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"1994 OCTOBER COLORFEST" •OCTOBER 14, 15, AND 16, 1994•

This year's Colorfest will explode with many new and exciting activities. Among them will be a fabulous variety of entertainment. Already signed up for the weekend at Brow Park are the following: Southern Charm, a trio from Sylvania, Ala., who have sung at our last two festivals; Misti Roberts, a soloist from Collinsville, Ala.; Indian dancers, Indian drummers, and Indian singers, under the direction of Frank Villalpando from Mentone; Old Timers Band from Fort Payne; Jeff and Teresa Buckles, singers from Fort Payne; New Generation



Cloggers from Mentone; the KK Kickers, line dancers from Scottsboro; Mack and Gayle from Crossville, and many others; so, don't miss the entertainment. Games to test your abilities will also be available at the festival. A liar's contest is scheduled for Saturday. (See page 4 for information.)

Multi-talented Terry Hutcheson will again be conducting the storytelling, which will be on the brow, with Dr. Pat Seymour assisting. A bonfire, complete with bales of hay for seating, will be set up at the Brow Park. Lawn chairs can be brought for comfort seating, also. St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will offer food Friday night at the small pavilion on the brow.

Boy Scout Troop 106, under the direction of David Gilbreath and Dr. Bill Berry, will be handling the parking. A handicap entrance will be set up at the north entrance, gate 3. (See map on page 5.)

The Groundhog Run will be handled by Donna Bouldin, assisted by Donna and John Bares from Skyline Camp. (See back page for flyer for application and information.) Awards will be given on the brow.

Gatekeepers for the three gates will consist of Valley Head Band Parents and their helpers, under the direction of Kathy Robertson and David Tucker.

A donation of \$2.00 is requested for entry into the festival.

Boat rides at DeSoto Falls are under the direction of Marie Dillenbeck, assisted by Randall and Charlotte Rice and others. Rides are \$2.50 each seat. Dwight Hixon will supply the pontoon boat at the falls Saturday and Sunday, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and running until 5:00 p.m. Beautiful fall colors will be unveiled as the boat plies the river.

On Saturday, the Church of God of Prophecy will be serving meals.

On Sunday, several food vendors will have a variety of items to eat. Food also will be available from the local restaurants.

At the time of the writing of this article, the following vendors have sent in their applications and will be set up on the brow: (See the map on page 5.)

Kay Abbott, Fort Payne, Ala. - quilted sweat shirts

Suzanne Burchell, Hoover, Ala. - jewelry, ties, key chains

Chickamauga General Store, Chickamauga, Tenn. - silk screen T-shirts/sweat shirts (The picture on this page is from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sprayberry's design for last year's Colorfest shirts.)

Myra Dalton, Oak Grove, Ala. - stoneware pottery, wire products

Dekalb County Artist Guild
Lois Dupon, Lafayette, Ala. - wearable art and accessories

Sandra Early and Lisa Goss, Country Seasons, Rome, Ga. - hand painted items, wood handi-crafts, Christmas items

Hatfield Enterprises, Valley Head, Ala. - real painted pumpkins, flavors for coffee and tea, Savannah cinnamon

Fred Howard, Ohatchee, Ala. - sterling silver jewelry w/semi-precious stones

Pamela Kelley, Rome, Ga. - hand painted baby clothes, adult accessories, homemade jam

Pat Key, Dalton, Ga. - porcelain dolls

Frances Morgan, Graysville, Ala. - dolls, pillows, quilts, assorted crafts

Sue Mott and Linda Blevens, Mentone, Ala. - wooden crafts, and floral items

J.P. Nation, Mentone, Ala. - wind chimes and birdhouses

Sue Pittman, Scottsboro, Ala. - baskets, wood tile works, saw blades

Ginger Ralston, Lookout Mountain, Tenn. - jewelry

Mary R. Roberson, Attalla, Ala. - needle craft, applique sweat shirts

Edna Rogers, Ider, Ala. - handmade dolls

Edna B. Rooks, Chelsea, Ala. - crochet and cross stitch items, painted sweat suits, baby items, jackets

Pat Sheriff, Birmingham, Ala. - pottery, hand built wheel

Ricky Stubblefield, Hixon, Tenn. - Christmas items, pillows, napkin holders and crochet items

Oleeta Thomas, Summerville, Ga. - corn silk shuck flower arrangements, dolls and wreaths

Harlon Wilemon, Haydin, Ala. - wooden toys

Opal Woods, Boaz, Ala. - handmade quilts, aprons, old-time bonnets

Mentone's Ruby Brock will supervise sales of quilts

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

•Monday - October 3, 6 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting
City Hall

•October 3 - 8, 5 p.m. gates open each day
39th Annual
DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair

•Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting, Kountry Chef

•Monday, October 10, Columbus Day

•Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16
Colorfest; Groundhog Run
(See flyer & application blank elsewhere.)

•Sunday, October 30,
Daylight Savings Time Ends

•Monday, October 31, Halloween

••NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHT••

•Saturday, November 5, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Moon Lake Harvest Festival
Moon Lake School, Mentone, Ala.

and home-canned mountain vegetables, soups, pickles, etc.

An application blank can be found inside on page 5 for other vendors who may not have received one of the 160 applications that were mailed out by Festival Chairman, Charlyne O'Rear. Just clip the application and send it along with your booth fee(s) to the address listed. For your convenience, there is a booth chart on the same page.

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The deadline for all material for *The Groundhog* is the 22nd day of the month preceding publication. The publication is due out by the first Tuesday of each month.

MAPA



MEETING

The September MAPA meeting was held at the Kountry Chef on September 6, 1994. The meeting was called to order by the president and Chester Crowe gave the opening prayer. 26 members and 4 guests were present. The usual order of business was dispensed with to accommodate the speaker.

Vice President Bill Schwarz introduced the speaker, Charles Byram from the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association, a group that promotes Alabama. Mr. Byram has been with the association for six years and enthusiastically explained to the group what the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association does to promote Alabama. He enjoys representing the group at the many functions in different state. He takes brochures from the mountain lakes area to display and distribute to the public.

Following the program, the meeting returned to its regular format. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given and approved.

The president announced that the Mentone Brochures are to be reprinted soon.

Colorfest chairman, Charlyne O'Rear, gave a report stating that everything had been lined up. (See the flyer on the back page, and flyers and information on page 5.) For the Friday night storytelling, Terry Hutcheson, assisted by Dr. Pat Seymour, will be in charge of the evening's events. Everyone should bring folding chairs to the brow park to supplement the bales of hay that will be available. The Groundhog Run route has been changed due to the construction of the rock wall on

Hwy 117. (See the Groundhog Run flyer on the back page.) During the festival, entertainment has been scheduled for hourly 20-minute spots, with games to be set up for the public to enjoy.

President Dessie Newberry presented to the membership a set of goals for MAPA to undertake during the next year. The membership voted unanimously to accept the following on-going projects:

- May Rhododendron Festival/river cruise
- July Brow Craft Festival
- October Colorfest & Groundhog Run
- Adopt-a-Mile Program
- Handicap Trail at DeSoto State Park
- Mentone Brochures
- Mentone Volunteer Fire Department Assistance
- Christmas Party for Children in December
- Post Office Bulletin Board and Beautification
- Non-profit status
- Moon Lake School Educational Programs

Under special projects, a copier for MAPA was approved.

Sherman Gough announced that he had the quilt to be raffled off at the Colorfest (see photo this page), and requested that each member support the effort and purchase tickets.

A special treat was the drawing for three door prizes (two cookbooks and a cap) provided by Mr. Byram of the Alabama Mountain Lakes Association.

Jerry Disney, Penny Lyday, and Lucille Crowe provided delicious refreshments.

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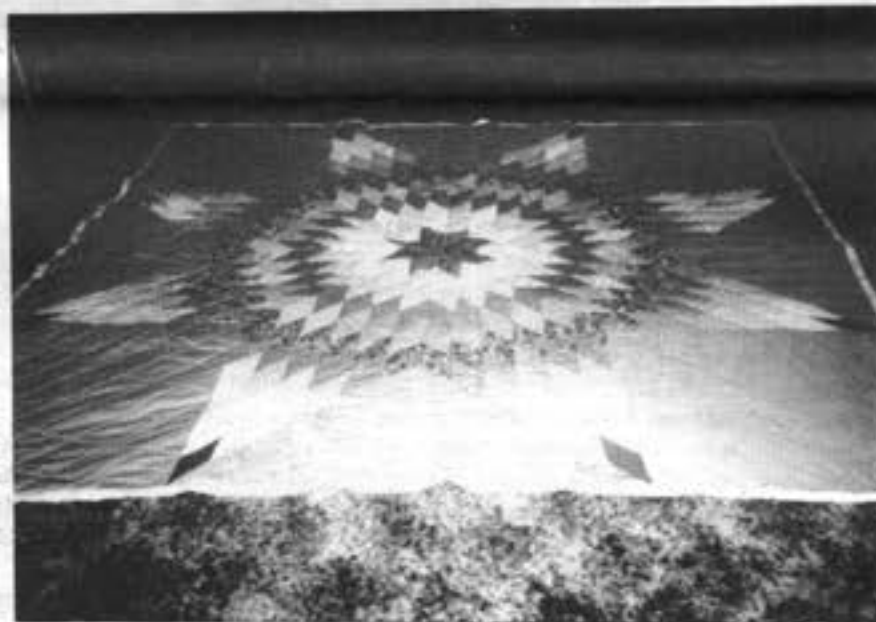
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Catherine Bailey

MENTOR TO MANY

By Dr. Pat Seymour

Student, school teacher, wife, mother, homemaker, storekeeper, camp dietitian, church treasurer, city clerk, Sunday School teacher -- Catherine Agnes Brown Bailey, age 84, has filled all these roles and many others. Mentor to many younger women (one is writing this article), "Aunt Catherine," as she is called by family and friends, was graduated from high school in Valley Head, in 1927, and, shortly thereafter, entered Georgia State Women's college at the age of 16.

After she celebrated her 25th birthday in 1936, Catherine was married to Floyd S. Bailey of Bessemer. For 18 years, she has presided over the minutes of the City Council of Mentone and has become a welcome face in Mayor Max Cash's office where city business is transacted and water bills are paid.

Catherine is the mother of two children, grandmother of 7, and great-grandmother of 16. Daughter Barbara Blalock owns beautiful quilts ("maple leaf" design) handmade by her mother and displayed in her lovely lakeside log home. Granddaughter Barbie has a "wedding ring" quilt decorating one of the beds in her home. When asked if she had lived in Mentone all her life, Catherine replied, "Not yet!"

Catherine loves to travel and is an avid reader. She teaches an adult Sunday School class at the Mentone United Methodist Church, where she has been church treasurer since 1958, a total of 36 years. Catherine lives in her home of many years across the road from her church with "Booger," her son's poodle, who cries every morning when Catherine leaves him. Rain or shine, she walks the many blocks to her office in the city hall each morning, and then retraces her steps at the end of her workday.

Her only compromise to comfort is an umbrella that shields her from the sun or from the rain. When a historical list of Mentone's most contributive and influential citizens is drawn up, Catherine Bailey's name surely will be right up there at the top!

MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The monthly council meeting was held on September 13, 1994, at 7 p.m. Council members present were James Robertson, Hobson Kirby, Mayor Max Cash, Katherine Bailey, Larry Hooks, Don Brock, and Mentone Chief of Police Johnny Ferguson.

Dr. Bill Berry and Adam Buck, representatives of Boy Scout Troop 106, requested a brief moment of the council's time. Adam Buck spoke for the scout troop and told the council members that the troop was approximately 1-1/2 years old and that they were keeping clean their section of the adopt-a-mile in Mentone. The council was requested to provide 200 - 60 gallon trash bags to assist in "Mentone Green" and cleanup of their areas. The council voted unanimously to provide Boy Scout Troop 106 with the needed bags.

Ethel Manifold, City Court Magistrate, requested an increase in her court pay, as she is now certified and will have to attend several meetings in addition to her regular duties. Prior to this request, she has had to pay her own out-of-pocket expenses to attend seminars and to get her certification. The board approved her request.

Jim Roberts requested a water line on Highway Above the Clouds at no expense to the city for a 2 inch line. After a discussion, the council unanimously approved his request, contingent upon his getting the approval of other water customers on that line.

Candy Henson requested the use of city property for a youth outreach meeting on October 1. The council unanimously agreed to her using Brow Park.

After hearing the special requests, the council proceeded to handle routine council matters, such as roads being maintained by DeKalb County that are in need of repair, the financial report of the city, the water table level on the mountain, and the purchase of the new law enforcement vehicle for Mentone.

The council's next meeting is Monday, October 3, 1994, at 7:00 p.m.

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By
BRUTUS

Dearest loyal admirers, moi am so angry and upset moi's magnificent auburn hair is falling out in patches! That imposter yard dog from Valley Head is at moi again in Miss Eloise's "Valley View" column. Note, after casting aspersions and spewing insults upon the great one (moi), once more, he still names no owner or home location. Could it be he just roams the streets and sleeps by the railroad tracks down there in the valley? Moi suspects that's the case!

Lucky moi, here comes Don Brown who always shares his Little Debbie breakfast cake with the flawless one (moi, of course).

Justin Scott, age 5, was in tears when he discovered me gone from the store. (Had to walk Pop up to the house for a "necessary.") Be patient, little one. When you see a glow in the east, you'll know the magnificent one approacheth.

The only salesman of the scruffy lot who ever buys the flawless one (moi, of course) a treat is Wesley Mayfield, the milk supplier, and there he comes now. (Buy more dairy products, disciples!)

Received another fan letter from Gloria Seymour of Seabring, Fla. (No relation to her-who-thinks-she-hung-the-moon.) Seems Duke, a 10-month old golden retriever/black lab mix, wants moi to know that he has elementary school pen pal friends who correspond with him. (Are you listening out there, loyal little Moon Lake adorers?? Start those card and letters coming in!)

Oh, joy--Joyzell Webb just left after writhing all over the floor at the flawless one's feet calling him handsome, smart, perfect, and all sorts of other accurate stuff. Eat your heart out, Valley Head pretender.

That unspeakably rude lad, Leeland Bullock, razed me in the face with a blown-up balloon on his 10th birthday - (you know, hold the sides open to make it squeak and produce vulgar sounds). Although Jeffrey (12-1/2) tries to keep his little juvenile delinquent brother straight, it is to no avail. Moi prays, without ceasing, for the Bullock's five dogs, Browngee, Runty, Leo, Corky, and Penny. Maybe, mother Madeleine and Daddy Gene need to tear up some little legs with a switch!

A lot of people are leaving Groundhog stuff here for Dr. Pat. Do they honestly think the girl can read? Pretentious, yes, Literate, no!

Halloween is on the way, and Pop says that should be the highlight of moi's candy year. Oh, bliss, oh rapture--little ones, be generous, now! (But, please unwrap the treats first: candy papers stick in my sparkling molars and flaw moi's perfect smile.)

Don Ingram, el cheapo of Mentone, just came and went with no sharing, again. What does it take to get your attention, woods boy? A stick of firewood up side your nappy head?

Well, Pop just knelt down to stock a shelf and took twenty minutes to stand back up--moi can see it's gonna be a Bengay night again. Must run to the house and bite the top off the tube. Why, me, Lord??



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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Mentone's own Don Brown, with a 7 under par, led his golf team to victory Sunday, September 25, in the Member/Guest Golf Tournament on the Cloudmont Golf Course. (Wife, Billie Faye, is about to "bust her buttons" with pride!) Other team members for the 18-hole tourney were Leonard Keith Sr., Ronnie Hammond, and Ron Waits, Don's son-in-law (daughter Des' husband). In addition, Don won the three woods (golf clubs) given away. Ron and Des Waits have bought the Phillip Bain home and are moving back to Mentone after an 11-year absence in Nashville and Texas. Both Ron and Des are sales representatives for City Girl Clothing of Los Angeles, California. Congratulations, Don, on two big wins—the golf tournament and getting your little gal back home to Mentone!

Lula McGee Blalock has been "tripping" again! Her sister, Lou Reed of Chattanooga, drove down, picked her up, and the pair spent three days in Dalville, Virginia, with their aunt, Ann Fite, and Ann's daughter, Joyce Daniels.

Jeff Scott of Valley Head and his horses took top honors in Ider on Mule Day. Classes won by Jeff included Champion Draft Stud or Gelding, Best Draft Stud (over/and under 3) and Best Draft Mare (over 1 and under 3). As a former Tennessee Walking horse exhibitor and trainer in hometown of Selma, I know the hours Jeff had to have put in to win these honors. Way to go, Jeff!

Another Valley Head "Jeff" bringing home honors is Jeff Wright who is consistently placing in the Pony B division on the Shiloh Thunder Mountain Speedway. This guy is a car-driving superman!

For all you young mothers out there, please note that the Pre-School Story Hour at the DeKalb County Library in Ft. Payne is on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. for children ages 3-5. Call 845-2671 for information. Just another great service of the county library.

On Sunday, October 2, at 10 a.m., Brother Marlon Williams and wife Brenda, and family will be honored by the Mentone Revival Center congregation and friends on Pastor Appreciation Day. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service, and covered dishes are welcome. For further information, you may contact Brenda Keith at 634-4229.

Homer and Bernise Crow are back briefly at their lovely brow home in Mentone after a fabulous trip to Alaska and now visits to Chattanooga. (See Bernise's "Country Journal" column for details.)

Joe Stephens has had visitors from Birmingham—his niece Agnesia and her husband, Bobby Stephens, along with Louise, Joe's brother Clarence's widow. They went to eat at Shoney's breakfast bar.

Frances Rosario Blix has a new great grandson—Joshua Lewis Arnold, who was born on September 18, 1994. His parents are Beth and Bob Arnold from Seneca, N.C., and grandparents are Mimi and Lester Preiss of Gainesville, Florida.

Linda Lawton's mother, Ruby Blalock of Mentone, is going back to school! Because she is over 60, she does not have to pay for tuition or books, and she even received a grant for gas to and from school. Ruby is taking piano lessons, art, and literature/writing. Good for you, Ruby! Go for it.

Erma (King) McAdams is among the "Westward, ho!"

Mentone travelers. Erma accompanied her mother, Una Faye, to Las Vegas, where she was to attend a national convention of her company. The pair took a 13-day trip of some 4,500 miles, seeing sights all along the way. Among the trip highlights were visits to Grand Canyon; the Oklahoma City Cowboy Hall of Fame; Flagstaff, Arizona; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and they even motored into the fringe of California. The pair traveled mostly on I-40, visiting a total of eight states before returning home in Una Faye's Chrysler Minivan.

John and Hazel Tushall are enjoying a fall visit to their historic log cabin in Mentone. They traveled to Alabama from Barr Ridge, Illinois, where John has a metal panel business. Welcome back to the mountain, folks! It's great to have you return to Cove Road.

Jerome Stephens is flying from his home in Newton, Pennsylvania, for a visit with his father, Joe Stephens. Jerome plans to fly into Chattanooga and be met by Joe and Yvonne Blalock. He will come to Mentone to borrow Joe's station wagon in order to drive to a professional meeting in North Carolina. Jerome then plans to return for a visit to his father's lovely brow home in Mentone.

Ken and Elaine Dobbs recently took her mother, Carrie Ruth Kirby, and aunt Catherine Bailey to visit their sister Sarah Harris in Cleveland, Tennessee. From there, the Dobbs' drove on to Gatlinburg, Tenn., for a short vacation before returning to Cleveland and then back to Mentone.

Sherman and Mickey Gough, along with Jack and Olive Jones, took the latest Julene Tour to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. For four days, they and 37 other vacationers, took in shows such as the Gatlin Brothers, Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, and the Carolina Opry. The trip also included a bus tour of the historic city of Georgetown. As if they haven't tripped enough already, the Goughs are off to visit friends in Marble, North Carolina. The group plans to be in Helen, Georgia, for the Octoberfest next week. When Sherman and Mickey return to Mentone, they will host both the Payne-Annis reunion (Mickey's family) and the Gough reunion (Sherman's people) during the middle of October.

Early in September, Daniel C. and Sharon Blanton of Rome, Georgia, visited his sister, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, and attended the fire department's annual barbecue. Friends, James Exline, wife, and son, of Marietta, Georgia, spent September 4th with Marilyn before heading the next morning to Boaz for a shopping spree prior to returning home that afternoon.

Friends were rejoicing recently when Dowe Clifton and Billy Cash were baptized. Dowe took part in the service at the Seventh Day Adventist church in Willdwood, Georgia; and Billy was a part of the services at the Mentone Revival Center.

Jack Jones was put out of commission recently when one of his mules ran away with the wagon and slammed Mentone's cowboy into a wood splitter. Jack sailed out of the wagon and onto his head and back. OUCH!

Missy White, owner of the Rock Castle Cafe in Hammondville, Terri Browder of Mentone, and Glenda Self of Valley Head, were recently featured in the *Times Journal* "Meet Your Neighbor" front page series. The Ft. Payne paper knows good folks when it sees them!

Speaking of tripping! Linda Kilgore and Bill Patterson recently took the trip of a lifetime—to Costa Rica! The couple flew first class (what else?) straight from Atlanta to Costa Rica. Linda reports that the main features of the tiny republic are beautiful countrysides, fields of banana, coffee, and pineapple, beautiful beaches, six volcanoes (two active), many fertilizer plants, and the lack of a middle class (either rich or poor). Linda and Bill saw a hotel that was an exact replica of "Tara" in "Gone With the Wind." Linda says the main foods of Costa Rica are black beans, rice, and fish, but there are several fast-food restaurants there: Pizza Hut, McDonalds, and Burger King. The friendly natives are light-colored and beautiful with black hair. There are no washing machines or clothes dryers. Also, except in hotels, the couple found no indoor plumbing. (Whoa!) During the fall, Linda reports, the Costa Ricans

bring people from the nearby countries of Honduras and Nicaragua to harvest the coffee beans. The schools of Costa Rica run on a two-session day, and all the students wear uniforms. Linda and Bill are already planning a return trip to the tropical paradise!

John and Charlyne O'Rear recently attended the annual Stowe engine and a tractor pull competition in Boonville, Missouri. Charlyne, MAPA's Festival Chairman, is already planning a similar event for Mentone's festivals!

Tara Fabbus (8) of Mentone, and Roasie Owens (6) of Valey Head, provided the winning weather art used in recent editions of the *Times Journal*. These are two talented young ladies. A big "high five" to Tara and Roasie!

George and Hattie Lide have returned to Mentone from a trip to Pittsburg to see their daughter Carol and her family: Doug, Michael, and Dana Aleski. Let the good cooking begin, Hattie, and remember, "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," (to next-door neighbors, especially!).

Linda (Ellis) Villalpando and new husband Frank are delighted that his minister mother, Lenor, of San Antonio, Texas, has moved her Church of God to Collinsville. I had the pleasure of visiting with Lenor at Frank and Linda's wedding reception. This is one smart lady!

If brother Don Brock and Yvonne seem to have a pinkish glow, it's because they're so proud of their new granddaughter Morgan Marie. Parents are Kevin and Connie McElhaney of Mentone. Fraternal grandparents are Hoyt and Treva McElhaney. Ruby Brock is the great grandmother. Morgan was born September 10, at 3:11 p.m., in Ft. Payne BMC, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. She is lucky to have big sister Megan Reed (2) to help take care of her.

Deepest sympathy to Charlyne O'Rear's father, Charles Keyt, upon the death of his sister's husband in Old Hickory, Tenn. Charlyne took her father to the funeral of his brother-in-law who died at age 84 of a massive heart attack.

Keep Mary Crow in your prayers as she recovers and goes through therapy for the broken hip that had to be replaced following a recent fall outside at her home.

Mrs. Frank (Lucille) Blalock died recently after suffering a sudden and massive heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and Yvonne Blalock, and other family members, at this difficult time.

George and Hope Walker have returned from their Alaska trip, and it's good to have them home in Mentone. (See Bernise's column for further details of their adventures.)

Dolas Bain and his son Dale have returned from a trip to Germany and Normandy Beach. Dolas came ashore 50 years ago as part of the invasion of the American Troops in World War II. This was a time for remembering comrades who did not survive the Normandy Invasion.

Jim Crowe of Modesto, Calif., visited with his father, Rev. Edmund Crowe September 23-29. Jim's daughter Starla, former Moon Lake student, has recently enrolled in a Christian school in Modesto.

Sid Bosworth is back at the nursing home in Scottsboro after a bout in the hospital with pneumonia.

There is a favorite poem of mine I used in my teaching of English; and, in closing, I want to share it with you.

The Bridge Builder
An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
Through which was flowing a sudden tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sudden stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, next,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide—
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, into the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way:
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

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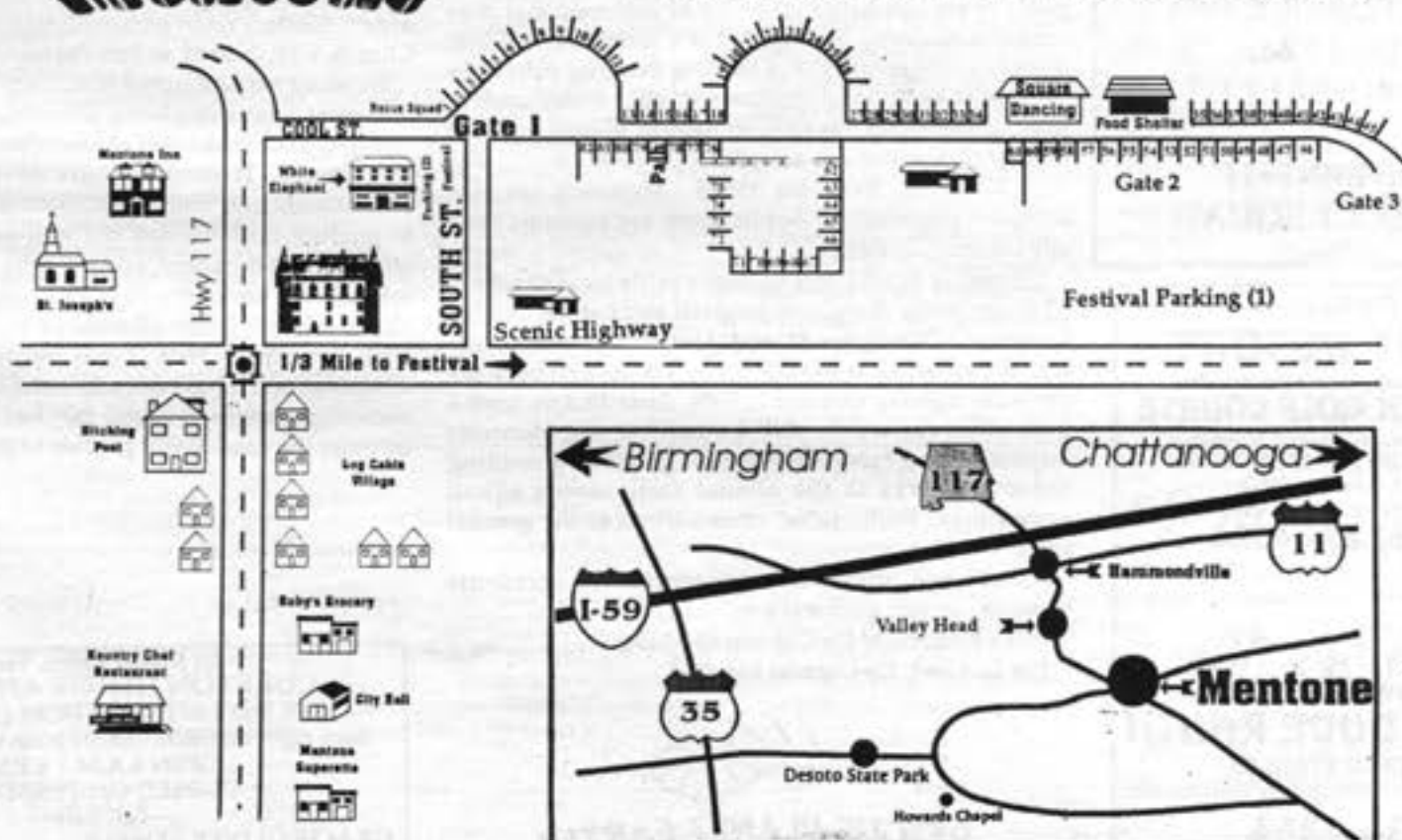
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By Mike Kenamer

DeSoto Rescue Squad Receives
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DeSoto Rescue Squad has received authorization to operate the semiautomatic defibrillator purchased earlier this summer. Although the process of licensure took longer than anticipated, the squad is excited about its availability and will put the unit into service October 5, 1994.

The device, which is used to shock a heart back into a normal rhythm, was purchased as a result of three very generous donations received within two months of the mention of the availability of the device in an earlier "Groundhog" article.

Training with the device is scheduled for October 4. The defibrillator will also be on display at the Mentone October Colorfest. Please do drop by and see us. Not only will we display our defibrillator, we will also be sporting our new squad uniforms. Uniforms are purchased by each member, while the squad provides the rescue squad patches. We think you'll like our new look.

The defibrillator (\$3,751.48) was the largest purchase of the summer, but many items were added to the squad's arsenal of lifesaving devices. A basket stretcher (\$199.00) was purchased for patient evacuation over rough terrain. In addition, a ladder was purchased from Fibertart. Ladders have many uses in rescue, and the one purchased fits ideally on the rescue truck.

The 4x4 Suburban purchased for rough weather use was paid off (\$1,541), and \$309.13 was spent in repairs and improvements to the building and for truck maintenance. Six new pagers (\$479) were purchased, as was a new battery and charger for an existing radio (\$179). Several items of medical equipment and supplies were purchased including a vacuum splint kit (\$220), which will more comfortably splint an extremity in the position found without need for manipulation. Disposables were purchased totaling \$118.25. Some of these disposables were purchased to replace non-disposable equipment that has been "lost" at local and area hospitals. Disposable equipment can be used at a considerable cost savings to the squad.

As you already know, the squad is anxious to serve you. If we can buy a piece of equipment that may someday ease your pain or that of a loved one—we will. If we can take some type of training that may help us be in a better position of service—we will. Unfortunately, most of the things we need to help us to help you cost money. Donations are accepted year-round at P.O. Box 213, Mentone, Alabama 35984. Members are also accepted year-round. Applications are available from any current member.

Upcoming fundraisers include a raffle for a Mossburg 12 gauge pump shotgun to be given away at the October Colorfest. Tickets are \$1 each and available from any squad member or at the Colorfest. We are also having a car wash Sunday, October 2, 1994, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The car wash will be held at the Mentone Superette and funds raised will go toward sending representatives to the annual state rescue squad convention. Raffle ticket sales will go to the general fund.

As autumn approaches, potential for accidents increases, so stay alert and safe.

Mike Kenamer, Co-Captain 634-4484

Jim Gaylord, Co-Captain 634-4535



RESCUE PLANET EARTH!

HOME SCHOOLING - A CHOICE

By Evelyn Graves

As parents plan for their children's education, they explore the different avenues of learning, and make what they feel is the best choice for their own children. The majority of parents in the local community choose to send their children to the public school that is available; however, as Gary and Michelle Moore planned and prayed for the best solution for their children's education, they felt that home schooling was the best choice for them. Meredith, age 6, and Micah and Michael, age 4, are being taught on their own levels in a comfortable environment for them—their own home.

When asked the question, "Why did you choose home schooling?" Gary replied that it allows the maximum participation of the parents in their child's education. It provides a one-on-one relationship with each child to address his or her particular needs. It permits the freedom to use an expanded curriculum to challenge the child academically. It grants the opportunity to ensure that each child receives a "Christian" education instilling "Christian" values that he or she would not normally receive in traditional schooling. Also, statistics prove that home schoolers often score much higher on achievement tests. Home schoolers are also turning out many of our top professionals today.

How does the school operate? In the case of the Moores, Mom is the teacher, and Dad serves as principal and substitute teacher. A lesson plan is developed for each day's activities, and followed.

What curriculum do you use? Michelle explains that their primary curriculums are A Beka Books and Bob Jones University Press. She adds that they also use other supplemental material.

What extra-curricular activities do you provide for your children? The answer is that they are involved in field trips with other home schooling groups, they have piano and voice lessons, and they participate in sporting activities in the community, like T-ball.

What accountability do home schooling families have? Gary states that Alabama law requires each home schooling family to be a member of an "umbrella" school group. Each group provides for required testing, sees to it that an approved curriculum is used, and makes sure that the required hours for each day and the number of days each school year are fulfilled.

What is the greatest challenge of home schooling? Both Gary and Michelle feel that meeting the academic needs of three children who all have different learning styles is the greatest challenge.

What home schooling groups are available in this area? Grace Presbyterian Church and Faith Baptist Church, both located in Fort Payne.

To wrap up the interview, Gary made an overall statement concerning home schooling, "We both believe, strongly, that parents are accountable for their children's education. It is our desire to provide the best environment and training (academically and spiritually) to produce well-rounded and well-prepared children. I attended public school, and my wife attended Christian school. We know the pros and cons of both systems. Home schooling has allowed us to choose the best of both systems. This is our second year of home schooling, and it has been successful and rewarding. We encourage parents to realize they have this option and to consider the value it will provide to their child."

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The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

NEWS FROM THE ROAD

Well, here we are! Where is here? Portland, Oregon, visiting daughter Janet and Son-in-Law Bob Hamilton.

Those of you, gentle readers, who have traveled the byways of this country in a small (14 ft.), or maybe not so small, trailer know full well all of the pitfalls and all of the things that can go wrong. So, I'll not embarrass myself by reciting the mistakes and goofs. Needless to say, we survived all of them; and, after 3300+ miles, we are here. The trip has been just grand, and we were ever so thankful to be off the road and out of the car when we arrived here yesterday (September 23). We elected to travel the two-lane backroads to see more of the real countryside and ignored the interstates for most of the trip.

On our way out of Saint Louis, we found "The Great River Road," which parallels the Mississippi River and had some really wonderful views. This great road wound over and around the hills of eastern Missouri and led us to Hannibal, the site of the Tom Sawyer books. It's a pleasant little town and has retained some of its late nineteenth century appearance, which is quite charming.

Out of our camp, on the shores of Mark Twain Lake, we were on some real back roads. A sign along the road proclaimed: "Paris 12 miles and Florida 2 miles." Ten miles further along another declared: "Paris 2 miles, Mexico 10 Miles."

All across northern Missouri and northern Kansas we were on US 36, a really, neat road--lots of small towns, which were still as they had been early this century. There was very little traffic on the road, so we enjoyed the drive and still made as good time as if we were on the interstate. North Kansas is very different terrain from south or middle Kansas, but there is a great sameness to it. We concluded that, to paraphrase an old Westinghouse slogan, "progress is our most important problem." We'd drive for hours at 55+ mph, and it looked like we hadn't gone anywhere. Mommie, are we there yet?

Halfway through Kansas, we decided Nebraska had to be different; so north we went, then turned west and on to Ogallala. There, in those hilly plains, is a big, beautiful lake with white sand beaches and a really great campground in a state park. There was our home for the night. Off to the west, a storm was brewing; and we could see it at the horizon. One thing that can be said for the plains country, there is nothing to interfere with your view of the horizon. Watching that storm approach was fascinating. Clear, blue sky all around and above us; and, yet, there, unmistakably, was the storm, complete with rain streaks and lightening. We watched it for well over half an hour, and then our sky darkened and looked evil, the wind picked up, the rains came, and we retreated to our cozy little nest on wheels. Later, we hear that wind gusts reached 70 mph.

All the next day, the wind just whistled and the sky was blue and clear. At Scottsbluff, we decided we'd had enough of that wind so we holed up in a really special little city park. It had a small campground on the shores of the North Platte river and a small zoo. Where else in this country could you go to sleep listening to the soft call of the tigers?

Somewhere along the line, we discovered that we, unintentionally, had been following the Oregon Trail. I think it was the Scottsbluff National Monument where that realization occurred. The bluffs were a significant milestone for the pioneers on the Oregon Trail--the bluffs marked the end of the first third of the journey.

On the way to Yellowstone National Park, we stopped in Cody, Wyoming, and toured the Buffalo Bill Historic Center. There is a wonderful collection of western art by some of the most well-known artists (Thanks for the tip, Harol.), a fabulous museum of firearms placed there by Winchester Arms Co., and, of course, the Buffalo Bill Museum.

What can be said about Yellowstone that has not already been said? I'll say, only that it is a place not to be missed. Buffalo, elk, geysers, blurring mudpots, and awesome scenery combine to make it a very special place. I'll add that the night we spent there was the coldest in the nation, 24°F. All you trailer travel folks know perfectly well what happened. At national parks, there are no hookups. If you don't have it, you better find out how to do without it. We had water, propane, and a battery. Sometime during the night, the battery gave up; and, of course, without electricity, the furnace ceased to work. Needless to say, we were cold by morning! Our morning walk justified everything. Do you know that famous Ansel Adams photo of El Capitan with the full moon? I've often wondered how that photo was made. On our early morning walk in a frosty meadow, there was the bright full moon in the west next to a mountain, and the sun not quite risen over the eastern horizon. A perfect picture, and we didn't have our camera--oh, sob!

All this history of the pioneers and Indians reminds me of a story. It seems there was an exceptionally smart and ambitious young Indian lad who was very eager for college education. The elders of his tribe decided to help him and managed to acquire sufficient money to send him to the state university where he earned a degree in electrical engineering. On completion of his education, he returned home and asked what he might do to repay everyone's kindness. The tribal elders talked among themselves and decided it would be nice to have electricity in their bathrooms. Our young man readily accomplished that; and, thus, became the first Indian to wire ahead for a reservation. (Get it??)

Ah, well, folks you knew it had to happen. Thanks for your time, nice people. See you next month with a continuation of the adventures of Bill and Sue on the Road.

Bill and Sue's articles were faxed from Portland, Oregon, to the Little River Hardware in Mentone, so that the readers would not miss out on their columns. The Groundhog staff is happy to see that both writers were able to get their columns in time for this issue. Thanks, Bill and Sue!



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Hello from Oregon! Bill and I are having a great time, and I thought I would share a couple of recipes I found in a cookbook titled, "The Oregon Trail Cookbook." No, I am not really going to give you recipes for pemmican and hardtack, but they are there; and if you really want them, I can give them to you. Since it is still apple season, and I have had recipes from Norway and Sweden for apple goodies, I decided to try you out on Apple Kuchen from Germany and Szarlotta (Polish for Apple Cake). I haven't had a chance to try these, but they both sound wonderful. Enjoy, and while you are in your nice comfortable kitchens, appreciate the fact that you are not crossing this wonderful country in a covered wagon and trying to keep family together.

Apple Kuchen

2 C apples, peeled and chopped	1 C shortening
1 C granulated sugar	2 tsp cinnamon
1 C buttermilk	2 eggs, beaten
1/2 C brown sugar	1/2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp soda	
2-1/2 C flour	

Mix together the dry ingredients. Add soda to the buttermilk, and add to the dry ingredients along with the beaten eggs and cup of shortening. Mix well, and add the apples. Pour batter into a 9x13 inch greased and floured pan. Sprinkle with topping and bake at 300°F for 1 hour.

Polish Apple Cake

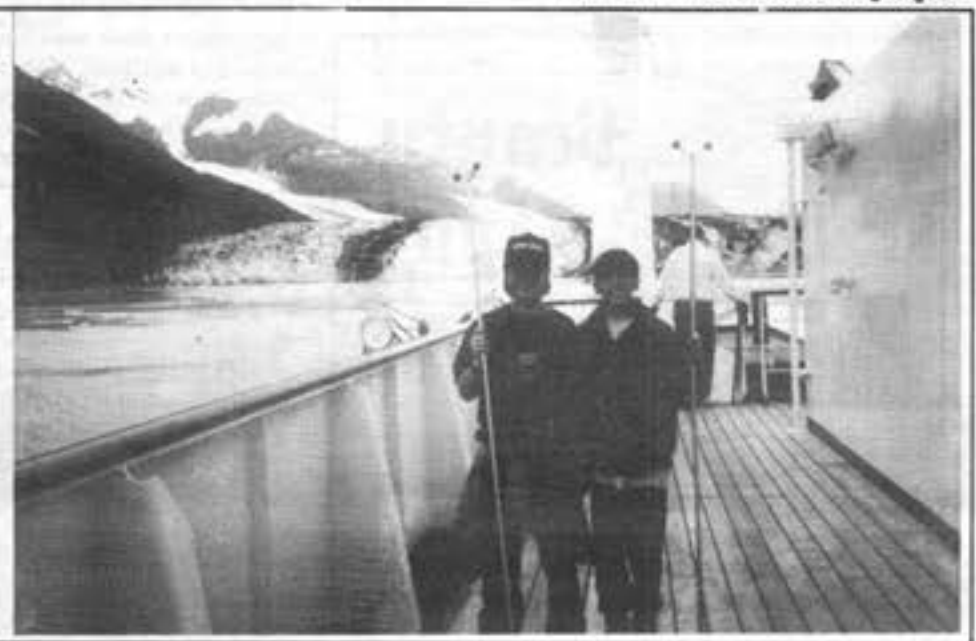
8 peeled, sliced, and cored apples	4-1/2 C flour
3/4 C butter or margarine	4 egg yolks
1/2 C sugar	8 T sugar
Several T water	1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp grated lemon rind	4-5 T sour cream
pinch of cinnamon	powdered sugar
pinch of nutmeg	
3-1/2 tsp baking powder	

Cut butter into flour, a little at a time, until mixture looks like cornmeal. Add egg yolks, sugar, salt, sour cream, and baking powder. When combined, chill dough. In a saucepan, cook apples with sugar and water until mixture thickens. Add cinnamon, nutmeg, and lemon rind. Divide dough into 2 parts. Roll out to fit well greased 9x13 inch pan. Place bottom dough in pan. Top with apple mixture. Cover with remaining dough. Seal edges. Brush top with egg whites. Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until top is golden. When cooled, cut into squares. Dust with powdered sugar.





Homer Crow - wilderness area on
Alaska Highway, September 1994



Lee Cooper and friend Craig on Noordom Alaska Cruise
Hubbard glacier in background - September 1994

Once again, we have been on a most pleasant vacation to our 49th state--the wonderful last frontier state of our United States. And again, we took our grandson, Lee Cooper, with us, which made the trip much more fun. George and Hope Walker took the same tour package, but reversed the itinerary. They sailed from Vancouver, B.C. to Anchorage, Alaska, and took another week in an R.V. to see more open country, making the trip to Fairbanks and back to Anchorage. We flew to Anchorage first and had a delightful week driving about 150 to 200 miles each day. We stayed in designated camp sites each night--and that was an experience we had never had. Lee got very proficient at hooking up the water and bathroom pipes. The first campsite was called Mountain View near Palmer--and what a view it was! When the sun rose, the high mountains covered with snow were a wonderful sight. It rained a little in the night, and that was the only rain we saw on the entire trip.

We were just outside Palmer, and we called friends of our daughter, Doreen and her husband, Jerry. The Taylors, Sam and Judy, lived in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, when our children were there. We drove by their home, which was only a few blocks away, and had a most pleasant visit with Judy and two daughters. Sam sells heavy equipment and travels to Russia often, which is only about 600 miles away. They have a lovely home and told us they would not live in any other place. Judy said there was less snowfall in Alaska than there was in Colorado.

We drove 144 miles on the first leg of our trip, following the Montonuska River to the Montonuska Glacier. This was a strange looking river, separating into many small streams because of silt pouring from the glacier--the glacier being the source of the river. Weather was perfect--cool at night and warm in daytime--upper 30s to high 60s.

We met some lovely people from Edina, Minnesota--the Jaegers, Fred and Joey, and their son Scott, who drove along with us. A friend, Phyllis, from New York, was with them. She helped me identify the bright rose-colored flowers growing in profusion on the roadsides. They are Fire Pinks, the state flower. Everything grows extra large in Alaska during the short growing season, from June to September. There has always been a lot of talk about the size of cabbage there, and it is no exaggeration. They weigh 40 lbs! One would make enough cole slaw to feed a family for two weeks! The flowers grown in gardens were twice the size of ours--tuberous begonias, zinnias, impatiens, shasta daisies, and dahlias, were huge and brighter in color than ours. They say the long hours of daylight in summer (20-22 hours) makes things grow extra large.

Our second campsite was at Tolson Wilderness, a beautiful area with a clear stream running behind our



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

motor home, sort of like the Smokies. Beautiful spruce trees grew here and all over the area. The black spruce is used for logs to build houses. There are white spruce and quaking aspen that are lovely. We enjoyed a walk along the creek bank, and saw that it was 10 p.m. and still just twilight.

We drove 244 miles this day and were tired. But we saw some of the most beautiful scenery we had ever seen. Around each curve, which still followed a river, there was a fresh new mountain peak--each seeming taller and more exciting than the last one. They were, of course, snow covered at the top and just indescribably beautiful. Some were darker and foreboding, looking like giant sentinels, others faced the sun and reflected in a lake that we could not capture on film in all its splendor. Oh, how I longed to be an artist and paint those majestic peaks! And to think--all of this in America--the United States.

The next day, we were in Fairbanks, a very nice modern city. It was good to have a day of rest--no driving. We caught up with news and walked in the morning after Homer prepared a good breakfast. Lee caught up with reading his teacher at school had given him to do.

Then, we took a paddlewheel boat tour on the river and learned a great deal of the history of the area from a tour guide on the boat. He told us how the log homes were constructed from black spruce, how salmon were caught in legal traps and cut and dried on racks to feed sled dogs. We stopped at a Cheno Indian village and saw sled dogs run with a woman driver who trained them. She ran them on straw, because there was no snow yet.

That night, we went to a salmon bake at an old gold mine site and enjoyed seeing old mining tools and reading about the operation.

The next day was spent at Denali. We visited Nenona Village, which is very charming and quaint, with a railroad museum and small shops built of beautiful spruce logs. Later in the day, Homer and Lee went rafting on the Nenona River. They had fun while I slept.

We rose early the next day to drive into Denali National Park and, hopefully, see some moose or bear. We did not see anything but grouse. We probably should have taken the bus tour. We were not allowed to go past a certain point. Hope and George took the tour and saw some animals.

We drove on farther to an overlook where Mt. McKinley is viewed. We sat with many others, hoping the wisp of white clouds would dissipate where we could get a clear view of the highest peak in North America. But, after three hours, we took pictures of most of it. It is a wondrous sight.

We camped and did some laundry at a camping area at Talkeetna. The lady who managed the store and laundry said that anywhere off the main road there was no electricity or telephones. She said they lived back a way and had a generator of their own to furnish electricity.

And on back to Anchorage. We got there early enough to drive to Portage where we saw the grandest glacier up to this point. We could get close to it and pick up pieces of ice floating in a lake formed by the earthquake in the 60s. It was pretty--the ice was packed so hard and for thousands of years that it gives off deep blue colors. The only animals we saw were in a park near the glacier--moose, caribou, and elk, buffalo, and musk ox. We had dinner with our friends, the Jaegers, at a good buffet restaurant called Royal Fork.

We met Hope and George the next day at the terminal in Anchorage, where we got boarding passes for the Noordom ship. They were coming in, and we were leaving! They tried to prepare us for all the wonderful food on the ship and great entertainment--but it was still a surprise! We rode on a bus to Seward to board ship, because there is so much glacier silt in the Anchorage harbor, ships do not anchor there.

We had smooth sailing for another week on inland waterways, stopping at Valdez. We saw Hubbard Glacier, supposedly the largest one in North America, in Yukat Bay. It was fascinating, beautiful, and yet awesome--6 miles wide, 90 miles long, and 2,000 feet high. We saw little of Lee on the ship. He found a friend from New Jersey, and they were kept busily entertained by a youth coordinator.

We made stops at Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan, where Lee went deep sea fishing with a friend from Boston whose wife was ill and could not use the ticket he bought for her. We shopped in Ketchikan.

Back to Vancouver where the boat docked and we boarded a bus to Seattle, and to our surprise, Hope and George called us shortly and were on the floor below us at the Hampton Inn, where we were spending the night! We had dinner together and compared our happy experiences! A great trip!

Sorry it's so long--and I left out many interesting things, but it was A GREAT TRIP!



Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

FALL FASHION FORECAST '94

I know it's a bit late, but "better late than never," right? This year, it seems that clothes have a better sense of style, clean lines--they're clothes with a certain understated sophistication to them. They are "real" structured garments...at last! With that in mind, it is easy to see why suits are an important part of the season's offerings. A good basic suit is a sensible investment at anytime, and this year is no exception. And, yes, we are still going to be seeing those boy/girl outfits--fashions taken from menswear--example: pinstriped suit with lace camisole, or beautiful white shirt/blouse with silk man's tie and even cuff links from your hubby's jewelry box.

Textured fabrics are injecting new life into this season's theme with an abundance of mohairs, cashmeres, faux fur, shearlings, and all sorts of fluff. These fabrics are used to make the whole outfit or used only for trim; but there's plenty to choose from, so feel free to try something in the newly-constructed "old" fabrics.

Hem lines are still up and down! The "modified-mini" (about two inches above your knee) seems to be the biggest favorite, but watch out! It's a tricky look to pull off without looking dowdy.

Brown will replace black for this season. Sure enough,

girls, that's what they say. I can't see that happening; but I didn't think poet blouses would catch fire the way they did last year. Don't throw away your "little black dress" just yet; let's wait and see about this one. If you're into color harmony, be sure you wear the right color of brown. "Cool people" wear pink brown; and "warm people" wear yellow brown (that's close to your face), OK?

According to all the "trade papers," the following is a top-ten must have to be in vogue this fall '94.

1. **The Smart Little Suit:** Fall 1994s polished, clean-lined tailoring is most noticeable here.
2. **Modified Minis:** skirts that stop just about two inches above the knee offer the perfect balance between micro minis and dowdy to-the-knee looks.
3. **The Kilt:** looks fabulous in everything from suede to mohair plaids. This look works well for a younger junior size.
4. **Vests, vests, and more vests:** with suede vests looking the newest, and elongated "under-the-jacket" looks giving suits a fresh "1994" feel.
5. **Pants:** from narrow to wide--from leggings to softly pleated trousers, they become Fall 1994 when they're added to a suit.
6. **A Slinky Slip Dress:** the perfect evening option.
7. **The Mid-Heel Pump:** looks newest with a rounded toe, often with a front buckle strap.
8. **Over-the-Knee Boots:** Hot, Hot, Hot, with everything from micro-minis to long legged leggings.
9. **Something Neon:** a coat, a smart little suit, an accessory, something!
10. **Touches of Texture:** mohair, faux fur, shearlings, something cozy!

Now, that wasn't so bad, was it? Be practical, check your closet before you make big purchases, pick out the things from the top ten list that best suit your needs and add only those things to your fall wardrobe. Many of last year's fashions are just as fashionable this season; or maybe, just need a bit of '94 added to them to make them right "in season".

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GIRL SCOUTS TROOP #1012 STARTED

The Girl Scouts have started a troop at
Valley Head Elementary. Members are
Crystal Bethune, Mandy Brown, Autumn
Cook, Jackie Davis, Latasha Edgeworth,
Sharree Jenkins, Penny McElhaney, Hillary
Nichols, Beth Shirley, and Ashley Tuxbury.

They have been working very hard on
projects for their booth at the 39th Annual
DeKalb Co. VFW Agricultural Fair to be held
October 3-8, 1994, in Ft. Payne.

Congratulations, and good luck
to Troop #1012.

MENTONE UGF CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

"Love Your Neighbor"

By Evelyn Graves

Volunteer workers for the 1994-1995 United Givers Fund (UGF) Campaign met with Mentone's Group Captain, Dallyne Jones, at her home on Friday September 23, 1994. The theme of this year's DeKalb County UGF Campaign is "Love Your Neighbor." The goal for DeKalb County is \$300,000, and Mentone's part of that goal is \$1,400.

United Givers Fund of DeKalb County is a local year-round, non-profit organization directed by a 33-member, all-volunteer board elected by the membership. UGF coordinates the annual fundraising campaign to support its member agencies and disburses those funds throughout the year.

UGF was organized in DeKalb County in October 1958, with a goal for that year of \$31,200. Audit figures for 1993 show that, of every dollar collected, 84 cents goes directly to agencies, 14 cents is used for year-round administrative costs, and 2 cents is used for fundraising expenses. Over 14,000 DeKalb County residents received services through a UGF-sponsored agency during 1993. The following agencies are supported by your contributions to the UGF campaign:

Alabama Easter Seal Society - DeKalb County Chapter; American Red Cross; Boy Scouts of America; The Bridge, Inc.; CASA of DeKalb County; DeKalb County A.R. C.; DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center; The DeKalb Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Fort Payne - DeKalb Rehabilitation Center; Girl Scouts of North Alabama; Hospice of Northeast Alabama; Mental Health Associations of DeKalb County; The Salvation Army - DeKalb County Unit; and United Service Organization (USO).

When you are called on by one of Mentone's volunteers, Becky Blalock, Blanche Jones, Kathy (Mrs. Gary) Crow, Flo Kirby, Marsha Hurt, or Dallyne Jones, please give generously. If the volunteer worker in your area of the community fails to reach you, please get in touch with her, or you may send your contribution directly to the DeKalb County Office: UGF of DeKalb County, Inc., P.O. Box 292, Ft. Payne, AL 35967; and designate that it is for the Mentone community. If you have any questions, please direct them to Dallyne Jones, 634-4484.

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Nancy Smith receiving plaque inducting her
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Nancy and Dewey Smith

MENTONE'S NANCY GOODWIN SMITH HONORED BY THE NATIONAL RACKING HORSE ASSOCIATION

By Dr. Pat Seymour

Nancy Goodwin Smith, 1994 entry into the National Racking Horse Association (NRHA) Hall of Fame, was born in Hueytown, Alabama, in 1940. She was an avid horse lover as a child, cutting out every horse picture and pasting it in a scrapbook that grew to enormous size. She began riding horses at Camp Winnataska at age six and finally had a horse of her own at age 17. Her love of racking horses began with Dusty, a palomino Walking mare.

Nancy met Dewey Smith in 1958, and they were married in 1963. They have trained and shown racking

horses for their 31 years together.

Nancy, along with Dewey, was one of the founders of the National Racking Horse Association. (Dewey was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982.) Nancy has worked diligently to support that association since its inception. Her training and instruction have led many new members into the enjoyment of showing horses in NRHA. Needless to say, one of Nancy's greatest joys is to teach someone else to ride and enjoy horses. She has been a real encouragement to both children and adults in working with and the showing of horses.

Nancy has a great love of starting a young horse and getting into the show ring. She has won 3 and 4 year-old classes with colts she has trained. She won the first Alabama State Show Championship in 1971 with Charmin, a 4-year-old Saddlebred who was brilliant to watch because of her extreme natural action. She has also won many championship classes at State and World Shows.

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HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat Seymour

SAFETY TIPS FOR TREE STANDS: Every year, deer hunters hurt themselves getting into and out of their tree stands. A little extra care and common sense can go a long way toward preventing these accidents. Here are a few tips provided by the Alabama Game & Fish Commission:

1. Attach the stand securely to the tree, no more than 12 to 14 feet above the ground. Going higher is extremely dangerous and rarely results in better visibility.
2. Use a safety harness made for tree stands. This is much safer than a rope. And, if you have a climbing stand, use the belt while climbing.
3. Always use a haul line to get your unloaded gun or bow into and out of the stand. Never climb or descend while holding a weapon or other gear.
4. Keep your tree stand in good condition. Examine it carefully before using it. Replace or repair any worn, missing, or broken parts.
5. Be careful not to fall asleep. This is a common cause of tree stand accidents. Never hunt from a tree stand after taking medication that may cause drowsiness. If you get sleepy, move to the ground immediately.
6. If you use tree steps, make sure they are properly aligned to provide maximum support and prevent foot slippage. (Note: Screw-in or nail-on tree steps damage trees and are not permitted in many areas.)
7. When it comes to safety, remember that you are probably a long way from help, and that there is always the potential for an accident in the outdoors. A little caution can only make hunting a much safer and more pleasant experience.

WHEN HUNTING SCRAPES, REMEMBER that dominant white-tail bucks will often "cow" younger bucks into making certain an area is safe before they will enter. So, if you come across a large scrape, don't shoot the first buck on the scene—particularly, if he acts as if he's trespassing. If the first buck behaves as if the scrape doesn't belong to him, a bigger buck may be lurking nearby, watching the outcome.

RISE AND SHOOT: White-tailed deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Many hunters hate to leave a warm bed at dawn, but when deer are disturbed by small-game hunting, stand building, and ATV traffic, morning hunts can be more fruitful. The deer have had hours to relax, and the hunter may have the woods to himself.

HARD-BOILED EGGS or baked potatoes, wrapped in aluminum foil while they are hot, stay warm for hours in your pocket, thus becoming very useful as edible handwarmers. Perfect for frigid mornings on a deer stand.

SONGBIRD FEEDING stations often attract predators such as hawks and housecats. You can help protect the birds by providing escape cover. Locate bird feeders close to hedges or thick shrubs. Where no natural escape cover exists, building brushpiles and placing old Christmas trees close to your feeders will help save birds.

DON'T GET STUCK. A recent study by Penn State biologist Don McKinstry revealed that all freshwater catfish will use their spines to produce puncture wounds that permit the entry of bacteria and toxins that can cause intense pain, infection, damage to nerves and tendons, and—in rare cases—cardiac arrest. One catfish, the common minnow-sized madtom, injects an actual venom into its tiny puncture wounds. As catfish anglers increase in number and the catfish-farming business grows, treating catfish wounds may become a larger medical concern. As first aid, McKinstry recommends that a victim soak the affected area in hot water and later inspect the wound for embedded spinal fragments.

I WONDER

By Bill Crane

First, permit me to correct an impression I made in my September article. I implied that no preseason number one selection in college football had ended the season as the champion. No sooner than my mailing the article did I see in the newspaper a list of Associated Press preseason number one's with those which were the champion at the end of the season marked. Would you believe that eight (8) pre-season number ones were declared the champion at the end of the season? I wouldn't, even if you did go back the 44 years the Associated Press listed! Four of the above 8 number ones was Oklahoma, with Alabama, Florida State, Tennessee, and Michigan State each ending as champion after being selected as the pre-season number one. Now, what year did Alabama end as champion after being selected the pre-season number one? I'll leave the answer to this question to your imagination. It wasn't the last two years, as Florida State and Miami were the pre-season favorites.

Who is really number one in college football now? Sports Illustrated thinks Arizona is, while the two major polls pick Nebraska and Florida. I can hardly wait for the season-end playoff to start. It is not supposed to start until January 1996, but I'm ready for it to begin at the end of this season. It is funny that other major sports, even high schools, have playoffs to determine champions, but not college football.

How good is the Arizona football team? I watched them play Ga. Tech on September 1, and believe you me, they are plenty good! They have two Emmitt Smiths in the backfield, and a Joe Montana for a quarterback! The game of the year would be Arizona playing Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, or Florida State. And yet, Ga. Tech should have beat Arizona. Tech would have won if the official had made the correct ruling on THE CALL. It happened right in front of me, and it was obvious that the Arizona end caught the ball, fumbled, and Tech recovered. But, the official says it was an incomplete pass. You could just see the spirit go out of the Tech defense. That's water over the dam now, so Tech must forget it and get on with business at hand.

While I'm on college football, what has caused the demise of Suwanee football? It is now called the University of the South, as you know. Ann and Bill Wright and Gladys and I, along with Dovie Rieff of Monteagle, Tennessee, our hostess, toured the campus one day last month. It is a beautiful place, with the most "educational" atmosphere I have encountered on a college campus. Bill Wright got to talking about how Suwanee used to be a football power. I told Bill that I doubted this since they had lost to Ga. Tech by 222 to 0. He said that it was not Suwanee which Tech beat, and that Suwanee was so good way back yonder that they beat Alabama several times. He didn't convince me until several days later when he showed me Alabama's football game history. Sure enough, they did beat Alabama several times before the Bear's time. Bill also told me who it was that Tech beat so badly. Do you know? I don't know why Suwanee deemphasized football after being so successful; but, in touring the campus, I couldn't help but think that, if I had toured it before selecting a college to attend, I probably would have gone to college there.

Will there be major league baseball next year? It has just been announced that there will be no more this year. I am disappointed, disgusted, and angry—to say the least! Why in the world didn't the players wait until the end of the season to strike, if they must? I am more angry than I am disappointed or disgusted. At this point, I hardly care whether we have major league baseball next year. Of all the sports, baseball has been number one in my life through the many, many years. From pick-up games as a kid, climbing the fence to see the Crackers (Know who this team was? A clue is that Country Brown of Trion played for them at one time.) play, to watching the Dodgers and Braves play, my main sports interest has been on baseball. I clung to the radio

to hear the likes of Dizzy and Daffy, King Carl, Stan the Man, and Leo the Lip play. It was a game then, and the players were happy to be paid to play the game they loved (Remember what Willie Mays said about playing baseball?). Now, both the players and owners have gotten so greedy that they have changed baseball to a business. The real losers in this baseball situation are the fans. The players and owners have forgotten that it is the fans who pay the salaries and other bills.

Where did I get the idea that North Carolina was the top college sport team last year? I have been asked this. I got it from the Sears Directors Cup Report (USA TODAY on 6/30/94). Each year, Sears does a study in which they consider how each major college team has done in all sports. They add up the points and declare the team that has the most the top college sports team of the year.

How good is the Enterprise, Alabama, high school football team? USA TODAY has included them in the top 25 high school teams this year. They must be good to be so included. How about the Tigers at the bottom of the mountain and Ft. Payne? Will they have a good year? It appears to me that the success of every sport team develops a sine curve over the years in that they are up a few years and then down a few, and this is repeated as the years go by. Will the Tigers and Ft. Payne be on the up part of the curve this year?

Bill Crane, Rt. 1, Box 46, Mentone, AL 35984



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GARDEN HINTS

by Madeleine Bullock

Well, Well, for most, the gardening and growing season is about over; but don't forget about collecting seeds from the spent flowers for next year and put out the brussel sprouts, cabbage, collards, broccoli, and spring flowering bulbs. Wal-Mart, at the time of this writing, is the only place that has them in now, and they have a wide selection of all at good prices, though I have seen lower in the catalogues. Don't forget that the brussel sprouts, like collards, need the frost on them first before picking for eating. It makes them much less strong tasting.

And that awful problem I had with the Japanese beetles has about come to an end, but not quite. I had a few this year, but nothing like the year before; and I gave thanks to Bt. I also used pyrethrin this year, and that was excellent. I used that bottle of spray called "tiger." It is pyrethrin and not as toxic as Diazanone or malathion. Bt is also good for mosquitoes and their eggs. Also, now is the time to spray Bt on the dead spots of lawn, as they might have the grubs underneath. You could make a spot check first by lifting the dead patch of lawn to see if there are grubs underneath. Don't forget that Bt makes milky spores when the grubs ingest it. Milky spores will then roam your yard looking for more grubs to feed on.

I lost most of my rose bushes and climbing roses this year due to the dastardly "fuller rose beetle." It is a nocturnal weevil about a third inch long and has a cream colored stripe on each side. Its larva look like a Japanese grub, but with brown heads. The grub feeds on the roots of the rose and girdle the stems (happened to mine), the adults chew on the edges of leaves at night. The plant turns yellow then dies. The beetles hide on twigs and in foliage during the day. Spray with Pyrethrum or rotenone laced with isopropyl alcohol. Also, use tanglefoot to trap as many as possible.

In the August issue of *Progressive Farmer*, there was an article about a cotton farmer that is going nearly 100% biological with his crop. He is using red wasps to attack the boll weevil. But he found that the wild wasps worked, not the lab bred ones, as they did not have the built-in instinct of the wild ones. The scent of the damaged cotton attracted the red wasps, who then proceeded to lay their larvae on the weevil, which made food for the wasps' larvae. That reminds me of the year my child was learning about the food chain.

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MENTONE RECYCLING CLIP AND SAVE!

By Fran Hawkins

As promised, below is a cumulative list of the area recycling centers, what they will accept, and, in some cases, what they will pay you in "cold" cash for bringing in. Clip the list out and save it. When you go shopping, to work, to school--or any trip--take your recycled

materials with you, and remember to support the local Boy Scouts by dropping off your recycle aluminum at their center next to the Little River Hardware Store in Mentone.



ALABAMA

Birmingham:

1. The Alabama Conservancy,
25th & 2nd Ave., North, 252-5011
Material Accepted: Newspapers, glass, aluminum, tin cans, computer & office paper, corrugated cardboard, grocery bags, telephone books, #1 and #2 plastics.

2. The Alabama Conservancy,
Eastwood Mall by Service Merchandise
Tuesdays, Thursday, & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Accepts same material as downtown location.

3. Shredders,
3353 - 27th Ave., North, 252-7223, Hank Wilson
Material Accepted: aluminum, tin cans, iron, brass, old cars, cooper, steel, radiators, zinc, (but no lead), electric motors, transmissions, old appliances (strip off all capacitors), water heaters, stainless steel, and most other metals.

DeKalb County:

1. Collinsville Recycle,
Downtown Collinsville, next to the railroad tracks, 205-524-2954, Oliver Hall, Manager
7 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

2. DeKalb County Public Library, Ft. Payne, Ala.
845-2671, Elizabeth Tucker, Director
504 Grand Ave., N., Ft. Payne, AL 35967
Normal library hours

Material Accepted: books - hardback & paperback, magazines - readable & in good condition.

Note: the library raises money by reselling donated books and magazines - a great way to help our regional library and clean out our clutter at the same time.

3. Wal-Mart, Ft. Payne, Ala. Wal-Mart has discontinued their recycling efforts due to contamination abuse by the public.

4. Wilborn Auto Salvage, Inc.
205-845-0797, Janet Wilborn
Valley Head Road, Rt. 5, Ft. Payne, AL 35967
Material Accepted: wrecked cars.

Huntsville:

1. BFI, 4704 Commercial Dr., Huntsville, Ala.
205-837-2670 (Memorial Parkway to University, west on University to Ardmore, right on Ardmore, then left at light on Commercial)

Office hours - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 12 noon Saturday.

Bins in front of offices available for 24-hour recycling.
Material Accepted: glass - clear, brown & green (separated); aluminum & metal cans, plastic bottles (#1 & #2, newspapers - included slick, glassy inserts & magazines, cardboard (corrugated) & computer paper - during office hours only.

2. South Central Recycle
2015 Vermont Dr. S.W., Huntsville, AL; 205-881-2362 (off Memorial Parkway just south of Airport Rd.)
Hours - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Material Accepted: South Central buys recycle material (call for quotes) - paper (no magazines), cardboard, aluminum cans, container glass.

Mentone:

- Boy Scouts Troop 106 - David Gilbreath - 634-4495
"Mentone Green" beside the Little River Hardware Store, Hwy 117, Mentone, AL 35984
Material Accepted: aluminum cans.



GEORGIA

Summerville:

Chattooga County Recycling Center,
Summerville, GA; Garbage Stockade 404-857-4516
Across side street from Wal-Mart (on US Hwy 27),
at the corner of Stockade and Farrar Roads
Hours: Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST
Saturdays - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST

Material Accepted: newspapers, mixed paper - junk mail, magazines, catalogs, school & computer paper (packed together OK), cardboard & paperboard - cereal boxes, etc. (packed together OK), aluminum - cans & foil (packed together OK), tin & steel (packed together OK).

Note: Center is attended, and help is available to unload your recyclables (except around the noon hour).

Trenton:

1. J & B's Recycling, 706-657-6962
Hwy 11, next door to NAPA, Trenton, after 5 p.m. EST
Material Accepted: Copper, brass, car batteries
2. Ingles Shopping Center, Trenton, Ga.
(take I-59 north to Trenton exit, take a right at the top of the ramp, Ingles is dead ahead one block.) 24-hour bins in the parking lot.

Material Accepted: Newspapers, plastics - yellow & clear milk jugs, mixed plastics (sort at site OK), mixed paper - junk mail, magazines, catalogs, school & computer paper (packed together OK), cardboard - flatten boxes, aluminum - cans & foil (packed together OK), tin & steel (packed together OK).

Rome:

Floyd County Recycling Center, 706-291-5266
405 Watters St., Rome, Ga.
Tues - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST

Material Accepted: glass*, aluminum* (cans, foil & baking pans), #1 & #2 plastics*, newspapers*, white & computer paper*, corrugated cardboard*, paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.), steel cans (labels OK), polystyrene (styrofoam #6 plastic, packing "peanuts", egg cartons, take-out containers), motor oil, phone books, paper & plastic bags, all types of books & magazines.
*They will pay for these items.

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga:

Orange Grove Recycling Center; 615-629-21451
460 Dodson Ave., P.O. Box 3249,
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST; Monday - Friday.

Material Accepted: Will purchase at current market price: aluminum cans, glass - food/beverage only--brown, green, clear, blue--sorted by color and rinsed clean of food residue.

Will accept for recycle: plastic jugs or bottles (#1 or #2 only), sheet plastic or chemical bottles, newspapers - clean & dry, cardboard - clean, dry corrugated cardboard, paper - office and mixed, steel cans - rinsed, no automotive oil/fluid. They prefer paper to be in one bag and other materials in another.

Others in Chattanooga:

1. TVA Drop-off Center
1300 W. 13th St., Chattanooga, TN 37404
2. Chattanooga Recycling Center
1250 E. 3rd St., Chattanooga, TN 37404
3. The Packaging Store, 615-899-8462
5940 Shallowford Rd., Chattanooga, TN
(right off Hwy 153), or call 1-800-828-2214 for the closest location.
Material Accepted: Plastic peanuts.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Moon Lake Baptist Church will be led by new officers and teachers as the new church year begins on October 2. The church has purchased new Baptist Hymnals. The JOY group will be going to Ellijay, Georgia, on October 4. There will be an Open House at the pastorium on October 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. On October 16, there will be a congregational singing in the evening service. There will be a trip to Cullman, Alabama, on October 18, to see the Ava Maria Grotto. Moon Lake Baptist Church will be the host church for Moon Lake After School Club (MAC) again this year. (See notice elsewhere in this month's Groundhog.)

On October 16, the Mentone Church of God will have "Fresh Anointing," a male trio, visiting in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The church will be serving meals on Friday, October 7, for both lunch and supper. The menu will be chicken and dressing with all the trimmings, and the cost is \$4.50 per plate. Deliveries will be made upon request. There will be a benefit singing on October 22, at 6:00 p.m. with "Georgia Gospels" from LaFayette, Georgia, and "Gloryland Travelers" from Mentone, as well as old fashioned choir singing. The proceeds from this singing will help to pay for a P.A. system for the church.

The monthly gospel singing at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy is the first Sunday night in each month. The first Sunday night in November, guests will be "The Kindlers" from Nashville, Tennessee. They are song writers and recording artists. The revival will be October 16-21, and the evangelist will be Leslie Porter. All youth are invited to a Fall Retreat on October 7-8 at Camp Boothe in Greenpond, Alabama.

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will be selling snacks and other food during the October Colorfest. Their booths may be found in the Community Park and on the lawn of St. Joseph's. Holy Communion continues to be observed at 12:05 p.m. every Wednesday. Sunday morning services are at 10:30, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church held their meeting on September 27 at the home of Velma Hammond. A Pledge Service and election of officers was held at this meeting. Dessie Newberry and Dorothy Crow provided special music in the morning service on September 25.

October 2nd is designated for baptism and the receiving of new members at the Mentone Wesleyan Church. Homecoming will be celebrated beginning at 10:30 a.m. on November 6. The service will be followed by a fellowship dinner. Revival begins on that same date and extends through November 9. Services will be at 7:00 each evening. There will be special singing at the services throughout the week. Rick Addison from Stuart, Florida, will be the evangelist.

Sixteen decisions were made during the recent revival at the Valley Head Baptist Church. The Church Council met on September 29 to plan the church program for the church year beginning October 1. These plans will be announced to the church on October 2.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church will present the North Alabama Gospel Singing Convention on October 7, 1994, at 7 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church will have Homecoming on October 2, with the main service at 10:30 a.m., followed by a covered dish dinner. This will be the beginning date of a revival, which will extend through October 5. Eddie Ray from Memphis, Tennessee, will be the evangelist. Nightly services are at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

There will be a singing at Howard's Chapel on Saturday evening, October 1, at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Union Hill Baptist Church experienced a wonderful revival, and its effects continue as people are making decisions and presenting themselves for membership. Twelve new members were accepted into the church during September. The Youth group continues to grow. They are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in the church fellowship hall after the morning worship service on October 2. The proceeds from this dinner will apply toward their expenses to a youth rally being held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, during their Christmas vacation. This will be a huge rally involving youth from many states. A Youth Council is being formed to help guide the youth in decision making, etc., which will include youth leaders and two or three people-at-large in the church. The church voted unanimously on Sunday night, September 25, to begin an expansion of the existing sanctuary and to add three new classrooms to the present building. This is to be done right away.

October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. The monthly administrative council meeting at the Mentone United Methodist Church will be held Sunday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, instead of 2:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. The UMW will meet at the fellowship hall on Thursday, October 6, at 2 p.m. Hope Walker will present the program, "Wholeness in God's Will." Catherine Bailey will provide the refreshments. The Charge Conference will be Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

At the Mentone Revival Center, Sunday, October 2, will be Pastor Appreciation Day for Rev. Marlon Williamson, his wife, Brenda, and their two children.

JOY

The meeting time for Just Older Youth has been changed to the second Thursday every month. New officers for the organization have been elected. Mrs. Eram Martin is President; Blanche Jones is Vice-President; and Anne Climer is Secretary-Treasurer. The meetings are open to the community. Anyone 55 years and older is invited to attend. New group captains have been elected to enlist new members.

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Rev. Curtis Flipppo, director of the Alabama Prison Ministry, and a former inmate with his mother, brought their songs and testimony to Mentone's Church of God of Prophecy on September 18.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE TO BEGIN

Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., the Community Christmas Choir began practicing at Valley Head Baptist Church. Devan Jackson, Minister of Music, is conducting the choir.

Those interested in singing with the choir, please plan to attend the next Monday night practice.

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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine Donahue

The first meeting of the Valley Head Woman's Club for the new year was held at Nippersink Lodge owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Disney. Nippersink in the Cherokee language means Little River. We are reminded that the first post office in DeKalb County was Anna Wakie located between Hammondville and Sulphur Springs and was probably named for a Cherokee princess, Ahnawake.

Dot Blackburn, president, presided; and Velma Hammond led the recitation of the Club Collect.

The theme of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs for the next two years is "Reflecting on the Past and Reaching Toward the Future."

Evelyn Graves gave the devotional basing it on Proverbs 5, in which we get good instruction being taught to be humble and take care of friends. Marsha Hurt closed with a prayer of thanksgiving.

The subject of the program was "Linking the Past to the Future through the Culinary Arts."

Jean Jones introduced the featured speaker, Judy O'Daniel, saying she is a teacher, newspaper columnist, homemaker, and an excellent cook with a good sense of humor.

Mrs. O'Daniel gave a comprehensive survey of food and its usage beginning with the Indians. The Indians cultivated most vegetables, particularly maize and beans. Colonists learned from them what wild animals to hunt and eat. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by 40 Pilgrims and 89 Indians with a bountiful harvest of vegetables and wild game.

She said southern cooking, like southern hospitality, has become legendary. Early cooking was done over

an open fireplace with pork and corn being the main staples. Later, the Franklin stove and the iron range came into use.

At this time, the general store was in its hey day. There, you could buy all necessities and some luxuries. The general store was also the social center, as people gathered around the pot-bellied stove with the cracker barrel near by, or in the summer on the porch. Spices and pepper were greatly prized, since there was no refrigeration. After this, the stores began to specialize, as there were green grocers, meat markets, grocery stores, and clothing stores.

In the present time, we have come full circle, as the super markets are reincarnating the general store and are rivaling them in the number and variety of goods, but are not yet social centers.

Fast food restaurants seem to be the wave of the future, there being 30 in Fort Payne.

Members renewed their pledge as Bonnie Barnett took the "Pledge of Membership." Guests were Judy Shelley and Helen Segreist.

Sue Hamilton attended the District II meeting of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs in Haleyville. Our club was awarded a state-wide prize of \$75 for our Homecoming Tea for Ralph Hammond, Poet Laureate of Alabama.

The hostesses, Gerry Disney, Sue Hamilton, and Maxine Wright led members to the dining room for refreshments and the social hour. The centerpiece of the tea table was a large, beautifully arranged basket of fruit around which was a myriad of goodies. A special treat was Sue's muscadine punch.

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Benny Campbell and Ann Wright



Ann Wright looking at her notes during her presentation of the program at the District II Fall Meeting on September 22 in Scottsboro



RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, September 13, 1994, at Nippersink. There were 24 members and six guests present, including Pat Shippey, coordinator of the Flower Show. Heather Nicely and Penny Lyday joined as new members. Hostesses were Gerry Disney, Betty Chapman, and Jo Beaubé.

Linda Brown read the Collect and Barbara Blalock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president, Ann Wright, passed out copies of the minutes of the last meeting. Gerry Disney gave the treasurer's report. She also explained that for the ways and means, the hostess would furnish a gift at each meeting, and it could be something you make, buy, or grow, and the members could take chances on it. A firecracker plant was won by Betty Hoyt.

Mabel Kirk, corresponding secretary, stated that she had sent several cards out to individuals in the community.

Lynette McCary, Special Projects, reported that the Sand Mountain Electric CO-OP offered to assist the garden club in a beautification project. Those projects suggested included the area in front of Ruby's Variety where the present sign sits; planting flower beds in Mentone, and cleaning and beautifying the post office area.

Ann announced that the registrations for the District II Fall Meeting on September 22 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 215 S. Kyle St., Scottsboro, Alabama, needed to be in by the 15th.

Volunteers were selected to assist in registering flowers at the flower show on October 1 and 2.

Pat Seymour led the group in singing, "Happy Birthday" to Ann Wright.

Following the business, Marie Dillenbeck introduced Benny Campbell, an Attalla florist, who presented the "Flower Show Study." Using the 39th Annual DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Show booklet as a guide, Benny demonstrated the various arrangements to fit the categories. He brought flowers grown in his own yard and gleaned from other areas. Benny has presented several programs for the garden club, and the members enjoy his demonstrations on the best ways to make flower arrangements.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, at the "Enchanted Gardens" in Mentone, owned by Heather Nicely and her husband. The theme is "Autumn Trails." The hostesses will be Bernise Crow, Betty Johnson, and Ruby Daniel. Betty Chapman will present the program "Chrysanthemums."

Nine members of the club attended the District II Fall Meeting on September 22 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Scottsboro, Alabama. They were Ann Wright, Marie Dillenbeck, Pat Seymour, Linda Brown, Barbara Blalock, Hope Walker, Marilyn Blanton Campbell, Heather Nicely, and Betty Chapman.

During the presentations, Joyce Bollinger, Director of District II, presented Hope Walker with a Certificate for her services as president of the Rhododendron Garden Club for 1991-1993. Also, the Rhododendron Garden Club was presented with a certificate for "Second Place - Yearbook - 30 to 44 Members."

Ann Wright gave the portion of the Second Time Around Workshop on dried herbs and flowers. She brought with her many examples of how to use dried herbs and flowers.

RIVER OAK GARDENS

By Ann Wright

Bill and I have made our home here atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama, for 42 years (cannot imagine living anywhere else with anyone else.) We have always tried to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of our place. Neither rain, snow, or sleet kept Bill from cleaning away vines, briars, and underbrush. Finally, came the planting of trees (every kind we could find that would thrive here). Next, we planted azaleas, rhododendrons, roses, daylilies, and my love--dwarf conifers. Some have their own garden, and some are mixed. Ideas came from some of the gardens we visit often. Biltmore, Cypress, the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham, Huntsville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and, especially, Callaway and Bellingrath. If only we were endowed by Coca Cola! The Agri-Business teacher at our local high school brings his students out for classes. He tells them they can see more different trees and shrubs here than at the arboretum at Auburn University. That figures. ROLL TIDE!

For the last ten years, we have been serious gardeners. I call it "fine tuning." I do most of the designs, and Bill does all of the planting. The rest of the chores and the "showing-off" are shared. The wild flower trails, the area along the river (Little River), the swimming hole, frontier type cabin, fern and ornamental grass gardens are Bill's "doing."

Do we have hostas? Not enough; but I'm working on it. The hosta garden is mine. Bill does have a few in the fern garden, and, of course, he plants mine. This is the fourth year of the hosta planting, and I'm truly excited about this venture. 135 different species and cultivars reside here. Most came from Mary Chastain's Lakeside Acres. Plans are to get really serious and bring this project nearer to my dream. Remember, the Coke Company doesn't pay the bills. What fun to arrange all the different colors, sizes, and textures. If we don't get it right, no problem. We do it again.

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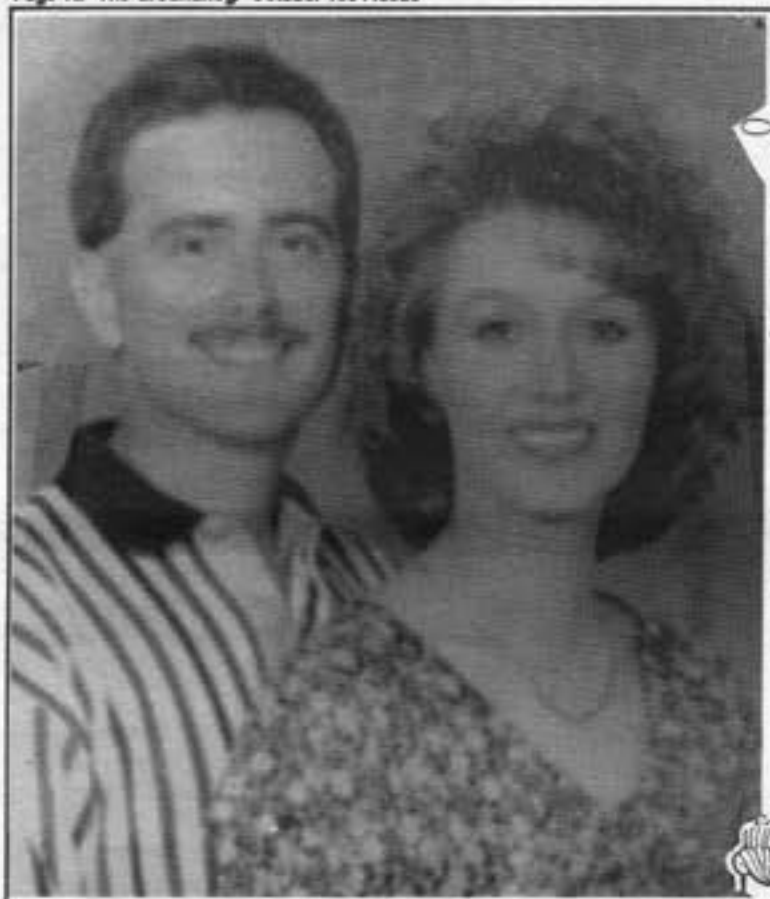
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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bain of Mentone, and the late Kathryn Bain, Ms. Flora Jennings, of Summerville, Georgia, and the late J.T. Simpson.

She is a 1987 graduate of Valley Head High School, Valley Head, Alabama, and attended Jacksonville State University. She is presently employed by Belk's.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Ms. Lee Rich, the late Jesse Rich, and the late Flora Hammett.

He is a 1983 graduate of Hokes Bluff High School and attended Jacksonville State University. He is employed by Norfolk Southern Railroad.

The wedding will be an event of October 1, 1994, at Alabama City Church of God Cathedral of Praise, Gadsden, Alabama. All friends and family are invited to attend.



Daniel and Kendra Stone of Mentone both celebrated birthdays recently. Kendra was 3 years old on August 18th and Daniel was 6 years old on September 5th, Labor Day. Daniel went to Amish Country for his birthday. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Danny Stone of Mentone. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stone of Albertville and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox of Sand Rock.



Mr. and Mrs. Wade M. Higginbotham

Susan C. Stack and Wade M. Higginbotham were married on August 27, 1994, at 4:00 p.m. at Sallie Howard Memorial Baptist Church, Mentone, Alabama.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Cox of Valley Head, and is employed at the Times-Journal in Fort Payne. The groom is the son of Mrs. Nora Higginbotham of Collinsville, and the late Milton Higginbotham, and is employed at H & R Incorporated in Gadsden.

Mrs. Sarah Graves of Collinsville attended the Bride as Matron of Honor. Mr. Randy Graves of Collinsville served as Best Man. Stephen Stack of Valley Head served as Ring Bearer. Michael Stack, of Valley Head and Jeremy Higginbotham of Collinsville served as Ushers. Miss Breon Higginbotham of Collinsville kept the Bride's Book.

The bride was given away by her father, Alvin Cox, and her son, Michael Stack.

The Honorable Paul Thomas performed the double-ring ceremony. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. We wish to thank all friends of the family for sharing in this happy occasion, and a special thanks goes out to Judge and Mrs. Paul Thomas, and Senator and Mrs. Lowell Barron.

After a honeymoon in Gulf Shores, the couple is now residing in Hammondville.



Happy Birthday to You!

Haley Elizabeth Saferite

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Sept. 16.

Haley is the daughter of Ronald and Karen Saferite Jr. of Mentone.

Grandparents are Sylvia Saferite of Fort Payne; Donald Saferite of Prattville; and Charlie and Nancy Brown of Mentone. Great grandparents are Mabel Flarity of Cloudland, Ga.; Edward Page of Fyffe; and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Ruth of Signal Mountain, Tenn.



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

TO BRUTUS:

All right, Mr. Braggart, you really flung down the gauntlet when you called me mongrel and a mangy beast!

I'll have you know I am a rare breed and no iota of mange would ever touch my lustrous spotted coat, and the bravest flea would never dare bite me! My valet keeps me clean and well groomed at all times—as for my name, I am glad to proclaim that my name is Buddy! What does that mean? It means that I am everyone's pal and buddy—except bill collectors, meter readers, and strangers. They have to be careful about trespassing on my property or I might nip their heels, and I might nip yours if you are not more polite!

As to names—what does Brutus mean—that you are a brute or just think you are? I proudly guard my place and my neighbor's place and receive so many goodies you would not believe—without begging.

The Valley Guard and Pal,
Buddy

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ogle proudly announce the birth of their son, Timothy Ray, born August 26. He weighed seven pounds ten ounces, and was twenty-one inches long. Grandparents are Wanda Ogle of Valley Head, Steve Chitwood of Henagar, Glenda Blackwell of Ider, and great grandmother, Mamie Chitwood of Henagar. I am sorry this item reached me too late for the September issue.

We have lost three of our oldest citizens: Eva Mountain, C.D. Bell, and Earl Phillips. They had good, long, and useful lives and will be missed. Sincere sympathy to their families.

I'm glad to report that Frances Longshore is home and improving after a stay at BMC DeKalb and the Fountain's after suffering a broken hip in a fall.

Barbara Palmer has had surgery at BMC DeKalb. We hope she will have a fast and complete recovery.

Sue and Foyl Cooper had a family Labor Day cookout. Enjoying the occasion were Peggy Gray and John Gray Jr., and Diana and Tyler, and Emily Alexander and Hannah, Sarah, and Mathew.

It's good to hear that Janie Longshore is much better.

Doris and Jim Carmichael spent the weekend with Emmy and Mark Ricketts and family in Tuscaloosa and attended the Alabama-Vanderbilt football game. They also visited their grandson, William Thomas at The University of Alabama.

Peachie and David Cearley of Irvine, Ga., spent several days with her mother, Laura Margaret Allison. Allison McGinnis of Florence, S.C., had gone to Spain to the university to study for her master's degree in International Trade. She is Laura Margaret's granddaughter.

I attended the seminar conducted by the author, Jerry Ellis, at the Fort Payne library, recently. It was very interesting.

Dr. Robert E. Ringer of Marianna Fla., and his granddaughter, Amanda, from Florence, Miss., were recent guests of his brother, Ed Ringer, and attended the reunion of the 151st Combat Engineers (Korean War veterans) in Ft. Payne.

Ed Ringer is the "travelingest" guy—as president of the Alabama Retired Teachers, attending district meetings—Thomasville, Al, Junior College at Enterprise, Central Community College at Alexander City, Teachers' meeting at Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Atmore, Dale County, in Ozark, where he was special speaker, then went to the Killian Family reunion in Newton, N.C. This is just part of his itinerary for September.

It is good to report that Essie and J.L. Downer are recovering at home after heart surgery at Montclair Hospital in Birmingham. J.L. had three bypasses and Essie had a pace maker installed.

Michael and Kendra Basham spent six weeks with their grandparents, Jean and John Jones. Jean flew home with them to El Cajon, Ca.

Geneva Smith is a patient at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, to build up her hemoglobin. I hope when you read this, she will be fully recovered.

Ruth and Bert Pickett have returned from a Tractor Pull at Booneville, Miss., a very interesting historical place, settled by Daniel Boone. They came back by Mark Twain Mountain in the Ozarks. They said the Land between the Lakes was very beautiful.

Alison Meadows had a 16th birthday that she will never forget. She went to Opryland in Nashville with her friend, Matthew Pass, and his family, from Rainsville. They went on the General Jackson river cruise, and the band played and sang "Happy Birthday" to her and presented her with a tee shirt. They went to the Alabama Band Concert and they led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to her. They enjoyed the Opryland Theme Park and ate at the Hardrock Cafe where they brought her balloons and a big strawberry shortcake with candles. Someone in that family must be very thoughtful!

The Sunshine Club had their annual picnic at Ruth and Bert Pickett's Out Back Inn. Those present were Evelyn Clark, Sue and Foyl Cooper, Gladys Cobble, Joe and Lillian Pickett, Jean and John Jones, Billie Harper, Karen Mark, Matt and Ben Freeman, Billie Pickett, Lillie Bowden, Becky and Casey Stott, Charles, Lynn, Sharee, and Dennee Jenkins, and Eloise Brown. We enjoyed singing by Sue Cooper and the Jenkins family. The Out Back Inn is an ideal place for work, hobbies, and entertaining. Bert collects caps. He has over 200 interesting caps that line the walls, and Ruth's canned fruits and vegetables add to the decor. When properly done, they are gems of the culinary art. Over the window, there is an attractive cornice board that says "Friends are Forever." So true! Nothing lifts the spirit like deeds of good friends and neighbors—like bringing you fruits and vegetables, putting up a new mail box for you, mowing the right of way in front of your house and down the driveway, calling to check on you—these things my neighbors have done, and I love and appreciate them so much.

I hope October bestows on all of us its usual inspiring beauty!

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Dr. Bill Berry presented Ann Wright, President of the Rhododendron Club, a Certificate of Appreciation for landscaping and for the sign, on September 19, at the Monday morning assembly. A plaque will be in place in the school. These presentations will be made each Monday to the "Heros" that have contributed to school. Present were the student body and teachers, Ann Wright, Linda Brown, Barbara Blalock, Carol Brown, Leader of Ecoteers, and Karen Wright. Peter Hurt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOON LAKE

By Evelyn Graves

Moon Lake School has a new kindergarten aide, Donnis Barkley. She is a certified teacher, and this is her first job. She is working with kindergarten teacher, Phyllis Sarratt, and 26 kindergarten students.

Moon Lake School is initiating a new set of awards for students and others. The first award, called The Moon Lake Hero Award, was given in September to the Rhododendron Garden Club. The Club had landscaped the school grounds with shrubs and flowers, and also provided the beautiful new school sign. There will be a plaque in the office, and a strip will be added each time an award is given. Ann Wright, Linda Brown, and Barbara Blalock from the Rhododendron Garden Club and Karen Wright and Carol Brown from the Ecoteers (junior gardeners of the Rhododendron Garden Club) were present to receive the award.

The Harvest Festival has been set for the evening of November 5th, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be various fundraising activities during the month of October.

The Alabama Basic Competency test will be given on October 4, 5, and 6, to third and sixth graders.

The school is very grateful to parents and other interested persons in the community who are working on the playground equipment. It is nearing completion.

The library renovation is also nearing completion with new carpeting, shelving, new encyclopedias, new magazines, new ceiling and lighting, and a new paint job.

Alan Crow, last year's baseball coach, came to the school and gave trophies to the fourth and fifth grade baseball team from last year. He also gave extracurricular awards.

Basketball season is beginning soon. Robert Childers will be the coach for this year.



SCHOOL LUNCH BUILDS A BETTER STUDENT BODY

By Evelyn Graves

You may have seen a bumper sticker bearing the above statement, and it may or may not have impressed you. After talking with Katherine Bone, Supervisor of the DeKalb County Child Nutrition Program, and after realizing the time and effort which have gone into the preparation of a program for good health and nutrition for today's children, I am very much impressed!

In 1993-94, the DeKalb County Child Nutrition Program in 12 schools served an average of 6, 256.12 meals daily (1,094,821 meals per year). 67 employees were responsible for planning and administering this program.

When we look at statistical reports on the problem of poor nutrition in America, we find that one out of every eight children under age 12 living in the United States is hungry. Between 1984 and 1991, there was a 42% increase in the number of children ages 3-17 who were considered overweight. New research shows that being overweight during the teenage years can lead to life-threatening chronic diseases such as heart disease in adulthood, even if the youngster ultimately loses the excess weight. These facts alone are enough to make us realize that today's children are a generation at risk. Lifestyle patterns relative to exercise and dietary habits are established during the elementary school years.

The Child Nutrition Program has done something about helping to alleviate some of these problems. It is offering students something new. It is called the BETTER BODY CHOICE menu. BETTER BODY CHOICE menus are lower in fat, so they can help students build a better body. the BETTER BODY CHOICE menu is also higher in the energy needed to power through the day.

Students, look for signs in the cafeteria that show you which foods to choose when you want to "MAKE A BETTER BODY CHOICE."

Parents, in addition to encouraging your children to look for the BETTER BODY CHOICE foods in the school cafeteria, try some family fitness. As a family, exercise is more fun. Try taking just 15 minutes out of a weekday evening for fitness. Make it a daily family habit. Take the kids out for a quick walk or bike ride. Or put a record on after the dinner dishes are done and get everyone up jogging, jumping, or doing the Bunny Hop.

Drop in at the school cafeteria and have lunch with your child. Just call the school office and let them know which day you are coming.

JOIN THE BETTER BODY TEAM!!!

MOON LAKE SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m..

There will be various fundraising activities during the month of October. Look for the announcements to come.



DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHILD FIND PROGRAM

The DeKalb County Board of Education and the Fort Payne City Board of Education are continuing with their Child Find Program through their Special Education Departments. If you know of any student, age 3-21, in need of any type of special education services, please contact:

OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

David Uptain, Coordinator
Special Education Services
DeKalb County Board of Education
P.O. Box 488
Rainsville, AL 35986
Telephone: (205) 638-4131

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Daphie Sellers, Coordinator
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Fort Payne City Board of Education
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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program offers free adult education classes in various locations throughout DeKalb, Jackson and Marshall Counties. These classes are provided to help anyone 18 years or older to improve his skills in English, math, reading, and GED preparation. Special assistance is available for the non-reader as well as for high school graduates who desire to brush-up. After successfully completing the General Educational Development (GED) Test, one can qualify for civil service, college entrance, technical training, job advancement, and armed services. Call the numbers listed below for more information. There is no obligation.

DEKALB COUNTY - CLASS LOCATIONS

Henagar Jr. High School Thursday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 657-4483	Ider High School Thursday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 632-2302
Crossville High School Band Room Tuesday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 528-7859	Fort Payne Middle School Tuesday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 845-8577
DeKalb Co. Public Library (Fort Payne) Wednesday 9 - 12 Noon Phone: 845-8577	Valley Head High School Monday 5 - 8 P.M. Phone: 635-6228
Rainsville Public Library Monday 9 - 12 Noon Phone: 638-3311	Upper Sand Mt. Parrish Sylvania Thursday 9 - 12 Noon Phone: 638-2126
Rainsville Public Library Tuesday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 638-3311	ADULT READING CLASSES
Ruhama Jr. High School Tuesday 5 - 8 P.M. Phone: 845-3377	Fort Payne Middle School Tuesday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 845-8577
Geraldine High School Monday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 659-2142	Crossville Band Room Tuesday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 528-7859
	Ider High School Thursday 6 - 9 P.M. Phone: 632-2302

For additional information call:
Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program
Coordinator's Office: 845-8577 or
Your Local Board of Education Office
(8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)

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PRIORITY #1:
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Can you believe that it is October already? Time sure does fly when you're having fun. October is always a busy month. Many festivals are scheduled to take advantage of the changing of the leaves. Other events are taking advantage of this last month of the year that we can be comfortable at outside activities.

One event that always happens in October is the DeKalb County VFW Fair. There is something for everyone here. This fair has won an award for being the best in their category for several years. It is a top-notch fair. A good way to get interested is to enter an exhibit. There are categories for any hobby you might have. You can enter items that you have canned this summer—beans, pickles, jellies, preserves, or, if you canned something not listed, there is a miscellaneous category. You can also enter a category of fresh vegetables. For this, you should pick up a "fair book." This book is published by the fair committee and can be found in many places around Fort Payne. This book explains in detail how to display fresh vegetables and many other things you need to know. If flowers are your thing, you are in luck. You can enter an arrangement or one specimen of horticulture (this is one chrysanthemum, one dahlia, one zinnia, one stem of holly, or anything you have growing in your yard). There is also a Junior Division for school age children. You can enter a calf, a lamb, or goat, a chicken, or a cow. (For a few years, you could enter rabbits, but I think they multiplied so fast they outgrew their space.) If you sew or do handiwork

or fabrics, there are numerous categories you can enter. You can enter paintings, drawings, and photographs. If you don't want to enter anything (by the way, you get a free admission to the fair for entering an item), please go at least one night. The dates are October 3-8 and the exhibits open at 5 p.m. Support your county projects. DeKalb County needs to know that Mentone is up here on Lookout Mountain. Sometimes, it seems that we get the short straw on lots of projects, but maybe we bring it on ourselves. Sometimes, we do seem to complain a lot.

The October Colorfest Festival is happening this month in Mentone, October 15 and 16. I'm sure there is an explanation of the events in this issue of *The Groundhog*. The one thing I want to remind everyone of is that all members of the fire department have tickets on a 1981 Oldsmobile station wagon for \$1.00 donation. It will be given away at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, at the festival. They will also be serving food, so look for their booth.

The citizens of Mentone are doing a good job of accepting the guidelines of the planning commission. Everyone who plans to build a new structure or make an addition to an existing one has asked for a certificate of compliance and filled it out to be approved by the commission. Most of them can be approved as submitted. The problem is signs—this includes banners and pennants. It seems that either permission to erect a sign is not applied for or, if permission is given, then the sign never gets taken down. A letter was mailed to all merchants explaining the regulations of signs, banners, etc. Maybe, we can print this in *The Groundhog* or something. It doesn't look good when the merchants (and one volunteer organization) are the ones not cooperating with the city. Look around your place of business and see if you are in violation with a sign, banners, or pennants. If so, take them down. This is for the good of everyone. A neat looking town projects a positive image to visitors and tourists.

Enjoy this beautiful weather and beautiful changing of the seasons on this beautiful mountain. Mentone is a beautiful place with beautiful people.



North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department individuals prepared barbeque for the hundreds who attended the Labor Day fund raiser. Approximately \$1,000 was raised. Left to right are Linda Brown, Eleanor Tate, Nita Hartline, Sanford Hartline, Robert Green, Milton Chambers, and Gail Chambers



NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

See any of the members for the raffle tickets sold on the 1981 Oldsmobile Station Wagon --\$1.00 Donation--

To be given away Sunday, October 16, at the MAPA October Colorfest.

Please, support them and buy a ticket(s).



The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO"
BLALOCK

THANK YOU

The Cloudland Volunteer Rescue Squad would like to thank everyone for making the Labor Day Yard Sale a big success. More than \$1,600 was raised during the day, selling yard sale items and baked goods. The squad would like to thank everyone for coming out and buying the goods and for all donations received. We especially want to thank several people that are not members of our squad, who showed up very early to lend helping hands. As the excitement wore down, these people disappeared, and we did not get to tell each one of them how important they had become to us during this busy Labor Day Yard Sale. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Cloudland Presbyterian Church. Don't forget, people who purchased portraits, the proofs will be shown Saturday, October 1, 1994. We will also be having a golf tournament at Saddlerock in Mentone, Alabama, on Saturday, October 1. Anyone wishing to play should contact Taylor Adams at 862-2793 or Ross Hegwood at 862-2227.

CLOUDLAND RESCUE SQUAD

Project:	purchasing truck and construction of building
1989 Chevrolet Suburban -	\$5,000.00
lumber for framing -	donated by Smith Lumber
metal for building -	donated by Menlo Lumber
Flag & pole -	donated by Woodmen of The World
Concrete for floor -	\$2,000.00
trusses for building -	800.00
electrical & plumbing	500.00
2 roll-up doors -	800.00
1 exterior door -	100.00
	\$9,200.00
Cash on hand	-4,478.48
	\$4,721.52

Lois Lyday, sister-in-law to Mentone's Jim Lyday, will supervise a gigantic yard sale Saturday, October 8, from 9 a.m. - until, in Cloudland Park. A variety of clothing items, all reasonably priced, will be available. Complimentary coffee and cookies will be served to the public throughout the day. Ya'll come, ya hear?

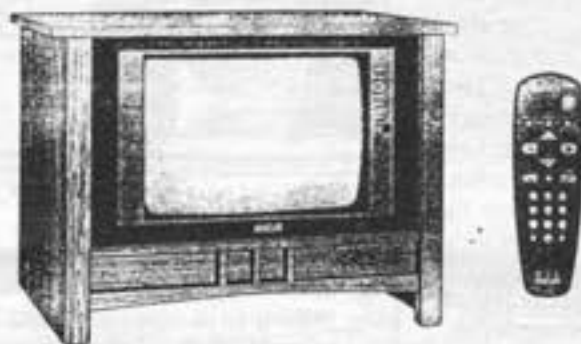
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MY PAP

My Pap was everybody's Pap, and everybody knew my Pap,
I remember as a little kid he used to sit us on his lap.
I have so many memories of this man, I don't know where to start,
He had so much of everything, but the greatest thing was his heart.

I think sometimes that God put him here for us kids
Because he gave us all so much love,
I think sometimes that God took him from us
Because he needed him up above.

My Pap came to my baseball games because he liked to watch me play.
He, I think, was my greatest fan, and I know he's watching me today.
He made me seem so special, and he gave me so much strength,
And I knew that I wasn't the best player on the team, but that's what he made me think.

He used to take us fishing, and wake us up at five.
We used to be so tired by noon, but he would make us feel alive.
It never mattered if we caught anything, it's just the way we always felt,
And if, indeed, we brought in a catch, Pap would give it to someone else.

He always put the children first, and let us run the show.
There's a part of him that no one knew, he never wanted to grow old.
I've seen this man work his fingers to the bone and never stop to catch his breath,
And I don't know anyone that's alive today that didn't love this man to death.

My Pap was everybody's Pap, and everybody knew my Pap,
And one last thing that I will never forget, is how much he loved his cap.
He was always giving us something, and I never saw him take,
And just one of the things that he loved in life was his ice cream and his shakes.

My Pap will always be remembered because with us he never forgot.
It's hard sometimes to live without him, but in memory he was the tops.
He gave us so much energy, he gave us so much joy,
Christmas will never be the same again because he was my favorite toy.

He would always take us when he peddled, and let us help in every way.
His truck would be full in the morning and empty at the end of the day.
This man had such a knack for this, but it wasn't the money that gave him the drive,
He just wanted people to be happy, and that made him feel so good inside.

For thirty years, I knew my Pap, he brought us happiness and love,
We've made him mad at times, I'm sure, but he would always rise above.
He could have been anything in life, for this man was never a sap,
But for all he was to everyone, thank God he was our Pap.

My Pap was everybody's Pap, and everybody knew my Pap,
It was more than a pleasure to be his grandson, he's a person I couldn't do without.
He may just be a memory now, but the feelings will always be strong,
For he left his mark on many lives, and in his eyes we could never do wrong.

C. Kirk

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Far to the north and the south it rolls on.

I'll sit on my porch swing and ponder.
The great strength that it seems to emit.
And the people who down through the centuries
Have lived here and walked over it.

One day soon this great Mountain will rumble.
When the Last Trump of God loudly sounds.
In grave yards the markers will tumble,
When Christ raises the dead from the ground.

Oh, if I could be sitting here watching,
As the Lord splits the Eastern sky.
Then I'd rise up just like an eagle.
And over this Mountain I would fly.

But today I'll just sit here and daydream.
Enjoying "Lookout" so beautiful and bold.
If the Lord should delay His coming,
I won't mind sittin' here 'til I grow old.

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God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. Psalm 85: 6-7

Wake us up, O Lord, revive thy people who are burdened down. Make us to rejoice in thee. Have mercy on us and grant us thy salvation. Let this be a prayer from the heart of each one. Yes, Lord, revive us again.



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SIGNATURE _____

(If under 18 years, signature of parent or guardian is required.)

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() MEN	() WOMEN
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() 15 - 19	() 15 - 19
() 20 - 29	() 20 - 29
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COURSE: 5-K - Begins at the front entrance of craft show site through the show, turn left at road, and up the hill on Scenic Road to the "Lee Crow" home, then back down Scenic Road to front gate again. **ROUTE WELL MARKED!!!**

MENTONE: Located on Lookout Mountain on Hwy. 117. Exit off I-59 (Exits 218, 222, and 231) between Chattanooga and Gadsden, Ala. From the east, through Summerville, Ga., to Menlo, to Cloudland, to Mentone, Ala.

12TH YEAR: This is the 12th year for the race. All proceeds go to the goals of MAPA, dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment and other unique qualities of Mentone. The race on Saturday, October 15th, is part of the "OCTOBER COLORFEST" which features ghost stories, music, and a bonfire on Friday evening; and on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, Crafts, boat rides, music, food and fun for all! **DON'T MISS THIS ONE.**