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November 1999



"COLORFEST"



Tony Goggans, the Mentone Troubadour, entertaining at the bonfire on Friday night, October 15.



Mickey Gough at the MAPA booth during the Colorfest



Gary Jones, the Grand Marshal of the 1999 Colorfest. With him are his wife, Cindy, and children, Nathan and Austin. Jack Jones is driving the convertible. Inset is to show the faces of those who were turned the other way when the photo was shot.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Friday, Oct. 22, "Southern Heart" Movie began playing at Hamilton Cinemas in Fort Payne
- Saturday, October 30, from 6 to 8 pm EST. Tri-County Fire & Rescue Halloween party (See flyer on back page.)
- Oct. 31 - Halloween; if you are planning to trick or treat, Saturday night, Oct. 30 is the night.
- Sunday, Oct. 31, Daylight Savings Time ends Turn back your clocks
- Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall (NOTE: change to 2nd Monday and hour at 7 PM)
- Thursday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, School out
- Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone; Veterans Day, Covered dish
- Saturday, Nov. 13, 5:00-8:00 PM, Harvest Festival Moon Lake School Elementary (See flyer on back page.)
- Saturday (9am-5 pm) & Sunday, 10 am-4pm November 13-14, 19th Annual Holiday Festival sponsored by Altrusa of Fort Payne-DeKalb at the Fort Payne VFW Fairgrounds; arts, crafts, antiques (See flyer on back page.)
- Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, Nov. 24, 25, 26 Schools out for Thanksgiving Day Holidays
- Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day
- Seniors lunch at Mentone Community House every Wednesday, 11 a.m., until November 24.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

Colorfest, 1999 is behind us and it appeared to be another success. The bonfire on Friday night drew what seemed to be the largest crowd yet. As usual, Jack Jones did a great job of coordinating it and the parade on Saturday. We appreciate everyone who participated in these events in any way. We are especially grateful to the Mentone Inn and its owners and manager for allowing us to have the bonfire on their premises.

The Arts and Crafts show on Saturday and Sunday was smaller than some we have had, but it was a good event. It seemed that everyone attending enjoyed the entertainment, scenery from the brow, and the weather. Early Saturday morning was a bit cold and windy, but the rest of the weekend was beautiful. It was unfortunate that our mailing lists for dealers and publicity were lost when Doreen Waters' computer hard drive crashed, but Betty Bain worked hard with the information we had to make this year's festival another success. Betty is writing a more detailed report of the weekend, and has requested that she be the one to thank everyone by name. Her article will be in next month's Groundhog, but I would like to express my thanks to each of you who helped in any way. Your contribution might seem insignificant to you, but, believe me, each bit of help was important to those of us who were working with Betty.

The quilt given away by MAPA was made by Lola Mae Blalock. It is a full queen size in the nine patch pattern and is reversible. It was won by Dixie Wilson of Mentone. She purchased her ticket at the MAPA booth during the 450-mile long yard sale this year.

Again, I would like to extend my personal thanks to each of you who helped us in any way with the bonfire, parade, or festival. It takes all of us to make an event such as this a success, and it is beneficial to everyone in our town to have events which are fund raisers not only for MAPA, but for our other organizations and which bring more customers to our merchants.

Our next meeting of MAPA will be November 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. We invite you to come visit, or even better, become a member.



TOWN OF MENTONE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 18, 1999

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

To hear all persons who desire to have an opportunity to be heard in opposition or in favor of the following ordinance to be considered at the next regular town council meeting on Monday, December 13:

AMEND ARTICLE III TO INCLUDE:

SECTION H- ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

"All components of an on-site - sewage disposal system, including field lines and ground application areas, shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet from Little River. The distance shall be measured from the closest point of the river's edge at the normal high water elevation, to the closest point of the on-site sewage disposal system."

This action was approved at the Zoning Commission's September 16, 1999, quarterly meeting.

~NOTICE~

Mentone Town Council meetings have been changed to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

This was voted on at the regular October meeting.

TOWN OF MENTONE.

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MENTONE PLANNING
AND ZONING COMMISSION
Meeting dates for remainder of 1999

December 16

All meetings are held in the town
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Publication Notice

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, the paper will be published later. The DECEMBER issue will be published the first week in December.

The MAPA meeting for December will be their annual Christmas Party, and the Christmas for the Children will be discussed at the MAPA meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 PM.

Those submitting photos, please get them to us by November 18. Articles are due during the week of November 15 - 19.

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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

College Football: Tennessee made it five in a row over Alabama. Bama fans got a little excited over the visions of derailed the Vols. Tennessee was superior in all phases of the game. Better days are ahead for the Crimson Tide. Tennessee may be the best team in the country. Most folks would disagree, but look at it this way. Have you seen a more physical team? Probably not! They beat you into submission.

Mississippi State (7-0) just keeps getting by. The Bulldogs possibly could finish 11-0 and be opposite Tennessee or Florida in the SEC title game. Alabama has a chance to get to Atlanta for the SEC championship. They must run the table the rest of the way. Remember, the Tide has problems with physical teams. State is definitely physical.

The Auburn Tigers have hit the skids at 3-4. Injured quarterback Ben Leard is about to return. Auburn's season hinges on the Alabama game November 20th. The Tide better watch out. Auburn is not as bad as everybody thinks, and Alabama is not as good as everybody thought.

Nationally, Florida State, Virginia Tech, and Penn State remain as the unbeaten that keep dodging bullets. No one stands out to be a clear-cut contender. I can tell you this, nobody wants to play Tennessee, now.

Groundhog Top Ten: 1. FSU 2. Virginia Tech 3. Tennessee 4. Florida 5. Penn State 6. Georgia Tech 7. Nebraska 8. Kansas State 9. Mississippi State 10. Georgia.

Baseball: The Yanks and Braves tangle for the 1999 World Series. They may also be playing for the title of the "team of the decade." The Braves have the make up of the 1995 World Series Champion. They seem to come through in the clutch. The Yankees are the better team on paper—they are the real deal. It may be a lost cause, but I think Atlanta can win it.

NBA Basketball: The NBA is just around the corner. Last season turned out to be exciting. San Antonio won the NBA title and may be a dynasty in the making. Watch out for Indiana and Utah, they both underachieved.

Groundhog Pick: San Antonio vs. Indiana

Auto Racing: Dale Earnhardt won an exciting Winston 500 at Talladega. Dale proved he still has it in restrictor plate racing. The man in black has had a solid year.

Jeff Burton won the most recent Pop Secret 400 at Rockingham. Dale Jarrett is well on his way to his first, and well deserved, Winston Cup points championship. Bobby Labonte and Mark Martin remain within shouting distance of the points title. The races remain Phoenix, Homestead, and Atlanta.

NFL: New blood in pro football. St. Louis, Miami, Tennessee, Indianapolis, San Diego, and Washington, among others, have turned the NFL upside down. Atlanta, N.Y. Jets, Denver, and Minnesota have struggled way below Super Bowl standards of a year ago.

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

Mentone finished 9-7 in the men's fall league at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. The players would like to thank Marie Dillenbeck for sponsoring the team in honor of Dr. Pat Seymour. Dr. Pat's memory lives on.

The Valley Head Tigers get one more chance to win. The Section Lions are the target. Winning may be a little tough, the Lions have a little more to play for this time—the state playoffs and an 8-2 season, just to mention a couple. Good news for Tiger fans next year. We drop to 1A and we have hit bottom. There is nowhere to go but up.

Several area teams are going to the playoffs. This has been an exciting prep football season. This was supposed to be a down year for DeKalb County area football. Surprise! We have some solid teams going into the playoffs. Here is a look at area winners and losers.

3A Area 16: Plainview (9-0) plays Sylvania (8-1) for the area title. The winner hosts the Lincoln and Piedmont loser. The loser travels to the Lincoln and Piedmont winner. Pisgah (4-5) is eliminated.

3A Area 10: Crossville (6-3) is in the playoffs as area runner up to Ashville. The Lions are looking at undefeated Good Hope in the first round. Crossville closes out the regular season with Litchfield.

2A Area 14: Area champ Fyffe (6-3) ends the regular season hosting Geraldine. The Devils host (probably Hatton) in the first round. Section (the area's runner-up) may have to travel to the dreaded Hazelwood. The Lions host Valley Head to end the regular season.

2A Area 13: Sand Rock (7-2) defeated Geraldine (8-2) to win the area championship. The Rock hosts either Oakman, South Lamar, or Pickens County. The Bulldogs travel to the above mentioned. Sand Rock plays Pisgah to finish out the regular season.

1A Area 14: Collinsville (8-1) won the area championship. The Panthers probably host Madison Academy. If anyone can make a run at a state title in DeKalb County, Collinsville may be it. Cedar Bluff has to travel to, probably, Courtland.

Fort Payne, Ider, Valley Head, Scottsboro, North Jackson, and North Sand Mountain have to buy a ticket to get in.

The Valley Head pee-wee teams finished up the season a couple of weeks back. The 9-10 year old Tigers narrowly missed the playoffs at 3-4. The 11-12 year olds were 2-5. Better luck next year, Tigers!

That does it for another month. God Bless!

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DeSoto Rescue Squad News

By Jennifer Smith

Hello Folks! Things have been very busy for us. We have finished our new office and have plans to paint the exterior of our building next. Our new training officer has been busy organizing classes and coordinating for both DeSoto Rescue and Tri-County Fire & Rescue of Cloudland, Ga. We are proud to announce a new mutual aid program between our squad and Tri-County. What that means is we will act as back up support for Tri-County Fire & Rescue, if needed, and they will do the same for us. There will be a combined dispatch through Chattooga County 911. At this time, due to communications and dispatch problems with DeKalb County 911, we ask that, if you are in need of DeSoto Rescue, please call Chattooga 911 - 706-857-3400 to dispatch Tri-County and DeSoto Rescue; or please call a member directly. We are currently working on these problems with the county, but are exploring other options, such as our own communications tower and dispatch service. We would also like to welcome new members—LeAnn and Chuck Flannigan, Carol Busby and Kenny Busby. Anyone interested in joining may contact an officer listed below for an application or feel free to attend a meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Community House in Mentone. Anyone interested in courses may also contact any officer below for a list of upcoming classes. Once again, we wish to thank everyone for their continued support. Your help enables us to better serve you, the community. Thanks, again.

Captain: Richard Douthat — 634-4813

1st Lieu.: Jennifer Smith — 634-4577

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DeSoto Rescue Squad is a non-profit, all volunteer Emergency Medical Response unit. Your support is greatly appreciated. To dispatch DRS - please call a member directly at Chattooga 911 - 706-857-3400, or dial 911.

In Memory of Terry Douthat

The members of the DeSoto Rescue Squad are saddened by the loss of one of its members, Terry Douthat. Wife, mother, grandmother, friend—Terry was the one we turned to for strength, advice, support, and sometimes when we needed it, a thump on the head. Her valiant battle with the cancer that took her too soon from her family and friends only reinforced the quiet qualities those of us who knew her saw daily—strength, courage, integrity, devotion, and love. Terry Douthat was one of the most beautiful people I have known, and it is a privilege to be called a friend. On behalf of the members of the DeSoto Rescue Squad, we express our deepest condolences to the Douthat family. Terry will be greatly missed.

Sincerely, Jennifer Smith,
1st Lieu, DeSoto Rescue Squad

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Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Naomi Potts is out of the hospital and back home in Mentone after 3 bypasses. We wish her a complete recovery.

Congratulations to Derek and Brandi Johnson, of Sylvania, on the birth of their son, Matthew Isaiah Johnson, on October 2nd. He weighed 6#, 12oz. Grandparents are Kenneth and Kay Johnson of Sylvania; Sarah Bentley, Fort Payne; and Bobby Maxwell of Cedar Bluff. This is the first child of the owners of the Mentone Deli and Grill on Hwy 117 in Mentone.

Congratulations to John and Donna Bares of Mentone, on the birth of their first baby, Bethany Jeanne Bares, who came into this world on September 27 as a blessing to her mom and dad. She weighed 5# 12oz, and was 19-1/2 inches. Grandparents are Maureen Bourgeois, of Thibodeaux, LA, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bares, of Erath, LA.

Linda and Scott Brubaker send word that their son, Nicholas, is doing great.

Amelia Kirk Lolli has been in Mentone since late September and has been busy since she arrived.

Get well wishes go out to Cody Hughes, grandson of W.P. Monroe, and to Amanda Tucker Bain.

Bessie Moxley had a fantastic porch party, recently. Sue and Bill Schwarz helped make it outstanding, and the guests enjoyed themselves immensely.

Congratulations to young weather artists from Valley Head whose drawings have appeared recently in the Times-Journal: Ben Sharp, 6, of Valley Head (9/30); Jesse Bryant, 6, (10/3).

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

•Mrs. Katherine Porter Crumbley, 84, Geraldine, formerly of Valley Head, Sept. 26;

•Mrs. Teresa Marie Meadows, 34, Mentone, Sept. 27;

•Robert Nelson Turner, 72, Valley Head, Oct. 5;

•Mrs. Pluma E. Clark Biddle, 91, of Valley Head, Oct. 8.

Happy Belated October Birthday wishes to •6- Bryan Green (in memory of); •24- Kyle Rape, Marsha Bon Fleur; •30-Tony Goggans.

Happy November Birthdays to: •2- Roger Allen Brooks; •3- Sandy Hulan, Emily Platt, Phil Howard; •4- Pat Lewis; •5- Ronnie Robertson, Gail Worthey Chambers, Tracy Platt; •6- Tommy Harrison III, Duane Blalock; •7- Rhonda Lasser, Carolyn Shaw; •8- Jonathon Black, Michael Harrison, Jason Owen; •9- Carol Hazell, Buddy Burnett, Laura Harrison McKenzie, Melissa Worthey Miller, Richard Green; •10-Velendia Miracle; •11- Andy Harcrow, Gerry Bain; •12- Ovie Blalock; •13-Lendell Chappell, Phyllis Lewis, Kim Langston Railey; •14- Kenneth Hammond, Austin Harrison; •15- Lee Carden 15, Kelly Maddox; •17- Randy Green (Conroe, Tx.), Lorelei Dillenbeck Lauro (Va.), LeLani Dillenbeck (Va.), Regina Noles; •18- Sharlie Harcrow; •19-Tara Cahill; •21- Carolyn Hicks, Keith Hadley, Gerald Bailey; •23- Dr. Pat Seymour (In memory of), Jared "Beaver" Fisher, Teresa Brown (Gulfport, Ms.); •24-Jessica Thornberry; •25-Robin Westbrook; •26- Krissy Worthey Harris, Bill Miracle, W.A. & Polly Chambers (Anniv.), Jan White; •27- Bill Schwarz, Carrie Ruth Kirby, Kim Worthey, Lesley Blalock; •28- Jo Beaubé, Maxine Wright, Florence Mays, Adam Tuxbury, Christina Armstrong, Patricia Kellett, Velendia and Bill Miracle (Anniv.); •29- Claudia Croxton, Brian Blalock; •30- Joyce Blankenship.

The Grapevine is short this month due to the publication date being moved up a day. I apologize for not including all the information that I had been gathering.



YESTERDAY'S GONE

A Novel By
Lamar Fine and Mary Agnes Fine

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Yesterday's Gone is a love story, but it is far more than that. It's a story of survival and ultimate success in a world where life isn't always kind. It proves that by believing in yourself and persevering, you can ultimately reach your dreams... at least the important ones... And that, while *Yesterday's Gone*... Tomorrow lies ahead.

Lamar and his mother had a booth at the Colorfest. They will be at the next MAPA meeting as the guest speakers. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting at Dessie's Kountry Chef, 7 PM, November 2nd.

Remember, *Yesterday's Gone* makes the perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, or simply as an "I love you" gift.

For more information on *Yesterday's Gone*, you may contact, Lamar Fine or Mary Agnes Fine, 245 Garretts Chapel Road, Chickamauga, GA. 30707;

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



So many beautiful days and cool clear nights, can you believe the weather we are having this fall season? We do still need rain and there doesn't seem to be any in the forecast. From the looks of the trees, there isn't going to be much color this year. I would think that this is because of the dry summer we just had. I know that the color is caused by the amount of sugar in the leaves of trees. This is why the maple trees will always color first in the tops. Maybe someone could explain the reason lack of rain affects the amount of sugar in trees. It may be that trees are just like other plants and conserve all their resources when they are stressed. Too bad people can't learn to do that.

There is not a lot going on in the town of Mentone right now. We are between several big projects. We are waiting to have some of them approved and others we are just waiting. Recently, I talked with Jimmy Worthy, and he told me that the big line that is coming to Cutler Avenue is very important. We need this source of water to supply our customers and reduce the possibility of a water outage. Marie, the town clerk, calls this the ARC line. This refers to the grant that the city is getting to put it in. We are presently waiting for approval on this and work should start on it soon. This may cause other problems to surface because of increased water pressure, but these will be problems that need to be dealt with anyway.

The women of the Mentone United Methodist Church recently served lunch to the more mature citizens of Mentone. (I don't like calling them "seniors" but I'm not sure what name really fits them.) This is a program that is sponsored by MERF and takes place every Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Community House until the end of November. This was a fun time and 28 people showed up to eat and fellowship. Someone brought a guitar, and they all sang familiar tunes. Mostly, they sat and talked and enjoyed being together.

Have you ever been somewhere that seemed you had been projected back in time by about a hundred years? I had this experience recently. My Aunt Edith has been doing some research on the Holbrook family. Her mother, who was my grandmother, was a Holbrook. She found out through her research, that a Jesse Holbrook had given a tract of land to the Methodist Church in 1838 to be used as a Camp Meeting Ground. The location of this land is between Canton and Cumming in North Georgia. She told me about this, and together we wondered if it was still in existence or had it been covered with cement and developed. After many phone calls, we found that it does still exist; so we started planning to go and see it. Fortunately, we found that a lady named Winnie Tallant had written a book about it. We found her and set up a date that she could go with us to the campground. On Saturday, October 23, we went to Canton, Georgia, and toured the Holbrook Campground. It was like going back in time.

There is a large pavilion where services are conducted. Around this in two circles are about 75 cabins, these are called "tents" even though some are made of bricks or blocks. The set-up is that a board of directors will assign you a lot and you build and maintain the cabin. The reason for all of this is that, every year during the last two weeks of August, they have "camp meeting." Families live in these "tents" so they can attend all services. This is called "tenting" by those who do it. This term comes from the fact that the first shelters were made of brush and limbs and called tents. They have several preaching and singing meetings a day for the entire two weeks! They also eat together as one of the buildings is a shelter for two long tables. "Miss Winnie", as we called her, told us that about 1000 people attend the meetings. I'm sure that most everyone reading this has heard of camp meeting, but who knew that it still existed. We also found a cemetery full of graves marked Holbrook and a church that almost everyone on roll is or was a

Holbrook. Miss Winnie's mother was a Holbrook. Our grandfathers (preceded by several "great"s) were brothers. This was a very exciting day for all of us who made the trip.

Almost everyone knows by now that I have retired from Camp Laney. I will miss all of the people there, but I am really enjoying having time to do some of the things I have wanted to do for a long time. I am looking forward to winter so I can sew again. It has been too long since I engaged in this hobby. I also need time to update and expand the family history that I started several years ago. I left the Camp Laney office in the very capable hands of Polly Cameron. She and I worked together last summer, and this made the transition much easier when I retired on September 30. I still talk to someone there about every week and was very sad to hear that the beloved camp dog, "Martha" had died. She was loved by all, and I have watched her endure the petting of as many as 50 to 75 little boys as they left the lodge after lunch. She never seemed to tire of their little hands patting her head. Not many dogs can be a "camp dog", but Martha did it beautifully.

I hope that everyone is enjoying the fall weather. My grandson, at the ripe old age of 10 years, says, "You're born, you live a little, and you die." Such sage wisdom for one so young. Live life to the fullest. What is the line from the song, "Live, love, laugh and be happy!" Good advice, whatever age you happen to be.

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

It has been an unusual summer and fall here in Mentone. The leaves are very slowly beginning to change their colors, as the weather has not followed the usual pattern. It is still quite warm and sunny; and some of the vegetables left over from summer are now doing well due to the sporadic rains, which have begun to come, heralding the onset of autumn here in the mountains.

This year, the nectarines molded on the trees due to brown rot, which over-winters in dried fruit on the tree or ground. With brown rot, flowers and new growth wilt and decay. Developing or mature fruit show soft, brown spots that enlarge and may grow gray mold. Remove and destroy dried fruit. Cultivate the soil around the base of the trunk before the tree blooms next spring. Cut out infected twigs, and spray sulfur in summer and lime-sulfur when the trees are dormant.

I also had a problem with my old fashioned lilac shrub this year. I found that worms had burrowed into the limbs, and the shrub was slowly dying. I pruned off the limbs that were dead or dying (they had the worms inside), up-rooted the whole shrub, and put it in a big bucket of water with Bt in it for a couple days. Then I replanted it in a sunny spot. To date, it is doing very well!

We also found that the tomato horn worms are back. They are a little hard to spot, as they are the same color as the plants and can disguise themselves very well! Spraying with Bt this fall and next spring will take care of the problem for the next few years to come.

Now is the time to plant spring blooming bulbs and hybrid lily bulbs. Also plant shrubs and trees in the early part of the month.

Rake and destroy all rose foliage on the ground beneath your bushes to cut down on disease next year.

Gather Chinese lanterns, honesty, bittersweet, rose hips, milkweed pods, grass plumes, or any other appealing and natural materials, and make a lavish arrangement for your front door.

Cut or chop fallen leaves for the compost pile. Rake up and burn or discard in the trash any fallen leaves and fruit from beneath apple, plum and other fruit trees.

Plant perennial forget-me-nots for early spring bloom. Dig up a shovelful of lily of the valley pips and pot them up for winter bloom. Pick hot peppers before frost and dry in a loosely closed brown paper sack. Avoid cutting perennials to the ground. Stems left standing will trap insulating leaves and protect the crown from freeze and thaw cycles.

UPDATES: It seems that the north and the south are at it again! This time, over the pollution of the mighty Mississippi. The Southerners state that, due to all the nitrogen run-off into the river from the farms up north, the growth of the algae has become uncontrollable. When the algae dies and decays, they steal oxygen from the water, choking off the marine eco-system in a phenomenon called hypoxia. Fish and shrimp can flee the suffocated area, but less mobile animals, like the snails and crabs, just die.

Fishermen just call it the **DEAD ZONE**--a barren patch in the Gulf of Mexico where their nets come up empty and their lines never record a strike. It moves around, waxes or wanes with the seasons, but always returns. The **DEAD ZONE** is growing--currently 7,728 square miles, an area the size of New Jersey--that's void of bait fish, void of anything!

Meningococcal meningitis is an infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal column that is fatal in about ten per cent of cases. It can be spread through contact such as kissing, sharing kitchen utensils and sneezing. The symptoms include fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, neck stiffness and skin rash.

THANKS FROM THE SHED

Just wanted to give special thanks to every Merchant who participated on Oct. 8th, 1999. It was wonderful, not only to be with everyone that night, but it was a fun night. One of my closest friends, Bernise Crow, said it was a night to remember, she was right. David and I thought all the merchants deserved something special, so we gave it to you; we also appreciate the business that you have sent to us in remembrance of that Friday night. I would like to also give special thanks to Sharon Westerland from The Animal Shelter in Summerville, Ga., also to Mrs. Mae Hilburn from Lookout Mountain Nursery, who helped me prepare all the wonderful food for the merchants. I would like to also announce the door prize winner, Kathy & Loyd McSpadden, of Mentone. They won some Christmas & Home Interior. I would like to also announce that Moon Lake School will be receiving a live Christmas tree for the children to decorate near Christmas. I would like to also announce that Mentone Inn was the first Bed and Breakfast to receive our services for decorating for Christmas. It will be well lit and decorated for the holidays, outside and inside, so drop in to see all the pretties near Christmas.

The Home Interior and Christmas store will be running sales from now till Christmas. Great Sales such as Icicle Lights for \$ 7.65, which corners the market when everyone else is \$ 9.99 and up. With the sale, it makes everything very affordable. I was very delighted to have such a good turnout, although I have to say Mother Nature took its place on Saturday but Sunday made up for it. I will be giving free advice on arrangements, so don't be scared to ask—that is what we are here for. I had many businesses who drove from Huntsville and Birmingham for advice and decorating techniques, so don't ever be afraid to ask. Don't forget about the Poinsettias and live Christmas trees, & Wreaths near Christmas, also house plants will be for sale all year long. So, if you need a gift or just need something special for someone, drop in and see the pretties.

When I think about how far this community has come, it is wonderful just to know who is going to be there for you and who isn't, and David and I will always be there for you no matter if you just need a helping hand or if you're sick and need some soup. You can just pick up the phone and give us a call, we will always be there or be near. We love every one of you and hopefully we have proven that. We don't want to change anything, but just bring some life and energy here, happiness, joy and peace to the community. The old saying is—give and you shall receive. Hopefully, with as much as we have given in the last two years, it is what you all want. If not, just let us know; we can change. So far, this is what you want, and so we brought it to you. So, don't be shy, we are always looking for new ways to improve the community, but to also help the community. We all need to work together for our children's interest and future.

Love you all, David & Cheryl Baker
The Shed, 634-4038

Upcoming Events

Christmas & Home Interior Store now open till 10:00 P.M.
Buy One Get One Free on Fireworks begins Day After Thanksgiving Day
Sale! Sale! Sale! Store Merchandise till Christmas
Live Christmas Trees & Wreaths begins 3rd week in Christmas
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LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN NATURAL HEALING

By Laura Katherine AKA Moon

Have you ever been weeding your garden or flower bed and felt like you were stung by bees? Well if you have, and there were no bees in sight, then you probably had a run in with nettle—otherwise known as stinging nettle.

Nettle is one of many herbs that are usually identified as noxious weeds. However it contains essential vitamins and minerals. Nettle contains calcium, iron, magnesium, potassium, chlorophyll, vitamins A, C and K. These substances make this plant an excellent food source and medicinal herb.

The sting that is felt after touching nettle is as a result of the formic acid that it contains the same acid that causes pain and irritation from a bee sting. There are folk stories that say bee stings help arthritis. This theory is somewhat confirmed by the effectiveness of nettle at treating rheumatoid arthritis. There was a time that arthritic patients were flogged with fresh stalks of nettle on the problematic area. Now bruised green leaves of nettle are used to alleviate pain and stimulate a fresh supply of blood to the blockages that cause arthritic inflammation.

Nettle is beneficial for anemia because of the iron content. It is beneficial for hemorrhaging of the urinary organs, lungs, stomach, intestines and nose according to Back to Eden by Jethro Kloss. The vitamin K content is the primary factor for this benefit. Many Native American women used nettle all through their pregnancy. Especially if problems such as hemorrhaging happened as a result of child birth.

Nettle is a great herb for many female concerns. It is known to increase the flow of milk for a lactating mother. It is known to restore energy following childbirth. Nettle is also beneficial to use from the beginning of your moon cycle, as a young lady, until menopause, as a mature lady. In addition it relieves water retention and other symptoms of PMS.

A tea of nettle is helpful in treating inflammation, as well as other problems, of the kidneys. The tea acts as a diuretic and a blood purifier. Nettle tea is beneficial in treating diarrhea, malabsorption syndrome, eczema, fever, colds, mucous in the stomach and lungs, backaches, goiter and any inflammatory conditions. It also kills and expels worms. To make a tea, boil one cup of boiling water in a glass or an enamel pot, then steep one tsp. of nettle until it is cool enough to drink.

A poultice of nettle leaves is good for pain as well as to stop bleeding. The leaves should be green, boiled for at least ten minutes and allowed to steep for at least ten minutes. The leaves applied to a wound will stop bleeding quickly. Do not leave nettle leaves on your skin for an extended period of time because they will cause blisters.

A lab technician at the Eclectic Institute in Portland found out by accident that freeze dried nettle capsules alleviate symptoms of allergies and hay fever, according to Herbal Healing for Women by Rosemary Gladstar. This discovery prompted more studies to detect whether fresh or dried nettle is also beneficial. My research brings me to the conclusion that fresh and dried nettle can alleviate the symptoms of allergies and hay fever. Nettle is a healthy food source. It can be boiled like spinach. Nettle is also frequently used in a marinade, so as to pickle it, by placing it in oil and vinegar to sit for about six weeks. It is recommended that you do not eat raw nettle because it can cause kidney damage, swollen membranes and/or allergic reactions.

For an excellent hair tonic that will restore the beauty of your natural hair color, add one tsp. full of nettle to one cup of boiling water and boil for thirty minutes. Use this as the last rinse when shampooing. If you want to get rid of dandruff, do the same procedure except substitute vinegar for the water. Work the vinegar mixture into your hair so that it thoroughly penetrates your scalp.

The entire nettle plant is useful. The medicinal qualities are in the leaf, seed and root. The tough stems of nettle have been used for centuries to make cordage and fabric.

Nettle can be found in many sunny locations. It grows to a height of 2 to 6 feet. Nettle branches out with tiny green flowers in clusters with two lance-ovate leaves just opposite each other everywhere the flowers branch out. It has small prickly hairs lining the plant that are responsible for the sting. The best remedy for skin irritated by nettle is nettle juice or a yellow dock leaf poultice. It is wise to use rubber gloves to harvest nettle. However people have harvested the herb using their bare hands with no problems because they approached the plant with the right state of mind and respect.

Nettle products can be purchased at herb stores and some health food stores. It is best to buy the herb if you are not absolutely sure you are harvesting the correct plant. Please always alert your healthcare provider before making changes in your healthcare regimen or diet.

Words to live by: "Insofar as you are one person, you are like a drop in the ocean. Insofar as you are part of spiritual awareness, you are the whole ocean."

Deepak Chopra



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How do you know if you are truly happy? What does it mean? Happiness is a compound and complex emotion, but its broad definition is what makes it accessible to everyone. Check through this list and consider how frequently you experience each of these sensations. There is a positive correlation between that frequency that you feel those things and your perception of how 'happy' you are. If you're not feeling so great, choose one item at a time and put yourself in a situation where you're bound to encounter it.

1. **Relaxation:** When you are truly relaxed, you are receptive and calm. Disappointments and challenges are not a threat to your peace. Relaxing can be as simple as three deep breaths at your desk, or as deep as meditation or yoga.

2. **Achievement:** To set your sights on a goal, persevere past obstacles and setbacks, and finally see the goal in fruition is a powerful act. Start with small, easily attainable goals.

3. **Health:** Health of body, mind and spirit. When all systems are running smoothly and in harmony, life looks pretty darn good.

4. **Fun:** Doing things that make you laugh actually has a chemical effect on your mood. Play with your kids or pets, watch a funny movie or just go out and whoop it up.

5. **Expression:** Learn how to get your point across—even if it may never be heard by anyone else. Paint it, say it, sing it, write it, lift it, twirl it, jump around about it. Think your thoughts, feel your feelings, but be free from them.

6. **Wisdom:** Educate yourself. Wisdom and knowledge are two very different things, but you should collect as much of both as you can. Spend time with wise and educated people. Go places where you will learn things.

7. **Exhilaration:** There is an implication of a tiny bit of fear with this word. Exhilaration comes with an extreme experience, where a fear has been faced, conquered and thoroughly enjoyed.

8. **Inspiration:** This may come from above, from within or from another mortal like yourself. Be in awe of something or someone. Know that there is always something bigger than you out there and strive to be closer to it.

9. **Energy:** Do something with gusto and enthusiasm, even if it's a little out of character. Vim and vigor are not a couple of circus performers. It's hard to be down with a spring in your step.

10. **Fulfillment:** What do you do that makes you feel whole? Do it more often.

Submitted by Dick Keefer

16 Ways To Really Listen To Your Kids

1. Try to remember: there is a reason we have two ears and only one mouth. Listen twice as much as you talk. (More than seven sentences in a row constitutes a lecture.)

2. Hang around with your kids, and just go with the conversational flow.

3. Be patient. Don't try to pull words out of your children's mouths. Don't finish their sentences.

4. Start listening early and don't stop. Communicating with kids is a little like staying in shape for a particular sport. You would never expect to be able to play a good game of tennis without a lot of practice. Listening and conversing with your kids works the same way.

5. When possible, face your child when you speak and when you are listening. Make eye contact.

6. Be a passive presence. Sit on the side of the sandbox. Watch a music video together. Read something aloud. Linger at the foot of your child's bed as you tuck her in for the night. Most children will ramble on just to keep you there.

7. Angry? Wait before you open your mouth to speak.

8. When you go to run an errand, take one child along for the ride. Private conversations increase your chances of hearing wonderful revelations.

9. Ask the right questions. Starting with the word *why* will always put someone on the defensive, especially a child.

10. Let your child in on something that happened to you. Request an opinion.

11. Think back to what happened in your child's life yesterday and follow up: "How did it go on the playground?" "What did your teacher say about your art project?"

12. Establish a time in your busy life when your child knows you will be available to him. Working moms may want to consider an after-school telephone break, for instance.

13. Let your children feel what they feel. Don't try to talk them out of being sad or angry, even if you fail to understand why they're upset. Think back to the last time you were in tears about something and another adult said, "Oh, I really wouldn't worry about it." You have a right to your emotions, and so do your children.

14. Put down your newspaper. Turn off the TV. Stop doing your chores for a moment. Put aside all other thoughts and concentrate on the speaker.

15. Don't always point out mispronunciations or grammar mistakes. Listen, instead, for the point of the story.

16. "Know what, Mom?" is an invitation to which you should definitely RSVP.

Submitted by Dick Keefer and taken from DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center Newsletter.



Well, another year is quickly coming to a close. Isn't it amazing how they seem to go faster every year? I have a really good, quick recipe using potatoes and onions, courtesy of our friends the Brasseales and an easy pot roast recipe which I particularly enjoy when there is a lot going on and I don't want to stay in the kitchen all day.

Roasted Potatoes with Onion & Parmesan Cheese

3 to 4 medium potatoes (any kind) sliced 1/4" thick

1 to 2 onions sliced 1/4" thick

3 to 4 Tablespoons Parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper

Heat oven to 425°. Spray 9" baking dish with cooking spray. Layer 1/2 the potatoes, 1/2 the onions, 1/2 the cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Repeat layers. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes.

Company Pot Roast

3-4 pound roast

1 can Campbell's beef broth*

2 cans Water

2 cloves garlic minced

1 large onion

6 medium potatoes

6 carrots

1 teaspoon dried oregano

Salt and pepper to taste

Brown beef in ovenproof pan. Add rest of ingredients and bake covered at 300° for 3-4 hours or until meat is very tender.

*If you don't use the Campbell's, use 2 cans regular beef broth and cut the water to 1 can.

Girl Scouts look for adult volunteers

Do you want to make a difference in a young girl's life? If so, we need you! The Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. (GSNA, Inc.) is looking for adult volunteers to help girls in your area participate in the Girl Scout program. Your talents and expertise are needed to serve in volunteer roles and more importantly as role models for our girls.

Adult members serve as volunteer leaders, consultants, board members, and program specialists. Share your experience with girls working on a badge or learning about careers or volunteer for a one-time special event. Training is provided to all volunteers. Troops can meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly. Meeting times are determined by the troop leader.

Some 85 percent of leaders surveyed said they receive rewards they don't typically get in their daily lives - rewards such as a sense of giving back, making a difference in a girl's life, contributing to the com-

munity, event management and training that has benefits in other parts of life, and the chance to form friendships with other adults who share their interests.

If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in volunteering your time, call the Girl Scouts at (256) 883-1020 or 1-800-410-8338 for more information.

Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. serves more than 8,000 members in 12 counties in Alabama and two in Tennessee. Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.5 million girls and adults. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA helps cultivate values, social conscience and self-esteem in young girls, while also teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting—and its special girl-only environment—girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.



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Mrs. Katherine Porter Crumbley

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By John Holleman

On September 26, 1999, a much loved and respected former resident of Valley Head passed away at her home in Geraldine, Alabama.

Katherine Porter came to Valley Head in the early 1940s to teach music appreciation and piano lessons. She met her future husband, Jimmy Crumbley, soon after her arrival; but, due to World War II, their marriage was delayed until he returned from service. After their marriage, they settled in Valley Head.

Following is a tribute given at her funeral in Geraldine Methodist Church, on

Tribute to Katherine Porter Cumbley

September 27, 1999, by John Holleman.

For almost half a century, Katherine Porter Crumbley was a vital part of the community I grew up in—Valley Head, Alabama. I was privileged to know her all my life, and I am honored to speak about her life on this occasion.

To her family, she was known as Katherine, in her classroom, she was certainly Mrs. Crumbley. But, in her community and especially in the Methodist Church, she was known by one simple name—Porter. If you said that name in Valley Head, everyone knew who you were talking about, because Porter served so many important roles in the community.

One role was in business. For many years, she and her husband, Jimmy, owned and operated a grocery store on the town square in Valley Head. This was an old fashioned store, but it was much more than a business. That store was a central meeting place where people socialized, caught up on the local news, and were frequently entertained by Porter and Paul Burnett with impersonations of some of the town's more colorful characters. Believe me, in those days, she and Paul had plenty of material to work with in Valley Head. In her store, I learned a lot about the value of a good sense of humor, and I came to appreciate Porter's particular sense of humor and keen wit.

Porter was an accomplished musician. One of her key roles in the community was that of church organist at the Valley Head Methodist

Church. Even the musically challenged, like myself, could tell that Porter was a talented musician with a wonderful sense of style. If she selected the music, you could be sure it fit the occasion. If she performed the music, you could be sure it would be done to perfection. Over the years, Porter and her music were key elements of countless worship services, weddings, and social gatherings.

Porter had many other roles in the community, but perhaps the most important was as a teacher. For years, she taught commercial and business subjects at both Fort Payne and Valley Head. In addition to being an excellent classroom teacher, she was a wonderful role model and an inspiration to all of the young people in the community.

Many of you knew her in retirement here in Geraldine. In that part of her life, she faced the loss of her husband and declining health for herself. Through it all, she still had important lessons for all of us. Lessons about life. About grace under pressure and courage in the face of adversity.

Among Porter's effects were two poems. She requested that these verses be read on this occasion. One of the poems is "Crossing The Bar" by Alfred Tennyson. The other is untitled and the author

CROSSING THE BAR

by Alfred Tennyson

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me
And may there be no mourning at the bar
When I put out to sea.

For such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam
As that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell
And after that the dark
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

And now the journey is over
Too short, alas too short.
It was filled with adventure and wisdom
laughter and love, gallantry and grace.
So farewell, farewell.

is unknown.

Taken together, these verses form a wonderful message and a final lesson from Miss Porter.



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A Friendly *Valley View*

By
ELOISE BROWN

Autumn has arrived with a blast of cold air, and leaves are blooming into different colors everywhere--

"Senior Send Off" was observed before the ball game of Valley Head and Collinsville Fri. Oct. 22. The senior members of the ball team, cheerleaders and band members and their parents were recognized.

Venna Livingston and I visited Virginia Livezey and Mildred Laws and others at Collinsville Nursing Home, Oct. 3. They were all right and seemed to be content.

On Oct. 17, about fifty relatives and friends came together at Winston Place for a lovely reception honoring Alta Millican, who came "back home" for the weekend to Valley Head after many years. We enjoyed living next door to her and her family in Valley Head years ago. She has always been a lovely person, dedicating her life to teaching at Jacksonville.

On Oct. 17, also, Robert Hawkins brought his dad, Howard Hawkins, from Brewton, Ala., to visit Sadie Cooper over night. They came by Howard's "headquarters" (Hulgan's Texaco), and saw several of his old friends. Venna Livingston, Ed Ringer, Clyde Hawkins, Bill and Dot Blackburn, Jimmy and Van Cooper, and I, visited him at Sadie's home.

Gladys Cobble spent the weekend with her son, Mickey Cobble, and his wife, Linda, in Chattanooga, recently.

Bud and Jeanine Oglesby from Lago Vista, TX, and Barbara Salter spent the weekend with Martha and Hoot Gibson and also visited Bill and Dot Blackburn. They took them sightseeing to Gorham's Bluff. On Sunday, they went to Mud Creek for catfish dinner and back by Dot and Bill's for a good dessert.

Evelyn Clark spent a few days with her son, Loy Clark and his wife, Margaret, in Birmingham, recently.

Among those attending the Winston Cup Race at Talladega, were Jonathon Dean, who went with his mother, step-dad, and uncle, and T.C. Blansit, Charlie Brown and Chris Brown.

Debra Rhodes was baptized into Violet Hill Baptist Church, Oct. 17. Vicky Delgarza joined two weeks before. It's good to hear that the church is increasing in numbers and,

hopefully, power.

Valley Head Baptist Church serves a meal to the Valley Head football team on the day before each game. Members from the church plan to attend the musical, "Always - Patsy Cline" on Nov. 6, at Northeast College.

Juanita Smith and Cora Sue Barnes went to Indianapolis, Ind., for a visit with Cora's daughter and husband, Anita Sue and Mark Kennedy and son, Nathan. They had a good visit and enjoyed sightseeing and shopping.

Ed Ringer enjoyed a three-day visit with his brother, Dr. Robert E. Ringer, and wife, Myrtice, in Marianna, Fla., recently. He also visited his niece and her husband, Sara and Bert Schmidt, on Thursday, in Enterprise, Ala.

Edith Dean had a happy birthday, Sat., Oct. 23. Mary and Herman McCorathy, from Chattanooga, her children--Doris Chamlee, Debra and Allie Rhodes, David and Pam Dean and children, came bearing gifts and a birthday cake. Norvel Franklin also brought her a good pie.

My cousins, Blanche and Bill Fuller, from Madison, Ala., visited me and Barry and Emily Brown, Sun., Oct. 24th. They enjoyed gathering scuppermons and walnuts and seeing little John Robert Brown and other members of the Brown family and Robert's house.

Camilla Yamada is attending school at Bowdoin in Brunswick, Me. Because of her outstanding academic performance, she has earned the designation of Advanced Placement Scholar, which signifies that she is one of a unique group of students world wide who have successfully completed a rigorous series of college-level courses. It is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all A.P. exams taken and grades of 3 or 4 higher on the greatest number of exams. Congratulations, Camilla, on this great honor. "An AP Scholar award represents a highly commendable accomplishment on your part" as stated in the letter from Phillip Arbolino, Associate Director of the Advanced Placement Program. Keep up the good work. Camilla is the granddaughter of Maureen Hammond.

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is fast approaching, but it is just around the corner. I hope it will be a happy time for everyone with blessings of good health and a harvest of plenty and a memory for appreciation.

November Flowers

November's flowers because they're rare,
Are much more precious and much more fair,
Colors seem brighter--all vivid hues,
Must be strong lest cold Winter subdues,
Changing the landscape from brown and gray
To myriads of colors bright and gay.
November's flowers bless Autumn's scene
With strength and beauty and hope serene.

--Eloise Brown



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Harvest Time

Stalks are standing stark and bare,
Shivering in the Autumn air,
Corn is amply gathered in
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Fields no longer cotton white,
Plucked in bunches fleecy light,
Loomed in cloth and seed and oil,
After Summer's sweat and toil.

Squirrels scamper in and out,
Gathering nuts all about,
Birds and bees are busy, too,
Doing things they need to do.

Stored are the vegetables and fruits,
Popcorn, peanuts and other roots,
Fuel to keep us cozy warm,
House secure from outer harm.

From the right and proper seeds
Come the crops to fill our needs,
Time of harvest, time to reap
Fruits of labor, just and sweet.

Time to gather family and friends
Time for loving and make amends,
Time for feasting, time to share
All our blessings from God's care.

Time to say, "We thank you, God,
For all gifts from sky and sod,
For all good and lovely things,
Everything the harvest brings."

It is time to pray for wisdom, too,
To use wisely as is due,
Everything we receive, to insure
Good harvest time every year.

--Eloise Brown

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
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If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.

Submitted by Evelyn Graves



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

We have had enough rain to save the life of some trees and shrubs but we lost many azaleas and rhododendrons. We watered them, but it was so hot and dry that it just evaporated fast. Our forest colors are not good, but they may come on strong near Thanksgiving if there are any leaves left on the trees.

Our Colorfest didn't have much color to celebrate this time, but people seem to enjoy coming to Mentone any time of the year. Much appreciation goes to Betty Bain who was chairperson of the festival--and I think it was a good one. I'm sorry to have missed it. I was busy at the Crows' Nest Antiques and since everything was moved to the Brow Park, I don't see anything but the parade and it was good. The Valley Head High School band made it something special. Many thanks to Jack Jones for arranging the parade and the bonfire and ghost story session on Friday evening, the first event of the festival. It was fun and I did attend that part. Tony Goggans was emcee and furnished music. He is a lively person and keeps everything moving smoothly. MAPA sold coffee, peanuts and marshmallows. The children had fun roasting marshmallows and listening to ghost stories related by Jack Jones and several others who were visitors. Of course, the Good Witch appeared with her loud cackling laugh, and the children have mixed emotions about it, but most of them love the witch in her tall black hat and black robe. She comes in riding a broom and carrying a black pot loaded with candy for the children. That's the most fun for me until Christmas when we have the party for the little ones. We probably had over three hundred people in attendance. It gets bigger every year.

Many thanks to Jerry and Betty Grantland and the rest of the Cotacco Creek Band who played music to draw the crowd for the bonfire and again on Saturday at the Brow Park. They are Professionals from Somerville, AL (near Huntsville), and everyone seemed to enjoy their music immensely. They are very nice people who love this area and come every year free of charge to help with the festival.

Also, we wish to thank the Campbells, owners of the Mentone Inn, for their generosity in letting us use the lot by the inn for our bonfire. If you haven't met "Miss Daisy", who is the manager of the Inn, you should. She is a bright, alert and charming lady.

It was a nice surprise to see Steve Blalock (Ruby Stalvey's son), in the shop recently with his lovely wife. I had not seen him in several years and didn't recognize him until he started to introduce himself. He was looking at Zora Strayhorn's book, "Mentone: A History", and I was giving him a sales pitch about all the research Zora had done on the book when he said, "I knew Zora". Then I realized he had to have lived here to know her. He lives in Gallatin, TN, now and doesn't come home often. He did buy the book. His grandmother, Granny Bain, is featured in it.

Ed and Margaret Hand also visited us during the festival. Ed taught voice and music at the junior college in Gadsden until

he retired, but is now teaching again. My niece, Lou Ann (Elrod) Johns, took voice lessons from him. Margaret is a great artist. I bought one of her paintings fifteen or twenty years ago, and I am very proud of it. They asked if I knew Bob McCord who passed away recently. I said I certainly did. He was in my graduating class at Valley Head. He had been in service during WWII and lost a leg at the battle of Guam. He came home and returned to finish school then to college and became a teacher. I noticed in his obituary that he and I were born on the same day. Margaret's grandfather was a founding member of Gravel Hill Baptist Church near Ft. Payne where Bob and Betty McCord were members. Bob studied art with Margaret and had started a large painting of the church showing historic periods of it. Margaret finished it in memory of Bob and painted his picture on it. It's a beautiful painting, and I suppose it will hang in the Church.

I enjoyed Ernest Smith's article very much in the October *Groundhog*. Marie Dillenbeck said they had it in reserve for some time and this seemed the appropriate time to use it. If you didn't read "The Punkin' Man" you missed a treat. Ernest had all kinds of health problems a few months ago and has not been doing any writing, and he does not go out very much. I talked to him recently and told him how much I enjoyed the article and that he should do some more. He writes well and has a wealth of knowledge about Mentone history. His mother, Nettie Smith, is in the Crowne Nursing Home in Fort Payne and will be ninety-eight in a few days. She is blind now, but her mind is sharp as ever, and it is a pleasure to hear her tell stories about her childhood and about her ancestors. She, like Ernest, never forgets events and likes to relate them to others.

The months have flown by, in this last year of the century, and we look forward to celebrating the year 2000. Y2K has been talked about with a great deal of apprehension because of the computers not being programmed for 2000, and it seems most everything is controlled by computers. They are wonderful to keep records and thousands of other uses, but when an error is made it can cause a great deal of trouble. Doreen's computer fouled up last year and lost all the material she had stored in it, even the list of vendors from the last festival. So we hope most people have solved the problems and we will not panic if things have to skip a day to correct errors.

There will be many parties and celebrations for the birth of the twenty-first century. Some I have read about in travel magazines are very expensive and reservations would have had to be made a long time ago. If our grandsons, Lee and Dillon, come, we will shoot fireworks from our deck and have a big bang-up party. After all is said and done, New Year's Eve will be just another day. Beverly Hoyt called me recently to tell me how much she enjoyed keeping up with things here in Mentone through *The Groundhog*. She wanted to know if any of us were extras in the movie "Southern Heart". I told her that Jack Jones was in it, but he said if he was in it, he missed the scene when he saw the film!

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MOUNTAIN MAMAS TO HOLD SALE

By Mary Alice Stout

What better way to do your shopping than at Mountain Mamas Pottery and Craft Store during its annual holiday sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 26, 27 and 28). Store hours are from noon to 6 pm (GA time). Storewide all items will be 20% off the marked price.

Mountain Mamas is located in Cloudland, GA, just a short trip from Mentone, AL. Go East on AL 117 and it becomes GA 48 at the state line. The craft shop will be on your left, just 1/2 mile from the AL/GA state line.

Many new items have recently arrived at Mountain Mamas. Come see the new hand-painted snakes, mailboxes, pottery and gourds. Handmade candles, aprons, rugs, quilts and pear preserves have been added to the items for sale. During the month of November, Mountain Mamas is open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. (GA time). We will be closed on Fridays during November, except the Friday after Thanksgiving.

After the Thanksgiving sale, Mountain Mamas will close for the winter and re-open on Friday March 24, 2000. During the winter, we will open by appointment--call 706-862-2142 or 6150.

Mountain Mamas send a big "thank you" to all who have stopped by to look, visit and shop during this past year. We wish everyone happiness during the coming new year.

Y2K WORKSHOPS AT MOUNTAIN MAMAS

Nineteen people participated in the Y2K workshops held at Mountain Mamas this summer. There was a lot of information sharing and learning. Y2K no-flush toilets are still for sale at Mountain Mamas. We hope that everyone will be prepared for any type of disaster.



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Volunteers taking the First Responder course for the Tri-County Fire & Rescue Department stand in front of their new fire truck: Front L-R: Bo Scott, Mary Alice Stout, Lisa Scott, Jim McCray, Howard Durham, Taylor Adams; Back L-R: Don Whitaker, James Durham, Janet Harris, Denise Green, Donna Smith, Charla Huskey, Darryl Adams and Heath Blalock.

Photo by Joli LaSavant

TRI-COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

By Joli LaSavant

The former Cloudland Rescue has gotten a new name and new officers. Representing the tri-county area, Chief, Taylor Adams of Chattooga Co., GA, Assistant Chief, Jim McCray of DeKalb Co., AL; Treasurer, Darryl Adams of Chattooga Co., GA; and Secretary, Mary Alice Stout of Cherokee Co., AL; were recently elected to serve the new Tri-County Fire & Rescue Department. Their station is located at the Georgia/Alabama state line in the Tri-County Building next to AAA Hardware (the "Mountain Top Store") on Hwy 48. This new volunteer fire and rescue department will serve the Chattooga, DeKalb and Cherokee County area within a five mile radius of the station.

As part of the training for the department, sixteen volunteers began First Responder training October 14th, and will

continue through the end of December. They will get a minimum of 60 hours of training to deal with disasters, search & rescue, and other major accidents and incidents.

Chief Adams says, "We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7-9 pm at the Tri-County Fire & Rescue Building. Everyone is welcome to come and be a member."

They will need volunteers to help with the Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 6, 10-2 EST at the Tri-County building. Prizes for the best shots will be a ham, tenderloin, and Case knives. Members are selling 100 tickets at \$10 each in a \$500 raffle that will be drawn at the Turkey Shoot at 2 pm. Tickets can also be purchased at AAA Hardware.

For additional information, contact either Taylor Adams at (706) 862-6515 or Mary Alice Stout at (706) 862-2142.



Valley Head High School Class of 1994 5th year reunion

The Valley Head High School class of 1994 held its 5 year reunion Saturday, August 28, at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Those attending along with their families were: from left to right 1st row: Toby Maniford, Jamie Blalock, Donna Vest, Chrissy Smith, Tammy Wilks, Sally Wheat, Kevin Worthey, Amy Hale, Luke Rape. 2nd row: Heath Blalock, Jeremy Hope, Scott Meadows, Greg Wheat, J.J. Wigley, L.C. Bone, Cole Blake, Darrin Smith, John Chambers, Duane Blalock, Michael Flannigan and Robert Beene. Not pictured, Jimmy Britton

Submitted by Sally Wheat

Pictorial review of



Local artist Donna Bouldin and her booth



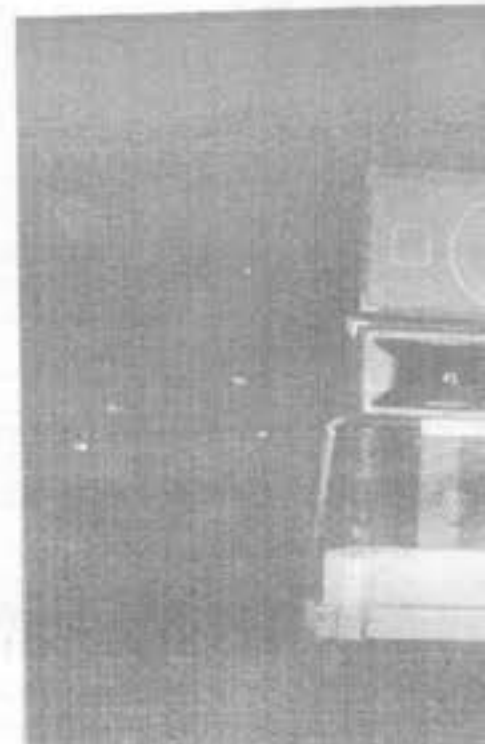
JP Nation's crafts booth. JP with his back to the camera is talking to Colorfest Chairman, Betty Bain.



Stained glass booth at the entrance on North Cool Street.



Good Witch Bernise is shown in full costume at the Friday night bonfire. Tony Goggans' grandson, Dylan Goggans, is shown talking to her.



Tony Goggans, the Mentone Friday night, October 15. Jay coming in between the music. also provided music during t back to the brow on Saturday



The 1999-2000 Valley Head High School Tigers Marching



North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District sold barbecue plates. The men are Kenneth Kirby.



Quest booth from Moon Lake School.



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hown is the group Cataco Creek who
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ntertained at the pavilion.

Post 215 of the American Legion raffled off a CD player for a fund raiser project. The CD player was donated by Wal-Mart. Seated at the table at the Colorfest is George Walker and Luther King Jr. Standing on the left is Sherman Gough and on the right is Amanda Matthews drew the winning name. The winner of the CD player was Huey Mathews. Upon being notified at the MAPA tent, Huey donated the CD player back to be auctioned off. Marvin Hancock of Sylvania was the highest bidder with \$20.



Photo courtesy of Valley Head High School



Linda Hill with her grandchildren, Alexis Shepherd, Chattanooga; Danielle Broadstone and Colin Broadstone, Tampa, FL. They were riding in the Colorfest parade, Saturday, Oct. 16.



Birth Announcement



Daisy Dakota Miller

Daisy Dakota Miller, daughter of Mark Miller and Theresa Collins of Valley Head, was born July 27th. Grandparents are Judy Miller and Fulton (Yogi) Burnette of Mentone; Herbert Wayne Miller of GA; Dee Ann Gregory of Valley Head, and Steve Brown of NC.

Daisy has a sister, Casey Miller (5), of Fyffe, and two brothers, Matthew Collins (4) and Taylor Collins (1) of Valley Head. They are all very proud of their baby sissy!

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Rev. and Mrs. James G. Young

Friends and Family are invited to celebrate the *Golden Wedding Anniversary* of Rev. and Mrs. James G. Young on Sunday, November 21st, 1999, from 2:00 until 4:00 in the evening at Promenade Hall Highway 117 Valley Head, Alabama.

Brock - Crane Wedding

Miss Kandi Michelle Brock and Jefferson O'Neal Crane were married on Saturday, October 16, at Christ United Methodist Church in Winston Salem, NC.

Miss Brock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeRieux of Winston Salem, NC, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brock of Pikeville, Tenn. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mrs. Doris Crane and the late Reece Crane.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wernkli, Mrs. Sara Brock and the late Winfred Brock of Pikeville.

Miss Brock is employed by HealthSouth Surgery Center and attends Christ United Methodist.

The bridegroom is the grandson of the late Mrs. Louise Hickey, Bill Hickey, Mrs. Sue Crane of Mentone, Ala., and the late Floyd Crane.

Mr. Crane is employed by Olan Mills and is a member of South Seminole Baptist Church.



**Kandi Brock
Jefferson Crane**



(L/R) Susan Wallace, Claire King and Christi Daniel

Recently, Susan Wallace and Claire King enjoyed visiting with Christi Daniel in Mentone. They enjoyed seeing the beautiful sights, meeting the friendly people in Mentone, and reading *The Groundhog*. They hope to return again, soon. All are Seniors at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Photo submitted by Bob/Alice Daniel

Happy 1st Birthday



Bailey Kirby

Bailey Kirby celebrated her 1st birthday on September 28, with a party at her house. Bailey has one sister, Caitlin, who is five. Amy and Preston Kirby of Mentone are Bailey's parents. Grandparents are Hobson and Martha Kirby and Ralph and Irene Willingham, all of Mentone; Lola Frazier of Fort Payne is her great grandmother.

Birth Announcement



Thomas August Shanklin III

Tom and Tonya Shanklin, of Valley Head, announce the birth of their son, Thomas August Shanklin III. August was born on July 1, weighing 8 lb 13 oz and was 22½ inches long.

He has a very proud big sister, Arden, who is five. Grandparents are Tom and Alice Shanklin of Valley Head and Gary and Josey Noles of Fort Payne. Great grandparents are Willie B. Langston of Mentone; Ola Bell Noles of Fort Payne and Genevieve Shanklin, also of Fort Payne.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR JAMES MARLIN COX



James Marlin Cox

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

The setting of the eagle scout ceremony for James Marlin Cox was at Nippersink Lodge, owned by his grandparents, Ed and Gerry Disney. His family included his mother, Theresa, and father, Pleas, and his sister, Kara, along with his uncles and their wives and families: Desmond and Kathy Disney, with daughters, Ellen and Reagan; and John and Johanna Disney, with their son, Nicholas.

Marlin is the 10th scout in Troop 106 to achieve the Order of the Eagle. Marlin said that stories told to him by his grandfather, about the times he was in the scouting program, were the inspiration for him to join the scouts.

After the ceremonies and everyone had gone home, his grandfather, Ed Disney, gave him a 65-year-old scout knife that he had carried with him all these years. Both his grandmother and grandfather Disney were in scouting either as a member or as a leader. Gerry Disney was a cub scout leader when her boys were growing up.

Family, friends, scout leaders and troop members, along with others came on Sunday afternoon, October 3, to witness the solemn but beautiful ceremony as Marlin was presented his Eagle rank. The ceremony is conducted by the troop members and their leaders.

Marlin's father, James Pleas Cox, said, "We are gathered here to pay homage to the Boy Scouts of America, to the industrious staff of Troop 106, Mentone, AL. Messrs. Bill



Scoutmaster David Gilbreath and Eagle Scout Marlin Cox



David Gilbreath, Marlin Cox, Dr. Bill Berry



Sister Kara, Grandfather, Ed Disney, and Marlin Cox

Berry, David Gilbreath, Tom Oberle, and the other adult volunteers, and to James Marlin Cox, age 17, upon his transition to the Order of the Eagle.

"Several years ago, Dr. Pat Seymour, may she rest in peace, informed me that, in a then recent conversation with Marlin, she had asked him what he wanted to do when he grew up. His reply was that he didn't rightly know yet, but that, whatever, he wanted to be like his dad. You can imagine my pride. Well, now he's grown. He's not like me. He's been a scout. He's his own man with moral responsibility and the patches to prove it. He has a good sense of humor that is associated with all of you in scouting.

"Let none present forget that this scouting troop, like all others, came into and continues its existence through countless hours of voluntary hard work. The pay off is not worldly. The payoff comes in the minds of these young people imbued with a sense of shared achievement, a knowledge of the workings of an organization, and a team approach to common goals. Did I mention that mixed in with all of this is a lot of fun and good food? Thank you all for coming today."

His mother, Theresa, read the famous poem, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost.

Marlin's road started when he joined Boy Scout Troop 106 in November 1994, when he took his first step building himself physically, emotionally, and spiritually as a scout. Continuing upward movement in scouting, Marlin earned his tenderfoot rank in fall of 1995, 2nd Class rank in the spring of 1996, 1st Class Rank in the spring of 1996; Star Scout in July 1997; Life Scout in the spring of 1998, and April 5, 1999

earned his Eagle rank by completing his Eagle Scout project and going before a board of review.

Homer Crow assisted Marlin with his Eagle Scout project, which involved planting 22 rhododendron and 11 mountain laurel and mulching around them at Brow Park in Mentone. After planting, he then cleaned up the area on the brow. His project was finished in March of 1999.

The major scouting activities Marlin participated in were Washington, DC, 1995; Comer Scout Reservation 1995-1997; Comer Scout Staff 1999 (taught pioneering), Order of the Arrow 1997, Brotherhood 1998; Philmont 1998; Junior Leader Training, spring 1999.

Besides the merit badges required for Order of the Eagle: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Life Saving, Personal Management, Safety, and swimming, Marlin earned the following elective merit badges: Motorboating, Fingerprinting, Rowing, Archery, Space Exploration, Pets, Dog Care, Pulp and Paper, Woodcarving, Art, Pioneering, Fish and Wildlife, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Hiking, Backpacking, and Railroad.

Printed on the Eagle Court of Honor Program for Marlin was:

**"Marlin, we are very proud of you!!!!
Love Mom and Dad**

Laughter... good for your health

Submitted by John Baty

Norman Cousins, I think, was the man who pioneered the theory that laughter was good for your health.

Think he had some illness and had family and friends bring all jokes and comedy they could find to his bedside in the hospital. Said he recovered and lived many years, attributing this near-miracle to laughter.

With that thought in mind, I submit the following:

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

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.

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30 AM each Sunday; and Communion Services at 6 PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church-LCMS, 112 First Street, SW, Fort Payne, invites you to attend Sunday Worship at 8 AM, School at 9 AM, & Tuesday Bible Study at 6:30 PM.

Pastor Rev. Gerhard Grau invites the public to attend the **Presbyterian Church** worship service at Cloudland, which begins at 10 AM, (EST), and the Menlo service which begins at 11:15 AM (EST).

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service at 11 a.m., Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 pm.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, invites you to visit with us each Saturday morning. We are currently having services in the Woodman of the World Hall in Valley Head. Song Service & Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00 - 12:00. Wednesday night Bible Study/Prayer meeting 6:30-7:30 PM. We've been having lots of outdoor picnics after services each week. Drop by and eat and fellowship with us. All are invited.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is committed to being a Bible teaching community church where all peoples of all races, social standing and diverse church backgrounds are welcomed and loved. In recent months, we have installed an audio visual system, baptized 12 and welcomed 8 new members. God is really working and we give Him the glory. Sunday School 10 AM, Worship Service 10:45 AM, Youth Ministry Sunday afternoons 4:30 PM; Bible Study Wednesday 7 PM. Pastor: Randy Addison - 634-4210.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Evening Worship at 6 PM; and the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. The church is still collecting cans to apply the proceeds on their building fund.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church pastor, James Braddy, welcomes everyone to services every Sunday morning - Sunday School begins at 10 AM, followed by worship hour at 11 AM, evening services at 6 PM, and Wednesday services are at 7 PM. All times are EST. All visitors are welcome and we encourage you to come worship our Lord, Jesus Christ, every opportunity available. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Sunday School at 9:30 AM. Small groups meeting on Sun., Tues. and Wed. nights. A "Super Saturday" event - a mini-Vacation Bible School with a circus theme, is planned for one Saturday each month. A prayer and praise service one Sunday night each month. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any of their events or services. Everyone is welcome.

Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, started Awana Ministry for Children on Oct. 6, on Wednesday evenings, from 6:15 to 7:45.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM, Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 a.m. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAs meet at 4:30 p.m. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 p.m., followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time, Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer. We are enjoying the ministry of our Interim Pastor and his wife, Rev. Nolan and Mrs. Dee Ford, with us. The Church celebrated Pastor Appreciation Week and Mrs. Ford's birthday the week of October 17, giving Mrs. Ford a bouquet of yellow roses and having a money tree for them at the Quarterly Fellowship Meal on the 20th. The Youth of Moon Lake are participating in many activities under the direction of Allen Crow and David and Marcia Tucker. They have attended several concerts and revivals and gone to Judgment House in Piedmont again this year. The JOY Group had their annual Apple Excursion to Dahlonga and Ellijay, GA on the 21st of October. The regular JOY meeting was held on October 28th in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The JoyBells brought us a musical program. The next meeting will be November 18th at 11:30 a.m. Everyone 55 and older in the community is invited to join us. Bring a covered dish and join us in a good time.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6 PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Pastor Linda Tucker invites everyone to attend. Laity Sunday was October 17 and both the Ethel Brown and the Mountain Laurel units of the United Methodist Women, along with the children conducted the entire service. In preparation for Charge Conference on Sunday Nov. 21st, various committees will be meeting: •Nominating Committee - Nov. 7, 4 PM; •PPR at 5 PM; •NOW Committee - Nov. 14, 4 PM; •Administrative Board 5 PM.



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Ann Sawyer, pianist/organist
(Musical program for Valley Head Woman's Club
on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1999)

The Valley Head Woman's Club

By Flo Kirby

The Valley Head Woman's Club held its October meeting on Wednesday, the 20th, at the lovely home of Helen Longshore. It was a beautiful day with just a bit of the cool, crisp feeling of autumn in the air.

Maureen Donahue gave the devotional with readings from several scriptural passages relating to hymns and singing. Our theme for the month was "Our Musical Heritage." This theme was carried out beautifully by Ann Sawyer's playing the piano. She played several of the old favorites such as "Take My Hand," "It Is Well With My Soul," "Were You There," "How Great Thou Art," and several others. If you haven't heard her play, she has recorded some of these hymns on both cassette and CD. The title of the CD is "From Heart to Keyboard." The music was an inspiration to all who were privileged to hear it.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by

Jan Wilkinson and the Collect by Velma Hammond. President Evelyn Graves requested the reading of minutes and roll call by Recording Secretary, Judith Hammond.

The Christmas Party is planned for December 10th at Mentone Springs Hotel. Members were asked to please bring money for reservations to the November meeting so plans can be finalized.

Doris Carmichael announced that new crop pecans will be available the first week of November and encouraged all members to participate in this yearly sales campaign. Monies raised from the project are used to fund a college scholarship for a Valley Head student and prizes for essays written by students at both Moon Lake and Valley Head (three prizes for each school).

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Helen Longshore, Judith Hammond and Doris Carmichael.



Ralph Patterson speaks to Rhododendron Garden Club on Toxic Plants

By Christina Wise

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on Oct. 12, 1999 in the Community House in Mentone. President Dallyne Jones called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. She welcomed the two guests present, Marion Solomon of Mentone, and Emily Brown of Valley Head, together with the speaker of the day, Ralph Patterson and his wife, Ruth.

Shirley Hussell led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, Betty Johnson read the club collect, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell delivered the devotional. Marilyn read from the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes, verses 1-15. This portion of the scripture tells us that, in God's plan for the world and mankind, there is a time for everything and that all things happen in the appointed moment or season. Marilyn entreated us that we must seize the opportunities, which God provides for us with in this plan, and use them well. To further illustrate the point, Mrs. Campbell read the poem by Robert Merrick "To Virgins to make much of time," the first line of which says, "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may."

The hostesses were Peggy Roark, Christina Wise and Lucette Dix. These ladies used the themes of Harvest Home and Columbus Day in their preparation for the buffet. The table was laden with varied and interesting temptations, like hot chicken salad, stuffed ham slices, pasta salad, spinach sandwiches and a garlic cheese ball. The centre piece comprised a raised area swathed in a red tartan scarf upon which a wicker cornucopia spilled forth its bounty of fruit, pumpkins and squash.

In deference to Columbus Day, there was a bread galleon in full sail and containing a cargo of broccoli and tomato salad. This vessel of course was the "Santa Maria." The dessert trolley offered lemon bars, strawberry trifle and sweet pastry delights...mmm good!

The club president then introduced the speaker, Ralph Patterson. Mr. Patterson's topic was toxic plants, and he went on to point out that a frighteningly large number of the plants and flowers that surround us are in fact toxic, either in whole or in part. Sometimes it may be the leaves, the stems, the root, the bloom, the berries, or the seeds that are harmful; but, in a few instances, it may be all of the above. Information booklets on this very important topic are available from the agricultural extension office. The list is long, but some of the culprits are: azalea, blue bonnets, buttercups, daffodils, nightshade, English ivy, foxglove, pinks, oleander, seeds and pods of wisteria, stems and leaves of tomato plants, leaves of rhubarb, leaves and buds of rhododendron and green potatoes. In many instances, contact with some will cause dermatitis, consumption of others will cause gastric upset, and, in a small proportion of cases, serious illness can result.

Mr. Patterson advised that all households should think seriously about purchasing an anti-toxic kit, which is available from most pharmacies. These kits contain Ipecac and activated charcoal. The Ipecac induces vomiting, and the charcoal absorbs the poison. Ralph also pointed out that, for some toxic plants, there is no known antidote and, therefore, the preparation of herbal remedies should be left to those extremely knowledgeable about herbs and to the professionals in this field.

Following the program, the roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as written. Under old business, Shirley Hussell reported that the garden area at the junction of Tutwiler Gap and County Road 89 had been prepared and that the railroad ties are now in position forming its borders. The club voted unanimously to have Russell Wright, of Wright Nurseries and Landscaping, plant out the area and

mulch it. Since the oak leaf hydrangea has been named the state flower of Alabama, it was considered appropriate to include a number of these bushes in this area. The Rhododendron Garden Club is in joint venture with Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative on this project.

Jan Wilkinson had asked club members to inspect the side of the proposed rock planter to be built beneath the Mentone Community House sign and to decide whether such a structure was suitable for this area. It was put to the vote and the membership opted for a flat flower bed instead because the sign was considered too low to the ground to accommodate a raised planter.

President Jones thanked those members who had given of their time during the month of September to prepare the area for the flower show at the VFW fairground in Fort Payne. She also recognized those who had manned the registration desk on the 2nd and 3rd of October at the flower show.

It was announced that club member, Barbara Blalock, had won a first place and best of show for her floral entry at the fair.

Flo Kirby intimated that the club needed to organize another litter pickup on its adopted mile of highway. This pick up will take place in November. The date will be set at the next meeting.

Under new business, it was decided to invite Ann Houston and Marilyn Blanton Campbell to set up a stall for the sale of items emblazoned with the logo of the Garden Club of Alabama (GCA). Both of these ladies are officers of GCA and all proceeds from the sale will go to that club.

It was announced that a two-week trip is available to visit the International Gardening Convention and Flower Show in San Diego next year. Travel will be by bus, accommodation will be at the Hyatt Regency. Most meals are included in the price, as are entrance fees and several side trips. The cost will be \$1690 and the trip is being organized by Trece Chancellor. (See Hortensia) This trip will take place from 20 May - 3 June, 2000.

The club accepted a gift from member, Dorothy Cyr, who donated a collection of very old potpourri recipes. These recipes are in original script printed on the original paper and were gratefully accepted by the club historian for the archives.

Jan Wilkinson past president of the Rhododendron Garden Club, announced that the club had been presented with two awards from the Garden Club of Alabama. The first was the Gold Seal Club of Distinction and the second was a 2nd place in District II to Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Past Secretary of the Rhododendron Garden Club, for her compilation of the publicity and press book for the Rhododendron Garden Club. These awards are most gratifying and the club members congratulated all concerned. Treasurer, Peggy Roark, gave the treasurer's report, and the drawing for the door prize was made. Betty Chapman was the lucky winner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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 the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9, 1999, AT 12:30 P.M. at the Mentone Community House. Linda Brown will give the devotional. Roll call is to name a snake. Hostesses are Phyllis Camull, Hattie Lide, and Shirley Hussell. Ken Thomas will give the program - "Snakes - the Pits."

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(7) **THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER,** 75 acres NW available with access from Paved Road, and County Water. Over 600 ft. of River, 3 springs, wet weather cascading water fall. Also, part of the Historical Dinky Line Railway. \$248,000.



(8) **THREE STATES CAN BE SEEN,** from these Tracts located on the West Brow, in Dade County, Ga. Minutes from Chattanooga. (1) 13 acres \$70,000; (2) 19 acres \$70,000, Hwy 189, Lookout Mtn. Parkway.



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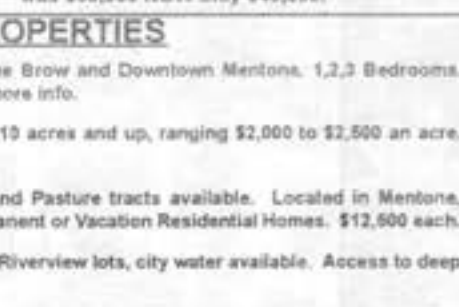
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(16) **WEEKEND/WEEKLY RENTALS,** available on the Brow and Downtown Mentone. 1,2,3 Bedrooms. \$85.00 and \$125.00 nightly. Call Angela Wood for more info.

(17) **COUNTY ROAD 633, WOODED TRACTS** from 10 acres and up, ranging \$2,000 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner Financing to qualified buyers.

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Shady Grove Eco-Ranch, new endeavor for 81-year old Jack Jones of Mentone

By Marie S. Dillenbeck



The sign to the entrance of new eco ranch in Chiefland, FL



(bottom row) open area, and Live Oak trees

Jack Jones, man with vision, story teller, entertainer, artist, author, pilot, golfer, soldier, camper, actor, husband and father, and a 1999 Alabama Tourism Awards nominee, received his Alabama Tourism Hall of Fame Award on July 28, 1999, during the Alabama Tourism Partnership Governor's Conference at Marriott's Grand Hotel in Point Clear. The awards honored outstanding achievement in the state's \$5.4 billion tourism industry. Accompanying Jack to the banquet was his son, Gary.

Jack and his wife, Olive, and son, Gary, run the only Ski Resort (since 1970) and Dude Ranch in the South. They also own and operate Saddle Rock Golf Course. The Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort and Shady Grove Dude Ranch are all atop Lookout Mountain on a thousand acres in Mentone. An air strip is also located on their property.

As if the above was not enough to keep him busy at age 81, Jack recently (August 14, 1999) purchased a 258-acre ranch in Chiefland, Levy County, Florida, near the Suwannee River.

Scenes from the Shady Grove Eco-Ranch: (top row: cabin, equipment storage, inside view of bunkhouse,

He has named this ranch, Shady Grove Eco-Ranch. It is all fenced with over 7 miles of hiking trails or biking through virgin forest of live oak, water oak, and pine. Native animals habitat this area, including deer, turkey, squirrel, birds, butterflies, and horned owls. NO HUNTING ALLOWED! Guided tours are available. 4-wheelers are not allowed. Rangers give you the time the automatic feeders sound off, and from their lookout, native deer and turkey will surprise guests with unconcerned appearances.

Located on this eco-ranch is Dipple Field, a private 4,000 ft. airstrip, where planes can fly in and land. There is also a fishing lake available for guests—but you must bring your own tackle. Registered Cracker cows can also be seen along with the native animals on the ranch.

Jack said that this is a new project for him, and projects are what keep him going. He has completely renovated the ranch. There is a Honeymoon Cottage, an Oak Cottage, a Round-up/Bunkhouse Lodge, Horned Owl Cottage, and a Chow

Palace/Dining and Recreation Hall that seats 150 people and has a full kitchen. It is natural looking and the wiring is underground. Also offered are horse shoes and volley ball. Areas have been built just for these activities. Benches have been set up to allow guests to sit and enjoy nature at its best. All signs for this new endeavor were created by Joe Rape, The Sign Man, in Mentone. All the signs were transported to Florida and set up.

Just as the Dude Ranch in Mentone has campfires, storytelling, legends, history of the area, square dancing, hiking, fishing, and swimming, so does the new Shady Grove Eco-Ranch. This will not be a dude ranch or a bed and breakfast, it will be a learning ranch, with church groups, classes from schools and colleges, and other groups welcome.

Jack is excited about this new endeavor. He has a manager who will be handling everything for him, but Jack will go from time to time and "keep an eye on things."

The Red Barn, another of Jack's endeavors, now has a space in the White Elephant on the second floor. While you are browsing in the White Elephant, stop by and see the items from Jack's Red Barn on display.

White Elephant Antique Galleries and The Village Boutique



The structure was built in 1914 as a 2-story annex to the Mentone Springs Hotel. It contained 24 rooms, each with a private bath. At that time it was named Sunset Hotel. In 1976, it was purchased by James E. Rotch, a native of DeKalb County, and was operated as the White Elephant Galleries. In 1999, renovations were completed inside and outside. During the past year, the following local shops have come to call the White Elephant Home: Ro's Kreations, The Village Boutique, Arion Galleries, Jack Jones

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(11) LAKE ON THE BROW - Panoramic view of the valley and at one point Lake Weiss. Three bedroom, 2-1/2 bath custom built home with stacked rock foundation and fireplace with inside wood storage. Pella windows, corian counter tops and sink, skylights, track and recessed lighting, professional landscaping...too many extras to list. Call today for all the details. \$368,500.



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(20) 1.75+ ACRES IN WEST FORK SUBDIVISION. \$28,500.

(21) WEST FORK SUBDIVISION - Over 3 acres in West Fork Subdivision. This property is wooded and has a spring. Lightly restricted. \$15,000.

(22) BROW PROPERTY - 2.64 +/- acres on the West Brow of Lookout Mountain. Located less than one mile from downtown Mentone. \$45,000.

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VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS



VHHS Homecoming

Candace Fuller is crowned Valley Head Homecoming Queen by the 1998 Queen, Brandy Jackson. Escort is her father, Rick Fuller.
Photo by Russ Austin

By Lisa Moore

Congratulations to the Valley Head Marching Band and Color Guard. They received all Superior ratings at the DeKalb County Marching Festival held on October 3rd. This is the 15th year in a row the band, under the direction of Mr. Campbell Smith, has received a superior rating at the annual DeKalb County Festival. Good job, guys!

The Valley Head PTO and Band Boosters would like to give a BIG THANKS to everyone who has helped with the concession stand this year during football season. This year has been a great success, and it wouldn't have happened without all the great workers. If anyone would like to help with the basketball concession stand, contact Kathryn Carden; and I am sure she can find something for you to do to help with that, too. Good help is always needed and appreciated.

Congratulations to the Junior class at Valley Head. Their float was selected as this year's winner in the homecoming parade. This is the 2nd year in a row their float has been the winner. Good work!

Valley Head held "Discover Your School" on Monday, October 11th, and this was a great success. During the intermission, the audience was entertained by local cloggers, most of them students at Valley Head.

Please remember that the next PTO meeting will be on November 1st. The PTO is also planning a Talent Show, (not contest, just a show) for November 5th & 6th. Your child has the opportunity to sign up to participate in the show. Please encourage them to do so. This should be fun for everyone and give children the chance to show their skills and talents to others in the community. A sign up list is at school, so please speak to your child about this and encourage them to sign up. The show for the elementary will be held on November 5th and Junior High and High school will be held on November 6th.

Remember that school will not be in session on Thursday, November 11, (Veterans Day) and Wednesday, 24th, Thursday, 25th, and Friday, 26th (Thanksgiving holidays). CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S ALMOST THANKSGIVING TIME, AGAIN?



Band Director
Campbell Smith



Drum Major
Becky Mays



Color Guard members Anna Rievley (front) and Crystal Durham (back) perform at the DeKalb County Marching Festival.

The members of the 1999-2000 Valley Head High School Tigers Marching Band are:

Band Director: Campbell Smith

Drum Major: Becky Mays

Band Captain: Stephanie Watkins

Color Guard Captain: Anna Rievley

Drum Captain: Beth Moore

Color Guard: Effia Harrison, Virginia Hatfield, Crystal Durham, Alisha McElhaney, Tracie Pullen, Jessica Barrier and Anna Rievley.

Flute: Shannon Chappell, Andrea Grisham, Tessa McKinney and Sharee Jenkins.

Clarinet: Annah Armstrong, Stephanie Watkins, Amanda Wooten, Leeanne Wooten and Amanda Lacy.

Alto Saxophone: Brandy Ellis, Derek Payne, Brittany Johnson and Helle Shaks-Neilsen.

Trumpet: Dustin Davis, Karina Taylor, Josh Farmer, Annie Harrison, Amanda Jacobs, William Poe and Chris Richardson.

Trombone: Adriane Robertson.

Baritone: Donnie Davis and David Chaney.

Percussion: Ashleigh Deering, Turner Taylor, Kyle Gregory, Beth Moore, Jeffrey Bullock, Tony Ellis and Ben Windom.



Winners:

2nd runner up: Mrs. Allen's 5th grade class

Heather Daniels and Cory Dobbins

1st runner up: 3rd grade class

Sydney Hixon and Decker Jones

King & Queen: Mrs. Wisner's 5th grade class

Ashley Johnson and Alan Crider

Attendants:

8th Grade: Almada Parker

9th Grade: Karina Taylor

10th Grade: Jennifer Blalock

11th Grade: Virginia Hatfield

12th Grade: Alicia Busby

Heather Williamson

Queen: Candace Fuller

The Valley Head Homecoming Court:

Kindergarten: Victoria Ferguson and Chaddis Smith

1st Grade: Jessica Thornberry and Nick Gatlin

2nd Grade: Samantha Weller and Dillon Brown

3rd Grade: Sydney Hixon and Decker Jones

4th Grade: Samantha Rhodes and Jeffery Bain

5th Grade: Heather Daniels and Cory Dobbins

(Mrs. Allen's Class)

5th Grade: Ashley Johnson and Alan Crider

(Mrs. Wisner's Class)

6th Grade: Christina Armstrong and Aaron Grisham



Local Author, Lora Dell Perkins donates half of proceeds from the sale of two of her books to the Moon Lake Elementary School New Library Fund

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Lora Dell Perkins, of Mentone, is donating half the proceeds from her books, *Smarty the Rooster* and *Smarty's Journey to Alabama*, to the Moon Lake School New Library Fund. These books may be purchased at Morgan Drugs and The Head Shed in Valley Head, Dessie's Kountry Chef, in Mentone, and Complete Care in Fort Payne. Lora Dell also has a supply of them at her home. The cost of the first book is \$7.00 and the second book is \$8.00. One half of the proceeds from each of them will go into the Moon Lake School Library Fund.

Lora Dell Perkins said that the second book is a follow-up of the first book. There will be a series of four books. She said what got her started on the series was that her Aunt Vergie wrote a letter to her, and they sent her aunt a rooster. She has already written the other two books, but is still working on getting the art work just right. Lora Dell said, "One of the best things I have ever heard about my books is that a child with autism responded every time her parents read the book to her. This, itself, makes everything worthwhile."

Lora Dell said she wrote this series about Smarty the Rooster to teach life lessons, good manners, values that we need to keep, and she tried to make it funny and interesting to read. She believes adults will enjoy it as much as the children.

Author Perkins read in last month's issue of *The Groundhog* that they needed ideas to help fund the new library. She felt that this was one way she could help.

Readers, you can help Moon Lake get its new library. At present, they have a trailer where the students go to check out their books. It is the hope of all those involved with this new library fund that the library will not only serve the children of Moon Lake School, but also the citizens in the area on certain days. This is a project worth everyone's concern. There is no library in Mentone. The DeKalb County Library sends the bookmobile twice a month to Mentone.

Purchase these books and give them as gifts. You may also donate money to the school by sending your gifts to Moon Lake Elementary School, New Library Fund, P.O. Box 166, Mentone, AL 35984.

WoodMasters Gift Gallery to host "Discover Department 56" Holiday Program

Festivities Kick off Fundraising Effort for the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House

Fort Payne, AL, November 5th, 1999 - Join the festivities this holiday season at WoodMasters Gift Gallery at 322 Gault Avenue NW in downtown Fort Payne during the Discover Department 56 Holiday Program. Beginning November 5th and running throughout the holiday season, WoodMasters will host activities including in-store drawings, seminars and displays and help raise funds for the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House. A new Gift Guide from Department 56, a leading designer of holiday collectibles and giftware, offers unique gift-giving ideas for the holidays and is available free while supplies last.

"Discover Department 56 is an exciting way for people to prepare for the holiday season and help support a local charity," said Shelia Smith, Store Manager. "The holidays are a special time of year when it is important to share with everyone."

New Gift Sets Make Gift Giving Easy

During Discover Department 56, WoodMasters will introduce three new Department 56 Gift Sets from The Original Snow Village, Dickens' Village Series and Christmas in the City. The Gift Sets offer ready-to-display holiday scenes, complete with a lighted Village piece, accessories and snow-everything needed to share holiday wishes or recreate cherished memories with loved ones. Each set captures a special holiday moment with three-dimensional scenes inside the miniature lighted buildings - a first for Department 56.

Program Benefits

Chattanooga Ronald McDonald Houses

As part of the Discover Department 56 Holiday Program, a portion of the proceeds from "The First House That Love Built" holiday ornament will be given directly to the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House. WoodMasters will offer this special ornament commemorating the 25th anniversary of Ronald McDonald Houses. The hand-painted porcelain ornament was inspired by the original Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The landmark townhouse was built in 1880 as the home of William James Swain, editor and publisher of the Philadelphia Ledger. In 1974, the house became the first "home-away-from-home" for families with sick children.

Special Edition Piece Pays Tribute to the Millennium

WoodMasters will help celebrate the new millennium with "The Times Tower" from Department 56. The special edition lighted Village piece was inspired by the original Times Tower in Times Square, New York City, site of the famous annual New Year's Eve ball drop. During Discover Department 56, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of "The Times Tower" also will be donated to the Chattanooga Ronald McDonald House. "The Times Tower," complete with accessories, will be available at WoodMasters while supplies last.

Stop in at WoodMasters Gift Gallery in downtown Fort Payne to learn more about the Discover Department 56 Holiday Program and receive a free Gift Guide, or call at 256-845-2367.



Located next to the Mentone Springs Hotel
New Fall and Winter Hours:
OPEN M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat: 10-5; Sun 10-4
CLOSED Tuesday
Antiques, Collectibles, Uniques
Owners, Judy and Louis Pierce (256) 634-4529

Generations Past

an eclectic atmosphere
OPEN Thursday-Sunday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Antiques, local art, painted furniture, gifts, childrens' toys
located in the Hitching Post
Highway 117, Mentone



Holiday Festival

Arts - Crafts - Antiques

November 13-14, 1999

Saturday, 9am - 5pm

Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Fort Payne VFW Fairgrounds
Sponsored by Altrusa of Fort Payne - DeKalb

For more information contact Pat Pack at
(256) 845-2970 (home)

OR

(256) 845-9780 (work)

Door Admission will be charged

Concessions will be available

I bring you the most joyful news ever announced and it is for everyone!
LUKE 4:18,19

N.A.R.F.E.

(National Assn of
Retired Federal Employees)
Chapter 1868

Meets on the third Tuesday of
January-November
10:00 a.m.

At the Western Sizzlin, Ft. Payne
Followed by a Dutch Treat lunch.
All current and retired Federal
Employees and spouses
are urged to attend.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy
vows unto the most high:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I
will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

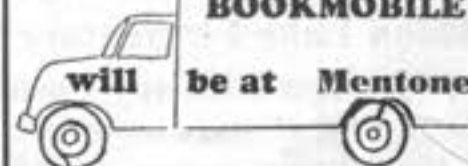
Psalm 50:14-15

We have so many things to thank God for; and, at
this time of year, we should be more thankful than
ever. But, if we want God to deliver us in the day of
trouble, we must check up and see if we have paid
our vows. We are facing trouble, there's no doubt;
and we are sure to need God's help. So, in prepar-
ing for this Thanksgiving, let's pay our vows and
glorify God

Happy Thanksgiving!

The DeKalb County

BOOKMOBILE



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

- October 13 & 27
- November 10 & 14
- December 8 & *
- January 2000 12 & 26

*(Christmas Vacation)

What do you give mama for Christmas?
Give her a fire extinguisher,
and teach her how to use it.
Submitted by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Harvest Festival

Moon Lake
Elementary School

Saturday,
November 13,
1999

5:00-8:00 pm

Come see who will be this year's king
and queen! While there enjoy the
food, games and entertainment! It's
also a great time to see our newly
renovated gym!

American Legion Veterans Day Meeting

The American Legion
meeting will be on
Veterans' Day, Thursday,
November 11 at 6:30. The
speaker will be John
Wilkinson. All veterans
and wives are invited to
attend. There will be
entertainment.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY

SPONSORED BY TRI-COUNTY

FIRE & RESCUE DEPT.



For a safe and fun Halloween, bring your kids
to the Tri-County Fire & Rescue Halloween party
Saturday, October 30, from 6 to 8 pm EST.

Come to the Tri-County Building next to AAA Hardware
on Hwy 48. The party is free to children of all ages and will
provide candy, games, face painting, a costume contest, a
haunted house, drinks and more. Don't miss the fun!

