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1997 COLORFEST A HUGE SUCCESS

By Doreen Waters

After months of hard work and preparation, MAPA's fourteenth October "Colorfest" arrived, transforming the usually tranquil Mentone area into a densely populated but festive community of vendors, entertainers and visitors. Although the trees were apparently not yet ready to display their fall splendor, the weather was gloriously cool, clear and crisp. The events that make up Colorfest were better than ever, with the largest number of vendors and the greatest variety of entertainers in the fourteen-year history of this popular festival.

A record crowd bundled up and attended the Friday night bonfire, sitting on bales of hay, sipping apple cider and hot chocolate, and munching on popcorn, while Tony Goggans entertained them with everything from the "Hokey Pokey" to "Blue Moon." While the camera crew of the film, *Southern Heart*, captured the action, children toasted marshmallows as their parents danced to "The Twist" and other earlier hits. Tony also sang several well-known John Denver songs as a tribute to the late singer/songwriter. Interspersed with the music were spooky storytellers, including Jack Jones, Bill Patterson, Jim Lyday, and several children who stuttered and stammered their way through ghost tales that sounded suspiciously spontaneous. Local resident L.M. Flannigan, who enjoys events like these perhaps more than anyone, entertained the crowd with his foot-stomping hoedown during "Rocky Top." As the nearly-full moon rose over Lookout Mountain, the Good Witch Bernise made her appearance, initially spooking the small children but endearing them to her with her black kettle brimming with candy.

Saturday morning marked the beginning of two days packed with festival activities. More than fifty vendors filled Brow Park with beautiful handmade wares. With a breathtaking view just a glance away and music from entertainers at the pavilion providing a festive atmosphere, festival visitors shopped till they dropped among the handmade treasures, including beautiful pottery, Shaker-style oak furniture, jewelry, woodcarvings, antique dolls, embroidered pillows, glassware, Christmas decorations, quilts, canned goods, walking canes, bird feeders, musical instru-



David Wassom, Grand Marshal of the 1997 Colorfest Parade, riding in automobile driven by Jack Jones, parade organizer, with Jerry Waters, MAPA President, as passenger "Mr. MAPA"

ments and Native American crafts.

The annual parade rolled through downtown Mentone and made its way through Brow Park Saturday afternoon. Parade participants included several antique Chevys, 1997 Rhododendron Queen Adrienne Lee Beaty and her court, First Princess Annie Daniel and Second Princess Nicola Broyles, the Shady Grove Dude Ranch hay wagon filled with children from "Camp Riverview" (a fictional camp for handicapped children created for the film *Southern Heart*), an antique car club of more than a dozen Model A Fords, and the Grand Marshal of the parade, Mentone Springs Hotel owner David Wassom.

Festival visitors were delighted to see the return of the popular pontoon boat rides originating just above DeSoto Falls on Little River. Throughout the day Saturday and Sunday, boat captains took more than 1,200 riders up the river to see the fall colors and enjoy the peaceful serenity of a leisurely mini-cruise.

Highlighting Sunday afternoon was a drawing for the winner of a raffle for a queen-size quilt handmade by local Mentone craftsperson Lola Mae Blalock. Rhododendron Queen Adrienne Lee Beaty drew the name of the lucky entrant, who coincidentally was

one of Colorfest's most popular performers, Michelle Ortega-Edwards. Michelle, a teacher at Nature's Classroom in Mentone, clothed in colorful and somewhat musical apparel, gave several demonstrations of Native American traditional dances at the pavilion Saturday and Sunday.

Reports from festival organizers indicated total Colorfest attendance estimates of 5,000 visitors. Most vendors, including those selling food and drink concessions, reported strong sales, some even selling out of their inventory completely. MAPA President Jerry Waters said, "We had such a great festival that almost half the vendors have already paid for booth space for the Rhododendron Festival coming up in May of next year. It seems like everyone - visitors, vendors, entertainers and festival volunteers had a great time. We love it when things go smoothly and everybody's

happy. It makes it all worthwhile." MAPA booth volunteers reported that several visitors signed up as new members, giving a much-needed boost to this non-profit organization. The MAPA booth, which provided visitor information about the Mentone area and free *Groundhog* newspapers, also offered beautiful Colorfest sweatshirts with an original design featuring the MAPA mascot, the beloved groundhog.

Mentone area organizations who profited directly from 1997 Colorfest, aside from MAPA, include the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District, Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, Moon Lake School, Boy Scout Troop 106, and Lyrly School.

See Colorfest photographs on pages 2, 12, and 13.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

•Monday, November 3, 6 p.m., (NOTE CHANGE)
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall

•Tuesday, November 4 - ELECTION DAY

•Tuesday, November 4, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef

•Saturday, November 8, Moon Lake School HARVEST
FESTIVAL - 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Gymnasium

•Tuesday, November 11 - VETERANS DAY

•Wednesday, November 26, 7 PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
at the Mentone Wesleyan Church

•Thursday, November 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY

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Friends of Little River

meeting, third Tuesday of November,
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Fischer Rescue Squad Building

Mentone Town Council

meets the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, November 3, 1997, at 6 PM.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT JERRY WATERS



Well, we did it! If you were not at the 1997 MAPA Colorfest you missed out on all the fun. It appears that all of the hard work and advertising are paying off. Everyone I have spoken to has said they believe this was our biggest turnout in years. I know it was the biggest since Doreen and I have been in the area. A BIG round of applause to everyone who helped before, during, and after the festival. I won't list names because, with my luck, I will leave out the one person who will get their feelings hurt. I would also like to especially thank those staff members of Nature's Classroom who helped in so many ways throughout the festival - and they weren't even MAPA members. A special "Thank You" to Ellen Thompson for all the hard work and long hours she put in as the Festival chairperson. She did an outstanding job. It was hard to believe she had never done this before. Perhaps this will inspire those other MAPA members who have not really gotten involved in the past to "step up to the plate" and help us with future festivals.

The festival opened Friday night with a huge turnout for the bonfire. Tony Goggans entertained with song and we had stories from Jack Jones, Jim Lyday and several others who rose to the occasion with stories of their own. Everyone seemed to really have a great time as we sang and danced to the Hokey Pokey, the Twist, the Macarena, and other great tunes. Tony sang several John Denver songs in a tribute to the late songwriter/musician. Estimates are that there were between 300 and 400 "rabble rousers" of all ages having the time of their lives singing, dancing, sipping hot apple cider, roasting marshmallows, and enjoying the simplicity of the evening. I think everyone went home thinking there need to be more times like that in life. I know I did.

Saturday and Sunday were jam packed with entertainment, good food and lots of good vendors selling a wide variety of really nice arts and crafts. I spoke with every vendor present and they were all well pleased with the turnout and their sales. All total we had 53 vendors present, 21 of which have already paid for and reserved their spots for the Rhododendron Festival coming up next May. The parade was a hit as always, and this year we had David Wassom of the Mentone Springs Hotel as our Grand Marshal. There were about 15 or 16 antique vehicles including Model A Fords and a 1955 Chevy Belair convertible. I could go on and on about the festival activities but I will leave that to our Groundhog reporters.

Now is the time for me as the President of MAPA to once again encourage each of you to become more active in your association. As much fun as we had and as successful as the festival was, we still need more participation from our members. I appreciate all of the financial support we received in response to our mailout of quilt raffle tickets to our members. The raffle was a huge success. However, we need your physical help as well. It seems that ever since I have been involved we see the same faces doing all the work. Don't get me wrong. I am GREATLY APPRECIATIVE of the hard work these individuals perform; however we need larger numbers of individuals to volunteer their time if we are ever going to see our goals accomplished. Those of you who live in the area should make sure you attend our monthly meetings so you can enjoy the benefits that come from being an active participant in MAPA. If you live out of town, make sure you plan to attend whenever you are in the area. For those long distance members, if you will contact us, we will find something that you can help with as well. It may be as simple as licking some envelopes and applying postage for mailouts. Whatever your talent or ability, we can use and need your help. I know that many simply do not know how they can help. Please just call and we will help you find a way to become active. For those who simply have the attitude, "I sent in my money. What else do they want from me?" I have this to say: Send us another donation, and we will quit nagging you!!

Don't miss our November meeting. We are going to talk about the festival, what worked, what didn't work, and changes for the future. Come and be a part and help us as we work toward seeing our vision for a museum/visitor's center/MAPA office become a reality. Thanks again everyone who was a part of this festival. Whether your role was large or small, we appreciate it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mon Oct 13, 1997

7979 Cox Gap Rd

Boaz (Mountainboro), AL 35956

Dear Editor:

In reply to so many kind folk who have asked about my relationship with John Denver, (nee John Deutchendorf) who recorded one of my compositions, Richard Lockmiller and I met him in So. Calif in the early 60s right before we (Richard & Jim) recorded the capitol LP "Two Boys From Alabama". John had just changed his name to Denver and was touring the coffee house and folk club circuit and had not yet obtained a record contract. We found out he had started his music career in Montgomery, Ala., in Jr. High School, as a guitarist for a band from the Air University there where his dad Col. D. Deutchendorf was an Air Force Commander. The band was "The Cruisers." (John's dad passed away several years ago.)

We kept in touch over the years and there was mutual respect among the three of us artists and writers. In fact, when I recorded my personal first version of "Grandma's Feather Bed" and John sang the harmony part, he was concerned whether he had done the part as well as Richard could have done it.

John first heard "Feather Bed" in 1968 at Hotel Jerome in Aspen, Co., and asked if he could record it some day. I made him a tape of it that very night. In 1974, he finally recorded it and was most directly responsible for popularizing it around the world. He helped me immensely and continued to stay in touch until the very end. Earlier this year, we had a mini-reunion at his concert at Fox Theater in Atlanta, along with his right hand man, Chris O'Connor.

The greatest thing I ever saw him do on stage was "The Lord's Prayer," in American Plains Indian Sign Language, as he verbally quoted the prayer. Beautifully done. Later, I asked him if he personally used the prayer in private the way the Bible intended its use and he looked me straight in the eye and said, "I sure do, Jim." John is with is dad now and we wish them Good Flying.

Sincerely,

Jim Connor, former resident of Mentone, composer of "Grandma's Feather bed", etc.



Michelle Ortega-Edwards is the winner of the hand-made quilt and is shown as photographed while performing as one of the entertainers at the Colorfest.

Christmas Party for the Children

Be watching for the notices setting the date and time of the annual Christmas Party for the Children sponsored by MAPA and the DeKalb Ministerial Association.

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SPORTS

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By
PHIL HARRIS



National Sports at a Glance

Major League Baseball: The Florida Marlins won the World Series title. Getting by the Braves was the biggest obstacle. Atlanta played with very little emotion, and paid for it. Atlanta needs to find some hitting in the off season. Cleveland surprised the world. They proved that it is not how you do during the regular season—it's how you finish that is important. Getting hot at the right time is the key. Baltimore was nearly as big a disappointment as Atlanta.

NBA: The Chicago Bulls go after a third title in a row. Age is the biggest hurdle for the champs. Keep an eye on the Seattle SuperSonics and the Phoenix Suns. The Bulls may not dominate this time. NBA finals: Bulls vs. Suns.

Auto Racing: Bobby Hamilton won the AC Delco 400 at Rockingham. The second career win for Hamilton. Jeff Gordon has all but locked up the Winston Cup points championship. Mark Martin and Dale Jarrett have to hope for Gordon to have bad luck to catch him. Only two races remain, Phoenix and Atlanta.

NFL Football: Denver, San Francisco, and Green Bay are starting to flex their muscle. They are the best, though they need to keep an eye on some very solid teams. Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Minnesota, NY Giants, and Seattle are teams to be reckoned with.

Chicago, Indianapolis, Arizona, Cincinnati, New Orleans, Saint Louis, and Atlanta are battling for Peyton Manning.

College Football: The Florida Gators got a piece of humble pie, finally! The National Championship is up for grabs. Nebraska, Florida, FSU, Tennessee, and Michigan are the top teams. North Carolina, Penn State, and Washington have ridden soft schedules to where they are.

Groundhog top ten: 1. Nebraska 2. FSU 3. Florida 4. Tennessee 5. Michigan 6. UNC 7. Penn State 8. Washington 9. UCLA 10. Auburn

The SEC Championship is still up for grabs. Auburn is in the drivers seat for the Western Division title. The East, Florida is in control. A Gator win over Georgia, will just about decide it. Tennessee may be the best team in the SEC, Georgia will have to beat Florida for the Vols to prove it.

Sports on the Scene

The Tigers win!!! What great news for a struggling program. Coach Jerry Brown has had more than his share of problems. Beating Gaylesville had to be like winning a state champi-

onship. Now, the playoffs are the next step. If—make that when—the Tigers beat Collinsville Saturday night, they will qualify for the playoffs as area runner ups. Section will be the next victory. Go Tigers, we are all behind you!

Groundhog pick: Tigers 20, Collinsville 14 in OT. Mentone and CBS recently finished up the fall softball season. CBS (9-3) finished third in the league and brought home a trophy. Mentone finished at 4-8. Both teams really improved during the fall and look forward to the spring.

DeKalb County football has enjoyed some ups and downs. Here is a look at each team.

Plainview (6-2): The Bears are finally on a roll. Plainview lacks a strong running game, though. Plainview plays North Sand Mountain and Sylvania in the next two weeks. They need to win both games for the 3A area 14 title.

Fyffe (6-2): The Red Devils lost for the fifth straight time to Plainview last week. That's not even the bad part. They also lost star Jeff Pitts for the season. Fyffe needs win over Geraldine to win the 2A area 14 title. They play Crossville this week.

Ider (5-3): The Hornets clench the 2A area 14 runner up spot with a win over Section. Coach Wells has built a solid program at Ider.

Crossville (7-1): The Lions won their fourth straight area title by beating Susan Moore. The 3A area 13 champs have been a big surprise this year. They get a tough test this week against Fyffe.

Fort Payne (5-3): The Wildcats lost a heartbreaker to North Jackson. Fort Payne must defeat Scottsboro, and hope Albertville beats North Jackson to get into the playoffs. Fort Payne let a golden opportunity slip away.

Sylvania (2-5): The Rams have fallen on hard times. Injuries have depleted the once proud Sylvania team. Ever since an early season surprise over Crossville, the wheels have run off.

Geraldine (4-4): The Bulldogs have hung tough against stiff competition. They have exceeded all expectations. The playoffs are practically out of the question.

Valley Head (1-7): The Tigers whipped Gaylesville 27-18. They set themselves for a chance at finishing as runner up in 1A area 13. The Tigers battle Collinsville for a playoff spot Saturday night at Valley Head. Could things be turning around?

Collinsville (4-4): The Panthers are .500 against a soft schedule. They must defeat Valley Head to make the playoffs. This game is a toss up.

Pisgah (2-6): The Eagles need Plainview to beat NSM and they make the playoffs. Coach John Kirby's team has really come on at the end of the season.

The Valley Head pee wee football teams finished up the season. I had hoped to get records and top players for the 9-10 and 11-12 year-old teams. Maybe next month.

Basketball is just around the corner. From what I understand, the Valley Head Lady Tigers will have their eyes set on Birmingham.

Well, that does it for another month. May God bless you all.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Devoted fans and Superette regulars, Halloween has come and gone, with the goblins and ghosts. Trick-or-Treaters will not be back for another year. Thank goodness moi still has tootsie pops on the shelf. Without them, the year would be bleak.

Everyone had to complain about the heat and dry weather and look what happened! Every night when moi took Pop home, moi's beautiful paws got all wet and muddy. Lucky for moi, it's a short trip. Now, it's so dark when we leave, Pop has to carry a flashlight. Not only that, but it's COLD! Moi loves his comforts.

Pete and Pepi Perkins, on their Honeymoon from Gulf Shores surely missed "The Great One" recently. Moi was "staying over" at the hated vet's place in Fort Payne while Pop was in the hospital. Lucky for moi Pop's back at home and in the Superette. As much as moi hates to admit it, moi surely misses Pop when he's away!

The movie folks have been working away for the past few days and weeks. The movie, **Southern Heart**, is being filmed in downtown Mentone—well, you know what moi means! They were up at the Log Cabin Deli and Lookout Mountain Properties building early this week. The crew filmed around town during the Colorfest and the cast rode on a wagon in the parade. How much more can this little town stand? Hope they also make a video of the movie. They don't let dogs go into movie theaters. Even though moi is not actually a dog, for all appearances sake, others think moi is. However, moi is actually a splendid canine with no match anywhere on this world—or the universe, for that matter.

Connie and Michelle Davis of Pearl River, LA, stopped by the Superette and made pictures of moi to take back to their home and brag about meeting the world-famous Brutus. Guess they will take the pictures to show-and-tell everyone. As it should be. Moi is the greatest, you know.

Charles and Ava Dittmore of Gadsden bought moi a tootsie pop so they could see the tootsie pop strut. This splendid canine did not falter, but went right to THE spot, selected THE tootsie pop, came back to moi's spot between the counters, unwrapped the treat, and ate it. Boy, was it good! Eat your heart out, folks!

Recent travelers during the Colorfest visited moi at the Superette. **Joy and Charles Stearns** were from Gardendale, AL. They showed the proper respect for The Great One.

Melissa Crane brought her dog Judy to the Superette to see what a REAL canine looks like. Judy was properly awed by moi's splendor.

Well, OCTOBER 18 was the big day for moi - it was moi's 6th Birthday. For all those fans out there that were not aware of this momentous day, cards and gifts are still being accepted. Since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, moi will be only too glad to continue receiving and will be thankful, thankful, thankful.

Pop and moi have had a LONG day, and with the cold weather, we won't waste any time getting to the house. Let moi get under those covers and get warm and comfortable. There's plenty of room for Pop—we share.



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Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

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Jeffrey and Leeland Bullock were contacted by the producers of the movie, *Southern Heart*, to take part in the movie that is being filmed at Riverview Camp.

Congratulations to the Valley Head Band and Color Guard for their 13th year of all 1's (superior) at the DeKalb County Marching Festival. (That is 13 consecutive years!) The marching festival was held at Crossville this year and the weather was beautiful. The band was great and each member deserves a hand.

Congratulations to this year's Valley Head Homecoming Queen, Heather Wilborn Smith. Heather is the daughter of Bill and Fran Hawk of Valley Head and the wife of Chad Smith.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Laura Johnson of Valley Head. Laura was a very friendly person and liked by many. She will be greatly missed.

Adis Childers will also certainly be missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family as well as the family of Slim Mathis. Both were kind people who would help anyone at their time of need.

Paula Grisham did a beautiful job of decorating in front of the Valley Head Water Works office.

Walt and Laura Pullen celebrated their birthdays together with their family in Rome, GA. Everyone had a great time.

Elliott Yamada, son of the late Shelia Hammond Yamada and grandson of Maureen Hammond, celebrated his 18th (can you believe it!) birthday on October 7th. Elliott is a senior at Darlington in Rome, GA. His sister, Camilla, is a junior there.

Congratulations to Eagle Candidates Ken Miller and Ryan Drake. Ken's Eagle project involved the creation of a gravel pathway leading from the Moon Lake Head Start building to the school's cafeteria, lined by railroad ties on each side, and the construction of a wooden lattice enclosure around the school's dumpster, accessible by a swinging gate on one end. Ryan's Eagle project interfaced with the construction of a butterfly Garden Ecocenter at Moon Lake Elementary School. He created a dry streambed to direct water runoff properly through the ecocenter and built a wooden footbridge to allow access across the streambed.

The Valley Head Band Boosters have a beautiful handmade quilt they are selling chances on. Clara Bridgeman used her skill and patience to create this lovely "Valley Head Tigers" quilt. It is on display at the Valley Head Water Works office if anyone would like to view it, and chances are also available there for only \$1.00 each. The quilt will be given away on December 2nd during the Valley Head/Gaylesville basketball game at Valley Head. All proceeds will go to the Valley Head Band. Chances are also available from band boosters.

Get well wishes go out to Judy Windom who has recently had surgery. She should be back to work soon.

Gerry and Inga Krause will be off to their winter home in the Florida Keys for a few weeks. They plan to return to Mentone for the COLD weather before moving permanently to Mentone. They want to sell their Florida property. Anyone interested in buying, selling, or trading, can call 634-3620 or 305-872-2757.

The Valley Head Kindergarten classes visited the animals at the VFW Fairgrounds on October 6th. All the animals stayed around after the fair left so they could see the children. That sure was nice, wasn't it? All the children had a great time and all was just fine until Pam Dean had her foot run over by a wagon wheel. (Be more careful next time Pam!)

Congratulations to the Valley Head Freshman class on their winning homecoming float, "Haunt the Hornets".

We are happy to see and feel the new speed bumps in front of the Valley Head school. They have been needed for a long time.

Eleanor Moerlin's niece in Kentucky gave birth to a baby boy on October 18. Eleanor's sister-in-law visited in Mentone for a week and then they went to Kentucky to see the baby.

Alma Crabtree and Rovene Truett had visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Litterand and Mrs. Norma Smith from Rome, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wideman of Birmingham, AL; Mr. and Mrs. Gerome Crabtree of Henagar, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stoner of Birmingham.

The Valley Head Band Boosters and Valley Head P.T.O. would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped work in the concession stand during the ball games this year. We couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks to everyone who supported the concession stand.

Mountain Mama's Craft Store in Mentone and in Cloudland, Ga., will be closing for the winter soon. Morgana and Fayann welcome you in the Mentone store. Barbara Lieu said that the Cloudland store will be open the three days after Thanksgiving during regular hours (noon-6 PM, GA time) on Nov. 28, 29, 30. After that, they will close for the winter. So you need to make your selections now for Christmas presents.

Malcolm Brewer has been feeling a good bit poorly lately. Keep him in your prayers. He said he's feeling some better. Hang in there, Malcolm. We love you!

Keep William Blackburn on your prayer list. He's been to the doctor and recently was in the hospital for several days.

Jean Elrod Mathews has been going to flea markets and is feeling some better. Keep her in your prayers, also. Daughter, Pam Baggett, has a shop across the street from the Superette called Cottage Collectibles.

Sue and Bill Schwarz returned from a trip to Sue's parents in Maryland. When they got here, Pat and John Johnson and their daughters Mary and Lydia and Mary's friend Ashley Pinton were there and had the cabin nice and warm. Dinner was also being prepared for Sue and Bill. After the long trip home, Sue said, "It was really nice to have friends and a warm house to come home to."

Congratulations to Jennifer Blake of Valley Head who was recently inducted into the Northeast Alabama Community College's Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics honor society.

Congratulations to Rovene Truett on the opening of her new shop, Ro's Kreations, located right across from the Superette and next to Cottage Collectibles. Rovene opened her shop the day before the Colorfest, and has been very busy.

Tiffany Harper, 6, of Valley Head, weather drawing appeared in the Oct. 14 issue of *The Times-Journal*. Good job, Tiffany.

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Scott Brubaker, Aug 19.

Happy November Birthdays to: #2- Roger Allen Brooks, #3- Sandy Hulan, Emily Platt; #4- Pat Lewis; #5- Ronnie Robertson, Gail Worthey Chambers, Tracy Platt; #6- Tommy Harrison III, Duane Blalock (21st!); #8- Jonathon Black (3 yrs.), Michael Harrison, Jason Owen; #9- Barbie Hester, Carol Hazel, Buddy Burnett, Laura Harrison McKenzie, Melissa Worthey Miller; #10- Velendia Miracle; #11- Movie Blalock, Andy Harcrow, Gerry Bain; #13- Lendell Chappell, Phyllis Carter, Kim Langston Bailey; #14- Kenneth Hammond, Austin Harrison; #15- Lee Carden; #17- Randy Green (Brenham, Tx.), Lorelei Dillenbeck Lauro (Va.), LeLani Dillenbeck (Va.); #18- Sharlie Harcrow; #19- Tara Cahill; #21- Carolyn Hicks, Keith Hadley, Gerald Bailey; #23- Dr. Pat Seymour (In Memory of), Teresa Brown (Gulfport, MS); #24- Jessica Thornberry; #25- Robin Westbrook; #26- Krissy Worthey Harris, Bill Miracle, W.A. & Polly Chambers (Anniv.); #27- Carrie Ruth Kirby, Kim Worthey, Lesley Blalock; #28- Maxine Wright, Adam Tuxbury, Patricia Kellett, Velendia and Bill Miracle (Anniv.); #29- Claudia Croxton, Brian Blalock; #30- Joyce Blankenship.

Condolences to the families of:

James Mathis, 71, of Valley Head, who died Oct. 7

Laura Johnson, 54, Valley Head, who died Oct. 12

Claud Russell Cassidy, 94, of Ft. Payne, who died Oct. 16

Herman Alligood, 87, of Valley Head, who died Oct. 22

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Dr. Pat loved a reason to celebrate. "Will refreshments be served?" she'd ask at any gathering. Thanksgiving time, as well as any other special day and time of the year, was always welcomed. Often her November 23rd birthday would fall on Thanksgiving Day. She bought presents and flowers for others on her birthday and took food to others or invited others to eat with her.

The Christmas season follows Thanksgiving and Christmas was her very favorite time of the year. She would recite the Christmas story by heart and loved hearing Silent Night, as well as other Christmas Carols. She sent cards to everyone she felt needed a card—just because she cared about them.

Dr. Pat never missed an opportunity to do something for others, no matter how tired she was or how bad she felt, as long as it was doing for others, she felt uplifted. If you ever received one of her Mentone Tabernacle Choir calls, you know what I mean.

You are truly missed, Dr. Pat, by all your family, close friends, friends, and those who knew you just a little bit. We do miss you and think about you often. We hope that some of your kindness rubbed off on us and that we can be a true friend to others, just as you showed us by your life.

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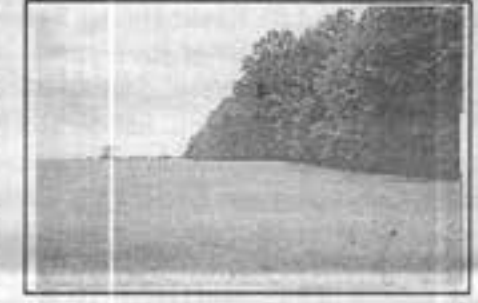
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Front Row: Marty Griffin, former owner and director of Saddle Rock; Donna Bares, assistant director of Riverview
Back Row: Ellen Roberts, Saddle Rock program director; Polly Cameron, Saddle Rock assistant director; Susan Hooks, owner/director of Riverview Camp for Girls; Inza Fort, assistant program director of Saddle Rock

1997 SADDLE ROCK MOM AND DAUGHTER WEEKEND

By Marty Griffin

The weekend of October 4th & 5th brought moms (some second generation campers) and their daughters from all over the Southeast back to Mentone to share a unique time together. This was the Saddle Rock mother/daughter weekend hosted at the new Riverview Camp for Girls. It was the first opportunity for the Saddle Rock parents and campers to be officially introduced to Larry and Susan Hooks and their Riverview staff. In addition to the Saddle Rock directors, Ree Poliman and her two daughters from Meridian, MS, and Mary Beth Shields and Kay Quinn from Nashville, TN, attended along with their daughters. Donna and Johnny Bares, as well as Ann and Steve Harrell and Tricia Blansit, rounded out the group seeing to it that everyone had a great time.

The weather cooperated fully as everyone participated in arts & crafts, riding, project adventure, hiking, canoeing and tennis. Saturday night was topped off by a big shrimp boil prepared by Chef Johnny and his able culinary assistants Larry Hooks and David Mays. A great time was had by all as they enjoyed singing around a warm campfire, s'mores, and vespers.

With all of its camps, it is an important ingredient in the atmosphere of Mentone that parents and their children gather together over the years to enjoy a common experience. It's a great way for a town to be remembered.

Health Nugget Colds and Flu--Yee-uck!

By Dowe Foreman

It's cold and flu season again. (Is it actually a season?) and I thought you might be interested in some natural and free ways to boost your immune system. First of all, here are things that can really open you up to disease: using alcohol, tobacco and drugs, such as marijuana or cocaine. Also, eating lots of sugar, proteins, fats, and salt rates right up there with drugs. Interesting, huh? I guess it pays to not overdo anything.

But here's the good stuff. Exercise and fresh air do wonders. Eating lots of whole grains, nuts, fruits, and vegetables, (Guess you knew that was coming!); water, inside and out, hot and cold showers raise your white blood cell count! Fever - if you do get sick, let your body heat kill those germs (doesn't need to get overly high.) God has given us lots of natural ways to fight against disease. Let's use 'em and be healthy!

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Moon Lake School News

By Evelyn Graves

The next PTO meeting will be on November 4, at 6:30 PM, to make final plans for the Harvest Festival which will be held on Saturday, November 8, 5-8:30 PM in the gymnasium.

The first basketball game will be versus Ider at Moon Lake on November 1. The 3rd-4th grade team will play at 10 AM, the 5th grade team will play at 11:00, and the 6th grade team will play at 12:00. There will be no game on November 8. On November 15, Moon Lake will play at Plainview. The same teams will play at the same times as the above schedule. On November 22, Collinsville will play at Moon Lake with the same teams and the same schedule. On November 29, Moon Lake will play Ruhama at Ruhama. The same teams will play, except the schedule will be one hour earlier. The Tigers are coached by Allen Crow, Eric Kirby, and Jake Pinholster. The cheerleaders are being coached by Cindy Harrison.

On Monday, November 10, Moon Lake students are presenting a Veterans Day program. All veterans are invited to attend. The program will be presented at 8 AM in the school gym.

On Thursday, November 13, a workshop will be offered to the public on organizational skills, which is a parenting topic.

There will be no school on November 11 to celebrate Veterans Day.

There will be no school on November 26, 27, and 28 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The school is pleased that floor tile and windows in the main building will all be replaced within the next couple of months. This project is through State funding appropriated by the Public School and College Authority, secured for DeKalb County by Representative Ralph Burke, and appropriated for Moon Lake School by the DeKalb County Board of Education. Dr. Berry, principal, states that they are also very pleased that the main building and the cafeteria building are connected by a covered sidewalk. The PTO will soon construct two additional sidewalks which will connect existing sidewalks to the Kindergarten building and the new school restrooms.

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The Church News By EVELYN GRAVES



The Mentone Church of God will have a guest speaker from South Africa in both the morning and evening services on November 2. His name is Hamilton Filmlater. The church will participate in the Community Thanksgiving service at the Mentone Wesleyan Church on November 26.

Curtis Bridges, former pastor of Moon Lake Baptist Church, will be the speaker on November 30. The Moon Lake youth will be delivering fruit baskets to various people in the community on November 22. JOY will meet at the Community Center on November 20, at 11:30 AM.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have an All Saints Party at Nippersink Lodge on November 1, at 6 PM. The first Sunday lunch is on November 2. The youth event has been postponed. It will be held in November, however, the date has not been confirmed. There will be another Pastor's Night during November, but that has not yet been set. There will be an A.A. meeting at the church on Thursday and Friday nights, at 7 or 7:30 PM.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church will have the Quarterly Conference on November 16, with breakfast at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The District Superintendent will be present for this meeting.

The Valley Head Baptist Church will have a church supper and business meeting on November 5, there will be a Brotherhood Breakfast and meeting at 8 AM on November 8, November 9 is Stewardship Sunday, with emphasis on stewardship in the message for that Sunday. On November 11, there will be a Women on Mission meeting at 2 PM. November 16 is Shoebox Sunday. This will be the climax of this mission program. On that same date, there will be a Foreign Mission study 5-7 PM. The church will participate in the Community Thanksgiving service at the Mentone Wesleyan Church. On November 30, Don and Gwen Reese, Foreign Missionaries to Nigeria, will be speaking in the service. That evening a Vesper Service will be held 5-7 PM, and the Hanging of the Green will take place at that time.

Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and enjoy an Old Fashioned Gospel Singing on the 15th of November. The Featured Singers will be The McClure Family from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bonnie Easler from Mentone, and Carol Busby from Valley Head. This will be the 3rd Saturday Night starting at 6 PM. Harmony Grove has truly been seeing miracles happening in their lives. From a start of only 7 in April, they had 64 present in attendance on High Attendance day. Pastor Richard Pope invites everyone to come and Discover the Difference at The Old Country Church, A House Built By God. Sunday School 9:45 AM, Morning Worship 11AM, Evening Service and Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6 PM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services at the Woodmen of The World Hall in Valley Head. Everyone is invited to attend Sabbath School and Song Service 9:30 - 10:45 AM, Worship service 11:00 - 12:00. We have Bible studies each Thursday night at 7:00. Come help us search the scriptures! Everyone is welcome.

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

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to attend the morning worship service each Sunday at 9 AM. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

Union Hill Baptist Church is excited about many events that are taking place. The Youth are planning for an annual retreat to Pigeon Forge where they will meet with other youth from all over the Southeastern area. The youth are doing various fundraising activities to make enough money to finance this trip. The children (3-11) made a trip to Opryland on Saturday, October 25, and children as well as their adult chaperones had a marvelous time. They received none of the stormy weather that we experienced while they were away. The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, November 26, at 6:30 at the church. November 9 is Stewardship Sunday. The church welcomes 9 new members.

The Mentone Revival Center invites everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The Church of God of Prophecy invites you to attend worship services at 11 AM each Sunday. Youth Services are held every third Sunday night.

Mentone United Methodist Church will have a Service of Remembrance on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bible study on the book of Hebrews continues each Wednesday at 11 AM at the fellowship hall. Following the study, a light lunch is served. The PPR Committee meets on Nov. 2 at 5 PM. On Nov. 15, the Finance Committee meets at 5:30 PM, and Administrative Council at 6 PM. Charge Conference is on November 16. The new District Superintendent, Gerald Chapin, will be at the 11AM service, and afterwards, a covered dish dinner to welcome him.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church will be hosting the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 26, at 7 PM. Rev. Gary Moore will be the speaker for the service. There will be special music. Plan to attend with your family and friends.

MCCARY, JAMES HENRY, age 74, died



Friday, October 17, 1997. He was the great grandson of two of Birmingham's founders, John M. Milner and William F. Nabers. Retired Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Southern Life and Health Insurance Company, he

lived at Mentone, Alabama, and part time in Birmingham. He served three years with the 20th armored division in the European Theatre in World War II and took part in the liberation of Dachau. He received his B.S. degree from Auburn University and was a member of SAE fraternity. Jim was president of the Birmingham Botanical Society of the Botanical Gardens of Birmingham, on the Branch Advisory Board of AmSouth Bank, boards of both Downtown and Metropolitan YMCA, explorer leader of Boy Scout Troop 53, board of Alabama Archaeological Research Association, member of Rotary and Birmingham Country Club, active member of St. Joseph's on the Mountain Episcopal Church in Mentone, Alabama, having served on the vestry as Junior Warden, and he formed and has funded the St. Joseph's Scholarship Fund since 1987. He was a member of Independent Presbyterian Church, where he served as chairman of the board of Deacons, and on the board of Children's Fresh Air Farm. He also attended and was a Friend of Redeemer Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He is survived by his wife, Lynette Angell McCary; son, John Milner McCary and wife, Merryly Taylor of Birmingham; three daughters, Edith McCary Ham and husband, Ronald Dean of San Diego, Ca.; Lynette McCary Thomas of New Orleans, La.; Rebecca McCary Parrish and husband Randy Lee of Jamestown, NC; ten grandchildren: John M. McCary Jr., James Taylor McCary, Abbie Chapman McCary of Birmingham, Mary Kate Ham, Scott Turner Ham, San Diego, Ca., Emily Olivia Thomas, Wiley Milner Thomas, New Orleans, La., Elizabeth Worthington Parrish, Caroline Parrish, Sarah Lynette Parrish, Jamestown, NC. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 20, at Elmwood Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were: Paul Angell, William N. Culp, Charles A. Culp, Hubert M. Stiles, Clay O. Stiles, Fred Dow, Fred S. Jones, Philip Jackson Jr., William Warren Jr., W.T. Goodloe Rutland, John E. Shepherd, James G. Tatum, Boycie Anderson, all of Birmingham, Jerry Smith of Mentone, Ala. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be sent to the McCary St. Joseph's Scholarship Fund, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Mentone, Ala. 35984; Redeemer Church Outreach, 605 Hagood St., B'ham, Ala. 35213; or to the Independent Presbyterian Church Outreach, 3100 Highland Ave., B'ham, Ala. 35205, Radout's Valley Chapel in Homewood directing.

James H. McCary (Jimmy) passed away in Birmingham October 17. He lived here in Mentone on Cutler Avenue for many years. In fact, I called Jimmy and Lynette our harbingers of spring. Jimmy loved Mentone, and gave generously to help with many projects. He had a little farm on Cove Road where he loved to plant corn and other vegetables and flowers. Jimmy loved St. Joseph's Episcopal Church and gave so many things that have been a blessing to those who attend services there. He had the parlor room built as a memorial to his mother and father. It's a nice, large room where adult Sunday School classes are held and Garden Club, Heritage Foundation, and MAPA have used it for public meetings. All of us in the square enjoy the Carillon he had installed at the church. It plays hymns at noon every day.

Jimmy also started a scholarship fund to help community students who need assistance with college expenses. This will be continued. His wife, Lynette, survives him, as well as four children and ten grandchildren. We shall miss Jimmy for a long time.

--Bernise Crow

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Edward Jones



Another Colorfest has been successfully completed. We had lovely weather even if a bit chilly. Hard rain had been predicted, and I'm glad we didn't get that.

Our young people produced a festival not to be rivaled by any previous ones. Many thanks to **Ellen Thompson** who was chairperson of this event. It was all entirely new to her to head up a craft show, and she did it well. Chuck Peters handled publicity well.

Our story-telling and music by the bonfire was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time, from the oldest to the youngest of us. Tony Goggans did one of his best performances and a lot of people danced around the bonfire, doing little routines the children could do. L.M. Flannigan probably had more fun than anyone. We were joined by Jamie Collins who is screenwriter for the movie, *Southern Heart*, being filmed here in Mentone.

Joyce Waters sold refreshments and Moon Lake School sold popcorn and cookies. I think they did quite well.

Jack Jones told most of the stories, but some of the children told good ones. We had many visitors who come every year for this event. Harriet Pentz ("Cooter"), her cousin Sherry & Sherry's brother Bruce Bennett from Washington, D.C. These people are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Bruce who lived here many years. They rented the house on Linchpin Road for more than 50 years. After the Bruces died, the grandchildren purchased the house and come for visits as often as they possibly can. We are always happy to see them.

The highlight of the entertainment was the "Mark Twain" characterization rendition by Autry Pinson. He dressed in a white suit, held a cigar in his mouth, and just told tall tales as the real Mark Twain did. All entertainment was good and we had plenty of it. I couldn't see all of it because of keeping the antiques shop open.

We had fifty-three vendors and they seemed to do well. I always like to see them sell their wares so they will want to return.

Jack Jones organized the parade with Jerry Waters presented as Mr. MAPA and David Wasson, owner of the Mentone Springs Hotel, was Grand Marshall. Our Rhododendron Queen, Adrienne Beaty, and princesses, Annie

Daniel and Nicole Broyles, added beauty, as well as Jamie Collins who is starring in the movie. There were fifteen lovely antique cars for added attraction, blowing their old fashioned horns. Jim Roberts drove the fire truck to lead the parade. It was fun. This festival was probably the largest crowd we have ever had. The boat rides were good, and we were glad to have them back this year.

We did not have the Groundhog Classic Run, and some people were very disappointed. A man from Gadsden who works with a runners club offered to help do the run next year.

Our Boy Scouts did a wonderful devotion for us on Sunday morning, in addition to parking cars and cleaning up trash. Thank you boys and Scout Leader, David Gilbreath and Assistant Leader, Dr. Bill Berry.

We were happy that it did not rain, but disappointed that we had no foliage color. This is the first time we have failed to show some brilliant leaf coloring since we started the Colorfest fifteen years ago.

The movie crew shot some footage of the parade, boat rides, and the entertainment. So, if you see yourself in the movie, don't be surprised.

It is sort of like a homecoming when we have these festivals. Many friends return and come in to speak to us. Margaret Sharp and a friend from Gadsden came, and it was good to see her since we had not been in touch in years.

We have finally had a good rain, and our colors will be good in about a week.

Summer passed quickly. We are into Autumn and before long, Christmas will be here, and I won't be ready. But I look forward to Christmas, just like a child. It's an exciting time of year when we decorate the town, businesses, and our homes. We have so commercialized Christmas that we almost overlook Thanksgiving, which should be given more attention. I love to read stories about the first Thanksgiving, which the pilgrims shared with their Indian friends.

Happy Thanksgiving Day to all of you and may your favorite football team win!

As a finale: We had an elderly man in the shop with a group of retirees, and he sat by the heater because it was a cool day. He said to another man, "We better keep moving or they will think we are one of the relics."

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Autumn is here again in northeast Alabama but our foliage has not recognized it yet as we have been having quite warm days and nights until the second week of October. Our gardens are still producing and that has thrown us off a bit with the usual fall chores like mulching, clean-up and so forth. Fall is also the time to lime the gardens and lawns.

If you grow asparagus, it's time to work in liberal amounts of manure and epsom salts (for healthy root growth) and repeat the process in spring.

Applying organic mulch such as pine bark around landscape trees and shrubs conserves soil moisture, moderates soil temps and helps keep weeds down, but piling bark mulch directly up against the trunks invites rodent damage as they tend to get in there and nest and feed on the bark. To avoid the problem, apply mulch no more than 2" - 3" deep, a layer too shallow for mice and voles to take up residence. If winter-hungry rabbits or rodents nibble at the bark of trees and shrubs, wrap the trunks with a circle of hardware cloth or ordinary window screening making sure the barrier covers its trunk from the ground to one foot up.

If you have caught on to the health benefits of garlic, now is the time to plant them for summer harvesting. Garlic likes a rich, weed-free soil and trace elements such as elemental sulfur and wood ash. Plant the largest cloves as garlic tends to down-size. There are two types of garlic, soft neck and hard neck. Plant the cloves 3" deep for harsh winter conditions.

The most important key to growing blueberries is to keep the soil pH in the 3.5 - 4.5 range (that's acidic) and a way of ensuring that is to use elemental sulphur to lower the pH, also suggested is a thick layer of an acidic organic mulch such as pine needles or oak leaves, then top-dress that with a sprinkling of sulphur once a year, and let it work its way down. Be careful when cultivating close to the berry bushes as they have lots of fine roots near the surface.

This past year, my grape vines suffered a bit from mummified grapes which is also known as black rot and is quite common in the humid south. A few experts suggest a way of dealing with the problem without using expensive fungicides. The best place and time to break the cycle is the over-wintering stage (the dried-up berries), the fungus in these mummified berries come to life in the spring and produces large quantities of spores, which are ejected during the spring rains and land on the new foliage, starting the cycle again. To break this cycle, when you prune, pick up and destroy all the clippings and burn or dispose of them in a proper fashion. If some mummified fruits remain on the stem, remove them and dispose, also rake up under the vines and destroy all the debris. For added protection, it is suggested that crimson clover be sown under the vines as the clover blocks the spores that are released, also don't cut the clover lower than 4" - 5".

Now, an update on the results of the Jerusalem artichokes that I bought from the grocery store in the fresh produce department. Well, the three small tubers that I bought for about a dollar a piece have produced results. When the flowers and foliage began to dry, I tried to pull up the sunflower-like stalks. It was impossible, so I loosened the soil around the base and began to work the stalks up. What a surprise I was in for, as out came this root with simply tons of potato-like tubers hanging all over, and when I looked in the hole that was left, I saw more in there! All in all, from three tubers I ended up with about twenty pounds (approx. 9 kilos) of Jerusalem artichokes. Thank goodness they will keep for months in a cool, moist place.

For those of you who are not familiar with Jerusalem artichoke (I wasn't, but I was awfully curious), it's a potato-like vegetable that tastes like potato or water chestnuts—depending on how long you cook them—eaten raw in salads or half boiled or steamed, they taste like water chestnuts; fully cooked (baked, boiled, fried, etc.), they taste like potatoes.



About Our Town

By LINDA BROWN



During the month of October, I have come to realize again what great organizations exist in Mentone. I helped the local fire department on Saturday of the Colorfest and I think this is what started this line of thinking.

First and always foremost are **Mentone's churches**. They are all great places to worship God and have a central goal of serving people. The churches are all different but so much alike. If you don't have a church home, visit some of them. I know there is one that you will like and they are always glad to have visitors. Within the structure of most churches, you will find organizations for every age group.

Of course, the organization **MAPA** was the sponsor of the Colorfest. They do a wonderful job of organizing this and all of their festivals. The entertainment both days was outstanding. They are an asset to Mentone in that they continue to do things to improve the community and are always alert to anything that would be harmful to the peace and harmony of Mentone. I never got past the food pavilion on Saturday or the entertainment pavilion on Sunday, so I am not qualified to cover the entire festival. I hope there is an article in this issue of The Groundhog describing the festival in detail. Jerry Waters is the president.

The **Volunteer Fire Department** is another asset to the community. This group of dedicated men and women are organized in two groups. One is the Board of Directors and the other is The Volunteer Firefighters. They both function independently of each other and also work together on many projects. Members of both groups were at the food pavilion in the Brow Park during the Colorfest, working very hard to serve barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs to the public. The purpose of this hard work was to raise funds to operate the fire trucks, keep the building warm this winter, complete the first-responder truck, buy new radios and a thousand other things that are necessary. This group is always willing and ready to help with any situation that arises. Call Gail Chambers or Jim Roberts for more information.

Before I got to the pavilion, I was met by another great organization—**The Boy Scouts**. They were positioned on the parking lot to help everyone find a good spot to park, and more importantly, to be able to get out of the parking lot when they were ready to leave. They are very polite and considerate young men. Their only pay was volunteer donations and the "watering" that Marilyn Blanton Campbell does so faithfully. There is a newly organized pack of Cub Scouts in Mentone now. I understand that this is a beginning in the Boy Scout program for younger boys. I know that David Gilbreath and Bill Berry are involved in the Boy Scouts program and Mike Bare in the Cub Scouts program.

One organization in Mentone that offers a great service to all of us is the **DeSoto Rescue Squad**. The squad was organized in 1963 and has helped with a lot of search and rescue missions. The squad is presently recruiting new members. They are now meeting in the Community House on every first and third Tuesday. If you are interested in this type of volunteer service or just think you might be, go by one of the meetings and check it out. They have had some "moving" problems recently, but through it all, they have continued to be there for the community. They need our continued support as they get settled in their new meeting place. The Community House will also be the site of some up-coming training sessions. Watch for announcements of events. Call Richard Douthat or Jennifer Smith for more information.

Maybe the newest organization is **MERF**. This group has purchased and renovated what has come to be called the Community House. A walking track has been completed on the grounds and is well used by many people. The long (and short) range goals are for groups to use the house for meetings

and to sponsor all kinds of educational programs. Inelle Hurt wants someone to come play "turkey foot" with her. I know what this is and it is a lot of fun. Maybe a group will start this soon. This is something that men like to play. (Hint, hint) They plan to have tutorial classes and adult education classes. They are always open to suggestions as to what the public would like to have offered there. Sue Henry or John Corey can answer any questions you might have about this organization.

The **American Legion** is another of our great organizations. I'm not a member of this group, but I know each of them. They are always available to help when there is a community need and are just such fun to be around. Of course they have their own post home and this structure adds much to the community as it is very attractive and well maintained. Jesse Crabtree is the present commander.

I've never been to a **JOY** club meeting, but I know that it is an acronym for Just Older Youth. It sounds wonderful!! They are also meeting now at the Community House. LuJean Pierce is the president and I'm sure she would be glad to give you more information if you are interested.

Another very important part of Mentone is the **Rhododendron Garden Club**. I've been a member for a very long time. Over the years I have heard people say that all the garden club does is drink coffee and talk. This is about as far from the truth as you can get. These ladies (we would welcome some gentlemen members) are very hard working and have done more to make Mentone a beautiful place than any other group I know. They have landscaped the school, the park and just about every corner in Mentone. You can not go into the village without seeing some of their work. They have adopted the mile right through town as theirs to keep clean and do so diligently. The next time you start to throw trash out of your vehicle, remember that a garden club lady will have to pick it up!! Jan Wilkinson is the current president.

The **PTO of Moon Lake School** is another group that does a tremendous job!! They have finished some projects in the last few years that are mind-boggling. They built the playground and are now waiting to cover part of the sidewalks at the school. The next big project may be to put a wood floor in the gym. I understand that a few heads, knees and elbows take a beating on the concrete floor, especially during basketball games. They support the teachers 100% and make the school a much nicer place for our children. The big fund raiser of the year is the Harvest Festival. This year's festival is November 8 beginning at 5 PM. Come and support them and the local school. David Lee is the president.

I'm sure that I have missed some clubs and organizations, and it is not intentional. If I have, let me know, and I will mention them later. People who move to Mentone have said that all of their friends where they moved from ask them what they do in Mentone to pass the time. Everyone of them says that they are busier than ever because Mentone has something for everyone and expects everyone to carry their weight. You can't get something for nothing, and this applies to living in Mentone.

Someone once said that the way to have a friend is to be one. Remember this the next time you feel lonesome and blue. Call someone, they may need to hear a friendly voice! I don't like for someone to call me and say, "I'm sorry to bother you." A call from someone I know is never a bother. It is always welcome. (Calls from telemarketers are a bother!!)





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The Quilters

By Debbie Murphy Council on Aging

Are you interested in new techniques and tools for quilting? Have you ever had a problem with a particular quilting project? Dorothy Cyr, an avid quilter, shares tips with "The Quilters" at the DeKalb/Ft. Payne Senior Center.

All quilters or would-be quilters are invited to attend Wednesday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m. There will be an instructional video shown, handouts, and a discussion for a group project.

"The Quilters" will not meet during December, but will meet every second Wednesday beginning January 14, 1998. Please phone 845-850 for more information.



HAPPY
Thanksgiving
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AND ALL



Alma Crabtree, 91 years old, working in her 67th garden. She grew squash, cucumbers, peppers, beans, tomatoes, and okra. She canned beans, made vegetable soup and beet and cucumber pickles. She now has beautiful turnip greens in her garden. Alma keeps herself busy and loves her garden.

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Festival Work Success o

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The Mentone Area Preservation gathering of all festival workers which was held in Mentone O covered dish to the home of Jim of Tuesday, October 28.

MAPA members Chuck Pete videotapes of scenes filmed du formances by the festival enter pontoon boat rides at DeSoto F parade.

MAPA president Jerry Waters job well done, discussed pre Colorfest, and presented ideas t

Other festival workers, not p the party, included Dessie New Karl Yatooma, Jack and Oliv Thompson, Festival Chairpers Ortega-Edwards, and Heidi Iffl Nature's Classroom.



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REVIEW OF FALL COLORFEST

ARTICLES THROUGHOUT THE PAPER
Doreen Waters



Volunteers Celebrate Fall Colorfest

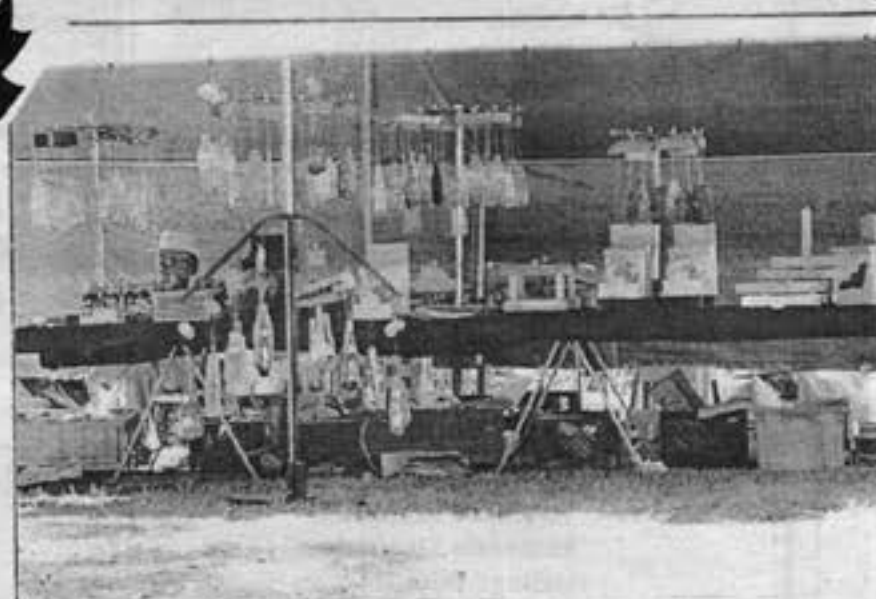
Doreen Waters

The Association recently hosted a Colorfest from October 17-19. Guests brought a lot of fun and Penny Lyday the evening

and Doreen Waters brought the festival, including performers, the Friday night bonfire, and the Saturday afternoon

thanked all the volunteers for a job well done and issues concerning future festivals.

Previously named, who attended the party, Homer and Bernise Crow, Jones, Dot Crow, and Ellen, Susan Cheronos, Michelle, and the last four all being from



VEGAN RECIPE

By Doreen Clifton

Fruit Spread

- 1 c raisins
- 1 c prunes
- 3/4 c water, stir and let sit in fridge to absorb liquid
- 1 orange, peel thinly and seed
- 3-1/4" slices lemon and rind
- 1/3 c chopped nuts (walnuts are good)

Blend fruits to puree in blender. Stir in nuts. Store in freezer in small jars. Refrigerate as needed for use. Great on muffins!

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Girl Scout Troop 1012

By Leanna Webb, Junior Reporter

Starting this month, Oct. 11th, the Girl Scout troop took their first trip to Six Flags in Atlanta. Other trips planned for this month are bowling Friday the 17th, and on the 24th there will be a Halloween party after school. During the party there will be a contest for best costume.

The girls decided on starting a food drive to donate canned food to needy families in our community. A bake sale will also take place this month to raise money for uniforms.

Finally, we would all like to thank Head Start for sponsoring the troop and letting us use their building for our meetings.

NORTHEAST ALABAMA ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM READING

Our constitution guarantees us the right to "...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." For many adults who cannot read, the pursuit of happiness is sometimes very difficult because of their inability to read. To have the money to go out to eat but not be able to read the menu limits an adult's pursuit of happiness. When your little child or grandchild wants you to read a bedtime story and you are unable to do so, you feel less than happy. With little or no reading skills at all, you feel as if you are missing out on life. However, an adult does not have to remain in this condition. He/she can learn to read and continue forward with the pursuit of happiness and overcome this feeling of inadequacy due to limited literacy skills. Help is available through the Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program.

Reading classes are available in your area through the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program. The reading classes are FREE and are open to any adult age 18 or older. Books and materials are provided at no charge. The ability to read is one of the most valuable treasures in today's world. Please help spread the word about these classes because the ones who need the help are probably not able to read this article for themselves. Help make this opportunity available to all who need it. For further information, call one of the numbers listed below, or call your local board of education, or call the Adult Education Office in Fort Payne at 845-8577, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The classes are being held in the following locations:

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Gary's TV donated a 13" color TV
that was given away at a drawing from the names
of the sponsors during the Colorfest. It was won
by Ed and Gerry Disney of Nippersink Lodge.

(See picture on this page.)

Each sponsor received a sweatshirt
with the list of sponsors on the back, except for the
name of Dessie's Kountry Chef.

(See picture on this page.)

MAPA wishes to thank all
the sponsors for their support.



Dessie Newberry receiving her sweatshirt
from Penny Lyday. The Kountry Chef was a
sponsor of the October Colorfest. Mapa wishes
to publicly apologize for the omission of her
restaurant, Dessie's Kountry Chef, from the list
of sponsors as shown in the October issue of
the Groundhog, and from the back of the shirt.
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The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 had their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, October 14, at the legion home on Cove Road in Mentone with Vice-President Penny Lyday presiding. In their session, the ladies planned their next trip to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville and their annual covered dish supper to celebrate Veterans Day.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone had made their plans to send a delegation of five to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville to say "Hello!" and "Happy Halloween!" to the six men from DeKalb County residing there and distribute bouquets of large orange and black balloons to those folks, but personal illness soon thinned the ranks to two. Mrs. Joyzelle Webb and Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell made the trip on the morning of October 21.

The ladies learned early on that transporting large numbers of inflated balloons does NOT work, so they took their balloons over there in the bag. The sun was shining brightly at Mentone when they left, but the ladies soon went through thick fog on the way to Huntsville, and, before they arrived, they ran into pouring rain. In an attempt to stay reasonably dry, the ladies pulled their car up under the porte-cochere there at the Fann Home and undertook to inflate their balloons using an air compressor.

The ladies were quite pleased when they went into the Fann Home and found the six gentlemen from DeKalb County all awake and most of them up and dressed. Two of the gentlemen seemed to be about the same while three of the others appeared to be doing well, and the gentleman who had been able to do little more than sleep back in the spring, was up and about-having a hair cut even. The ladies caught up with him in the barber shop area.

As Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Campbell went about distributing balloons to the gentlemen, they noticed smiles from residents they did not even know. One old gentleman, whose awareness was at best doubtful, met them in the corridor and said, "Pop! Pop! Pop!" That reaction seemed to please the staff and indicate some little progress on his part.

The ladies knew that filling balloons with helium was not a good idea 1) because it does not last, and 2) because it is so very expensive. Therefore, they used a simple air compressor. It was indeed gratifying to see the balloons from their last visit still hanging in at least half of the rooms and still inflated. There had been questions too about whether or not the residents of the Fann Home were actually receiving the cards the ladies had sent. When they saw those in resident rooms, that made them feel a lot better about having sent cards.

Having heard media reports of conditions at the Fann Home, the ladies made it their business to watch for bad things as they went about their visiting, and, so far, on every trip, all they have found has been good. No, it was not like home, but the fact is that, after a certain point, home fails to meet the medical needs. The premises were clean. The residents (who could be up) were for the most part, up, dressed, and clean. The food being delivered to the residents smelled wonderful, and, when the ladies asked, "What's for lunch?" a staff member removed the dome from a plate and showed them exactly what was being served. All the basic food groups

were represented, and the food looked clean and well prepared.

Everybody knows that institutional cooking never tastes quite like home cooking, but the residents of the Fann Home were undoubtedly being fed quite well. The ladies looked to see. They were pleased too by the fact that special provision had been made for residents, who might have a problem either cutting or chewing the food that was being served, in that the meat had been cut up into bite size pieces.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone make it their business to go in totally unannounced so that there is no way anybody can know they are coming that particular day. Therefore, what they find when they go would have to be standard operating procedure since nobody has time to put on that much of an act for them. It should also be noted that there is no odor whatever to that building to indicate any lack of cleanliness.

The new Activities Director at the Fann Home is Ms. Geri Daniels, and Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Campbell met her. Ms. Daniels told the ladies that, when organizations send Christmas cards, etc., for the entire resident population of the home, she and her staff will gladly see to it that those are distributed. The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 would like to encourage other groups to do what they have done in regard to Christmas cards. Everybody's needs are different, so taking presents that all can use does not seem to work all that well, but pretty cards seem to be appreciated anytime. The ladies of Unit 215 have collected all the left over Christmas cards from the unit membership, signed those, and prepared to send them to all the veterans residing at the Fann Home. The fact that some of their cards have no envelopes is a definite plus, because some of the Fann Home residents cannot open an envelope without help.

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone try to go once per season to visit the six men from DeKalb County who reside at the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home. On each and every separate visit, the ladies of Unit 215 have been impressed all over again by how the staff members were so very patient, gentle, and tolerant with the residents to say nothing of dedicated to their needs. It was especially noticeable to Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Campbell how kind the staff members were when the ladies witnessed—at a distance—a particularly cantankerous resident's becoming ugly and downright profane with a staff member. The staff member simply went on with doing what was best for the resident as opposed to responding to his profane outburst.

Women's groups are who, for the most part, go to visit the residents of the Fann Home, but ladies are not who those gentlemen want to see. They want to sit and talk with other men—especially other veterans. Therefore, the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 encourage men in general and veterans in particular to make it their business to visit the residents of the Fann Home as often as possible. Long visits are not necessary, but short "Hellos!" are certainly appreciated.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, the pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church is leading his church this year to participate in a very Special Christmas Project. A hands on Mission Opportunity called "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD," a project of Samaritan's Purse - the Christian Ministry headed by Franklin Graham, the son of Dr. Billy Graham.

People from all over the area will be simply getting shoe boxes from home and filling them with items like small toys (no guns or war related items), T-shirts, socks, school supplies, combs, tooth brushes, and other small gifts along with five dollars to cover shipping.

These Christmas Shoe Boxes will be hand delivered to very special needy children in countries like Bosnia, Croatia, Romania and Russia at Christmas. For many of these children it will be the only gift they receive ALL YEAR.

This year, you can share the love and hope of Christ with needy children by using a simple shoe box. This is a missions project that every member of your family, your organization, business or church can participate in by bringing gift-filled shoe boxes to be shipped from Valley Head Baptist Church on or before Saturday, November 15, 1997.

Christmas is all about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. You can share His love with needy children. So, start now planning and preparing. Help spread love, joy and cheer even if its just for one day to a world in need by being part of this special Christmas project.

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1997 Valley Head Band

Congratulations to the Valley Head Band and Color Guard for their 13th year of all 1's (superior) at the DeKalb County Marching Festival. (That is 13 consecutive years!) The marching festival was held at Crossville this year and the weather was beautiful. The band was great and each member deserves a hand.

Drum Major: Valerie Chappell
Color Guard Captain: Alisha Busby
Color Guard Members: April Pierce, Co-Captain, Amanda Goss, Amanda Stewart, Laura Martin, Anna Rievley, Trisha Goodman
Color Guard Coordinators: Christine Armstrong and Kelly Owen
Trumpets: Annie Harrison, Dennis Davis, William Poe, Leland Bullock, Josh Farmer, Steven Thornberry, Reece Hall
Low Woodwinds and Brass: Adriane Robertson, Justin Fischer, Effia Harrison, Jessica Lee
Clarinets: Stephanie Watkins, Tracie Pullen, Amanda Wooten, Lee Ann Wooten, Sharee Jenkins, Dence Jenkins, Annah Armstrong, Almeda Parker, April Aldridge
Flutes: Becky Mays, Shannon Chappell, Laura Pullen, Andrea Grisham, Merriam Faber, Tessa McKinney
Percussion: Beth Moore, J.L. Gibson, Tony Ellis, Dustin Burt, Alisha McElhaney, Jared Fischer, Greg Carreker
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Principal: Gary Talley



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The Tattle Tale - Valley Head School News

By Jessica Barrier

Recently at Valley Head High School, students from grades 7-12 elected officers and other representatives for their classes. The officers and representatives are

SENIOR CLASS

President- Teri Campbell
 Vice-president- Richard Fuller
 Secretary- Samantha Patterson
 Treasurer- Krissy Brown
 Reporter- Brandi Shirley
 Student Council- Heather Smith
 and Jason Meadows
 Class Favorites- Jason Meadows
 and Samantha Patterson
 Homecoming Attendants- Amy Izell,
 Rene Brendle
 Homecoming Queen- Heather Smith
 Mr. 12th Grade- Tim Harrison
 Ms. 12th Grade- Amy Izell
 Beauty- Heather Smith
 Beau- Richard Fuller

JUNIOR CLASS

President- Ashley Blalock
 Vice-President- Dennis McDonald
 Secretary- Tabitha Brisendine
 Treasurer- Josh Shelton
 Reporter- Tabitha Brisendine
 Student Council- Valerie Chappell
 and Alex Hatfield
 Class Favorites- Kyle Freeman
 and Brandi Jackson
 Homecoming Attendant- Tabitha
 Brisendine
 Mr. Jason Owen
 Ms. Tabitha Brisendine
 Beauty- Tabitha Brisendine
 Beau- Cameron Motion

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President- Anna Rievley
 Vice-President- Candace Fuller
 Secretary- Adriane Robertson
 Treasurer- Alisha Busby
 Reporter- Adriane Robertson
 Student Council- Candace Fuller
 and Thomas Brendle
 Class Favorites- Adam Prestwood
 and Kerri Hale
 Homecoming Attendant- Heather
 Williamson
 Mr. Thomas Brendle
 Ms. Anna Rievley
 Beauty- Anna Rievley
 Beau- Thomas Brendle

FRESHMAN CLASS

President- Slade Carden
 Vice-President- Becky Mays
 Secretary- Virginia Hatfield
 Treasurer- Shannon Chappell
 Reporter- Matt Watson
 Student Council- Emily Collins
 and Nathan Owen
 Class Favorites- Matt Watson
 and Laura Martin
 Homecoming Attendant- Virginia Hatfield
 Mr. Ashton Jones
 Ms. Becky Mays
 Beauty- Virginia Hatfield
 Beau- Kevin Spencer

8TH GRADE CLASS

President- Andrea Grisham
 Vice-President- Jennifer Blalock
 Secretary- Stacey Hyde
 Treasurer- Kayla Wilbanks
 Reporter- Stacey Hyde
 Student Council- Jerry Lee Brisendine
 and B.J. Thomas
 Class Favorites- B.J. Thomas
 and Jennifer Blalock
 Homecoming Attendant- Ashley Holkem

Mr. Eddie Manning
 Ms. Stacey Hyde
 Beauty- Lacey Clure
 Beau- Eddie Manning
 President- Dustin Woods
 Vice-President- Jason Wright
 Secretary- Kelly Owen
 Treasurer- Sharee Jenkins
 Reporter- Kelly Owen
7TH GRADE CLASS
 Student Council- Brittney Johnson
 and Josh Hulgán
 Class Favorites- Tommy Dodd
 and Crystal Bethune
 Mr. Josh Hulgán
 Ms. Ananda Knowles, Kelly Owen
 Beauty- Crystal Bethune
 Beau- Tommy Dodd

HOMECOMING WEEK

As a tradition, students at Valley Head started off the week with themes for each day. The themes for each day were:

Monday- Hat Day
 Tuesday- Western Day
 Wednesday- Formal Day
 Thursday- Spirit Day
 Friday- out of school for "Fair Day"

On Thursday, at 3:00, the Homecoming Parade was held. The Band and Colorguard performed "Entrada" and "A Whole New World," while they marched through Valley Head. Each high school class worked hard on creating and thinking up new ideas for the float competition. Their hard work paid off, here are the themes each class presented:

Senior- "Go For It Tigers"
 Junior- "Swat The Hornets"
 Sophomore- "Raid The Hornets"
 Freshman- "Haunt The Hornets"

After the judging, the Freshman float was chosen as the winner. It was displayed at the Homecoming game near the entrance.

The Valley Head Band competed with other high school bands from throughout the county. Everyone is proud of our Band and Colorguard for receiving all 1's and three trophies. Congratulations

The Valley Head Junior and Senior Beta Clubs, held their inductions on October 16, 1997. The new inductees for Senior Beta Club are: Hannah Alexander, Selena Couch, Tricia Goodman, Kerri Hale, Josh Miller, Anna Rievley, Adriane Robertson, and Josh Williamson. The new inductees for Junior Beta Club are: Beth Easler, Andrea Grisham, Joshua Hulgán, Brittney Johnson, Ashton Jones, Ananda Knowles, Tessa McKinney, and Kelly Owen.

The Valley Head Spanish Club will be going on a trip to Birmingham on November 5. They will then see a ballad of the history of Mexico at the Alabama Theatre. They will also enjoy a cultural taste of real Mexican food as well.

On Tuesday, September 30, the Army Band held a concert in the Valley Head Gym. They performed a variety of popular songs from the past and present. Some of the songs included: "Play That Funky Music (White Boy)," No Doubt's "Don't Speak," and Reba McEntire's "Take It Back." The Senior class "got up" and "boogied down" to the "Macarena," while Josh Miller just "got down" through the whole concert.

Condolences go out to the families of J. H. "Slim" Mathis and Laura Johnson. These two are greatly missed by everyone in our small town.

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TRIAD/S.A.L.T.

By Debbie Murphy Council on Aging

TRIAD is a three-way commitment among the chief(s) of police in a county, the sheriff, and older or retired leaders. They agree to work together to reduce crime against the elderly. The crime prevention and education programs center on both prevention and victimization. TRIAD had its beginnings in 1988, when the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) signed a cooperative agreement.

An important part of TRIAD is the S.A.L.T. Council, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. The DeKalb County S.A.L.T. Council is presently composed of the DeKalb County AARP Chapter, the DeKalb County Council on Aging, Sheriff Cecil Reed, and the Chiefs of police in our county. This council acts as an advocacy/advisory group, providing an exchange of information among seniors and law enforcement.

Those attending the October meeting were Detective Jeff Wallace and Chief David Walker, Ft. Payne Police Department; Bob McCord, Ft. Payne; Russell Wilks, Sylva; Art Holmgren, District Coordinator for AARP; Ernest Parker, President DeKalb County AARP; Cecil Reed, Sheriff of DeKalb County; and Alfred Rigstad, Police Chief of Sylva. "We are in the process of forming a S.A.L.T. Council to combat fraud and scams against seniors in DeKalb County," said Ernest Parker, "and we will do whatever is necessary to achieve that goal."

Senior volunteers will be needed to assist with distribution of surveys and literature. This provides a hands-on involvement, seniors helping seniors.

If you would like to learn more about the S.A.L.T. Council, there will be a joint program of S.A.L.T. members, along with Kelvin Collins from the Better Business Bureau. It will be on Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the DeKalb/Ft. Payne Senior Center. Senior adults and law enforcement representatives are encouraged to attend.

For further information, please phone the DeKalb County Council on Aging at 845-8590.



Suddenly, there's a tinge of Winter in the air,
and a hint of sadness everywhere, but as
suddenly, it will be Spring again.

Pete and Betty Wills, from Ontario, Canada, were recent visitors of Edith and Alvin Cox. They went to Opelika, Ala., to visit friends and had a boat ride and they toured Montone and Rome. Edith and Alvin celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Sept. 26. May they have many more happy years.

Louise and Charles Hammond had a fantastic 8-day trip to Alaska in Sept. There were 39 square dancers aboard the ship. Louise and Charles performed with them and were met by the Juneau Square Dance Club and escorted to their hall where they performed. They went to Sitka, went by helicopter to the Mendenhall Glacier, by ship to Glacier Bay and saw the largest Hubbard Glacier. The Hammonds were awed and amazed at these huge glaciers. They went by bus to Anchorage and enjoyed the beautiful scenery and whales jumping and playing.

Mrs. John McGinnis, of Florence, SC., spent several days recently with her mother, Mrs. Clifton Allison, and aunt, Mrs. L.M. Coleman. She took Mrs. P.W. Roberts back with her to visit her daughter, Mrs. Gerald Killian at Aiken, SC.

On Sept. 23, the Phillips reunion was at Sequoyah. It was attended by Dot and Bill Blackburn, Opal Tatum, Martha and Hoot Gibson, Glen Phillips family, Willie Phillips family, Doyle Phillips family, Dora Powell and family, Roy Williamson and wife Dortha, author of "Then Comes the Dawn."

Judith Hammond, Judy O'Daniel, Doris Carmichael, and Sheila Hurtt, left Oct. 3 for a foliage tour. They drove 600 miles thru Tenn., Va., on to Martinsburg, W.Va., where they spent the night. Oct. 4, they drove 350 miles thru Va., tip of Maryland, Penn., part of N.Y., and Conn. to Sturbridge, Mass. Oct. 5, they went on through Mass (They drove 300 miles.), New Hampshire, into Ellsworth, Maine, along the coast by President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine. They toured Acadia National Park. They spent the third night in Gorham, NH, at the Libby House Inn Bed and Breakfast--so interesting and hospitable. They spent two days in Burlington, VT, where they bought a case of maple syrup and shipped it home. (They saw it made.) They toured the Teddy Bear factory and saw many different kinds. They saw "Old Man of the Mountain," a natural formation. They toured the chocolate factory in Hershey, Penn. (I bet they bought some of that, too. They did lots of shopping.) The foliage was so colorful and beautiful. On the way back, they visited Jim Thorpe's, Penn. It was a different little town with old mansions and churches. They toured the Amish country and saw beautiful quilts on the lines for sale. They drove up Mt. Washington, where the wind was blowing at 77 miles per hour, the highest mountain in the northeast. It was breathtaking. They returned home Oct. 9 -- after a very exhilarating trip.

Lillie Bowden went to Fort Valley, Ga., to attend the 67th Bowden family reunion. There were about 125 present. She was gone ten days, and toured Ga., visiting relatives from Powder Springs and Fort Valley, near Atlanta, to Pine Mountain. On Oct. 11, she and her daughter, Karen Freeman, and Mark and family, attended the wedding of Mark's sister, Leeann to David Howington, at Pine Mountain. She wore her grandmother's wedding dress and was the sixth granddaughter to wear it.

The Sunshine Club met Oct. 23, at the home of Lillie Bowden. Those present were Elizabeth Bauerle, Ruth Pickett, Gladys Cobble, Sue Cooper, and Eloise Brown. I gave the devotional, Gladys read a poem, "Me", and Sue read a poem, "Let's Sail Away." The same officers were elected for next year by unanimous acclamation: President - Lillie Bowden,

Vice-President - Gladys Cobble, Sec-Treas.-Ruth Pickett, Chaplain - Eloise Brown, Telephone chairman - Evelyn Clark. The November meeting will be Nov. 20, at 11 a.m., at Henagar Steak House for a Dutch luncheon followed by a tour of Eddie's Florist.

Adelaide Biddle attended the wedding of her niece, Cynthia Biddle, to Mark Hooper, at the historic old Dent House on Bonny Oaks Drive in Chattanooga, recently. On Fri., Oct. 24, she went to Dallas, Ga., to the homecoming game at E. Paulding County High School. Her granddaughter, Kellie Carmichael, was the princess of the Junior Class in the Homecoming Court.

The Valley Head UMW met Oct. 28 at the home of Laura Margaret Allison, with Elizabeth Coleman as co-hostess. Those present were Peachie Cearley, Irene Holcomb, Vesta Hawkins, Velma Hammond, Helen White, Marjorie Gray, Mary Crow, Adelaide Biddle, Margaret Lloyd-Murphy, Mary Holleman, Jean Jenwright, little Patrick Murphy, and Eloise Brown. Helen White led the program, "A Witness of Presence, Word and Action," with others taking part. Eloise Brown announced we received an award for 10% membership increase--and she received a Certificate of "Recognition of Service in the role of Leadership during the past 25 years of the United Methodist Women's Organization." Laura Margaret Allison also received a certificate for her many years of service as Secretary-Treasurer.

I appreciate so much all the cards, notes, and every kind and thoughtful deed. It means so much to have kind and loving friends.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.
Remember to be thankful for every blessing.

Thanksgiving Acrostic

Thank you, God for all good things.
Harvest time - with all it brings--
Abundant for all needs to fulfill,
Nobility of souls who do your will.
Kindness and love from friends who care--
Sympathy shown and sorrow to share.
Grace and gentle mercy that you bestow,
Immortal life's promise that we know,
Victory over death, cares and defeat,
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By Helen Longshore

Mentone native, Larry Cash and his wife, Barbara Cash, went with an eight-member team from the Mayor's office in Anchorage, Alaska, to formalize a Partner City agreement with the city of Taipei on the island of Taiwan. According to Larry Anderson, team member and spokesman in Mayor Rick Mystrom's office, Larry and Barbara Cash have lent their creative energies and resources in community projects over the years and they were natural choices for this task force. Larry Cash is an architect in the firm of Cash, Barner Architects, Inc. Barbara Cash's Interior Space Design firm has been in Anchorage since 1979. The Cashes joined Michael Brady, chairman of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, in traveling to Taipei this fall to further the development of economic interest and investment between the two cities. An educational and cultural exchange is planned as well.

Larry Cash remarked, "The people of Taipei have embraced Western culture with a decidedly friendly and progressive attitude." Barbara called them a "really gracious people." Both of the Cashes were impressed with the large, even global reach, of this tiny island in the Pacific. As a small island, Taiwan exists within rules of and under the unconciliatory shadow of communist China. Friendly relations with the United States are cultivated for a host of other reasons as well, not the least being mutual benefit economically. "A strong economy on the island," Larry commented, "helps unite the people and keep, what appeared to be, everyone working." Barbara Cash said, "I felt this unity among the people as they sought to realize their common goals of maintaining a democratic society; enjoying free trade, private ownership of land and businesses, and the practice of freedom of religion."

"It was a fantastic opportunity to be included on this task force," says Larry Cash, "just to see first hand the diverse solutions of these hardworking people. Their country is called the (Nationalist) Republic of China not to be confused with the Communist People's Republic of China. Taiwan remains a strong industrial economy getting right to the business of putting everyone to work and sending manufactured goods all over the globe."

Cash went on to explain, "Taiwanese concerns more recently have been towards environmental issues such as a mass transit system to make travel in the city of Taipei convenient and less polluting for the four-plus million people who at present rely mainly on automobiles and motor scooters.

Municipal city leaders showed us a waste disposal system that is working beautifully for their city. The process is to burn the city's daily collection of three thousand tons of garbage. They use the garbage incineration process to generate electricity. The three thousand tons of garbage now reduced by volume to ten percent and by weight to twenty percent is ready to be deposited as ash into the city landfill." "I was impressed," Cash continued, "by the long-term opportunities in Taipei and by how much we have to share with the Taiwanese in terms of our desire for democracy and to remain a free government. Governing power in Taiwan is held by those individuals who left China when the communist took over the country. The people of Taiwan are vigilant to do everything possible to maintain their democratic way of life."

Barbara Cash noted, "The people in Taipei, rather than being reserved or aloof, were enthusiastically open to the West. They are a well-educated people, highly motivated, highly productive and visionary in no small ways. Making excellent use of their manpower, technology and financial acumen, Taiwan enjoys a favorable standing in trade investments throughout Asia and other parts of the world."

Mayor Mystrom and the Cashes along with other Anchorage leaders see an opportunity to work as a Partner City with Taipei in the area of their greatest need - natural resources. Fresh water is of major concern in Taipei. They certainly envy the purity of the climate in Alaska. Taipei is already a financial participant in the Alaska Seafood Center. This is a commercial venture to use the abundance of fish in Alaska to produce a packaged and table-ready food product to ship to markets in the U.S., Taiwan and the world.

From all indications, there is a good relationship between business and community leaders of these two cities. Larry and Barbara Cash have a dynamic and important part in strengthening the vision and potential that exists between Anchorage and Taipei in the recently signed Partner City Alliance.

Note: Helen and Larry Longshore, while visiting their daughter, Laurie and her husband, Mike Cox, in Anchorage, Alaska, attended church with Larry and Barbara Cash. After church, they went out for brunch at the Regal Alaskan. During their time together, the Cashes told about their Partner City agreement.



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Greetings and an early Happy Thanksgiving. This is the time of year when we wonder where the year has gone and start to panic about the approaching holidays and holiday cooking. Before we get to worrying too much about food and those ever-present concerns about eating too much, I have found some information which is (I think) a little more sensible as to what our ideal weight must be. If you are like I have been, I have been really hard put to see myself ever attaining the weights spoken about as what we must be if we are to be healthy, attractive or whatever the weight gurus say we are supposed to be. I decided to share this little bit of information with you and hope you find it informative and useful.

I have been reading about Body Mass Index (BMI)—a formula relating weight and height as an indicator of health risk. Researchers found that people with a BMI between 20 and 23.9 had the lowest overall risk of being diagnosed with heart disease, stroke or diabetes. An optimal BMI is suggested to be about 22. One article I read stated that decreasing the BMI by one point significantly decreased one's risk of developing significant health problems. Of course we would all benefit from achieving a more healthy weight and lifestyle.

To calculate your BMI, (male or female) multiply your weight in pounds by 700, divide answer by height in inches, and then divide result by height in inches again. This number is your BMI. I found, for myself, that this was a much more reassuring number than dealing with those ideal weight charts we all are only too familiar with, and possibly more attainable for me.

This information was gleaned from an article in *Environmental Nutrition*, a nice newsletter to which I recently subscribed. I hope this is not too muddy to understand and that it helps you on your path to a more healthy diet.



Group Picture of 1997 Disney Family Reunion at Nippersink

The Disney Family Reunion at Nippersink on September 19 and 20, had sixty-one (61) in attendance: Ed's sister Maryanne Disney Wojcik and her husband, Ted, and members of their family. They have eleven children and came from Georgia. Ed's sister Frances Disney Swersky and members of her family came from Tennessee. Ed's cousins and members of their families came from Ohio and Illinois.

It has been a tradition for the past fifteen years to have this Reunion the Second Weekend in September, but this year, younger members of the family voted to have the 1998 Reunion Halloween Weekend.

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VFW FLOWER SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

By Christina Vincent

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs have produced another flower show eligible for State and National Awards. The show was presented at the 42nd Annual DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair.

Horticulture Exhibits were designated by categories including 77 cut specimens, 53 container grown, 8 Garden Club Designs, 48 Individual Designs, 5 Youth Designs and 3 Special Educational Exhibits, for a grand total of 894.

There were 101 first place blue ribbons awarded, plus 14 special awards in designated categories.

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs consists of eight area clubs which include the Azalea Garden Club, Cedar Bluff Garden Club, Flowering Dogwood Garden Club, Fort Payne Garden Club, Ider Garden Club, Kaolin Garden Club, Rainsville Garden Club, and Rhododendron Garden Club.

Flower Show Chairpersons were: Azalea - Christina Vincent; Cedar Bluff - Alice Roe; Flowering Dogwood - Peggy Benefield; Fort Payne - Virginia Ellis; Ider - Lois Fuller; Kaolin - Becky Barrier; Rainsville - Flora Duncan; Rhododendron - Flo Kirby.

Federation Officers: President Pat Shippey, First Vice-President Ann Wright, Second Vice-President Reita Grant, Third Vice-President Barbara Blalock, Fourth Vice-President Christina Vincent, Corresponding Secretary Linda McCurdy, Recording Secretary Linda Brown, Treasurer Ann Houston, Historian Lucette Dix, and Parliamentarian Annette Orr.

Flower Show Committees: Barbara Blalock - General Chairwoman, Pat Shippey - Consulting Chairwoman, Linda McCurdy - Horticulture, Lois Fuller - Design, Virginia Ellis - Special Exhibits, Reita Grant and Ann Wright - Schedule Committee, Ann Wright, Christina Vincent, Mildred Cochran, Placards Committee - Marilyn Campbell, Classification Committee - Pat Shippey, Placement Committee - Annette Orr, Linda McCurdy, Ann Houston, Aubie Mae Dean, Linda Brown & Lois Fuller, Judges Committee - Ann Houston, Clerks - Linda Brown, Awards - Ann Houston, Publicity - Christina Vincent, Hospitality - Barbara Cavin, Special Exhibits - Ann Houston & Virginia Ellis, Photographer - Barbara Blalock.

Together with the Presidents and members of the individual garden clubs, these committees worked tirelessly almost every day for two weeks before the fair and in its duration working out thousands of minute details preparing for the judges using the official 1997 "Handbook For Flower Shows" as a guide. A rigid set of rules and regulations for all Horticulture exhibits is detailed in the fair book as well as in the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs booklet entitled "Flowers - Nature's Amen" 1997.

The DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs is a member of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., District II, Deep South Region, and National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Rhododendron Garden Club Meets at Nature Center

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club assembled at the Nature Center at DeSoto State Park at 2:00 o'clock the afternoon of October 15 for their regular monthly meeting. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order. Mrs. Dorothy Cyr led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Mrs. Penny Lyday read an inspirational devotional. President Wilkinson welcomed guests Mrs. Ann Clark and Mrs. Bobbie Hildebrand (former member and past president). Mrs. Wilkinson also thanked hostesses Mrs. Betty Chapman, Mrs. Dianne Kuehl, and Mrs. Hope Walker for the lovely refreshments.

Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell did the roll call, and the ladies answered with their favorite NATIVE plant or tree. Mrs. Campbell went on to read the minutes of the September meeting, and those were approved as read. Mrs. Barbara Blalock gave the financial reports.

In the absence of Mrs. Karen Wright, President Wilkinson reported on the WOODSY OWL "Give a Hoot! Don't Pollute!" poster contest among the Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students at Moon Lake School. Winners in the poster contest were as follows:

THIRD GRADE: 1st Place-Logan Chambers

2nd Place-Heather Phillips

3rd Place-a tie between Melissa Crane and Loren Kacan

SECOND GRADE: 1st Place-Randy Addison

2nd Place-Vicki Stenson

3rd Place-Mike Streeter

FIRST GRADE: 1st Place-Jessica Easler

2nd Place-Sierra Nicely

3rd Place-a tie between Heather Smith and Fred Castleberry

KINDERGARTEN: 1st Place-Chaz McSpadden

2nd Place-Michael Norman

3rd Place-a tie between James Hawk and Leann Webb

Mrs. Wilkinson also made the point that the Mentone community at large is the true winner in this poster contest. The area's children have seemingly learned two extremely important lessons-1) not to play with matches, and 2) not to pollute. Those lessons well learned speak positively for the next generation. Winners pictures will appear in the December issue.

Mrs. Barbara Blalock, DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Show Chairman for the VFW DeKalb County Agricultural Fair, gave a report on the actual and truly staggering numbers for the flower show. More than 700 horticultural specimens were registered for the fair, along with a good many container grown plants, and a creditable number of floral designs by the ladies of the various garden clubs in the federation. The ladies of the federation in general and the Rhododendron Garden Club in particular certainly worked very hard getting ready for the flower show, and a selected group of husbands consisting of Bill Wright, Bobby Brown, and Ovie Blalock, got drafted to do essential carpentry work.

President Wilkinson delivered the month's timely tip on planting trees. Autumn is the time of year to plant trees so that they can get their root systems started during the winter

when they are not trying to produce foliage. She also encouraged everybody to plant trees as shades and ornamentals.

Under Special Projects, Mrs. Dallyne Jones and Mrs. Wilkinson talked about the MERF House at Mentone and the landscaping of the premises there. The plan is to have what is known as a Heritage Garden, and this is a charming concept. The idea is to share part of a plant that has been in your family for a long time. In time, they want to label the different plants as to where they came from and who donated them. The plan, as it has been laid out, calls for taller plants in one area, medium plants in another, and shorter plants in front so that everybody can see all of them when they mature and produce flowers.

With the flower show's having come and gone, there was little in the way of either new or old business to be discussed. Mrs. Wilkinson announced the Awards Workshop to be held at the Albertville Library October 27 with lunch to be served at 11:30 and the workshop to begin at noon. A sign-up sheet was presented, and several ladies made arrangements to attend.

The Sickness and Worry Report caught the ladies up on misery in the community.

Vice-President, Mrs. Flo Kirby, introduced Ken Thomas, a ranger at DeSoto Park, and he did a most appealing slide presentation on wildflowers. Ranger Thomas holds a degree in Wildlife Biology from McNeese State University at Lake Charles, Louisiana, and he is from southwestern Louisiana. He spoke about a continuing project that consists of cataloging the entire flora and fauna of Alabama, and he works at identifying species of plants and animals both on and off the park and common as well as rare. He went on to tell that there are some 900 blooming species of wildflowers in the park, and then he proceeded to show slides of some of his favorites.

Ranger Thomas made the point that he liked the tiny little flowers he had to get down on the ground to actually see and appreciate. He also talked about how the common names for plants have a way of changing in different sections of the country. For example, he referred to as "Bird's Foot Violets" what folks in Georgia used to call "Rooster Head Violets." He had other examples, as well, and he smiled when he said that all the common names he had learned in southwestern Louisiana had to be relearned when he came to the mountain, because here the common names are different. He also explained that all the confusion with the common names is the very best justification for the Latin names.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., Garden Clubs of District II, and DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs.

The next meeting will be November 11 at Shirley Hussell's home. Roll call will be to name an herb and its use, if known. Shirley has the devotional; and hostesses are Jo Beabe, Lucette Dix, and Mickey Gough.

Note:

Photographs of the winners of
The Woodsy Owl poster contest
will appear in the December issue.



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Nature's Classroom staff gets a helping hand from Sue Henry



Transplanting Lily of the Valley:
Ellen Thompson, Michelle Ortega-Edwards, Rachel Smith, Leslie Timpe, Lisa Shaw, and Iggy Perillo

Nature's Classroom: Another Great Year!

By Susan Cheronos



You may see some bright new faces around Mentone! I'd like to introduce you to our great new team of teachers.

Joining us from a recent position at Joshua Tree National Park is **Lesley Timpe**. Lesley is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in Anthropology. **Rachel Smith** has a Master's Degree in Experiential Education from Mankato State University in Minnesota, but is returning to her Southern roots close to her family in Chattanooga. "**Iggy**" **Perillo** (She'd shoot me if I revealed her birth name!) comes to us from Illinois. Iggy is a recent graduate of Grinnell College in Iowa with a degree in Philosophy. **Heidi Iffland** is also from Illinois (with the Mississippi River right out her back door.) She graduated from Culver-Stockton College with a degree in English. **Michelle Ortega-Edwards** grew up in Guntersville, but comes to us from Mobile where she has lived since receiving her degree in Biology from Spring Hill College. Also new this year, though not new to Mentone, are new owners and executive directors, **Larry and Susan Hooks**. They are busily preparing for their first session of Riverview Camp for Girls.

Returning to the staff are: Site Director **David Mays**, Kitchen Supervisor **Luella Smith** who is joined by our new evening cook, **Deborah Sharp**. Back for her second year is Lead Teacher, **Lisa Shaw** who came from Texas by way of Colorado, where she received her degree in Political Science and Philosophy from Regis University in Denver. Lisa spent the summer deep in the woods of Vermont leading a group of teenagers in the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. **Nate Wilson**, who was an intern with us last spring, graduated this summer from Sterling College in Vermont with a degree in Natural Resource Management. Nate grew up in Menlo! **Brigitta Modglin** is back for her second year as Program Manager after spending the summer as assistant camp director for Camp Conestoga in Iowa. Brigitta holds a degree in

Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration from Western Illinois University. **Ellen Thompson** is back for her fourth year! Ellen is our Program Director (Also this year's Colorfest chairperson). Her degree is in Psychology from Rhodes College. **Susan Cheronos**, am also returning for my fourth year. I have a BFA in Theater from Birmingham-Southern College and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. It is my pleasure to serve as Director of Nature's Classroom. Ellen and I spent six and a half weeks in Europe this summer and we have about 450 pictures we'd just love to show you!!

We're off to a great start this year after three intensive weeks of staff training with professionals from across the country including Bob Ditter from Boston, Faith Evans from Colorado and my mom, Bobby Cheronos from Tuscaloosa. We spent two days working on the new Mentone Community House and have another work day coming up to put the finishing coat of paint on the front porch and get some bulbs in the ground for spring. We had a great time and got lots of help and support from **John Corey** at Little River Hardware, **Rhododendron Garden Club President** and Master Gardener, **Jan Wilkinson**, Master Gardener **Tom Roark**, and **Sue Henry**.

We've had several groups of students already from as far away as Memphis and as close to home as Menlo. We're excited about new opportunities to get involved with our community and are conducting an after school program for students at Moon Lake Elementary School. We look forward to seeing everybody at upcoming functions at the Community House or having you come see our program. If you'd like to see what's going on at this exciting program, give Brigitta, or me a call at 634-4443 to find out when our programs are running.



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But beyond the goal is the real reason for the campaign and for the goal itself-the many needs here in the county waiting to be met.

Where would the young family of five have gone last year, just days before Christmas, when their mobile home and everything they owned went up in flames had it not been for the Red Cross?

Where would the 12-year old girl have gone after being molested by a 24-year old male had it not been for the Children's Advocacy Center?

Where would the individual with mental retardation have spent his days were it not for the Activity Training Center sponsored by The ARC?

Where would the single working mom have gone to find the affordable, dependable child care she needed were it not for the Child Development Center?

These are but a few of the many real life stories which took place during this past year that member agencies have shared with UGF.

The goal is still a long way off. As of Friday, October 17, total received in pledges and contributions was \$109,376 or 34% of this year's \$320,000 goal.

The 13 member agencies will be funded from the proceeds of this campaign in the year ahead. And in the year ahead there will still be abused children. There will still be elderly in need of a helping hand, encouraging words, and the assistance that will enable them to remain in their own homes with dignity and independence. There will be families and individuals in need of medicine, food, utilities. There may be yet another year of weather related disasters-and the list goes on and on.

Yes, there's much, much, more to the United Givers Fund Campaign Goal than just the dollar sign-there are many more stories waiting to be told.

At the Wednesday, October 29 Report Meeting for United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, a total of \$278,935.00 was reported in contributions and pledges. This amount represents 87% of the \$320,000 Campaign Goal.

Industrial Division reported \$196,468.92 or 90% of their goal.

Commercial Division - \$ 25,274.69 or 97% of their goal.

Professional a Special Gifts \$ 16,693.91 or 88% of their goal.

Public Service Division - \$ 7,956.00 or 80% of their goal.

Town a County Division - \$ 32,542.00 or 69% of their goal.

Because there are still several outstanding reports, the campaign was extended by two weeks. Final report meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 1997. Outstanding Company and employee participation will be recognized at the November 12 meeting with the awarding of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze certificates, as well as those reporting 100% employee participation. Names of individuals who have joined the Leadership Giving Clubs with a contribution of \$200 or more will be published within the next few weeks. Campaign leaders are optimistic that the additional \$41,000 needed to reach goal will be received by the November 12 deadline.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Ed and Gerry Disney holding the certificate for the Color TV that they won in the drawing from the names of the sponsors of the October Colorfest. They also received a sweatshirt from Penny and Jim Lyday who were delivering the gifts and good news

"HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY"



Jonathan Ezra Black will be 3 years old on November 8, 1997. Jon is the son of Alan and Tricia Black of the Blake Community, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Black of Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Posey of Cherokee.



Mason White, a Mentone native living in Annapolis, Maryland, is standing at the north end of US 11 at the border of the United States and Quebec at Rouses Point. Highway 11 began in New Orleans and ends at the Canadian border. This location is at Lake Champlain at Vermont and enters Montreal. US 11 runs through ten states from one end to the other.

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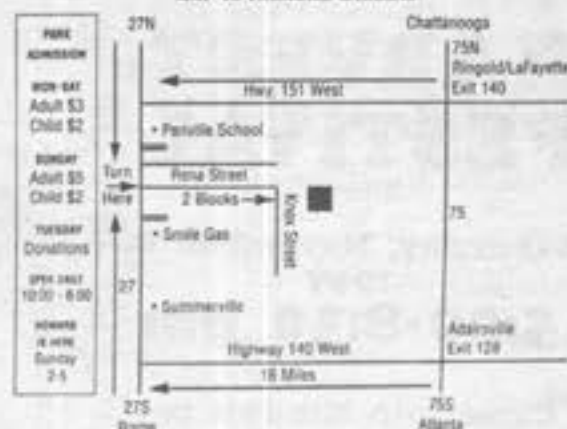
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gardens of paradise. They are long forgotten items from another time gone by. Walk around the old gallery and view the Reverend's original people mural, a favorite of reporters and photographers. The breathtaking cement sculptured bed of roses and flowering plants holds a majestic Mosaic cross. Layered like a huge cake in the sky, you will never forget the World's Folk Art Church Museum. After your tour, roam around the Finster Folk Art Gallery and view the folk art and collectables of the Reverend Howard Finster and other notable artists. It will be difficult to leave without one. You may stumble on a group of students, a wedding, or even a baby dedication. You may even meet the Reverend Howard Finster himself on a Sunday from 2 til 5 PM. He has never met a person that he didn't love. A trip to Paradise Gardens is a memory you will treasure forever.

MAP TO PARADISE GARDENS





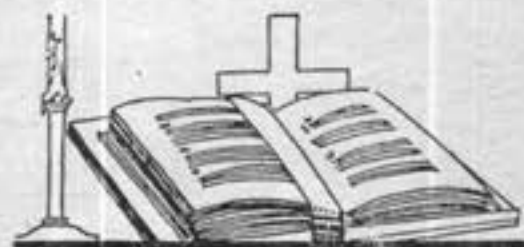
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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3:9,10

This is a beautiful time of the year. The leaves are turning to many colors. Pumpkins in almost every yard. The crops are gathered and stored for winter. Now it's time for Thanksgiving, and a time to honor the Lord.

How can we honor the Lord with our substance? By tithing and giving, and if we will do that, God has promised to open the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive.

**Honor the Lord
 and have a Happy Thanksgiving.**

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association is having its annual Community Thanksgiving Service at the **Mentone Wesleyan Church** on Wednesday, November 26, at 7 PM. Rev. Gary Moore will be the speaker. There will be special music. Plan to attend with your family and friends.



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