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Pioneers For All Seasons

By Mary Ellis Holleman



John William (J.W.) Ellis



Maria Winston Davenport Ellis



Several years after the marriage of Bill and Maria, they built a home in Valley Head where all the children, with the exception of Mary Louise, were born. This home was built near Aunt Kate Winston on some of the Winston property and is now the home of Mary Louise and her husband, Ted Holleman. (Mary on porch)

A familiar figure around Valley Head from early 1917 until his untimely death on December 19, 1944, was John William (J.W.) Ellis. He was a native of Gallatin, Tennessee, born on May 5, 1891, a member of pioneer Ellis, Hadley, Hart families. His parents were Charles Woodson Ellis and Mary Claire Hart Hadley Ellis. As a young man, he went to Birmingham to live with his oldest sister, Eunice Brown. While there, he began work with the A.G.S. Railroad. Due to his dedication and hard work, he attracted the attention of John N. Winston, Superintendent of Railroads. When an opening became available at the Valley Head Office, J.W. was chosen for the job on the recommendation of Mr. Winston. Upon his arrival in Valley Head, he soon met and fell in love with Maria Winston Davenport, youngest daughter of N.S. Davenport Sr. and Adelaide Winston Davenport. Maria had spent her early years in the home of her uncle Dr. J.N. Winston and his wife, Kate, because her mother died when Maria was 8 months old. Bill married Maria on October 25, 1917. Uncle John, as we children called him, and J.W. Ellis were very close friends. In a letter to Maria after J.W.'s death, John wrote that he was proud to have had a part in sending J.W. Ellis to the town of his birth. He said that he felt he was a better man from having known and loved J.W.

During his short lifetime, J.W. Ellis accomplished many things. In addition to his duties as railroad agent, station and baggage master, he was a member of Railroad Telegraphers. He and his wife were active in all community and church affairs. He served as the first elected Mayor for 18 years. During that time, the town was incorporated, and the city hall and jail were built with WPA labor. The creek that runs through Valley Head always flooded the downtown stores when heavy rains came. The channel of the creek was changed to prevent much of the flooding. J.W. Ellis owned the Valley Head Drug Company with Dr. Lovejoy. He and John Winston started the Valley Head Water Works where a grist mill was also operated. Every winter, he ordered and sold coal. He also wrote fire insurance. He served on the Board of Stewards

of the Valley Head Methodist Church. He was a member and past president of the Valley Head Civitan Club. He was an active Mason, and shortly before his death, became a 33rd degree Shriner (Zamora Shrine Temple of Birmingham).

J.W. and Maria had five children—two daughters, Mary Louise (Mrs. Ted Holleman) and Adelaide (Mrs. Byron Biddle); and three sons, John William Jr., Nicholas Davenport (who died at three months of age), and Robert Nelson. The older children remember their dad and mother with great love and affection and have many happy memories. Bill Jr. tells of a time when he and a friend were eavesdropping when his Dad was holding Mayor's court involving reckless driving of a mule on the city streets. It was a secure feeling as children to have a mother at home and a father at the depot where each child went by after school, usually with a friend, to get a nickel from Dad. The friend also got a nickel, and in those days, it would buy an ice cream cone, candy bar, or a coke. We remember that our Dad would drive through town several times after work picking up children along the way with our dog, Winston, proudly riding on the running board.

Although his work kept him busy, usually seven days a week, the family was never neglected. He and his wife instilled a strong sense of responsibility in each child. We were taught that we had an obligation to our church and to our community to be good citizens and to contribute as much as possible of our means and time.

Robert Nelson Ellis was the youngest child; his father died

when he was only 11 years old, but J.W. was such a strong influence on Nelson teaching him honesty, integrity, and strict moral obligations. Nelson used this strong influence in his dealings with boys he coached and children he taught. Nelson retired this past year where he had been principal of Fyffe High School for 17 years.

During the second world war, it was J.W.'s sad duty to receive and deliver telegrams to families of wounded or deceased soldiers and members of other branches of service. He always delivered these messages personally on both mountains and in the valley, and it was a heavy burden on his heart. At this time his son, Bill Jr., was serving in the South Pacific. One day, he began receiving a message from the War Department, but he had been advised by a friend of his in Chattanooga that the message was not a death notice. However, it was a notice that his son, Master Sgt. John W. Ellis Jr., had been wounded in action. At the same time, the husbands of Mary Louise and Adelaide were serving their country, Ted Holleman as a Captain in the Army Air Force and Staff Sgt. Byron Biddle in the European theatre. All of this, plus the fact that so many of the families he knew and loved were losing loved ones. The family felt that all this stress contributed to his early death. (Continued on Page 3.)

Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Other Dates

• Saturday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.
Moon Lake School Harvest Festival

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

• Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting, Mentone Town Hall

• Saturday, November 11, Veterans Day

• Wednesday, November 22, 7 p.m.
Community Thanksgiving Service,
Moon Lake Baptist Church

• Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day

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MAPA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bernise Crow

We had a good festival because of the dedication of those who worked hard to make it so. Many thanks to Charlene O'Rear, chairperson, for her many hours of hard work. We had good vendors, great entertainment, and plenty of food.

Mickey and Sherman Gough are due much credit and loads of appreciation for selling chances on the quilt.

I appreciate Jim Lyday getting wiring done at Brow Park, and Penny Lyday for getting sponsors for the Groundhog Classic Run. Donna Bouldin handled the run well with assistance from Jo Beaubé, and John and Donna Bares from Skyline Ranch Camp.

We appreciate Jack Johnston from GTE for putting up the banner across the road.

We cut the price of booth spaces and did not charge admission, so our profit will be small. We just hope everyone had a good time.

Terry Hutcheson did a good performance singing and emceeing our ghost story session at the bonfire. We thank Jerry and Doreen Waters for sponsoring the bonfire through Ancro and thank Frances Waller for letting us use the vacant lot for the event.

Now we plan for Christmas, which is not far away.

Our next MAPA meeting will be at the town hall on November 5, at 7 p.m. Our speaker will be Japanese teacher, Yumika Muramatsu, who is working with all the grades, K-6 at Moon Lake School. She will remain at Moon Lake until the end of school in May. Yumika is from Kariya-Shi Aichi, which is near the major city of Nagaya. She works at Nagaya Tokyu Hotel as a receptionist. She graduated in 1994 from Sugiyama Jogakuen University. Her major was English Linguistics. She enjoys listening to music, snow skiing, making tea, and traveling. This is her fourth trip to the USA. She has also been to Thailand and The United Kingdom.

The Christmas covered dish dinner will be at Jack and Olive Jones' Dude Ranch.

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INFORMATION NEEDED

The Groundhog needs any information, photos, stories, etc., that you may have on the Nightingale Community. The town, post office, and other components are completely gone now. Can you help us? Please call 634-4541, or send notes to P.O. Box 293, Mentone, AL 35984, if you have any leads.

First Time For Everything ...



Marli and Henry Atchison of Plantersville, Ala., take their three-month-old nephew, Hayes Palacio of Yuma, Ariz., on his first boat ride on Little River Saturday during Colorfest activities at Mentone.

Times-Journal photo by LaRue Cornelison



Seated: Maria Davenport Ellis, Mary Louise Ellis Holleman; Standing: Bill Ellis, Frances Ellis, Elizabeth Ellis, Nelson Ellis, Adelaide Ellis Biddle, Byron Biddle, Ted Holleman

Maria Winston Davenport (Ellis) was born on April 6, 1893. She was educated in the Valley Head Schools, Athens Academy, and Athens College. Her main interests in college were English, Literature, Drama, and the study of the Bible. She shared her many talents by teaching a Sunday School class for more than 60 years, starting when she was a teenager. She also taught Bible studies for the Methodist Church. She loved working with young people in the Epworth League and Sunday School. Many times, they were entertained in the Ellis home. J.W. Ellis also enjoyed and supported her in this work.

Maria coached many plays for the community, especially during the time that funds were being raised to build the Valley Head School. The original school had burned. It has been said that only about \$600 was actually contributed by the county. The community pitched in raising funds with various means.

Maria was a charter member of the Valley Head Woman's Club and was active until very near the end of her life.

Both J.W. and Maria were named to *Who's Who in DeKalb County*, and had a memorial in Landmarks.

Maria's mother, Adelaide Winston Davenport, donated all the land on which each church in Valley Head is located. When additional land was needed for one of the churches and for the school playground, it was donated by Maria Ellis. In those days, it was not expected that you would be paid for land used for the public good.

During the time her children were growing up, Maria served three times as President of the Valley Head PTA.

After the death of her husband in 1944, Maria began teaching school in the DeKalb County system at Ider, Moon Lake, and Valley Head, where she taught 5th grade until her retirement. After that, she spent a year at Snead Jr. College, where she was a house mother and taught some English classes.

The beautiful stained glass window in the Valley Head Methodist Church is dedicated to the memory of N.S. Davenport Sr. A plaque in the Presbyterian Church is dedicated to the memory of Adelaide Winston Davenport. N.S. Davenport attended the Presbyterian Church as long as his wife lived. After her death, he returned to the Methodist Church and raised his children in that faith.

Bill and Nelson followed their mother in the field of education. Both coached football and taught school. Later Bill was a guidance counselor in Chattooga County High School, Summerville, Ga., and Nelson became principal of Fyffe High School. Adelaide and Mary Louise, like their father, loved being in the business world.

Bill is married to Frances Head of Troy. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

Nelson is married to Elizabeth Henderson. They have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

Adelaide is married to Byron Biddle. They have 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Mary Louise married Ted Holleman. They have 1 son.

Maria

Maria, our dear teacher and friend,
Our deep love for you will never end;
You have been so faithful for so long,
Your devotion to commitments strong.
Cheerful and willing to fill your place,
With inspiring instruction and grace--
For youngsters, our church, and our class--
From us, your influence will not pass.

You have given your utmost and best,
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And satisfaction that will not cease,
For a life well spent without regret,
In service that friends will not forget.

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With a gift we hope you will enjoy--
With pleasant dreams your mind employ.
May God's right hand of strength and power,
Lift and uphold your every hour.
And his sheltering love, peace, and grace,
All of your future moments embrace.

—Eloise M. Brown

[Eloise read this poem as a tribute to Mrs. Ellis on the occasion of her 86th birthday on April 5, 1979, at a meeting of the Wesley Fellowship Class of the Valley Head United Methodist Church, which was held at the home of Mrs. J. W. (Maria) Ellis.]

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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dedicated and devoted readers, Moi has news that will jar your preserves! Two "blokes" from England made it a point "while visiting here in the colonies from mother England" (their very words!) to have an audience with the magnificent one. Anne Long, from Camberley, Surrey, could not contain her admiration. "Blimey! What a tremendously handsome bloke!" she exclaimed. Her gentleman traveling companion, Moy Gill, of the same city, observed, "Surely, this dog is one of the dearest wonders we have seen in our travels!"

More adulation from far away places. Ivor Rose and Reta Starr missed their plane to Miami Beach in order to view Mentone's most famous attraction, Moi. Kyle Long arranged the Between the Counter viewing. The couple had two choices: make the plane to Miami or come sit at the feet of the great one. (Really no choice at all. They missed the tacky plane.) Can you believe this splendid notoriety after what Al put me through in order to flaw my greatness last month? Eat your heart out, video mogul.

A miracle is occurring in the Superette! It's probably caused by the tremendous guilt Pop and Al feel about "WHAT THEY DID TO ME," but treats are allowed again for moi!

Frankie Kirby comes by every morning and feeds moi crackers. What a fine human being!

Alex Blackburn even shared her ice cream. (How could such a lovely lass have that black-hearted Al for a father? The manner of genes is an unpredictable thing, Jack Lusk says.)

Pop and moi had a terrible fight last night. I got first dubs on the recliner, and he wanted me to get up. "When donkeys fly," I told him, and held my ground. We all know who kept the recliner.

Cheryl Crane just came in and shared my very favorite treat with moi--ice cream sandwich! What a dear and darling lass she is.

Just to show everyone how diet conscious I now am, moi shared an apple with Harold Carden this morning. The apple was NOT a caramel one, either, as my jealous detractors might have you believe.

Well, moi must get "cracking" (learned from my British visitors), so, "pip, pip" until after Thanksgiving. Let moi be the first to wish you dear readers "Happy Thanksgiving" and all the TREATS that come with it!!

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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

The Mentone-Valley Head Community-wide Thanksgiving service is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22, at 7 p.m. at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. Everyone is urged to attend and bring their family for a service of praise and thanks for blessings from God.

Epp and Jane Meadows, two of Mentone's most popular former residents, were in town to attend a wedding over the weekend of October 20th. Jane was fighting a nasty cold, but she and Epp got in several days' rest at Nippersink Lodge with Ed and Gerry Disney. Hope and George Walker helped host them. It's always good to have the Meadows "back home."

Speaking of Ed and Gerry Disney, they both have had a bad October. Ed was in the hospital for five days fighting an intestinal problem, and Gerry fell in a local grocery store, hurting her shoulder. Both are doing much better, now--Ed with medication and Gerry with physical therapy. They both plan to be in good shape for the Disney reunion, Nov. 3-5, with over 55 expected to attend. Too late if you're planning to visit the lodge. The regular 1995 season is over. Special parties may be booked for the holidays since Nippersink will be decorated for the season.

The Snapple Drink Company gave the Valley Head Band a \$500 donation to go toward its purchase of new uniforms. The band performed its half-time show for the PTO at its October meeting in the auditorium.

A great big belated Happy Birthday to Norma Williams, (October 29), one of the most popular personalities in Mentone.

Mark your calendar NOW! A big reception honoring Catherine Bailey, City Clerk of Mentone, will be Sunday, November 12, at the City Hall from 2-4. (See flyer on back page.)

George and Hope Walker are planning a Big Thanksgiving. Their daughters, Jan Boroni and Sally Insko and families will be coming from Oldsmar, Fla. With Jan will be husband, Joe, and daughter, Jeanelle. With Sally will be husband Hank. George and Hope are just back home from a marvelous cruise of the Greek Isles, accompanied by Rick and Betty Chapman.

George and Jo Beaubé announce that daughter Georgia and Danny Stevens, along with Samantha, Robin, and Petee, will be in their new home for a Thanksgiving "sleep in" on November 23. Located just a rock's throw from the Beaubé's home, the new place already has the roof on and the insulation in place. Jo fed 64 mouths of the family-friends house raising crew the last weekend in October. (Jo may never want to see a pot of spaghetti again in her lifetime!)

Donna Bares' father is back in the hospital in Thibodaux, La. Donna is in Thibodaux for a visit with him to be certain everything is in place for him to return to the nursing home. Our thoughts are with her.

Sherman and Mickey Gough have spent the month of October entertaining his and her family. Mickey's brothers, Dr. Ned Annis, Miami, and Tom Payne, Michigan, joined their sister Isabel Gilbert for a three-day visit with the Goughs. Sherman's brother, Jerry, and wife, Kathy, Michigan, and friend Jerry Narcoux, Miami, came in the day Mickey's family left. Luckily, the Goughs have a nephew nearby who provided some extra sleeping space. It sounds as if we may have yet another Bed & Breakfast starting up in Mentone: "The Gough House"--works for me!

The Winston Place Bed and Breakfast had a tremendous response to their Designer Showcase event sponsored by the 3-Arts Club of Fort Payne. On the last day of the showing, there were so many people there that Valley Head Police Chief, Robert Hall, had to block off a street and direct traffic. Approximately \$12,000 was made to be offered toward scholarships.

Lisa and Beth Moore worked the DARE booth with the Fort Payne Police Department during the week of the VFW Fair. Beth was "McGruff" and when she wasn't "taking a bite out of crime," she led around the crash test dummies, Vince and Larry.

Flora Goss is back at home after another week in the hospital having bedsores treated. The children are taking turns helping Lightning care for her and have placed Flora on a sheepskin to avoid further skin problems.

Mae Shigley's brother, Edgar McMillan, of Tusculumbia, AL, has had bypass surgery recently at UAB Hospital. He is recovering at home.

One of the regular Sunday dinner trios from Mentone is made up of Elizabeth Romans, Lola Mae Blalock, and Willie Haynes. These ladies must be great friends judging from all the laughter that can be heard coming from the group.

Dr. Roy Smith from the University of Alabama, was home in Valley Head over the last weekend in October. Roy's wife, Gwen, has been ill for some time in Tuscaloosa, but he says things are getting better for her. This is truly one of the good guys, who has touched so very many lives!

Catherine Bailey, Carrie Ruth Kirby, Barbara Blalock, and Catherine's sister, and her daughter, Sarah Jo Stutz, and Sarah Harris have returned from a week's stay in Gatlinburg, Tenn. The group goes up each October for a trip to enjoy the mountains and the colorful trees.

The Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department held its fish dinner on Sunday, Oct. 15. It was a huge success with over \$1500 made on the dinner. The winners of the \$100 bills were Jerry Freeman of Valley Head and Abby Grogan of Mentone.

Danny and Paula Grisham's little girl, Lauren, fell and broke her arm so badly that it required surgery. Lauren is just about healed and may be taking off that cute little pink cast soon.

Arnold Lance has had surgery at the VA Hospital in Birmingham. He is recovering nicely.

Patti Bryan has been making presentations to Moon Lake elementary classes on "Butterflies." The children have been most enthusiastic, Patti says.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church's revival will start Sunday, Nov. 5, with the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Revivalist will be Pete Benson of the Discovery Wesleyan Church in Huntsville. Monday through Wednesday, the service will be at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Pastor Randy Addison reports that expansion to the parsonage has been completed with a bedroom and a den constructed. Expansion of the sanctuary began with the arrival last week of architect Larry Cash, Anchorage, Alaska. Cash is the son of Max Cash and a member of the architect firm of Cash and Barnes. A new restroom and a large nursery will be the first priority.

Daniel Vest, Valley Head running back, has had knee surgery at the Sports Center in Birmingham. He is now on the mend.

Rev. Don Brock, Mentone Church of God, of Prophecy, and Rev. Bill Russell, Moon Lake Baptist Church, have accepted positions as volunteer chaplains in the Birmingham hospitals. They are each on duty three days a month.

Coley Harvey had surgery on Monday, October 23, at DeKalb BMC, Ft. Payne. Additional surgery was necessary on Thursday, Oct. 31. Wife Ellen stepped off the curb when leaving the hospital and broke her foot. When it rains, it pours! Good luck to both Harveys.

Another couple is having health problems, Britt and Florene Kirby. He is trying to deal with emphysema, and she is trying to correct a sodium deficiency. Keep them in your prayers.

Ann Everette, director of drama at Northeast Community College, has told Don Brock that Moon Lake School children will be receiving complimentary tickets to plays presented by the college. Perfect attendance, high grades, etc. will be the incentive for the free admission. Rev. Brock's daughter, Donna, is in the cast of the musical now playing, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat."

Congratulations to Kayla Bell on being named to the DeKalb County's All-Tournament Volleyball Team. Besides being an all A student, Kayla is a multi-talented athlete.

Tommy Kilgore is up and about after a severe heart attack. Tommy was at home alone when he recognized what was happening and quickly called 911.

Gene Penland of Birmingham, has purchased the LaRue Alford home on Scenic Drive. She will be moving to Mentone about Nov. 15. Gene is a close friend of Sam Franks Jr. who has bought the Martha Berry home on Linchpney Road. He is making it into a tourist home. Welcome to our wonderful town, Gene and Sam.

Denise and Joe Blalock are the proud parents of a baby girl, named Joey Alexandria (Allie) Blalock, born on July 25 at BMC in Ft. Payne. Allie weighed 6 lbs, 2 oz, and was 19" long. Grandparents are Robert and Ilene Green and Dennis and Freda Smith.

Congratulations to Kimberly McKinney of Valley Head, who is attending Jacksonville State on the Faculty Scholarship Program. Faculty Scholars receive full tuition scholarships in recognition of their academic excellence in high school.

Jerry and Robin Hulgán went on a cruise during October to the Bahamas with her brother, Ralph, and wife Jo Hammond. Robin reports that they had a super time until Hurricane Roxanne rolled in on the last night of their cruise.

The work done by the Valley Head Athletic Club on the high school football field looks great! New stands are on the visitors' side and a cement walkway has been built all the way around the field.

Marilyn Campbell traveled to Sylva, North Carolina, on Oct. 14, with her mother, Mary Blanton, to see her cousin, Larry Crawford, and her sister, Jane, and Joshua, Marilyn's nephew. They attended a football game between Western Carolina University's Catamounts and the Thundering Herd of Marshall University in West Virginia. Joshua plays tenor saxophone and marches in the WCU Catamount Band. On Oct. 22, Marilyn's aunt and uncle, Carrie and Newton Wagner surprised Marilyn with a visit. They all went to DeSoto Falls to take a boat ride on Little River.

Steve and Debra Dean Rhodes are the proud parents of a baby girl, named Allie Elizabeth, born on October 10, 1995. She weighed 6 lb., 11 oz., and was 19" long. Grandparents are John and Edith Dean of Hammondville and Jerome and Mary Rhodes of Ft. Payne. Congratulations all around!

Angie Edgeworth and Peggy Wright are both recovering from October automobile accidents.

Mathew Hulgán, son of Danny and Norma Hulgán, was hurt while practicing football recently and had emergency surgery on his spleen. Matt is the grandson of Walter and Christine Brooks. He is back in school now.

Congratulations to this month's weather artists from our area: Vance Carden (5), Valley Head; J.E.B. Bunch (6) Valley Head; and Brandi Hawkins (7), Valley Head.

Sincere sympathy to the family of those recently deceased:

•Paul Aaron Shaden, 87, who died Sept. 23, 1995, at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, TN.; •William Dallas "Bill" Livezey, 81, who died Oct. 21, 1995, at DeKalb BMC; and •Charles E. Keith (79), who died on Oct. 18, 1995, in High Point, Ga.

Happy Birthday: Oct. 30 - Nell Kent (72); November birthdays: 4th - Pat Lewis; 5th - Gail Worthey Chambers; 6th - Tommy Harrison III; 8th - Jon Black, Michael Harrison; 9th - Ed Osbourn, Bonnie Easler, Laura (Harrison) McKenzie; 10th - Velinda Miracle; 11th - Andy Hargrow; 13th - Phyllis Carter, Kim (Langston) Raley; 14th - Kenneth Hammond, Austin Harrison; 18th - Sharlie Hargrow; 19th - Tara Hill; 21st - Keith Hadley; 23rd - "Dr. Pat"; 26th - Bill Miracle, Krissy Worthey Harris; 27th - Kim Worthey; 28th - Edward Worthey (in memory); 30th - Christine (Evans) Orr.

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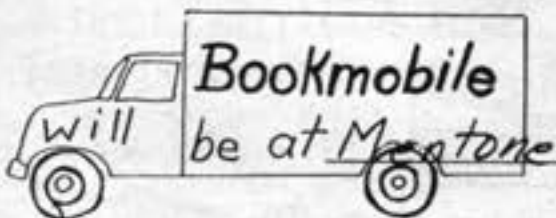
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Vegetarians Both Night & Day



Pride Welding and Fabrication, owned and operated by Tommy Carson, in Hammondville recently made to order from scratch a chip wash hopper for Meade Paper Board, Stevenson, Al. They have 120 man hours in the construction. They painted and sandblasted the chip wash hopper on site. A & A Painting of Hammondville painted it. Dennis Crane Inc., from Rainsville loaded the hopper on the back of Tommy Gifford's truck. Tommy and his son, Scott, were transporting it to Stevenson, Ala. Tommy Carson said "Pride is the name of our business," and they all took pride in their product. Others working with Tommy Carson are John Graves, Randy Carson, Eddie Shankles, and Travis Carson.

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Riverside Hotel at Mentone, now part of Camp Skyline, was built in 1915-16 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huron, who operated the hotel until 1926. The picture was taken from the Bicentennial Edition of The DeKalb Legend, 1975-76.



Florence Kay and Roberta Genovar
Picture provided by Ernest H. Smith

Florence Kay (see photo), a native of Spain and later of Dunedin, Florida, owned and operated the Riverside Hotel at Mentone, Alabama, in the 1920s and 1930s. She is remembered as being a charming and gracious hostess. Florence purchased the hotel from Fred Huron and wife, Imogene, c. 1926. The Hurons had built and operated the hotel since 1916.

Roberta Genovar (see photo), a sister-in-law to Florence Kay, assisted her in the operation of the hotel. Roberta had a son named Robert who was very popular among those of his age in Mentone. I remember seeing Robert Genovar tooling around in an old touring car with side curtains. He would pick up the hotel mail and run other errands. The last time I remember seeing Robert was when he was visiting the Hurons in 1936.

My father, John Paul Smith, would look after the property for Florence, during the time the hotel was closed and she returned to her home in Florida, for the winter.

Florence had bought from the Hurons an additional 50 or 60 acres adjoining the hotel property. She had this property subdivided with streets cleared and, in some cases, graded and ditched. Three of these streets are now permanent town streets, namely: Dempsey, Huron, and Dogwood. All other streets in this subdivision have been vacated.

Florence had planned to sell these lots to wealthy Floridian friends on which to build summer cottages. The project had hardly gotten off the ground when the 1929 crash came and ended it. The Hurons agreed to take back the acreage, with Florence keeping the hotel and the immediate grounds.

I don't know if she sold the hotel after the 1930s or leased it out. In any case, a Mrs. Isabell, another Spanish lady, and whose father was at that time mayor of St. Augustine, Florida, operated the hotel for a time. Also, the Hurons came back to Mentone after having run a boardinghouse in Huntington, West

Va. They built a beautiful new home on the property they took back, and leased and operated the hotel for two seasons.

The old hotel was permanently closed in the 1940s and is now owned by Camp Skyline and is utilized as a camp facility.

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Editor's note: Grady Hammond of Ft. Payne started in 1988 collecting Civil War stories. His interest in the Civil War prompted him to become a collector of Civil War Art. He is the largest private collector of Rick Reeves' Civil War Art, having 22 prints in his collection. This is the third article. Look for other prints and their stories in future issues of The Groundhog.

During the American Civil War, the Confederate government organized some two dozen separate armies. Most of these armies were small commands that were in existence for only short periods of time. The two largest, longest-lived, and most important of these forces were the Army of Tennessee and the Army of Northern Virginia. For all practical purposes, these two armies were the Confederacy. As long as they remained in the field, the Confederate States of America had at least a claim to national independence.

The wartime experiences of these two armies were quite different, and those differences have carried over into their treatment by historians. The Army of Northern Virginia--the Confederacy's main strength in the area east of the Appalachian Mountains--enjoyed considerable success in many of the war's greatest battles. Its campaigns have been the subject of many detailed studies, and it has won a place in American history unmatched by any other military force. It would be difficult to find an educated American who had never heard of Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, Pickett's Charge, and Appomattox.

The Army of Tennessee, by contrast, lost almost every battle it ever fought, and for decades after the war, it was virtually ignored by historians. During the war, this army often faded from the popular mind; and, today, only dedicated students of the conflict are familiar with Leonidas Polk, Braxton Bragg, Resaca, and Bennett's Farm.



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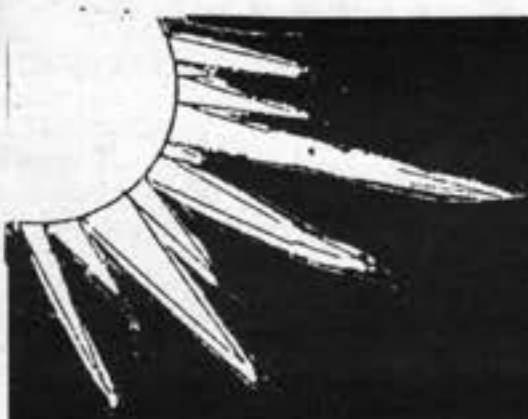
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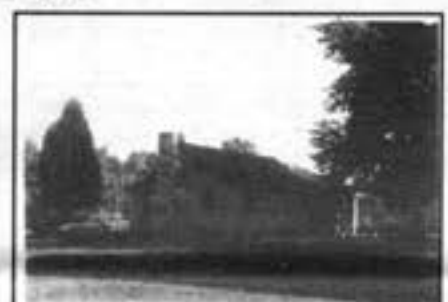
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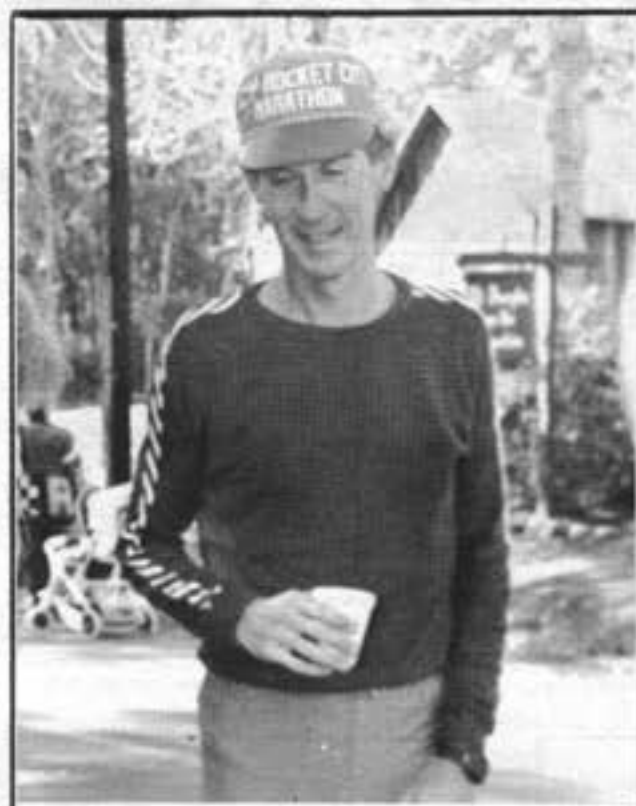
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Thanksgiving

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13th ANNUAL GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN



Gary Grace, 46, of Huntsville, signs in after finishing first overall men's with a time of 24:48 in the 13th Annual Groundhog Classic Run Saturday. The run was 4.2 miles.

MENTONE - Really cold competition (34 degrees!) kept 27 females and 29 males running at Saturday's Groundhog Run. Organizer was Donna Bouldin. Results (1st, 2nd, 3rd): • Men — 14 & Under: Chris Bearden, Ken Miller, Keith Miller; 15-19: Jon Oliphant; 20-25: no entries; 26-30: no entries; 31-35: Lee Howard, Anthony Maxwell, Ken Vinoski; 36-40: Jim Bostick, Randy Smith, Gary Morrison; 41-45: Milford, Morgan, Michael Bearden, Clark Dotson; 46-50: Gary Grace, Claude Hooper, Larry Warbington; 50+: Ken Hegenbarth, Ralph Maples, Kim Williamson. • Women — 14 & Under: Melinda Oliphant, Crystal Pace, Breanna Morrison; 15-19: Sandra Lamb, Tinesha Pace, Hollie Bearden; 20-25: Carla King; 26-30: Joan Howard, Lydia Lammon, Becky Chisenhall; 31-35: Becky Cantrell, Michele Anderson, Lora Selva; 36-40: Roseann Kaschak, Kim Smith; 41-45: Sarah Grace, Becky Maples, Blenna Dehart; 46-50: Patsy Williamson, Linda Chandler; 50+: Susan Adams, Wanda Bearden. — *LaRue Cornelison*



Chris Bearden took 1st place in the 14 & under division with a time of 28:15.



Ken Hegenbarth took 1st place in the 50+ men's division with a time of 28:30.



Susan Adams took 1st place in the 50+ women's division with a time of 54:59.



Joan Howard, 27, of Scottsboro, enjoys a Snapple (compliments of Snapple) after finishing first overall women's with a time of 27:38 in the Groundhog Classic. She has won in the title also in past runs.



Leonard Shigley behind booth, Jim Lyday preparing to hang a sign on the American Legion booth



Above, "Riverboat John" F. Lloyd Williams at Colorfest of the Mentone Area Preser singing "Oh, Susannah". TI

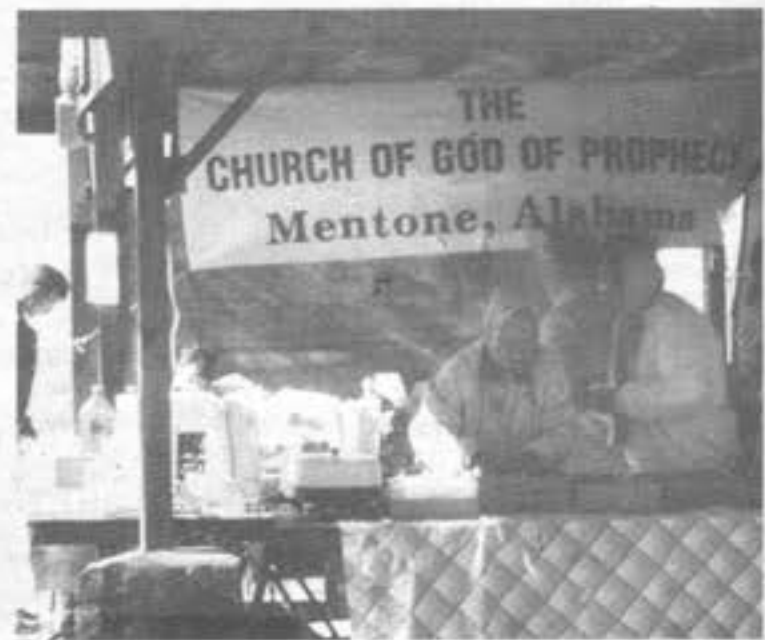


Mentone Colorfest

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son serenades Frankie Williams of Clanton, AL, who was browsing with her husband arday morning. The chilly temps didn't keep the crowds away and sponsor members on Association expressed delight with this year's turnout. Riverboat John here is Alabama native also performed songs such as "Old Man River" and "Dixie".



Church of God of Prophecy selling baked goods



Colorfest at Mentone Saturday drew numerous vendors along the brow of Lookout Mountain. Above is Mae Gray whose pottery studio is in Rising Fawn, GA. Her terra cotta earthenware is as exotic and unique as her personality. Here is a "spirits bottle" to hold drink and it even has a leather strap so it can worn around the neck or across the shoulder. She has smaller ones which can hold drink plus be worn as jewelry. "The drink is kept warm next to the body," she smiled. Her favorite piece is her "spirit center", a uniquely engraved glazed jar with a stopper and chained crystal amulet atop. "After I die, my spirit will live in this jar," she insisted playfully.



crowd at the Mentone Colorfest



Jack Jones, local artist, showing paintings



Mickey Gough selling a chance on the quilt that was won by Sherry Furno of Harvest Alabama. Joe Stephens is looking on.



About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN

What a beautiful fall this was! The foliage in Mentone has been breathtaking. It did not last as long as some years, but while it was here, it was great. The maple trees have been beautiful beyond description.

The debris from hurricane Opal is almost cleaned up, but the damage will be with us for many years. There are still a few trees down on the sides of the back streets. Some trees have lodged in the tops of other trees and look like they could fall at any time. Others have the tops broken out or limbs broken off. I was very impressed by the speed and efficiency of the State Highway Department in cleaning up Alabama Highway #117.

Do you think of some special person when you hear the word, "lady"? I do. That special person for me is Catherine Bailey or "Aunt Catherine" as I call her. She is really my husband's aunt, but I have adopted her. She has always been my advisor and someone who was there when I needed her. She has the ability to put things in the proper perspective. If a group of people, the town, or church, for instance, is not agreeing on an issue, she will always say the right thing to remind everyone what the main issue is. Sometimes she can be short and to the point, but that is part of her effectiveness. She sometimes says I am her adopted daughter—nothing pleases me more. Of course, I count her real daughter, Barbara Blalock, to be a dear friend, and appreciate Barbara's willingness to share her Mom with me. Gerald Wayne also calls her Mom and has recently been able to move to Mentone and be closer to her. Between the two children are five grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. When her children rise up and call her "blessed," there are a lot of them to do so.

I remember one instance when she helped me more than she will ever know. In June 1963, I had three small children who were all at home when I got a call from Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative that Bobby, my husband, had gotten into a high voltage line at the top of a power pole and had been knocked to the ground. He was already in route to the hospital when I got the call. My immediate concern was where to leave my children. I called Aunt Catherine, she was operating the grocery store on Highway 117, then. She said bring them over, that she would look after them as long as she needed to. I don't remember how long they stayed with her, but she will never know what this act of kindness meant to me. That is the kind of person she is. If it needs doing, she is always there to do it.

An instance that happened more recently will please and surprise her. I was up on the brow watching the clogging and other entertainment during the recent October Festival. Aunt Catherine's daughter-in-law, Phyllis, was talking to me. Aunt Catherine was in the Smokey Mountains at this time. Phyllis told me that she missed "Mrs. Bailey" very badly. I could not imagine why until she explained that every night, after working with head-start children all day, there were so many things that she wanted to talk about—things that only another woman would understand. She always told these things to her mother-in-law, and she missed having her there to talk to. What greater tribute could be paid to a mother-in-law?

These rambling stories can only vaguely explain why the community of Mentone has decided to honor Catherine Brown Bailey with a reception. I have asked to be a small part of this celebration. Those of us who are doing this want you to be a part of it, too. Please plan to come to the meeting room of the Mentone City Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, November 12, anytime between 2 and 4 o'clock. (See notice on the back page of this issue of *The Groundhog*.) Come visit with her and share experiences that you remember. This is a happy and positive occasion, and I'm not sure we have enough of those, so plan to be a part of it. See you there!!

CHINA RESCUE

By Jean Gauld

Why go to China of all places? Well, we did visit the great China Wall, and beautiful cities, such as Singapore! But the real purpose of our visit was an important mission to the Chinese churches and the unsaved. But, you say, hasn't everyone heard the gospel? No, indeed! It is conservatively estimated that over 1.4 billion souls in the world have never heard the name of Jesus!

China claims to have freedom of religion. They publish a few Bibles for propaganda purposes, and they force churches to register with the government, telling them what they can and cannot say. Needless to say, the real church meets underground in caves and homes. Pastors are often taken to jail and persecuted. It is estimated over 23,000 come to the Lord daily in China. The need for Bibles is desperate. It was our great privilege to carry over 9,000 Bibles into Beijing in an undercover operation, supplying the hidden church with "bread." Also, in groups of 8 people, nine teams fanned out in other cities and rural communities, planting over 100,000 tracts in mail boxes and bicycle baskets late at night. It is estimated over 100 people will read one tract! Our team leader, a young missionary from Australia, told of being taken to jail once, and what a glorious time he had preaching to 25 policemen! Few, it seems in America, have the concept of "loving not our lives." Awake, awake, oh Zion, and put on thy strength...Is. 52.1. Is. 58, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." There still remains much work to be done in China, where the population is 1.2 billion! Let us bear one another's burdens.

If you are planning a holiday to Hong Kong, consider carrying Bibles with you! If you or your church would like to be actively involved in supplying Bibles, please contact me at P.O. Box 365, Mentone, AL 35984; (205-634-4191). While tithes belong in the local church, a portion should go to missions, which is the mandate of each church! If you desire a speaking engagement to learn more, call the number above. The tracking teams consist of mostly young people (able to move quickly). What an opportunity to inspire our youth in an exciting adventure! (We even found a McDonalds in Beijing, much to everyone's joy!)

Yes, we have sung for years, "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight." Are they precious in our sight, too?

Thanksgiving

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

On this Thanksgiving Day, an unnumbered host are asking, "What have we to be thankful for?" And it would be idle to suppose that pious speeches and seasonal banalities will suffice in answer to their cry.

And yet an answer must be given them. Thanksgiving services on the part of those who hold their jobs may have a hollow sound to those who have not any, and postprandial platitudes fall flat on the ears of those only half-subsisting on inadequate relief. Obviously, if Thanksgiving celebration is not to be meaningless to millions, the earlons from church steeples must be bugles calling for, urging, deeds, instead of words.

Amid the murky clouds of defeatism and despair that hung like a pall over the allies in the early months of 1918, a Parisian newspaper, *La Liberte*, carried daily a lead editorial exhorting the nation to renewed faith transmuted into action. Like a clarion note rousing to ever-greater effort, the concluding sentence rang out each day, "And the enemy is still in our land."

Like another and louder trumpet signal, Thanksgiving 1933 calls the American nation to renewed faith in the eternal goodness of God and for the spiritual courage to transmute that faith into active compassion and consecration. Compassion to see and understand each other's need, untiring consecration to the task of lovingly meeting that need, so that the day may quickly come when gratitude will well up in every heart because no longer need it be said that the enemy, want, is still in the land.

Chastened and purified by the uncovering of much error in high places and low places, Thanksgiving 1933 can be a stepping-stone in the history of which future generations shall record that, from it, a people unitedly rose to a vision of true brotherhood, expressed in practical terms of human affection. Because that inspired vision is a present possibility to all the nations in all the earth, mankind is privileged this day in humility to voice hymns of gratitude to Him from whom cometh "every good gift and every perfect gift."

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

Thanksgiving is nearly upon us, and, this year, a lot of farmers and gardeners will not have much to be thankful for due to the strange weather patterns this spring and summer. But, let us take that as a lesson not to take fresh food, water, and people for granted.

This year, despite the adversaries of the weather, I still managed to get put up a fair amount of fresh veggies and fruits from my garden. The beetroots did not do too well due to the high temps in spring—it seemed to me to go dormant, and has just started growing again. My mustard bolted, and so did the radishes. I let them go to seed, then dry in the patch. I then tilled lightly, and now I have radishes and mustard greens without sowing again.

This month of Thanksgiving, I would like to say a special "thank you" to the people who gave and guided me towards such a satisfying hobby and a wonderful form of therapy. My first big "thank you" goes to my brother-in-law, Nolton John, of Keel Mountain, Gurley, for introducing me to the joys of gardening and for giving me a vast store of knowledge about southern garden vegetables and fruits and showing me how to grow and care for them. Next, I would like to thank his wife, Betty, who introduced me to the beauty of growing flowers and which types did well with the least amount of care, but gave huge amounts of blossoms and blooms for the least cost. She gave me my first big supply of mums, cannas, and loads of other bulbs, seeds, and such, free. She instructed me in the ways of growing and caring for them. I also want to thank my husband for putting up patiently with my gardening ventures, both in cost and in my lack of skill in trying to plant a straight row—which I still can't do, string or not, and he just shakes his head. To a person that has lived on a farm all his growing years, it is a trial to see a veggie garden like mine, which is a here, there, and everywhere garden; yet he has never said anything about it to discourage me. But, I bet his daddy would have, him being a farmer all his life, and age giving a person license to speak their minds, even if it does hurt. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents for giving me the appreciation for fresh produce and the know-how to prepare them.

GARDENING IN COMPOST: Several well known and respected organic gardeners advise against tilling, spading, or churning up soil by going the no-dig way with composting easily. Start collecting all manner of organic wastes—leaves, grass clippings, kitchen scraps, shredded tree trimmings, and even weeds—and compost them. Spread all of the material evenly on your garden plot, sprinkle on organic high-nitrogen substances, such as cottonseed meal; and, if the weather is dry, sprinkle it with water or a soapy solution (speeds decaying). Then, mix it up with a garden fork, or till lightly, and simply let it rot. This combination of heavy mulching and sheet composting is especially helpful if you have heavy clay soil; and with that type of soil, it is best to till it heavily for better drainage, and then let nature and earthworms work their magic on the smorgasbord of organic materials you'll heap on the soil surface. Some gardeners don't even till the compost into the soil, they leave it on the surface, continuing to heap organic matter in strips to form raised beds. They then plant seeds or transplants into the beds, rather than into the soil, and cover them with finished compost or heavy mulch.



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All outdoorsmen should do several things before each trip afield. First, let family, friends or authorities know where you're going and when you'll return. In case of a mishap, prompt action by these people could save your life.

Second, plan your trip carefully. Be familiar with the terrain in the areas where you'll be. Carry essential equipment. Take extra food, water, and clothing, if needed. Be prepared for the physical rigors you may encounter. Know how to cope if you find yourself in a survival situation.

Finally, purchase or assemble a qualified survival kit. Many sportsmen tend to overlook this task until it's too late. A survival kit is a collection of supplies that can help one cope with unexpected events. Sporting-goods companies offer a variety of prepackaged kits, and if you know you won't find time to assemble your own kit, buy a commercial package suited to your needs. On the other hand, assembling your own survival kit can be fun, and all of the items you'll need won't be hard to find.

Some sportsmen prepare elaborate kits with dozens of items, carrying them in a daypack. Others prefer kits that are lightweight and compact—small enough to fit in a pocket or small belt pouch. Regardless of how simple or elaborate you make it, a survival kit should include seven essentials—a compass, map, butane lighter, knife, heavy-duty aluminum foil, whistle, and a space blanket.

Select a quality compass with luminescent features for nighttime use. (If you don't know how to use a compass, now's the time to learn. Someone in your local Boy Scout troop should be able to help.) Used with a topographic map of the area you plan to visit, this is the best way to prevent getting lost.

Should you have to spend an unexpected night outdoors, a fire is essential for warmth, signaling rescuers, cooking food, and providing a feeling of comfort and security. Windproof butane lighters are the simplest, most reliable method of lighting a fire. They're inexpensive, provide hundreds of lights, and furnish a large flame for a longer time than do matches. Butane freezes at 15 degrees or below, but you can keep the lighter functional by warming it under your arm.

The knife in your kit should be in addition to the sheath or pocket knife you usually carry. A stainless-steel knife with a variety of blades and tools, such as a Swiss Army knife or Leatherman Tool, is preferred. A knife is essential for preparing shelters, cleaning and preparing food items, making cooking utensils, and fashioning other survival equipment.

Heavy-duty aluminum foil serves many purposes. Fashion it into a container for boiling water or cooking. Make it into a drinking cup, or use it to reflect heat from your fire. Create a windbreak to start the fire.

A whistle provides a loud, clear signal to attract rescuers. Several super loud models are available from survival supply dealers, but a metal coach's whistle works just fine.

A space rescue blanket can be wrapped around you to help retain body heat in cold weather. Several sizes are available, including models small enough to fit in a shirt pocket. The blanket can also be fashioned into a waterproof shelter or windbreak, or a signal for rescuers.

The container in which your kit items are stored should be durable and weather-resistant. Small belt pouches available from backpacking suppliers work great, but you can also use zip-seal freezer bags, an Army surplus first-aid pouch, a fanny pack, or a plastic food container with a snap-tight lid.

Many other items can be included in your kit to enhance your chances for remaining safe and comfortable in the event of an unforeseen problem. Study the list and decide which will be most useful to you.

Perhaps, soon you can say, "My survival kit is ready." But are you ready? Do you know basic survival techniques—how to signal, how to use a map and compass, how to build a fire in rain or snow? An outdoorsman with a bag of items he can't use may be in trouble.

Can you make decisions without panicking in the face of adversity? If you can't rely on yourself, all the survival equipment in the world won't help you.

Do you have the judgment and maturity to back away from unsafe situations? Remember, the best survival kit is one you'll never have to use.

And finally, does your survival kit go along on all your outdoor ventures? Even the best kit is useless if you don't carry it with you.

ESSENTIALS: Map & compass Butane lighter Knife Heavy-duty aluminum foil Whistle Space blanket	SIGNALING DEVICES: Signaling mirror Flashlight paper & pencil (to leave messages) Coins for a pay phone Flare, smoke candle or water dye	Single-edge razor blades High-energy foods like tropical chocolate bars or hard candy
SHELTER: Tent Plastic sheet Plastic garbage bag Nylon cord Duct tape Extra clothing	FOR DRINKING WATER: Iodine tablets Ziploc bags (for transport) Canteen Purifier systems (available from camping supply companies)	FIRST AID: Adhesive bandages Gauze pads Moleskin Aspirin or Acetaminophen Adhesive tape Soap Lip balm
FIRE STARTERS: Waterproof matches Metal Match Candles Chemical fire starters Cotton or toilet paper for tinder	FOR CATCHING OR PREPARING FOOD: Fishing tackle (hooks, sinkers, etc.) Broadheads Saw Wire	MISCELLANEOUS: Wire saw Safety pins Sharpening stone or steel Insect repellent Sunglasses Survival literature

Laurie Longshore awarded scholarship



Laurie Longshore

Laurie Longshore, a student at the University of Idaho, was awarded the 1995 Alabama Scholarship from the National Tour Foundation.

Laurie, a resident of Valley Head, is one of 20 scholarship winners selected in 1995 from among students representing colleges and universities throughout North America.

In addition to the \$1,000 award, she will receive a complimentary registration to the National Tour Association annual convention at Orlando, Fla., in November.

Laurie, the daughter of Larry and Helen Longshore, maintains a 3.22 grade point average on a 4.0 point scale.

UGF CAMPAIGN UPDATE

At the Final Report Meeting of this year's Campaign held on Wednesday, November 1, a total of \$289,037.29, or 95.4% was reported toward this year's \$303,000.00 Campaign Goal.

Amount reported in each division and percentage toward each division goal was:

Industrial	\$ 197,781.31 or 91.6%
Commercial	\$ 25,535.11 or 98.2%
Professional & Special	\$ 15,831.00 or 80.0%
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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

It's November—just remember—soon December! Get to hopping—do Christmas shopping—now that is a nice reminder, but if you do it gradually, it isn't so painful.

The foliage is so beautiful! Venna Livingston, Mozelle Crow, Christine Brooks, and Sue and Foyl Cooper joined a group on the Southern Belle for the color cruise down the Tennessee River. They had a wonderful day and delicious meal aboard the boat.

Sadie Cooper took Lester Hawkins to Ider to help her uncle, Melvin Smith, celebrate his 90th birthday. He is very active and doing well. Other nieces and nephews attended to wish him a happy birthday.

Evelyn Clark's sister-in-law, Boots Salmon, and son, Keith, his wife, Kathy, and children, Meredith and Lindsey, and Evelyn's sisters, Violet Barker and Anna Daniels, had a spend-the-day party with her and Loy recently.

Carmel Gifford and Eloise Morgan, wreck victims, remain in critical condition in the Trauma Unit of the I.C.U. at Erlanger Hospital. Jewel Palmer is recovering at the home of her daughter in Montgomery.

Christine and Walter Brooks visited her sister, Jimmie Clements, at Huntsville Hospital. She is improving from surgery.

Glad to report that Mathew Hulan is back in school after surgery as the result of an injury in football practice.

The threat of Hurricane Opal drove Mary and Ted Holleman home after a week in Daytona Beach. They had a big tree down in their yard as a result of the storm.

Jim and Dallyne Jones, Grace Jones, and Rachel Manning enjoyed a 28-day-trip thru the west. They saw Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, Glacier Park in Montana, Salmon River Gorge in Idaho, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, and the Grand Tetons. They visited Salt Lake City, the Flaming Gorge in Utah, and the Grand Canyon in Colorado.

A.J. Brown has returned home after a mule deer hunt with a group of friends in Douglas, Wyoming, thru New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Beverly and Shane Wright had a lot of fun in La Vegas. Shane was there to set up a booth at the Trade Show for Ovalstrapping. They stayed at the Imperial Palace Hotel. They saw Hoover Dam, Seigfred and Roy White Tigers at the Mirage Hotel and visited Caesar's Palace.

Adelaide Biddle visited her daughter, Mary Lou and David Carmichael and their daughter, Tara, in Dallas, Ga. Adelaide is justifiably proud of her granddaughter, Tara, who was elected Miss Paulding County in Dallas, Ga., and also elected Senior Class Beauty.

Mary and Ted Holleman attended the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII celebration at VFW Hall in Ft. Payne, Oct. 22. Ted was one of the readers of the names of deceased veterans. He was a captain in the Army Air Force in the Communications Division.

There was a good inspirational singing at Violet Hill Church. The Canaan Airs were singers.

Thanks to Shaw Industries for having the blood mobile at their plant on Oct. 25. There was a good response.

New Home Church had their annual Halloween Celebration with a bonfire, hay ride, and covered dish supper.

The Valley Head UMW met Oct. 24 at the home of Laura Margaret Allison with Elizabeth Coleman as co-hostess. Helen White and Geraldine Hawkins had charge of the program, "Stop, Look, and Listen," with others taking parts. Venna Livingston was elected as chairperson of nominations, during the business session conducted by president, Eloise Brown, and Laura Margaret giving Secretary-Treasurer's report. Elizabeth announced a church cleaning for Nov. 13 at 8:30 a.m. A thank offering was taken. Others present were Mary Crow, Marjorie

Gray, Vesta Hawkins, Gladola Holleman, Frances Longshore, Adelaide Biddle, Mary Holleman, and Sharon Lee.

Gail and Jim Gaylord, after spending time in N.Y. visiting friends and attending to business, came back by Nashville and visited the Upper Room. They were very impressed by the reverence and beauty displayed.

Mary and Ben Cashion spent the day, recently, with her mother, Frances Longshore. Frances and son, Larry Longshore, enjoyed a trip to New Salem's Fall Festival.

My cousin, Bill Fuller and his wife, Blanche, from Madison, Ala., invited me and Emily and Barry Brown to meet them at Henagar Steak House for dinner, Sun. Oct. 29. Then, we visited I-59 Flea Market and spent the afternoon at Emily and Barry's home. The Fullers had returned from a tour of England and Scotland and brought us beautiful lithographs of Holy Trinity Church and Shakespeare's birthplace.

Sincere sympathy to the survivors of Bill Livezey who passed away Oct. 18 after a long illness. He was a retired mail carrier, and those he served said you could set your watch by his service, he was so punctual, and dependable, and above all, he was a good man.

Tammy Hawkins, bride elect of Mathew Pilson was honored with a lovely Bridal Tea at the home of Mrs. Larry Longshore on Oct. 15. Other hostesses were Mrs. Robert Berry, Mrs. Gayla Blalock, Mrs. Charles Hatt Sr., Mrs. Charles Hammond, Mrs. Danny Hopper, Mrs. G.S. Killian, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. Curtis O'Daniel Sr., and Mrs. Hoyle Smith. Tammy and Mathew were married in a beautiful ceremony, Oct. 28, at Saddle Rock Camp in Mentone. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

Also, congratulations and best wishes to Charlotte Smalley and Jimmy Frazier, who were recently married. They will live at Mentone.

Sharon Lee is continuing her Bible Precept Study, "Lord, I Want To Know You." The book was written by Kay Arthur. The study is very inspirational and uplifting.

May each one of you have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and appreciate the beauty around us and the blessings we have!

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For rest at night in a clean, soft bed,
For food to eat and absence of pain,
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For clear, clean air, for ease of breath,
Joy of living and release in death,
For all the beauty that surrounds us—
For God's love and blessings that abounds for us—
Give thanks for everything as you pray—
Make ev'ry day your Thanksgiving Day.

—Eloise Brown

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine Donahue

Two long freight trains rumbled past Winston Place with the engineers blowing their whistles for all five crossings as the Valley Head Woman's Club met there in October. This reminded us of the importance of railroads during the past century.

Dot Blackburn, president, presided. Focusing on the theme for this term, "Reflecting on the Past and Reaching to the Future," Velma Hammond gave the devotional based on two articles by Billy Graham. (1) "In the Beginning" states that God was love before He made the world and us. (2) "Focus on the Future" says God has a plan for the future, and the future is in God's hands. She concluded with Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?"

Leslie Bunch gave a brief history of the Winston family and Winston Place. The Winston family was a prominent family in England with Winston Hall being their ancestral home.

Three Winston brothers, William, Isaac, and James, migrated to Hanover County, Virginia. William Overton Winston was born in Virginia. His parents, John G. and Lucy Winston, moved to Rogersville, Tenn., where William Overton studied law and was admitted to the bar. Later, he and his wife, Maria Louise Beene, settled in Alabama, first at Lebanon, the county seat of DeKalb County at the time, and then to Valley Head at the head of Wills Valley. His first home was a two-room log cabin with a dog trot between the rooms. The present home was built around the cabin and was completed in 1837. The original acreage was about 3,000 acres.

William Overton Winston was prominent in Alabama politics and voted not to secede from the Union as did Winston County.

At one time during the war, 60,000 Union soldiers camped in Wills Valley with 30,000 at Winston Place, and the officers staying in the house.

After the war, Col. Winston developed the Wills Valley Railroad, now a part of Norfolk and Southern.

In 1944, Hatchie Hammond, grandfather of Leslie Bunch, bought Winston Place. Leslie and her husband, Jim, have restored the house to its original splendor and operate it as a Bed and Breakfast.

The Council Tree at the corner of the lawn where Sequoyah taught his alphabet to the Cherokees was blown down by a storm in 1938. A historical marker of the spot was installed by the Valley Head Woman's Club.

Guests were Mary Nell Fourtenbury of Decatur, Texas, and Peggy Howe, associate members.

Hostesses, Leslie Bunch, Dot Blackburn, Doris Carmichael, and Susan Hooks, served delicious refreshments from the thoroughly modern kitchen, which had tall windows facing Lookout Mountain, and an octagonal ceiling with the original beams exposed.

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PRESCRIPTIONS

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The focus for November at the Moon Lake Baptist Church is "Giving Thanks." There will be a Youth "Disciple Now" November 2-5, where the youth will go together with the Minvale Baptist Church youth group. The youth will be divided into different families and will be put in a host family for the weekend. Each host family will have a teacher and a helper and will go through the same material. The material is Life Style Evangelism. There will be a hayride on Friday night at Moon Lake and on Saturday a concert where all the youth will come together at Minvale. On Sunday morning, there will be a breakfast at Moon Lake, and the entire group will attend worship together at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. There will be a fellowship meal at the church for the entire church at 6 p.m. on November 8. The J.O.Y. group will be making a trip to Berry College for a tour on November 14, followed by lunch in Rome. The next regular J.O.Y. meeting will be on November 30, at 11:30 a.m. at the Moon Lake Baptist Church. A community Thanksgiving service will be held at Moon Lake Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 7 p.m.

The ladies of the Mentone Church of God will be making candy this month. If you are interested in **homemade candy for Christmas**, please call the church and place an order. On November 29, a special youth night is planned. Adam Haynes will be the guest speaker.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have a women's retreat during the weekend of November 10-12 at Sewance. The men's retreat will be held on November 17-18 at Nippersink Lodge. On November 26, all Sunday School classes will get together to make advent wreaths to take to their homes during December.

The District Superintendent will be at the Valley Head United Methodist Church on November 19. Breakfast will be served at the church that morning, and the quarterly conference will be held, electing officers and attending to other church business. The UMW will not meet again until January. The October fifth Sunday singing was enjoyable with a number of people singing solos. The fifth Sunday community service was held at the Methodist Church, with DeVan Jackson leading the singing.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to worship services at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

Saturday, November 11, beginning at 1 p.m., will be Youth Day at the Mentone Revival Center. There will be a Ladies Conference at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. All the singers and speakers will be from this area.

The Valley Head Baptist Church will show a film entitled, "The Jesus Film," on Sunday evening, November 5, from 5-7 p.m. On November 12, the veterans will be recognized in the Sunday morning service. There will be Gideon speaker in the evening service on that date. On November 19, there will be a mission study from 5-7 p.m. Cantata practice continues on Monday evenings. The Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 16, at the Fountains at 6:30 p.m.; on December 17, at the Mentone United Methodist Church at 5 p.m., and at the Valley Head Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

The youth of Union Hill Baptist Church will be presenting for the third year the Christmas play, "Holiday Hoedown." It will be presented at The DeKalb Theatre on December 14, 15, and 16. On November 17, the youth will be going to

Birmingham for a Mark Lowry performance. There will be a churchwide Thanksgiving covered dish supper on Wednesday, November 22, at 6 p.m. Sunday, October 29, was a good Sunday with a number of visitors in the service. Sunday School showed a record attendance.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Don Brock will be conducting a revival at the Browntown Church of God of Prophecy November 1-5. Everyone is invited to attend. A bus trip to Fields of the Wood, a Biblical theme park in North Carolina, will take place Saturday, November 4, 1995. This will be a comfortable one day trip for the cost of \$10 per person. For more information or reservations, call Yvonne Brock at 634-4164. The public is invited. David and Patricia Browder, missionaries to America Samoa, will be making a presentation during the morning worship service (11:00 a.m.) Sunday, November 5, 1995. They are visiting the U.S. for a short time and will be dressed in native attire while presenting the current situation of Samoa. The public is invited. A special Thanksgiving service will be conducted on Sunday morning, Nov. 19. There will be no service at the church Wednesday evening, Nov. 22. The church will be participating in the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on that night, being held, this year, at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

On November 18, several members of the Mentone United Methodist Church will be attending a Mark Lowry Concert in Chattanooga. Charge conference is November 19 and the District Superintendent will be here for the election of new officers, and presenting of reports. The UMW will meet on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Fellowship hall. Catherine Bailey has the program, "World Thank Offering," and Maxine Wright is the hostess. The youth meet at 4:30 p.m. each Sunday and the first part of the evening is for puppets, drama, and music; followed by a snack supper. The program begins at 5:45 p.m., and activities (games, crafts, etc.) at 6:15 p.m. The new member and teen confirmation classes start at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church's revival will start Sunday, Nov. 5, with the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. Revivalist will be Pete Benson of the Discovery Wesleyan Church in Huntsville. Monday through Wednesday, the service will be at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. Pastor Randy Addison reports that expansion to the parsonage has been completed with a bedroom and a den constructed. Expansion of the sanctuary has already begun, and a new restroom and a large nursery will be the first priority.

J.O.Y.

The Just Older Youth will meet on November 30 for a regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Moon Lake Baptist Church. There will be a covered dish meal. The newly-elected president, Evelyn Graves, encourages all persons over 55 years of age to join the group for these meetings. They are fun, informative, and open to everyone. The J.O.Y. group will make a trip to Rome, Georgia, on November 14, to tour the Berry College campus, followed by lunch in Rome and a short shopping spree at Mt. Berry Mall.

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will meet on November 9 at 6 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

Community Thanksgiving Service

The 1995 Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Moon Lake Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 22, at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Writing/Publishing Seminar

Dave Carney from Heritage Publishing Company will hold a seminar on November 8, from 10-12 at The Mentone Inn. Any person who is interested in writing or publishing is invited to attend. If you plan to attend and are interested in having lunch, please call Jim Lyday at 634-4403 by November 7, so lunch reservations may be made.



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What a fascinating trip we had recently when we took a two-week tour of China. This was not a country I had in mind as a priority, but we had seen a video of it a few years ago at Disney World and that kindled an interest in a beautiful country. Beth, a travel agent in Ft. Payne, arranged the tour for us. We met the other six people in our group in Seattle, Washington, and immediately made friends. All of them were fine, congenial folks, who we enjoyed almost as much as the trip.

It was an eleven-hour trip from Seattle to Beijing, and it was a pleasant one, with no turbulence; so we slept half the time. There were some vacant seats, and we used plenty of pillows and blankets and bedded down.

We spent two full days in Beijing at a first-class hotel called Landmarks. We met our International guide, Mao, and our local guide, Li. We arrived there at 5:15 in the morning of the same day we left America because of crossing the International Date Line. We rested about three hours, met our guides, and went to lunch. Afterward, we toured the summer palace, where the emperors and Empresses spent their summers in a luxurious palace surrounded by beautiful gardens and a lake. The weather was beautiful and about the same temperature as ours. They were entering the fall season the same as us. Then, we went to the Cloissonne factory, which was the highlight of the trip for Homer and me because of our interest in this art for a few years. We watched the entire process of producing these wonderful works of art. All of it is hand done. The vases and other articles are formed of brass and small pieces of brightly colored enamel are applied by hand by beautiful girls sitting at a desk and following a design drawn on paper. The pieces are so beautiful after being polished and fired—it's stunning. We did some Christmas shopping here.

Then, we were off to see the Great Wall that I have read about for years. We traveled in a van with just our group, a driver, and our guides. The driver had to be good to dodge the many bicycles on the roads. It was about a 50-mile ride to the mountainous area where we could view part of this structure. It is, of course, one of the eight wonders of the world. How they got the huge stones up the mountainous terrain is a mystery. It is beautiful to behold, as it curves around and over the high peaks for about 3600 miles. I climbed steep steps up about half the ascent and felt I had really done something.

It was a nice sight to have our covers turned down on our beds and a lovely orchid on the desk at Landmark Tower Hotel when we returned after dinner. Our feet were tired, and this was a most hospitable gesture that made us feel at home.

The next day, we saw Tian'anmen Square, a very beautiful huge area surrounded by beautiful buildings and landscaped with lovely plants. It is larger than I expected—the place where political rallies are held and where we became aware of it when a massacre of students occurred a few years ago.

We learned from Li that there are eleven million people in Beijing and eight million bicycles. It was amazing to see all the people going to work in the morning. They looked like ants when viewed from our thirteenth floor window. Some of the lovely girls wore frilly dresses and high heels, just pedaling along with the crowds. Very few people can afford cars, and many of them rent their bicycles.

Then, we flew to Xian, a smaller city of millions, but not as large as Beijing. Our local guide, Helen, showed us many interesting historical highlights here. We were especially fascinated with the Wild Goose Pagoda, and the museum filled with some of the tools and cooking utensils used by some of the earliest settlers of the country. The grounds were very well landscaped at the Pagoda. Many lovely roses were carefully tended and were blooming. This area was a good place for walking, and the guide did not rush us as much as Li did in Beijing. The tower was so named because the people who were hungry,

prayed for food and a wild goose fell from heaven. The monks thought it was sacred and would not eat it. The pagoda was used by Xuan Zang to house and translate the Buddhist scriptures. It has seven stories and is 64M high. One could climb to the top via spiral stairs for a view of the city. It seemed that everything we admired had to be reached by steep stairs.

We had lunch, and then visited the Terre Cotta soldiers museum and burial grounds. That was one of the most unusual things we have ever seen. It looks like an entire army of soldiers, horses, and carriages lined up to go into battle and buried that way. The first group of the army was discovered by a peasant who was digging a well in 1974. They are near the tomb of the first emperor of China—Qin Shi Huangdi. About 6000 figures have been standing here for over 2000 years. The soldiers can be identified by rank of the headdress they are wearing. Many were unearthed by archeologists in 1976, and they are still digging. A book could be written on this strange thing.

And we visited a silk rug factory nearby where we watched pretty girls hand weaving beautiful designs into carpets. One of our group bought one and had it shipped to Salt Lake, City, Utah, where he lived. I think he paid over \$4,000 for it.

We flew from Xian to Guilin and stayed at the Fubo Hotel, a very beautiful one, with all nice amenities. The floors of the lobby were pink granite, polished to a sheen.

By this time, all of us were a bit tired of the Chinese cuisine, but Homer was almost sick. We had wonderful western-type breakfasts, and we learned to take some rolls with us to tide us over.

Early in the mornings, the local senior citizens were exercising in a little park outside our hotel, and we could observe them from our window. The people are health conscious, and their food is healthy. One morning, I joined the group, but I looked stupid trying to do the graceful maneuvers they did.

The first morning in Guilin, we took a boat tour on the Lijiang River, which was very scenic, and we didn't have to walk. The river flows between mountains that are granite peaks like huge scalloped edges to the river. We saw local farm women doing their laundry on the banks of the river in the primitive manner, rubbing them on stones. Some of the men were gathering river grass, packing it in baskets placed on flat rafts made of bamboo. They spread it on the banks of the river to dry and then store it for the winter to feed water buffalo and pigs. It was fascinating to see herds of water buffalo feeding on the grass in the water. Sometimes, our van would have to stop and let herds of them cross the roads.

The second day in the city, we visited some of the most beautiful caves I have ever seen. I believe it rivals Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Outside, we were followed by vendors trying to sell us books on the cavern and other trinkets.

We went to the park where a huge rock formation resembling an elephant is the attraction. Many cameras were clicking.

After lunch, we visited the University of Guilin where our local guide, Stewart, received his education. These guides use English names because it would be hard for us to pronounce the Chinese name. Then, we went to the zoo where we hoped to see the Panda bear, but the little furry animals were asleep. We sat and watched a circus-type show with animals, which was very professional.

We looked at so many Buddhist temples that I quit taking notes. They are very old and beautiful—a bit strange to us and somewhat mysterious. I got the feeling that the laughing Buddha was laughing at me! Buddhism came to China from India and is the chief religion, but Taoism is the national religion, our guide told us.

We flew from Guilin to Hangzhou at night. This was a smaller city and was the home of our lovely guide, Mao. She was named for chairman Mao, whom they revere. Mao was excited because she was going to be our local guide in her home city. We stayed at the Hotel, which was a 5-star accommodation—very nice, with pink floors in the lobby again. We had wake-up call at 6:00 a.m., breakfast in the hotel at 7:00 and left for the silk factory at 8:00. Hangzhou is the silk capitol of China. We saw them spin the thread, dye, and weave it into beautiful material. The silkworms, which we didn't see, are kept in huge trays and fed with mulberry leaves every four hours around the clock. Droppings are used for fertilizer. The cocoons are boiled before threads are pulled from them. Five silkworms will produce enough thread to make a blouse.

We toured a tea farm where the tea plants were growing, and we were ceremoniously treated to a cup of green tea, which Chinese say is very healthy. A one-pound tin of it costs \$25 in American money. (The Chinese currency is the Yen, and our

dollar is worth eight of theirs). There were gift shops there, and we did more shopping.

We took a ride to Wuxi, and here, again, were hordes of people riding bikes. I saw one with a mattress and box springs on it. Some were loaded with bricks, and the poor cyclist was pedaling hard. Some of the bikes had box-like beds attached to the back and were for hire for delivery service.

We visited West Lake at Turtle Head Park and took a boat ride there. We heard the legend of the White Snake, which I won't relate.

Another train ride took us to Suzhou. The train ride gave us a chance to observe the many beautiful farms and rice paddies. All were very neat, and every piece of land was utilized.

We went to an old park called Tiger Hill, where we saw a carnival parade and dragon dance. They used traditional music, which is loud with many cymbals and two-stringed instruments.

We rode a boat one day down the Great Canal, and that was a pleasant day where we observed the many barges loaded with coal, bricks, rocks, sand, and other building materials. China seems to be rich in natural resources. There were so many barges that our captain had to do some maneuvering to keep from being rammed by another one. Some people live on the boats, and we could see laundry hanging out to dry. There was usually a man, a dog, and a woman on the scows that they called home.

We missed seeing church spires on the city landscapes. We only saw one Christian church. There are no cemeteries. The country is so overcrowded that everyone is cremated.

A family is only allowed to have one child, so they are very precious. They loved to show them off and have us photograph them.

We visited jade plants and a pearl factory, where we were shown how they seed the oysters with small mussel instead of putting sand in them. We bought strands of cultured pearls at a reasonable price.

In Nanjing, we visited the famous double bridge that the people are so proud of because they were told it could not be done. It is a great engineering feat. We went to the Nanjing Museum and the Confucius Temple. We loved shopping here as much as the sights. I bought four teapots and would love to have gotten more, but space would not permit.

From Nanjing, we rode the train to Shanghai. Here, we saw the old traditional Chinese part of the city with the beautiful roof shapes made with tiles. Shanghai is a port city of many cultures—some parts are American, and others represent many other countries. We drove along the Bund, which was interesting, but could not walk on it because it was blocked off for special entertainment. The next day was the first day of a week-long celebration of the national holiday.

The next day was our last day, and we asked to skip the Jade Temple in order to do some last minute shopping. We had our bags packed and ready to return home.

We had a good trip, but it is always good to be home again.

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Daniel Leon Smith

was born August 9, 1995, at BMC in Ft. Payne. Daniel weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz., and was 20-1/2" long at birth. Daniel is being held by big brother, Gregory, 10. Proud parents are L. A. and Lesa Smith. Grandparents are Katherine Smith, Henagar, and Harlon and Bonnie Wilemon, Hyde, Ala.

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Her happy grandparents are Gene and Karen Potts of Valley Head, and Melvyn and Jeri Jeter of Normal, IL. Great-grandparents are Hoyt and Naomi Potts of Mentone; Betty and the late Joshua Killebrew of Cadiz, KY; Ed and Joan Powell of Wichita Falls, TX; and Bonnie Evelyn Jeter of Bloomington, IL. Great-great-grandmother is Sallie Cora Killebrew of Hopkinsville, KY.

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VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

taken from the September/October issue of
The Purple and Gold

Valley Head Receives an Artistic touch

By Sarah Hatfield

Perhaps you have noticed the Tiger in the front hall, the Ocean Scene in Mrs. Maddox's room, or the Tigers on the fieldhouse. These depictions were painted by Sissy Crider, a graduate of Valley Head and Jacksonville State University where she received her bachelor's degree in art. Sissy was artist in residence for both Valley Head and Moon Lake last year, and this year, she starts at Geraldine and will visit seven schools. Sissy would like to thank Christy Ferguson for her help on the mural in Mrs. Maddox's room. We students would like to thank Sissy for the beautiful paintings!

Future Homemakers of America

by Christy Ferguson, Reporter

This summer, the FHA officers attended a future Homemakers of America camp at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Payne. While at camp, they learned what their jobs are as officers and also how to carry them out. The officers for 1995-96 are: Stephanie Hester, president; Joseph Hall, vice-president; Crystal Wright, secretary; and Christy and Misty Ferguson, county rec-leaders.

The members started the year by hosting a B.Y.O.B.-bring your own banana-party, and had a great time "pigging out" on banana splits. In future meetings, they plan to have a blood drive, visit the nursing home, and host a masquerade party.

Valley Head Beta Clubs

by: Kayla Bell, Reporter

The Valley Head Senior Beta Club officers for 1995-96 are: President-Jennifer Robertson; Vice-President-Rhonda Owens; Secretary/Treasurer-Shaunathan Bell; Reporter/Student Council Representative-Kayla Bell; and Photographer-Haley Johnson.

The club set up a booth at the DeKalb County VFW Fair commemorating World War II and won \$100 for first place. They also held their annual Candlelight Induction Ceremony for the new Beta Club members on Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Valley Head School Auditorium.

The club plans to attend the State Beta Club Convention in Birmingham, March 14-15. The main fundraiser for this trip is the Pie-In-The-Face Contest. This is the fourth year that the Senior Betas have held this contest. The student body and community has a lot of fun participating in the action. Volunteer projects include: the Adopt-A-Mile Program, delivering fruit baskets to the elderly, and the Toys-For-Tots Program.

by: Shaunathan Bell, club reporter

Congratulations to new Beta members who were inducted on Oct. 12: Rene Brendle, Krissy Brown, Teri Campbell, Christy Ferguson, Angie Hunt, Kim McElhaney, Jason Meadows, Chad Mosher, Tonya Turgeon, and Heather Wilbourn.

The Junior Beta Club is also looking forward to a successful year. They plan to attend their annual convention in Montgomery for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the new Junior Beta Members who were inducted on Oct. 12, 1995: Eric Battles, Ashley Blalock, Shelly Brown, Slade Carden, Emily Collins, Toby Crider, Amanda Goss, Amanda Hall, Virginia Hatfield, Shelia McKinney, Laura Martin, Becky Mays, Laura Pullen, Matt Watson, and Leeanne Wooten. Dr. Pat Seymour was the speaker for the Beta Club induction ceremony.

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

Both students and faculty are thoroughly enjoying the Japanese teacher, Yumika Muramatsu, who is working with all the grades, K-6. She is introducing them to the Japanese language and to many aspects of Japanese culture. She will remain at Moon Lake until the end of school in May. Yumika is from Kariya-Shi Aichi, which is near the major city of Nagaya. She works at Nagaya Tokyu Hotel as a receptionist. She graduated in 1994 from Sugiyama Jogakuen University. Her major was English Linguistics. She enjoys listening to music, snow skiing, making tea, and traveling. This is her fourth trip to the USA. She has also been to Thailand and The United Kingdom.

Everyone is excited about the upcoming Harvest Festival. (See announcement on the back page.)

Friday, November 10, will be a holiday in observance of Veterans Day. This year, for the first time, there will be three holidays for Thanksgiving--November 22, 23, and 24.

The next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 13.

The school will be participating in the American Heart Association Jumping for Heart during the month of January.

This year, we have several people who have been honored as Moon Lake Heroes. The latest ones to be added to the hall of Heroes are Becky Easler, volunteer cheerleader sponsor, who is doing a lot of work with the girls, including new uniforms and pom poms for the girls. The school also honored her husband, Dudley Easler, and Donny King who are volunteer basketball coaches. They are very enthusiastic about the basketball season and building a spirit of family among the team members and promoting pride among Moon Lake students for their school and their teams. The basketball games will be exciting this year as families participate. Drawings for prizes will be held at each game. Items such as jackets, free movie rentals, caps, photo enlargements, cleaning from Parker's Cleaners, coupons from Hardee's and other eating establishments, and other door prizes will be given. Parents and community members are invited to pep rallies at 2 p.m. each Friday afternoon.

Schedule of Games

- Nov. 4 - Plainview II at Moon Lake 9 a.m. (3rd & 4th grades only)
- Nov. 11 - Moon Lake at Henagar 9:00 & 9:50 a.m. (both teams)
- Nov. 18 - Ider at Moon Lake 9:00 and 9:50 a.m. (both teams)
- Nov. 25 - Crossville at Moon Lake 9:00 & 9:50 a.m. (both teams)
- Dec. 2 - Moon Lake at Plainview 9:50 a.m.
- Dec. 9 - Moon Lake at Ider 9:50 and 10:40 a.m. (both teams)

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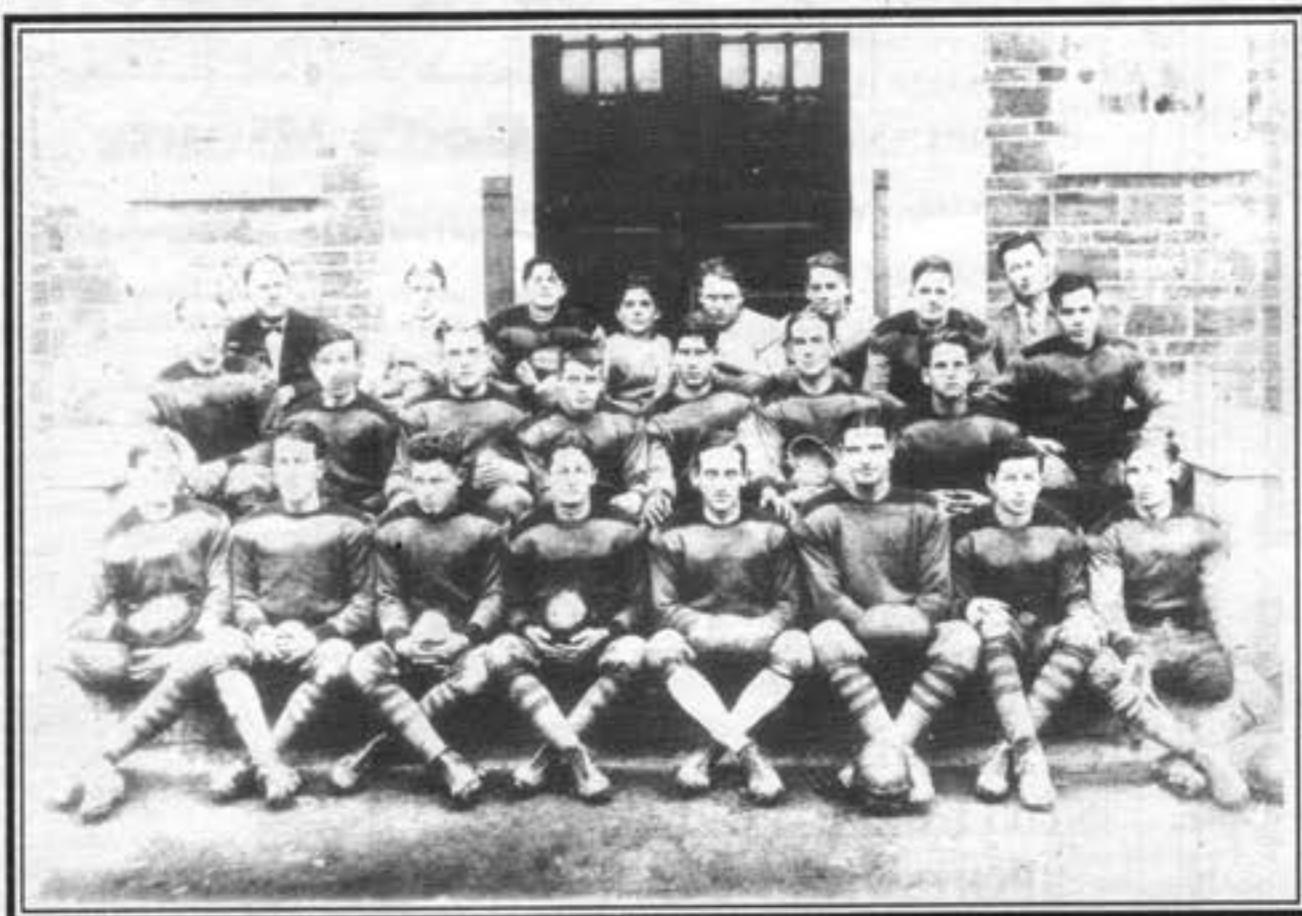
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FOOTBALL PLAYERS IDENTIFIED

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Groundhog readers who identified the players on the 1925-26 and 1940-42 teams were Adelaide Biddle, Valley Head, Ala. and J. P. Thornberry, of Menlo, Ga., and Bill Manning, of LaFayette, Ga. Each will receive gift certificates for 10 Hardee's burgers and a gift subscription to The Groundhog to be sent to the person of their choice.



Parson Davenport, Unidentified McMahan, Jim Malicoat, R. B. "Duck Head" Culpepper, Ruben Beck, Ronald Shankles, John W. (Bill) Ellis, Joe Chadwick, Byron Biddle, L. D. "Pat" Culpepper, Jude Stinson, Paul "Hustler" Davenport, Billy Manning, T.H. "Buddy" Davenport, W.O. "Opel" Davenport, Fred Manning, Bill Emerson, Bob Hawkins, Carlton "Dude" Gifford, Ronald Lee, Jarvis "Dotty" Gifford, Lauren Thornberry, Bill "Scutler" Smith, Ralph "Slick" Bauerle, Coach Hudson, "Patcher" Bartlett, "Winker" Jones, and Clyde Fischer.

Photos courtesy of Joy Hester, Valley Head



Row 1: Ben Holleman, Ray Freeman, Alva Hammonds, Chester Cooper, Ted Davenport, Forest Reece, N.B. Haston Jr., Leonard Tate. Row 2: Leonard Hammons, Carlton Williams, Olin Hearn, Jesse Carr, Grady Hall, Manning Cofield, Roy Hartline, David Alexander. Row 3: Ovie Davenport (Coach), Horace Hulgán, Lawice Cooper, Frank Hixon, George Crow, Fred Hammonds, James Huron, N.B. Haston Sr. (Coach)

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Dinosaurs Alive!

By Kim Worthey

If any of you Groundhog readers get the chance before November 12, you and your children need to check out the dinosaur exhibit at the Gadsden Cultural Arts Center. The admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5 to 12, and children under 5 are free. Upon entering, everyone receives a passport to stamp at each matching dinosaur, but one of them is missing. To find it, you have to take a scavenger hunt to the Gadsden Mall, and get your final stamp. These dinos are so realistic, even their eyes move! Visitors get to animate a dinosaur themselves, make stencil colorings of them, see a lifesize head and leg of tyrannosaurus rex, watch dino eggs hatch, dig for fossils, and see the complete town of Gadsden in miniature. But that's not all—children (and parents) can play in "Imagination Place," where they can dress like fire fighters or postal workers, make computer art, go on a shopping spree, drive an ambulance with real lights, disc jockey at WKID radio, see a miniature tornado, watch sand dunes form, make smoke rings, see themselves in infrared light, fly, and much more. Believe me, this exhibit is well worth the small entrance fee to see it. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Monday through Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Sundays. How do you find it? Look for the big orange tail busting out of the roof!

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- ☺ Was the head dietitian at Camp Skyline for 4 years; and
- ☺ Owned and operated a grocery store for 30 years. As if this isn't enough, she
- ☺ Has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Psa. 100:2

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psa. 100:4

As we enter into this Thanksgiving season, let us stop a moment and count our blessings. Thank God for food, clothes, a place to sleep, and a church to worship. Some have been too busy to go to church faithfully. Let this be month of entering into His gates with thanksgiving. Be thankful unto Him. Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Happy Birthday to Tyler Huskey. Tyler celebrated his 7th birthday on July 20. He is the son of Lisa Patterson, and the grandson of Joyce Huskey of Mentone.



We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Mentone Volunteer Fire Department and our friends and neighbors who assisted with our recent fire.

Ann and Bill Benton



MOON LAKE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 1995
5:30 P.M.**

There will be games, drawings for prizes, food, traditional crowning of Harvest King and Queen, and more. Plan to join the children, teachers, parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends, for a great time and help support the school.

**Everyone is invited
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