded of some of the other grand properties of water. I say "other" properties, because, a year ago (December 1992 to be exact), my monthly column was about water.

All summer long, we were acutely aware of water...THE LACK OF IT! That really emphasized the dependence of we humans on the very existence of water. Our gardens suffered from the lack of water; and so, our immediate fresh vegetable supply was diminished. Even the local fresh vegetable markets were hard pressed to supply their customers with really fresh local foods. All land-based life suffers from a lack of rain; and, believe it or not, so do fish in our rivers. Fish exist because of one valuable property of water...its ability to dissolve oxygen.

The river in front of my house flowed very, very little all summer long. It just lay there. How does that affect the fish? Fish need oxygen, as does every other aquatic animal. If the oxygen supply is 5 ppm (parts per million or milligrams of oxygen per liter of water), then the fish suffer from lack of this vital element. (If it's around 8 ppm, they're happy and productive; if it's 4 or less, they're dead. Pretty close between not so good and dead, huh?)

It's rather like you and me being partially strangled. No oxygen, no energy.

Oxygen gets into the water via rain, directly and indirectly. As small, fine drops of water fall, they dissolve oxygen. As water flows over the leaves and rocks on its way to the streams, the small drops have a large surface area, relative to their volume; and, so, can take up oxygen readily. Streams running over rocks constantly stir the water, thus dissolving more of that life-giving gas.

With cold weather coming, I was reminded of one other really important property of water...heat capacity. What in the world is heat capacity and why is it important to you and me? Heat capacity is a measure of the amount of heat required to make a substance hot. Also, it is a measure of the amount of heat a substance can hold. It is this latter aspect of heat capacity that is so very important to life on this planet.

To begin with, water is a very small molecule that has huge heat capacity--only one other substance (ammonia) has a higher value. Aluminum has only 20% of the heat holding power of water, also true for iron, while copper has less than 10%. In other words, water takes a lot of heat to make it hot (as any cook knows), and it holds onto that heat, cooling off very slowly. It is this slow heating, large capacity for holding heat, and slow, reluctant cooling that makes life on this planet possible.

Over 70% of the surface of the planet Earth is covered with water. In some places, the oceans are over two miles deep. With the surface of the Earth being 197,000,000 square miles, that's a lot of water. Half of each day, the sun shines on all of this water and adds heat to it. This goes on day-after-day-after-day. You'd think that, with all of this heat being added, the oceans would long since have boiled. But these oceans give

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Mentone is absolutely beautiful right now! The leaves on the trees are exceptionally beautiful. Everyone thought that the dry summer would cause them to fall without much change in color. Just one more lesson that we have no control and should not second guess Mother Nature. (Why is nature called Mother and time called Father? Does anyone know?) Inquiring minds want to know. Back to the leaves. All of those gorgeous yellow trees are hickories and usually don't have very much color at all. Just another strange occurrence in this year's weather. This has been the driest summer most people can remember. Wells everywhere are going dry or getting very low. Maybe, it will rain soon, and I don't want to hear anyone complain.

I have been people-watching, again. This time, I have been observing what they do for entertainment. They seem to watch TV, go out with friends, or go to the movies or other events organized to entertain a large number of people at one time. My grandsons play and watch football; my husband watches baseball; and I square dance. This all started me to thinking about the things we did when I was a child. My favorite activity was reading comic books. We didn't have the money to buy them, but our neighbors had "rich" cousins who gave the books to them after they had read them. The neighbors had big boxes full, stored under the bed. There were stories of pirates, super heroes, and cartoon characters. My favorite ones were the classics. I wasn't old enough or "worldly" enough to know about or have access to the originals. These shorter versions whetted my appetite for reading. Another thing we did was go to a neighbor's house at night (or they came to ours) and make ice cream in the summer and syrup candy in the winter. We could sometimes talk our Moms into making the taffy kind so we could "pull" it. Mostly, they made something that was a kind of fudge. It was poured into a pan and cooled to cut into squares. Does anyone else remember this? Also, we helped our neighbors gather their crops when they were ready, and they helped us with ours. On rainy days, we all gathered on the porch to break beans or shell peas. This may sound like I'm getting into work, but this was fun for us. Sometimes, on Saturday, the children of several families would pile into the back of someone's pickup truck (one neighbor had one with a cover) and go to the movies in Fort Payne. This was really a treat. We always went to Sunday School and church on Sunday. About once a year, my family would go to South Carolina to see my Mom's uncle. These were the "good ole days." I know why they are called good--we don't remember (or at least choose not to) the bad.

I hope someone is going to write a book about the things that have happened in Mentone over the years.

up their heat at night to the atmosphere, which is in constant motion circulating that heat all over the globe. Without all of this water to store the vast amount of heat poured out by our sun (star) and without the heat being reradiated, our planet would be just another lifeless ball of metal, stone, and dirt rolling endlessly with the rest of our solar system through space.

Gosh, ain't water wonderful!

Thanks for your time, folks. It's a real honor to have your attention for a few minutes. Have a good Thanksgiving, and don't forget to be thankful for water. See you next month.



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Gayle Cryder, Laura Pullen, Robert Green and Mike Kennamer watching as a young girl draws the winning ticket for the \$100 bill given away by the DeSoto Rescue Squad at the October Colorfest. Mildred Hughes of Northport, AL, was the winner.

By Jim Gaylord

RESCUE: "What does it mean?"

It means that there is a small group of individuals in Valley Head, Hammondville, and Mentone that is willing to offer its talents, whether it be water rescue, rappelling, assistance at accidents, or home emergency calls. Whether it be in the middle of the night or early Sunday morning, the DeSoto Rescue Squad members are ready to come to your aid anywhere in the Valley Head School District.

The members are always out trying to sell pictures, tickets, or ads on calendars as fund raisers to raise money to buy much needed equipment, trucks, medical supplies, and even to pay its insurance. The DeSoto Rescue Squad operates totally from gifts and donations.

So, whether it's the rescue truck coming up behind you--please move over; or, if one of the members is asking for your support, please be generous with your gifts. The Rescue Squad will be there when you need it.

In the month of October, two new members joined the DeSoto Rescue Squad. They are Joe Combs and Ashley Denham.

Three medical calls and seven accident calls were answered by the rescue squad.

Remember, the calendars will be ready around Thanksgiving. Be looking for them at your favorite businesses. Please continue supporting the rescue squad in any way that you can.

For more information, please contact Mike Kennamer at 634-4484, or any rescue squad member.

Not necessarily a history, just an account of the funny, sad, and everyday happenings of the old days. I have sat for hours (especially on Election Day) and listened to Bill Pullen tell of things that have happened to families that still live in Mentone. These stories interest me greatly, and I feel that they would interest others. Another person who has many interesting things to tell is Mae Smith. She is in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home and loves company. Someone get busy and write these things down soon.

Think about your past, remember the good and forget the bad. Be glad that your children have things a little easier and preserve our heritage for the next generations to come.

Have you noticed how many articles in newspapers and magazines are bringing up the subject of how we are going to say and write the year 2000? Doesn't this delight and scare you at the same time, to think how close we are to the turn of another century?



Men's Winners

GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN

by Donna Bouldin, Chairman

In spite of the weather during the October Colorfest, the Groundhog Classic Run was a success. Seventy-two runners braved the rain to run in Mentone. There were 10 runners in the Fun Run and 62 runners in the Groundhog Classic. Everything went as scheduled, and by the time the Classic runners crossed the finish line, it was pouring down rain. When all the runners had returned, they were welcomed by a hot fire at the Ye Ole Heritage House Restaurant. Here, photos were taken, and Jack Pyle awarded trophies to the winners in a beautiful ceremony at the end of what was a very "Fun Run" for all who participated.

On behalf of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, our thanks go to the following: those sponsors of the Groundhog Classic Run sweatshirts; Food World for donating bananas; Coca-Cola for donating Powerade; Ye Ole Heritage House Restaurant for the atmosphere and warmth; and a special thanks goes to all the runners who ran in the rain and to Louise Brown, Jack Pyle, and Johnny and Donna Bares for donating their time and efforts that made the Groundhog Classic Run a big success.



DeWayne Satterfield and Sarah Grace



Women's Winners

RUNNING IN THE RAIN

A Huntsville man beat the competition and the elements Saturday, October 16, finishing first in the 11th Annual Groundhog Classic Run. Dwayne Satterfield completed the four-mile course in 23:14, despite a steady rain. Sarah Grace, also of Huntsville, finished eighth overall and was the top women's finisher with a time of 28:54.

The rain was unable to scare off area runners, as 62 of them participated in the race. Another 10 runners took part in a fun run preceding the competitive race.

Lewis Spurgin was the top finisher among those 50 and older. Stephen Welstead was tops in the 40-49 age group. Grace, the overall women's finisher, was also from that age group.

Michael Bearden was fastest in the 30-39 age group, and Kathy McLaughlin was the best among the women in that category.

Satterfield, the overall winner, competed in the 20-29 age group, which, of the women, was paced by Carolyn Steapleton.

Among 15-19 year olds, James Vasaquey was fastest. Kim Twilley was the top woman finisher in the age group.

In the 14-and-under category, Jarad Wrinkles was the fastest boy, and Sandra Lamb paced the girls.

Complete results:

Groundhog Classic Run
at Mentone (4 miles)

Men's 50-and-over: (1) Lewis Spurgin; (2) Robert Kane; and (3) Larry Longshore.

Men's 40-49: (1) Stephen Welstead; (2) Gary Grace; (3) Jerry Jenkins.

Women's 40-49: (1) Sarah Grace (top women's finisher), 28:54; (2) Rosemary Hurart; and (3) Linda Porter.

Men's 30-39: (1) Michael Bearden; and (2) Reid Perry.

Women's 30-39: (1) Kathy McLaughlin; (2) Cheryl Farar; and (3) Deborah Jackson.

Men's 20-29: (1) Dwayne Satterfield (top finisher), 23:12; (2) David Beach; and (3) Anthony Maxwell.

Women's 20-29: (1) Carolyn Steapleton; (2) Brenda Welborn; and (3) Deborah Beach.

Men's 15-19: (1) James Vasaquey; (2) Steve Sanders; and (3) Matt Smith.

Women's 15-19: (1) Kim Twilley; (2) Margee McKeehan; and (3) Crystal Whitmire.

Men's 14-and-under: (2) Jarad Wrinkles; (2) Curt Miller; and (3) Ryan Drake.



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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The Sunshine Club enjoyed its annual picnic at Ruth and Bert Pickett's Out Back Inn. Others present were Lillian, Joe, and Billy Pickett; Jewell Palmer; Sue and Foyl Cooper; Bess and George Bauerle; Evelyn and Samp Clark; Gladys Cobble; Lillie and Herschel Bowden; Mark Freeman; Geraldine and Howard Hawkins; and Judith and Kaare Lollik-Andersen.

Congratulations to Adelaide Biddle who won first place in the county in the Senior Masters games swimming competition, second place in district at Scottsboro, and second in state at Hoover, Alabama. She attended the homecoming at E. Paulding County High School near Atlanta where her granddaughter Tara Carmichael was tenth-grade princess. Adelaide also visited her son Alan Biddle, who had moved to Marietta, Georgia. They went to the Seniors' Golf Tournament at Alpharetta Country Club of the South where they saw some famous golfers compete.

Doris and Jim Carmichael thoroughly enjoyed their five-day trip with Sue and Ed Jones to Branson, Missouri. They went via Nashville and saw the flood waters at Cairo, Illinois. They saw several shows at Branson: the Oak Ridge Boys, Mel Tillis, Ray Stevens, and, especially, the Shoji Tabuchi Show, which was inspired by Roy Acuff in Japan and was very good and colorful.

Louise and Charles Hammond have returned home after spending three days with their son, Tim, in Aberdeen, Washington. The trees were beautiful along the way.

Ruth and Bert Pickett visited Vicki and Ray Baxley in Auburndale, Florida. Lillian and Joe Pickett have moved near their parents at Picketts' Thicket.

Welcome to the neighborhood to Patti Brown Meyers. Patti has come to the house where she spent so much time, while growing up with her grandmother, Alba Brown.

Mozell Crow, Howard Hawkins, Hoot Gibson, and Harvard Hester, are all recovering from surgery. So many are ill—Janie Longshore; Gladys Stott; Evelyn Phillips; Marie Dooley; Christine Brooks' sister, Jimmie Ruth Clements of Rainsville; Doris Carmichael's and Virginia Livezy's uncle, Ralph Emerson, in Rome, Georgia; and others—all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gladys Cobble is feeling much better, it is good to report.

I am out after being shut in as the result of a fall. I have some dear friends who were so good to me! I can't express how much I appreciate everything they did. The poet expressed it well when she said, "Countless are the reasons we have to cherish friends, for smiles when they are most needed, for helping hands they lend, for special confidences they take the time to share, for all the little loving ways they show how much they care, for their joy in our successes and their comfort in defeat, for these and more, it's truly friends who make our lives complete."

Venna Livingston and her sister, Madge Sparks from Ringgold, Georgia, visited their sister, Zula Waddell and niece, Marcie Norwood in Guin, Alabama. They enjoyed the lovely fall foliage and were astonished at some of the beautiful flowers and huge ferns they saw. After all—November's flowers, because they're rare, are much more precious and much more fair. Colors seem brighter, all vivid hues—

Valley Head Woman's Club

By Maurine Donahue

Moon Lake Baptist Church graciously allowed the Valley Head Woman's Club to have the October meeting in its Fellowship Hall, since it was rather cool and damp to meet in the dining hall of Skyline Camp as scheduled.

In order to accommodate the speaker, refreshments were served first. A Halloween motif was noted in the floral centerpiece and the delicious tidbits.

The subject of the program was "A Better World through the Preservation and Appreciation of Nature" with emphasis on Little River Canyon National Preserve.

The president, Mrs. Alex Hamilton, presided and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Farrell Saunders, preserve superintendent. Mr. Saunders is a native of North Carolina and graduated from Eli College in Greensboro. He taught school a few years, then joined the National Park Service at Blue Ridge Mountain National Parkway, later going to DeSoto National Memorial at Bradenton, Florida. At present, he is superintendent of Russell Cave National Monument at Bridgeport and, in addition, the Little River Canyon National Preserve.

Superintendent Saunders said Russell Cave shows continuous use as a home for native Americans for 10,000 years, until the Europeans came, driving them out into life in villages.

On October 21, 1992, President Bush signed the bill creating the Little River Canyon National Preserve. Mr. Saunders said he was awestruck by the beauty of this area, that it will be the crown jewel of the park system. Its aim is the protection and preservation of this unique area.

Mr. Saunders said there are three or four major concerns of people here. One is confiscation of private property. A map of the preserve is exhibited at their office in Fort Payne. Anything outside the boundary of the preserve as shown on this map cannot be taken in. The preserve does not have the power to condemn private property, and none will be taken in. However, the law can be changed at any time.

In a preserve, hunting, fishing, and kayaking can be allowed; in a park, they cannot.

DeSoto State Park will continue under the direction of the state as long as it desires. The park's activities are clustered together rather centrally. The preserve will take over if the state so desires. The DeSoto Falls property is not included in the preserve.

Mr. Saunders said he wants the input of the public. All hiring will be through Huntsville and will take six weeks to three months to process.

Three properties are involved in the preserve—DeSoto State Park owned and operated by the State of Alabama, Canyon Mouth Park owned by Cherokee County, and the large acreage of the Alabama Power Company.

A government entity can only be obtained by donation. Thus, the State of Alabama and Cherokee County have to donate their parks.

Members asked why Alabama Power Company was being paid the exorbitant sum of nearly \$1,000 per acre as reported in the papers. Mr. Saunders said the Alabama Power Company land has not been appraised yet. Alabama Power Company and the preserve cannot agree on one appraiser, so they will probably have two.

In appreciation of his talk, the club gave Mr. Saunders a rock out of Little River, on which Mrs. Hamilton, renowned artist, had painted three owl's heads—mama, papa, and baby. She told Mr. Saunders

—must be strong, lest cold winter subdues, changing the landscape from brown and gray to myriads of colors bright and gay; November's flowers bless autumn's scene with strength and beauty and hope.

this was to help him make wise decisions concerning the preserve.

Mrs. Phil Hurt gave the devotional based on Psalm 24:1-2: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." She said God created all beauty. This beauty of creation tells us the following things about life: an appreciation of diversity, a sense of change, death, and renewal.

The club was glad to have Michelle Anderson as a guest. Bonnie Barnett was recommended for membership. Peggy Bentley and Susan Cash Hooks were elected as new members.

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PRESCRIPTIONS



CHESTON TYLER GREEN celebrated his 1st Birthday on August 15 with a party at Hawkins Springs Park in Fort Payne. Several family members and friends attended.

He is the son of Randy and Melonee Green of Fort Payne. Grandpar-ents are Kenneth and Gail Chambers of Valley Head; and C.B. and Florene Green of Fort Payne.



Ethel Adams, "Hot Rod Mama," is applying for membership in Hell's Angels. The 95-year-old resident of the Fountains in Fort Payne is the mother of Mentone's Robert L. Green. Varoom!!



IT'S A GIRL!!



Donald and Karen Saferite Jr. of Mentone are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Haley Elizabeth. She was born on September 16, 1993, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden. She weighed 8 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Sylvia Saferite of Fort Payne, Donald Saferite Sr. of Prattville; and Charlie and Nancy Brown of Mentone. Great Grandparents are Mabel Flarity of Cloudland, Ga.; Edward Pace of Fort Payne; and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Ruth of Signal Mountain, Tenn.



JOHN CARTER KINCER, III (TREY), shown in this picture at 3-1/2 months, is the son of John and Michele Kincer, Jr. At the time the July issue of the *Groundhog* was printed, a picture was not available. Becky and Loy Langston, aunt and uncle, were omitted

from the article when the other relatives were listed. Trey is the first baby in the Hopper family in 15 years. Grand- parents are Harry and Brenda Hopper of Mentone; Marlin and Joanne Clines of Ft. Payne; and John Kincer Sr. of Rising Fawn, Georgia. Sible and Danny Hopper are Trey's other aunt and uncle.

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David Cryer, MAPA Sign Committee Chairman, who volunteered to make the community picnic flyer and assisted in the making of the banner for the Colorfest



Jack Jones' buffalo-decorated jeep in parade



Charlyne O'Rear's brother Pat Keyt's booth at festival

Al Blackburn of Blackburn's Nursery in Mentone, shown at his booth at the Colorfest



Mickey Gough, Quilt Sales Co-Chairman, selling tickets on quilt made by Lola Mae Blalock; and Laura Pullen drawing the winning ticket. Lee Sayer of Birmingham, AL, was the winner.

1993 OCTOBER COLORFEST

By Wanda Simmons, Chairman

Our Colorfest wept! Amidst the most glorious colors we've had in years, the rain came! Out of 61 potential exhibitors—40 craftsmen and artists showed up to brave the fog, rain, and high winds in the Brow Park. The ones who had shelters, tents, and awnings had very good sales on Saturday in spite of the terrible weather. (But how can we say it was terrible when we are at least 12 inches behind in rainfall for the year?) Those with no tolerance for such elements, came, looked, and promised to return on Sunday. By noon on Sunday, we had a total of 40 exhibitors setting up their displays; and, with one eye on the sky and a determined look in the other, it was "business as usual" for the rest of the day. My thanks go to all the brave souls who refused to give up! Also to Glenda and Tommy Sprayberry for another great design for our Colorfest shirts—we decided this one was the best ever! To my friends and exhibitors, Charlotte and Leonard Colley, who came Wednesday night in their RV and worked Thursday and Friday helping me and Bud get the spaces and the entire brow park area marked off

and ready for the festival—how can I thank these hard working people enough? Jack Jones worked continually; and, in spite of a bummed up back, the hay rides contributed \$40 to MAPA. Jack hauled people to the festival from the down town area all weekend. The rain didn't stop him! He just swapped his hay wagon for the station wagon and carried on! The rain took its toll on our parade, but a million thanks to those who participated in spite of it. Jane Bouldin was a mighty pretty scarecrow in the back of that pickup truck. She did a great job with her scarecrow contest.

On Saturday, the "church ladies" and the Moon Lake School parents saved our lives by serving food after our food vendors were rained out. Then, on Sunday, the school was joined by the Volunteer Fire Department and they fed everyone with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and chili. The day was saved, and everyone had something good to eat.

Everyone left in a good mood and with happy faces! Shouts of good byes and thanks were heard up and down the brow, as were promises of "We'll see you in May—it doesn't rain on that festival!"



Sanford Hartline, Ashley Denham, and Robert Green, at the Colorfest, demonstrating the Volunteer Fire Department's new Jaws-of-Life equipment

Scarecrow Contest



Jane Bouldin, Scarecrow Contest Chairman, riding in parade



Jane Bouldin; H. L. Jenkins, Grand Marshal of Colorfest Parade; and Jack Jones, MAPA president and parade chairman; lining up for the parade



LeAnn Blalock
Parade bicyclist

Cory Kirby
Parade bicyclist

By Jane Bouldin, chairman

The 1993 Scarecrow Contest was a success even in the rain. Karen Herndon of Mentone and Nedra Manners of Rome, GA, were the judges of the contest. Many thanks to these kind, gracious ladies. The Scarecrow Contest was fun and a treat for all involved. There were twelve (12) entries. Johnny Lynn Wesley's scarecrow, "Herman" was grand prize winner of \$25.00. Many thanks to all participants in the October Colorfest Scarecrow Contest.

The pictures as numbered above are:

Grand Prize Award for "Herman" by Johnny Lynn Wesley (1)

Chef Award for "Booga-boo" by Dowe Clifton at the Log Cabin Deli (2)

Cowboy Award for "Jack" by The Gallery, Log Cabin Craft Village (3)

Scooter Award for "Scooter" by Gail Gaylord (4)

Holey Award for "Jesse James" by the Ice Cream Shop, Log Cabin Craft Village (5)

First Lady Award for "Maude" by Louise's Tees, Log Cabin Craft Village (6)

Most Cultural Award for "Remus" by Teresa Verdon (7)

Scariest Award for entry by Ginger Cash (8)

Friendliest Award for wooden display by Nancy Gladwell (9)

Bootsie Award for "Bootsie" by Marsha Hair, Country Store (10)

Too Busy Playing Golf Award for scarecrow by Nelle Lee (not pictured)

Real McCoy Award for "Overseer" by Dee Bell (not pictured)

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Compiled by "Dr. Pat"

**Beauty
Tips**

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

"WELL BEAUTY"

This month, let's talk about "well beauty." We can say what's "in" or "out," fashion wise, but I feel it's "sav-vy" to keep healthy, too. I feel I must ask some questions and share some information with you that could help save your life or at least make it better. If this does not apply to you, please forgive me for taking up your time. But, since October and November are National Breast Cancer months, I feel the need to talk about it with you.

Have you ever had a mammogram? Did you have one this year? Do you plan to have a mammogram this year? Do you do a breast self-examination once a month?

One of my dear friends found a tiny lump in one of her breasts about a month ago. After her doctor examined her, he ordered another mammogram and a biopsy. Needless to say, we were all worried and prayed for the best results. "Thank God" her test results were negative. She will be checked again in three months. This brought to mind something I read just a few months ago about breast cancer. I can't help thinking how painful the ending of this story might have been just a few years ago.

Incidence rates of breast cancer are rising at a rate of about 3% each year, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). In 1993, approximately 183,000 cases will be diagnosed. Today, a woman's chance of developing breast cancer is one in eight; 30 years ago, that risk was one in 14.

Why is the number of cases growing so rapidly? Because cancers are being detected earlier these days, partly due to the latest screening devices. While the number of malignancies are increasing, their severity is decreasing. Early detection results in increased detection of small tumors, which have a longer survival rate, better prognosis, and more treatment options. Doctors are detecting more cancers at Stage I (tumors smaller than one inch, with no invasion of the lymph nodes) or in situ (those that are localized and non-invasive). These tumors are highly manageable: 90% of Stage I malignancies are successfully treated. Best of all, early detection offers the option of keeping your breast as well as increasing your chances of being cured.

I cannot impress upon you enough how important it is to do your breast self-exam monthly; and if you're in the high-risk group (age, family background, etc.), get a mammogram at least once a year. While you are there, ask for a PAP smear (only detects cervical cancer) and an ovarian sonogram with a CA-125 blood test, which will detect uterine and ovarian cancer. Although this silent killer is not as common as breast cancer, it's far more fatal, and that's because, without these tests, there's no "early detection."

If you're not sure of just what is required in breast self-examination, go by your doctor's office and pick up a brochure that explains the "breast self-exams." Most doctors have these pamphlets, and they are free.

Of all the subjects we've talked about before, I hope you will take this one with you and give it to any woman you know that may not be doing all that she can to keep healthy. Just remember one thing: It's your body, your responsibility!!!

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Senior Citizens of the Moon Lake Baptist Church met on October 19 for lunch and a time of fun and fellowship. The older youth of the church entertained the children with a Halloween party called "Harvest Fest" on October 30. There was a baptismal service recently for Jane Bouldin who has united with the church.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church has a revival scheduled for November 7-10, with Reverend George Stallings from Chattanooga bringing the messages. District Superintendent Jimmy Johnson from Jackson, Mississippi, was guest speaker in the morning service on October 17. Tom Ward, former pastor, preached on October 24 for the Homecoming Service. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed following the service on that date.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Laura Margaret Allison on October 26. Mrs. Allison was assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman in hosting the meeting. The Quarterly Conference will be on November 7. There will be a breakfast at 8:30 before the Sunday School hour.

The Mentone Church of God held a special joint service at the Hammondville Church of God on October 31. The State Overseer, W.P. Atkins, was the guest speaker. Homemade Christmas candy will be on sale around the middle of November. It will sell for \$3.50 a container, and the proceeds will go to the building fund. Place your orders early by calling 634-4418.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is welcoming a new rector, the Rev. Robert Childers, in December. Everyone is invited to a Prayer and Praise service the last Sunday in November. The first Sunday in November there will be Church in the Camp, which will be held at Camp DeSoto. Worship there will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch. The Advent Season begins November 28; and, on that day at 9:30 a.m., there will be a special gathering of people to make advent wreaths.

Every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m., the Valley Head Baptist Church provides breakfast for the young people of the community. A short devotional is given, and the students have time to get to school. Everyone is invited to participate in the breakfast and fellowship.

In a special Homecoming service on Sunday, November 7, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will be celebrating 78 years since the church was organized. The day's activities include Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., worship service at 11:00 a.m., dinner for everyone at noon, and an afternoon of singing, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. The guest speaker for the worship service is Bishop Hugh Edwards. He is State Overseer of Alabama for the Churches of God of Prophecy. Several singing groups will be providing music and singing throughout the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church continues to hold its worship services at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the worship services.

The Mentone United Methodist Church is having a Halloween Party for the children on Sunday, October 31st at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The UMW meets on Thursday, November 4, at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, November 7, there will be a covered dish lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall following the charge conference service. District Superintendent Rev. Pete West will be attending.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is involved in a number of activities at this time. Fifth Quarter, a fellowship for teenagers following the home ballgames, has proven to be quite successful. They have enjoyed a time of planned games, fun, and fellowship. Several outstanding speakers, including Dr. Pat Seymour, have given their services. A special study entitled, "Covenant Marriage" is being taught on Sunday evenings by Evelyn Graves. The study material is excellent, and 15 couples are participating in the study. Beginning October 24, the church is sponsoring a special service at Little River Baptist Church at Mentone. The service is planned for the 4th Sunday in every month at 2:00 p.m., with special singing and a brief message. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your friends and neighbors. If the services prove to be successful and meet needs in the community, the church is hopeful that, in time, services may be held every other Sunday.

At the Mentone Revival Center, the second Saturday in each month at noon is youth day. On the last Friday night of each month, there will be a lock-in (everybody spends the night). Guys will go with their youth leader, and girls with their youth leader. Breakfast will be served the next morning.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association is planning a Community Thanksgiving Service for Wednesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church. The speaker is to be announced. The Association meets every first Saturday, and the next meeting is November 6, at 8:30 a.m. at the Kountry Chef. The ministers in the area are encouraged to participate in the North DeKalb Ministerial Association.

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MENLO DOINGS

By JoAnne Christian

Kim Ballard and Farrell Anderson were married at Faith Baptist Church on Saturday, October 16. Parents of the couple are Tommy and Siggie Ballard of Menlo, Georgia, and Fuzz and Brenda Anderson of Lyerly, Georgia.

Menlo area residents were deeply saddened by the death of Eunice Toles on October 21. She was a gracious lady and a widely-beloved personality.

JoAnne Christian is recovering from knee surgery. She is back at the post office, but is still hobbling.

The Down Home Days Celebration was a great success. The event began at the Sports Complex, but was rained out. Activities were moved to Menlo School where the Alpine Community Church and the Menlo Recreation Department raised \$1,100 for the Tillotson Sports Complex.

An '86 Audi was stolen from High Georgia Motor Company in Cloudland, Georgia. It was later found burned at Desoto State Park, Alabama. The company is owned by Ross Hegwood.

Among those present at the ribbon cutting of Tim Hegwood Motors, Friday, October 22, were: Tommy Ballard, Chuck Powell, Eddie Majors, and Bud Tucker (Menlo City Council Members); Dr. Pat Seymour, Mentone, Alabama; Bill Irmshire, Best Manufacturing; J.P. Smith, J.P. Smith Lumber Co.; representatives from Farmer's & Merchant's Bank; representatives from First National Bank of Chattooga County; Commissioner Jim Parker; Sheriff Ralph Kellett; Mayor Sewell Cash and Mayor-Pro-Tem Ira Pollard of Summerville; Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce Officials; other Menlo business owners; and lots of friends.

An item that deserves repeating is: The newly-formed Cloudland Rescue Squad has just completed CPR classes. The group is now beginning rope rappelling. Any volunteers are welcome. The squad is Cloudland-based, but will respond to any emergencies when needed. The group plans to sponsor two ham and turkey shoots. The first is to be held on Saturday, November 13, and the other is set for Saturday, December 11. The events will be held at the Cloudland Nursery, located across from the Cloudland Trade Center. Money raised will be applied to new emergency equipment.

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SCHOOL NEWS

VALLEY HEAD HIGH SCHOOL

The School Improvement Plan for this school year has been formulated by parents and the faculty at Valley Head School. Priorities were established in the following areas: (1) utilization of the extracurricular activity period as an opportunity to remediate those skills in which the students consistently score low; (2) revitalization of student interest and motivation through several activities involving the school and community, such as a reward by the PTO to students who consistently improve their grades and attitudes toward learning throughout the academic year; and (3) expansion of the computer lab in the elementary school through the Food World "Apples for Students" receipt program.

The auditorium has undergone a complete renovation and is now almost finished. New carpet, lighting, doors, and other improvements have been added to the facility.

Test scores in the fourth grade improved over the past year in the county and at Valley Head. Some sections of the eighth grade Stanford Achievement Test showed improvement. Several students still need to pass certain sections of the Alabama High School Basic Skills Test, but remediation is a high priority this year.

Valley Head High School welcomed three new teachers in the fall of 1993, all of whom are in their first year of teaching. Rhonda Downer, from Rainsville, is teaching English this year in the high school. Kelley Maddox, from Geraldine, teaches biology and physical science, anatomy, and 7th grade science. Mark Hale, from Geraldine, teaches physical education and health. He is assisting Coach Jon Tidmore with football and basketball.

A new computer lab has been added to the elementary school also. The lab is used by all students in grades K-6, and it offers each class the opportunity to explore the world of computers at one time. It should enhance learning in the lower grades.

The lunchroom has been painted and repaired, as well as the walkway from the elementary school to the bus area. An asphalt walkway was installed to insure the safety of the children on their way to and from the bus and lunchroom. Some of the classrooms have been painted. The swings on the elementary playground have been repaired. The football stadium has undergone some "sprucing up" this fall through the work of the Athletic Club and other volunteers.

This fall, the applied communications course was added to the high school curriculum. The course is taught by Ms. Rhonda Downer to 22 eleventh grade students. The course is designed to give students "hands-on" activities in English to make them aware of the applications of the English language in every day life. The course has been well received by the students. Ms. Downer, Mrs. Elaine Dobbs, and Mr. Campbell Smith have attended workshops over the past year preparing for the implementation of applied communications into the curriculum. Next year, applied biology/chemistry will be implemented at Valley Head.



VALLEY HEAD MARCHING BAND SUPERIOR

The Annual DeKalb County Marching Band Festival was held on Sunday, October 4, at Sylvania High School with nine bands participating. The Valley Head Marching Band, directed by Campbell Smith, received Superior ratings for the ninth straight year. There are 35 members and 29 actual playing members. Also receiving superior ratings were the drum majors, majorettes, and color guards.

The drum major is Sarah Tucker. This year, soloists have included Jennifer Robertson, Haley Johnson, Valerie Chappell, Sarah Hatfield, and Jennifer Hammon. The feature twirler is Suzann Fletcher. The colorguard members are Leah Sharp, Kari Busby, Shirley Collins, Kim McKinney, Stephanie Hewter, and Tabatha Hayes. Miss Sharp is the colorguard captain. The band officers are Julie Yates, president, and Adrienne Hall, vice president.



VALLEY HEAD CHEERLEADERS WIN GOLD AND BLUE RIBBONS

The members of the Valley Head High School Cheerleading Squad are Donna Brock, Krystee Tillman, Michelle Blansit, Cherie Keith, Toni Johnston, and Angie Wheat. Miss Brock and Miss Tillman are the co-head cheerleaders. The school sponsor is Ellen Wright.

This year, the squad attended the Universal Cheerleading Association camp at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. They won four gold ribbons and three blue ribbons at the camp.

Junior varsity cheerleaders include Casey Hudgins, Crystal Wright, Kimberly McElhaney, Heather Wilborn, Teri Vest, and Ashley Blalock.

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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Deepest sympathy to Stan Lawton upon the death last week of his 36-year-old brother, Willie. Stan and his wife, Linda, are very special people to so many of us in Mentone, and we all grieve with them.

Patrons of Tigers Inn in Valley Head have only good things to say about the new employee there--Cat Johnson of Mentone.

Ruth Terrell is popping her buttons over her new 18x80 grey, Brandywine trailer with mountain rock underpinning. Ruth has three spacious bedrooms and two large baths. She is now located on Church Street in Valley Head, one block up from Fouts and Nancy Rector.

Frances Scruggs entertained her brother, Grady, and her sister, Edith, at a large picnic recently in Rising Fawn, Georgia. Many friends attended. Frances will be celebrating her birthday on November 20. (Mine is November 23--consider yourself notified well ahead of the date!)

One of the biggest hunting parties of the season is now underway. Those making the trip from Mentone to Colorado to hunt mule deer and elk were Leslie and Raymond Blalock, Gerald Wayne Bailey, Danny Hopper, and Donnie Bell. The men traveled in two trucks, camping most of the time. Shortly after arriving in Colorado, the Mentone hunters were caught in a huge BLIZZARD! Lucky for them, they had all been conditioned in the March snows of Mentone.

Sanford Hartline is certainly grateful for the large donation to the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department from "brow newcomers" Morris and Linda Sleiberg, also of Gadsden.

It sounds as though the entire congregation of Mentone's Church of God pitched in to make its chicken and dressing dinner a smashing success. Taking part were Stan Lawton, Roma Hope, Naomi Potts, Bobbie Smith, Lisa Johnson, Joe Gregory, Tiffany Coots, Joe Bain, Ethel Manifold, Charlian Smith, Cecilia Fussell, Ella Bowman, Brenda Goss, Carol Walker, Wanda Galloway, Judy Wiggins, and Ron Johnson.

George and Hope Walker had four delightful house guests last week. Mandy and Ray Behrens joined Ruth and Billy Isbell, all of Brandon, Florida, at "Stonehenge" on the brow. Ray was stationed at McDill AFB, Tampa, FL, with George. More company is coming for Thanksgiving at Stonehenge. All of the Walker clan (daughters and families) will be arriving in a couple of weeks. Maybe, George and Hope need to apply for a bed and breakfast license.

Frances Rosario, active in so many Mentone organizations, has left to visit her children in Florida. She will be greatly missed by her many friends here.

Friday, October 22, Bob and Barbara Nancarrow celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Kountry Chef. Bill and Lucette Dix helped them celebrate.

Charles and Mary Flanigan held a house blessing on Saturday, October 23. Don Brock, pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy, held the service. Approximately 50 friends joined in the celebration.

The seniors at Moon Lake Baptist Church recently enjoyed a sight-seeing trip to Ellijay, Georgia.

My next door neighbors, George and Hattie Lide, had as their house guest last week Christine Staples, Hattie's aunt from Birmingham.

Leland and Gertrude Cox recently returned from

one of their extended trips to California to visit with some of their children.

It's a girl! A third granddaughter was born to John and Charlyne O'Rear at 1:30 a.m., October 23, in Eastridge Hospital. The proud parents are Chuck and Kathy O'Rear. Sarah Rachel O'Rear was 7# 10 oz. at birth, and was 21" long.

Alma Crabtree is in good spirits and has been seen shopping at the Superette. She really licked that hip problem and shingles. Way to go, Alma!

Carlotta Blalock will marry Lewis Allen October 29 at the Mentone Revival Center. Marlon Williamson will conduct the ceremony. The couple will live in Piedmont, Alabama.

Lynette McCary, in her activities to clean up the mountain, has been instrumental in the placing of three signs in Mentone that read: "Don't Drop It On Alabama. It's the Law."

Vickie Biddle, chairman of the Valley Head Christmas parade, tells me that the date for the parade has been set for Saturday, December 4th. Those wishing to take part should contact Vickie at 635-6705.

Leonard Shigley is driving a good looking new Chevy truck. This replaces the one that was stolen from the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Not to be outdone by all of the tripping Mentonites, George and Jo Beube have just returned from a visit to Mexico with some of their children.

Roy and Jean Mathews are also planning a trip to Mexico, soon.

Betty and Rick Chapman have returned from two weeks spent in the New England and Acadia National Park area.

Herb Martin has been diagnosed as having Castleman's disease. He is going weekly to Birmingham to monitor his blood count. This is a disease where white blood cells attack red cells.

Shurlee Froehler is planning a trip to see her neice, Diane Mines, and some of Ray's friends in California, among them are Captain James Sears and his wife, Gloria. Shurlee plans to visit in Oakland, San Diego, and San Francisco.

All of Coley Harvey's friends were distressed to learn of his serious illness. He has been hospitalized, but is now recuperating at home.

David Cryer is making those who know him proud. He has been awarded a grant to study at Northeast. David is renowned in Mentone as a computer whiz.

Margie Coots is back up to speed after recovering from an internal infection. She is attending church and has even taken a trip.

Dickie Smith will provide the tractor and trailer to take guests on hay rides at Ruby Brock's on October 30th. The Church of God of Prophecy needed a Halloween party site, so Ruby generously donated her home.

Eleanor Tate has claimed bragging rights about her son, Scott, who has been named Teacher of the Month out of 80 teachers in Henderson High School in Atlanta, GA, where he teaches. Scott also coaches football. Mrs. Joseph Tate, grandmother, is also proud of Scott.

Maxine Wright has been suffering with intense pain in her neck and right shoulder. She is somewhat better, but is still not fully recovered.

Janet Schwarz and Bob Hamilton were married in Huntsville on Friday, October 22. Bill and Sue Schwarz of Mentone and Pat Schwarz of Huntsville are the parents of the bride; and Julian and Faye Hamilton of Huntsville are parents of the groom. Cinder, the couple's golden retriever, was the ringbearer and only attendant. Following the wedding, there was a reception at the groom's parent's home on Green Mountain. The couple will reside in Portland, Oregon.

Ethel Manifold, Mentone's magistrate, has just returned from a seminar sponsored by the University of Alabama for Court Magistrates throughout Alabama.

Kathryn Jones was honored on October 8 on the occasion of her 79th birthday with a dinner at Dessie's Kountry Chef. The party was given by her children, Herman Jones, Jr. and Evelyn Graves. Those attending were: Herman and Mary Ann Jones; Jimmy and Evelyn Graves; Jim and Elizabeth Ellis; Sandra Gray, Allen and Katie Gray; and Hershell Pruitt. Miss Kathryn had lunch earlier in the day with her friend, Clara Cash.

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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



As I knew it would be, my second birthday celebration on Wednesday, October 20, was the social event of the season! No sooner had the Superette opened its doors than gifts and tributes started pouring in (as they should have). Dr. Pat decorated with balloons and a birthday card.

Walt Pullen was first in line with a granola bar; Becky Mays humbly presented the Great One with ice cream; Ashley Denham appropriately followed with a cake; Loy Langston wisely chose a peach pie for his offering; Katie Herndon and Emily Collins pooled their money to buy the Marvelous Canine a peanut butter bar; even Jessie Crabtree coughed up a moon pie; Marie Dillenbeck provided the "jaws-of-the-Superette" an ice cream sandwich; Susan Carter (Scruffy's mom) was there with milkbones; and Gene Bullock brought me tootsie rolls. In the face of all this generosity, L.M. Flanagan refused to share his Fritos—or anything else! Greedy gut! He carries in a few chairs for Al and thinks he owns this store. Anyone with backing up sense knows I am top dog in the Mentone Superette.

Whoa! Here comes that Colonial Bread man, Kenneth Dobbs. Kick at me today and you'll draw back a nub, Mr. Doughboy!

Gene "Jabo" Crider, Bigfoot himself, came in for a drink and candy and didn't share. Maybe he'd like all that black chest hair and beard jerked bald. Then he'd think about the needs of others—like ME.

I can't believe what Martha Kirby just said about both of us needing to lose weight. Them's fighting words, Missy. Diet is a four-letter word.

Missed Samantha Rhodes and Johnny Rhodes while I took a break from my Superette duties to walk Pop. They're two of my favorite people, too.

Daniel Smith was in bragging on his dogs, "Baby" and "Teaspoon." He needs to bring them in for a sniffing inspection by a REAL dog. (Moi) Al says that's "ME" in French.

Sheena and Tony Crow just stopped by to pay homage and pet the Magnificent One. Little by little I'm training the folk in this town to appreciate modesty and humility in an incredibly, magnificent canine.

Well—non-believers. Have you read my latest fan mail (with photo) elsewhere in this Groundhog? How about that, human writers for this rag? Green with envy? Dr. Pat will probably kill herself, Mae says.

Gotta go. Pop's fidgeting something fierce—and we all know what that means!

BLALOCK FAMILY

DAVID S. BLALOCK BRANCH

By Evelyn Graves

The second segment of the Blalock family history begins with David S. Blalock, the oldest child of James and Lucinda. All of David's family lived north of Highway 117. David married Nancy Hilburn Jones on May 15, 1868. She was the daughter of Eldridge Jones. They lived for a time at Alpine, and at another time near Nightingale. It seems that the gap going off the mountain to Alpine and Cloudland was also called Alpine. There is evidence that they never left the mountain. Nancy would not allow her children or anyone else to call her anything other than "Nan" or "Blale." David farmed some for a living; however, the 1880 census lists his trade as a hunter. Information from Ray Blalock and Edith Lyday confirms that all he ever did was hunt and trap. They said he would kill deer and put them on the train for shipment to Chattanooga. There the meat was sold in stores and restaurants.

Four children were born to David and Nancy:

(1) Annie Mary was born June 6, 1871, and married John Cooper, December 19, 1888. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.W. Norton of Sulphur Springs. Eight children were born to Annie and John. Four of them died at 3 or 4 years of age. Annie and John lived in Attalla for a while. John was a clothing salesman for a company out of North Carolina. The company sent him to Tulsa several times; and, in 1924, he went to stay. John passed away in 1938. Annie came back to Mentone to live, and she died March 7, 1960. Mary Annie Blalock was twice the champion fiddler of Oklahoma. She had a unique way of pushing the fiddle bow rather than pulling it. She lived near Bob Wills, and they became friends. She taught him many of the old fiddle tunes.

(2) Joseph David (called Baby Joe by his grandfather David) was born August 20, 1873. He never married. He had the old home place of David and Blale. The place was later called "the old Uncle Joe place." Uncle Joe farmed, raised hunting dogs, and peddled fruit trees. He sawmilled some at one time. Joe died with stomach cancer in November 1949.

(3) Taylor Eldridge was born May 25, 1876. He always signed "T.E. Blalock." He married Ida Belle Finster, and they reared eight children: Edith, Ray, Edna and Stella (twins), Rose, John, Taylor, and Joseph H. Taylor was a sawmiller and did some farming. He died in August 1933. All of this family is gone, except Joseph H.

(4) Flavia Calima was born October 15, 1878. She married Hugh Gray of Attalla. They married in Gadsden. They had two children, Cliff and Dewie. Hugh was also a salesman. They lived in Chattanooga for a while and later moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Flavia died from colon cancer in 1922. Flavia, Annie, John, and Johnny are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulsa.

About 1887, David and Nancy divorced. David went to live with his brother, Willis, at Waureka, Oklahoma. He returned to Mentone several times. The last time was in 1904. Edna and Stella were just born. Stella was very weak and not expected to live. (Stella is the mother of Floyd Crow who furnished the information about the Blalocks.) That summer, David went back to Oklahoma. On October 8, 1904, he walked across the road to the mailbox hoping to hear something from his grandchildren. He went back into the house and lay down on the bed and died a few minutes later. David is buried in Diamond Cemetery, Comanche, Oklahoma Territory. Comanche bordered the Cherokee Strip. Oklahoma became a state in November 1907, and was ratified in 1908. The Cherokee Strip is an interesting study. Because of its location, no laws legally could be enforced in it. The Strip ran from Kansas to just north of Dallas, Texas. It is mentioned several times in the movie, "Oklahoma."

Nancy lived until November 20, 1920. All of the family can remember her dying, but none can remember where she is buried. Perhaps, some of the older readers can remember. If anyone has information on this, please contact the Groundhog. Joseph David loved his grandfather, James M., so much he wanted to be buried beside him.

Floyd Crow, son of Stella Blalock Crow, and grandson of Taylor Blalock, has been most gracious to share with me information from his voluminous records. In transferring information from his records, there were some errors in the first segment. These are the corrections: James M. died July 4, 1895. The photo was of Elizabeth (James' wife) with Mary Ellen on James' lap. The story I related about David going out to get the firewood and not returning for three years included a little pun of my own. Instead of "the straw that broke the camel's back," I used "the splinter that broke the mule's back," since there was firewood involved. Floyd advises me that there was no mule involved. Taylor took him to Valley Head, and David caught the train there. I apologize for these errors!

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

I found a recipe for Chinese chicken salad that some friends had left here when they stayed at our Mentone house for a few days. This recipe makes a lot, but can be halved easily. It is long on taste and low in fat. The hash brown recipe is another good recipe for those of us trying to limit fat intake, but miss the comfort of hash browns. Enjoy your cooking, and have a good Thanksgiving.

Chinese Chicken Salad

Gina Adams,
Huntsville Alabama

- 4 C cooked diced chicken
- 3 T toasted sesame seeds
- 4 T slivered almonds
- 1 large head of cabbage shredded
- 2 packages Ramen noodles, broken
- 4 green onions, sliced thick

Dressing (recipe follows)

In large bowl, mix salad ingredients. Pour dressing over all and toss to mix well. Makes a very large salad that will keep in the refrigerator for several days.

Dressing: mix together 1/4 C sesame oil (or vegetable oil), 4 T sugar, 1/2 t dried dill, 1 t pepper, 2 t salt, and 6 T wine vinegar.

No Fuss, Natural Hash Browns

- 2 medium potatoes
- (about 2 2/3 pound), unpeeled
- 1/2 C chopped onion
- 1/2 t Fines herbs (or herbs of your choice)
- 2 T chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Coarsely grate potatoes into strainer or colander. Rinse under cold running water. In a broad non-stick skillet, heat butter and oil. Add potatoes, onion, and herbs. Cook over medium high heat until potatoes are just tender and golden, tossing occasionally to brown evenly. Add parsley, salt, and pepper to taste. (Hint: If you use a hand grater, use a little pressure when grating and take a little time to grate the potato slowly for a nice coarse grated potato.) Makes 2 servings, about 130 calories, and 3 fat grams per serving.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

Fall is not only football, soccer, and hot chili, but also a time for enjoying the outdoors without gasping for breath, and a time for making your yards pleasing to look at and be in. So, now is the time to clean up from the lazy, hazy days of summer.

Rake the leaves and burn or compost them to stop the spread of any diseases that were breeding in the heat.

Cool fall days are ideal for planting perennials and moving some plants to sunnier or shadier spots. It is also the ideal time to plant some garlic, onions, broccoli, sprouts, etc.

Fall-planted bulbs spend the winter making roots, so divide big crowded beds of daffodils, iris, hyacinth, lilies, tulips, glads, cannas, etc. You can make a lot of new plants from the divided iris rhizomes. Take one of the rhizomes and cut it into one inch pieces, then plant in sunny well-drained spots. Bearded iris and fall-blooming iris prefer almost dry soil, Siberian and Japanese prefer the opposite.

If you grow roses, shrubs, or tea, check for grubs eating the roots by gently scraping away the soil from the roots, and don't forget to do the same again in the spring, and to sprinkle some of that magical epsom salt. Check the bases of the fruit trees for the same problem. If you do spot any grubs, don't kill them, spray them with Dipel to make milky spores to protect your yard in the future.

Fall is also the time to try your hand at EVER-GREEN cuttings. Take needed cuttings in fall or winter; yew and juniper cuttings should have some frost. Fill a container with moist propagation mix or prepare a well-drained bed in the base of a old frame. Collect 4"-6" TIP cuttings. Some cuttings benefit from a piece of older wood, (a heel), left at the base of the stem. To take a "heel," pull sharply downward on the base of a side shoot as you remove it from the parent plant, trim with a sharp knife. Wounding is another way to encourage the rooting of difficult plants. Create a wound by cutting a shallow sliver on the side of the cutting near the base. This process stimulates cell division and enhances water uptake but also increases the chance of disease problems.

Before planting, remove lower leaves and sideshoots, applying rooting hormone if desired. Then plant cuttings to about one-third of their length, firm the soil, and water to settle the cuttings. Place potted cuttings indoors in a plastic bag or in a greenhouse. Ventilate and water if necessary. Once roots appear, gradually harden off the cuttings. The new plants are best left in place until autumn and then planted in the garden or in a bigger pot.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The DeKalb County Council on Aging is introducing a new program, "Caregivers Support Group." Whether you are a full-time caregiver or have the double demands of caring and holding down a job, you might find yourself overwhelmed by your feelings.

The initial meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 1, at the Senior Center, 600 Tyler Avenue, SE, Fort Payne. Dr. M.D. Lyons will be the speaker for this meeting, providing helpful information for emotional reactions, such as helplessness, isolation, depression, and worry.

Thousands of family members have had the same experiences. People in support groups understand.

For more information to obtain support and encouragement, call the Council on Aging, 845-8590.

NARFE. DeKalb County Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, at Western Sizzlin'. Guest speaker will be the internationally-known and highly-respected Dr. Pat Seymour of Mentone.

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FROM
THE FAMILY OF LINDA HAMMON

We would like to thank the community for all the prayers, food, flowers, and visits during Linda's long illness.

Also, thanks to everyone who helped make the benefit for Linda such a great success.

We appreciate all that everyone did during our sad times.

Thanks again,
Ralph Hammon,
Charles, Robert, and Chris.

DeKalb County Arts and Crafts Show

November 13-14

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day

VFW Fair Exhibit Building

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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made Heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

As you look at the beautiful mountains and hills, and the leaves of all colors, remember God made the Heaven and the Earth; and our help comes from Him. Take time to thank Him for the many blessings. Make this Thanksgiving Day a great day of Thanksgiving.

MAPA MEETING

The October MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on the 5th. President Jack Jones presided and called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests.

Jack Jones introduced Rudy Bell, who explained that he has a new concept for Mentone—a rustic, open-air theater. Rudy plans to open for the Easter 1994 Sunrise Service. It will be a family-oriented theater, with a handicapped area provided. Featured will be country music, gospel music, plays, and other ideas as the public demands. His theater will be located directly behind Moon Lake School Gym on the SW corner of the Shigley Place. Shows during the festivals are also possibilities.

Jack announced that, at the board meeting just prior to the regular meeting, the board had voted to pay back Mentone and all those supporters of MAPA and the Groundhog, by hosting a community picnic at the Shady Grove Dude Ranch. MAPA is the host. (See the flyer on this page.)

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

October Colorfest reports were given by the committee chairmen.

Dessie Newberry reported that the Jaws of Life had been purchased and received by the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department, and that they would be demonstrating the equipment at the Colorfest.

Following the reports, the president introduced the speaker, Vernon Gray, who gave a video presentation. He is the director and producer of Outlook Productions, and is a member of the Mentone Heritage Foundation. He showed portions of videos he had produced for the town of Stevenson, AL, in which a the town's history was highlighted. Mr. Gray proposed to do a video for MAPA in conjunction with the Mentone Heritage Foundation with Mentone as the focus. A motion was made by Terry Hutcheson and seconded by Bonnie Schmidt to have the video of Mentone produced. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department

Barbeque Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, November 14

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Where: Valley Head Fire Hall

Eat in or carry out.

\$5.00 ticket gets you a chance on a \$200

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Tickets can be obtained from any fireman or at Valley Head City Hall.



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- 5. All Media for their Coverage**

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Thank You
Members of MAPA
Jack E. Jones President

