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Schedule of Events for October Colorfest

The Colorfest, scheduled for October 16, 17, and 18, will have many activities that visitors and Mentone residents can enjoy. There will be crafts, boat rides, food, drinks, music, and more.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Behind the Hitching Post: bonfire for roasting marshmallows, haybales to sit on, ghost story telling, food and drinks, and music and singing provided by Terry Hutcheson and friends.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:00-9:30 - Groundhog Fun Run

9:30-10:30 - Classic Groundhog Run

10:30 p.m. - Race awards

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Entertainment by Emcee Tony Goggans

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Arts and Crafts displays and sales in front of the Mentone Springs Hotel (Ye Ole Heritage House Restaurant) on the town square and in other areas nearby

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Food and drinks available

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Boat Rides under direction of Homer Crow on Little River beginning at DeSoto Falls toward Camp Laney for about 1 1/2 miles (\$2.00 for adults; \$1.00 for children; and children under 12 free)

2:00 p.m.

Parade under direction of Jack Jones begins (some of the parade entrants are the valley Head High School Marching Band, kids on bicycles, an out-of-town celebrity: Hambrick the Pig riding in a golf cart (see picture elsewhere), a vintage 1960 Corvette (picture elsewhere), and many, many more entrants.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Arts and Crafts displays and sales

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Food and drinks

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Boat Rides on Little River beginning at DeSoto Falls

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Entertainment by Emcee Tony Goggans

4:00 p.m.

Drawing for queen size handmade quilt



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!!
TENTH ANNUAL CLASSIC RUN PLANNED BY JO AND GEORGE BEAUBE

10th Annual Mentone Color Festival

Each year the "call of the colors" brings people from far and near to our mountain roads and byways to enjoy the Kaleidoscope of color.

Folklore tells us it is the coming of Jack Frost that brings about the multi-colored display. In actuality, the shortening of the daylight hours causes the trees to prepare for the coming of winter and move its work in the manufacture of sugar from the outer reaches of its leaves to the protected interior of its branches and trunks, much as we change from our outdoor picnics and barbecues to the warmth of our kitchens and hearths. As the chlorophyll (the chemical causing the green coloring of the leaves) fades from the leaves, the carotenes, oranges and yellows, come through loud and clear. If the rains are kind and the autumn days warm and sunny, the leaf colors are especially brilliant.

Besides the riotous colors of our landscape, the coming of fall signals another event in the life of Mentone, the annual Mentone Color Festival. Started in 1982, this will mark the 10th year of the festival.

Looking back through the past festivals, many of the events are now traditions: Friday night around the bonfire telling ghost stories; mountain music every where you go; crafts, artists, and vendors filling the square with a multitude of wares; plenty of good eats; and The Groundhog Classic Run.

In years past, the festival "started" weeks ahead with music and dancing every Saturday night of September and October, culminating in the gala Costume Ball held at the Mentone Springs Hotel or upstairs at the Hitching Post. This year the preparations have been going on for months and the days of the festival will be filled with many great events. See you there!

Colorfest Questions?

MAPA members can be identified by their blue T-shirts with white lettering reading -- MAPA (Mentone Area Preservation Association). Watch for these members in the crowds, and feel free to ask them for information.

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The Editor's Column

By
JUDITH
LOLLIK-ANDERSEN

Many of you met or spoke to Evelyn Graves this month. She will be handling most of the ads and is the new assistant editor of the Groundhog. Welcome aboard, Evelyn.

Each month, a number of people help in the production of the Groundhog. Sue and Bill Schwartz, Marie Dillenbeck, and Dr. Pat Seymour have helped with layout, proof read, and gathered pictures. I have to especially thank my writers, (whose bylines you see throughout the paper), who devote time and effort to bring you news from different areas in and around Mentone and differing vantage points. There are so many things going on in our community, one person could never do justice to it all.

Please contact your correspondents with news and keep the Groundhog going.

Errors, Errors, Errors

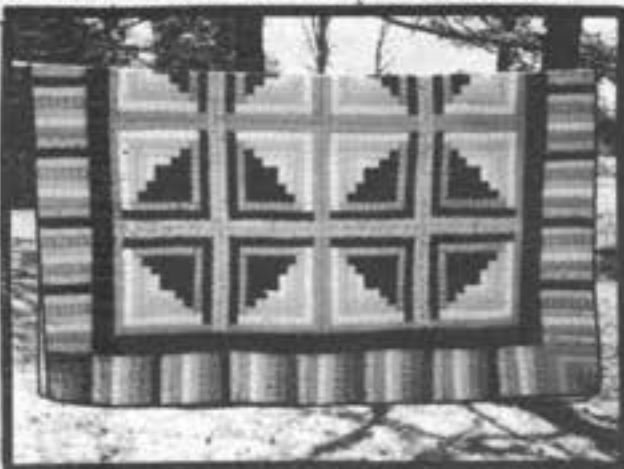
From time to time, despite our best efforts, we make mistakes which result in errors in the paper. Last month we had two:

In Doug Hoyt's "News from United Church Ministries" we changed the word "at" to "by" in our typesetting. The Valley Head Baptist Church offered their kitchen for the use in preparing the meal-on-wheels dinners.

Also, in the "Mentone Area Preservation Association" article we identified Sue Pullen as a paramedic. Sue had graciously filled in for Darlene Smith, who was ill. Sue is a part-time EMT Intermediate Dispatch Technician.

An Update on Zora Strayhorn

Mentone's beloved writer, Zora Strayhorn, is presently with her son in Dover, Delaware, and slowly regaining her health. She is undergoing treatment for hardening of the arteries and cataracts. Zora goes to a seniors' luncheon group and is attending an art class. She is working diligently toward coming back home to Mentone.



Quilt Raffle

The pattern featured in the queen-size handmade quilt is a variation of the Log Cabin design. Dark and light flowered pieces are outlined by rust and turquoise pieces. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. The drawing for the magnificent coverlet will be Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 PM, as the last event in the Colorfest.

M.A.P.A.— President's Column

By
PAT SEYMOUR



Colorfest Activities

Delicious, sweet smelling wood smoke circling toward the heavens; pungent burning leaves and twigs; brightly colored leaves spiraling to the ground; a chilly nip to the crisp night air — autumn has slipped into Mentone. It's time once more to celebrate fall's arrival with the annual Colorfest on the Mentone square. And does MAPA and Festival Chairman, Wanda Simmons, have one fine festival planned for your autumn in Mentone this year! Mark your calendars, dig out those warm sweaters, and head for the downtown Mentone area FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16-18. SEE THE SCHEDULE ELSEWHERE!!

Friday night will be under the expert direction of multi-talented Terry Hutcheson and his fellow musicians. There will be a 7:00 p.m. bonfire behind the Hitching Post. Spine chilling ghost stories will make you quake; hot roasted marshmallows will melt in kids' mouths; a food wagon will be set up serving L&D's dip doughnuts, hot/cold drinks, and hot dogs. Port-a-Pottys also will be available for your convenience.

Saturday's excitement begins at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast sausage biscuits and coffee available. Groundhog Run Chairman, Jo Beube and husband, George, have planned two great runs for you participants. The Groundhog Fun Run begins at 9:00 a.m., and the Groundhog Classic Run begins at 9:30 a.m. Awards will be given at 10:30. Free sweatshirts will be awarded to all runners. Free cold drinks, donated by Buffalo Rock/Pepsi-Cola of Gadsden, will be provided to all participants.

Approximately 40 craft exhibitors, along with the shops of the Mentone area merchants, will be open for browsing and buying. Foods from funnel cakes to hamburgers to the Siam Deli's shish kabobs, and ice cream will also be sold. All kinds of food, more than ever could be listed, will tickle your palate all day Saturday (and again on Sunday) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mentone's own troubadour, the incomparable Tony Goggans, will entertain on both Saturday and Sunday (see schedule elsewhere).

At 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Jack Jones' covered wagon parade will begin at the Mentone Post Office. Mules, vintage cars, Valley Head High School Marching Band, wagons, horse back riders, kids on bikes, and Hambrick the Pet Pig, provided by Dorothy Crow's guests, Tom and Terri Dickinson from Ellenwood, Georgia, and many other paraders, will delight you.

Boat rides, under the experienced hand of Homer Crow, will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday. The boat leaves from DeSoto Falls and goes up Little River toward Camp Laney for a distance of about 1-1/2 miles. The price for adults is \$2.00; for children under 12 — \$1.00, and small children ride free. Lane Traylor of Ft. Payne, supplies his pontoon boat for these trips.

Scottish Dancers from Huntsville are tentatively scheduled to perform on Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday will offer another day of rides, crafts, music, food, and excitement. The Colorfest will come to a glorious finish at 4:00 p.m. Sunday with the drawing held for the gorgeous queen-sized handmade quilt (see picture elsewhere, [quilt made by Lola Blaylock]). MAPA's ticket sales co-chairmen, Sherman and Mickey Gough, who have headed the quilt sales for years, will be selling \$1.00 chances until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, at which time there will be a drawing. Quilt ticket chances will be sold just outside the front door of the Hitching Post.

Parking for the weekend will be in the capable hands of Bruce Bon Fleur and Dorma Hutcheson.

I had hoped to end this column with the announcement that I would be the Grand Marshall of the Parade on Saturday — but Jack Jones selected Hambrick, the pet pig in the golf cart, instead. Jack said, "Maybe next year, Pat." ...unless he locates a prize mule. Ya'll Come!!



HAMBRICK TO BE GRAND MARSHALL FOR COLORFEST PARADE ON SATURDAY

THE GROUNDHOG

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Letters to the editor are welcome. They should be typewritten and of reasonable length.

The deadline for all material for The Groundhog is the 15th day of the month preceding publication.

Mentone Area Preservation Association

The MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on September 1, 1992. President Pat Seymour, presiding, called the meeting to order and welcomed board members, members, and guests. In the absence of Rev. C. Dennis Mays, permanent chaplain, member, George Walker, opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were read by secretary, Marie Dillenbeck, and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Dessie Newberry.

Dessie also reported on *The Groundhog* account, stating that there was a current balance of \$136.67, with expected ad revenues from the July and August issue totaling approximately \$1,182.00, and expected ad revenues from the September issue totaling approximately \$1,060.00. There were insufficient funds in *The Groundhog* account to pay the current expenses, and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that MAPA give \$1,000 to *The Groundhog* account to cover these expenses. This was in addition to the \$334.84 previously paid out of the MAPA general account for postage for the mailing of *The Groundhog*.

The new *Groundhog* editor, Judith Lollik-Andersen, was presented to the membership.

Wanda Simmons gave a report on the Colorfest and said that everything was in progress and that the parking problem would be handled by parking chairman, Bruce Bon Fleur.

Jo Beaubé gave a report on the Groundhog Run and said that the first Groundhog Run was in 1983, with 2 sponsors, and as of the September meeting, there were 29 sponsors. Jo said that good records kept by Jean McGehee made her job easier in obtaining sponsors. She said that the information about the run would be turned over to the news media by September 15; and the sweatshirts had been ordered.

Marion Soloman gave a report on the MAPA bulletin board and stated that everything was going great and that people were cooperating and putting all information on standard cards.

Under new business, the MAPA meeting place was changed from the Town Hall to Dessie's Kountry Chef to accommodate a larger attendance by members and guests.

It was announced that September 1st was Olive and Jack Jones' 52nd wedding anniversary. A surprise cake was presented to them in honor of their special day (see photo elsewhere). Bernise and Homer Crow announced that they would be celebrating their 46th anniversary September 6.

Mickey and Sherman Gough, quilt sales chairmen, reported that the raffle tickets had already been printed and were being sold for \$1.00 each. Sherman announced that he and Mickey would not be available for the sale of the tickets on the quilt for one or two weeks and requested that volunteers assist in the sales. Bernise Crow (Crow's Nest) and Wanda Simmons (Village Boutique) volunteered to help by selling the tickets at their businesses in the Hitching Post; and Dessie Newberry at her business (Dessie's Kountry Chef).

The president stated that there were sign-up sheets on the table for various committees.

The program was presented by Rebecca Adams, a teacher in Dade County, Georgia; the Education Chairman of Alabama Clean Waters Act Committee; Chairman of Friends of Little River Environmental Education Committee; and co-

owner of Adams Outdoors of Fort Payne. Mrs. Adams talked about water quality and watching and testing Little River and other Alabama rivers and streams for litter and pollution. A video was shown of testing done by Teresa Dawkins' Biology classes at Fort Payne High School, using testing equipment provided by Friends of Little River to check for sewage and human or animal wastes in the waters. Rebecca invited members of MAPA to attend the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act with Friends of Little River at DeSoto State Park Picnic Area from 1-4 p.m. on September 19. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were by hostess, Dot Crow (along with the surprise anniversary cake for the Jones').

The program for the October 6 meeting will be mountain music performers, traditional and modern, then and now.



CHARTER MAPA MEMBERS BERNISE AND HOMER CROW ANNOUNCE THEIR 46TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mentone Town Council Meeting

At the September 14 meeting, Benny Goss and Don Brock were appointed to oversee the project to install an extension for a new water line on Cove Road. Larry Snider will be asked to patch holes on the road to Camp Laney. The city is waiting for the County to pave the road.

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Friends of Little River

The Friends of Little River (FLR) celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on September 19 at the DeSoto State Park Picnic Area. Area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouts participated in the fun water ecology activities on Little River, along with members of FLR, and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). A fossil nature display and hiking were also included. At 5:30 PM, a pot luck dinner was served at the Fischer Rescue Squad Building. Guest speakers were Steve Foster and Patty Hurley from ADEM in Montgomery.

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States owner and proprietor, Charles H. Johnson, "The restaurant has secured the services of Chef Wayne Chattin, CCE, CF&BE, the best gourmet cook in the Southeastern states." A native of Chattanooga, and most recently of Los Angeles, Chef Chattin has worked in Diamond Jims, the Sands, and Paramount Studios in Hollywood, California, and in restaurants, such as Fairlyland, throughout the Chattanooga area.

Chef Chattin selects Chateaubriand as the specialty of the house, with hickory smoked prime rib, a close second. The restaurant serves continental style cuisine. The high point of the week is Sunday dinner served from 11-2. Meals are moderately priced, notes Chef Chattin, in the \$8.00 to \$15.00 range. The Chef prepares all of his own breads and pastries. Soon to be added to the restaurant is the Gold Room, which will have its own Gold menu. The Gold Room may be reserved for special occasions, such as birthdays or anniversaries, and seats up to eight people.

The Chateaubriand and French Rack of Lamb will be carved personally by Chef Chattin. Caesar Salad is available with all meals.

Chef Chattin has taught culinary arts at both the secondary and college levels.

The restaurant will be open:

Lunch Tues-Sat	11-2
Dinner Tues-Sat	5-9
Sun	11-2

Moon Lake School

Be watching for announcements of money-making events in October to be sponsored by the Moon Lake Classes leading up to their Harvest Festival scheduled for November 7.

There will be weekend bake sales, yard sales, a dinner at the school, car washes, and other fundraising activities to be announced after the PTA Meeting on September 28. Each classroom will select a king and queen contestant and prepare activities for raising money. The classrooms have already begun with sales during the week at the school. Everyone is urged to support Moon Lake School and join in the activities to help make their 1992 Harvest Festival the best one ever. REMEMBER, keep watching for the announcements and participate, participate, participate!

DEVON KENNAMER, SON OF MIKE AND TRISHA KENNAMER, AND LOGAN CHAMBERS, SON OF RUSTY AND ANGELA CHAMBERS AND GRANDSON OF THE HARTLINES PROVE VOLUNTEERS CAN'T START TOO YOUNG.



Eight complete Emergency First Responder course

By MIKE KENNAMER

Eight persons, including members of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department recently completed a forty hour course on first response to medical emergencies.

The course, known as an Emergency First Responder course, was taught at the Mentone American Legion Hall over several weeks. The course ended, with presentation of course completion certificates to the students, on August 28.

Emergency First Responder training covers immediate care for victims of injuries or sudden illness. The course includes CPR, evaluating the patient's condition, bandaging, splinting, emergency childbirth and other topics. The course was developed by the federal Department of Transportation.

The course was the first longer introductory medical training for most of the eight. Some were recertifying.

Lead instructor for the course was Mike Kennamer, a full-time paramedic with DeKalb Ambulance Service and a part-time EMT instructor at Northeast Alabama State Community College. Assisting Kennamer was Darlene Smith, a part-time EMT-Intermediate dispatch technician with DeKalb Ambulance Service. Both Kennamer and Smith are members of the DeSoto Rescue Squad at Mentone. Both volunteered their time to teach the course as a free community service.

Agencies assisting in the course were East Alabama Emergency Medical Services, Inc. and Desoto Rescue Squad.

First Responders are trained to assist victims of heart attacks, car wrecks, falls, smoke inhalation, burns, drowning, electrocution, and other forms of medical emergency.

First Responders are trained to care for the patient before EMT's and paramedics arrive to give more advanced care. They may also assist EMT's and paramedics.

EMT-Basic training is about three times as long as First Responder and goes into more depth with more advanced equipment.

Completing the course from North Lookout Mtn. Volunteer Fire Department were Rusty Chambers, Sanford Hartline, and Dale Kerby. Others completing the course were Gail Crider, Vickie Biddle, Stephanie Hester, Juanita Hartline, and Angela Chambers. The course was offered free of charge. The only cost incurred was the cost of the textbook, which was about \$25.

The First Responder course is recommended for introductory emergency medical training for rescue squads, firefighters, law enforcement officers and industrial safety operations.

Many First Responders go on to take EMT-Basic training. EMT courses are available through Northeast Alabama State Community College.

In addition to the First Responder course, the participants were invited to attend an extrication class on August 29. The class was taught by Robert Hurst of Ider and included hands on experience with the "Jaws of Life" and Air Bags.

The "Jaws" are used to extricate victims from severely damaged automobiles by cutting, prying, and pulling. Air bags are used to lift and stabilize automobiles and other objects.

Hurst is a regional sales representative for Harry Harless Fire Equipment Company in Birmingham and teaches extrication classes as part of his job. This class was provided compliments of Hurst and Harless Equipment Co.

Hurst is also a member of the Ider Rescue Squad. For more information on First Responder training, contact East Alabama EMS, 236-1141, in Anniston.

Moon Lake Afterschool Club

This fall, several of the Mentone churches are joining together to sponsor Moon Lake Afterschool Club (M.A.C.), an afterschool program for grades 1-6. M.A.C. will be held on Tuesday afternoons beginning October 6 ending December 1. It will be a time of fun, games, crafts, Bible stories, and the program will end with dinner and entertainment for all of the children. Moon Lake Baptist Church has offered its facilities so the children will be able to walk directly from school. The schedule is as follows:

3:00 - 3:30 Study hall, and individual tutoring if needed.

3:30 - 3:45 Outdoor play and snacks

3:45 - 4:45 Crafts, Stories, Bible lesson

4:45 - 5:15 The Moon Lake Musicians (preparing for a December performance!)

5:15 - 6:00 Dinner and entertainment!

Children should be picked up at 6:00 at Moon Lake Church.

If you have a child who would be interested in participating, please call Marsha Hurt at 634-4647 or Jean Corey at 634-4848.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

October is the month when we have lots of apples and pumpkins and our appetites turn on to soups and stews. At the same time, for personal and/or health reasons we are trying to modify our diets toward one with less fat and sodium. I will try to give hints so that we can modify our favorites.

I have tried with some success to decrease the oil in baked goods by substituting an equal amount of applesauce for the oil. If the recipe calls for a lot of sugar, you may decrease the sugar a bit to compensate for the sugar in the applesauce (i.e. 1 cup applesauce substituted for 1 cup oil, decrease sugar by 1/4 cup). This technique works well in muffin and quick bread recipes such as banana bread and pumpkin bread.

I invite area cooks to submit recipes for this column. Please be specific with the amounts and containers used. Send your comments or recipes along with your name, address and a telephone number where you can be reached to: Groundhog, c/o Recipe Corner, P.O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.

Norwegian Apple Pie (Woodhaven)

1 egg
3/4 C sugar
1 t vanilla
1/4 t salt
1 t baking powder
1/2 C flour
1/2 C chopped nuts
1 C diced apples

With a wooden spoon, mix ingredients in order given, folding in nuts and apples last. Bake mixture in a greased 8" pie pan at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold with ice cream, whipped cream or lowfat vanilla frozen yogurt.

Fresh Apple Cake

1 1/2 C salad oil
2 C sugar
3 eggs
2 t vanilla
3 C flour
1 t soda
1/2 t salt
1 t cinnamon
1/2 t cloves
1/2 t nutmeg
1 C chopped pecans
3 C peeled chopped apples

Glaze

1 C dark brown sugar
1 stick margarine
1/4 C milk

Mix first 4 ingredients. Add sifted flour, soda, salt and spices. Fold in pecans and apples. Pour into a greased tube pan; bake 1 hour at 350°. Combine glaze ingredients; boil 1 minute. Pour hot glaze over hot cake; leave in pan 2 hours. Turn cake out and upright.

If you find yourself with a large solidly frozen pot roast on the morning you plan to go to Colorfest, here is a lifesaver called:

The Absent Mind/Absent Cook Pot Roast

A frozen pot roast (4-5lb.)

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can onion soup

Put roast in a pan. Open the cans of soup and pour contents over the roast. Cover the pan and put into a 300° oven. Come back 6 to 7 hours later and it will be ready to serve.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Can you believe it is already October? This month is the beginning of fall festivals. The first event is the DeKalb County VFW Fair. The fair has something for everyone. There will be baby animals to amuse the very young. Crafts of every kind for grandma to admire and "the largest pumpkin ever grown" for grandpa to argue about. Of course, the teenagers can't wait to try the newest ride on the midway. I think the best thing about the fair is that it gives everyone a chance to display and 'show off' their talent. The categories that you can enter are endless. Everything from home-made biscuits to one perfect flower. Enter something in the fair, it belongs to you. Note: One complimentary pass is given to each person who enters something.

The next event of concern to all of Mentone is the October Colorfest. I'm sure that all the details are elsewhere in this issue. I urge everyone to participate and enjoy the activities. A lot of work goes into the planning and implementing of these events. They are always fun, so go out and visit with your friends and meet the people who come to Mentone for these celebrations.

A happy thing is happening at the Mentone United Methodist Church. The church is 100 years old this year! We are very proud to be a part of this on-going tradition called Methodism. We are planning a celebration in November. I will have all the details in the next issue of *The Groundhog*. The celebration date is November 29, so please keep this date open and plan to be with us.

Almost every day, I receive something in the mail concerning saving something: Save the whales, save the trees, save the snail darter, the list is endless. How did our earth get to this point that everything needs saving? What are we doing to lose these important elements of our habitat? I'm not sure how much we here in Mentone can do, except send a donation. We don't destroy that much or do we? When we cut down a part of the forest to build houses, how many homes of animals are destroyed? When we pave parking lots and driveways, we disturb the natural flow of water drainage. I realize that a certain amount of change is necessary for humankind to live here, but we should consider the lives of all creatures and act accordingly. This will be the only place most of us will ever live.

While I'm on my soapbox, I have one other matter to discuss. I hear a lot of people say that they don't want a lot of people moving to Mentone. The world is growing so fast and changing so much even Mentone cannot stay hidden any longer. That was the thinking of the city council when they made the decision to control the growth by putting subdivision and zoning regulations in place. These have now been adopted, and every citizen should be aware of them. They are here to help us all be better neighbors.

Get outside and enjoy this beautiful fall weather. Go somewhere. Visit someone. Take a child to a park. Ride a horse. I recently read that this winter may be colder and more severe than the last few years. Something about the same volcano that caused last year to be so warm will cause this year to be cold. The debris is now much higher and blocking the sun rays more. This tidbit is only to urge you to enjoy the warm weather while we have it. Don't worry, be happy!!

Rhododendron Garden Club

The Rhododendron Garden Club met at the Mentone United Methodist Church on September 8. Hostesses were Ann Wright, Linda Brown, and Gail Gaylord. Refreshments were served. President, Hope Walker, called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was given. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Jean McGehee introduced Pat Shippey, the speaker, who presented a program on Hands-on Arrangements. Her program was beneficial for preparing flower arrangements for flower shows. She said that "less is best." "Don't crowd arrangements." Many tips were given to assist in preserving an arrangement.

It was announced that registration for the Fall Fair is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5. The actual judging will be on Monday, October 5, at the Fairgrounds in Fort Payne.

The next meeting will be held at Nippersink. The hostesses will be Gerry Disney, Elizabeth Ann Stephens, and Ferne Fitzgerald. The program speaker will be Alice O'Ferrall, presenting a program on Autumn Leaves.

The Annual Fall Meeting of District II, Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., was held on Friday, September 18, at the Palisades Park, Oneonta. District Director, Mary Summerville of Fort Payne, presided. The attendees were honored to have special guests, State President, Mrs. Olan W. Green of Montgomery; other State Officers; and State Committee Chairmen. These representatives defined state programs and projects.

Sherry Pearson, Soloist with the Blount County GOLD STAR BAND, and her partner, Richard, entertained the group. They sang songs appropriately relating to the overall District II theme, "Let's Join Hands To Save The Earth;" and the Fall Meeting theme, "Harmonizing With Nature." Mrs. Hope Walker, president, and Mrs. Ann Wright, a former president, served as delegates of District II. Members also attending included Helen Hill, a former president, Marie Dillenbeck, and Pat Seymour. Two state awards were received by the Mentone club: the Kay Kennedy Award for Best Yearbook in Alabama, Division III, place number 2; and Landscape Design Award. Emily Clark Smith also received honorable mention for her essay "Endangered Species in Alabama."

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Valley Head High School News

By Allison Kirby, Senior

Students in grades 3, 6, and 9 will take the Basic Competency test on October 6, 7, and 8.

All Juniors and any Seniors who need to retake the Alabama High School Graduation Examination, may take it on September 29, 30, and Oct 1.

The Student Council is saving Hershey, Kit Kat, and all other Hersey product wrappers for Children's Network (handicapped children). The school that collects the most wrappers will get to send two students on a trip to be on nationwide television. October 19 is the deadline to turn in all the wrappers. PLEASE support VHHS by saving wrappers and turning them in to the Student Council at Valley Head High School. Help Valley Head to be the WINNER!

Senior Beta Club's new sponsor is Patsy Sax. LaKala Worley is the Student Council sponsor.

An Adopt-A-Mile application is being submitted to adopt a mile-long section of the highway close to Valley Head High School.

Valley Head has two Swedish Exchange students: Senior Tony Nayha, who is staying at the residence of English teacher, Ellen Wright; and Junior Martin Froberg, who is staying at the residence of Jean Carter, in Mentone.



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Sept. 11 - Fyffe Away
Sept. 18 - Sand Rock Home
Sept. 25 - Cedar Bluff Away
Oct. 2 - Ider Away
Oct. 9 - North Sand Mt. Home
Oct. 16 - Crossville Home
Oct. 23 - Geraldine Away
Oct. 30 - Collinsville Away
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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The Valley Head U.M.W. met at the Methodist Parsonage August 25, with Melinda Adkins and Helen White as hostesses. Eloise Brown presided and Laura Margaret Allison gave the Secretary-Treasurer's reports. Venna Livingston led the Bible study chapter "The Light of the World". Others present were Vesta Hawkins, Adelaide Biddle, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary Louise Holleman, and Frances Longshore.

Helen and Larry Longshore took their daughter, Laurie to Moscow, Idaho, where she entered the University of Idaho. She will major in Ecology.

Pauline Wright, of Chattanooga, visited her brother, Caudell Gilbreath, Ruth and Carolyn, and other relatives recently.

Bobby and Gail Hawkins came from Brewton, Alabama, to spend the weekend with his parents, Howard and Geraldine Hawkins. Randall Hawkins came from Chattanooga to help Geraldine celebrate her birthday and took Geraldine and Howard to dinner. May she have many more birthdays, each happier than the one before.

Bill Livezy visited his sister Charlotte and her husband, George Duffield and family in New Jersey. He went with his grandson, B.J. Howell.

Lottie and Charlie Ingle attended the Ingle Family Reunion at Galacoa Creek Park, Georgia, Sunday, September 14th.

Margaret and Loy Clark, Jr. and children, Scott and Jeremy, from Birmingham, spent Sunday with his parents, Evelyn and Loy Clark, Sr. Evelyn and Loy Clark, Sr. visited her brother Rodney Salmon and family in Warner Robins, Georgia recently.

Doris and Jim Carmichael, Linda and Bob Thomas and children Katy and William, and Elizabeth Thomas, spent the weekend in Tuscaloosa with Emmy and Mark Ricketts and children, Lucy and John. They attended the Vanderbilt - Alabama football game. They were joined for dinner by Mary Emma Barnes, Elizabeth's sister.

The Sunshine Club met at the home of Jean Jones on August 27. Reverend Jack Wood, pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church spoke of his term as Chaplain in the army. During 1965, he served so many places, it was very interesting. He was in service for twenty-two years. Those present were Karen Freeman, Lillie Bowden, Sue Cooper, Billie Harper, Vernitice Young, Addie Hall, Geraldine Hawkins, Sadie Cooper, Stella Pierce, Gladys Stott, Evelyn Clark, Ruth Pickett, Ileen Lowery and three visitors.

Jo Ann and Wayne Williams came from Jacksonville, Florida to be with her parents, Prentie and Earl Phillips. Prentie has returned home from a Chattanooga hospital, where she had heart surgery. Howard Carson is home, also, after surgery in Chattanooga. We wish for them a quick and complete recovery. Also Pearl Thornbury, who is home after a stay in a Gadsden hospital.

Friends and relatives came together at Ruth and Bert Picketts home to honor Gladys Cobble on her eighty-first birthday. Others sharing the happy occasion were Margaret and Donald Cobble from Chapin, South Carolina, Linda and Mickey Cobble

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and sons, Stephen and Mike; Linda's mother, Mrs. Lovell; Betty Bracken, Virginia and Roy Card, all from Chattanooga; and Gladys, Becky, Jesse, Nicole and Casey Stott and Billie Pickett. Gladys reported, "That was the best birthday I ever had." May this lovely, gracious lady have many, many more - just as happy.

News from our Water Board - Dennis Lewis and Anthony Windom went to Birmingham and took tests and Dennis achieved Grade 3 and Anthony Grade 2 as Operators in Water Certification. Congratulations, boys! We are proud of our bountiful supply of good spring water and the good service we have from the Water Board.

I have several clusters of Magic Lillies that just popped up in my yard. I didn't plant them, they just appeared. So beautiful! I thank God for unexpected gifts and for good neighbors who share their good vegetables with me so generously - one of life's greatest blessings!

Let's enjoy this beautiful weather until the leaves come showering down to smother us with work and frustration!

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(Editors note: Janice Galloway is the Groundhog correspondent from Cloudland. Local news items need to be called in to her at 862-2292.)

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Yellow bells bright and bold,
Dogwood trees white as snow,
Azalea blooms all aglow.
Springtime beauty everywhere,
Birds sing on our mountain fair
And mountain music fills the air.

We travel over around the lake,
Our mind does its best to recreate.
The scenes of yesterday are gone.
But memories still linger on.

Juliette Low knew where to go,
To build a place for girls to grow.
Enjoying beauty on summer days.
Enriching each life for future ways.

A little further down the road,
Lies Gilreath's Mill of long ago.
A gathering place of calloused hands,
Who worked this, our mountain lands.

Around the corner we now go,
As graceful beauty does unfold.
Trees adorned with red and gold,
Look down upon the valley low.

As Christmas time soon appears,
A trip to Sonny's is so near.
Lib, with peppermint in her hand,
Gives a child a treat from Santa's Land.

Today we can visit a store or two,
A good place to eat is all so new.
Flowers bloom in nurseries too.
A view for our mountain, anew.

Now we look at our mountain homes
And are thankful our mountain lingers on.
Upon the Lookout is where to be:
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Valley Head Woman's Club by MAURINE DONAHUE

As has become a tradition, the Valley Head Woman's Club held its first meeting of the 1992-93 club year at Nippersink Lodge, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Disney, owners. In addition to Mrs. Disney, hostesses were Mrs. Alex Hamilton and Mrs. Jimmy Wright.

Mrs. Alex Hamilton, president, presided. She said that, although the club is proud to be a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, this year we will concentrate on our local club making use of the talents of our members more fully on the programs and on the things we can do for our local communities.

Mrs. B. S. Biddle gave the devotional, basing it on the parable of the good Samaritan, Luke 10:26,37. We should emulate the good Samaritan in our daily lives and listen to others' needs as God listens to ours. She read the poem, "A Good Creed", and closed asking members to read the club Collect with her.

The subject of the program was "A Better World through Courageous, Committed Volunteers."

The guest speaker was Mrs. Dorothy Cyr. Her special commitment on volunteerism is the "Learn to Read Program". Many people in DeKalb County cannot read or write. The purpose of the local organization is to work for a more literate DeKalb County. If you are interested in this program, you will be trained and told where, when and how you may help. You do not have to be a trained teacher or college graduate.

There are many other organizations who can use volunteer help. Among them are the Red Cross, schools, churches, libraries, health department, Children's Advocacy, United Givers, Heart and Lung Association, Habitat for Humanity, and hospitals.

Volunteers are a supplement to the paid staff of these organizations.

Mrs. James Carmichael volunteers her services as recruitment coordinator for the University of Alabama and is on the board of the American Heart Association. She has had personal experience in this field as she lost a son with a heart attack and her husband has recovered from a heart attack with by-pass surgery.

Heart attacks were up 1% in DeKalb County last year.

The Heart Association raises money by its "Jump Rope for Heart" program in Valley Head, Ider, and Williams Avenue schools. For \$100.00 you can get 20 memorials sent to friends. The sheriff of DeKalb County allows members to have a road block for contributions once a year at the north and south ends of Fort Payne. Some grocery stores allow members to bag groceries at certain times for tips which go to the association. The Heart Association has golf cards which allow you to play at 80 courses in Alabama without paying a greens fee.



"SKIPPY" MATHIS OF VALLEY HEAD POSES WITH PRIZE MULES BELL AND KATE ON MULE DAY AT IDER.

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Mrs. James Jones volunteers her time in the emergency room at DeKalb Baptist Medical Center. She directs traffic in the emergency room, takes time to chat and explain things to victim's families, and handles routine affairs to free up others so they can give a little extra physical therapy.

Volunteers are a bridge between the hospital and the community. Sometimes, volunteers come back later as trained professionals.

In closing, Mrs. Jones read "So Long, Volunteer" from an Irma Bombeck column.

Mrs. Harol Skelton volunteers at the Senior Center in the preparation of income tax returns for senior citizens. Many can't read or write and are appreciative of her help.

Mrs. Skelton also serves on the boards of the Friends of Little River and the Mentone Heritage Foundation.

Guests other than Mrs. Cyr were Dr. Pat Seymour, Mrs. Helen Segreist, and Miss Peggy Tutwiler.

After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed the good fellowship while looking at the beautiful centerpiece of fall flowers on each tea table and eating the bountiful tidbits provided by the hostesses.

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Valley Head - Then and Now

By JUDITH LOLLIK-ANDERSEN

If you have driven through the valley below Mentone lately, you have seen some changes. Valley Head has spent the summer sprucing up the area. Mr. Hester's and Kimberly's Beauty Shop are sporting new paint and have been remodeled. The City Maintenance Department has fixed up their building behind the Fire Department. And, speaking of the Fire Department, they have put up a new building and bought a beautiful new fire engine. The Post Office has moved to a brand new building - they will have their official open house this month. The old ball field is being cleared and renovated. Everyone has been busy cleaning and fixing up.

This is not the first time Valley Head has seen change. As one of the oldest communities in the county, Valley Head has seen many changes. It started as an Indian trading post prior to the treaty of 1836 and Sequoyah taught his alphabet to the Cherokee Indians under a black hickory tree that stood in the yard of what is now Winston Place. William Overton Winston, the builder of Winston Place was only the second white settler in the area. His predecessor, Dr. James Gardner, came to the valley hoping to start a new prosperous industry. Dr. Gardner built a double log cabin, which was later incorporated into Winston Place, and started raising silk worms. Dr. Gardner became the first postmaster of Valley Head in 1837.

Alas, the silk production business did not prosper, and William Overton Winston claimed 3000 acres and built Winston Place near Winston Spring, the source for Wills Creek and the original water source for the town of Valley Head.

The combination of good water, valley, and hills made ideal conditions for the growth of the community. The little town thrived. More and more settlers came. The Davenports, the Huges, the Larmores, the Thornburys, the Whites, the Ellises, the Culbertsons, the Hammonds, the Hollemans, all came and left their mark on the town. At one time, Valley Head had two cotton gins and several sawmills. During ginning season, a traveler could barely get through town what with all the ox carts and horse and mule-drawn vehicles filling the town and overflowing into the roads leading to and from Valley Head.

The valleys produced much cotton and lumber products. Valley Head became an important shipping and receiving point. The Wills Valley Railroad was established around 1866. By the beginning of the twentieth century, Valley Head could boast three mercantile stores, two cotton gins, a grist mill, and several sawmills. By 1910 the town had a telephone exchange, and a small soda pop bottling company. The first bank was opened in 1914, the first drugstore in 1915.

In 1915 tragedy hit the town. The northbound evening passenger train had a defective smoke stack. Balls of fire hurtled from the stack and set Mr. Erskine Davenport's store on fire. The fire spread quickly, and soon all the buildings facing the railroad were in smoldering ruins.

The fire couldn't keep Valley Head down. Soon the town boasted new brick buildings. Formal sidewalks and roads were added, and for a short time, the town even had its own newspaper.

Over the years changes have taken place. The valleys are no longer a major source of cotton, the sawmills are gone. Now the major industry of the area is socks and steel fabrication. But, the little town of Valley Head holds on to its heritage and continues.



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VALLEY HEAD IS PICTURED THEN AND NOW. READERS, SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE PERSONS AND SITES IN THE PHOTOS. [HINT: COLLAGE CONTAINS FOUR DIFFERENT POST OFFICE LOCATIONS.]

Valley Head Post Office Open House

Valley Head Post Office will hold an open house on Saturday, October 24, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Valley Head Postmaster Jerry Hosch invites the public to tour the new facilities and enjoy refreshments. Operations both inside and outside will be available for viewing, as will the mail processing procedures.



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Of course, the most interesting things to me are the tales of days gone by told by the long time residents of Valley Head. Like the time the boys were playing on the railroad platform and decided to chase a local farmer's goats into an empty box car as the train stood in the station. At last sighting the goats were bound for Birmingham. Or, all the children of Big Wills Valley riding into town on a cart pulled by Pony.

The stories abound. Brownie Alexander Tuttle riding through town on her brother's Harley - the parades through town for homecoming - the yearly event of the old steam engine coming through. Just stop and talk to anyone on the streets. Or stop in the Tiger Inn and sit at the "Liar's Table". The people are friendly and will tell you many stories of how it was and how it is now. Valley Head is a great place to be.



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WINSTON HOUSE, SITE OF FIRST SETTLER'S HOME AND WHERE SEQUOYAH TAUGHT THE CHEROKEE ALPHABET.



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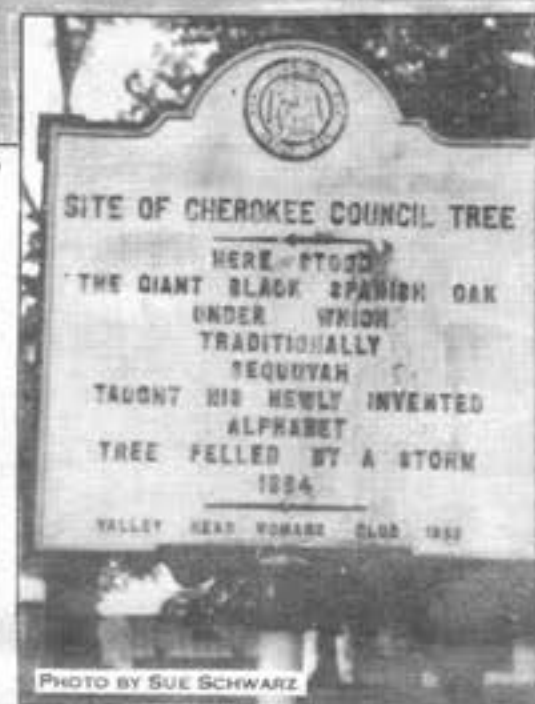


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Church News

By EVELYN GRAVES

The Mentone United Methodist Church is making plans for a Halloween party for the young people on October 25 at 6 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend. Plans are also in the making for the Church Centennial which will be celebrated in November. More information on this event will be given in next month's issue.

Sunday, September 27, was a special day for Mentone United Methodist Church. A part of the worship service was the dedication of the new playground equipment donated to the church by Dr. Pat Seymour. Dr. Seymour gave this equipment in memory of her mother, Flora Seymour, a lifelong Methodist. The congregation received the play pieces with great joy and will use them as instruments of instruction and recreation. A "covered dish" dinner followed the dedication.

As a result of the donation of the playground equipment, Mentone United Methodist Church will begin a pre-school play day every Wednesday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM (weather permitting). There will be fun and refreshments, and all pre-school-age children are welcome. Direct any questions to Carol Hazell at 634-4755.

Anyone who uses Kool-Aid products, is asked to save "Kool-Aid" points and give them to Carol Hazell for use in obtaining an audio tape player. This will be for the Mentone United Methodist Sunday School children. Over 100 points have been collected so far, and 600 points are needed.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church is happy to have their new pastor, Randy Addison. Church attendance is increasing since his coming to be the pastor. Plans are being made for Homecoming the latter part of October.

The Reverend Curtis Bridges, pastor of Moon Lake Baptist Church, has announced his call as a foreign missionary to Mongolia. He will be leaving the church in December. The Search Committee is at work seeking a replacement for him, as well as the Youth Director who resigned last month. A fellowship supper is held on the first Wednesday evening following the first Sunday of every month. Everyone is invited to attend this event as well as the regular services on Sundays and Wednesday evenings.

An auction was held by the ladies of the Mentone Church of God on September 14. This proved to be a lot of fun as well as being profitable for the ladies' organization. Tickets will be sold for a chicken and dressing dinner on October 25. The proceeds will go toward a payment on the parsonage. Everyone is invited. Please call the church telephone number (634-4418) to order carry-out plates.

The Search Committee of St. Joseph's On the Mountain Episcopal Church is making preliminary plans to begin interviewing the new rector to replace The Reverend Tim Smith who has been called to a church in Mobile.

The Valley Head Baptist Church reports that the date of the breakfast for young people in seventh grade and above has been changed from Tuesday mornings to Friday mornings. A brief devotional will be given, breakfast will be served, and the young people will have time to walk to school before classes begin. All young people in the community are invited to attend. This will be a regular event during the school term.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to attend services at nine o'clock every Sunday morning. The Reverend Jerry Davis conducts the service on the first and third Sundays

each month, and The Reverend Hugh Esco is in charge on the second and fourth Sundays.

The Valley Head Methodist Church had a fellowship lunch on Sunday, September 20. The District Superintendent was present for the service. The Reverend Jeff Adkins is no longer pastoring the Mentone United Methodist Church since that church has its own pastor, so he is pastoring the Valley Head Methodist Church only, which gives him more time to devote to the church.

The Reverend Don Brock, pastor of The Church of God of Prophecy, invites all of the previous pastors, members and friends of the local church to attend the annual Homecoming on October 18. *Forgiven*, a quartet from Birmingham, will be singing in the morning service and again in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the church on that date. A revival will be held October 25-30 at 6:30 PM nightly. The evangelist will be Leslie Porter from Mississippi. There will be special singing each evening. Everyone is invited to attend all of these occasions.

August 23 was a special day in the Union Hill Baptist Church when the pastor, Reverend Jimmy Graves, was honored by the church with a surprise celebration on the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry. Members of former churches, as well as family members were present to honor him. Among the out-of-town guests present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Graves; James and Lee Graves from Lothian, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hellums from Tupelo, Mississippi; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Graves, Allison, John and Bliss Burton from Rome, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones, Jr. from Rossville, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cordle from Trion, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Burke from Rainsville, Alabama; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore from Henegar, Alabama. A special offering was taken during the service for Reverend Graves. Dr. Pat Seymour presented to him in behalf of Mayor Max Cash and the City of Mentone a resolution which designated August 23, 1992 JIMMY GRAVES DAY in the town of Mentone. A beautiful plaque was presented to him by his church naming the churches he has pastored. A fellowship meal was served following the service.

On Sunday, October 4, 1992, at 10:30 AM, NINA KYLE BALLINGER, born July 8, 1992, will be christened at St. Joseph's on the Mountain with Rev. Oscar Hussel in charge. Parents are Randal and Virginia Ballinger, of Mentone; Godparents are Al and Mae Hunt, of Mentone; Grandparents are Kyle Long of Mentone and Griff Pitcher of Miami, Florida; and Great Grandparents are the late Allen and Mildred Ballinger of Cloudland, Georgia, and the late William and Margaret Badham of Birmingham and Mentone.

Ministerial Association

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 8 at the Mentone Church of God located on Hwy. 117, 3 miles east of Mentone. Jeff Adkins, past President, stated that the new officers have been selected and will be installed on October 8.

Officers are:
President: Don Brock
Vice President: Curtis Bridges
Secretary/Treasurer: Oscar Hussel

The Ministerial Association is an open meeting, and all area pastors and ministers are invited to attend. The location of the meeting is rotated among the area churches.

Church of God of Prophecy ends general assembly

By REV. DON BROCK

Several delegates from the DeKalb County area are returning from the General Assembly of the Church of God of Prophecy which concluded recently in Louisville, Kentucky. Delegates from around the world converged on the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center to conduct the business of the church. The Reverend Don G. Brock of Mentone, District Overseer of the Church of God of Prophecy in this area of Alabama, said, "It was unusual for the Assembly to be held away from Cleveland, Tennessee" where the 280,587-member denomination's headquarters is located and where all but three of the previous 86 annual assemblies were held. Last year church officials decided to relocate the gathering and begin meeting every two years, starting in Louisville. The church's 10,000-seat meeting hall in Cleveland is in need of fire code repairs and has been too small to seat delegates in recent years. The week-long meeting officially registered 11,154 delegates.

This year, the assembly was different and included 102 workshops on topics ranging from AIDS to "Grandparenting in the '90s"; a topic of interest to Rev. Brock who is a soon-to-be grandfather. These workshops were in addition to the business sessions and worship celebrations. The Rev. Tim McCaleb, who led a workshop on abortion, said the sessions "provided an opportunity to learn and to get information out."

The Pentecostal Church traces its origin to a small group in the North Carolina mountains in 1903. The local congregation at Mentone dates back to 1915. Its basic doctrine is simply the whole Bible as the "inerrant Word of God".

Bishop Billy D. Murray became general overseer two years ago, following A. J. Tomlinson and M. A. Tomlinson.

The church's foreign membership is exploding. Nearly three-quarters of its members live outside the United States. This past year, the church gained 19,149 new members. Over 800 of those were in Peru. A local area church convention in Jamaica registered over 18,000 delegates.

A decision was made to open a full-time operation in Russia. After a number of visits there by church officials over the past several months, the General Assembly agreed to fund and operate a presence in Russia where multitudes are turning to Christianity. As this was announced, delegates present at the Assembly began to come forward to give an unsolicited offering. When the ushers completed the count, \$58,300.97 had been given from the floor of the Assembly to help launch this work.

Rev. Brock noted "Much controversy was expected this year over financial matters and doctrinal issues within the world-wide organization. Tension had been mounting since the new General Overseer took office two years ago." However, most issues were settled with much more harmony than expected. "I believe God has helped us to come together", stated the local District Overseer.

The denomination has eleven churches in the DeKalb County area and 2,096 in the U.S.

It is not genius, nor glory, nor love that reflects the greatness of the human soul; it is kindness.

-Henri-Dominique Lacorda

Never underestimate the power of a hug

By PAT SEYMOUR

There are many ways to express love: soft spoken words between a man and woman by candlelight, a bouquet of flowers, a favorite song, or a special place. But, perhaps, the simplest and most easily understood expression of affection is a HUG - a generous, spontaneous, heartwarming hug.

In the dictionary, a hug is defined as "to embrace, to hold fast." But the dictionary definition falls short. It doesn't mention the healing feeling of a hug. It says nothing of the warmth and security transmitted when holding close that special person. It leaves out the caring that is transferred with this brief touch between two people.

A hug can even make the difference between success and failure. A hug raises the slumped shoulders and wipes away the wrinkled brow. A hug has the power to dry glistening tears welling up in eyes and mend broken hearts.

There is an unspoken "Everything's gonna be okay" in a warm hug and a, "I am fond of you and respect you, too." A surprise hug from a spouse, a parent, or a friend can say a number of things: "Thanks for being there!" "I am so proud of you;" "Thank you for what you do," "I'll always be there for you," "I love you!" - all transmitted with a momentary touch.

And there are still other occasions that call for hugs: a hug along with a bandaid for a skinned knee from a fall; a hug across the drooping shoulders of the boy who struck out with the bases loaded - a hug that says, "There will be other times at bat; you're still a superstar in my books;" a hug for the daughter, who waited for the phone call that never came that would have meant a date for the football game. A touch that means, "Your time will come; you are beautiful to me;" a squeeze for the dejected husband home from an unsuccessful day of job hunting, that says, "We'll make it; I'm still glad I married you." And a special hug for the aged - for the grandfather or grandmother - a hug of gratitude rising above even words, a "thank you" for years of worry, service, and care.

It's true; a hug cannot be all the answer to everything. But there are times of discouragement, sadness, or failure when only a hug will do. And there are times of joy, happiness, and success when a hug makes it even more special. A hug is a way to express the inexpressible. Perhaps, today, even now, someone who is close to you is in need of an emotional boost that comes only from a hug. Why not get up and hug somebody when you finish reading this? It's a gift that only you can give!



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Well, it's About Time!

Once upon a time...time on my hands... time is money... time and tide wait for no man... time marches on...now is the time for all good men, etc. There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven, etc. (the preacher, Eccl. 3:1-8).

Time and again man brings time into his life, it is unavoidable. Time is there just as surely as the sun rises and sets. It is just that rising and setting which caused the first thinking animal to realize how time governed his life. For early man, daylight was the time of work and feeding, night was the time of rest and fear.

When man ceased to be a gatherer and hunter and started to take control of his food supply...plant, harvest, and eventually store food...he became aware that he must keep track of the seasons to know when to plant and, thus, renew his food supply. Among the early planters, those who were observant enough to recognize the astronomical signals for the coming of spring soon became the powerful leaders of the tribes and clans. In order to assure that they, these leaders, retained their position of dominance, they created a "religion" which worshiped the sun, and the places where the coming of each season was determined, were declared "holy".

Slowly, but surely, it dawned on the great mass of the people that knowing when the seasons were going to arrive was not magic nor did it require special communication with the sun god. Anyone could note where the sun rose and set along the horizon, and note the lengthening or shortening shadows and hence, the days. These common folks, too, could tell when the warm times or the cold times were about to come.

There were no obvious subdivisions of the daylight period as there was for the daylight-dark division of each day. As the day progressed from dawn to dusk, the long shadows of the morning shortened as the sun rose in the sky until at noon, shadows were at their shortest; and, then, they gradually lengthened as the sun descended toward the horizon where it disappeared until the next dawn, when the process started over.

At first, man divided the day into three parts--morning, afternoon, and night--merely because of the three very important daily events in his life...sunrise, noon, and sunset. Some time later some smart soul found that the passage of time could be measured by the length of his (or her) shadow giving the common man his first clock. What was the most convenient thing to use as a measurer...why one's own foot, of course. By modern standards, such a "clock" is very, very inaccurate; but, to that smart soul, a measurement of time was now a real thing.

The Venerable Bede (an English monk A.D. 673-735) measured his shadow and devised a table of the daylight hours. Daylight was divided into 12 hours which began at dawn, and the end of the 12th hour occurred at sunset, so that the hour of 4 meant the end of the 4th hour after sunrise. Bede

made his hours all of equal length, but he also knew that summer days are longer than winter days, so, therefore, the 4th-hour shadow, for example, was longer in winter than in summer. Actually, his table became quite sophisticated for it gave shadow length (measured in a person's feet) as a function of hour of the day and month of the year.

Use of one's own foot is important here because the length of the foot varies with the height of the person, but the ratio of foot length to height is always nearly 6. Thus, a person of any height could use the table, and that was a major step in the telling of time. Especially was that true for the common man, for he did not have to buy, build, or acquire anything in order to tell time; all that was needed was his own body and the ability to count.

Since St. Bede lived in England at a latitude of about 55 degrees north, and we here in north Alabama are at a latitude of 35 degrees north, his table of time wouldn't work for us. But, here is an example of what the Venerable Bede found for his hour of 4: January and December shadow length was 15 feet, February and November 13 feet, April and September 9 feet, May and August 7 feet, and, finally, June and July 5 feet.

A full 700 years later, this same table, or one like it, was still in use as witnessed by Chaucer in his *Canterbury Tales* (about 1400 A.D.). In the opening lines of his "Parson's Prologue", he says:

*It was four o'clock according to my guess,
Since Eleven Feet, a little more or less,
My shadow at the time did fall,
Considering that I myself am six feet tall.*

Alas, time has come, my time deadline has been reached. So, for the time being, I bid you a fond good day. May your days be bright and long and your nights short and not filled with fear. The sands of time are continually running and at another time we'll treat the subject further (time permitting, that is).

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Memories of Autumns Past

*From impressions of years gone by, as the days pass by.
With the rustlings of dried brown leaves, in the trees.
From the cooler air masses, that have again begun to blow.
With only twinklings of starlight, to guide their plight.
As above over head Geese fly past, on their long Southerly flight.
To a warmer climate, of both day and night.
Through layers of thin clouds so high above, on that cool night.
Which formed the halo, around the Harvest Moon.
That were only reflections of Sun light rays, changing to Moon light.
In my eyes on that night, so long ago in years gone by.
When I witnessed Venus, Lucifer's morning star.
As the Sun dawned, to melt frozen ice crystals of frost away.
From the chill of that cool, Autumn night's breeze.
That melted the cool damp darkness away, on that Autumn morn.
For it was then the beginning, of a bright new day.
That did soon began getting colder, as the Sun faded away.
As the snow began to drift slowly, which blanketed the landscape.
On that cold dark dreary evening, so many years ago.
As I reminisce back on days gone by, of my youth.
To the day I remember, the Geese in their flight to the South.
When I realized, that life is but a fleeting moment in time.*

Wilks Oren Reese, Jr.

Editors note: This poem was awarded Honorable Mention on October 1, 1986, and was published in "Great Poems of Today" by World of Poetry Press, 701 Dixieanne Ave., Sacramento, CA 95815 released on November 30, 1987.

"Smiles"

*They can "say" so very much;
But never make a sound.
They can show friendship or love;
And turn a day around.
They can bring a peaceful warmth;
If they come from the heart.
But they'll bring a painful harm;
If they're from a different part.*

*Smiles can perk up anyone's day;
And make life's road - a smoother way.*

*Oh yes - just a friendly smile;
And someone's day goes great.
You can go "that extra mile";
And control your own fate.*

*Don't be so cold - smiles can be heard;
Then everyone will know.
The language - that has no words;
The language of love that shows.*

*Smiles can perk up anyone's day;
And make life's road - a smoother way.*

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Summer is almost gone, and it seems like it just started. The rain has been good and Jimmy McCary of St. Joseph's has not had to remind us to pray for it all summer. These last days of summer are a bit lazy. We have finished growing and harvesting vegetables, and most of the canning and freezing is done. We can relax a little more and count our blessings. The pantry is lined with jars of green beans, sauerkraut, peaches, apples, pink grape marmalade, and other jellies and pickles. It looks mouthwateringly good. We missed having an abundance of apples, but the super harvest of grapes made up for it. Ours are the sweet Ludis that are best enjoyed when picked and eaten right on the spot. Homer stops at the grape arbor when he comes home from work every day, and Terry Hutcheson rides his bike and enjoys a few bunches when he stops to rest and visit a few minutes. The Japanese beetles tried to eat the leaves off the vines, but a little spray with liquid Sevin discouraged that. Now we have huge muscadines on the same arbor just getting ripe.

The wildflowers are a riot of rich color. The fall flowers are showing off this year. A sign of the good rains all summer. Our meadow area is covered with many varieties, some of which even my brother Don could not identify.

We strolled through the field recently and found eight varieties in different shades and hues of purple. There were fall Asters in abundance, Mallows, Ironweed, Lobelia of several varieties, and even a few Joe-pye weeds. I was glad Linda Brown mentioned Joe-pye and Ironweed in her column last month. They are gorgeous flowers.

We drove to Clinton, Tennessee Labor Day weekend, and enjoyed the masses of strikingly pretty wildflowers all the way. Don tells me that there are over a hundred varieties of goldenrod, which surprised me. Fleabane, Black-eyed Susans, Coreopsis, and other brilliant yellow flowers of the sunflower family were everywhere. It seems that these plants do exceptionally well on the roadside - an added bonus for the traveler.

The Crow reunion is always a lot of fun because there is a large family who are descendants of Lee and Fannie Crow. Lee and Fannie lived most of their lives in Mentone. For example, although Clyde and Frances only had one daughter, Lila, Lila has four children and four grandchildren. Altogether with spouses this makes fourteen members of the family. This year Lila's children were hosts for the affair in Clinton, Tennessee. We had an excellent dinner at the Golden Girls Restaurant and visited while the little ones swam in the pool and enjoyed the recreation center. We spent the night with Frances and that is always a special pleasure for us.

Frances has been busy here in Mentone remodeling the house where her mother, Grace Jones, lives. Mrs. Jones has been out of the house most of the summer and looks forward to returning to what looks like a new house. My brother Don is doing the work, with his crew.

The house was built by Fred Jones, Sr. for Foster and Mary Jones. Mary was a great aunt of Homer's. When I was in high school, I stayed with her and listened to her tell all the history of the Crow family. I wasn't very interested then, but, I wish I had listened more carefully and written all of it down for my children. Clyde and Frances had bought the house and were living there when we married, and Frances helped me plan our wedding. Then our son, Barry was born there in 1947. Dr. Cantrell lived just up the road a short distance at what Greg Linda Frith call the Hanging Rock Cottage. They have beautifully restored the cottage, and I am sure Dr. Cantrell would approve.

Then when my dad died we kept him there for the wake. There was no funeral home in Ft. Payne then.

Horace and Grace Jones have lived there for many years. Mr. Jones is deceased and Grace continues to reside in what could be called the Jones Cottage. Aren't houses interesting? It would make an interesting story to hear about your house. If walls could talk we would know many happy things - and some sad things as well.

Clyde died while staying here at this house a little over a year ago. So Frances feels like she is doing the work Clyde wanted to do but couldn't because of poor health. May many more happy days be spent in this bright, shiny clean, well planned renovated home.

To those of you who have so kindly asked about our daughter, Joyce Cooper, I am happy to report that she is doing fine. She had an acute care of pancreatitis, with complications of kidney failure and pneumonia. Her doctor told us that she was a walking miracle. We told him we had many friends praying for her.

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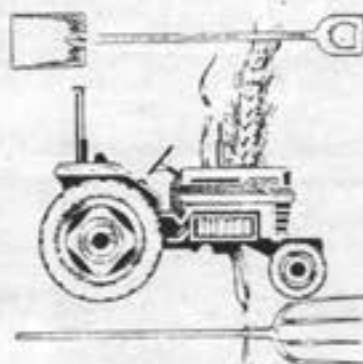


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COURSE: Begins at Hitching Post to turn-off to DeSoto Falls and back. 4.2 miles, flat to gently rolling hills on DeSoto-Lookout Mountain Parkway.

MENTONE: Located on Lookout Mountain on Highway 117. Exits off I-59 between Chattanooga and Gadsden. From the east, through Summerville, Georgia, to Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone, Alabama.

TENTH YEAR: This is the tenth year for the race. All proceeds go to the goals of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other unique qualities of Mentone. The race on Saturday, Oct. 17th, is part of the "October Colorfest," which features ghost stories, music, and a bonfire on Friday evening, Oct. 16th. Crafts, boat rides, music, food, drinks, and more will be available on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17th and 18th.

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[] 15 - 19
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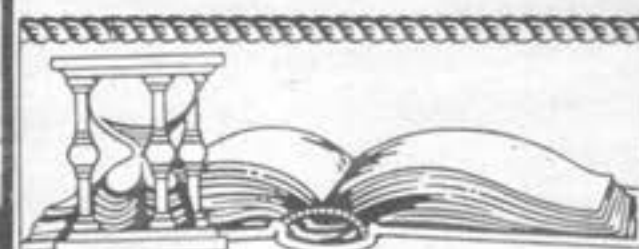
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