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COLORFEST 2000 A GREAT SUCCESS!



The MAPA Booth

By Betty Bain

Colorfest 2000 seems to have been a success for MAPA and our town. One of the largest crowds we've had in several years turned out for this event. We had some quality vendors displaying their work this year—most of whom have either signed up for the Rhododendron Festival or expressed an interest in coming back in May. All of the vendors were very nice people. I enjoyed working with all of them and look forward to seeing them again. I personally want to thank all of them. We couldn't have a festival without our vendors!

The bonfire on Friday night was pretty popular. More than 400 people showed up for the music, storytelling, and refreshments. We missed our visit from "The Good Witch Bernise", but her friend "The Nice Witch Sherry" graciously filled in for her, and the children loved her. Our storyteller, Gerald Taylor, was joined by Tony Lawson of Mississippi and a Mystery Guest with a local mountain lion story. The musical entertainment was furnished by Jerry, Betty, Steve and Roy. Their band name is Cotaco Creek. They do a great job and we're always glad to have them in town and at the festival. I also want to thank Mayor Britt for coming out to welcome everyone. Mike and Sarah Campbell were gracious enough to allow us to use

the lot next to the Mentone Inn again. We appreciate their generosity.

Jerry Grantland lined up our entertainment for Saturday and Sunday and did a great job. This year's line up was Cotaco Creek, David Turney, Leslee Scott, Journey to the Sun along with Duane Walker and the Desperado Band. (See photos on pages 9 and 10.) All of these are professional musicians who donate their time and talent to our festival. We were very glad to have our local talent come out again: The Lookout Mountain Cloggers, The K & K Kickers, The New Generation Cloggers, The Silverliners, and the Tim Murphy Ballet Group. The crowd loved all of you. The Mentone area has a lot of talented people. I hope that some of you will take part in the May Rhododendron Festival the 3rd weekend in May 2001.

David Gilbreath, Dr. Bill Berry and Boy Scout Troop 106 handled the parking for our festivals. They do an excellent job. We would have total chaos without you guys!

We appreciate all of the T.V., radio stations and newspapers who promoted our event. We also appreciate the support we've received from Mayor Britt, the members of the Town Council, Marie Dillenbeck, H.P. Goss and our Law Enforcement Officers.

During the festival, I noticed a lot of young adults taking part in things that benefit our school and our community. They should be commended for the positive things they do. Over the past three years, I've dealt with a lot of our visitors and one thing comes up in almost every conversation: how friendly and welcoming the people are in our area. I think that is something to be very proud of.

Marilyn and Huey Mathews have spent countless hours working on this festival with me. If I listed all the things that they have done, I'd need another issue of *The Groundhog*. It is a pleasure to work with them. I feel very blessed to have them as friends. They are an asset to MAPA and to our town.

Gerald and Margaret Taylor, Thank you! I look forward to working on projects with both of you in the future. Several festival photos can be seen on pages 9 and 10 that were taken by Gerald Taylor.

Below is a list of people who helped make this festival possible: THANK YOU ALL!!

Dorothy Crow
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- Saturday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. American Legion Meeting, American Legion Hall, Mentone. Covered Dish supper in honor of VETERAN'S DAY
- Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM with DeKalb County Sheriff Reed, at Moon Lake School Gym. Everyone is invited.
- Thursday, Nov. 23, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., MAPA Christmas covered dinner, Dessie's Kountry Chef

- Friday, Dec. 8, Mountain Christmas Celebrations. Open House by merchants, bonfire, etc. See notice elsewhere.
- Monday, Dec. 11, Mentone Town Council, Town Hall meeting room
- Friday, Dec. 15, Schools out for Christmas
- Tuesday, Dec 12; Every Light a Prayer For Peace - Mentone United Methodist Church, hosting DeKalb/Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs
- Sunday, Dec. 17, Community Christmas Cantata, 5 PM Mentone United Methodist Church; and 7 PM at Valley Head Baptist Church

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT

By Marilyn Mathews

Because of the hard work of a lot of people, especially Betty Bain, our chairperson, Colorfest was a huge success this year. We have had a lot of compliments on it, and are looking forward to seeing it grow even more. There was an estimated 500 people at the bonfire on Friday evening, and the parking lot at the Brow was full by 9:30 on Saturday morning. The vendor area was crowded all weekend and we have heard that a lot of people could not get near enough to shop. They missed a great opportunity-- we had a good selection of arts and crafts items from which to choose. I would like to take this opportunity to add my thanks to each person who contributed to the festival in any way. It takes a lot of people working together to make a success of an event such as this, and I appreciate all the help we received.

MAPA gave away one of Lola Mae Blalock's quilts again this year. Mayor C. E. Britt drew the winning ticket held by Joseph B. McGinnis, of Carrollton, GA. The quilt was shipped via UPS on the following Monday; and, when I spoke with Mr. McGinnis later in the week, he indicated he had received it on Tuesday. He expressed his pleasure with the quilt, and his family's love for Mentone. We would like to thank Mr. McGinnis and all the others who purchased tickets for the quilt. The proceeds will be used to help Moon Lake School. The Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District, MAPA's ongoing projects, such as maintaining the walkway between the Hitching Post and the Post Office, the bulletin board in front of the Post Office, and other projects which will improve our community.

In spite of thick fog, we had a good number attending the MAPA meeting last evening. It was a pleasure to have Mayor and Mrs. C. E. Britt with us. Mayor Britt was our speaker for the evening. He reviewed the several committees which he has formed, and the work in which they are involved. Flashing lights for the school zone and correction of our bridge situation are being pursued. The ongoing water project is making great progress: we now have an eight inch water line coming into town and several new areas are being considered that have asked for city water. Application has been made for several grants to be used for specific projects, such as a sports complex, and I am sure we will hear more about those in the future. Beautification of our town has already begun with the planting of flowers in front of Town Hall by Mrs. Ann Wright. Christmas decorations for the town will be a joint project by the Town and MAPA.

During our recent festival, it became obvious we have several problems which need to be addressed by the Town. Mayor Britt indicated he will be helping us with those as it is feasible to do so. He is in the process of forming a Tourist and Events Committee, and we hope they will work closely with MAPA to improve the events already in place, as well as add some new ones to attract visitors to Mentone. I believe I convey the sentiments of everyone present that we are excited by the direction Mayor Britt is taking our Town and look forward to seeing even more improvements.

The next MAPA meeting will be on at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, at Dessie's Kountry Chef. This will be our Christmas meeting and you are invited to join us. Just bring a covered dish and a gift suitable for either a man or woman to be exchanged as we play Dirty Santa. We hope to see you then.

MAPA November 7 meeting indicates new things to come

The Mentone Area Preservation Association Nov. 7 meeting was called to order by President, Marilyn Mathews. The devotion was given by Ruby Brock. There were 17 members present, with two guests. Mayor C.E. Britt, the speaker for the evening and his wife, Karen.

Betty Bain, Festival Chairman, gave a report on the Colorfest. She said "TV stations were there and we had a great crowd, good quality vendors and MAPA members were helping in every way possible. Sandy Johnson, who has a craft shop in the Log Cabin Village, has been to other festivals and brought back 26 additional applications for the Rhododendron Festival in May. The vendor surveys had favorable replies and said they will come back in May.



Mickey Gough reported on her inquiries into the annual Christmas Party at Moon Lake School. Mickey talked to Dr. Berry about MAPA giving something for the school instead of trying to buy gifts for each of the children. Dr. Berry told her that the school would appreciate that and suggested a CD ROM from National Geographic for the computer department to which the entire school has access. Mickey said that MAPA was very fortunate that the PTO helped last year. Without their help, MAPA would not have been able to contain all the children. A motion was made and passed that MAPA donate \$300 to be used for any purpose to benefit the students instead of having a party.

President Mathews reminded the members that the next meeting will be the annual Christmas covered dish event. Also everyone is to bring a gift (\$10 value limit) suitable for male or female, for the game "Dirty Santa."

Huey Mathews announced that Jack Johnston will put up the Christmas lights the day after Thanksgiving. Huey has already checked out the wreaths and will be replacing all burned-out bulbs. Jack Johnston has been putting up and taking down the banners and Christmas lights for many years, and MAPA is very appreciative.

President Mathews suggested that, for Christmas festivities on the Mountain, MAPA try to do something different this year. Since the Mentone Inn was so beautiful last year, she suggested that should MAPA place a tree on that corner, the lights be only white to coordinate with the Mentone Inn. The owners, Mike and Sarah Campbell allow MAPA to have festivities on their corner lot. Betty Bain said that Cotaco Creek had agreed to come and play Christmas carols and have a sing-a-long. Bernise said she would try to contact the Merchants and coordinate for the weekend of December 8th. A motion was passed that we have a bonfire and sing-a-long on Friday, Dec. 8, beginning about dark, which is about 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. The time will be posted when all plans have been made.

President Mathews introduced the speaker, C.E. Britt, the Mayor of Mentone. Mayor Britt began with the statement that MAPA has some wonderful people and workers. Part of his platform for mayor is to preserve Mentone. He listed several projects currently being worked on: An 8" supply line which includes an upgraded pumping station that has been installed at Tutwiler Gap. These are already in place and supplying water. He has applied for several grants to upgrade and replace galvanized pipes and to rehab several areas in Mentone: Cool Street, Dogwood Avenue, Dempsey Street, East and West River Road, Cutler Avenue, and installation of new lines on Co. Rd. 177, as well as looking into providing water to areas on Co Rd 641/639 and all the way to Whatley's Bridge.

He announced that a Community/Neighborhood Watch Program will be held at Moon Lake School Gym on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Sheriff Reed will be there to explain the program. Senator Lowell Barron has expressed an interest in attending. Community participation is the goal.

He said that, at the Nov. 6, council meeting, resolutions were passed to apply for a grant to secure better communications and to apply for a grant for a weather siren. The applications have already been prepared by TARCOG, who had two representatives at the council meeting.

The Streets, Parks and Bridges Committee, Larry Gray, chairman, will conduct a test on the Skyline Bridge where two large trucks attempt to cross the bridge at the same time. Tony Camp of the Alabama Department of Transportation will be coming to assess the flashing lights for the school signs. Senator Lowell Barron has been very instrumental in helping Mentone find resolutions to these problems.

Mr. Britt said information soon will be available as to the formation of a Tourist & Events Committee. Bernise said she would be glad to contact the merchants about cooperation with the town and MAPA about decorating for Christmas. Judging the decorations and giving out monetary awards was discussed.

The Senior Activities survey forms still need to be turned in. In order for the DeKalb County Council on Aging to assist with regular noon meals, there must be at least 25 people attending. Many other activities can be scheduled: making of crafts, dominoes, card games, storytelling, etc. Please return the form.

There will be no meetings in January and February. After the December 5th covered dish dinner, the next meeting will be in March 6, 2001, at 7 p.m.

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News from the Shed

By David and Cheryl Baker

Before I begin, I want to give the community and the Jones family a special thank you for allowing us to set up during the festival on Sat. & Sun. to promote our Christmas and Fall Show. Thank you, guys! I hope it brought everyone business that weekend. The 27th was the beginning of our lighting up the store from inside to outside. It was completed by the 28th and ready for our show. When we opened up, we had a sale, and we talked on a one-and-one basis on how to customize your own wreath and what the colors were this year.

I would like to announce before I go any further that Carolyn Moore from Tampa, FL, has asked me to do her florist arrangements and decorate for her wedding this month. Please welcome her to the community, she is a really nice person.

To move on, we showed our Christmas trees. The new trends this year in trees are Alpine and slim line trees. Everyone loved both of them. Then, at the show, we showed all sizes available in the Carolina Spruces. Then, we spoke on when live trees were going to be arriving—one week before Thanksgiving. We spoke on live poinsettias, showed pictures of them in houses that were done last year, spoke about where they came from and who all our distributor sends poinsettias to for Christmas. Our distributor sends to Universal Studios, Walt Disney World and Epcot. Spoke on the Winter Rose poinsettia, and how it and the Jingle Bell were one of the #1 poinsettias that we carried. We gave out tips on how to keep your mums alive and pansies looking good. Spoke about the unusual weather we have had and what to do with your bulbs and perennials and shrubs. This information is free to the public.

Then, we spoke on small pumpkins and how to make a Thanksgiving table arrangement. Ladies, from Martha Stewart take a small pumpkin, carve it, put a plastic bag in it, then put in pansies, take fall leaves, set them on the table before you place the pumpkin—and there you are! Let dry between waterings.

Everyone was intrigued with the basket arrangements and floral arrangements, and asked me how I could get away with selling them at the prices I was selling them for. I explained—the same we do all our plants 20% over wholesale.

Last but not least, we had our drawings. Here is a list of people who won Home Interior and Christmas items: Georgia Anglin, Tifton, GA; Robin Brown and Sheila Bowman, Cloudland, GA; Joyce Hancy, Centur, AL; Betty Bagley, Gadsden, AL; Virginia Ballinger and Debra Tillman, Mentone, AL; Melissa Howard and Dennis M. Williams, Ft. Payne.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Politics, politics, politics. I'm tired of it! Isn't it strange how things are misrepresented by candidates running for office? They canvass hard and fast trying to convince the public of all the accomplishments they will do when and if they are elected. And all of us know that Congress has a great deal of power over the president of the United States. He can't do all the things he promises, but we always hope he will.

It's a good thing that we have two parties so there can be a check and balance.

I don't know why anyone would want to be president and put his family through the agony of being constantly on guard, afraid to be misquoted if they make a clean statement of any kind. A person must have a tough skin to be able to stand it or he or she would break under the strain. There are very few people who could stand to have all their family history publicized and magnified by the press. It would be fine if we had a perfect person to run for office, but there just are not any around us. Why don't we just list the qualifications of a person and leave off the slander?

God bless America, with all her faults, she is the best nation on earth, and may we never forget our slogan, "In God We Trust" - not man.

We had a wonderful month of October, with colors not to be rivaled ever. And they were at their peak when we had our Colorfest. I heard many comments from visitors about the beauty of the mountain. One man said when he reached the top of the mountain he thought he had died and gone to heaven! We had visitors who had never been here before, and they were fascinated with Mentone. One lady just stuck her head in the door of my shop and said to me, "I love your little town."

The festival seemed to be a good one, with the most visitors we have had in quite some time. Homer and I have had the flu, and couldn't enjoy much of it. He worked part of the day and I worked the other half on Saturday and Sunday. I especially enjoyed seeing the antique cars and the horse & buggy that was shuttling people to the festival.

We always welcome the people who return to Mentone that we have not seen in a few years. Joan Holderfield came by with her niece, who is Ivan Holderfield's granddaughter. Joan and Ivan lived here in the 1940s. Joan said she joined MAPA so she could receive The Groundhog paper.

Thanksgiving is around the corner and Christmas won't be far away. It's a wonderful time of year, but a busy time, too. I hope to have all our family for Thanksgiving. Christmas usually has to be shared. Joyce and Gregg will come just before or just after Christmas. It's fun to celebrate for a week or two. Alex Whitley is our only small one, and we all love buying little things for him, and they don't cost so much. He is five now, and in kindergarten. He thinks that is great. It will be time for baking and preparing for the holidays, and I want to make plenty of cookies and put them in the freezer. I don't want to cook all the time when the family is here. I want to be in the middle of all the fun and excitement! The preparation can be fun if we start in time and plan things, which I never do very well.

Our daughter, Joyce Cooper, is at home in Columbia, South Carolina, and has gone to work part time. We are thankful for her recovery and for all your prayers.

Enjoy these beautiful days. Winter cannot be far behind.

Happy Thanksgiving



Clay Sanders

Clay Sanders attended the 2000 All-American Baseball Talent Showcase

Clay Sanders, Gainesville High School, in GA, accepted an invitation to demonstrate his baseball skills before college coaches and professional scouts at the 2000 All-American Baseball Talent Showcase held on Oct. 27-29 at the University of Georgia in Athens.

He was among a select number of high school baseball prospects who attended or will attend one of the 13 regional All-American Showcase Sites to be held nationwide during the months of August through November, including a Showcase at Disney's Wide World of Sports™ Complex, at Lake Buena Vista, FL, in November.

At the All-American Showcase, players demonstrate, by position, their ability to hit, run, throw, and field. Players also undergo tests for strength and speed, as well as other fitness tests for hand strength, bat speed, and upper and lower body strength.

A panel of baseball professionals at each Showcase measures and evaluates the players' performances. Reports are sent to all college coaches and pro scouts who attend any of the Showcases nationally.

A high percentage of those who attend the All-American Talent Showcases each year win college scholarships. Others are drafted into pro ball.

Clay is a junior and plays short stop for Gainesville High School. He is the son of Charles and Sandra Sanders, and his grandparents are John and Bobbie Smith, of Mentone, AL; and the late T.J. and Susie Sanders of Pendergrass, GA. His great grandparents are Evelyn Bain and the late J.R. Bain, and Nettie Smith and the late Paul Smith, all of Mentone.

Sheila Smith Earns Masters Degree in Music

Sheila Paulette Smith received her Masters Degree from the Vandercook College of Music, Chicago, Illinois, in August 2000. She maintained a 4.0 average all three summers, while at Vandercook.

Those attending the graduation were her parents, John and Bobbie Smith, Mentone, AL; her fiancé, Professor Bayne Dobbins, Jacksonville, AL; her aunt and uncle, Ed and Mary Porter, Markham, Illinois; and her cousin, Cathy Gaglio, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Sheila is the granddaughter of Nettie Smith and the late Paul Smith, and Evelyn Bain and the late J.R. Bain, all of Mentone, AL.

Mentone Grapevine II

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

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, Mike & Lu Smith (17th Anniv.); •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 Beube, Maxine Wright, Florence Mays, Adam Tuxbury, Christina Armstrong, Patricia Kellert, Velendia and Bill Miracle (Anniv.); •29- Claudia Croxon, Brian Blalock; •30- Joyce Blankenship

Marilyn Blanton Campbell reports that her "patience has long since worn thin and her frustration level is higher than she is." Who would be surprised at that? Since the last issue of *The Groundhog* came out, Marilyn has gone through almost a week (October 4-10) in Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville with a blood clot in her left arm, a chemotherapy treatment (October 17), and two (yes, two) surgical procedures (October 20). After all the problems--and there have been many--she has had, things finally seem to be smoothing out some. Marilyn's most recent chemotherapy treatment was November 7. With this one, she will be halfway through. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember to attend the **Altrusa Holiday Arts Festival** on Nov. 11 and 12. That will be a good time to get special items for your loved ones and friends. See notice on back page.

With all the extra things that have been happening, not only in the town hall where I work, but also other organizations with which I am associated, I was not able to complete my column. Please accept my apologies. I will try to do better. Thank you for your understanding.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Read the poem found elsewhere in this issue about I am thankful and you will realize just how lucky each one of us is.



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By Marie Dillenbeck

Most of us enjoy meeting people with a positive attitude. A short conversation with C.E. Britt quickly reveals his positive personality. Being confined to a wheelchair is not a problem for C.E. when it comes to working for his community and helping people around him.

Mr. Britt and his wife Karen (who works for Little River Hardware) retired to Mentone in 1991 from Lake Mary, Fla., where he owned his own contracting business. Between the two of them, they have 6 children and 12 grandchildren.

C.E. was born in Floyd County, Ga. in 1931. He received his BS in Education from Berry College in 1952, and a BA in Accounting from Georgia State in 1956. Being one of four children, he paid his way through college by working on a farm milking cows. In 1988, C.E. was diagnosed with a deteriorating muscle disease. Since that time he has had three heart attacks and, in 1995, his doctor gave him one year to live. In 1998, he became confined to a wheelchair.

So what does Mr. Britt have to be positive about? Just everything! He has taken lemons and made lemonade. He has operated a consulting business for building contractors in the state of Florida and has also done consulting work for the Town of Mentone. In April this year, he was appointed Superintendent of Water Works for the Town and then, in October, Superintendent of the Waterworks Board, which is now separate from the Town business.

On August 22, 2000, he was elected Mayor of Mentone, and took office on October 2nd, when he and other members of the Mentone Town Council were sworn in by Probate Judge Paul Thomas.

Since being elected, he has formed several committees that utilize the talents of citizens in Mentone. A member of the town council also sits on these committees: Streets, Parks and Bridges, Beautification and Senior Activities, Finance and Budgets, and Judiciary and Ordinances. A new committee being formed is called the Tourist and Events. It is not formally organized, but will be very soon. Some of the individuals who have agreed to be on various committees are Sam Franks, Ethel Marifold-Gregory, John P. Smith, Tom Setze, Virginia Setze, Ann Wright, Huey Mathews, Marilyn Mathews, Charles Bain, Phyllis Bailey, Gerald Bailey, Sue Henry, David Tidmore, Jim Gaylord, Gail Gaylord, Larry

Meet C.E. Britt, Mentone's Mayor



Gray, Marie Corsentino, Gwen Foster and Debbie Guffey. They appeared at the swearing in ceremony for the town council on October 2. Already the first four committees have begun meeting and developing plans to help make Mentone a safer place and to make the citizens more aware of the needs of this community. A Community Neighborhood Watch Program is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Moon Lake School Gym. DeKalb County Sheriff Reed

will meet with citizens and give them the information and know-how about organizing, and the dos and don'ts that go along with the responsibilities.

Mayor Britt has been active in the workings of the town prior to running for the Mayor's job. He accepted the Zoning Administrator's position when Jimmy Wright, who had served six years as the administrator, resigned. Prior to his election as mayor, C.E. had been attending council meetings and volunteering his time and expertise to help the water department in obtaining a loan and in completing projects that had been started. He has been instrumental in preparing grant applications to help the town in many areas. He has met with Senator Lowell Barron about many needs that the town has, and Senator Barron has been extremely helpful and responsive.

This past week, applications have been filed for grants for better communications equipment for the police and the town. Jim Gaylord checked into the costs of a radio system and did a lot of behind-the-scenes work to help with the information needed to secure the grant. Another grant application is to have a weather siren placed at Moon Lake School. Ricky Little of the DeKalb EMA recommended that we file an application, and this has been done.

If you want to know what's going on with the town, just come to council meetings (second Monday each month, 6 PM), water board meetings, fourth Thursday each month, 6 PM, and ask to be part of any one or more of the committees.

Some of the seniors in Mentone have affectionately dubbed him "Our Wheelchair Mayor". If you are driving down Highway 117 in Mentone, look out for the Mayor who just might be driving his wheelchair across the street to the Town Hall. He also conducts a lot of business from his office in his home. Stop and visit, you may come away with a positive attitude.

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The Northeast Alabama Adult Education Program still needs volunteers in our GED classes, reading classes, and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. Come and experience with us the fulfillment of helping others learn the basic skills they need for a successful life. People who volunteer often go beyond the call of duty and add that extra touch that makes life worthwhile. When you volunteer your time to help someone improve his or her academic skills or to learn to read and write, you are saying, "I care about you." When you assist an adult who has difficulty speaking English to learn to communicate better, you have added a dimension to their lives that will be forever with them. This sense of knowing that someone cares often helps people overcome difficult circumstances in life. You can make a difference in someone's life and receive a lot yourself in the process. The rewards are tremendous. You won't receive anything financially, but the satisfaction you feel from knowing you have touched someone's life in a positive way will overwhelmingly compensate for your lack of financial gain. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

The classes are taught by qualified, experienced teachers. However, these teachers are seeking to improve the quality of instruction through the use of volunteer classroom aides. All aides would be working under the guidance of a teacher in classes that meet only a few hours each week. A training session will be provided for new volunteers, and needed books and material will be supplied also. If your schedule does not permit you to help during the time the class meets, you could work out a time with the student and teacher to meet at a time and location convenient to both you and the student. You can give whatever time your schedule will allow you to give.

If you have at least a high school education and would be interested in serving as a volunteer with the adult education program, you may call the Adult Education Office in Rainsville at 638-2957 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

GED TESTS

Many adults have had to drop out of school for various reasons before receiving their diplomas, and most of them have intentions of going back to school and preparing to pass the GED Test. If you don't have a high school diploma or GED and work in a job situation that does not require either, you may feel safe. However, you never know when your situation might change. Your industry might close its doors, and you would be out job hunting again. Many industries won't even take an application from a person who does not have a high school diploma or GED. Sometimes health problems may force a person to look for other employment. Life is uncertain, at the least, and it would be best that you have a GED should you need it. Even if you do not need it for a job, it will make you feel very proud to have reached this goal just for

your own sense of satisfaction.

If you have not finished high school, please start making plans to complete that unfinished business. Major changes in the GED Test will begin January 1, 2002. The test will be more challenging, and previous scores on a GED Test taken before January 1, 2002, will not be counted. All the records will be deleted, and it will be as if you had never taken the test before. So, now is a great time to get started. Enroll in a GED class in your area right away to get the help you may need. Do not put it off any longer. You just have to make that first step of enrolling in a class. Once you make it, the others become easier. You will find a warm, friendly atmosphere in the classes where you will make new friends and enjoy the adventure that is set before you. Just choose the class location that is most convenient to you, and get started right away.

Anyone 18 years of age or older may enroll in the adult education classes offered FREE by the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program. Classes are designed to help you improve your skills in English, math, social studies, science, and reading and to help you prepare for the GED Test. High school graduates may attend for brush-up also. There is no charge for the classes, and the books and materials are provided FREE. You may enroll at any time by attending the class most convenient to you. For further information, you may call one of the numbers listed below, or you may contact your local board of education or the Adult Education Coordinator in Rainsville at 638-2957 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Classes are being held at the following locations:

READING CLASSES

Reading classes are available in your area through the Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program. The reading classes are FREE and are open to any adult 18 or older. Books and materials are provided at no charge. The ability to read is one of the most valuable treasures in today's world. Please help spread the word about these classes because the ones who need the help are probably not able to read this article for themselves. Help make this opportunity available to all who need it. For further information, call one of the numbers listed below, or call your local board of education, or call the Adult Education Office in Rainsville at 638-2957 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

READING CLASSES

DeKalb County Career Center,
Fort Payne; Phone 845-0915
(Employment Office) Monday and
Wednesday 9-12 Noon; Tuesday 5-8 PM;
Iber High School; Thursday 5:30-8:30 PM;
Phone: 632-2302

Crossville High School-Band Room,
Tuesday 6-9 PM; Phone 528-7859

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DeKalb County Career Center,
Fort Payne; Phone 845-0915
(Employment Office) Tuesday 9-11 AM;
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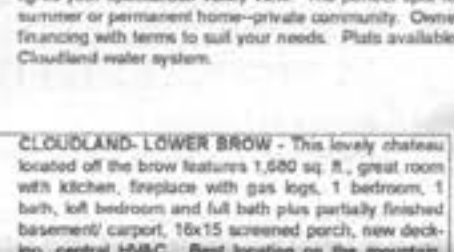
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EAST BROW - SCENIC VIEW LOTS - All our lots offer unobstructed views - watch the sun and moon rise in elegance.

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-MENTONE 60 AC - Great potential for development. \$4,000.00 per acre. A-88

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-EAST BROW - Hwy 167 - 2.67 ac. 200 ft. of Brow. One of the best views on the mountain. \$80,000. Financing Available. G-7

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Back: Paige Wright, Brittany Hester, Kayla Hazell, middle: Megan Petersen, Haley Saferite, and Sarah Petersen, front: Brooke Wright, Amelia Saferite, and Mikie Petersen. These are the members of the Mentone United Methodist children's choir who will be performing the Children's Christmas Cantata on Dec. 10, during the morning service.

I AM THANKFUL FOR...

- ...the clothes that fit a little too snug
because it means I have enough to eat.
- ...all the complaining I hear about our government
because it means we have freedom of speech.
- ...the lady behind me in church who sings off key
because it means that I can hear.
- ...the mess to clean after a party because it means
I have been surrounded by friends.
- ...the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.
- ...my shadow who watches me work
because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- ...the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot
because it means I am capable of walking.
- ...the piles of laundry and ironing
because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- ...weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day
because it means I have been productive.
- ...a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need
cleaning, and gutters that need fixing
because it means I have a home.
- ...my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- ...the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours
because it means that I'm alive.

November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day.
The above poem by Nancie J. Carmody
expresses my feelings on this special day.

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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 on services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10 AM; Worship Service at 11 AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6 PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6 PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30 AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2 PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Dec. 17, 7 PM, the Community Choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata at the church. Refreshments afterwards.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** prayer meeting is Wednesday night at 6 PM. Bible study Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. A prayer chain has been formed. Anyone who would like to share their prayer needs are invited to call Verna Livingston at 635-6350 or Mary Holleman at 635-6241, so the church may pray for them. Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor - Michael Schnabelhner.

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, 114 First St. SW, Fort Payne, 845-4842, has regular Sunday services at 8 AM and Sunday School at 9 AM.

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.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, please attend with us at 11 AM each Sabbath. Located 2 blocks on right on Hwy 85, off Highway 11; approximately 2 miles from Fort Payne. Call 845-2246 for information.

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.

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).

The **Mount Calvary Baptist Church** is truly growing, and we hope you will come visit and take part in our services - Sunday School 10 AM; worship hour - 11 AM; 'Children's Church' also at 11 AM - Sunday night at 6 PM and Wed. night at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Mount Calvary is located behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland.

Lighthouse Fellowship. Greetings, Mentone! All are welcome to our church just south of the Georgia/Alabama line on State Road 48. Our services: Sunday School - 10 AM CST; morning Worship - 11 AM CST.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10 AM, Worship at 11AM, Wednesday Bible Study at 6 PM. 256-634-4137.

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.

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.

Mentone Wesleyan Community Church invites you to join us for Sunday School at 10 AM and worship service at 10:45 AM. Bible classes Wed. 7:00 - 7:45. Ladies' Bible study and low-impact aerobics Wed. 7:00 - 7:45. Pastor Randy Addison welcomes all! Nov. 10, 6 p.m., "Covenant" and "5 Smooth Stones" benefit for Lora Dell Perkins, cancer victim.

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.

Moan Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday. Morning worship and Children's Church are at 11:00 AM. First Place meets in the Fellowship Hall and GAS meet at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training and Youth Choir meet at 5:00 PM, followed by Evening Worship at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday at 6:30 PM, Children's Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall, the Youth have Bible Study and Recreation Time. Adults meet for Bible Study and Prayer.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with a time for fellowship after the services. Sunday School is at 9:30 AM. Contact the church at 634-4476 for more information on any events or services. Everyone is welcome to join in worship services or special events.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Linda Tucker. *Wed., Nov. 15, the Ethel Brown Unit and the Mountain Laurel Unit UMW will be delivering plates for shut-ins across the community. *Nov. 26, the church will host the Gaylesville Methodist Church when District Superintendent Gerald Champion is present for the Charge Conference. A lunch will follow. *Nov. 28 thru Dec. 19, at 9AM each Tues. will e Advent Bible Study. *Dec. 10 will be the Children's Cantata at morning services. (See children's photo this page.) *Sunday, Dec. 17, 5 PM, the Community Choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata at the church. Refreshments afterwards.

WILSON FUNERAL HOME

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Mount Calvary Baptist Singing Schedule for remainder of 2000

Saturday, Nov. 18 - The Greensons, 7 PM
Saturday Night singings: covered dish dinner at 6 PM.
Singing starts at 7 PM (Georgia Time)

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Was October the longest month you have ever seen? It was for me. I think that one reason was because it was so hot and dry. The weather reporters all stated that the month of October broke all previous records for being so hot and for the lack of rain. I cannot believe that it is now November and I still have all of my plants outside. In normal years they would have been inside or stored under the house long before now.

Halloween this year was great fun! I went with the children of Mentone United Methodist Church on a hayride! We went in the back of Jimmy Hester's huge dump truck. Seeing all of the adults climb into the back of that truck was a sight! We put bales of hay all around the bed of the truck, covered these with quilts and away we went. We had a set schedule of houses to "trick or treat" because there were so many of us. We did not get to stop at all of the planned destinations because of the darkness and lateness of the hour. Did I mention that I was the "navigator" and rode in the cab with Jimmy? Contrary to what my grandchildren believe, I haven't lost all of my marbles yet. After the hayride, we arrived back at the church for a pizza party and singing of silly Halloween songs. This was a fun way to keep our children off the streets. The police officers of Mentone reported a very quiet and peaceful night.

Mentone is continuing to grow and be improved in a very quiet way. Many projects are now a "work in progress." So many things are going on that I don't know the best way to name them all. We are in the process of getting better signs at the school zones. We are waiting for some representatives to come and assess the situation at the bridges on Alabama Highway 117. We have started the paper work to get a Seniors Club in Mentone. We are working on the idea of a warning siren for bad weather and a better method of communication between our police and other county officials. And, as always, we are working and planning for improvements in the water system.

One of the improvements can be readily seen at the city hall. Have you noticed the beautiful chrysanthemums and other plants in front of the building? Ann Wright is in charge of this project and she is getting it done before cold weather. There is already a big change, and I hear that she is not finished with it.

Last month, after *The Groundhog* hit the streets, I received a letter from Ollie Mae Gibbs of Anniston, Alabama. She had been to Mentone with her sister and had read that issue of the newspaper. She had already researched the poem, "October's Bright Blue Weather" and sent me a copy. She stated that she had to memorize it when she was in school. She told me that she was the widow of a Baptist minister and was eighty-one years young. This poem is a favorite of hers as well as mine. This is how her copy went: (See poem on this page.)

Thank you so much, Ollie Mae. I hope you enjoyed your trip to Mentone and will come again very soon.

The elections will probably be over by the time this issue of *The Groundhog* is out. I hope you went to the polls and voted and may the best candidate for the job win in every office. Politics is a very interesting subject and one that influences our lives, whether we like it or not. I really believe that all adults should vote every time they have a chance. How many times have you seen where only one vote made the difference in a race? That could be your vote.

Ollie Mae also sent me this little poem, which I quote, in part, as my wish for you this month. "The pieces of a quilt I see, are part of you and part of me. When joined together, pinned then sewn, the scraps become at once, just one."

The title of the poem is, *God's Quilt*.

October's Bright Blue Weather

O sun and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour,
October's bright blue weather.

When loud the bumble bee makes haste,
Belated, thriftless vagrant,
And golden rod is dying fast,
And leaves of grapes are fragrant.

When gentians roll their fringes tight,
To save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs,
Without a sound of warning.

When on the ground red apples lie,
In piles like jewels shining,
And redder still on old stone walls,
Are leaves of woodbine twining.

When all the lovely wayside things,
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields, still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing.

When springs run low and on the brooks,
An idle golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the woods,
For Winter waiting.

When comrades seek sweet country haunts,
By twos and twos together,
And count like miners hour by hour,
October's bright blue weather.

O sun and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love lovest best of all the year,
October's bright blue weather.

—Submitted by

Ollie Mae Gibbs, Anniston, AL

Mentone Community House Activities Update

By Cathy McMunn

It's hard to believe it's almost the end of the year 2000! The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will be here before we know it! It has been a good year at our facility. There are many people involved in activities at the Community House.

There is a special group of adults and children who meet weekday afternoons for tutoring and study at the Community House.

The Senior Citizens have met for lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30 since October 4th. The last Senior Lunch at the Community House, for this year, will be on November 15th. They will pick back up in February 2001.

The Book Club celebrated its one year anniversary October 19th. The final meeting of this year will be November 16th at 10 am. We will be discussing "The Battle for Christmas".

The Rescue Squad meets November 7th and 21st at 6 p.m.

There will be a Cooking Class November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Mom's in Touch is a group of ladies who pray for the children and teachers of Moon Lake Elementary School. They will meet at 8:30 a.m. the 15th and 29th of November, and the 13th of December.

There is a small Community Bible Study group that meets every Thursday from 12 to 1 p.m.

A new group has just started to meet every second Monday. It's a support group for parents of children with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder). They will meet November 13 and December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 1012 will be taking cookie orders on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Community House. Those wishing to order girl scout cookies may do so at that time, or call April Nix at 635-6298, to place an order.

With all the activities going on at Mentone's Community House, we hope you will decide to visit soon! Please call for more information at 634-4757, and know you all are welcome!

MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

A new Moon Lake School hero has been named. Hobson Kirby is the latest hero because of his work in removing the old asphalt, gravel, and chert, hauling it away and bringing in topsoil as part of an outdoor project that will be completed during the current school year. He is the grandfather of Ethan Blackwell and Caitlin Kirby, Moon Lakers. Fort Payne High School senior Tripp Griffith is planning and overseeing the work as his Eagle Scout project.

Moon Lake welcomes Max Cherbonneau, a 4th grader, who arrived from Russia. He is the school's first non-English speaking student, and he is beginning to pick up common words and phrases.

The first graders won the Camp Champs competition during the first nine weeks of school. For their outstanding efforts, they chose to have a popcorn and movie party.

Moon Lake recently submitted an application to participate in the Alabama Reading Initiative, a program designed to help schools teach reading as a skill rather than as a subject. During November and December, a committee will conduct a site visit to Moon Lake to determine whether Moon Lake qualifies for the reading initiative.

Friday, Nov. 10, Veterans Day holiday

Tuesday, Nov. 14, PTO meeting 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 20, mid-term reports go home

Wednesday Nov. 22 through Fri. Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 12, PTO meeting 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, last day of school before Christmas

Monday, January 8 - School resumes; report cards go home

A total of 45 students reached their Accelerated Reader goals during the first nine weeks of school! They were:

FIRST GRADE: Megan Addison, Jessica Howard, Kayla Powell, and Haley Safente

SECOND GRADE: Brittany Bain, Akela Barkley, Colleen Castleberry, Trey Kincer, and Hunter Stone

THIRD GRADE: Ethan Blackwell, Ethan Crider, Chloe Griffith, Caleb McMunn, Tia Newell, Michael Norman, Keisha Powell, Leanna Webb, and Savannah Williams

FOURTH GRADE: Vance Carden, Dustin Cash, Levi Caston, Jessica Easler, Daniel Hughes, Nathan Jones, Sierra Nicely, and Jamie Sherwood

FIFTH GRADE: Randy Addison, Jessica Barkley, Jeb Bunch, Brittany Clark, Kayla Hazell, Jessy Mayhew, Vicki Stinson, Michael Streeter, Sheena Tishaw, and Paige Wright

SIXTH GRADE: Barnabas Bettis, Wil Blackburn, Chad Franklin, Alex Hazell, Julie Ingram, Loren Kean, Phillip McNutt, Justin Smith, and Angel Wesley

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Bistro Open proceeds to benefit needy families

The First Annual Bistro Open was organized by Joe Rhodes for the purpose of providing children in need with gifts for this Christmas season and also to begin a scholarship fund for children desiring to further their education.

As the golfers signed up, they brought a toy to be distributed during the Christmas season to needy families in the Mentone/Cloudland area. He would appreciate any assistance from the schools and the churches in making this distribution where it will be needed most.

Joe Rhodes, the organizer of the Bistro Open, would like to extend his thanks to the following:

Lil Mole Run	Gary's TV
Butch & Denita Manifold	Sears
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Mountain Laurel B&B	DeKalb-Cherokee Gas
Artisans	Cranberry Corner
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The Lookout Restaurant	Little River Hardware
Cragmore Restaurant	Lookout Mountain Camp
Four Seasons	Blackburn's Nursery
Mountain Mamas	Tom and Deanna Merz
Hibbitt Sports	

Sponsors of the Bistro Open were:

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Lookout Mountain	The Shed
Preferred Realty	Skyline Girls Camp
Game time	Durham Manufacturing
Chatooga Car Care	AAA Hardware
Mentone Inn	Penny's Hair wear
Mountain Top	Mentone Superette
Country Store	Cloudland Trade Center
Destie's Kountry Chef	Casey's Pest Control



Joe also wanted all of the Bistro employees to be thanked for going over and above what was requested of them to help this become such a successful event. "Without their help, I couldn't have done it," he said.

Through the efforts of all of the volunteers and all of the golfers, over 100 toys were collected, along with cash to be used for the benefit of needy children.

Joe Rhodes hopes that this event will spark interest in different areas of sports and events to continue to be as successful and as fun as the first Bistro Open had been. He looks forward to working on other events for this same purpose. He said, "Our children are our future."

Closest to the Pin:

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It's Girl Scout Cookie time!

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time! The Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. is excited to announce this year's cookie sale.

The sale kicks-off with the order taking period from November 11th to December 3rd. Besides being a major funding source for Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc., the annual cookie sale provides girls with experience in organizing, marketing, and setting and reaching goals. The troops also earn money for activities and trips.

The time to place your order for Girl Scout cookies is here!! Girl Scouts in North Alabama and South Tennessee will start taking orders for Girl Scout cookies on Saturday, November 11th.

April Nix, Girl Scout Leader of Troop 1012, announced that her troop will be taking cookie orders on Thursday, Nov. 30 at from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Mentone Community House for your convenience. Or you may call April at 635-6298 to place your order for cookies.

If you live outside the Mentone/Valley Head area and wish to place an order, you may call Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc., at 256-883-1020 or 1-800-410-8338. They are located at 4704 Whitesburg Drive South, Huntsville, Alabama 35802. Their Fax is 256-882-1750. If you don't know a Girl Scout, don't worry. You can call the Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. at 1-800-410-8338 to locate a troop near you.

The old favorites are back from last year - Samoas, Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Reduced Fat Apple Cinnamon and Lemon Drop. Plus, this year we have a new cookie - **Aloha Chocolate Chip**! This cookie has a distinctive and exotic taste that only crunchy macadamia nuts and creamy white fudge chips can deliver.

Proceeds from the cookie sale are used by troops for activities they have planned and by the council to fund services and programs made available throughout the year to Girl Scouts in this area. Cookies will be sold for \$3 per box.

"The cookie program helps each girl learn about goal setting, responsibility, and how to handle money," said Tracy Silas, Communications Director. "It builds social skills through teamwork, and educates and informs the girls about new concepts and ideas. The sale gives girls a feeling of self-worth and results in longlasting friendships because it's fun!"

The Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. council serves over 8,000 girls in 12 counties in Alabama and two in Tennessee. Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls-all girls-, where in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives - like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. In Girl Scouts, they discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through the many enriching experiences provided by the Girl Scouts, they can grow courageous and strong.

Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Inc. (GSNA, Inc.) serves 8,000 girl members and more than 2,000 adult members in 12 counties in North Alabama and 2 counties in South Tennessee. GSNA, Inc. contracts with Little Brownie Bakers of Louisville, Kentucky, to bake and distribute our cookies.

Our Board of Directors, volunteers from across the council's service area, determine the dates of the sale, retail prices, and budget. Income resulting from the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale provide year-round opportunities for girls ages 5 through 17.

After the actual cost of the cookies is deducted, a portion of the proceeds go to the Girl Scout troops. The remaining income enables the council to provide the Girl Scout program for all Girl and adult members. Here is the distribution:

Cost of Cookies and Sale - 31%
Troop Profits and Awards - 18%
Council Proceeds - 51%

Council proceed is used to provide membership services, training for leaders, special events, program activities, and to maintain our camps.



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Christmas Store

Take a Look at Us--Mountain Crafts & More

That's what Mountain Crafts & More is saying these days with the addition we just made. Not only do we have the appearance of an old general store, but the atmosphere... When you visit, you might want to challenge someone to a game of checkers, or just enjoy a cup of cider or coffee with one of our many muffins.

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For the antique lover, we have both furniture and glassware. We will be selling a variety of items built by Jim Lane. Jim builds from materials gathered from many sources, including old

hotels, homes, and government buildings. You really must see to believe. We have a beautiful shelf using piano keys as the base trim. This would be perfect for any room.

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping. Visit our Christmas Store, three rooms filled with decorations, villages, crafts, and more.

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Cotaco Creek

In a letter from the members of Cotaco Creek, they said: "Once again, we feel honored to be a part of your Fall Festival. This was our 6th year to come to Mentone, not just to sing, but to be among some of the best people at one of the most beautiful places in the world."

We invited some great entertainers to come and help with the music and singing, and once again they provided a variety of music ranging from Blue Grass, Gospel, Pop, Country, Country Rock, and Blues.

Mr. Davis Rains with the group "Sugar Foot" ventured from Nashville, TN, to be with us on both Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Rains recently completed a tour in Europe where he and his band received great reviews. I am glad he had the weekend of the festival free in order to come and be with us. Mr. Rains is a great song writer and singer who is also a friend of mine. We were very fortunate to get him to come.

Again on Sunday, the 22nd, Duane Walker and the Desperado Band performed at the festival. This is an exciting group of young entertainers who are on their way to the top. We, Cotaco Creek—Betty, Jerry, and Steve—have had the privilege to sing back-up for Duane this summer where we shared the spotlight with such people as Ricky Vann Shelton, Ronnie McDowell, and Larry Gatlin. We also shared the stage with Duane this year at Huntsville's Big Spring's Jam.

Journey to the Son was here on Saturday the 21st with some great Bluegrass Gospel. They are not only great but they bring a great message also.

Leslee Scott, a beautiful young lady with an even more beautiful voice, sang on Saturday and Sunday. She is an exciting young singer with a great future in music.

Mr. Steve Turney is also an exciting young entertainer who does an outstanding job. Steve agreed to be at Mentone on the 21st and 22nd to help out.

Last, but not least there was square dancing and ballet on both days of the festival this year. They always do an outstanding job and usually draw a crowd.

The entertainers appeared as listed below:

Saturday - October 21, 2000

- 9:00am-10:00am—Dancers
- 10:00am-11:00am—Steve Turney
- 11:00am-12:00pm—Cotaco Creek
- 12:00pm-1:00pm—Sugar Foot
- 1:00pm-2:00pm—Journey to the Son
- 2:00pm-2:30pm—Leslee Scott
- 2:30pm-3:00pm—Cotaco Creek
- 3:00pm-4:00pm—Sugar Foot

Sunday, October 22, 2000

- 10:00am-11:00am—Cotaco Creek with Leslee Scott
- 11:00am-12:00pm—Dancers
- 12:00pm-2:00pm—Duane Walker and the Desperado Band
- 2:00pm-3:00pm—Sugar Foot
- 3:00pm-4:00pm—Cotaco Creek with Steve Turney

We always have a good time when we come to Mentone whether it is to just visit or to sing. We are always willing to come and sing and we hope that what we do is helpful in making the festival a great success. So, thanks for being with us, and sharing a good time together.

Your Friend Always, Jerry Grantland (Cotaco Creek)



Leslee Scott



Journey to the Son



Ballet dancers and pre-ballet dancers, who are trained under Tim Murphy of Valley Head. Many of these dancers also performed at the Harvest Festival.

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Bonfire on Friday night. Photo taken some light. It was by far the most succ



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Colorfest 2000



Gerald Taylor while there was still bonfire members can remember.



Rhododendron Garden Club Members manning the Moon Lake Library books-by-the-inch booth, while people make their selections. The books were also on sale at the Moon Lake Harvest for a dollar a plastic bag full. Approximately \$900 was made for the new library. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with this. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



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The Groundhog regrets that the photo of
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Huey Mathews helping Josh Hughes and Mike Bare of
Scout Troop 106, clean up after the Colorfest. To the
right is Mayor C.E. Britt talking to Ken Kirby.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

Well... it is like I knew it would be up here in the mountains of NE Alabama at this time of the year! I am glad that the drought did not play havoc with the fall colors of the foliage this year, but it is looking a bit parched and we could stand to use some moisture.

The drives to work in the mornings are really breathtaking—to feast one's eyes on all the different colors that abound at this time. Sometimes, I think myself lucky to have reached my destination safely and in one piece from all the ogling at the colors!

It may be beautiful, but we are in dire need of some much needed rainfall at this time, especially with the wonderfully cool, crisp nights and early mornings. A lot of folks might think it is time for those cozy fires; and, with all the dryness we have had, it can be a bit dangerous. So, please, take extra care when lighting them and let's all look forward to a safe and happy Thanksgiving, which is about around the corner.

For many years, I have tried and strived to get the seeds of the lovely, stately magnolias to germinate, but have, instead, resorted to just filling baskets with them and setting them in corners of the house for decoration. When the pods open up to reveal the red seeds that cling inside, it looks really pretty. But...yes! I have found out how to make those little pretties sprout! Thanks to the internet and all the information that is now available to one! So, technology has its great moments! In fall, collect the ripened pods of seeds (some people call them berries), scrape off the fleshy, red coating, then place the seeds in a ziplock plastic bag filled with moist potting soil. Put the bag in the fridge for about three months or until spring. Then, plant the seeds in a pot or outside in the desired location, preferably where the seeds will receive the benefits of sunlight all through the day.

Of course, it is also time to plant those bulbs, too. Great companions for daffodils are grape hyacinths, Spanish bluebells and snowflakes. Also try some blue phlox, even though it is not a bulb but a perennial.

Want to move some deciduous shrubs...wait until they are leafless and dormant; and, if some of them have seedpods that you would like to try your hand at germinating, bury them about half an inch deep in the ground this fall. In the spring, they should germinate—that is, if some rodent does not get to them first.

Remember: never discard your tomato vines in your compost, as they harbor diseases that could or might be transferred to the new garden next year. Also, when you cut your cabbages, don't pull up the stalks if you would like some miniature cabbages to prepare that are tasty. Instead, cut the cabbages and leave as much stalk behind as possible. Soon, it will sprout mini heads that are just as good.

Looking for a good way to compost your vegetable scraps this winter? Then, why not try worm composting indoors? Here's what you will need: (1) A rectangular box about a foot deep, three feet long and about two feet wide is sufficient to compost about six to seven pounds of vegetable scraps a week. (2) Bedding for your worms—this could be leaf mold or shredded newspaper—is recommended. (3) One pound of earthworms for every half a pound of kitchen scraps. **Setting Up:** Fill the box with bedding and place it where the temps will stay above freezing, then add the worms and your daily kitchen scraps. It's best to try and blend or chop the scraps for the earthworms before feeding it to the earthworms, if you can. They will consume the waste and leave behind the richest humus known to mankind, castings loaded with beneficial micro-organisms. To remove the castings, move the bedding and worms to one side of the box, fill the other side with fresh bedding mixed with fresh kitchen waste, the worms will migrate to the new side of the compost box, leaving the old side free for you to use in the pots or garden.

Update: The Ebola virus has once again reared its ugly head. It is an hemorrhagic fever virus that causes the organs to liquefy and the victim then bleeds from every orifice. There is no known cure for it. The epidemic is now centered in Uganda, in northeast Africa.

The first Ebola outbreaks occurred in 1976 in Congo or Zaire and the Sudan. That epidemic claimed 440 lives. Another major outbreak struck in 1995 in Congo again, this time killing 245 people. It has been more than three years now since the most recent epidemic in Gabon, where ten people died. In all, there has been about 1,100 cases and 793 deaths in Africa from it to date.



SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS

to begin Friday, December 1st, at

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Northeast Alabama Community College Theatre announces the Christmas sequel to last winter's production of *SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN*, opening Friday, December 1st, for 7 performances. Performance dates for *SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS* are:

Friday, December 1st, through Sunday, December 3rd, and

Thursday, December 7th, through Sunday, December 10th.

Shows will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The Sanders family returns to Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, home of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Plant. It's Christmas Eve, 1911, and Rev. Oglethorpe (Paul Peppers) has invited the family back to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church to sing and witness, getting the congregation into the down-home holiday spirit before the boys, including Dennis (Jacob Daniel), one of the Sanders own, are shipped off to World War II. More than two dozen Christmas carols, many of them vintage hymns, and hilarious Yuletide stories from the, more or less, devout Sanders family, keep the audience laughing, clapping, and singing along.

SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS is a delightful example of family entertainment based on the true meaning of the holiday season. If you enjoyed *SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN*, you are certain to enjoy the sequel, *SANDERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS*. Tickets went on sale November 1st and will cost \$4.00. Come and join us at Northeast Theatre for a "Country Kind of Christmas"!

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Dear "Groundhog" Staff Sept 7, 2000

It's with great pleasure that I always read *The Groundhog* when I visit my aunt and uncle (Charlie and Lottie Ingle) in Valley Head. I decided I needed my own copy.

The articles are always interesting and since I grew up in DeKalb County, some of the names are still familiar.

I'm looking forward to my first issue.

Scarlett Maze, Boaz, AL

October 23, 2000

We thoroughly enjoyed the "Colorfest" activities this year. The weather was wonderful, the foliage was beautiful, the bonfire and fellowship was fun, and the vendors at the Arts and Crafts were much improved than last year. A big "thank you" for the hard work and extra efforts to the people that worked so diligently on this worthwhile project. I know Marilyn Matthews must have been exhausted.

Pat Hathcox, Riverside, AL 35135-0298

To The Groundhog:

Your friend, Madeleine, recommends that you visit the National Gardening Association's Web site, <http://www.garden.org>. In it is something for every gardener, with regional gardening content and seasonal features. Please bookmark the site and check back frequently for regular updates. Some highlights from the site include the following:

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Rhododendron Garden Club Meeting October 10, 2000

By Christina Wise

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by V.P. Mickey Gough. Two guests were recognized and introduced. The pledge of Allegiance and the Collect were repeated in unison. The club was privileged to have Sister Deborah Kennedy of Our Lady of The Valley Catholic church, present to give the devotional. Sister Deborah has been a good friend of the Garden Club and her presence is always uplifting. Her devotional was very inspiring and she invoked audience participation by concluding with a responsive reading.

Millie Johnson of Valley Head was the speaker and her topic was "Dried Flowers." Ms. Johnson shared her immense knowledge and tried to convince the group that "there is nothing to it" when it comes to drying flowers. This statement, however, belied her significant expertise. Millie talked about local flowers and plants most suitable for drying and then explained the many methods used. Drying can be accomplished by the use of desiccants, microwaving, air drying, or skeletonizing, or by various combinations and permutations of these techniques. Ms. Johnson then gave handouts on the subject and those were gratefully received.

The hostesses were Betty Chapman and Betty Johnson, and these ladies offered an elegant array of finger food.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written. The roll call established that 25 members were present. The Treasurer's report was accepted as accurate.

Under old business, it was reported that a search of the minutes had confirmed that the memorial to Mabel Kirk had been in the form of a sign erected in Mason park. A vote established that, from now on, deceased members of the club would be remembered by the planting of a rhododendron bush in Mason Park, and the name placed on a roll of honor board nearby.

On behalf of the president, VP Mickey Gough thanked all of the club members who had helped to prepare the venue for the flower show at the VFW. Congratulations were extended to Mary Ellen Fielder who spearheaded the club's entry "Sound of Music" and for the ribbon awarded to that entry. Sad to relate, but one of the props used in that entry was stolen from the exhibit on the last night of the show. It was a vintage score from the musical "Sound of Music" and had been loaned by Dorothy Cyr.

One of the Rhododendron Garden Club's areas of endeavor has been in getting some action from county officials on the removal of the litter which continues to accumulate on the roadsides throughout DeKalb County. Various attempts have been made and the club has waited since May 2000 for some response. It was gratifying, therefore, to be able to welcome Charles Bell, Chairman of the County Commission, who had come along to the meeting to give his update.

Mr. Bell acknowledged the problem and spoke about the renewed vigilance by law enforcement agencies to apprehend those who drop litter and dump trash by the roadsides. He said, however, that there are no plans for the removal of the litter currently accumulated because there is no money allocated in the budget for this purpose.

In response to the suggestion by the club's secretary that prisoners from the county jail might be put to work behind the moving machines to gather the debris, he explained that it would be impossible to arrange such a schedule because each area in the county works independently.

As the hour was late when Mr. Bell departed, the membership undertook to discuss the problem further at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

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-Citrocoke Federated Garden Clubs.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

November already, surely someone has been playing tricks on me. It can't be November already. It seems like only the other day when we were enjoying all the glorious flowers of spring, and now we are enjoying autumn's blazing fall revue. This has been a really exceptionally beautiful fall, hasn't it? This month, I am using recipes that two of my aunts have given me. The first one is a decadent candy called pinebark that my Aunt Sue's granddaughter, Becky, shared with her. The other recipe is an old favorite of my Aunt Mary Jane DeWitt titled, Margaret's Raisin Bars. My Aunt Mary Jane died this past winter, and, in helping my family close up her house, I was struck by the fact that she, too, was a collector of recipes. Is this drive to clip good sounding recipes out of magazines, papers, etc., only to be left in boxes and drawers for the most part untried genetic? I found boxes and drawers with recipes in them, and realized that I do the same thing.

PINE BARK - Becky Emerick

Saltine Crackers
2 sticks butter
1 cup brown sugar, packed
12-oz package milk chocolate chips

Line 10 x 14 inch pan with foil. Cover bottom of pan with saltines. Boil together for three minutes. 2 sticks butter, and cup packed brown sugar. Pour the sugar mixture over the saltines. Bake 7 minutes in 400 degree oven. Remove and sprinkle one 12-oz package of milk chocolate chips over top. When soft (about 30 seconds) spread with spatula. Chill in refrigerator for at least 2 hours. Peel away from foil and break in pieces.

MARGARET'S RAISIN BARS - Mary Jane DeWitt

1 C raisins	1 tsp soda
1 C water	1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 C oil	1 tsp allspice
1 egg slightly beaten	1 tsp nutmeg
1 C sugar	1/2 tsp cloves
1-3/4 C flour	1/2 C chopped nuts
1/4 tsp salt	

Boil water and pour over raisins. Add oil and let sit until lukewarm. Add rest of ingredients, mix well and bake in greased 9"x13"x2" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Let cool and cut into 2" squares. May dust with powdered sugar. One could substitute eggbeaters and cut back on the oil added and this becomes a low fat, milk free goodie.

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United Givers Fund Campaign

This year's United Givers Fund Campaign is at 93% of the \$330,000 goal according to figures reported at the Wednesday, October 25 Report Meeting.

Two of the five divisions have reached their individual goals. The Industrial Division has exceeded its \$220,000 goal with \$224,840.95 reported. Wilma Leath, Division Chairman, said several companies will be completing their employee campaigns within the next week, so this division's total is expected to go even higher. The Public Service Division is at 100% of its \$9,000 goal. Teresa Freeman is Chairman of this division, which includes city and county employees, city schools, and city utilities.

The Town & County Division stands at 80% of its \$51,500 goal. Several communities within this Division have reached, or are within a few dollars, of goal.

Standing at 72%, the Professional & Special Division needs approximately \$7,000 in order to reach its \$25,000 goal. The Commercial Division, at 58%, is short of its \$24,500 goal by about \$10,000.

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(above) Jeannie Campbell's quilt held by Barbara Lieu and Ellen Spangler;



(right) Holly Bergeron with her gourd display at Mountain Mamas

MOUNTAIN MAMAS ANNUAL SALE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

By Ellen Spangler

Mountain Mamas 20% OFF SALE will be held for the 4th year in a row. Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. The wide selection and variety of pottery and crafts (plus the Rock Shop) will make your holiday gift shopping easy. Store hours are from noon to 6:00pm (GA time) all three days. The shop is located in Cloudland, GA, on Hwy 48, just a mile East of the GA/AL state line.

There are many holiday items, like the original designed quilt pictured, with winter scene and mailbox with removable red bow and envelopes in the box. This quilt is one of many items at Mountain Mamas made by quilt artist Jeannie Campbell (sister of owner Barbara Lieu). She has two new wall hangings in pretty pastel colors—great for a little girl's

bedroom. Jeannie has also made tote bags from pre-consumer recycled upholstery fabric in various tapestry patterns. They come in two sizes and are very sturdy to carry heavy items.

One of our new artists, Holly Bergeron, from Rome, GA, does amazing things with gourds—baskets, birdhouses, and her personal favorites—planters. They can hold real plants or artificial ones, and can add charm indoors or out. You'll find most everything from angels to candles to stained glass.

Mountain Mamas will close for the winter after this sale and will reopen the last week of March, next Spring. The eight owners and all the craftswomen wish everyone a joyful holiday season.

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TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

by Mary Alice Stout

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION—Seven Tri-County volunteers were recently certified in the operation of the Automated External Defibrillation (AED) treatment. The AED can sometimes restore a normal heartbeat during a heart attack. Chattooga County, Redmond Regional Hospital, and the State of Georgia are placing AED equipment at fire/rescue squads who become certified and pledge to pay \$400 to \$500 toward the AED's purchase. If you would like to donate to this fund please send your check to Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue, 12511 Hwy 48, Cloudland, GA, 30731.

APPRECIATION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS—Sat., Nov. 11, Garnett Smith and Sam Whatley hosted an Appreciation Dinner for the Tri-County Volunteers and their spouses and dates. Chili, corn bread, desserts, entertainment, and door prizes were shared with the squad. Garnett said, "My Dad and I wanted to show Tri-County how much they are appreciated. Our Mentone/Cloudland Community can never say 'Thank You' enough!"

GEORGIA FIRE FIGHTER TEST is on the calendar for all Tri-County Volunteers. The squad will take the test in Rome, GA, 9:00am on Saturday, Nov. 18. Wish them all "good luck"!

SPECIAL THANKS—Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue would like to THANK Chattooga County COMMISSIONER, JIM PARKER, for attending our Open House on October 7th, and taking the time to talk with all our members and share his enthusiasm. We would like him to know he is welcome any time. Thank You, Mr. Parker!

Tri-County would like to say THANK YOU to the cooks and to those who purchased dinner during the recent bar-b-que dinner. Special thanks go to the employees of Best in Menlo and the night shift of Mohawk, Image Division, in Summerville.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES—Santa is scheduled to stop by the Tri-County headquarters on Saturday, December 16, from 4:00 to 7:00pm (GA time). As you know, Santa is very busy this time of year. BUT, he has promised to visit all the Tri-County girls and boys. The Volunteers will provide refreshments and polaroid pictures with Santa.

Canned goods, toiletries, and paper goods are being collected for the Chattooga County Food Pantry. You may bring your donations to the Santa party Dec. 16 or leave them at the Mountain Top Market across from the Tri-County Headquarters on GA Hwy 48 at the AL-GA state line. The canned food drive will run from November 1 to December 20.

A Fire Fighter's COOKBOOK will be one of the next fund raising activities for the Volunteers. If you'd like to submit a recipe, contact Charla Huskey at 706-862-6344.

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As the Holidays are just around the corner, I would like to take this time to ask a favor of everyone. Every year during the holiday season, hundreds of homes are lost to fires across the nation. As we prepare for this joyous time of year, let's take a look at what we can do to help make it safe.

For those of you who like to use live trees, select the tree carefully. Make sure it is fresh and be careful of trees that have been sprayed with a coloring agent that makes them appear very green. Be sure the needles are tight by gently pulling your hand down the limbs. Lots of lost needles mean a tree that has dried out. You can expect a few needles to come off.

Place the tree in a spot that will not be close to a space heater, fireplace, or heat vent, and keep it well watered. Check your lights. Make sure they are in good condition, and have no exposed wires. Try to use as few lights as possible, and never go to sleep with the lights plugged in.

Don't overload those receptacles. Too many plugs can over heat the circuits. When putting up outside lights, follow the same rules—good condition, not too many, and don't overload. Make sure they are for outside use.

As you decorate for the season, just step back and take a look. If it looks unsafe, it probably is.

On another note, if you know someone who will be spending the holidays alone, or separated from their loved ones, invite them over for dinner or just for a visit. It will make them feel better and you, too.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Chief Daniel Huskey (706-862-6465) and all the members of TRI-COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE RESCUE.

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(5) MOUNTAIN RIVER ESTATES. A River runs through it! Direct access from Lookout Mountain Parkway on Ala. Hwy 117. Minutes from Mentone and Cloudland, GA. 3 to 7 acre Riverfront tracts starting at \$27,500. 6 to 16 acre wooded stream tracts from \$21,000. Restricted covenants apply.



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(7) THREE STATES CAN BE SEEN: from these Breathtaking West Brow (Sunset) Tracts. On Hwy 189, Lookout Mtn. Pkwy., DeKalb County, Ga. Just Minutes from Chattanooga, TN (#12) 13 acres \$70,000. (#13) 10.9 Acres \$55,000. (#14) 9.1 acres \$35,000. Restrictions Apply.



(8) ADIRONDACK STYLE (1800'S) LOG LODGE sitting on 2 private acres in downtown Mentone. Complete with Dog Trot separating the Kitchen with Fireplace and Living Area with Fireplace. Unique 4 Bdrm, 2 Bath. Screened Breezeways, and Porches. Wood Floors, and Tin Roof. Separate Guest Cottage. City Water, along with Hand pump Well. Step back in time with this One-of-a-kind FURNISHED HOME. Reduced to \$137,000.



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(11) INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES, Building Lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne. County Rd, City water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(12) OFF DESOTO PARKWAY. Wooded 1.7 acres, city water available. great lot for that Cabin in the Mountains. Minutes from Mentone. \$20,000.

(13) 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.

(14) COUNTY ROAD 533, WOODED TRACTS from 10 acres and up, ranging \$2,000 to \$2,500 an acre. Owner Financing to qualified buyers.

(15) OAKWOOD ESTATES - 3 plus acre wooded and Pasture tracts available. Located in Mentone, County Road 106. Restricted Covenants. For permanent or Vacation Residential Homes. \$14,500 each.

(16) THE BIG WOODS, EAST FORK RIVER. 75 acres ML 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.

(17) VALLEY VIEW FOREST. 5 to 17 acre tracts on East Brow overlooking Pleasant Valley and Weiss Lake; adjoins National Preserve. \$10,000 to \$30,000.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing: "Chicken Soup" and more...

By Laura Catherine AKA Moon

Once again it is the time of year when most of us will be inconvenienced by cold and sinus problems. The body is using so much energy to keep warm that it doesn't have as much energy to fight off harmful bacteria or viruses. Eating properly, taking vitamin and mineral supplements, and getting plenty of exercise is generally not enough to stave off the cold and sinus inconvenience. However, there are other natural ways that can help as well as relieve the symptoms.

Most people have heard the "old wives tale" about eating chicken soup when you are sick. Why chicken soup works has been debated, but there is some validity to it. I recommend adding lots of garlic and onion to the soup to add an extra bit of heating to the mix. Eating garlic is one of the best ways to help ward off sickness, as well as shorten the duration. It is one of nature's best immune system boosters.

Echinacea is another herb that is beneficial to help ward off sickness and/or shorten the duration. It has antibacterial, as well as antiviral, properties. If you get ill, then using a combination of echinacea and goldenseal can add an extra potent boost to your immune system. Cayenne pepper can enhance the effectiveness of herbs, as well as clear your sinuses, if you use a few dashes to spice up your warm chicken soup.

Vitamin C is very important for your immune system. I take at least 2000 mg a day at the first sign of feeling ill. Vitamin B complex is also beneficial to the immune system because it helps the body cope with the stress sickness brings to everyday life.

Drinking hot herbal teas always helps me relieve my symptoms. Peppermint tea is one of the most highly recommended. It will help open the sinuses, as well as soothe an upset stomach. I usually drink a tea of fennel seed and rosemary. Fennel seed helps decrease mucous production. Rosemary has a more pleasant taste to me than mint, and it works as effectively, in my opinion, to open the sinuses. Adding a heaping spoonful of honey will provide essential amino acids, as well as soothe an itchy or sore throat.

A humidifier can ease symptoms especially if you add an essential oil such as eucalyptus, peppermint, or rosemary. Mixing any of these essential oils with a little vegetable oil and rubbing it on your sinus area will help break up the mucous. At most herb stores you can find various premixed natural remedies to rub on your sinuses. The most recommended is Tiger Balm. Any part of the Elderberry plant can help bring down a fever. A cold cloth on the forehead is also helpful. Fever is not a bad thing unless it reaches dangerous levels. A fever is the body's natural defense against infection.

Dairy should be avoided during cold, sinus, or allergy flare up, because it increases mucous production.

The age old advice of drinking plenty of fluids and getting plenty of rest should be followed. When you feel up to it, you should go outside and get some fresh air. A slow short walk followed by a warm shower or bath can do a world of good, especially if you use the above-mentioned essential oils in your bath. Remember to keep warm and eat plenty of warm chicken soup.

***Contact your healthcare provider before taking any herbs, especially if you are pregnant, nursing, or taking any prescription medication.



Another month has swiftly flown, soon this year will be gone! It is a beautiful time with the beautiful colors of the leaves everywhere—but now they are covering the ground with a blanket of brown.

Eugene Smith celebrated his 74th birthday on Oct. 24. Jackie and Harry Harrison from Clay, Ala.; Laura and Bill Swader from Moody Crossroads; Wilda and Steve Bentley and son, Little Steve, from Harpersville, Ala.; and sons, Joe and David Smith, all joined him at home and brought a delicious meal. Clara Bridgeman brought him a birthday cake.

Dr. Robert Ringer, from Marianna, Fla., spent two days with his brother, Ed Ringer, Oct. 12 & 13. They went to Crow Mountain and purchased apples and drove to Mentone, enjoying the scenery.

Charles and Louise Hammond went to W. Elma, Washington, to visit son, Tim Hammond for two weeks. Louise and her sisters, Betty Dalrymple, Nell Myers, and Roberta Kirby, also enjoyed four days in Gulf Shores, sight-seeing, shopping, and the beach.

Peachie and David Cearley from Alpharetta, Ga., visited her mother, Laura Margaret Allison, and her aunt Elizabeth Coleman, recently. Laura Margaret had just returned from a two-week's visit with her daughter, Ansley and John McGinnis, in Florence, S.C.

Mary Lou Carmichael brought her mother, Adelaide Biddle, from Dallas, Ga., to visit Ted and Mary Holleman, Oct. 25, and to attend the retired bankers' luncheon in Fort Payne.

Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis, from Rainsville, spent Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, with Ted and Mary Holleman; and took them for a drive to Lookout Mountain. They all enjoyed the beautiful foliage.

Anna Daniel is moving back to DeKalb County from Deer Trail, CO. She will be with her sister, Evelyn Clark, for the present.

Dr. James Quimby had his 81st birthday, on Oct. 28. He is faithful to keep in touch with Morgan Drug Store, and misses Valley Head.

Brandi McDade, and son, Jaxon, from Chattanooga, spent the day, Nov. 2, with her parents, Ruth and Bert Pickett.

Margaret Hoole, from Tucson, Arizona, spent a week with Priscilla and Willard Monroe.

Gladys Cobble is back at home and feeling better.

Dot Blalchurn is home after having back surgery at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham and gradually improving. Her daughter, Linda, from Orange Park, Fla., spent some time with her and Bill.

Edith Dean had nasal surgery and developed pneumonia, and shingles. We hope for her and all who are ill, speedy and complete recovery.

Lillian Pickett and Juanita Smith plan to attend the luncheon show, "Saving the Wales," at the Opera House in Fort Payne, Nov. 6. The luncheon is catered by Judy O'Daniel.

Valley Head Baptist Church had a very successful Harvest Festival Oct. 29. Jimmy Cooper, Johnny Evans, and DeVann Jackson furnished a variety of good music. They enjoyed games and lots of food. On Sunday morning, Juanita Smith played the organ at church and J.L. Gibson played the piano for beautiful music.

DeVann Jackson will have a part in "The Sanders' Christmas" at Northeast Community College for several performances, beginning Dec. 1st through the 10th.

From Ruth Burnett: Ruth and Buddy and Brenda Burnett went to Tuscaloosa, when Kim Keller and baby son, Carson Brooks Keller, came home from the hospital. When Kim was asked if Brenda was going home, Kim said, "No, I have her right where I want her. She's the best nursemaid I've found."

But she soon learned that Valley Head School needed her, too. Brenda and Buddy stayed ten days; and Ruth stayed with Phoebe and family three days and was able to see her daughter, Vivian Clark, for an hour each day. She is gaining a little strength and seems to be content. Her address is Forest Manor, Inc., 2215 - 32nd St., Room 26, Northport, Ala.

The Community Choir is practicing at Valley Head Baptist Church for their Christmas Cantata, "A Perfect Christmas" music and narrative—directed by Peggy Bentley. It will be presented at 5 PM at the Mentone United Methodist Church on Cutler Avenue, and at 7 PM at the Valley Head Baptist Church, on Church Street.

The Valley Head Methodist Church had a sumptuous covered dish luncheon and a board meeting after church last Sunday, Oct. 29.

The Sunshine Club met Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the home of Verence Hawkins. Those present were Sue Clark, Ruth Pickett, Estie Palmer, Lillie Bowden, Elizabeth Bauerle, Ann Wright, and Eloise Brown. The next meeting will be Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. with Joy Hurt.

Congratulations to the Valley Head Tigers for making it to the football playoffs at Lyn, Ala., Nov. 10. Good luck, boys!

The ghosts and goblins were flitting about on Halloween. The Eugene Smiths handed out over 100 treats.

My great granddaughter, Beverly Wright, and her husband, Shane, are now living with me to try to keep me out of trouble.

Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and families—be appropriately appreciative and don't eat too much!

Thanksgiving Every Day

Every day should be Thanksgiving Day—
A day for giving thanks, when we pray.
For all the taken-for-granted things—
A voice that can talk and sometimes sings.
Eyes that can see, and ears that can hear.
For friends and loved ones we hold so dear.
For feet that can walk and helping hands.
The beautiful world appreciation demands.
For floors underneath and roof overhead.
For rest at night in a clean, safe bed.
For food to eat and good water to drink.
A working body, a brain that can think.
For clear, clean air, for ease of breath.
Joy of living and release in death.
For all the bountiful blessings received
And hope and faith firmly believed.
Give thanks for everything as we pray
Make every day a Happy Thanksgiving Day

—Eloise Brown

MOUSE

There was a mouse Within my house, Darting around.	For his messing, No more guessing Now to avenge—
The little bum, He took a crumb, One day I found!	I vowed this room Shall be your tomb 'ere rising sun.
Followed his trail To some avail, And found some more	I set the trap With angry snap The deed was done.
Gainesburger food, That he had strewed Right to his store.	There stiff and mute He looked so cute. I felt pity.
I thought this rude, In angry mood, I sought revenge.	Without his breath In harmless death He was pretty!

—Eloise Brown



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City of San Francisco Remembers a Great Mayor

Submitted by Mrs. Amelia (Kirk) Lolli, whose husband, Andrew, was a close personal friend of George Christopher

(Excerpts from articles written by staff writers for the San Francisco Chronicle and which appeared in its Sept. 19, 2000, issue.)

The city he loved paid its last respects on Sept. 18, 2000, to George Christopher, the 34th mayor of San Francisco, who died on Sept. 14, 2000, at the great old age of 92.



George Christopher
1907 - 2000

Christopher was one of the last of the old-time political leaders—an immigrant who made a fortune through hard work, rose to become chief executive of his adopted city, and died full of years and honors.

At his memorial service, he was praised as a man of integrity and honor, a statesman, and a diplomat who had risen from poverty to high office. "His strength of character and toughness, his great sense of optimism brought dignity and respect to the office he held," said former Mayor Frank Jordan, who delivered one of the eulogies at the service.

Other speakers, who included former Secretary of State George Shultz and Fania Economidis, one of Christopher's oldest friends, listed the mayor's many accomplishments: how he dealt with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, how he brought the New York Giants to San Francisco, how he encouraged redevelopment projects and new construction. Mayor Willie Brown said, "During his term, San Francisco began to take its place as a global city."

All of it was done, Shultz said, with "the special kind of patient integrity you have to have."

He was, said former Police Chief Tom Cahill, "the greatest mayor this city has ever seen." Christopher appointed Cahill chief in 1958, the year the Giants came to town, a time when Dwight Eisenhower was president and one could buy a home in San Francisco for \$10,000.

George Christopher, a Republican, was elected mayor of San Francisco 45 years ago this fall and left office in 1964. He was the last Republican mayor of San Francisco, and he lived so long he had nearly outlived his times. He was also a man of the old political school who always wore a suit and a tie.

George Christopheles was born Dec. 8, 1907, to James Christopheles and Mary Koiner Christopheles, in the province of Arcadia, Greece. His father emigrated from Greece in 1895, but returned home to marry.

His family moved to San Francisco in 1910, when George was 2 years old. They lived south of Market Street in a flat off Fourth St. in an area called "Greektown." The family business was a small lunchroom at Third and Minna.

After attending Lincoln Grammar School, in 1921, he enrolled in Galileo High School. At the age of 14, George was forced to leave after one year because of father's serious illness. He worked odd jobs, including a stint as office boy with the San Francisco Examiner. While working, he attended night school at Humboldt Evening School and Golden Gate College, for 11 years, and he earned his high school

diploma and a BA in accounting.

In 1930, after becoming a U.S. citizen, he changed his name from Christopheles to Christopher.

George Christopher's greatest delight was his late wife Tula. He married Tula Sarantis in 1935. The marriage lasted for 55 years, until her death in 1990.

In 1937, he became associated with the Excelsior Dairy, followed by a partnership in the Meadow Glen Dairy, which eventually became the Christopher Dairy. The very successful business was sold to Berkeley Farms in 1970.

He became active in politics and easily won his first race for San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, in 1945.

In 1948, he was re-elected with the largest vote (170,756) ever cast for one supervisor. He became president of the Board of Supervisors.

He ran for mayor of San Francisco in 1951, but was defeated by incumbent Mayor Elmer Robinson by fewer than 3,000 votes.

In 1955, he defeated Democrat George Reilly in a landslide and went on to serve two terms as mayor. During his eight years as mayor, the Embarcadero Center and the Golden Gateway were constructed, the Japan Center was built, the Hall of Justice went up, and dozens and dozens of new tall buildings transformed the old skyline. He was not afraid to make decisions.

Christopher was dedicated to the opposition of bigotry and discrimination, both as a city official and business leader. While mayor, he appointed a commission on equal-employment opportunity and signed the Fair Employment Practices Ordinance, which outlawed discrimination by employers and labor unions in San Francisco.

Christopher successfully wooed the New York Giants to San Francisco in 1957. The team opened the 1958 season at Seals Stadium.

In 1959, he grabbed national and international attention for the hospitality and warmth shown to Nikita Khrushchev during the Soviet premier's visit to the United States.

He presided over the opening of Candlestick Park in 1960.

In 1962, he lost the race to become California's lieutenant governor.

He lost in a landslide to Ronald Reagan in the California Republican gubernatorial primary in 1966.

George remained a part of the city's life almost until his death. Christopher "was that old-fashioned politician who thought serving as mayor of San Francisco was a privilege and an honor," said Art Agnos, San Francisco's second Greek-American mayor.

Christopher is survived by three sisters, Beatrice Tentes, Helen Christopher and Ethel Davies, all of San Francisco; his brother-in-law, Mitchell Davies, two nephews, Michael and Christopher Davies, a great nephew, Austin Davies, and two great nieces, Michelle and Alexis Davies.

His interment was at the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park in Colma.

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Evelyn Graves

The October meeting of the Valley Head Woman's Club was held at the lovely home of Jan Wilkinson. The devotion was given by Evelyn Graves. She talked about time and the importance of using our time wisely because there is no recapturing time once it is passed. She commented that "yesterday's gone", which was the title of the program for the meeting. She used various scriptures relating to the brevity of time and the uncertainty of time, and the familiar passage of scripture from Ecclesiastes 3, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven, a time to be born and a time to die."

A discussion by the chairman of the projects committee, Doris Carmichael, was made concerning the project of pecan sales, which is currently underway. She encouraged each member to do her part in selling and distributing the pecans, because the proceeds from these sales enable the club to be able to present a Valley Head High School Student with a scholarship to the school of his/her choice. Club members feel that this is a very worthwhile endeavor.

The program was presented by Mary Agnes Fine and Lamar Fine, authors of the book, "Yesterday's Gone." The Fines are natives of Chickamauga, Georgia, and their novel, though fictional, makes reference to familiar places such as The Lookout and various other landmarks in the area. They are delightful persons and enjoy working together as mother and son in writing and publishing books. They worked for many years in a successful income tax business, and then retired to enjoy writing together. They gave some interesting excerpts from their book. They are currently working on two more novels, one a sequel to the current "Yesterday's Gone." Watch for those to hit the bookstores.

A brief business meeting was held by President Judith Hammond, and the meeting adjourned.

Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Jan Wilkinson, Martha Stanley, Susan Hooks, and Edna Morgan.

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Happy 1st Birthday!



Bethany Jeanne Bares

Bethany Jeanne Bares turned one (1) year old on September 27. She had her birthday party on September 26 in Mentone and will have a Winnie the Pooh party in Louisiana at the end of the month. Bethany's parents are John and Donna Bares of Mentone. Her grandparents are Maureen Bourgeois, Thibodeaux, LA; Raymond & Lillian Bares, Erath, LA; great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edier Bares. Adopted grandparents are Max and Roberta Cash of Mentone. Bethany said "Max" for the first time at Dessie's Kountry Chef in Mentone, in October, much to the delight of Max and Roberta!

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English couple exchange vows at Mentone Wedding Chapel



William Hattersley and Margaret Hattersley

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

William John Hattersley and Margaret Bridgette Higgin of Maidenhead, England, were united in holy matrimony at the Mentone Wedding Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000. "Many weddings have been performed at the Mentone Wedding Chapel, but this was the first time a couple has traveled here from across the ocean to have their ceremony performed," stated chapel owner, Linda Patterson who has operated The Mentone Wedding Chapel for the last eight years.

According to Hattersley, "We purchased a computer and gained access to the Internet about a year ago. The first time we surfed the net, we were looking for the perfect place to exchange our wedding vows. We found a site that listed wedding chapels all over the world. The minute we saw The Mentone Wedding Chapel, we knew it was the place! Our e-mail to the owner, Linda Patterson, inquiring about the chapel was the first real e-mail we sent on the Internet."

They had considered other places, such as South Africa, Jamaica, but there was nothing like The Wedding Chapel.

The couple met at a dramatic group doing a production of "South Pacific." He did the lighting. After the show, they did another show, and got together and decided to get married.

The couple stated that their first visit to America was to California. They said they loved Las Vegas because it was different from anything else, but they didn't want to get married there. They longed to return to visit, and chose an area in the deep south: AL, MS, TN. The scenery and countryside in autumn was awesome. They wanted to get married abroad and agreed they didn't want a typical wedding. They arrived on Sunday the 15th and stayed until the end of the month.

The wedding attire of the couple carries a unique story. The bride's gown and the weskit of the groom were hand-painted. As a wedding gift, a close friend of the couple painted the bride's gown with delphiniums and roses like the ones (growing in the couple's rose garden) at their home in England. "The garden pattern also matches a mural our friend painted on the wall of our cottage," added Higgin. Her head band was specially made to go with her hand painted dress.

A replica of the couple's steamboat on England's River Thames, along with scenery from the village surrounding it, was applied to the groom's weskit. The groom stated, "We thought we'd bring a 'bit of Britain' to the states!"

Some of the sights they have already seen are: DeSoto Park, Little River Canyon, Jeff Cook's home--Band Alabama; visited Fort Payne the Sock Capital. They enjoyed eating Catfish at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

They said they had a tour guide book. Because of their love for music of the southern United States, the couple rented an RV and toured the cities of Huntsville, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.; and Clarksdale, Miss. They said that gas over here was so much cheaper than in England. They have to pay five pounds per gallon, which is \$6.00 in US currency.

After their wedding trip, the couple returned to their home in Maidenhead, England.

Margaret works for an agricultural college where she teaches students with additional needs and adults with disabilities. Bill works for a paper mill as an electrical engineer on the Banks of the Thames River. He said they make sure not to pollute the river.

On 10/30/00 an E-mail letter was sent from Bill and Margaret Hattersley to Bill and Linda Patterson.

"Just a note of thanks for your wonderful care and hospitality when we came to Mentone. We were absolutely thrilled with the Mentone Wedding Chapel, and quite bowled over by the beauty of Lookout Mountain."

We had a super time touring Memphis, Nashville, Hartselle and Clarksdale, and could fill a book with our adventures. We saw Dolly Parton at the Grand Ole Opry. (Look out for us, Thanksgiving Evening on CBS!). successfully gate crashed the private view of an art exhibition, drank Cold Duck at every possible opportunity, and generally fell in love with America again. But Lookout Mountain is where we long to return, and we will definitely check out the possibility of emigrating. Margaret has already chosen both the Truck that she wants and the Corvette for me!

Our journey home was very smooth, amazingly so, considering the record strength winds. We have returned, however, to floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. (Yes, seriously!), but at least we've got our Wedding Photos to look forward to. Incidentally, we were thrilled with our coverage in the Gadsden Times, and show the clipping to everyone we meet!

Hope we can meet up again soon.

All our love, Bill and Margaret Hattersley"

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The Groundhog publishing date is the first Thursday of each month. However, the December issue will be published on Dec. 14th, the SECOND Thursday. It will be delivered on the 15th and 16th. Those submitting articles and/or photos, please get them to us between the 15th-20th of each month, if possible. Thanks to everyone who meets this deadline.



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(1) IMPRESSIVE RUSTIC CONTEMPORARY rises before you as you drive down the driveway. Main house features 3 floors, each with a bedroom and bath, living area, office space and/or sitting rooms. Decks and porches surround the house with magnificent views of the valley and mountains. A 2-car garage with 1 bedroom apartment also sits on the 2.7 acres. All for \$215,000.



(2) WHAT A MOUNTAIN RETREAT SHOULD BE! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 sitting rooms, sunroom, dining room and kitchen with breakfast nook, pine floors and walls. All this on more than 2 acres of elite brow front property. \$249,900.



(3) GET OUT OF TOWN in this one bedroom, one bath log home in Mentone situated on one acre. This home has a living-dining-kitchen combo, pine floors, and the open floor plan gives you a studio-like feel. This could be the perfect home for you—Call today! \$49,900.



(4) SECLUSION JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY. 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths - mountain stone fireplace - CHIA - 1.5 acres of woods, wonderful rock formations. \$137,500.



(5) COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES ON HWY 117. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home comes with a fully equipped kitchen, living room, dining room, sunroom, central heat and air, 20x30 shed/garage and a nice landscaped yard on over 1 acre. Call today for more details. \$65,000.



(6) TURN BACK THE CLOCK. Live in an authentic log house. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, front and back porch. Included is a 18x20 log structure with loft waiting to be your studio or guest house. All on more than 2 acres. \$75,000.

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(7) WAKE UP EVERY MORNING LOOKING AT THE SUNRISE from the East Brow of Lookout Mountain. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a large great room with tray ceiling, wood floors and gas fireplace, an eat-in kitchen with island and skylight both centrally located around the sunroom and deck. Relax with nature or go fishing in the 13-acre lake across the street. You can have all of this for \$190,000.



(8) COMPLETELY FURNISHED and ready to move into! This cute country cottage offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, rock fireplace and pine floors, add a wet weather branch and 2 wooded lots and you have a great weekend get-away for \$78,500.



(9) MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL AND CALDWELL'S RESTAURANT. Historical Landmark in downtown Mentone currently being run as a bed and breakfast. Restaurant seats 100+ people. Great for weddings, receptions, conferences—endless possibilities. For more information, please call 256-845-6000. Reduced to \$595,000.



(10) BE FIRST! You can be the first homeowner in this new subdivision on DeSoto Parkway in Mentone. This new construction is now complete with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, central heat and air, storage building, and metal roof. All bedrooms have a personal balcony and this new home is sitting on a large corner lot. Call us today for your appointment. \$109,900.



(11) ESCAPE THE MADNESS—Just minutes from tranquility, this rustic retreat offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a studio room, 2-story living area with fireplace, wood floors and lots of windows with great views from the brow of Mentone. Built by an artist, this house has tons of charm. \$179,900.



(12) TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...This custom built home offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in area kitchen, entertaining-sized living room with fireplace and a multi-purpose basement that could serve as a guest room, office, or hobby room. The rock and wood construction blend home and nature all on 2.9 acres. Once you see it, you'll want to own it. Call today for your showing. \$225,000.



(14) LOOKING FOR SPACE? This home offers 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room and great room, front and back porches on 77 acres. Beautiful rolling front yard surrounded by large hardwoods all with privacy of a dead end street. \$299,000



(13) TAKE A HEALTHY LOOK AT COUNTRY LIVING—Breathe the clean air at this immaculate split level home featuring a large live-in size master bedroom, eat-in kitchen with screened-in porch, 2 car carport, plus a separate garage with bonus room upstairs—all on 4 acres for \$124,500.

OTHER LISTINGS

- (15) WEEKEND OR WEEKLY RENTAL available. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths will accommodate 8 people. For more information, call Susan Collins.
- (16) 15 ACRE TRACTS - gently rolling-heavily wooded-with creek. Close to downtown Mentone on private road. "Lightly" restricted. \$25,000.
- (17) PRIME PROPERTY - 6 acres on DeSoto Parkway ready for developing. Almost 600 feet of road frontage. Great opportunity! \$49,900.
- (18) 180 ACRES OF NATURAL BEAUTY on Lookout Mountain—just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. Ready for your dreams—hunting club—weekend retreat or development. Sold as a whole only. \$2160 per acre.
- (19) A RARE FIND - building lot inside of Mentone's city limits. Wonderful rock formations. \$13,000.
- (20) BROW LOT on County Road 103 South of Mentone in Phase II of Lake on the Brow. \$45,000.
- (21) WHAT A DEAL! 4-1/2 acres on the West Fork of Little River. Gently sloping with great building sites. Lightly restricted. \$29,000.
- (22) FOR LAND'S SAKE! Just listed 4.3 +/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Great building site for your new home. Only \$49,500.
- (23) BUILD HERE!! We have just listed (3) Five-acre tracts just off DeSoto Parkway! If you've been looking for acreage to build on, give us a call today! \$44,500 each, or all for \$99,000.
- (24) GO JUMP IN THE RIVER- Little River that is! Just listed 3+/- acres on the West Fork of Little River. No restrictions. Call today. \$60,000.
- (25) JUST OFF DESOTO PARKWAY - 6.2 acres with large rock formations and a winter view. \$59,500

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MOON LAKE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Pictured L/R: Harvest Festival Princesses: Jessica Howard, Sarah Petersen, and Jamie Sherwood. King Landon Crowe and Queen Danielle Powell are third and fourth from the left of the Kindergarten Class raised \$2,766.41. The total receipts for the festival were \$7,940.43.

Cedar Bluff Woman's Club Holiday Tour of Homes

The annual Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Cedar Bluff Woman's Club will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2000, from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The tour will showcase three of the more unique homes in Alabama's Cherokee County, as well as Cedar Bluff's Town Hall. This year, as part of the tour, refreshments will be served at Town Hall. A \$5 donation is requested for the entire tour. Advance tickets will be available at the Cedar Bluff Town Hall in late November and tickets can be obtained at any of the four stops along the tour. For more information on the tour of homes, please contact Jane Rice at 256-779-6518 or Therese Livingston at 256-779-6847.

Rhododendron Garden Club meeting dates for remainder of 2000

The November 14 meeting will be held at the Jim Berry Scout Hall at 12:30.

The December 12 meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Mentone United Methodist Church. The program is "Every Light a Prayer For Peace." The DeKalb/Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs have been invited to participate. This is the Rhododendron Garden Club's annual Christmas covered dish luncheon and it will follow the service.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA SCHEDULE December 17

5 P.M. Mentone United Methodist Church

7 P.M. Valley Head Baptist Church

The Community Choir, under the direction of Peggy Bentley, will be performing their annual Christmas Cantata

—music and narrative—

"A Perfect Christmas"

Altrusa Holiday Arts Festival

Arts, Crafts & Antiques
Saturday, November 11: 9 to 5
Sunday, November 12: 10 to 4
Concessions Available
Admission \$2.00
VFW Exhibition Hall,
Fort Payne

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB PECAN SALES UNDERWAY

The Valley Head Woman's Club pecan sales are now underway. If you need some fresh, wonderful pecans for the holidays, please contact one of the following persons:

Doris Carmichael 635-6572
Flo Kirby 634-4327
Sandra Pruitt 634-4274
Martha Gibson 635-6178
Elizabeth Ellis 638-6537

The cost of the pecans per pound package is \$6.50.

The DeKalb County Library Bookmobile Schedule:

Mentone at Town Hall parking lot
on Wednesdays

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

•November 8 & *

•December 6 & *

•January 2001 3, 17 & 31

*(Vacation)

The Bookmobile is in

VALLEY HEAD

on the same days from 1:15 to 2:15

and in HAMMONDVILLE

on the same days from 2:30 to 3:30



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Psa 95:1-2

When November comes around, I think of the first Thanksgiving. The people were so glad to be alive and to have food to eat. They had a great celebration. Do we not have just as much to be thankful for today as they had? Yes, I know people in this country have more money, nicer homes and cars, good jobs, but stop for a moment. How many homes are broken? How many children are hurting? As for me, I'm glad to be alive, and have food to eat, clothes to wear, and, above all, good health. It's all because God has given it to me and I am more thankful than I ever have been. Take time to stop and thank God.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Missing Large White Dog

Answers to the name of Dufus. He has six (6) toes on each back foot. Please help bring him home. He has been missing for about two weeks, as of Nov. 5. He has an elderly companion dog, Buddy, who has lost his bearing and his sight. Dufus has been looking after his companion for the past several months. If you have seen him, or if you know where he is, or were kind enough to pick him up thinking he was lost, please call Benny or Brenda Goss at 256-634-4561 or 256-634-4686. His owners miss him and Buddy is lost without him. Please help in locating and returning Dufus to his home. Thank you for your help!

Benny, Brenda, and Jana Goss

Public Service Announcement

For information on our free spay and neuter program for your pets, call Lookout Mountain Animal Rescue (LMAR) at 706-734-0812. Clinic conveniently located in Menlo, Georgia. LMAR is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the State of Georgia.

American Legion Post 215 of Mentone Meeting on

Saturday evening, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m.
to Celebrate Veterans' Day

The American Legion Post 215 of Mentone will hold its November meeting on Saturday evening, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. celebrating Veterans' Day. It will be a covered dish dinner. All veterans are invited to attend.

Our guest speaker will be Retired Brigadier General Charles S. Robertson. He served 35 years in the Marine Corps.