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REMEMBERING A SPECIAL VETERAN FAMILY



Warm Springs, Georgia

By Evelyn Graves

Russell R. Morgan was born at Sulphur Springs, Alabama, and never lived more than two miles from the place of his birth except during the time he was in the U.S. Army.

Russell was a military policeman, and his primary duty was to guard President Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was guarding the president at the little White House at Warm Springs, Georgia, when the president died. He rode the train with the president's body back to Washington to the Capital.

After President Roosevelt died, Russell was sent to the Philippines. He was about halfway across the ocean when it was declared that the war was over. The men on board took the ammunition and dumped it into the ocean because it was easier than trying to haul it. Russell dumped a load that contained dynamite caps. He traveled on The Minnesota to the Philippines in 1945, and he returned on The U.S. Tiger in 1946. It was 130 degrees F. when he left there to return to the United States, and it was 30 degrees when he got back to California.

Russell and three brothers were in the service at the same time. He and his brother Cicero Morgan, joined at the same time. Cicero was at

the Battle of the Bulge, was wounded, and almost died. The brothers were not able to stay together, so Russell was not involved in that battle.

Russell married while he was in the military service and had one daughter, Linda. He and his wife were divorced when Linda was two years old. In 1951, he married Doris Lee Biddle who was born at Mentone, lived in Rome, Georgia, and later moved to Fischer Crossroads. They had one son, Tom. They later adopted two children, Jo Ann and Rickey. They have ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Russell decided when Linda, the daughter from the first marriage, was 17 years old that he wanted to go look for her. He and Doris went to the area where she lived, and there was a girl walking down the road. Russell said, "That's Linda right there." Even though he had not seen her in all those years, somehow he recognized her. They had a very happy reunion with her, and she came home with them for a visit.

Russell worked as a foreman at Wheland Foundry in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He began working there in 1949, and retired in 1982. During that time, he missed 20 days from work because of family illness and funerals. He was off 3 days because of personal illness.



Russell Morgan (L);
James Hardy (Johnny) Morgan (R)

Russell became a father and a grandfather on the same day. Tom, his son by Doris, was born on the same day that Linda's Tara was born. That was a happy day for Russell.

Russell died on October 29, 1997, and he is buried at Sulphur Springs, Alabama.

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MAPA Meeting

The Mentone Area Preservation Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 6PM. Leroy Crowe gave the opening prayer. The meeting attendees were Sarah Wilcox, Barbara Bleeker, Clay Patrie, Anthony Teverino, Dave and Claudia Wassom, Jerome Stevens, Dorothy Crow, Amelia Lolli, Dessie Brown, Homer Crow, Page Cunningham, Leroy Crowe, Joanne Crowe, Lucille Crowe, and Boy Scout Troop 106 Leader David Gilbreath.

The post office bulletin board has been refurbished. Work is continuing on the board at Brow Park.

Octoberfest was the main topic of discussion at the meeting. Members were encouraged to sell tickets for the quilt and other donated items that are to be drawn at the festival on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Page Cunningham said that the Boy Scouts contribute a lot to MAPA festivals. They will provide parking services, move and set up chairs, take care of bonfires, empty trashcans, and mow grass on the parking lots. Page Cunningham made a motion to increase the annual contribution of MAPA to the Boy Scouts from \$300 to \$500. All were in favor. The Scoutmaster gave a short talk on how the money is used and valuable lessons the boys learn in dealing with the public.

MAPA will sell roasted peanuts at the festival. Dorothy Crow is to get the peanuts.

Page Cunningham read a letter sent from Senator Lowell Barron to the state health department concerning fees charged to food

vendors. Page also talked to health department personnel. Initially Page was told that fees for the food vendors would be waived.

Jerome Stevens mentioned that we should investigate the possibility of cutting vegetation that obstructs the view from Brow Park.

Homer Crow made a motion that MAPA fund preparation of pictures of former mayors for posting in Mentone Town Hall. Page Cunningham seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Anthony Teverino made a motion to erect and decorate a Christmas tree in Mason Park. Jerome Stevens seconded the motion and all were in favor. Dessie Brown has a tree that she will donate if it is suitable.

Page Cunningham made a motion that MAPA plant a shrub or rhododendron in Mason Park along with a memorial plaque for Bernise Crow. Amelia Lolli seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Page Cunningham made a motion to adjourn.

Dorothy Crow and Lucille Crowe furnished refreshments for the meeting.

Page Cunningham and Leroy Crowe are to furnish refreshments for the November meeting.

The winners of the drawings on October 22 at the annual October Colorfest can be found on page 16.

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Editor

Valley Head Community Park

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

Footsteps each morning hurrying along the walking path are just one indication of the use the community puts to the Valley Head Community Park located on Highway 117 between Valley Head and Hammondville. The path, 1250 feet long, circles around a stream that hurries down rocks and then meanders slowly along echoing the different gaits of the walkers. Partly shady and partly sunny with a slight incline, the path provides a good workout. (Just so you don't have to get out your calculator, 4.22 times around equals a mile.)

Those who walk the path each morning have nothing more in common than their commitment to daily walking. There are a group of two to four women each morning who walk a mile or more before going to work in Valley Head. A bus driver stops every morning to walk for about 45 minutes after driving her school bus route. It gives her a chance to unwind and have some "me" time before going home for her second job of being a housewife. One woman walks to rehab from recent back surgery, another to combat the effects of fibromyalgia. A retired gentleman begins his walk a little later to get the benefits of vitamin D from the sunlight and "because it makes me feel better." He explained that he had five surgeries for various problems and walking was the best thing that he had found for his general health.

Some, who were accustomed to walking in their

neighborhood, have joined park walkers because unfenced dogs had become such a nuisance.

I, too, am a morning walker. I walk for exercise. It's cheaper than joining a health club requiring no more special equipment than a good pair of walking shoes. I enjoy the company of other walkers, but I also enjoy solitary walking giving me a chance to think through problems, plan my day, pray, meditate all the while getting what many medical experts call "the best possible exercise and cardio-workout."

Some of these walkers began enjoying the park even before the walking path was paved in 2004, part of a grant to improve the park. (Although enjoy might be a little strong since one explained that if she tried to maintain any speed, she kept kicking rocks into her shins.) She definitely appreciated the paving of the walking path. Other improvements included a complete redo of the pavilion that now has picnic tables, benches, a large barbecue pit and a separate men's and women's bathroom that are kept meticulously clean boasting as one walker observes "quality toilet paper."

The city is currently accepting bids to lengthen the walking path adding a nature trail that will snake up the steep ridge with a place to rest and an overlook at the top before it reconnects with the path. It will also be financed by a grant. The city owns 15 acres on the ridge that can be used for future development.

On weekends families from the community use the

park for reunions, birthday parties and other gatherings headquartering their festivities under the covered pavilion.

While the older members of the family enjoy eating and talking, younger children can dissipate some of their energy on the playground equipment that includes a tall, "curly" slide. On any pretty weekend the adjacent basketball court has a group of teenage and "tweenage" kids shooting hoops.

Scattered picnic tables throughout the park with small grills give families an opportunity to enjoy a private meal.

A smaller pavilion across the road is suitable for small gatherings.

To ensure the availability of the pavilion, you need to check with the city to make sure that it is not already booked. Although its use is free to city residents, a donation is appreciated.

If you want to picnic without the bother of preparing your own food, four nearby restaurants offer a variety of food suitable for picnic eating varying from pizza to fried chicken. Morning walkers can also reward their efforts with a breakfast to "eat on the way" or a sit-down breakfast. If you're heading in the Valley Head direction, Tigers Inn and Old Barber Shop Café can satisfy your breakfast needs. In the Hammondville direction, The Crossroads Restaurant and Shorty's Café both have a variety of good biscuits like mama used to make.

About the Writer:

Sarah Jacoway Hill graduated from Fort Payne High School in 1960, after which she attended Samford University, earning her BA in English in 1964.

She is a free-lance writer and has been published in Birmingham News, The Birmingham Magazine, The Alabama Baptist, The Family Journal, Child Times, Jezebel Magazine, The Marketeer, and Over the Mountain Journal.

Her specialties include promotional writing, human interest, restaurant reviews, book reviews, and advertorials.



LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY by Linda Brown

The Koffee Klatch at the Moon Lake Library has become a very happy and fun experience for those who have attended. The programs have been very interesting to everyone. If you see a subject on the schedule that doesn't interest you, come to the session anyway, you may learn some skills that can be transferred to other projects. I have been to all of the sessions and do not plan to get into some of subjects very deeply, but I have learned a lot just from being there. I do not plan to ever make a quilt, but I learned how to cut the pieces of fabric and I do plan to use that skill. I do not plan to knit a sweater, but I learned enough that if I want to knit a simple item I know how to get started. Come and see for yourself. Also, come and tell us what you are interested in doing and we will see if we can find someone to instruct a class on that subject.

The members of the Board of Directors for the Moon Lake Elementary School Community Library continue to look for ways to make the library easier to use. At the last meeting we discussed the idea of putting the Young Adult books on the shelves with all of the other books. Of course we would leave the red and yellow stickers on to identify them. This will allow us to retire a rolling cart and get it out of everyone's way. We also discussed more shelves as we continue to grow and add new books each week. Watch the shelf at the desk to see what new books we have.

We now have sixty-one FRIENDS of the library. We think that this is great. A newsletter is sent to them quarterly or more often if we have a special event coming up. They get first choice at our book sales and they get a Moon Lake Library book bag. Look for the meaning of FRIENDS elsewhere in this issue of *The Groundhog*.

I think that there is an article in this issue about the Holiday Open House. But, I am so excited about the idea that I also want to mention it. We plan to decorate the library for the holiday season, including lighted trees and a village with a vintage train running through it. This may be a new experience for the students and will really take some adults back to the holidays of their childhood. We will have a surprise for the students during school hours and light refreshments for the adults during the regular library hours. We are having a party and we want you to come! The date is Thursday, December 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The students will come at their regularly scheduled time during school hours.

We are finally seeing a long range idea come into being. We have had three computer classes of one hour each. The last one will be Thursday, November 2 so you won't have time to participate in this one. But, if enough interest is shown, we will be scheduling another one. Becky Smith is the instructor and has started this class off at the very beginning of knowing how to use your computer. We can either do the basics again or continue to advance in the classes. Let us know what you would like to have.

The November schedule for the Koffee Klatch is at the end of this article. I want to tell you a

little about each one and then you can see the thumbnail sketch at the end. On November 4, Stephanie Moore will be demonstrating the art of Scrap Booking. She has asked that you bring any materials you might have on hand. I would think that everyone will need to bring photographs of one theme or subject. November 11, Mickey Luck will be giving some basic instructions on stringed instruments. Mickey has asked that anyone who has a dulcimer bring it with them. November 18, Dixie Wilson will be with us to show the basics of handcrafted jewelry. She will furnish all materials for this session and for one on December 2. If you are interested in more detailed jewelry making, you can meet with Dixie and set a time for private instructions. We will close the library on Saturday, November 25 so that everyone can celebrate the Thanksgiving holidays with their family and friends. We will have a come and bring whatever you are working on and chat Saturday on December 9 and then have the next Koffee Klatch on Saturday, January 6, 2007. This will give everyone a breather for the holidays.

In December, the library will be open on the regular schedule until Saturday, December 16. It will then be open on Tuesday, December 19 and Thursday, December 21. During the week of Christmas, it will be open on Thursday, December 28. It will be closed on two Saturdays, December 23 and 30 for holidays.

There seems to be some confusion regarding paper back books. We are glad to get all paper backs. Some of them will be put in the Winter Book Sale. Others, especially those which are a series and have a harder cover, will be processed and put on the shelves if they are needed to complete the grouping. I hope that this clears up this matter. Please know that we are always glad to get books and we will put them on the shelves, take them to McKay's for credit or put them in the book sales to generate revenue for our expenses.

Watch for the delivery of your 2007 Community Calendar. I have seen the proof copy and it looks very good. I hope that you will be pleased with it.

The Moon Lake Community Library will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Saturday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. As always, leave your books in the box by the front doors. If you are ever asked to pay a fine when you do this, tell the volunteer on duty and you will not be required to pay.

The meetings of the Board of Directors are open to the public. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and we meet in the library.

To become a FRIEND, a volunteer in the library or to make a suggestion, you may write to us at this address: Moon Lake Community Library
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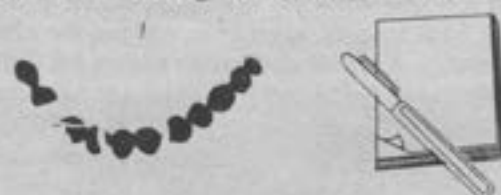
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Coley, Scrooge, and Edna Morgan



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Service and Friendship from a Great Man

By Evelyn Graves

Once in a great while, there is someone who impacts your life in a way that is unforgettable. I am blessed with many friends, and they have shown kindnesses to me and my family, but I do not know anyone who has been any kinder and more caring than Donald "Scrooge" Morgan.

My first memory of Scrooge was when he was a senior in high school. I worked with both the state employment and unemployment agencies in Fort Payne at that time, and it was part of my job to administer the General Aptitude Test Battery to graduating students to help determine their aptitudes for various types jobs. It was on this occasion that I administered the test to Scrooge's senior class. I remember quite clearly that he and Edna Smith sat together, and it was obvious that they had a strong attraction for each other. Despite the smiles between them, they both made exceptional scores on the test. I had known Edna all of her life, and I was interested in her plans for a career.

Scrooge and Edna both finished high school in 1961. They both started to school at Auburn in the fall. Scrooge said he just knew that he was to be a pharmacist, and he pursued that course of study. He and Edna married in 1963, and they came back to Valley Head in 1964, and he began working for Coleman Drugs, which was owned by L. M. Coleman. In 1973, he became a partner with "Doe" Coleman. In 1978, the drugstore became Morgan Drugs.

Scrooge recalls many changes in Valley Head during his thirty-two years in business there. He has felt sadness that the old depot was removed because it was such a significant landmark in the community.

There have been many incidents that have occurred during the years - both funny and sad - that took place in the drugstore. The drugstore has always been the hub of the community. I can remember when I was in high school, friends and I would walk from school to the drugstore, take our places at one of the little tables where we were served from the fountain, either a coke

or ice cream. It was just a special place. In time, the fountain service was discontinued, but it has always been delightful to go to the drugstore because of the friendly atmosphere and the smiles from personnel.

When asked about special people who had an influence on his life, Scrooge answered without hesitation. He stated that there were three men who had influenced his life to a large degree. They were Dewey Smith (Edna's father), L. M. Coleman, and Coley Harvey. He stated that these three men's word was their bond. There was no need to enter into any type contract with them, because anything they said would be just like they said it. He added that Coley Harvey did things that nobody else knew anything about. He was just that type man. He and Edna loved Mr. Harvey so much that they named their son "Coley" for him.

He added that Robin Hulkan was "right up there" with these three men. He stated that when Robin was in the ninth grade, Edna asked him about hiring her to help out in the drugstore. He felt that it would not be the thing to do because Robin was Edna's first cousin, and he did not feel that it would be a good policy to hire family to work in the business. He finally agreed to allow Robin to come in to work to see how it would work out. He never let her go. She was just exactly what he needed, and she was so good for business. Scrooge said he loved Robin so much and that she was wonderful to help him with anything that needed to be done. She loved Coley, and she had made an agreement with Scrooge and Edna that if anything ever happened to them, she would take care of Coley's needs.

Scrooge expresses his appreciation to the customers for how good they have been to him. He says, "If it had not been for the customers, there would have been no business." He said with emotion in his voice, "The customers have really been good to me, especially when Coley was sick." His love for his family is extraordinary. Coley means everything to him. He said that Coley is his best friend, and that he has always been a wonderful son. He added, "And believe

it or not, I am still in love with my wife after all these years."

Scrooge talked about the other people who have worked at the drugstore through the years and how much they have meant to the business and to him personally. He closed by saying that Cynthia Wooten is a really good person, and that she is extremely honest and trustworthy. He feels that he could not leave the business he has loved and that has made a living for himself and his family in better hands, and he hopes that the customers will continue to patronize the drugstore as they have all these years.

Scrooge is really excited about the fact that he is going to have time with his wonderful family.

My personal experience as a customer at Morgan Drugs has been something that was more than just a place to purchase drugs and a box of Kleenex. Scrooge has been my friend through some very difficult times. He was there when my mother was sick and during her death. He never failed to ask about her, and many times he would send a little gift to her at the nursing home. It was the same way when my father was sick and died. He always asked about him. He was very concerned when my daughter was at the point of death following a horrible automobile accident. He never failed to ask about my husband, Jimmy, and he had a special relationship with him. He mentioned that fact while he was recalling the special people in his life. Many times he would send Jimmy a box of chocolates because he knew he loved chocolate candy. He was Jimmy's pharmacist, doctor, confidante, and friend.

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If you see this lady in Mentone or Cloudland, hug her neck and wish her a Happy Birthday. She has a birthday on November 26.

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(L to R) Robert Ringer, Evelyn Graves, Mary Hoge, Ethel Bain Manifold-Gregory, Virgie Murdock, Eloise Mathews, Nelson Ellis Valley Head Class of 1952 Has Reunion

The 1952 graduating class of Valley Head High School was one of the smallest classes, with only nineteen members. At the reunion held on October 14, six of those members were present. Nelson Ellis, with his wife, Elizabeth; Eloise Craig Mathews; Virgie Lyons Murdock with her husband, Ernest; Ethel Bain Manifold-Gregory; Mary Hammon Hoge, with husband, Carl; and Evelyn Jones Graves. The class was delighted to have Robert Ringer, one of the high school teachers, to come from Marianna, Florida, to join the class in this Time of reunion. A special time of memorial was paid to the four members who are now deceased: Wallace Lacy, Jr., Hoyt McElhaney, Jean Barnard Cassady, and Velda O'Rear Smith.



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The Church News

By Evelyn Graves



The Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no 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 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-2002.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at our new time: 9AM.

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 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor: Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnell.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our **Lady of the Valley Catholic Church** on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken and Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

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

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

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

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

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

Mentone Community Church Services are from 10-11AM throughout the summer. No evening services except for the youth. Wednesday evening services remain at 6:30PM.

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

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Sunday evening-6PM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Ladies Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30 p.m. The pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Dr. Bill Russell.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10 AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Potters House Church. We are a small community church filled with the love of Jesus, where everyone of all denominations is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Worship is at 2 PM with Bill Miracle Pastor. We serve a meal at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, and our Bible Study starts at 6:30 with Sabra Gann, Teacher.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Stames, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 10AM(9AM GA time); Church Services 11AM(10AM GA time); and Sunday night services 6PM(5PM GA time).

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Eastern Meadowlark LARK

by John Baty

When I was a teenager, there were no strict gun control laws. (And as I reflect on that, people didn't use them on each other as much as they do now.) At least that was true in DeKalb County.

Most of my family, the male members, hunted some for small game. There were no deer nor turkey at that time in DeKalb. Fox squirrels, rabbits, and Bob White quail were the game.

Back then a fellow could order a firearm by mail, at least long guns; rifles and shotguns. I ordered two, maybe three. One gun I ordered was a little 20-gauge Mossburg.

I killed rabbits and squirrels with it and we ate them. Squirrels were good, rabbits adequate. Sometimes someone with a bird dog would visit and I might shoot at a quail or two.

My Uncle's place had two meadows; little hollows which emptied into a branch. The little swamp-like hollows had been

cleared of trees and the grass near their "heads" was cut for hay. By the time I was old enough to hunt with a gun, the farming had given way to other types of work and the meadows lay fallow. We called the meadow closest to the house the "near" meadow and the one farthest from the house the "far" meadow. There was a covey of the largest, plump-breasted Bob White quail which used the far meadow. They were hard to find without a dog, though. Once in a great while we would kill one by "walking them up."

There was something in the far meadow, however, which was not hard to find. Large flocks of Eastern Meadowlarks were there. The meadowlark is not much as a table bird but his habits and coveys did not differ much from the quail. When we couldn't find quail, we would sometimes shoot at the meadowlarks. Those meadows are grown to scrub trees and bushes now and the birds are gone.

The relatively plentiful quail of my early years are gone from their old habitat. Few there are who have a decent explanation for the abysmal lows in Bob White population; though everyone has an answer as to where the quail went.

While the demise of quail populations has received considerable attention, any mention of the absence of the meadowlark is an afterthought.

I didn't know the correct name for the meadowlark at the time and just used a corrupted pronunciation. Most called the meadowlark simply "Field Larks." This would have been adequate if not for the fact that some of the older residents pronounced field as "feeld," or feel-ed. The only thing we young-uns heard was Fee Lark, and it seemed natural that the name became "Felark!"

It was only much later that I studied about the Eastern Meadow Lark. But where did he go? Some of you Ornithologists could maybe tell us?

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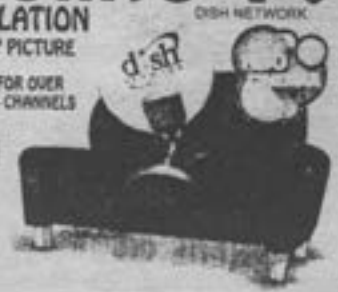
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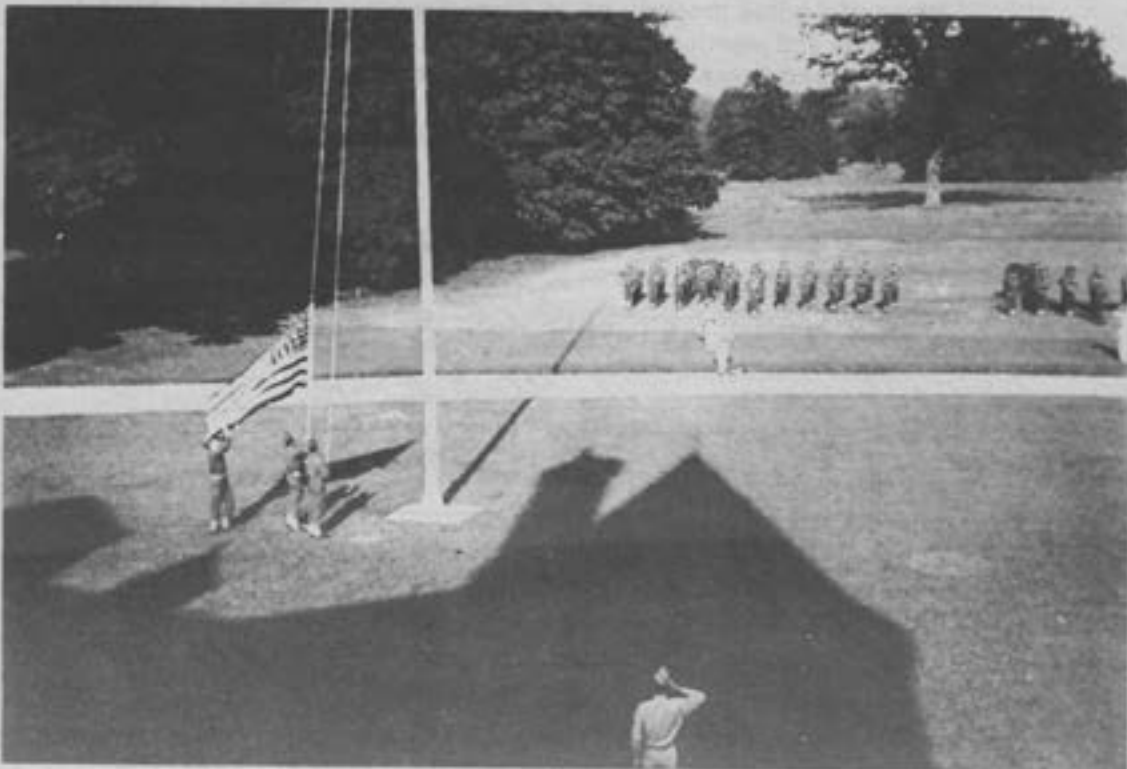
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- ✓ Gift Certificate for 1 night at Crystal Lake Lodge: Amelia Kirk Lolli, Mentone
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- ✓ Greeting Card set from Little River Hardware: Amelia Kirk Lolli, Mentone
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- ✓ Dinner for 2 at Wildflower Cafe: Kerry Breithaupt, Mentone
- ✓ \$15 Gift Certificate at Dessie's: Patsy Crowover, TN
- ✓ \$15 Gift Certificate at Dessie's: Andy Talton, Mentone
- ✓ Mountain Memories Shirt & Windchimes: Bill Thomas, Winter Park, FL
- ✓ Rocky Top Pottery (Raku Vase): Bill Thomas, Winter Park, FL
- ✓ Dream Catcher from Cherokee Legend: Bill Thomas, Winter Park, FL
- ✓ Wooden Magnolia Gift Box from the Gourdie Shop: Jimmy Hathcox, Riverside, AL
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By Ellen Spangler

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The next weekend, December 2 & 3, the hours will be 10am to 6pm (GA time) both Sat. & Sun. This is the weekend of the Studio/Gallery Tour, sponsored by the Mentone Area Arts Council, and Mountain Mamas in on the Tour! Tour Maps will be available at the Shop.

As part of the Tour Dec. 2 & 3, artist Ellen Spangler will be making her one-of-a-kind earrings. Made-to-order ones will be available from 1:00 to 5:00. Hot tea and light refreshments will be served.

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You'll see local artists like potter Katie Bird Cobble and Windsor chair builder Bill Cobble in their studio. Visit the studio of Heather and Lyle Nicely for a variety of items made from nature-stone basins, water fountains, bonsai, and stone mosaics. Sandra Comley's Moondance Puppet Studio is on the tour. You can see her many hand-sculptured puppets with

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Mentone Chatter

By LuJean Pierce

Welcome back everyone! Thanks for the kind comments many of you gave me on last month's "Chatter", but for the most part this is your column. Without your news, I will not have anything to put in the paper.

This year, on October 14, the **Classes of 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957** gathered at Camp Skyline's Riverside for their joint Reunion. This year, the **Class of 1956** celebrated their **50th** Anniversary since graduation. **Marie Kirby Clayton** and her committee do a wonderful job of getting this together every year. They have taken on an even bigger job for next year by taking a vote to include all of the classes of the 1950s. I am looking forward to it, because I am included, since my sweetheart, **Marris**, is a member of the class of '57.

This group was not the only group of Valley Head High School graduates from the 1950s who were having a reunion on the 14th of October. The class of 1952 gathered at the Western Sizzlin in Ft. Payne. Those attending were **Nelson Ellis and wife, Elizabeth; Evelyn Jones Graves; Ethel Manifold-Gregory; Eloise Craig Mathews; and Virgie Lyons Murdock and husband, Ernest.** They were joined by a former teacher, **Mr. Robert Ringer** of Marianna.

Congratulations to David & Dianne Gilbreath on the birth of their first grandchild, **Lauren Lynn Gilbreath**, on October 1st. The proud parents are **Dee & Rebekka Gilbreath** who live in Florida.

Earl Griffin had a run in with his tractor on September 27th. He was working alone and the tractor started to roll while he was off of it. He tried to get back on and stop it. The next thing he knew he was on the ground. He is very thankful that the tractor rolled across him and did not turn over or stop on him. Earl does have 8 broken ribs and spent several days in Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. His wife,

Rachel, was in South Georgia at their son, **Ray's**. When she returned later in the day, she was sick with a pulmonary infection and had to delay visiting for fear of infecting **Earl** and making his recovery longer. They are both doing well now and happily celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary on October 3rd and **Earl's** 71st birthday on the 8th.

Blanche & Brandol Jones both need our prayers. **Nell Kent** is doing better but is still in some pain from her fall last month.

Join me in extending sympathy to **Patsy & Jimmy Hathcox** in the loss of their daughter, **Tamba Kay (Tami) Boots**. **Tami** passed away on October 1st after a 14 month battle with breast cancer. **Tami** is also survived by her husband, **David Boots** of Douglasville, GA, and many more loving and caring relatives. Even though **Patsy & Jimmy** live in **Riverside, AL**, they have been **Mentone** weekenders for the past 8 years.

November Birthdays:

1st Sonny Gilbreath; 4th Josh Woods; 5th Gail Chambers, Andy Akes; 8th Deborah Guffey; 9th Carol Hazell, Richard Green; 10th Toby Manifold; 11th Shelley Sutton; 12th Ovie Blalock; 15th Rory Quinn; 16th Debra Manifold; 17th Wesley Griffith, Randy Green, Lorelei Lauro, Leilani Dillenbeck; 21st Yvonne Blalock; 23rd Henry Akes, Teresa Brown; 24th Tammy Brown, Pam Baggett, Betty J. Johnson, Max Cash; 27th Carrie Ruth Kirby, Bill Schwarz; 28th Maxine Wright; 29th Carolyn Hendon.

November Anniversaries:

2nd Tony & Angie Strange; 5th Mr. & Mrs. Haywood Baker; 9th Bud & Mary Ellen Fielder; 14th Marris & LuJean Pierce; 30th Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Voils.

Deaths:

September 21st - Flora Emogene Coulter - 74 of Mentone.

October 8th - Kathleen McCurdy - 86 of Valley Head.

October 8th - Rev. Nolan Ford 85 of Rainsville. Rev. Ford served as Interim Pastor at Moon Lake Baptist Church in the late 1990s.

We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate. - Thomas Jefferson, third US president, architect and author (1743-1826)

Remember if you want your *Chatter*, Birthday, or Anniversary in *The Groundhog*, get it to me no later than the 20th of each month either by e-mail to mentonechatter@earthlink.net or by regular mail: Mentone Chatter, 1056 County Rd 629, Mentone, AL 35984

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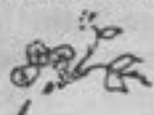
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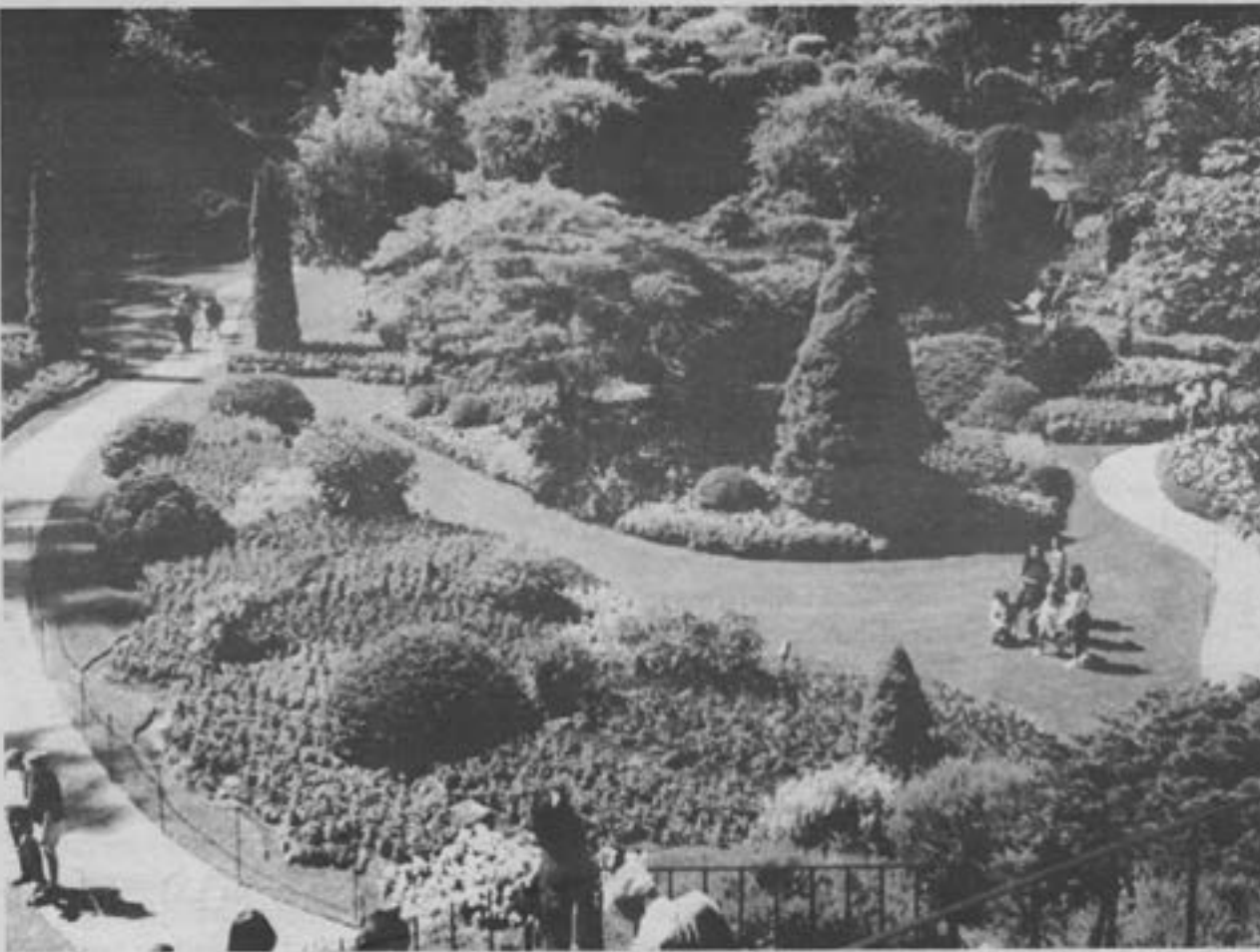
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Butchart Gardens, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Rhododendron Garden Club News **By Linda Brown, Secretary**

The M.E.R.F. Community House was the setting for the regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club on October 10, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Gethryn Giles. The thought for the day was given by Dianne Kuehl, using the theme of comparing the Kingdom of God to a garden. Sue Schwarz led the members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mary Ellen Fielder reported on the state of health of several of our members and spouses. She said that many were not doing well and she would send cards to remind them that they were being thought of.

Ann Chesnut and Sue Ann Jones served refreshments to thirteen members. The color theme was that of the fall season with an emphasis on Halloween. A striking design of autumn leaves and wild flowers, compliments of Wesley Chesnut, was the centerpiece on the serving table. Each individual table held containers of a childhood favorite of everyone, candy corn.

The club members were congratulated on winning quite a number of ribbons in the recent VFW Fair Flower Show. The club won 2nd place ribbons on the Club Design and on the Educational Booth, Bulbs for Spring. The Partridge Peas Eco-tots won a blue ribbon for their Educational Booth, Gee-ology, Rocks We Have Known.

It was decided to place a memorial ad in Hortensia, the official publication of the Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., in memory of Bernise Crowe.

Plans were made for the December meeting. The members decided to meet at the M.E.R.F. Community House at 12 noon for a covered dish luncheon. Installation of officers will follow the meal. The new officers for 2007-2008 are:

President: Martha Wood
1st Vice-Pres: Margaret Baker
2nd Vice-Pres: Dianne Kuehl
Secretary: Linda Brown
Treasurer: Jill Whitten
Parliamentarian: Gethryn Giles

The program was the showing of a video of the world-famous Butchart Gardens. This is the formal garden of the Butchart family and is located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. The garden is a former limestone quarry with fifty acres of plants and blooms. It draws half a million visitors a year and a member of the Rhododendron Garden Club, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, was one of them. Marilyn stated that the gardens were indeed as beautiful as the video showed them to be.

Lucette Dix brought some plants that she had rooted and the members purchased them to add funds to the treasury. The door prize was awarded to Jill Whitten.

Next month the program will be presented by the Partridge Peas Eco-tots. This is a junior garden club and the members are students in Mrs. Phyllis Sarratt's kindergarten class at Moon Lake Elementary School. The club is sponsored by the Rhododendron Garden Club.



Rhodo Club - Jan and Harriett



Rhodo Club - Prize Winning

Almeda Jones Blevins Celebrates Her 90th Birthday



Almeda Blevins

Almeda Jones Blevins was born on August 26th, 1916, to the late Bertie and Fred Jones of Mentone, Alabama. Her loving parents raised eleven children of whom four are still living. Her surviving siblings are Gertrude (Trudy) Cox, Marjorie Berry, and Jimmy Jones. Almeda married Minous R. Blevins on her 18th Birthday in 1934 and lived in Mentone until 1948, when the family

moved to Birmingham, Alabama. They were blessed with nine children, fifteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Her childhood was filled with love, laughter, and a strong belief in church and family. She talks about her father's sense of humor and his quick wit, which Almeda inherited. They say that laughter is the best medicine, maybe that is why she stays so young at heart.

Almeda inherited her cooking skills from her mother. From her chocolate cake to her cornbread dressing, there has never been an equal, nor a want of good eating.

Because it was difficult to make a living in the Mentone area for a family of eleven, Almeda's husband, Minous Blevins, found work in Birmingham, and the family moved there in 1948. After Minous' death, Almeda decided in 1983 to move back to Mentone. She bought what is now the Moon Lake Baptist Church staff house and lived there until August, 1997. She enjoyed her time back on the mountain among family and friends. She was active in Moon Lake Baptist Church during

that time, especially in Women's Missionary Union. She and her children decided that it would be feasible for her to return to Birmingham so that they might enjoy more time with her and take care of her in her latter years. She is a person who is content wherever she is, and she has a strong relationship with the Lord and depends upon His providence.

Almeda, having a love for books, reads five to six books every two weeks. Of course, the most important book to her is the Holy Bible. Each day of her life begins with a Thanksgiving to God and a devotional from her worn and cherished Bible.

She has always had a strong influence on her children's lives. That is why they celebrate her life today.

Along with family and friends, she celebrated her 90th birthday at Hoover First Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama, where she is a member. Initially it was planned as a surprise, but the children decided to tell her two weeks prior. She helped with the invitation list, and was very glad to see people she had

not seen in years.

When the hour arrived, her daughter, Nan, escorted her through a beautiful garland covered door. Almeda, with a big smile on her face, greeted people as they sang Happy Birthday. As she sat in a specially decorated armchair, people came and offered birthday greetings. The room was decorated throughout with flowers, lavender ribbon, and twinkling lights.

As the candles were lit on a grand birthday cake, Almeda approached with confidence and blew them all out. On the entry table were pictures of Almeda at various stages of her life, a beautifully decorated basket holding birthday cards, and a large book for family and friends to express their birthday greetings.

Her children wish to thank family and friends that were in attendance who helped make it a happy and memorable occasion. **Mother, if you are doing as well as you are now, we will do it again on your 100th birthday. God bless and we love you very much!!!**



The four remaining siblings: Marjorie Berry, Almeda Blevins, Gertrude Cox, and Jim Jones



Almeda is pictured with her nine children. L to R: Bill Blevins, Fred Blevins, Chuck Blevins, Betty East, Dot Cranford, Ronnie Blevins, Eva Frederick. Seated: Sara Williamson, Almeda Blevins, and standing on front is Nan Sutton.



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(3) Situated on 2 1/2 lots within walking distance of Brow Park and downtown Mentone, you can have a retail business or a weekend rental in this 3 BR, 1 BA cottage with new CH&A, metal roof and storage building. \$97,500 (15023)



(4) Looking for country living? This 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home offers hardwood and carpet, family room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, front and side porch and is surrounded by 6 acres in a restricted subdivision could be it. \$219,000 (14536)



(5) You're surrounded by beautiful Lookout Mountain in this cedar-sided home on 3 acres w/3 BR, 2 BA, living room, kitchen, family room w/fireplace and a 20x30 metal building. \$124,700 (14543)



(6) The commercial potential is endless in this great location at Fischer's Crossroads. Most recently known as The Barnyard, this rustic building sits on .67 acres and has 2 public bathrooms. Located inside Ft. Payne city limits. \$115,000 (14216)



(7) Valley Head - Bring your carpenter and creative ideas and finish this 1 bedroom, 1 bath home on nice wooded lot. \$13,500 (15458)



(8) VALLEY HEAD - Great potential in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1890'S home with high ceilings. Needs lots of TLC. \$15,000 (15457)



(9) LOG CABIN near DeSoto State Park! Eastern white pine log exterior and a wall of windows make this 2 BR, 1 BA home a perfect week-end getaway or full time residence. \$249,000 (15529)



(10) Situated on almost 23 acres, this beautiful southern home and farm have more than you can imagine! 4 BR, 4 full BA and 2 half baths, finisher walk-out basement with full den. \$899,000 (15053)



(11) Under Construction, Rustic cabin with brow view. This home offers 1450 sq ft with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, living room w/rock fireplace, 1 car garage/ storage in the basement and large porch and deck to relax and enjoy the view. \$179,900 (15390)



(12) Enjoy the view of the valley below from this Brand NEW cabin on the Parkway in Mentone. Cabin features rustic wood siding, 3 BR, 2 BA, living/kitchen/dining combo, stacked rock fireplace, balcony, wood walls and pine floors. \$336,000 (15340)



(13) Beautiful Traditional brick home and farm with 5 BR and 4 BA. This one-of-a-kind is situated on 40 rolling acres with circular drive, picture windows and gorgeous views. Large barn and livestock pond also on property. \$429,000 (14651)



(14) Beautifully situated on 5 acres, this brick home with guest house is a sight to see! 5 BR, rec room, media/workout room, sunroom, guest/pool house and large in ground pool and what else could you ask for? \$135,677



(15) Now that you've conquered the world, separate yourself from it! Brick Colonial w/4BR, 3.5 BA, 200 year heart pine floors, wood burning FP, picket fence, deck, & detached 2-car garage with upstairs apartment. \$495,500 (15196)



(16) Be the first to own this new construction on the West Brow of Mentone. Features include 3 BR, 2 BA, large living area with stacked rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling, pine floors throughout, screened porch and deck. \$319,900 (14715)



(17) Spend lazy weekends with your friends and family in this beautiful old rustic cottage on the brow of the mountain with an additional authentic log cabin hanging out over the mountain with spacious deck for enjoying the sunsets and indescribable view. The cottage, formerly an old carriage house, is filled with character featuring wood walls, pine and slate floors throughout, central heat and air, 2 bedrooms and baths, kitchen, and great room with beautiful rock fireplace. Between the cottage and cabin is an entertainment-sized covered pavilion for hosting events or welcoming downtown visitors. \$479,000 (15522)



(18) Enjoy the view of Little River Canyon from the decks of this 3 BR, 2 BA cabin with wood floors and walls, fireplace, central heat & air, finished basement and more. A world away awaits you in this home away from home. \$200,000 (14730)



(19) Stressed for morning time? This in-town home offers walking convenience and 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining room/den and 3 finished rooms upstairs. Relax on the large screened porch under huge shade trees. \$59,900 (14772)



(20) Gorgeous 4.4 acre tract with a fabulous view of the valley below. This property is ready to build with its existing septic system and well. Located on the North Brow in Mentone, this lot has unique rock formations that will capture your eye from all angles. \$299,000 (14998)



(21) Be CAR FREE in this convenient in-town get-a-way or full-time residence. This 3 BR, 2 BA home with formal living room and large eat-in kitchen sits on a large 1.1 acre lot with barn and view of pasture behind. \$99,500 (15157)



(22) The WELCOME mat is out to this classic Southern home. 3 BR, 2 BA, great room, laundry room, open balcony living area upstairs, front and back covered porches overlooking 2.42 acres offering a relaxed feeling. \$194,500 (15263)



(23) Tranquility Acres...47-acre country estate with an 80' waterfall, 2800 square foot Southern Yellow Pine log home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal gardens with a gazebo and water garden, 1200 sq. ft. barn with 2 horse stalls, greenhouse, tool shed and a smoke house, 2 wooden bridges and so much more. (15007)



(24) Unlike any other, this comfortably chic country French home is charming in every way, yet almost 6000 square feet of living space on 8 acres! Enjoy the view of the mountains in the distance from your covered porch, or relaxing around your large in ground pool and patio area. (15293)



(25) 11.7 acre farm - Main house features 4 BR, 3 BA, large kitchen and den, separate guest cottage with living/dining/kitchen combo, bedroom, bath and private screened porch. Throw in a 3-stall barn, fenced pasture and frontage on Wills Creek. \$229,500 (15306)

- (26) Near DeSoto State Park and Mentone, this building site is perfect for that cabin you've been thinking about building. Wooded 1.34 acres with paved road frontage, city water and power. \$39,900 (15450)
- (27) Highland Springs - New subdivision located in the heart of off Cove Road. Several lots to choose from with mild restrictions. Prices starting at \$28,000.
- (28) Build your Mentone cabin on this beautiful wooded building site with gorgeous brow view! Approx. 1-1/2 acres for \$159,000. (14681)
- (29) Ready for development or to build your dream home. Gently rolling pastures, water and 571' of road frontage on Hwy. 11 and Wills Creek is the back property line. \$362,000 (10149)
- (30) Build your new home on this BROW lot in Mentone with a breathtaking view of the valley below. Lot offers approx. 100' on the brow with 2 additional lots available. \$92,500 per lot. (14598)
- (31) 3.32 +/- acres just outside the Mentone City Limits. This property has no restrictions so you can build or have a mobile home. \$28,500 (14350 & 14351)
- (32) Just minutes from historic Mentone, you'll find 2 gorgeous building lots. Common areas include a stocked lake and 2 parks. These lots are located near the golf course. (15014 and 15015)
- (33) 12 acres of gently rolling, heavily wooded paradise. Great for getting close to nature with city water available. \$79,900 (14534)
- (34) On the golf course and just minutes from downtown Mentone. Restricted building lots are now available in Rock Bluff. Common areas include a stocked lake, two parks with rental cabins available for your out-of-town guests. Each wooded lot is approx. 3 (+/-) acres and will have public water and power. \$100,000 (15016)
- (35) 62.32 acres with a beautiful view of Lookout Mountain on one side and adjacent and overlooking "The Highlands" on the other. Nice building site for that dream home or great property for future development with paved road frontage. \$396,000 (15022)

The Life of Bernise Crow

By Homer Crow

The first time I saw Bernise was at Moon Lake School, when I was in the seventh grade. Back then, we would open the folding doors between the two main rooms to make one large room, where we would have assembly. All the students would come to the big room, and we would have devotion, announcements and sometimes some entertainment. Bernise and her sister, Jean, had attended Moon Lake school for a very short time, and they provided the entertainment for assembly that day. Bernise played the guitar, a concert size Gibson for which her father had traded a cow. She and Jean sang "Will The Circle Be Unbroken." She must have been ten years old, because Jean was in the first grade and Bernise was four years her senior. Jean stood on a chair while they sang.

I didn't see her again until I was in the tenth grade at Valley Head High School. Someone mentioned her name to me, and I knew I had to see her. The next Sunday I went to church and she was there, playing that big Gibson and singing. I couldn't take my eyes off her.

Her parents divorced when Bernise was ten, and she and Jean had been living with her father. This was during the Depression when unemployment was at 25% across the nation, and her father could not support them. They had been living with him in a tent. Jean and Bernise went to live with their mother, which wasn't much better. Bernise would get jobs caring for someone in exchange for her room and board while she attended school. When she was fifteen years old, she got a job at Hal's Hotel (now the Mentone Inn) cleaning guest rooms. She lived with my aunt, Mary Jones, who also worked at the hotel and owned the house next door to it. Mary was very frugal, having to make a living for her and her grandson, Harold Pruitt, whom she had raised from the time he was a baby. She taught Bernise to save her money.

Bernise managed to get through high school at Valley Head and then went to college at Central Wesleyan in South Carolina. At that point, I had finished high school and then attended Auburn University for a short time, after which I moved to Mobile, where I worked in the shipyards. I joined the Air Force in 1942, which interrupted our courtship. I came home in 1946, and she was still in college. When she came home for spring break, we didn't lose much time, and were married in a double wedding with

James Johnson and Betty Jones on August 30th of that year. Reverend Lawrence performed the ceremony. He was so nervous that he called Bernise "Beatrice" during the ceremony, so I told folks that I was still looking for my wife.

She continued her singing at church and in a quartet with my father, Lee Crow, Louis Cash, and Kelly O'Rear. They sang together for several years at churches in the area and at almost all the local funerals.

We lived in a trailer and Bernise taught school at Moon Lake. Three of our four children were born while we lived in Mentone. I built a house which we later sold to Leland Cox, after which we moved to Chattanooga and our fourth child was born.

Bernise immediately went to work in the Chattanooga community, joining the PTA and the local garden club, while keeping house and raising the children. She worked tirelessly with the garden club, serving as an officer for many years, and also serving as president of the Tennessee Council of Garden Clubs.

During the 1970s, the Orange Grove School for handicapped children expressed an interest in building a fragrance garden for blind children, and Bernise was asked to serve as chairman of this huge project. For several years she spent all her spare time working on it, recruiting volunteers, soliciting donations, arranging publicity and literally working in the garden. When it was almost completed, another volunteer aggressively took over the project and finished it within a couple of weeks. At the dedication ceremony, the volunteer took all the credit for the garden, never even mentioning Bernise's name. I know that hurt her, but she never said a word.

She wanted to learn to play the piano, but never got an opportunity to take lessons, so she made sure our son, Barry, got the chance that she missed. She was proud of all our children and their musical talent. Barry and Joyce both played piano, Coy plays guitar and Doreen sings. Each of them also played a wind instrument in the school band.

During the 1970s, Bernise began singing with The Happyland Singers, a gospel quartet, with her sister Jean and Jean's husband, J.B. Elrod, and R'rell Phillips. R'rell's brother, Hixon Bell, played piano; Jean's son, Joe, played bass guitar; and Doreen played the drums. Clyde Phillips also sang sometimes. The Happyland Singers recorded one record album, of which we still have several copies. If anyone

would like to have an album, they are free and available at Crow's Nest Antiques in the Hitching Post.

After the children were grown, Bernise worked with me for some time at my garage door business in Chattanooga, until her mother became ill with cancer. She moved back to Mentone around 1979 to help care for her. She had become interested in antiques before we were married, as a result of meeting and talking with Mrs. Addie Jackson, a Mentone resident who loved antiques. When she returned to Mentone in 1979, Bernise rented a room in the Hitching Post, brought in some antiques she had collected in Chattanooga, and opened an antique shop to fill in her spare time. She later bought the Hitching Post building, and operated Crow's Nest Antiques until her death. She enjoyed sitting on the porch there, and meeting and talking with everyone who came in.

Bernise loved to travel and take pictures, so during the 1980s and 1990s, we did lots of traveling all over the world. She never seemed to tire. We made several trips to Europe, including Paris. She loved art and could have spent a week in the Louvre admiring all the art. We also visited South America, Africa, Mexico, China, England, Ireland and Canada, as well as a good portion of the United States. She loved the Lord and always tried to read her Bible before going to sleep each night. The first thing she looked for when we stayed in a hotel was a Bible and was always disappointed if she didn't find one.

Bernise was always full of hope. She was an incurable optimist, always believing things would work out for the best. She never dwelled on difficult times in her life, always looking for and finding joy in the most common things: a beautiful sunset, a fragrant flower, a visit with a cherished friend. She loved people. She had the ability to make a personal connection with almost everyone she met.

It was our hope to begin to chronicle her life in *The Groundhog* by printing excerpts from her daily journals each month, but we have realized that this is a task that will take many months to prepare. We may still accomplish the goal at some point. The family would like to thank each of you who prayed for Bernise during her illness. She was truly blessed by the cards, letters and phone calls she received. We thank you for your concern and compassion. God bless you all.



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(4) MENTONE HOME ON 3.7 ACRES close to Mentone and DeSoto St Park. 3BR, 1.5BA brick with 2 sm outbuildings, level land, large trees, grapevines. Just reduced to \$115,000. (15267)



(5) Mountain Cabin Par Excellence! Custom brow view home 3BR/2BA Desirable amenities include large rooms and hardwood flooring. Beautiful stone fireplace \$339,000 (15019)



(6) An Inviting Lifestyle on the Brow! Large view deck ideal offerings include stone fireplace, Wood flooring. Appliance package CH/A. Your heart's desire answered. \$289,000 (15020)



(7) DESOTO PARKWAY GET-AWAY. Minutes from DeSoto State Pk, this 3BR, 1BA cabin is just like new inside, bigger than it looks on the outside! Weekend retreat or rental. \$55,000. (14984)



(8) PICTURE-PERFECT PLACE! Great 3BR/2BA with Hardwood flooring. New kitchen, laundry room, Workshop, new roof, manicured lawn, out buildings. Neat retreat for a smart buyer! \$65,000 (14795)



(9) A HOME THAT CLEARLY SPELLS SUCCESS! Newly-built 3BR/2BA home has stone and vinyl exterior, hardwood flooring. Covered front porch. A marvelous ambience and so much more! \$189,900 (14818)



(10) LITTLE RIVER CANYON AREA cypress log cabin on 6 acres. Craftsmanship and quality, full wraparound porch, stacked stone wood burning FP, antique oak floors. \$350,000 (14869)



(11) SUCH CHARMING WAYS! Express your style in this custom 6BR/2+BA Ranch with 11 acres. Huge living room, extra-large baths. Horses permitted. \$229,900 (14346)



(12) A Superb Sanctuary! Enjoy stylish simplicity in this mountain home. This 3BR/2BA has a brow view. Hardwood flooring, screened porch and decks. Great lifestyle setting! \$339,900 (14566)



(13) CABIN WITH DELUXE ACCENTS!!! Outstanding 3BR/2BA residence. Delightful winding drive. Designer and Antique wood walls, ceilings and floors, beautiful. An exceptional - choice! \$209,000 (14746)



(14) SOUTHERN LIVING 2BR/2BA 1-1/2 story with brow view. Main-level master bedroom, Vaulted ceiling living, covered front and back porch for those evening sunsets!! \$259,900 (15513)



(15) EXACTLY WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED. A log cabin in the woods, nestled in the trees, private, snug & the perfect getaway spot near Little River Canyon. Only \$170,000. (15565)



(16) MOUNTAIN MINI FARM RETREAT. Quality-built 3BR, 2BA cabin and 22x24 barn with ancient trees. HW floors, stacked stone wood burning FP, partly furnished. \$294,600 (15451)



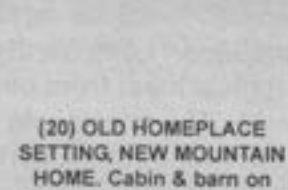
(17) ADORABLE MENTONE HOME ON QUIET LANE. Relax & de-stress on the screened porch of this 3BR, 2BA cutie with winding, tree-shaded drive. Greenhouse & storage bldg. \$105,000. (15461)



(18) AUTHENTIC MENTONE LOG CABIN on 1.4 wooded acres at end of a quiet lane. Some renovations in progress. Give it TLC and enjoy as a rental or personal getaway. \$99,500. (15468)



(19) A PERFECT STARTER PLACE! Enjoy life in this 3-bedroom Ranch-type. New Carpeting. All-brick exterior for simple care. A home full of potential. \$64,900 (15197)



(20) OLD HOMEPLACE SETTING, NEW MOUNTAIN HOME. Cabin & barn on 1.5 ac near Mentone and DeSoto St Park. Custom quality construction. Full wraparound porch. Stone FP. \$269,000. (15391)



(21) A DELIGHTFUL DISCOVERY! Tune in to this 2BR/2BA woodland view Cabin! Terrific single-story plus screened porch, fireplace. See this lovely place featuring comforts galore. \$105,000 (15430)



(22) COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN TOWN. Florist shop with stock/fixtures, showroom, workroom, coolers plus storage areas. Great opportunity! Over 4,000 sq ft total area. \$165,000. (15298)

Lots and Land

(23) LITTLE RIVER CANYON NATIONAL PRESERVE at your fingertips and in your sights when you build on this 7.44 ac tract. Wooded with abundant wildlife and wildflowers. \$124,000. (15090)

(24) WOW! A TRULY AFFORDABLE LOT! Close to everything yet away from heavy traffic. Established residential area with easy access to fitness, shopping, hospital and medical centers. Lightly restricted. \$10,000. (15442)

(25) A LOT OF EARTH ON WHICH TO DREAM. Small, yet adorable, tree-filled lot on quiet end of the avenue offers a place to call your own. Recreational use only. \$9,800.

(26) CLEARED FOR BUILDING! This property is cleared and ready for you. Almost 1 acre of land not far from Downtown Mentone. Great place for a cabin or permanent residence. Come Buy Today! \$25,000 (15547)

(27) BUDGET-SMART WOODED LOT. Don't skip over the potential of this property. Enjoy the offerings of this wooded lot. Large trees. Here's everything you want! Build today. \$19,900 (15562)

(28) WATCH THE SUNSET from high atop Lookout Mtn overlooking Ft Payne. Build the home of your dreams on this 2.5 ac tract with approx 300' frontage. Nice price! \$45,000. (15506)

(29) YOUR OWN BIT OF EARTH on which to build a rustic cabin getaway. Hike or bike around Little River Canyon and return to your cozy little place. Build your dream. \$49,900 (15566)

(30) Your Heart's Desire! Build on this appealing lot providing pleasant lake front living. Underground utilities. It will capture your heart! \$59,900 (14234)

(31) A Tribute To Your Success! Don't wait this 2 acre tract north of Mentone won't last long! It's delightful & desirable! \$47,500 (14753)

(32) RESIDENTIAL VALLEY HEAD lot in historic homes area with great frontage on Hwy 117, would be just the place for that traditional home plan design. \$25,000 (14870)

(33) LOT ON WILD RIVER SECTION OF LITTLE River. 100'x300' lot with rock bluff, trees, and the fabulous waters of Little River below. Swim, canoe and fish. True getaway. \$28,000 (14873)

(34) 5 ACRES NEAR LITTLE RIVER CANYON Abundant flora and fauna including wild turkey. A short walk to LRCNP. Just the thing for a getaway or year-round cabin. \$83,400 (15017)

(35) BUILD YOUR NEW HOME HERE! 4.13 acres of land so you can choose just the right spot for your New Home. \$21,000 (15214)

(36) CREEKSIDE LOTS. Year-round, babbling brook, nicely wooded, rhododendron, ferns, hawthorne, and other native plants. Lots in \$30s, all 1+ ac. (15596)



Children ready to serve at the dinner for World Hunger on Sept. 29th, 2006. Front Row L/R: Abigail Wallace, Savannah Wallace, Grace Tucker, Dawson Kincer, Bennett Crow, Robert Baker, Trinity Gold, Sam Langston.

Back Row: L/R Carolyn Hendon Andrew Williams, Paige Brooks, Kay Lee Tucker, Brittany Gold, Christopher Campbell, and Sharon Miller

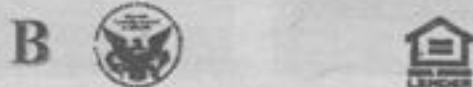
Let Your Pocket Change Make a Permanent Change in Someone's Life

This was the theme of the World Hunger Program given by the children of Moon Lake Baptist Church on September 29th. The program, with facts about World Hunger and a song, was presented during the Sunday morning service. Following the service a dinner was served for which participants gave a donation to World Hunger. Six women of the church prepared a typical main dish, bread, and dessert from one of the countries found on the following continents: North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Europe and Australia. Each dish was served over a bed of rice (the most common grain used in main dishes around the world). Everyone drank water. The children each had a table to serve and did a wonderful job. They also set the tables, made placemats, and decorated the fellowship hall prior to the dinner. Donations to the Baptist World Hunger Relief Fund totaled \$550. Thank you to everyone who helped make the dinner a success and especially to the children for their hard work and practice.

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Ladies from Moon Lake Baptist Church. Each lady cooked a typical meal from one of the continents of the world. The continents were Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, South America and North America



Program on World Hunger being presented at Moon Lake Baptist Church Front Row L/R: Bennett Crow, Trinity Gold, Sam Langston, Kaylee Tucker, Grace Tucker, Savannah Wallace, and Andrew Williams.

Back Row L/R: Dawson Kincer, Robert Baker, Paige Brooks, Abigail Wallace, Brittany Gold, Christopher Campbell and Carolyn Hendon

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Mentone 1.3 +/- acres on the brow. Beautiful view of the valley below and only minutes from downtown Mentone. Only \$170,000. (15238)



Mentone, 3.69 acres, Level to rolling wooded land with a stream, rock formations, Wild Flowers and Wild Ginger, public water, restricted. Only \$20,000. (14844)



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DeSoto Bluffs - First offering - 2.2 ac. Brow lot overlooking North Ft. Payne. Level Wooded yard with breathtaking view. Only \$120,000. (15581)



DeSoto Bluffs - Citadel Rock Road - Lookout Mountain - 3.5 Acre wooded tract with large rocks and view. Restricted community. Deer, turkey, and privacy. Only \$55,000. (15609)

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DEVOTIONAL

Drug Problem

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied: I had a drug problem when I was young - I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.

I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flowerbeds and cockleburs out of dad's fields.

I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND OTHER DATES

- Sunday, Oct. 29, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. Remember to change clocks back an hour and check batteries.
- Tuesday, October 31, Halloween
- Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad meeting, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 PM, MAPA MEETING, Dessie's
- Saturday, Nov. 11, VETERANS' DAY, 6:30 PM, American Legion Hall, Post 215 Meeting
- Monday, Nov. 13, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, Nov. 14, 10 AM, Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House
- Thursday, Nov. 16, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public
- Wednesday, Nov. 22, 6:30PM, Mentone Area Arts Council (MAAC) Board Meeting, at the Mentone Community House, open to the public
- Thursday, Nov. 23, THANKSGIVING DAY
- Friday- Sunday, Nov. 24-26, OPEN HOUSE, White Elephant

Flu Shots

Flu Shots scheduled for Nov. 1 WILL NOT BE available because of a lack of the serum. When they become available, notices will be posted about Mentone.



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