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BOY SCOUT TROOP 106 MAKES A DIFFERENCE

By Dr. Bill Berry



Scout Troop 106, Cub Pack 106, and their leaders eagerly await the deposit of aluminum cans at "Mentone Green." They are (L to R): David Gilbreath, Brandol Jones, Jack Corey, Bill Berry, Jake Pinholster, Clark Crow, Curt Miller, Keith Miller, Paul Davis, Rob Childers, Adam Blalock, Andrew McCole, Nicklos Floyd, Bryan Young, Josh Smith, Ken Miller, Robert Childers, Terry Childers, and Jim Berry.

Five years ago, David Gilbreath brought to Lookout Mountain a vision based on his lifelong affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America: He saw Mentone as ideal scouting territory, yet the town had no troop. Within a few years, David was actively developing his dream into the reality of Boy Scout Troop 106. The troop was chartered by Moon Lake Baptist Church in March 1993. Immediately, it began embracing both scouting activities and civic responsibilities.

Monday night troop meetings in the church's fellowship hall feature lessons and activities geared toward a comprehensive scouting program. Training is drawn from an ample scouting library donated by the local chapter of Woodmen of the World. Weekly sessions often venture to special events ranging from

Mentone City council meetings to a tour of Moon Lake and Martha Berry's lakeside house.

Scouts Josh Baggett, Adam Blalock, Jack Corey, Ryan Drake, Curt Miller, Ken Miller, Jake Pinholster, and Bryan Young have enjoyed varied experiences and adventures while pursuing merit badges and advanced ranks. Court of Honor dinner ceremonies acknowledge these accomplishments and allow valuable family involvement in the scouting program.

Outdoor activities highlight Troop 106's program. Skills developed at Camp Comer camporees have proven useful on three events of the past few months: a 20-mile hike at Chickamauga National Military Park in Georgia; a 17-mile backpacking trip that originated in Cades Cove, Tennessee, and traversed a section of the



Scouts (L to R) Curt Miller, Jake Pinholster, Bryan Young, David Gilbreath (Scoutmaster), Ryan Drake, and Adam Blalock, hit the trail at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico

Appalachian Trail; and a 12-day trek at Philmont Boy Scout Reservation in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico. The Philmont trip covered more than 100 miles of rugged, scenic terrain where the elevation allowed a snowball fight on the Fourth of July.

(See Scout Troop 106 on Page 3.)

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•Tuesday, November 1, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting, Kountry Chef

•Saturday, November 5, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Moon Lake Harvest Festival
Moon Lake School, Mentone, Ala.

•Monday - November 7, 6 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting, City Hall

•Tuesday, November 8, Election Day

•Friday, November 11, Veterans Day

American Legion Covered Dish Dinner
(See notice on back page.)

•Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13
DeKalb County Arts & Crafts Show
VFW Fair Exhibit Building
(See flyer on back page.)

•Wednesday, November 23
Community Thanksgiving Service
(See flyer on back page.)

•Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Day

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LETTER TO EDITOR FROM CONCERNED PARENT

On the 10th of October, Valley Head School had their first P.T.O. meeting of the new school year, and it was my first, as I had to familiarize myself with the teachers and the new principal that are in charge of my children during the day.

I must say, I was quite impressed with all of them and the changes they had done to the classrooms. After the meeting, all the teachers were in their classrooms waiting for the parents. But, believe it or not, those poor teachers showed up and waited in those big empty classrooms at that time of the evening—after working a full day with OUR CHILDREN—and more than 95% of the parents did not bother to attend—like they had more important things to do than worry about how their kids were doing in school and finding out what kind of adults they are going to let loose on society in a couple of years. I felt really sorry for all those caring teachers—all waiting for parents that showed them that they really did not care one whit whether the devil himself was teaching their kids.

I learned that the elementary school has a roomful of computers that is being mostly used to teach the high school kids typing. The elementary children get to have half-hour lessons in computer study. If anyone has checked the jobs that are in the classifieds, they will see that most jobs now-a-days require computer knowledge. But of course, if they don't have a profession or skill, there are plenty of jobs at minimum wage.

Our children are being left behind when it comes to technology skills. No wonder America is so low on the international education scale, and nobody (parents) seems to really care. No wonder America is getting so many imported professional and skilled workers. Just read who are the top bosses and middle upper bosses in those lovely big factories that Mercedes Benz is building in Alabama.

I have met parents that think the advances in the technology war, whether it be televisions, VCR's, nintendos, sega's, computers, etc., are evil, and it's teaching their children bad things. Well, if the parents did not watch such things, the children wouldn't either. Like anything else they are taught—they have to be taught to read, etc. The same goes for taste in food and television programming and rented movies. I know, for a fact, that a lot of people only have VCR's to watch X-rated movies. A lot of the children going to Valley Head School have cable television, but I wonder which channels they have and watch. Judging from the vocabulary of most of the children, I bet I know it's not a channel that children should know even exists. I wonder how many parents have tried to watch PBS for a week—all the programs, not switch it on only for the little ones to watch Sesame Street. There are soaps and sit-coms on that channel, too; but the problem, I reckon, is that nobody is interested in good clean shows, anymore; forbidden fruit is sweeter.

Madeleine Bullock, Mentone, Ala.

CARDEN GOLF OUTING AND REUNION

October 26, 1994

Ms. Pat Seymour

THE GROUNDHOG

P.O. Box 387

Mentone, Alabama 35984

Dear Ms. Seymour:

My son, Jarrett, and I were in Mentone over the weekend of October 22 & 23 enjoying a golf outing and reunion with my father, James O. Carden and two brothers, Gene and Carlton. Since my father is a former resident of Valley Head and thoroughly enjoys each return visit to your area, I thought I might report to you and *THE GROUNDHOG* the interesting results of our outing. In our "hard fought" championship match on Sunday at the Lil' Mole Run Golf Course, our father who is 73 years old almost shot his age. He soundly defeated his three sons and grandson with a 4 over par 75 to claim the family championship. We all enjoyed the weekend and are already planning another match to hopefully unseat the defending champion.

Additionally, I would like to purchase a subscription to *THE GROUNDHOG* for my father. I am enclosing ten dollars (\$10) for the cost. Please mail the newspaper to my father in Rome, Georgia.

Thanks for your help. I look forward to being back in your area.

Sincerely,

Gary Carden

Brentwood, Tenn.

MAPA



MEETING

By Marie Dillenbeck

The MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on October 4, and was called to order by President Dessie Newberry. Chester Crowe gave the opening prayer. Twenty-five members and four guests were present.

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report. The Groundhog Report was brought up to date from February 28, and was approved after corrections were made.

Under old business, the president announced that the Xerox copier recently purchased was not sufficient for MAPA's use. It was returned for a refund, which was redeposited to the MAPA account. After a discussion, a Sharp copier that reduces and enlarges, was recommended on a lease-to-own contract, which includes unlimited copies. Pat Seymour made a motion that MAPA enter into a lease-to-own contract. The motion was seconded by Charlyne O'Rear, and carried.

The copier will be limited to board member usage.

The Colorfest reports were heard, and everything was announced as being ready for the weekend of October 15 and 16. (See photos elsewhere.)

Pat Seymour announced that the Mentone City Council had voted to allow MAPA to put up a banner for the Colorfest, with the stipulation that it not be placed more than 10 days prior to the festival, and that it be taken down the following day after the festival, weather permitting.

Marie Dillenbeck reported that the Mentone Brochures would be reprinted on October 5th, and delivered shortly thereafter.

The president announced that the program for next month will be given by Jim Gaylord, Co-Captain of the DeSoto Rescue Squad. Refreshments will be provided by Hope Walker, Rick Chapman, and Jo and George Beabe. Also, at the next meeting, the annual Christmas Party will be discussed. If the vote is for a pot luck dinner, MAPA will provide the meat, and the members will provide the other dishes.

Dot Crow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marie Dillenbeck, and the meeting was adjourned. Delicious refreshments were served by Charlyne O'Rear, Olive Jones, and Mickey Gough.



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SCOUT TROOP 106

By Dr. Bill Berry
(Continued from Page 1)



Scout Ken Miller greets a visitor to Mentone during the recent Colorfest

Troop 106 seeks and accepts worthwhile local service projects. Its "Adopt-a-Mile" on Tutwiler Gap is cleaned regularly; cans from along this mile go directly into the troop-sponsored recycling project called "Mentone Green," which has received very positive public response. The recycling bin and adjoining fencing were purchased with funds earned from the sale of a truck donated by V.I. Prewett. The site and signage were prepared with the assistance of Herman Justice and Kenny and Felicia Blackwell.

The scouts have directed parking at several company picnics and at the recent MAPA October Colorfest held on October 15 and 16 at Brow Park in Mentone. Additionally, the troop has performed several maintenance duties at the Baptist Church and presented a series of skits to Moon Lake Afterschool Club (MAC) sessions.

The troop has been pleased to accept recognition of its accomplishments. A booth featuring historic American flags won 2nd place at last year's DeKalb County Fair. A Boy Scout Quality Unit Award, based on basic requirements of a well-rounded troop, and a Baptist Award of Excellence, based on religious instruction and activities, have been awarded.

One year after its origination, Boy Scout Troop 106 helped organize Cup Scout Pack 106, led by Robert and Terry Childers. The pack consists of 2nd graders Rob Childers, Clark Crow, Nicklos Floyd, Andrew McCole, Keith Miller, and Josh Smith. They participated in the scouts' spring Court of Honor at Berry Patch, created posters advertising "Mentone Green" for local display, and presented a flag ceremony during a Moon Lake Elementary School assembly.

The scout troop has formulated plans for a November camping trip at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, which will provide varied hands-on activities leading to a Space Exploration Merit Badge. Several scouts will undergo the 8-day Junior Leadership Training course during early 1995; and, later in the year, the troop will journey to Washington, D.C., on Amtrack.

Moon Lake Baptist Church views the Boy Scout connection as a branch of its ministry. The church has provided meeting space, material resources, and adult leaders. Scoutmaster David Gilbreath, Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Berry, Advancement Chairman Mike Young, and Troop Chaplain Glenn Miller are members of the church, as are the members of the troop committee. Committee Chairman Jim Berry presides at scout functions and delivers collected aluminum cans to a recycling center in Georgia. Jim Ellis transfers disposed cans from local stores to "Mentone Green." Brandol Jones and Jim Jones provide valuable skill, equipment, and leadership in the construction of troop equipment.

The dream shared by David Gilbreath has enriched the lives of many Mentone residents, and it continues to grow through quality activities experienced by the scouts and quality services provided for their community.

Anyone interested in participating in any capacity in the program of the boy scouts may contact either David Gilbreath at 634-4495 or Bill Berry at 634-4326.



From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dearest loyal readers, moi must share with you the latest hysteria in the Superette. He who is mega-too-big-for-his-britches (AI) is launching forth on yet another doomed-to-failure venture. He is opening a nursery in Ft. Payne without moi between the counters. I cannot be two places at once, and gorgeous moi is sworn to be on display at the Superette where all adoring wee ones and not so wee ones can wallow at my magnificent feet. Crash and burn, flower boy.

As you can read, disciples, further vicious attacks on my incredible greatness continue in Miss Eloise's column, "Valley View." "Fat, lazy?" Buddy boy, I stand up at least three times per day, and I have been known to roll over more than once on rare occasions when the excitement in the Superette gets to be too much for moi. Put that in your dog dish, and gulp it, pussy cat lover!

A terrible event upset moi greatly, today. "Pat" the regular ice cream supplier had a substitute stock his box in the Superette, and I had to give the intruder some stern discipline. Ice cream sandwiches are the life blood of the great one, and I can't have just any "truck trash" touching them.

Speaking of trash, she-who-is-Mentone's-best-proof-that-education-is-no-substitute-for-good-sense, (Dr. P) is oiling her way over to seek an audience with moi. The girl is so jealous of my writing skills that she is desperate. Some of us have it and some of us don't, lesser scribe, who-can't-hire-a-reader for your tacky column.

Wonderful, adoring children "a-tumbling" over one another today, fighting to touch this awesome, muscular body. Redheaded, pre-schoolers, Fred and Colleen Castleberry, Desiree Cash, Emily and Jed Platt, Stacy Campbell, and Cody Hughes are among the morning adorers.

Hunter Stone, Cathy's grandson, is an afternoon regular, along with his mother, Wendy. He shares Little Debbie's or ice cream, this prince of a lad.

Justin Smith (5) came in while I was walking Pop and missed God's gift to canine circles, Moi. Grandmother Nancy is she-of-horse-fame, that is, if one is into hay burners.

Hunter Stone (19 mo.) is another devoted fan who missed the gorgeous one.

Oh, Joy - Here comes Hannah McWilliams (5). She usually shares cookies or an ice cream sandwich. Mother Sharon is certainly raising that child right!

It seems unbelievable, but Pop has deserted me twice lately for "alleged" trips to the doctor. Moi has lent a whole new dimension to the meaning of the word "pout." Even ice cream sandwiches could not ease my hurt, and they unbelievably went untasted. Pop needs to realize with whom he is dealing with!

Here comes Justin Liles (9 mo.), son of Marian "Cricket" Liles, with his grandmother, Cheryl Crane. It's never too soon to train a devoted dog worshipper to recognize greatness when a child sees it (moi).

L.M. is helping drag in those hated rockers of AI's. (Ever get your ear smashed under one?? This true example of bulldog beauty and humility has!) This means it's closing time and sign-off time.

Be sweet, be loyal, be generous with treats, disciples. Later! (Oh, yes - and remember that Valley Head "pretender to greatness," Buddy, in your prayers.)

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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Carrie Ruth Kirby, Catherine Bailey, and Barbara Blalock have just returned from their annual trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and a five-day stay at the Gillette Motel, where they have a standing reservation. Barbara drove the group in her Chevy van and they stopped by Cleveland, Tenn., to pick up sister, Sarah Harris, along with Sarah's daughter, Sarah Stutz.

Congratulations go to Roy Tidmore of Valley Head, who has received the award from the DeKalb County Chapter of the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. The presentation was at the DeKalb County Library in Ft. Payne. Roy is a former bricklayer who had to give up his trade after becoming blind as a result of severe diabetes. He has now become a successful vendor operator with an extensive route that includes industrial sites in Ft. Payne. Roy's wife is Ann, and they have three children: Steven (14), Elizabeth (17), and Scotty (19).

Jim Harris recently had eye surgery in Birmingham on the same eye operated on earlier. He is recovering at home, but is undergoing some difficulty. This necessitates his returning to doctors in Birmingham several times a week.

Preston Bourgeois, father of Donna Bare, assistant director of Skyline Ranch Camp, is back at the nursing home in Thibodeaux, Louisiana, after having been in the hospital. He is recovering from surgery. Our prayers are with Mr. Bourgeois as he regains his strength.

Many prayers are with H.P. Goss and his five-year-old granddaughter, Melissa, as she fights a serious virus at BMC in Ft. Payne. Melissa has a high fever, and doctors are uncertain if she has pneumonia or the flu.

Three of the Crowe brothers - Edmund of Mentone, James of Summerville, Ga., and William of Oxford - met at Britt and Florene Kirby's home for a covered dish luncheon on October 27. They were joined by Opal Jones and Geneva Mills of Rossville, Ga. The friends were former Moon Lake students together.

Cathy Crow and "Cricket" are adjusting really well to their new jobs in the Mentone Superette. Go by and welcome them aboard! Mae Hunt is still sorely missed!

Congratulations to Tyler Cooper, son of Vann and Teresa Cooper of Valley Head. Tyler (11), a 6th grader in Ft. Payne schools, was featured in "Meet Your Neighbor" in the *Times Journal*. Tyler has a sister, Lana (1), and he is the grandson of Sadie Cooper, Valley Head, and Don and Shirley Cook, Ft. Payne.

Deepest sympathy to Bobby Blevins, Valley Head, on the death of his stepmother, Jimmy Maxine Blevins, 61, of Summerville, Ga., who died October 20 in a Rome hospital.

Karl Yatooma of Valley Head had the misfortune to have his home burglarized, recently. Stolen items included assorted tools, a 12-gauge single barrel Remington, an RCA 16-inch color TV, a Sony VCR, and a Panasonic home entertainment center.

Newly weds Gerald and Phyllis (Flarity) Bailey were honored recently with a blessing and reception held at the Mentone Methodist Church. Hostesses were Catherine Bailey, Ann Wright, and Linda Brown. Gerald is an employee of Menlo Lumber Co., and Phyllis works as an aide in the Collinsville Head Start Program. The couple is at home in Valley Head.

Rossie Owens (6) of Valley Head, Shay Stanford (5) of Valley Head, and Tara Fabbus (8) of Mentone, have

supplied weather art to the *Times Journal*. These are three fine young artists.

Luther King served as a pallbearer in the October funeral of Ellie V. Keefe, 95, Ft. Payne. Mrs. Keefe was a long-time member of his church, the Ft. Payne Church of Christ.

"Reminiscing about DeKalb's Special People" in the *DeKalb Advertiser*, recently, honored Mentone's own George and Jo Beaubé and George and Patricia Huiet, with beautiful portraits of each couple.

Harrell L. Jenkins, Mentone, was featured recently in the *Times Journal*, "Meet Your Neighbor" section. Harrell, a native of Birmingham, is retired in Mentone and lives in a home on DeSoto Parkway.

Mike Ride of Valley Head recently took third place in the Pony B division at Thunder Mountain Speedway in Shiloh. That Mike is some kind of driver!

Bertha Robinson attended a recent birthday party in Anniston for her two-year-old great-granddaughter, Brittney Bowen. Brittney's mother, Cindy Webb Bowen, is Bertha's granddaughter. The party was held in Cindy's home. In other news, Bertha's son Eddie has moved from his mother's Cove Road home to Chattanooga, Tenn., to avoid having to commute every day to his job there. He is sorely missed by neighbors, such as the one writing this column.

Sincere sympathy to Sarah (Sadie) Lee Hawkins Cooper of Valley Head in the death of her step-mother, Maebelle Hunsucker Hawkins, 89, of Ider on October 4.

The newly-organized Bed & Breakfast Association of Alabama (BBAA) has elected officers and standing committee chairpersons. Standing committee chairpersons include Mentone's Don Brock (Madaperca) standards. Representing the north areas (there are four areas) is Mentone's Yvonne Brock (Madaperca) (205-634-4792).

Bed and Breakfast owners who are interested in becoming a member of BBAA may write to the BBAA at P.O. Box 707, Montgomery, AL 36101, or contact regional director, Yvonne Brock.

Thunder Mountain Speedway completed its 1994 season recently with an appreciation evening. Mike Wright of Valley Head took first place in the Pony B division of the points race. That means he can "put the pedal to the metal!"

Jimmy L. Poe, a 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School, has been awarded a two-year leadership scholarship to Northeast Alabama State Community College where he plans to major in education. Good job, Jimmy!

Louise King (72), wife of Marvin King of Mentone, passed away on October 3, 1994, at DeKalb BMC. Other Mentone survivors include a sister, Bertha Robinson of Cove Road. Sincere condolences go out to the King family at this sad time.

ED DISNEY HAD A BIRTHDAY ON OCTOBER 3RD, AND THE "GRAPEVINE" DIDN'T MENTION IT. ED, ARE YOU READING THIS? IF SO, PLEASE TAKE THE CURSE OFF OF ME AND MY HOUSE!

Nippersink Lodge was the site of a party to end all parties honoring Epp and Jane Meadows, formerly of Mentone, now residing in Orange Beach. Gerry Disney was her usual charming and gracious self, while Ed was at his best parking cars. (I'll pay for that remark, believe me!)

By now, everyone is aware that the Tigers Inn is closed on Sundays, but Nancy Rector still fries her delicious chicken on Fridays. You haven't tasted fried chicken until you eat Nancy's. That girl can really cook! Yummmmm!

The Mentone Revival Center honored its pastor's family with an appreciation Sunday and covered dish dinner on October 2nd. Pastor Marlon Williamson, wife, Brenda, and children BreAnna and Chad were showered with gifts from the congregation and friends. These gifts included everything from a leather chair for the pastor's study to a fitted picnic basket and a weekend trip for two.

If you've missed policeman Brian Phillips, it's because he is now a patrolman with the Ft. Payne force. Best

wishes to you, Brian, at your new post.

Sidney Jay Bosworth, age 80, died October 13, 1994, in Scottsboro. Among other family members, he is survived by his wife, Virginia (Ginny), and sisters Helen Hill and Theresa Bosworth of Mentone. Sincere condolences go out to the Bosworth family in their time of sorrow and loss.

Jerome Stephens of Penn., was honored at a dinner party given by Marie Dillenbeck and me at the Kountry Chef. During Jerome's visit to Mentone, his father Joe and Yvonne Blalock joined in the fun and fellowship at the restaurant. Joe's other son, Michael Stephens, can receive mail at the following address: Michael Stephens 24041-034, PMB 1000, FCI, Talladega, AL 35106-8799.

Bill and Sue Schwarz held an open house honoring their out-of-town guests on Saturday, October 29. Many Mentone friends came to meet Dean and Loretta Breasseale of Lexington, Ky., and Bill and Kathryn Stevens of Huntsville. A delicious variety of finger food was served between the hours of 2 and 5 on the porch of the Schwarz' beautiful river home.

In the words of Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson of Kettering, Ohio, as Marilyn's guest, visited briefly in Mentone on her way to the airport in Chattanooga for her return flight to Dayton. While in Mentone, "Miss Dorothy" was treated to a tour of the local sights, and she was especially impressed with DeSoto Falls and the view from the Brow Park. As part of her tour, "Miss Dorothy" went into the post office, where she met Benny; the town hall, where she met "Miss Catherine" Bailey; and the Superette, where she bought postcards and met Brutus. As "Miss Dorothy" was leaving the Superette, she leaned over and told Brutus, "I have your picture at my house," and he winked at her, totally thrilling her. Later, "Miss Dorothy" allowed as how she had seen dogs as big as Brutus before, but never one so magnificent.

Approximately twenty foreign exchange students, plus host families enjoyed a cookout on October 22nd at the ranch of Dewey and Nancy Smith. Young people came from Crossville, Ft. Payne, Geraldine, Sylvania, Guntersville, Mentone, Valley Head, Fyffe, and Henagar. The activities started at 10 a.m., with lunch at noon, and a farewell to the ranch and friends about 4 p.m.

Mentone Troubadour Tony Goggans celebrated a birthday last week, and wife, Dana, hosted a party at Tony Creek. Although the weather didn't cooperate, a great time was had by all, anyway. The musical Goggans family, the Malibus, entertained at the recent Landmark's festivities. Attendees said that the Malibus presented the best musical entertainment, ever!

Deepest sympathy to the Hammond family on the death of Shelia Yamada (42) of Rome, Georgia, on October 28; and to the Walter Brooks family on the death of their son, Bobby.

In closing, I'd like to share these thoughts with you:

First, I was dying to finish high school and start college.
And then I was dying to finish college and start working.
And then I was dying to lose weight and find a life partner.
And then I was dying to get married and start a family.
And then I was dying to have money and build a house.
And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school, so I could return to work.
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Emergency Phone #911

By Mike Kenamer

October has been an eventful month at DeSoto Rescue Squad (DRS). Not only has emergency call volume picked back up, October was a month full of training for squad personnel.

The month started with training on the new semi-automatic defibrillator and CPR recertification. All the squad's EMTs are now certified on the device, which shocks a person's heart back into a normal rhythm. The unit is now in service.

In addition, several members of the squad took a course in Farm Rescue. The class, sponsored by Northeast State and other local agencies, covered such topics as patient assessment, common farming injuries, machinery entrapments, and animal hazards. The class culminated with an all-day, hands-on extrication workshop intended to give the student an opportunity to apply what he had learned in the class.

Among those representing DeSoto Rescue Squad were Jim and Gail Gaylord, Sam Farr, Ilene Green, Shawn Douthat, Lisa Scott, Danyel Smith, Trisha Kenamer, Gail Crider, and Sue Pullen. Mike Kenamer was the lead instructor for the course. "One thing we learned was that extrication and stabilization of farm machinery is quite different than extrication from automobiles," reported Jim Gaylord, DeSoto Rescue Squad's Co-Captain. "It also helped us see our short-comings in equipment needed to do the job." Some of that equipment has been obtained. Other items will be purchased when adequate funds are available.

Another valuable principle taught in the class was to utilize all available resources. The class found that Shawn Douthat's service truck was just such a resource. It seems that the tools Shawn uses to make his living with can also be used to help save a life.

Communications at the county level still seem to be a problem. The county 911 center is supposed to dispatch DRS on the county ambulance (DeKalb Ambulance Service) frequency. We continue to have difficulty with dispatchers setting off the pagers on the wrong frequency. This, of course, can't be heard, and results in your rescue squad not hearing a call for help. We continue to try to work out a solution to our communications problems with the 911 center. Hopefully, the bugs will soon be worked out.

As the holiday season approaches, please pay special attention at home and at work. Your safety and well being is our number one concern this upcoming holiday season.

Mike Kenamer, Co-Captain 634-4484

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

You can use pantyhose to keep bugs off most any crops. Now that it's time for the cool weather crops like brussels sprouts, broccoli, and cabbage, well, I reckon you could use it on the broccoli and cabbage. It's particularly good for the cabbage as it stretches as the head grows, but you also need some spare time, as it is a time consuming job. You make up the time by spraying less, in the long run.

To make the pantyhose protector, cut the legs in sections; either sew or knot off one end, then slip the "sock" over the veg or fruit, pull it tight, and tie the end shut. If you like, you could buy those "pop-hose" at Wal-Mart for 33¢ a pair, or get a person that wears them to give you the ones with ladders. If you have been saving all those colored ties that come on the bread sacks, you could use those and the ones that come in the box when you buy garbage bags. If you are like me, you don't have the time or patience to use those ties, you just knot-up the full bags.

Wood chips and shredded bark make for a beautiful-looking plant area, but could be deadly to your plants. If you have it in your beds and notice the leaves of your plants yellowing or some plants dead, it's probably the mulch. Such mulch decomposes anaerobically (without oxygen) and produces chemical gases (methane and ammonia) that are toxic to plants. "Soured" mulch also lowers the soil pH. The solution is to make sure the mulch gets lots of air and don't let it accumulate moisture. Soured mulch, whether bought or made, has a sour odor. It should smell pleasant and woodsy. If you do use it, make your layer only 2" - 3".

Last week, Mr. Ed Kirby let my husband in on a place to get farm supplies and such at the most wonderful prices I have seen. If they read this, I hope they don't go up on their prices. Tall fescue was selling at \$25.00 for a 50# bag, and the Dipel was \$3.45 for a five pound bag of the powder. All the stuff in the store was really wonderfully priced. The name of the place is D&E Hardware and Farm Supplies in Menlo, Georgia. The thing I really like was that the owner really knew what he was talking about when my husband asked for advice on pastures, unlike most of the places that we used to buy from. I doubt if they knew the difference between weed seed or grass seed or what they looked like growing in a field. So, I think that we and any gardener owes a "THANK YOU" to Mr. Ed.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

November 8





Times-Journal photo by Scott Turner

ENDING 48 YEARS IN PRACTICE: Dr. J.M. Brewer leaves his office on First and Gault in Fort Payne, Ala., for the last time on Tuesday afternoon, October 18, 1994. At age 80, he says it's time to switch gears and "hopefully enjoy staying alive for a long, long time." Dr. Brewer, a Gadsden native, has practiced in the same office for nearly half a century. Dr. Brewer has a home in Fort Payne and also "Tooth Acres" on the Brow in Mentone.

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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Just like ole Willie Nelson—on the road again—this time, homeward bound. Before I get too deeply into the voyage home to Mentone, let me wax eloquent about Portland, Oregon. The weather cooperated, and each day was sunny and warm with bright blue skies. Mt. Hood, the geological joy of each Portlander, was in view on occasions. Last April, when we were there, it rained every day, and Mt. Hood was nowhere to be seen. Portland and its principal suburb, Beaverton, are remarkable for the large amount of space devoted to public parks. There, on a mountain top, is a beautiful Japanese garden, placed there and maintained by the city for the enjoyment of the general public. (See picture on this page.) On this same mountain and just down hill is a rose garden with literally hundreds of varieties of roses. (See picture on this page.) In October, the roses were still blooming. At the end of the garden is an awesome view of Portland.

The way home took us south past Eugene and then west to the coast at Reedsport. Oregon has many beautiful, well-maintained state parks, which have great camping facilities. We took advantage of the one at Umpqua lighthouse...small, wooded, and on a lovely lake, and not more than 1/2 mile from the shore. We toured north the next day up the coast road to Seal Rock. Miles upon miles of rugged, mountainous coast, interspersed with white sand beaches, which would bring joy to the heart of any Gulf Shores aficionado.

The big news on the coast was the earthquake in Japan the day before. Sue and I were walking on a beach along our drive when a man ran up to us and breathlessly told us to leave because a tsunami (tidal wave) was on the way. It was expected around 3 p.m. To be on the safe side, we left and returned to our touring north on the coast. The radio had nearly constant warnings of the coming tsunami. The Coast Guard was taking all their vessels out to sea to avoid the impending disaster. The state parks department was installing barricades at beaches. A helicopter was sweeping over the beaches and blasting a warning over

their loudspeakers. Trouble and disaster were a-brewing.

Close on to 3 o'clock, Sue and I positioned ourselves high (300 ft.) above the coastline in a "scenic view" area just off the road and waited with several other car loads of crazies. Over the previous hour, the radio news had downplayed the tsunami, and so now we waited to see if it would happen. Take a look at the picture of the most violent action we saw during an hour of waiting. Alas, it was a total washout—only a few small waves.

One more night's stop on the Oregon coast was all we could allow. Any more and we might not have made it home to Mentone. Harris Beach State Park presented a short, but steep, climb to a wooded promontory where we could see ocean waves break on huge rocks. A climb down to the beach brought us to tidal pools teeming with marine life that shows up only in the rocky, low tide residual pools. I got a real education from Sue on those life forms.

South, ever south, through the coastal redwood forests of California, and, then, east over a very rugged, coastal mountain range and on to Redding, Ca., through places like Weaverville, Junction City, and Whiskeytown. The next day was south through the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys—mile upon mile of farms growing vegetables, fruits, and nuts.

From Bakersfield, we turned east across the Mojave Desert and passed through Mojave, Ca., which has the world's largest collection of unused commercial airliners. Here, they sit, by the hundreds, in the desert waiting to be recalled to service or sold to a third-world airline. On eastward, took us to N. Edwards and Boron and past Edwards Air Force Base with a long, long runway on Rogers Dry Lake. There, I had a moment of nostalgia...for years, when I was working, my company had lots of business there; and I was a frequent visitor. The nostalgia was for a moment only—I've never been sorry I retired.

A night on Lake Hauasu, just south of Lake Hauasu City, was most pleasant, and the last chance, so it turned out, to wear shorts and a T-shirt. From that point on, it got colder. On our way out of Lake Hauasu City, a short detour took us over London Bridge. (For real, folks, it was moved stone by stone from London!)

At Gallop, N.M., we holed-up for a full day and drove out to Chaco Canyon to study the Anasazi civilization. This national park and the ruins preserved there are most impressive. If you are ever nearby, GO and SEE. The picture on this page is of Pueblo Bonito, a structure which rose 4 stories and was built of local stone and mud mortar 1200 years ago. These people had roads, farms, and a trade commerce that supported over 10,000 people. Remarkable!

From there, the call of Lookout Mountain was too strong to resist—and home we came.

Thanks for your time and patience, folks. See you next month.



Bill standing in the beautiful Japanese garden



Sue enjoying the roses in the rose garden



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Well, I had resolved to focus on low-fat recipes—but it is November, and pecan and pumpkin time is here once more. Who can resist? The three-step pumpkin dessert is from my aunt, Sue Santelmann, whom we visited on our trip last month. The pecan pie recipe is from Norma Williams of Mentone, who says it is as good as it is easy.

Pumpkin Dessert - Sue Santelmann

[Step One]

- 1 C flour
- 1/2 C oatmeal
- 1/2 C brown sugar
- 1/2 C margarine

Combine these ingredients, press into bottom of ungreased 9x13x2 pan and bake at 300° for 15 minutes.

[Step Two]

- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 large can evaporated milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/2 t cinnamon
- 1/2 t ginger
- 1/4 t cloves

Combine above ingredients and pour over baked crust, bake for 10 minutes more.

[Step Three]

- 1/2 c pecans
- 1/2 c brown sugar
- 2 T butter

Combine and sprinkle over other baked layers, and bake 15-20 minutes or until filling is set. Cool and serve with non-dairy topping or whipped cream. Serves 12.

Pecan Pie - Norma Williams

- 2 C sugar
- 2 C dark Karo syrup
- 6 eggs
- pinch of salt
- 1-1/3 C pecans
- 2 unbaked 9" pie shells

Mix first 5 ingredients and pour into 2 pie shells. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.



Tsunai (tidal wave)

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The focus at Moon Lake Baptist Church will be on Thanksgiving throughout the entire month of November. The Boy Scouts will be in charge of having a God and Country service the first Sunday of November. Communion will be observed the second Sunday. There will be a hymn singing one Sunday evening during the month; however, the exact date has not been decided upon.

Charles Barrett from Cleveland, Tennessee, will be the evangelist in a revival November 20-23, at the Mentone Church of God. There will be a special singing throughout the week. The annual Christmas candy sale will begin on November 5. For more information on the candy sale, you may contact Pastor Ron Johnson, at 634-4418.

On Sunday night, November 6, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will have a big gospel singing, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Special guests will be the Kindlers from Nashville, Tennessee. They are a nationally known group and currently have records on the national charts. The church will be having a Veterans Day service on November 13, honoring all veterans. There will be a special Thanksgiving service on November 27.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church continues to observe Holy Communion at 12:05 p.m. every Wednesday. Sunday morning services are at 10:30, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church had a breakfast at 8:30 on Sunday morning, October 30. The district superintendent was present for the charge conference which was held on that date. At 10 o'clock, the song service was conducted.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church will celebrate Homecoming beginning at 10:30 a.m. on November 6. The service will be followed by a fellowship dinner. Revival begins on that same date and extends through November 9. Services will be at 7:00 each evening. There will be special singing at the services throughout the week. Rick Addison from Stuart, Florida, will be the evangelist.

Every Monday evening at 6:30, the Valley Head Baptist Church hosts the Community Christmas Cantata practice. The cantata will be presented at The Fountains on December 17, at Moon Lake Baptist Church at 5 p.m., and at Valley Head Baptist Church at 7 p.m. On Sunday, November 6, the puppets (The Mighty Messengers) will perform at St. Paul Methodist Church in Ft. Payne. On November 13, the group Inheritance will sing at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Everyone is invited. The Foreign Mission Study will be held on November 20 from 5 - 7 p.m. On November 23, the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 6 p.m. The puppets will perform in that service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to attend worship services every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.

The Mentone Revival Center will celebrate a Youth Day on Saturday, November 13, at DeSoto State Park, beginning with a cookout at 12 noon. There will be a scavenger hunt, followed by singing and preaching.

All veterans will be honored in the morning service on November 13 at the Union Hill Baptist Church. There will be a covered dish Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening, November 23, at the church fellowship hall. The building program has begun, and most of the money required to build the addition has been given through special designated gifts. The Youth are doing various fundraisers to finance their expenses to a Youth Rally in Gatlinburg during their Christmas vacation. You may be asked to play in a golf tournament, to eat a dinner sponsored by the youth, to have your car washed, or to attend their Christmas program, which will be presented in advance of the trip. They will appreciate your help. The church paid the expenses for their pastor and wife, Jimmy and Evelyn Graves, to attend the annual Pastors and Wives Retreat held in Gatlinburg, Tenn., October 13-15. They enjoyed three days of physical and spiritual renewal as they fellowshiped and shared with nineteen other couples.

On Thursday, November 3rd, the UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sunday, November 6, there will be a spaghetti dinner immediately following the worship service. The monthly administrative council meeting will be after the spaghetti dinner. All members are urged to attend. The UMW will prepare Thanksgiving meals for the elderly and shut-ins on November 17 at 10 a.m.

NORTH DEKALB MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The next business meeting of the North Dekalb Ministerial Association is Thursday evening, November 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Valley Head Baptist Church. Reverend Charles Jenkins, pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church and president of the ministerial association invites all churches and all people in the area to attend the meeting. A special puppet show by The Mighty Messengers of Valley Head Baptist Church will be presented that evening. The choir will be singing, and Reverend Jenkins will be bringing the message. The Community Thanksgiving Service will be on November 23 at 6 p.m. (See the announcement on the back page.)

J.O.Y.

The Just Older Youth group will meet on Thursday, November 10, at 11:45 a.m. The date of the meetings has been changed to the second Thursday every month. Evelyn Graves will be the guest speaker at the November meeting. Everyone should bring a covered dish for the luncheon.



THANK YOU!

We extend our thanks to the DeSoto Rescue Squad, to the churches in the area who helped in any way, to our friends who telephoned, gave love gifts, visited at the hospital, sent cards, offered prayers, and in any way expressed concern during Tabitha's accident and hospital stay. She is back in school now and is improving nicely.

Thanks to each of you,
Jerry, Diana, & Tabitha
Brisendine



From left to right: Levi Hulan, Heather Hulan, Della Flannigan, William Flannigan, Joyce Flannigan

FIVE GENERATIONS OF FLANNIGANS

By Joyce Flannigan

We celebrated the 69th birthday of William Flannigan, who is a patient at Collinsville Nursing Home. William is the father of Joyce Flannigan, Mack Flannigan, Charlotte Goss, and Virginia Dingler. His mother is Della Flannigan. He has three brothers, Charles, L.M., and James; and two sisters, Eloise Lance and Emma Jean Pena, all of Mentone.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LEVI HULGAN

Levi is the son of Tim and Heather Hulan of Fort Payne; grandson of Joyce Flannigan of Valley Head, Jack and Joan Hulan of Fort Payne, David and Aileen Hunter of Mentone and Ronald Blansit, also of Mentone. Levi has a great-great-grandmother: Della Flannigan of Mentone.

HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat Seymour

DEER. Never squeeze off on the first buck you see entering a field or passing along a trail, if you hope to tag a trophy. Smaller animals will move into an area first, with the largest coming out after them. Patience pays.

SEASON OF THE PITCH. Outdoorsmen, particularly deer hunters, who like to place their tree stands in pines and conifers frequently get sticky pitch on their hands. The stuff is annoying and seemingly impossible to scrub off with soap and water. Simply rub a tiny bit of butter or margarine on your hands, or even a little motor oil taken from your vehicle's dip stick. Briefly massage your hands with a paper towel or dry rag, and they'll be cleaned instantly.

INSTANT ACCURACY. It's a simple procedure that can cut group sizes in half, but thousands of shooters overlook it each year. That's why it's worth repeating: Clean your rifle bore. If you haven't done it yet, don't delay. Verify your sight-in at the range before going afield.

PRACTICAL EAR PROTECTION - OPEN UP. According to many military shooting instructors, if you open your mouth slightly when you squeeze off a shot, you can lessen long-term damage to your hearing. Opening the mouth seems to equalize pressure on the eardrum, which may be a good way to reduce hearing injuries in hunting situations, where wearing ear protection is impractical.

BLOWING IN THE WIND - FLOSSING BIG GAME. You can make a simple and effective wind-direction indicator from ordinary unwaxed dental floss. Cut an overhand knot in the middle. Using a razor blade, gently scrape the 4 inches of floss. The floss will separate into fine filaments and fluff out into a tassel so sensitive to air movement, you'd swear even a bird's breath could activate it. The knot is simply to keep the floss from separating any farther up the line. Use tape to attach the floss near the end of your gun barrel or to the riser of a bow.

HUNTING THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD - HUG THE CURVES. When hunting on winding dirt roadways, remember to "hug the curves," using brush and tree-lined bends in the road for concealment. Game animals such as deer, turkeys, and rabbits often use dirt or logging roads, especially during or after a rainfall. Chances are, you'll spot more game if you stay on the inside of a curve, since walking down the middle of a road or swinging wide to the outside gives your quarry a far longer field of straight-away vision. Game animals just can't see you as easily when you situate yourself around a blind curve--and they may not hear you as quickly if the conditions are right.

WATER is one of Alabama's greatest resources. An average rainfall of 53 inches helps provide for the state's fifty rivers, 250 creeks, 25 large reservoirs, and 21,000 ponds and small lakes.

HUNTING & FISHING TIPS - TURKEY. When you locate a gobbler by his call, head toward him, but pause occasionally to recheck the turkey's location by getting him to call again. Be certain he's where you thought he was, so you can set up in the best position. You also need to know whether the gobbler is coming toward you--in which case you should simply hunker back against the closest tree and get ready.

FOWL FACTS. The field of vision of the wild turkey is approximately 340 degrees. There is only a small sector behind the bird's head that it cannot see without looking around. An owl, on the other hand, has a field of vision of only 60 to 70 degrees directly in front of it. It has to turn its head from side to side to see the world around it.

THE TURKEY EDGE. As important as trees are to the welfare of the wild turkey, heavy timber alone does not make optimal turkey habitat. Dense forest is fall and winter range. The best wild turkey populations are found where the woods are laced with grassy fields and

where there is a wide variety of cover types. This includes openings, water courses, and areas of varying timber densities.

Places where woods and grassy, open area meet are especially attractive to turkeys. The proximity of these types of habitats allows turkeys to travel short distances to use one type or the other. Low annual movement means high-quality habitat and high population density. The advantage of having various cover types close by is called the "edge effect" by wildlife ecologists.

SOUND ADVICE - YOU MAKE THE CALL. Hinged-lid wooden box turkey calls develop a "set" or "sweet spot" unique to particular users. Veteran turkey hunters, callers, and call makers caution against letting anyone else use your box call once you get your stroke and tone right. Even letting another caller make just three calls on your box can ruin your call's adaption to your stroke.

CHALK TALK. Never use "blackboard," dustless chalk on our wooden turkey box calls. Custom callmakers advise you to use only blue or "carpenter's" chalk. Dustless varieties of chalk contain oils that will cause your hinged-lid wooden box turkey calls to rapidly lose their quality of sound.

SURVIVING COLD WATER

If your canoe tips in the middle of an icy lake, what are your chances? The answer depends on the temperature of the water and the amount of time you are immersed in it. Swimming or treading water increases heat loss, decreasing survival time. A smart outdoorsman will know what his body can handle.

HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE?

Temperature of Water (°F)	Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Survival Time
32.5	Under 15 mins.	15 to 45 mins.
32.5 to 40	15 to 30 mins.	30 to 90 mins.
40 to 50	30 to 60 mins.	1 to 3 hrs.
50 to 60	1 to 2 hrs.	1 to 6 hrs.



A CATALOGUE OF CATS To Ferne Fitzgerald

I fed the neighbors' cat for them
While they were visiting kin,
I stroked her locks, cleaned
out her box,
And talked to her quite wittily

I let her in, I let her out
I'm fond of the meowers;
Our friends returned but,
I've discerned,
The neighbors' cat's now ours.



The household cat is one thing that
Some people feel a dread for--
And, 10 times out of 10, theirs are
The laps the cats will head for.



We got ourselves a great big cat
Because my shaken spouse
Saw, one fine day, to her dismay,
A mouse inside our house.

The cat claws chairs and
sheds his fur,
His litter box smells rankly--
I tell you, sir, I would prefer
To have the mouse,
quite frankly!



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I WONDER

By Bill Crane

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WHO IS NUMBER 1 IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL NOW? By the time you read this, you will know the winner of the Nebraska-Colorado game, and, I think, will have read that the winner is number 1. As I write this, Penn State is proclaimed number 1 by both major polls. However, I feel that some of the other teams will claim the winner of the Nebraska-Colorado game is number 1. It appears that Florida and Florida State will not have a claim to number 1, as they couldn't get by Auburn and Miami, respectively. How about that Auburn team, and their coach, who is undefeated as Auburn's coach! What a record! The only other record on the scene today that compares to that of the Auburn coach is his father's, the coach of Florida State. Bobby Bowden's Florida State team has not lost a conference game in the Atlantic Coast Conference since they joined the conference, some 12 games ago! Those Bowdens must know how to coach! It wouldn't surprise me if Auburn went undefeated this year, making their coach 22-0 since he took over.

HAS AUBURN'S PROBATION AFFECTED THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE? I can't tell, but off hand, it doesn't seem so. It is a shame, though, that with the way they are playing, they will not be in a bowl (I first typed "bawl") game this winter. One major poll counts them in determining who is number 1, but the other does not. Incidentally, I was talking with an Alabama supporter recently and asked him why Auburn got caught in making payouts and Alabama didn't. He replied, "We pay them enough to keep quiet." I asked him about a fellow named Jelks, but got no reply.

WHO BEAT ALABAMA ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1964? To finish my conversation with Bill Wright as we were touring the University of the South last August, and he was telling me what a power the old Suwanee football team used to be, I told him that I wasn't sure about Suwanee's record, but I remember one thing, and that was that Suwanee beat Alabama 6 to 0 on the night of September 17, 1954, my and Gladys wedding night. Bill said that it wasn't Suwanee that beat Alabama that night, but he couldn't remember who it was. When we got back home, he looked at Alabama's record and found that it was not Suwanee but??? Do you know? The next morning, I kidded my wife, an Alabama graduate, about Alabama losing, and she has not let me forget it since.

WHO IS THE SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT WORLD ARM WRESTLING CHAMPION? The same man recently won the left and right arm championship. What is his name? The first person that sends the correct name to *The Groundhog*, P.O. Box 293, Mentone, Alabama 35984, will be recognized as the **SPORTS SUPER FAN OF 1994**.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALABAMA'S LINE? I'm a little over three-score years old, but I have never seen opposing teams backs go through Alabama's line like they have this year! What's wrong? Did you see the way that the Vanderbilt, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas backs went through the Alabama line for big gains? That's not like it used to be. But, I don't guess you can argue with success, for after all, who is to complain as long as Alabama wins. I can hardly wait to see what happens in their last regular season game.

DID YOU EVER THINK THAT ANYONE COULD BEAT TENNESSEE 31 TO 0 IN KNOXVILLE? I didn't. But Florida did! It was awesome! I thought, at the time, that Florida was no doubt the best team in the nation. They must have been thinking the same thing when they played Auburn! While on the subject of Tennessee getting beat, the Alabama and Tennessee game was interesting, to say the least (my wife sat on the edge of her seat the whole game). What was the difference in Alabama's victory? I suggest that it was the experience of the quarterback. To me, it was a case of a rookie versus a veteran. The backs were about the same in performance, as well as were the defenses. But, when an experienced, proven quarterback is running a team, he will accomplish more than a new, inexperienced quarterback. This game was an ideal case in point.

WHO IS THE ALL-TIME WINNINGEST FOOTBALL COACH? I mean the coach of a football team in the pro's, high school, or college, who has won the most games. He is still coaching today, and his record is 406 wins and 98 losses. Do you know? It's not the Bear. If you do, send in his name, and be recognized.

WHICH TEAM IS THE BEST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN ALABAMA? My last article mentioned Enterprise being rated in the top 25 high school teams in the nation. But they lost to a team in Florida, and dropped out. Montgomery-Lee High School took their place in the top 25, but then Montgomery-Lee lost, and now there is not an Alabama team in the top 25. Montgomery-Lee is still rated the best in the state, but usually the early high-rated team gets knocked off in the playoff. How about Valley Head, and Fort Payne? Where would you place them in their class?

WHY DO I WRITE SO MUCH ABOUT FOOTBALL? *Cause I have a one-track mind, and when I get strung out on something, I can't stop! And because of the old saying that says "don't give a Crane the floor, for if you do, you'll never get it back." I have items concerning baseball, auto racing, and other sports, but they will have to wait. **SHALOM.**

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K & K KICKERS - LINE DANCERS from Scottsboro, Ala. Members of the group are Kathy McCrary, Kenny, Sue, Fran, Patsy, Carolyn, Dwight, Billy, Pappy York, Karen, Delores, Shelia, Debbie K., Rob, Debbie C., Ashley, Tracy, and Leslie



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Indian Drummers



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Nick Blackbear, Cheyenne chanter, and Dr. Pat dancing to the music

PICTORIAL REVIEW



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The Cordells



Overall winners

Joan Howard and Gary Grace were women's and men's divisions of the held in Mentone Oct. 15.



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Indian Dancer



Winners

Shown above are the winners in all Run. Men's Divisions 14 and under Hake, second, Kenneth Miller, third. first; Perry Fletcher, second; Adam David Beach, first; Brent Beard, second. 35 years: Lee Howard, first; Terry B third. 36-39 years: Robert Hake, Michael Bearden, third. 40-45 years Selstead, second; Jerry Jenkins, third; Claude Hooper, second; Robert Ralph Maples, first; Lewis Spurgin third. Women's Divisions 14 and under 19 years: Jana Willingham, first; Guinn, third. 20-25 years: Joan H ning, second; Melissa Beard, third. first; Deborah Beach, second. 30-35 lin, first; BEcky Cantrell, second; T years: Terry Childers, first, Athena N third. 40-45 years: Sarah Grace, Becky Maples, third. 46-49 years Sharon Pell, second; Pat Cory, third first.



Frank and Linda Villalpando



Indians dancing

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the overall winners in the Groundhog Run which was

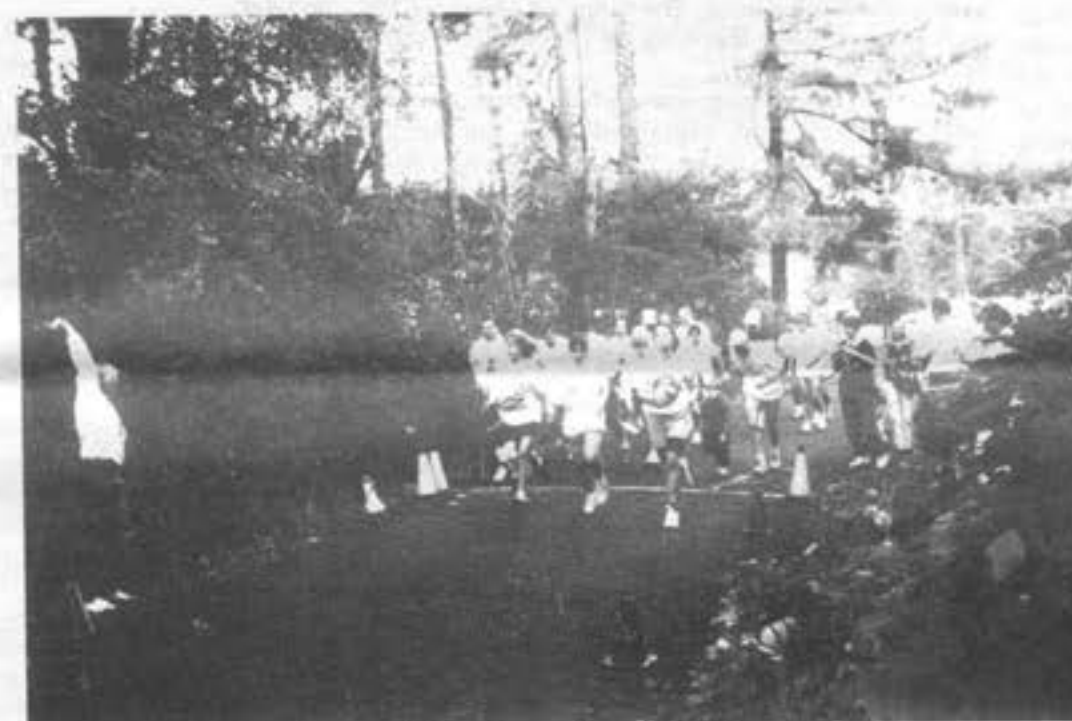


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divisions of the Groundhog Run:
Chris Bearden, first; Phillip Blalock, third. 26-29 years: James Tate, third. 30-39 years: Steve Henry, first; James Cook, second; Gary Grace, first; Steve Henry, second. 46-49 years: Larry Poll, first; Larry Longshore, second; Tinesh Pace, first. 50 & Over: Carla King, second; Kelia Howard, first; Suzanne Man-26-29 years: Pam Morgan, first; Kathleen McLaughlin, second; Rosemary Phillips, third. 36-39 years: Ann Bone, first; Linda Porter, second; Rosemary Hurayt, first; 50 & Over: Susan Carter,



Groundhog Classic Run starter



Groundhog Fun Run starter



Susan Carter, winner of women's category 50 and over in 1994 Groundhog Classic Run



Donna Bouldin, Groundhog Classic Run Chairman, presenting plaques to the two overall winners



Jane and Epp Meadows enjoying a boat ride at DeSoto Falls



Jean McGehee and her out-of-town guests enjoying a boat ride at DeSoto Falls



Sweetgum tree (in bright autumn colors) located at DeSoto Falls area where river tours were available to those wishing to take the river tour



Lendell Chappell, winner of the drawing for the shotgun raffled off by the DeSoto Rescue Squad, and Mike Kennamer, Co-Captain of Rescue Squad





The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

This is the time of year for our annual observance of the coloring of the leaves. It never ceases to amaze me when I see the brilliant reds, yellows, and purples, and sometimes a mixture of all of them. This year, our trees here on the mountain top have not been as brilliant as they have been some years, but the sides of the mountain have been very colorful. We have had many visitors to our area just to observe the natural bounty of autumn. Every day is a bit different at our house. A day can make a big difference in the coloring process, which is a mystery to me. I know the sap goes down and cooler temperatures give some substance to it. We have had a lot of wind and rain, causing leaves to come tumbling down a little premature. We made a trip to Illinois during the third week of October to the western part of the state, and just gasped with delight at the colors all the way up there. The maples were most colorful and with sweet gums and dark pines mixed in gave a wonderful contrast to the lighter hues.

We traveled with my cousin, Andy Lea and his wife, Iva, Elizabeth King, and Jean Garman, to see Andy's brother, Terry, who is not well. We visited with him and went to St. Louis the next day. Even in hard rain, the colors were enjoyable. While in St. Louis, Homer and I rode the tram to the top of the big arch and got a breath-taking view of the city from the windows at the top. We were above most of the tall buildings. We looked down on the old courthouse where the Dred Scott case was decided over a hundred years ago. Our friends were not inclined to ride to the top of the arch on the little shuttle, which resembles a space capsule, so they toured the museum on the first floor while we soared! The big arch was constructed to commemorate the opening of migration to the west and is called the "Gateway to the West." Afterward, we took a brisk walk through the park surrounding the area and loved walking down avenues of beautiful yellow leafed trees, some of which I could not identify.

We went back to Terry's for another visit before heading south again. We decided to cut straight across the state and on to Louisville, Kentucky, and then south to Pleasant Hill, Ky. We crossed the Missouri River two or three times, the Mississippi River once, and the Wabash when entering Indiana. We are a fun-loving group, and we told jokes, and sang little old songs about the rivers as we crossed them. When in Missouri, I'm always reminded of President Harry Truman and his playing the Missouri Waltz on the piano. Then, I love the "St. Louis Blues." We sang "On the Banks of the Wabash" and even attempted the "Wabash Cannon Ball."

The big farms in Indiana are beautiful—clean and prosperous looking with huge barns and clusters of silos for storing corn and soy beans. There were fields of bright pumpkins being harvested and apples were plentiful in Illinois. We had intended to pick our own apples while there, but the rain prevented that; and we had to buy bags of Golden Delicious and Jonathan. We munched on fall bounty all the way home.

From Indiana, we crossed the line into Kentucky, where we began to see large horse farms, with fences of stacked limestone. I love them. They are just dry stacked, which is a good way to dispose of loose small rocks on the property.

We drove through Louisville and turned south and arrived at the Shaker Village in Pleasant Hill at lunch time, which gave us an opportunity to eat some of the best food I have ever eaten outside of home. The salads were very fresh and were probably grown in the area. We were served fresh, hot corn sticks served with fresh butter as an appetizer—and they were good. The vegetables—green beans—were fresh, and the corn pudding was wonderful. Then, a plate of homemade bread was brought to our table. The food was delicious—the best I have ever eaten while traveling. Everything was excellent. After we ate, we toured the Shaker Village. This was the highlight of our trip. I have admired Shaker furniture and baskets and woven rugs for years, but had never been to the place where they are made. The village is now under private ownership and is operated much like the Shakers did when they were there. We had lunch in one old building, which is furnished with Shaker pieces—beautiful, simply-made chairs and tables that are highly prized by country decorators. The walls have pegs everywhere for hanging coats, hats, and extra chairs. This would be a good weekend trip for anyone to take. The little village is on maple-lined streets—no asphalt. They have shops where weaving is done and furniture and different crafts are made. The colors of the maples were pretty in soft yellows on each side of the street. The Shakers lived a celibate life, so there are no more of them; but I'm glad their work of superior quality is still being done. The things are expensive, but so is anything made that well. All I could afford was a small wooden box.

We went in the meeting house where a man sang the Shaker hymns and explained how the people worshiped. The men sat on one side and the women on the other, and visitors had benches on the outside walls. It was interesting. They believed that Christ would return shortly and there was no reason for having more children. It's sad that their generation has passed.

So Autumn will pass, and the cold winds of winter will lift the lonely leaves from the trees, and we enter a dormancy period that is fine for both plants and us human beings at Mentone. We have time for meditation and rearranging materials and preparing for next spring when the same trees that gave us the marvelous colors in the fall will burst forth with new life and energy. Seasonal changes are good for refreshing ideas. When the frost comes, we begin thinking of Thanksgiving dinners and planning for Christmas, when our families gather to share loving thoughts and gifts. We seem to turn inward and enjoy our homes more—to invite friends in for dinner and good conversation. It's time to light a fire in the fireplace, sit and read and count our blessings.



THAT FIRST THANKSGIVING IN NEW ENGLAND

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

It was harvest-time. When you stood on the bluff, you could see the cornfields shaking their silken plumes. When the wind came up, the corn seemed to strain toward the wilderness as if it sought protection. Proudly, the forest stood, like an emperor in his robes of state. It has been waiting a long time to establish this white protectorate; no wonder it was more than usually magnificent that autumn, more than usually filled with an abundance of good things. Acorns fell in showers from the oaks, the bogs were red with berries; and, high in the air, sailed the wild geese. "Cur-rick! Cur-rick!"

While the men used the sickle, the women used the hoe. For there were a few precious roots in some of those garden plots—hardy old friends: turnips and carrots and beets that would sustain one in the cold weather. The women dug them up and spread them out in the sun to dry. They'd need a roothouse to hold them when the frosts set in. More building. One was never finished with this building in the wilderness. And the cabins would have to be banked with leaves and sod...

The bounty of the earth that autumn! You couldn't help feeling that it was holding out its hands, asking you to come and take it. For the first time, contentment settled down over the colony. And, on the next Sunday, the prayers of thanks were long and full of feeling.

But they were not enough; there should be some special thanksgiving. "We must all rejoice together after gathering the fruits of our labors." The Governor's word went forth. The harvest was gathered, the cabins banked for the winter; on the hill, the new watchtower kept its eye on the wilderness and on the sea. Surely, there was a reason for a ceremony of thanksgiving. So, the Governor called a council at which it was decided to invite Massasoit and ninety of his tribe to a Thanksgiving dinner.

What an institution had its beginning on that late October day when those eleven women and girls leaned over the spits and basted wild turkeys, ducks, and venison; and the boys kept the fires burning and carried water from the brook, for the first Thanksgiving dinner in this land! Every iron kettle, every long- and short-legged pot and pan, every wooden bowl and leathern bottle, every pewter dish and all the hooks and spits and trivets were in use that day. And the men made extra trestles for the tables that sat in the sunlight up above the sea.

Elder Brewster began the festivities with a prayer and ended them with an address. "Generations to come will look back to this hour and these scenes, this day of small things and say, 'Here was our beginning as a people. These were our fathers and our mothers. Through their trials, we inherit our blessings. Their faith is our faith, their hope our hope, their God our God.'"

(From "Women of the Wilderness" by Margaret Bell)

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The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO"
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••Nominated by former students who have been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, Barbara M. Reese of Menlo Elementary School was named to Who's Who's Among American Teachers for 1994. This is a national listing of outstanding teachers.

••Charles Harris, industrial electrical technology student from Menlo, has been named to the summer quarter President's List at Coosa Valley Technical Institute in Rome.

••Classes from Menlo Elementary School visited The Summerville News, recently. Editor, Gene Espy, conducted the students' tour of the plant.

••During October, McDonald's is offering "Be Our Guest" to children receiving immunizations from the Chattooga Health Department.

The card will entitle the holder to receive a free small order of McDonald's French fries.

The offer is to encourage all parents and children in Chattooga County to catch up on immunizations.

••Condolences to Ruby Willingham of Cloudland on the death of her brother, Hoyt Ledford, 74, on October 19, in Summerville.

••Raymond Blalock has resigned from Menlo Lumber Co. in order to build and operate a hosiery mill in Ft. Payne, Ala. He will be in partnership with his brother-in-law, Lowell McKenzie, of Valley Head, Ala.



IT'S A BOY!

Corey Blake Dyer

was born September 9 at East Ridge Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn. He is the son of Ronnie and Donna Dyer, Menlo. He is the grandson of Neil and Alice Bowman, Menlo; Roger and Charlotte Green, Cedar-town; and Alan Dyer, Lakeview. He is the great-grandson of Grace Caheely, LaFayette; John and Opal Dyer, Lakeview; and George Smith, Rossville.



TWO YEARS OLD

Nicole Jade Leming is the two-year-old daughter of Ronnie and Donna Dyer, Menlo, and Greg and Tina Leming, Irion. She is the granddaughter of Neil and Alice Bowman, Menlo; and Harold and Martha Leming, Teloga. She is the great-granddaughter of Grace Caheely, LaFayette; Flora Jones, Arvalene Leming, Wayside.

MENLO HONOR STUDENTS

Menlo Elementary School's "super students" for the first six weeks follow.

First grade - Allen Ballinger, Casey Beaver, Adam Blackwell, Klein Borgschulze, Melody Cooper, Spencer Davis, Amanda Hegwood, Melissa Hensley, Lori Hunter, Trevor Pledger, Whitney Price, and Dana Yancey

Second grade - Jessica Adkins, Chad Bierkamp, Lauren Bowling, Justin Canada, Kenny Cooper, Branch Harper, Sara Hunter, Tabatha Justice, Cassie Maloney, Matthew Middleton, Carrie Patty, Maggie Rich, Ben Swords, Justin Swords, and Justin Ward

Third grade - Chris Blackmon, Freddy Bryson, Derek Bullard, Jana Cooper, Erica Dover, John Hall, Jacqueline Hegwood, Katie Kerce, Doni Lee, Kim Middleton, Keri Beth Pettitt, Lann Pledger, Anna Prince, Leanna Robinson, Elizabeth Smith, Tyler Van Horn, Jana Ward, Ashley Wilcox, Sabrina Wilson, Jacob Woodard, and Shadae Yancey

MENLO'S "A" HONOR ROLL STUDENTS ARE:

Fourth grade - Anna Hall, Casey Luther, Samantha Maloney, Kandy McGill, Clint McMurrey, and T.J. Pierce

Fifth grade - Tessa Brock, Erin deMesquita, Lee Pettitt, and Sunny Smith

Sixth grade - James Durham, Sarah Kerce, Ashley Montgomery, and Lena Payne

Seventh grade - Emily Johnson, Leslie Knox, Carla Peace, and Joseph Swords

Eighth grade - Jessica Mitchell, Tonya Sparks, and Joseph Willingham

THE SCHOOL'S "A-B" HONOR ROLL FOLLOWS:

Fourth grade - Jeremy Ash, Jennifer Benedict, Cadon Brumbelow, Emily Carr, Anna Dotson, Caris Farrar, Brittany Hudgins, Amanda Long, Matt Riggs, Matthew Robinson, Becky Spraggins, and David Yarbrough

Fifth grade - Jennifer Carroll, Guthrie Frazier, Kasey Green, Ryan Hudgins, Steele Lee, Lindsey Nixon, Josh Park, Nigel Plant, Brian Precise, Ashley Swicegood, Matthew Treadaway, and Alisha Wilson

Sixth grade - Shirley Cooper, Ben Dotson, Blake Gazaway, Brandi Gilley, Jonathan Hegwood, Mitch Hudgins, Lauren Kellett, Nikki Mireles, Ricky Peoples, Christy Ray, Greg Smith, Lori Tucker, and Justin Wofford

Seventh grade - Matthew Bierkamp, Rebecca Dunn, Kelly Haygood, Lindsay Hegwood, Daniel Hunter, Nathan Plant, Curtis Ray, John Toles, Sean Willingham, and Ronnie Wright

Eighth grade - Stacy Aldridge, Sarah Andrews, Tricia Beech, April Bowman, Alisha Brock, Wendy Brown, Heath Burge, Chris Butler, Sally Cooper, Jennifer Culbert, Holly Hart, Nikki Hawkins, Adam Hester, Brooke Hester, Robert Johnson, Wanda Jones, Christopher Kerce, Josh Key, B.J. Montgomery, Jason Morris, Nancy Peoples, Angela Toles, Jeremy Treadaway, Misty Tucker, Dustin Webb, Kristi Wilcox, Lisa Wilson, and Charlie Woody

STAR STUDENTS:

First grade - Chelsey Ward and Lori Hunter

Second grade - Sara Jane Hunter and Susan Wofford

Third grade - Courtney Duke and John Hall

Fourth grade - Samantha Maloney and Kenya Webb

Fifth grade - Tessa Brock and Erin deMesquita

Sixth grade - James Durham and Sarah Kerce

Seventh grade - Leslie Knox and Carla Peace

Eighth grade - Wendy Brown and Joseph Willingham

MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS:

First grade - Thomas Dotson and Ross Hudgins

Second grade - Magan Collins and Manning Spencer

Third grade - Cody Parker

Fourth grade - Jennifer Benedict and Matt Riggs

Seventh grade - Richard Tapp

Eighth grade - Tony McCann



BILL GILBERT

GILBERT ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Bill M. Gilbert, president of Farmers and Merchants in Summerville and Menlo, has been elected chair of Group 7 of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA) for the 1994-95 year. The election of officers for GBA Group 7, which includes banks in the Northwest Georgia area, took place at the group's annual meeting, which was held recently at Coosa Country Club in Rome.

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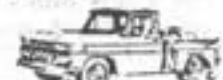
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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



A recent cartoon showed a little girl falling into a big pile of leaves. She said that was how she knew it was Fall. We know it is Fall in Mentone when the leaves start to change color and our highways are filled with people looking at the same. I have worked at the city hall several days this month, and you would not believe the number of calls wanting to know if the leaves were at their peak, where they could stay, where could they eat, and when was the next festival. It seems that the tourists have found Mentone. Now, as I have said many times, it's up to us to make sure that they follow our rules and regulations. I had the satisfaction of telling a politician that he could not put a candidate sign anywhere on Mentone streets. I hate when they litter the roadsides with political signs.

A public hearing was held recently by the Mentone Zoning Commission in regards to allowing non-profit organizations to put banners up advertising their activities. Not one person showed up to represent the public, not even from the organization that made the request. You could attend to object also, but no one did. How can the town council and the persons on the planning commission know what you want? They have to assume that everything is fine, and you are pleased with what they are doing. This may or may not be the case, at least let them know. Another public hearing will be November 7, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the town council's regular meeting, and they will make the final decision on the banner issue. These notices are posted in four places around town; so, find one and read it.

Have you noticed that someone is trying to sell you something every time you turn around? This is because the Moon Lake School Harvest Festival is just around the corner, November 5th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Each grade has two persons in the contest for King and Queen of Moon Lake. These persons have a set amount to meet just to stay in the race. After that amount is reached, each grade tries to make the most money and that grade is the winner. This is why you are being approached so much lately. Please be patient and kind with the little ones, they, and their parents, are doing this to help Moon Lake maintain the standard of education for which it has become known. Some of the items that I know you can give a donation to Moon Lake and take the chance of receiving are: a quilt made by a great-grandmother, a rocking chair, a jar of green tomato pickles, a thousand dollars, a hundred dollars, a set of cymbals and drumsticks signed by Mark Herndon, and no telling what else. Join in the fun and support our local school.

I have always said that Mentone people were the best people on earth. I still hold that this is true. But, they are also the most trusting people on earth. This may need to change. So many people pass through our area, and some decide to stay awhile that may not have our best interest at heart. We need to admit that there are people who will take advantage of our good nature. It seems that older people are the prime target for these con-artists. Several years ago, I was in a workshop led by a lady from the North, she told us that we were too gentle in the South--to be more assertive. Recently, I told someone that certain persons would "butter you up" on both sides, and then stab you in the back. Watch your back, be cautious, and don't be afraid to say no. That's my soapbox speech for the month.

My daughter gave me a book for my birthday entitled, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. One article gives us thirteen rules for living. It basically says that we are given one body--like it or not--and what we do with it is up to us. We can choose to abuse it or take care of it. We can be happy or we can be unhappy. But, we only have one body and one life, so there is not much use to take ourselves so seriously. What we do while here will not make a lot of difference in the pages of history. I found this poem in a square dance magazine, and then I heard Dr. Pat Seymour tell the story.

INDISPENSABLE???

Sometimes, when you're feeling important
Sometimes, when your ego's in bloom,
Sometimes, when you take it for granted
You're the best qualified in the room;
Sometimes, when you think that your going
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple example
And see how it humbles the soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your hand in it up to the wrist.
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.
You may splash all you please when you enter;
You may stir up the water galore.
But, stop, and you'll find in a minute
That it looks quite the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example
Is to do just the best that you can
Be proud of yourself, but remember
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PUTTING UP THE WALL: Pictured working on the rock wall at Mentone are Heath Miller, front, from Fyffe, and Tim Treece, from Huntsville. Both work for Southeastern Landscape. The historic wall along Highway 117 was in need of repair. The Alabama Department of Transportation closed one lane of the highway while the repairs are being made. Traffic has been temporarily diverted to traveling up Tutwelter Gap and traveling down the mountain in the north bound lane of Highway 117.

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 and made it a big success.

The 12th annual Groundhog run, a 5K run through Mentone, one of the most scenic areas in the United States, drew almost 100 participants this year.

The weather was perfect for running with the temperature around 60 degrees, and the sun was shining, which was a relief after last year's downpour.

The route had to be changed this year, which made an easier course, due to the detour of Highway 117 for work on the rock wall.

Donna Bouldin, Chairman
 of 1994 Groundhog Run



Ann Wright, President of Rhododendron Garden Club and Heather Nicely, member and one of the owners of "The Enchanted Gardens" where the garden club met for their October meeting.

RHODODENDRON
GARDEN CLUB

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, October 11, 1994, at the Enchanted Gardens in Mentone, owned by Lyle and Heather Nicely. There were approximately 25 members and guests present. They toured the gardens and enjoyed the waterfalls. Autumn Trails was this month's theme, and the Enchanted Gardens provided the beautiful setting. Later, the group met at the Nicely's home for refreshments that were provided by Bernise Crow, Betty Johnson, and Ruby Daniel.

The next meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m.



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FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

By Marie Dillenbeck

On October 18, the board of Friends of Little River (FLR) met at Fischer Rescue Squad Building. President Desmond Disney, presiding, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members and regular members. Those present were: Desmond Disney, Rick Chapman, Marie Dillenbeck, Sue Schwarz, Bill Schwarz, Mack Scott, Joe Wright, and Tory Milazzo Sr. from the Board; and Vivian Collins and Dale Collins, members.

The minutes from the August meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved, there being no meeting in September.

Under new business, the president announced that Moon Lake School was interested in purchasing some property located next to or near the school, and that they would like to learn to use the water testing equipment of FLR.

The president also announced that the date for the membership meeting needed to be scheduled. Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m. was agreed upon. Coffee, donuts, and sandwiches will be furnished by FLR. All members, including Hatchet Creek members, and the general public will be invited to attend the meeting. A representative of the Alabama Conservancy also will be invited to present a program and update the members on what the Alabama Conservancy is doing. A mailout to the members will include an information packet listing the accomplishments of FLR, current programs, and other materials. Members will be urged to check their envelope labels for the expiration date so they can renew their memberships.

After a discussion regarding changing the board meetings from every month to every other month beginning in January 1995, Mack Scott moved to have the board meetings changed to every other month beginning in 1995, with board meetings to be held in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Rick Chapman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FLR is in the process of updating its brochure and will be applying for a REI seed grant to help pay for the reprinting.

At the next board meeting on November 15, a discussion of the August 1994 Leaf Alert regarding the Clean Water act will be taken up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Melissa Harrison
Tyler Huskey
Logan Jackson
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Emily Swindall
Emily Tipton
Cayla Voils

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Bobby Elkins
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Kyle Hooks
Joshua Hughes
Niki Johnson
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Mrs. Smith's 4th/5th Grade

Josh Baker
Tiffany Bare
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Josh Baker
Jennifer Blalock
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Jared Fischer
Jana Goss
Alan Hawkins
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Eddie Manning II
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6th Grade

Ashton Jones
Jeremy Shutters



Mrs. Mitzi Hughes, 3rd/4th Grade teacher and Barbara Gillon

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

The annual Harvest Festival at Moon Lake School will be held on November 5, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., in the school gymnasium. There will be food, fun, prizes, and games. The crowning of the Harvest King and Harvest Queen will take place at 9 o'clock. (See announcement concerning Festival on back page.)

The Indian teacher, Linda Abernathy is now at the school for nine weeks. She shares Indian culture, art, and traditions with the students.

The first basketball game was scheduled for Saturday, October 29, against Ruhama.

The other home games will be played at 9 a.m. on November 19, against Plainview, and on December 3, against Ider. Basketball coaches this year are Robert Childers and Kevin Greene.

The entire school is involved in The Book It! National Reading Incentive Program, which is sponsored by Pizza Hut. The program motivates children to read more and helps pre-readers develop a positive attitude toward learning to read, with a proven combination of incentives--pizza, praise, and recognition. The teacher sets monthly reading goals for each child in the class. When a reading goal is met, the teacher gives the child a Pizza Award Certificate. The child can redeem the certificate at Pizza Hut, where he/she is given a button and a recognition sticker to place on the button. The child receives another pizza, along with a sticker on each subsequent visit. If the child meets the reading goals all five months of the program, his or her name will be placed on the BOOK IT! READER'S HONOR ROLL, a classroom record of student achievement. If all children meet their reading goals in any four of the five months of the program, the entire class and the teacher are given a FREE PIZZA PARTY. The party is available for children in all ages, K-6.

A number of parents are serving as library volunteers at the school. They are: Patti Bryan, Carol Hazell, Connie Hughes, Cathy Addison, Terry Childers, Sandra Gray, Robert Childers, Jean Corey, Linda Miller, Diane Burrows, Shirley Hessel, Juanita Smith, Karen Wright, and Marsha Hurt. Kathy Young was in charge of the library volunteer program, correlating and setting it up, until recently when it became necessary for her to give it up. Juanita Smith is now in charge of the program.

Marsha Hurt and Barbara Gillon presented the program at the Woman's Club meeting in October. They displayed a wide variety of plants and wildflowers grown in this area, explaining the species and the scientific names, etc. They next day, they did the presentation for every class from the school. It was a good learning experience for the students, and one that created a great deal of interest. (See pictures on this page.)



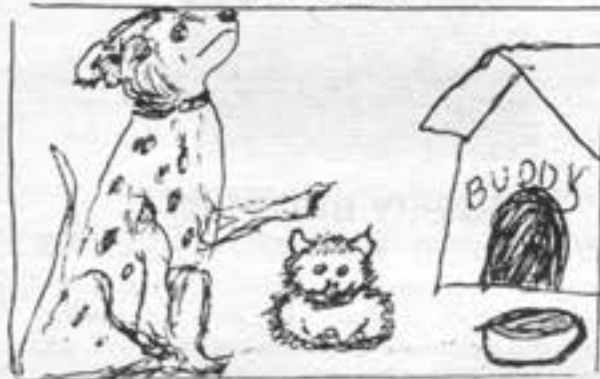
L to R: Davey Goodwin, Ashton Jones, David Chaney, Barbara Gillon, Emily Collins, and Holly Kitchens



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

HEY BRUTUS!



The very audacity for you to say that I roam the streets and sleep by the railroad tracks! I'll have you know, I have my own house, free and unencumbered. There is no railroad near me, but there is a highway that I have to be very careful about crossing, which I have to do, for there is a nice, kind lady who lives across the road and gives me grand handouts—of course, I guard her house, too.

I'm sorry your hair is falling out. I think you should change your lifestyle. Quit begging for sweets and treats and change your diet. I live high on the hog (or cow) with beef and hambones. Get your lazy self up and get more exercise like I get, chasing squirrels and possums and keeping cows in line.

My guardian brought me a pretty white kitten, so I have a real live Caspar to play with for Halloween. If he behaves, he can share my house. Get moving!

Buddy

VALLEY VIEW

Old November says, remember this year is nearly gone. Get to hopping, Christmas shopping is waiting to be done. Last minute things the year end brings, now give us fair warning—Get busy quick, ere old St. Nick comes with Christmas morning!

Unbelievable how fast the years fly by!

The Valley Head U.M.W. met with Velma Hammond and Vesta Hawkins for the September meeting. It was the pledge service and election of officers. The same officers were re-elected. Those present were Venna Livingston, Laura Margaret Allison, Elizabeth Coleman, Gladola Holleman, Frances Longshore, Adelaide Biddle, and Geraldine Hawkins. The October meeting was postponed because of the illness of Elizabeth Coleman. Glad to report that she is much better.

Ansley McGinnis came and took her mother, Laura Margaret Allison, home with her to Florence, S.C., for a nice visit.

Oline Roberts has returned from a visit with her son, John Roberts and his wife, Dianne, at Cullman.

Sadie Cooper and Lester Hawkins spent the day with Sadie's uncle Melvin Smith at Ider to celebrate his 89th birthday.

Scot Meadows and A.J. Brown went with a group to Douglas, Wyoming, on a hunting trip. They each got a mule deer.

Maxine Ferguson and son, Calvin Blansit, and his wife, Marie, and her son, Kenneth, enjoyed a weekend in Gatlinburg and Dollywood. The foliage was beautiful and so were the Christmas decorations.

Leona Chadwick spent some time with her daughter, Jan Chadwick, in Atlanta, to help her move to San Francisco.

The Sunshine Club met October 27th at the home of

Bess Bauerle. Those present were Gady's Cobble, Billie Harper, Lillie Bowden, Anna Daniel, Evelyn Clark, Jewell Palmer, Ruth Pickett, Geraldine Hawkins, Leona Chadwick, Eloise Brown, and Jean Jones. Jean gave the devotional and told us about the Save-A-Life Ministry in DeKalb County, in which she plans to be involved and hopes that others will be. A nominating committee was appointed, composed of Eloise Brown, Lillie Bowden, and Evelyn Clark - to report at the next meeting at Jewell Palmer's. The December meeting will be a covered dish luncheon at Billie Harper's, December 15, at 11:30 a.m.

Howard and Jo Carson, Tommy and Gail Carson, and Janice and Charles Mathews and Randy Carson, enjoyed a vacation in Gulf Shores. They enjoyed the Shrimp Festival and deep sea fishing and watching the dolphins play.

Lillie Bowden's cousin, Jean Hudgins, is visiting her from Thomaston, Ga.

Ruth Pickett and Gladys Cobble, Betty Bracken of Chattanooga, and Selma McElhaney of Fort Payne, spent the day with their aunt, (Gladys' sister-in-law) Minnie Hood in McDonough, Ga. She had celebrated her 95th birthday in May.

Ruth Pickett is over-run with kittens—all sizes, shapes, and colors, and would be delighted to give them to good homes.

Geneva McElhaney is recovering at home after surgery and treatments. Her daughter, Linda Clements and little granddaughter, Amanda, are with her. Her sister, Ruby Jones, of Tiftonia, spent a night with her recently.

Venna Livingston had an unforgettable trip to Atlanta with her daughter, Sue Mosly, Suzanne, and Ben. They attended the Billy Graham Crusade at the huge Georgia Dome. Jimmy Carter was there, and they report that George Beverly Shea, although he is 85 years old, still has a wonderful voice; and of course, there is no equal to Billy Graham.

Opal Tatum and Roy Wilkes spent Sunday afternoon with his daughter, Billie June White, and her husband, Willis, in Chattanooga.

Patti and Alan Ray celebrated their first wedding anniversary in Ashville, N.C., and Cherokee.

Frances Longshore spent the weekend with her daughter, Mary Lyle Cashion, Ben, and family, at Haleyville.

Thomas Larmore and son, Tommy, and his son, Thomas, visited his home place recently, from his retirement home in Birmingham.

On October 15, Ed Ringer flew from Atlanta to Tampa, Fla., where he went by shuttle bus to the Hilton Hotel in St. Petersburg to attend the National Retired Teachers' Convention. The state retired teachers' president, executive secretary, and N.R.T.A. staff, both national and regional, met October 16, 17, and 18. All state presidents from 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands were there. Ed returned the 18th and went to Montgomery for a state retired teachers' committee meeting.

The Valley Head Methodist Church welcomed our District Superintendent, Pete West, Sunday, October 30, at a breakfast at 8:30 a.m., after which we held our Charge Conference.

It was a terrible shock to hear of the sudden death of Shelia Hammond Yamada at her home in Rome, Ga. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

I had a wonderful trip to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, for a visit with my granddaughter, Robin Darby, her husband, Ray and daughters, Sharon and Kirsten. Another granddaughter (Robin's sister), Laurie Dell and her husband, Andy, came from Severna Park, Md., for the weekend. My daughter, Eldonna Root, came from Pasadena, Md., for a few days; so we all had a good visit together. On Sept. 30, we went to the music auditorium of the Cleveland State University for a folk concert by John Roberts and Tony Barrand. For almost 25 years, they have been the major ambassadors of English traditional music in North America. My little granddaughter, Kirsten, age 8, interviewed them to write their review for the Continuum, the monthly

newsletter of Folknet, the N.E. Ohio Folk and Traditional Music and Dance Society, for which their dad is Volunteer Coordinator. Sharon, age 11, had done the review of the performers the previous month. Perhaps, they are getting an early start on a writing career. We also visited an Amish community and had a delicious feast at one of their restaurants, including one of my favorites, strawberry-rhubarb pie, warm with ice cream.

May every day be our Thanksgiving Day,
Giving thanks and appreciation as we pray
For all the every day taken for granted things
And all the blessings that Harvest brings.

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

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Mr. and Mrs. Roger Earl Reuse COUPLE WEDS IN GATLINBURG

Meredith Lindsey and Roger Earl Reuse were married in Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Sept. 24.

Meredith is the daughter of Jimmy and Treva Lindsey of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Mrs. Lila Lindsey and the late A.J. Lindsey of Fort Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Cox of Mentone.

Meredith is presently a Junior attending Samford University and working at Montclair Baptist Hospital.

Roger is the son of Clayton and Kathy Reuse and Ruth and Barney Cook, all of Birmingham. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beaumont of Asheville, N.C., and Lester and Leona Reuse of Bedford, Ohio.

Roger is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is presently employed in a computer consultant business in Huntsville.

The Couple will reside in Birmingham.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Harrison Baxter celebrated his 7th birthday on October 21st. John is the son of Warren and Amelia Baxter of Mentone. His grandparents are Thomas and Eunice Baxter of Mentone, and W.C. and Margaret Yates of Fort Payne.



JUSTIN TYLER BARNES

celebrated his 1st birthday Oct. 8. He is the son of John and Tina Barnes of Valley Head.

Grandparents are Kevin and Annette Evett of Ft. Payne and John and Rose Barnes of Sylvania.



GREGORY ALLEN WHEAT, II

Greg and Nikki Wheat of Rainsville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Gregory Allen Wheat, II, who was born Sept. 27, 1994, at 8:06 a.m., at Riverview Hospital in Gadsden. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. His grandparents are David and Kathy Harris of Fyffe and Ronald and Kathy Wheat of Valley Head.

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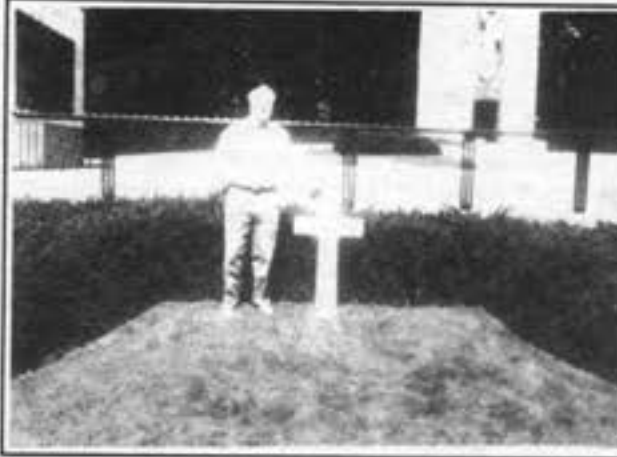
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REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST AND A LOOK AT THE PRESENT

By Evelyn Graves



Dolas Bain standing beside the tomb of Colonel George S. Patton



Dolas Bain standing in wartime entrance to English Channel



Bunkers left from Normandy Invasion in WWII

It must have been a bleak departure for Dolas Bain in October 1942, as he left his home at Mentone to answer the call to serve in the military service. He left behind his young wife who was expecting their first child, his parents, and other family members, with the possibility of not returning because the heat of battle was intense at that time. Dolas was brought up in a strong Christian environment from which he was able to draw strength as time went on.

Dolas was assigned to the 83rd Infantry Division which invaded France. The invasion of France had just begun on June 6, 1944. His division was delayed by a storm that would not allow them to cross the English Channel. They were stranded in the middle of the Channel until they were able to go in on June 18. Their division relieved the men who had initially invaded France. Dolas' company was 280 men strong when they left the United States; and, in the ten months of combat in Normandy which ensued, practically all of the men had lost their lives. The company had to be replaced three times in the ten months of combat. Of the 280 men, Dolas and one other man were the only ones left who had not been killed or wounded.

Dolas received a citation and information that he had won a bronze star medal on two occasions. However, the bronze stars were not sent to him at that time. In 1967, Dolas' son, Dale, who is a lieutenant colonel and now Commander of Camp Parks, began to look for his father's records. So many of the military records had been lost or destroyed in a fire. Dale was able to find enough of his father's records that the Military came up with the bronze stars, and Dale pinned them on his father in a special ceremony in Birmingham in 1967.

Dale has served in Tennessee, Virginia, and Germany, mostly in public affairs. In August 1994, he arranged to take his father back to Normandy and other parts of

France and to Germany, where he had been during World War II. Dale has a friend there who is in a rental car business, and he had a car waiting for them at the airport. They got into the car and were on their way for an unguided 7-day tour. Dolas found everything to look so much the same as it was when he left. The villages that had been blown away were rebuilt exactly as they were, and it was hard to believe that they had ever been devastated by war. Their villages are clean and neat, and the sidewalks are swept to perfection. An aerial view makes one aware that Germany is different from any other place because the farms are so neatly laid out, and the land is so beautiful. Germany is giving way to tourism, with souvenir shops scattered throughout the villages. A large portion of the tourist trade is by Japanese people. There is a lot of development on the Normandy beach; however, the accommodations are still inadequate for the number of tourists in the area. Since this year is the commemoration of the D-Day landing, tourism has experienced a tremendous surge, with the giving back of France to its people.

The battleground has been left intact with bunkers still as they were 50 years ago. Dolas and Dale visited a large museum where they saw a tank that, recently, was raised from the English Channel. It had been under water all those years. The owner of the museum had two packs of Camel cigarettes, which had been under water for 50 years, also.

The country is beautiful with crops of wheat, vineyards, and large crops of sugar beets. The farmers work the crops year round. They live in villages of houses built onto houses, with three-foot sidewalks separating the houses from the streets. The streets are narrow in the villages; however, the highway system is quite elaborate and noiseless. The weather is similar to the weather in our area, perhaps slightly cooler.

Dolas looked forward to his trip to see the country again, but the main reason he wanted to go was to locate the graves of his war buddies in the American Military Cemetery. He was unable to locate any of the graves; however, he learned that thousands of soldiers' bodies had been shipped back home to their families; and, also, there were two other military cemeteries where American dead had been buried. Dolas stood at the grave of General George S. Patton in the American Military Cemetery in Luxembourg, while Dale took his picture. (See picture on this page.)

Dolas says the most touching part of his trip was his visit to the concentration camp in Dakow, Germany, as his mind flashed back 50 years and he remembered families standing along the roads, mothers with babies in their arms. He had seen them eating from the garbage cans where he and other soldiers had dumped their garbage. They were the people of the countries the Germans had overrun, and thousands of them were crammed into buildings in horrible conditions. The whipping table was still present in the concentration camp, and the furnace where the bodies were burned still stands as a horrible reminder.

Dolas told about going to Atlanta, Georgia, to pick up his discharge papers; and, out of all the hundreds of men waiting in line, he spotted Leland Cox who was returning from the Pacific Theater of Operation, while Dolas was returning from the European Theater of Operation. They had not seen each other for four years; they had left together, and were returning home together. It was a great day for both of them.

Dolas is a retired Church of God minister, having served 35 years in the pastorate. He and his wife reside in the Henagar area at this time.

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Michelle Chappell designed the Purple and Gold banner.

NEW TEACHERS

By Amanda Bethune & Wendy Hyde

The 94-95 school year at Valley Head School and Elementary School started out by welcoming three new teachers and the new principal. Ms. Gina Davis is the new 6th grade teacher. She went to Collinsville High School. She attended college at Snead State Community College and Jacksonville State University. She is married and has one child. We asked her what she thought about Valley Head so far, and her reply was, "I love it so here!"

Ms. Patti Ray is the new Special Ed. teacher. Her hometown is Henagar, and she graduated from Sylvania High School. She attended college at Troy State. She is married but does not have any children. Her reply about Valley Head was "I like being back at a small school!"

Mrs. Kelly Shavers is the new Math Remediation Teacher. Her hometown is Ider and she graduated from Ider. She attended college at Auburn University. Her reply about Valley Head was, "I like being back close to my hometown area, and the kids are easier to relate to."

Mr. Gary Talley is our new principal. His hometown is Hawkins Chapel Community. He graduated from Scottsboro High School and graduated college from Jacksonville State University. He played basketball in Junior College. His reply about Valley Head was, "I think it's one of the best places that I've been associated with in teaching school."

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

The class officers for the 1994-95 school year were recently elected. They are as follows: **SENIORS**: President - Michelle Chappell; Vice President - Adrienne Hall; Secretary - Sarah Tucker; Treasurer - Dennis Manning; Student Council - Jody Wagner and Kim McKinney

JUNIORS: President - Jennifer Robertson; Vice President - Brian Turner; Secretary - Rhonda Owens; Treasurer - Trevor Strickland; Student Council - Kayla Bell and Daniel Vest. **SOPHOMORES**: President - Christy Ferguson; Vice President - Wendy Hyde; Secretary - Nikki Smith; Treasurer - Misty Ferguson; Student Council - Jim Phillips and Amanda Bethune. **FRESHMEN**: President - Teri Campbell; Vice President - Paxton Harper; Secretary - Richard Fuller; Treasurer - Angela Valentine; Student Council - Zach Corbitt and Amy Izell. **8TH GRADE**: President - Ashley Blalock; Vice President - Daniel Brown; Secretary - Brian Daniel; Treasurer - Star Hayes; Student Council - Jeremy Hyde and Valerie Chappell. **7TH GRADE**: President - Candace Fuller; Vice President - Crystal Valentine; Secretary - Adriane Robertson; Treasurer - Josh Baggett; Student Council - Loribeth Peace and Buck Strickland.

PEP CLUB

The Pep Club officers for 1994-95 are Cheri Keith, President; Wendy Hyde, Vice President; Allison Meadows, Secretary/Treasurer; Toni Johnston, Student Council Representative. Melba Woods is our sponsor. The Pep Club has raised the money to purchase a Tiger Mascot. We encourage all paid members to try out. The Pep Club is selling tattoos for \$1, shakers for \$2, and car paint for \$3.50 a bottle. We encourage all students to join Pep Club - fees are \$5.

CHEERLEADERS

The Valley Head Varsity Cheerleaders for the 1994-95 season are Toni Johnston, Senior, Co-Head; Cheri Keith, Senior, Co-Head; Sarah Hatfield, Junior; Allison Meadows, Junior; Jessie Moore, Junior; Casey Hudgins, Sophomore.

The cheerleaders were fortunate enough to raise the money for new uniforms. We ordered two much-needed uniforms and sold our old ones to the Junior High Squad. With the help of the Athletic Club, we were also able to purchase a new paint set. Over the summer, Richie Sims, a former Jacksonville State Cheerleader, donated his time to help us build and incorporate pyramids. We were also treated to a swimming party at the home of Glenn, Kathryn, and Slade Carden.

Ms. Lacey keeps us in shape by making us sit on the "Wall of

Pain." Ms. Lacey says, "A fit cheerleader is an unhurt cheerleader." The "Wall of Pain" is followed by numerous exercises and jumping on the springboard.

We, the Varsity Cheerleaders, are excited about the changes in the spirit of the student body. We appreciate the teachers and Mr. Talley's support and the continued interest in our Pep Rallies.

Be looking for our new "Homecoming Challenge" for the students at Valley Head.

FFA

By Shaunathan Bell

The Valley Head FFA Chapter met on September 20, 1994. The meeting went very well, and we voted to have a fruit sale this year. The FFA has a long list of exciting events planned for the coming year. Our officers for this year are as follows: Jody Wagner - President; Chris Hammon - Vice President; Shaunathan Bell - Reporter; Chrissy Terrell, Treasurer; Rhonda Owens - Secretary; Josh Woods - Sentinel.

SPANISH CLUB NEWS

By Amanda Bethune

The 94-95 Spanish Club held their first meeting on Friday, September 23. They made a small craft dealing with Halloween. The officers include: President - Heath Watson; Vice President - Christy Ferguson; Secretary - Nikki Smith; Reporter - Amanda Bethune; Sergeant at Arms - Brian Blalock and Wendy Hyde; Representatives - Brian Turner and Misty Ferguson.

FHA

By Nichole Hatfield

FHA had a club meeting September 20. There were 25 present. The members elected committees. The committees were: Entertainment, Dance, FHA Week, Scrapbook, Mother-Daughter Banquet, Reporter News and Media, Christmas Gathering, and Food. They had sundaes and discussed the committee duties. FHA will be having a Christmas Gathering, Mother-Daughter Banquet, FHA Week, and a Dance this year. The next meeting will be October 11. We encourage many people to join FHA. It will be a lot of FUN!!!

STUDENT COUNCIL

By Tammy Camp

The Valley Head Student Council has started off great this year. They have been discussing and working on activities, such as setting up an exhibit booth at the V.F.W. DeKalb County Fair on World War II, and preparing for Homecoming. The Valley Head Student Council is planning to have a fabulous and fun school year for the student body. The 1994-95 Student Council officers are: President - Chris Hammon; Vice President - Trevor Strickland; Secretary - Angie Wheat; Treasurer - Matthew Hulan; Reporter - Tammy Camp; Historian - Cheri Keith; and Student Council Sponsor - Mrs. Willingham.

BAND NEWS

By Michelle Chappell

1994-95 officers: Captain - Michelle Chappell; Chaplin - Jennifer Robertson; Secretary - Karen Davis; Drum Major - Sarah Tucker; Colorguard Captain - Leah Sharp; Feature Twirler - Suzann Fletcher.

The Valley Head Marching Band is having an extraordinary year! The band held its annual camp the first week of August to learn new drills and music for this season. Thank you Miss Downer and Mrs. Ray for all of your help! The band's show includes "Entrance to Victory," "Limbo Rock," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," and "Blues in the Night." The band is made up of 37 playing members, the majority being 6th graders. The band competed at the DeKalb County Marching Festival which was hosted by Valley Head on October 4th. The band will also be competing in the Buckhorn Marching Festival. Good Luck, Band, from the Purple and Gold Staff!

VOLLEYBALL

By Stephanie Hester

Volleyball season 94-95 got off to a rocky start. We've played Ider, Sylvania, Geraldine, Ider again, and Collinsville. We beat Ider the second time around. We've had a lot of close games. Coaching volleyball is Mrs. Maddox. Team members are Stephanie Hester, Kayla Bell, Angie Wheat, Jamie Baugh, Jennifer Robertson, Heather Jackson, Nikki Smith, and Rene

Brendle. B-Team members are Wendy Hyde, Lori Tillman, Crystal Valentine, Ashley Blalock, Adriane Robertson, Brandi Jackson, and Christy and Misty Ferguson. County tournament is October 22 at Geraldine. Area tournament is October 25 at Collinsville at 6:00 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

By Amanda Bethune

The 94 Junior Varsity Football Team started out on a rough track. Their first games were both hard and tough. Their first game was against the Sylvania Rams. The Tigers lost 38 to 8 with Nathan Keith scoring a touchdown and Brian Smith scoring the 2 pt. conversion. Their second game was against the Ider Hornets. The Tigers lost 28 to 6 with Nathan Keith scoring the touchdown. They are really trying their best to prove that they are the best players around. There has been a lot of team effort, and, if winning was based on what was in their hearts, they would be the #1 team. The players and coaches include: Coach Rayford Bethune, Coach Randy Turner, Nathan Keith, Kenny Busby, Ricky Davis, Jason Kilpatrick, Brian Smith, Richard Fuller, Patrick McKinney, Chip Johnson, Jason Meadows, Jared Peace, Buck Strickland, Jason Sammons, Dustin Holkem, and Alex Hatfield.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

By Shaunathan Bell

The Valley Head Varsity Football team has had a disappointing year so far. They have taken tough losses to good teams. They have a lot of good young talent with a bright future. The football team is expected to have many wins under their belt after this year is over. Valley Head has a winning tradition and after this team develops they will carry on that winning tradition. "This team has a lot to learn what school pride is all about," says running back Daniel Vest. The team wants very desperately to turn around their season. The football team can and will turn it around, so let's all come out and support them in their upcoming games.

Team Members are: **12th Grade**: Jason Baber, Chris Hammon, Gerry Bain, Jason Goss, Lyndall Elkins; **11th Grade**: Daniel Vest, Trevor Strickland, Tim Smith, James Cox, Brian Turner, Seth Norman, Nathan Alcorn, John Lawton, Saun Flannigan, John Baggett; **10th Grade**: Brian Bone, Anthony Grisham, Matthew Hulan; Jim Phillips; **9th Grade**: Jason Kilpatrick; **8th Grade**: Patrick McKinney





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By Haley Johnson

News from Kirby Kindergarten Kormer

There are 28 students in the Kindergarten class, 16 boys and 12 girls. For the first time, the Kindergarten class has a full-time aid, Mrs. Jane Kerby. With Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Kerby, it sometimes gets a little crazy in the classroom when the students are asking for help. The students have been busy in learning all about school and their new enrollment. The calendar, the five senses, the circle shape, the color red, and the color word r-e-d have also been hot topics. The students and Mrs. Kirby would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Davis (Birdog) for her extra help the first few weeks. Mrs. Jane Kerby has had to be absent some due to her mother having hip surgery.

Our September birthdays are Tyler Gatlin, Amelia Hannah, and Ethan Lewis.

MRS. BELL'S FIRST GRADE NEWS

By Ginger Gray

Mrs. Bell's first grade has had a good year so far. They enjoy going every Friday to computer lab. We would like to wish the following students a Happy Birthday: Hyle Garrett - Oct. 1; and Tyler Harrison - Oct. 6.

MISS KEITH'S SECOND GRADE NEWS

By Haley Johnson

This month's birthdays are Johnathan Durham, Richard Ferguson, Christopher Gant, Crystal Gregory, and Scotty Witham. We would like to wish the 2nd graders who have birthdays this month a very happy birthday.

MRS. EARLY'S THIRD GRADE NEWS

By Ginger Gray

Mrs. Early's third grade class has been doing remediation for the BCT which was given the week of October 3rd. They are studying plants in Science and maps and globes in Social Studies. We would like to wish the following students a Happy Birthday: Stephanie Hicks - Oct. 13, and Jerry Dawson - Oct. 17.

MRS. LAWTON'S FIFTH GRADE NEWS

By Haley Johnson

For the first time, Mrs. Lawton is teaching a cross curriculum, which includes math, English, social studies, spelling, reading, and science. Mrs. Lawton is also teaching environmental education. She and her students plan to go on field trips and do projects to learn more about the environment and its problems. Mrs. Lawton and her students plan to put up many reminders to encourage students, teachers, and parents to keep our environment clean. This year, the 5th grade class will have fun, but learn at the same time.

MRS. CARROLL'S SIXTH GRADE NEWS

By Ginger Gray

Mrs. Carroll's sixth grade class is having a great year so far. They have two ongoing science experiments. One concerns condensation and evaporation. The other experiment is an attempt to hatch brine shrimp. They are also studying ancient civilizations. They did models of "stone cave painting" using chalk and black construction paper.

MRS. DAVIS' SIXTH GRADE NEWS

By Haley Johnson

The sixth grade class has been busy with the campaigns for their class elections. The students are hard at work on speeches and posters. The students are very excited about their class elections. Good luck to all the candidates for class officers.

VALLEY HEAD HONOR ROLL

First Six Weeks:

ALL A HONOR ROLL

- 12th Grade: Adrienne Hall, Leah Sharp, Gerry Bain, Kirby Smith, Jody Wagner
 11th Grade: Rhonda Owens, Julie Yates
 10th Grade: Kerry Blalock, Wendy Hyde
 9th Grade: Rene Brendle
 8th Grade: Ashley Blalock, Nancy Jeffery, Eric Crane
 7th Grade: Adriane Robertson, Stephanie Watkins, Jeffrey Bullock

ALL A & B HONOR ROLL

- 12th Grade: Christy Blevins, Michelle Chappell, Holly Gardner, Nichole Hatfield, Petra Ledergerber, Kim McKinney, Lisa Smith, Krystee Tillman, Jason Baber, Chris Hammon, Tony Wilbanks
 11th Grade: Jamie Baugh, Kayla Bell, Karen Davis, Christiana Fitzgerald, Krissy Guess, Stephanie Hester, Evie Morgan, Angie Wheat, Shaunathan Bell, Coley Morgan, Seth Norman, Trevor Strickland
 10th Grade: Amanda Bethune, Summer Blansit, Tammy Camp, Amy Crane, Christy Ferguson, Misty Ferguson, Tina Hester, Angie Hunt, Haley Johnson, Nikki Smith, Brian Blalock, Brian Bone, DeWayne Grisham, Matt Hulan, Zach Johnson, Josh Smalley, Josh Woods
 9th Grade: Chrissy Brown, Teri Campbell, Kim McElhaney, Heather Wilbourn, Justin Baugh, Jason Meadows, Chad Mosher
 8th Grade: Valerie Chappell, Shelley Ingram, Toby Crider, Jason Owen, Michael Scruggs, Carl Tuberville
 7th Grade: none



VALLEY HEAD HIGH SCHOOL

By Evelyn Graves

Valley Head School participated in the Red Ribbon ceremony recently, when DeKalb County schools met with Dade County schools at the Alabama-Georgia line and tied red ribbons for a drug-free school.

Valley Head High School's Homecoming Queen was Sara Tucker, and the Senior Maids were Lisa Smith and Adrian Hall.



Sarah Tucker

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For Alumni Association



God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 1:22

It's one thing to hear the word of God. Many know enough of the Bible to talk about it, but God wants people who will be doers, so people who don't read the word can see it in our daily walk. Let's not deceive ourselves into thinking knowing the word is enough. Let's be doers of the Word.

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