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1995 October Colorfest

The 1995 October Colorfest in Mentone, Alabama, is set for the weekend of October 20, 21, and 22. The Colorfest is sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA), a non-profit organization. The plans have been under way for some time now. Charlyne O'Rear, Festival Chairman, said applications have been sent to vendors and to individuals who are participating in the annual Groundhog Run, and publicity notices sent to hundreds of papers, radio stations, magazines, and other news agencies.

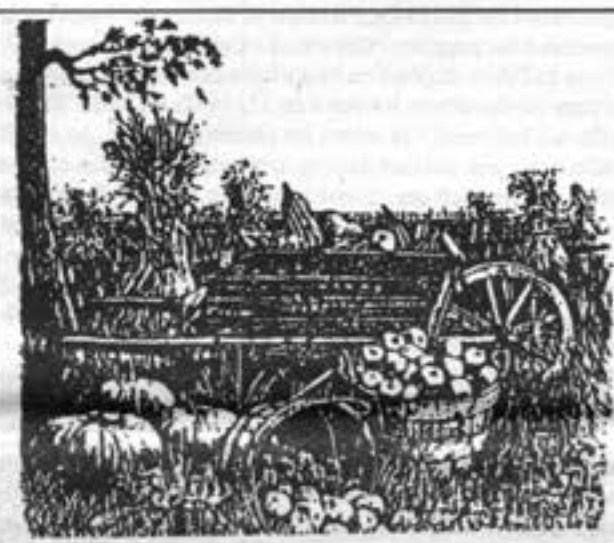
On Friday night, October 20, at 7 p.m., there will be a bonfire with ghost stories, and lots of extras. Jerry Waters, of Ancro, is in charge of setting up the bales of hay and bonfire on the square in downtown Mentone at the blinking light. Terry Hutcheson will provide the music.



Steve Maze

Steve Maze, a native Alabamian, will be telling ghost stories.

On September 6, 1995, by proclamation of Fob James Jr., Governor of Alabama, Mr. Maze was proclaimed to be "Storyteller of Alabama" for his contributions to the enrichment of our heritage. Mr. Maze, with his down-to-earth style of speaking, has become a popular featured speaker throughout the South and is well-known for captivating his audiences with stories of historic interest and charm. He has written a book entitled, *The Mountain People: The Real People Who Settled Alabama*, which is a



collection of fascinating and entertaining stories that provide important historical information and interesting insights into the trials and tribulations of the settlement of the south. Be sure to mark your calendar to hear Alabama's Storyteller and meet him in person Friday night, October 20, on the square in Mentone.

Throughout the weekend, there will be crafts, food and drinks, and entertainment on the Brow at Mentone's Brow Park. Riverboat John will be the featured entertainer, and with him will be the Old Timers back to charm the audiences. Riverboat John, who is from Blount County, Alabama, plays all over the United States. He does 1800s style songs, riverboat-era type songs, songs from the 20s, 30s, 40s, and 50s, and minstrel. Just a few of the places where Riverboat John has played are the Riverbend Festival in Chattanooga, the Dogwood Festival in Knoxville, Opryland, Disneyland, and Las Vegas. On weekends he does cultural shows. During the week before the Colorfest, Riverboat

John will be in Cincinnati for the Steamboat Convention; and the weekend before the Colorfest he will be at the Kettners Mill Festival in Tenn.

Others who will be entertaining at various times during the Colorfest weekend are New Generation Dancers from Mentone - 1 p.m. Sunday; K & K Kickers - line dancers, from Scottsboro, Cathy McCrary, director - 2 p.m. on Sunday; Hoot 'N Holler Cloggers, from Huntsville, Ann Sentell, director; Gospel singer Jimmy Whitt, from Scottsboro - 3:30 to 5:00 on Sunday.

Homer Crow is again in charge of the boat rides at DeSoto Falls. The beautiful autumn colors can be seen in their splendor from the boat as it goes up the river about a mile and a half and returns to the falls. The rides are \$2.50 each and tickets can be bought at the falls.

Mickey and Sherman Gough have been working for several weeks collecting donations for the quilt raffle. Lola Mae Blalock, expert quilter, made the queen-size quilt, which is the maple leaf design with a maroon border. (See the picture on page 2.) Donations are only \$1.00 each for this beautiful hand-made quilt that will be given away at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 22. You don't want to miss a chance on this quilt.

The Groundhog Run is under the able direction of Donna Bouldin. It is a 5K run up Scenic Road, and is to be held Saturday, October 21, at 9:00 a.m. John and Donna Bares will be the timers of the event. A ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. for the race winners. (See an application blank on page 23. If you would like to participate in the run, cut out the application, and send it back along with your fee.)

Y'all come and join the festivities.

Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Other Dates

• Tuesday, October 15, Valley Head Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry

• October Colorfest

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 20, 21, 22
Plan to attend the Friday night campfire.
(See information throughout this issue.)

• Saturday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.

• October 12, Columbus Day,
(Observed on October 9)

• Sunday, October 29
Daylight Savings Time Ends

• Tuesday, October 31,
Halloween

• Monday, November 6, 6 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting
Mentone Town Hall

• Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting, Mentone Town Hall

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OCTOBER MAPA MEETING

The Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) meeting was held at Nippersink on Tuesday, October 3, at 7 p.m.

The president, Bernise Crow, called the meeting to order, and Chester Crowe gave the invocation. The September minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given and filed.

Under old business, Jim Lyday gave his report on the electrical status at Brow Park. It was his recommendation that MAPA pay for the installation of a new electrical system at Brow Park to make it safe for citizens and vendors to use the park and set up with electricity, if necessary. The initial cost was stated as \$2,000, but that only covered one pavilion. After a discussion, Amelia Kirk made a motion to approve the cost of the installation of electricity to Brow Park, which was seconded by Charlyne O'Rear. It was unanimously passed by the membership. Jim Lyday is to be in charge of the project.

Festival plans were discussed. The Groundhog Run is coming along; vendors have sent in applications; and all other subcommittees are working hard. Entertainment was discussed. (See front page article in this issue.)

There being no further business, Jim Lyday, vice president, introduced Dr. Bill Berry, President of Moon Lake School, who presented the program, "Growth of a Community School." Dr. Berry had three displays on Moon Lake School. One contained a copy of the article written Feb 23, 1965, entitled, "County school's last stand," in which his picture appeared. An enrollment chart was another display, while pictures of the class of 2002 was the third one. Enrollment today is 136 students. This is the first time that Moon Lake has a teacher for each grade (K-6). Several new positions have been filled at the school, including a counselor, librarian, Title I remedial reading/math teacher, special ed. There is a family feeling at Moon Lake School, where the staff and students work together to help get high marks in the Standard Achievement Test (SAT) in the county. The 4th grade is rated as the 71st percentile. The school has increased the acreage of the school property by acquiring from Mr. and Mrs. Bell the property behind the school, so that a new lunchroom could be built. With all the organizations and families of Moon Lake students working together, Moon Lake School is here to stay. November 4 is their annual Harvest Festival, which is their main money making project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and refreshments served by Gerry and Ed Disney, and other MAPA members.

The next MAPA meeting is Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Mentone Town Hall.



THIRD BIRTHDAY

Emily Sara Purcell celebrated her third birthday Aug. 18. She is the daughter of Don and Patti Purcell, Austell. She has a two-week-old brother, Will. Grandparents are Doris and Paul Purcell, Trion, and Arnold and JoAnn Brown, Atlanta. Great-grandparents are Mildred and "Shorty" Wilkerson, Trion, and Margie Purcell, Menlo.

Friends of Little River Membership Meeting

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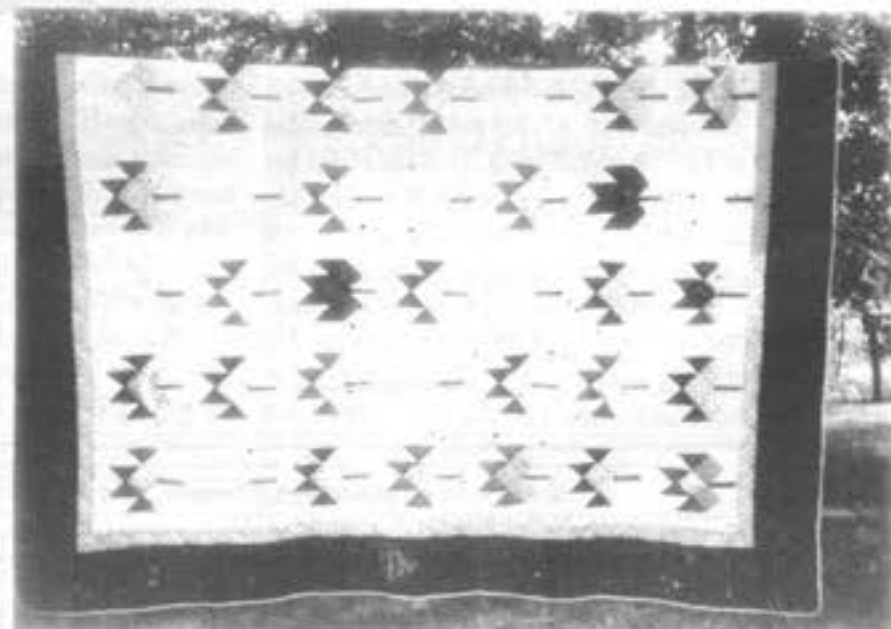
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BETA CLUB

By Shaunathan Bell

The Valley Head Beta Club is hoping for a bright and eventful year under its sponsors, Mrs. Patsy Sax and Ms. Rhonda Downer. It has already set up a fair booth and is hoping for a first place. The club is also continuing with two traditions started by sponsor, Mrs. Sax. The events are the Pie-in-the-face contest and an annual trip to the Beta Club convention in Birmingham. The Beta Club continues to pick up trash on its one-mile stretch down Old Valley Road. Everyone, please support the Beta Club, because you are not just supporting the club, you are supporting the community.

BAND NEWS

By Haley Johnson

The Valley Head Marching Band started the marching season with Band Camp (July 31st-August 4th). The show songs are: opening - Barcelona; drum feature - Bob Goes To Baja; Speak-Up Mambo - featuring color guard; and closing, Desperado. The officers are: Drum Major, Jennifer Robertson; Band Captain, Karen Davis; Band Co-Captain, Haley Johnson; Secretary, Rhonda Owens; Student Council Rep., Yon Hopper; and Colorguard Captain, Shirley Collins. Several band members participated in "Band Day '95" at JSU, Saturday, Sept. 9. They marched in a pre-game show with several other high schools from around the state and the Marching Southerners. On Oct. 1, the band was awarded all 1's (superiors) by the judges in the county-wide band competition held at Ft. Payne High School. The Valley Head Band would like to send a special thanks to everyone who contributed to the purchasing of new uniforms and hats. We are wearing them proudly!!

VALLEY HEAD TIGERS

By Shaunathan Bell

The Valley Head Tigers started off the season with a bang. The Tigers, after beating Gaylesville 19-14, awaited a challenge from the Fyffe Red Devils whom they had not defeated since the 86-87 season. The Tigers didn't let that fact intimidate them. They had 296 total yards with Tim Smith leading the way with 133 rushing yards in an impressive 28-6 victory over the Red Devils.

The Tigers' next challenge came from Sand Rock who was a very tough team. With the Tigers 2-0 and ranked tenth in the state in 1-A, they were ready to play. The Tigers jumped on top early with a 36-yard-touchdown run from Daniel Vest. Sand

Rock would threaten a few times late in the game, but Valley Head held on to win 24-12.

Valley Head was on a 3-game winning streak and was looking for win number 4 against area rival Cedar Bluff. It was a very close game at the half with Cedar Bluff leading 3-0 off a second quarter field goal. Coming out of halftime, it was anybody's game. After a turnover by Valley Head on their own one, Cedar Bluff scored three plays later. The game appeared to have changed in favor of the opponent. It was 10-0 when quarterback Jim Phillips was injured. The Tigers would show a spark with Vest going 60 yards for a TD, making the game 10-7. Neither team would score again. The final score was 10-7, creating a heart-breaking loss for the Tigers.

VOLLEYBALL

The 1995 volleyball season is well under way. The team is once again coached by Mrs. Maddox. This year, she is in charge of a very unpredictable crowd. "We've had our ups and downs, but we're learning and improving," says Maddox.

The team started its season on the road. They faced Ider and came home with a thrilling victory. Although the team looks very impressive, Collinsville was a different story. "It was an area game and we just weren't ready to play," said Maddox.

Next, the Lady Tigers took on the Sand Rock Wildcats. The team brought home another victory and the official learned from Mrs. Maddox that he didn't know as much about the game as he thought he did.

The Plainview Lady Bears came to Valley Head and took a victory home with them. "I'm not so sure that they beat us half as bad as we beat ourselves," said Maddox. Serving, as usual, was a big factor.

Not much can be said about the Ft. Payne Lady Wildcats hosting a tri-match. All Maddox had to say was that Geraldine and Ft. Payne showed up. "I guess our Tigers didn't quite make it," Valley Head was, needless to say, murdered.

Another area game was played here against the Gaylesville Trojans. The Lady Tigers proved to have a superb game, as Rene Brendle and Heather Jackson led the way with some killer spikes.

The team traveled to Sylvania recently to take on the very talented Rams. The Tigers lost, but it was one of the best games all season. "They played hard and communicated with each other. This was not a big loss," said Maddox.

The remainder of the 1995 Volleyball Schedule is:

Oct. 14	Sat.	County Tournament	Ider	TBA	A
Oct. 15	Mon.	Ider	Home	6:00	A&B
Oct. 19	Thurs.	Ft. Payne	Home	6:00	A&B
TBA		Area Tournament			

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dearest loyal readers, it is with the heaviest of hearts that moi, the great one, must reveal to you that I have suffered the unkindest cut of all by that evil veterinarian fiend, Dr. McNew. When Pop had to go in to the hospital recently for hernia surgery, treacherous Al suggested that moi go in to the vet for a "toe nail trim." Devoted subjects, what I suffered was more (MUCH MORE) than a toe nail trim and much HIGHER. Moi cannot bring myself to say more—except that Al is the lowest of the low, the vilest of the vile, the slimiest of ALL creatures, and that nuptializing with Precious is now OUT OF THE QUESTION! Enough said. I will rise above this humiliation as only a flawless one can.

A sense of things back to normal sweeps over moi as Heather Plunk crawls up to touch the magnificent one's paw. What a wise little girl-child she is!

Not far behind Heather is Jessica Culpepper (4) who peeks around the counters awed by the rippling, muscled hunk lounging on the floor.

Willis Blalock, street person of the Superette, sprawls in the rocking chair jealous beyond belief of the splendid and noble center of all adoration, moi, of course. Eat your heart out, snow-topped boy!

Shirley Lusk dragged some untrained yard dog to the door of the Superette yesterday. The mongrel barked and barked at moi, but, I the truly noble one, did not respond to such riff-raff behavior. Take the ugly beast to the dog pound, lady.

Is there no end to the humiliation moi must suffer? Here comes Yvonne Blalock with her pitiful excuse for a canine, Taz. Where the woman found such a scruffy beast, I do not know. Maybe she had rather have this misshapen animal than own a real dog—one with my splendid form. Surely, she took in the creature out of pity!

It just dawned on moi that Precious might see this column and attack deceitful Al. So be it, King of the Compost Heap. No villain has ever deserved it more.

Closing time at the Superette and now comes more disgrace. My scar will be seen by ALL as moi marks the trees between here and the house. Maybe if I run fast and drag Pop along, the dust from his heels will cover moi's unkindest-cut-of-all. 'Til Thanksgiving goodies fill the Superette, I'm out of here, faithful readers.

MENTONE CITY COUNCIL

For the past several months, the main issue before the city council has been the matter of securing a grant for the upgrading of the water lines to Mentone from Ft. Payne, and the expansion of services to other areas in Mentone. After a special called meeting was held, the application for the grant was completed and forwarded to the proper agency.

Several area residents have presented petitions to vacate roads that are on personal property in Mentone. The roads have not been used by the city as roads. After proper consideration in each case, many of the roads were vacated. Mr. Samuel M. Franks appeared several times before the council. The road he was asking to be vacated so that he could have clear title to the Berry Property on Linchpney Road was granted. Mr. Franks is in the process of remodeling the Berry House and will be opening it up as a tourist home when the remodeling is completed.

Cecil Cox, reserve officer for Mentone, was hired by the town of Ider. Kenny Crow, auxiliary reserve officer, was approved and hired to assist Johnny Ferguson, police captain of Mentone.



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Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Hurricane Opal roared into Mentone after dark on Wednesday, Oct. 4, causing tremendous rain and wind damage over the entire area. Probably the greatest loss was in trees (40, Larry and Gail Smalley; 20, Camp Alpine; and 20, Camp Laney). The Groundhog was delayed three days in publication since there was no power to run the computers and set the articles. But, the good news, as in all natural disasters in Mentone, was the outpouring of help from local residents. Volunteers were out before daybreak on Thursday morning cutting trees off roads, assisting neighbors in clean up, bringing in generators. There is no way to thank these heroes of Mentone nor to mention all of them by name. From all of us, to all of you, "God, make us worthy of our friends!" Thanks for being there!!

Mabel Kirk reports good news following cataract surgery on both her eyes in recent weeks. Her vision now tests 20/25 in her left and right eye, respectively, an amazing result of the surgery. Mabel is presently following up her eye operations with drops and will undergo a complete eye checkup by her doctor in November. At that time, she expects to be released.

Norma Williams has made her first pleasure trip from Mentone since her critical illness of the last several months. "I wanted to go on a trip, since I've been so cooped up for so long, so I just hauled off and did it," said Norma. (You can't keep a good woman down.)

Dr. Charles Jenkins, pastor of the Valley Head Baptist Church, announces that the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m., with a special recognition and worship service. Exhibits and memorabilia will be on display, and there will be dinner on the grounds. Former pastors and members are invited.

Bill and Sue Schwarz had his sister, Dorothy, from Athens, Ga., and her husband, as house guests at their lovely river home for a week in September.

Christine Orr (Mrs. Tom) underwent back surgery in Brookwood Hospital on Thursday, Sept. 21. She ruptured a disc on the right and left side of her spinal column when she slipped on spilled tea at Pizza Hut the first of the year. The seriousness of her injury was not realized at the time of her fall. Christine is now recovering at home and will have her stitches removed soon.

Dennis Kevin Bates, 7, of Valley Head, submitted the front page weather art for The Times-Journal on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Congratulations to this fine young artist!

Mrs. Louise Worthey is recovering at DeKalb BMC in Ft. Payne after having bypass surgery on Sept. 29 to open a clogged artery in her right leg. She hopes to be able to return home the second week in October. Currently, she is in room 218B on the surgical floor, and would enjoy hearing from her many friends.

Tammy Hawkins, bride-elect of Matt Pilson, was honored with a personal lingerie shower on Sept. 10 in Hammondville at the home of her mother, Jo Ann Hawkins. Friends and relatives, Amy Harrison, Tammy and Sible Hopper, Krissy Harris, and Joyce Smith, served as hostesses. On Oct. 15, a bridal tea will be held for Tammy at the home of Mrs. Larry Longshore of Valley Head. Hostesses are Mrs. Roger Berry, Mrs. Gayla Blalock, Mrs. Charles Hatt Sr., Mrs. Charles Hammonds, Mrs. Danny Hopper, Mrs. G.S. Killian, Mrs. David Long, Mrs. Curtis O'Daniel Sr., and Mrs. Hoyle Smith. The wedding will be Oct. 28, at 1:30 p.m., at Saddle Rock Camp, the Rev. Oscar Hussel officiating.

Maureen Brewer, expert cook and baker, has been fighting a very painful sinus congestion. The coughing and hoarseness are the two worst effects of the infection, she says. Maureen was out in the rain during Hurricane Opal bringing in hanging baskets and flowers, and that didn't help matters at all.

Amelia M. Kirk and Major General Andrew R. Lolli of San Francisco, Calif., will be honored after their wedding on Oct. 20 with a reception at the home of Richard and Betty Chapman. The couple will make their home in San Francisco, Calif.

Toby Lee Manifold, son of Butch and Danita Manifold, was married to Judy Arlana Kean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson of Rainsville, on Oct. 7, 1995, at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Rainsville. Wendy Manifold is the sister of the groom. The family owns and operates the Lil' Mole Run Golf Course.

Milton and Grace Howard were in Milwaukee, Wis., recently visiting their daughter, Martha, and husband Richard Whitaker in the Whitefish Bay Community. While they were there, they had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend a private concert by Doc Severenson on Sept. 9. Martha and Richard's church bid on the concert, and the church choir received the proceeds.

Congratulations to the Valley Head Marching Band on winning straight superiors on Oct. 1, at the DeKalb County Marching Festival at Ft. Payne High School! They really looked sharp in their new uniforms and played beautifully.

In one last hurrah before beach days are gone for the season, Ethel Manifold and Charles and Loretta Bain met Mary and Eddie Porter of Chicago, Ill., in Gulf Shores for some days in the sun. Luckily, this was BEFORE Opal!

Speaking of trips, some Mentonians are literally seeing the world. Homer and Bernise Crow have just returned from a visit to China; Rick and Betty Chapman and George and Hope Walker toured the Greek Isles; and Ken and Flo Kirby are back from an Alaskan vacation.

Yuel Clark has had a stroke and is in Chattanooga for therapy. All good wishes are with him as he recovers.

The hearts of the Mentone community went out to John and Charlyne O'Rear in the death of their infant grandson in Chattanooga on Sept. 9.

Max and Roberta Cash slipped away recently for a week's vacation in Hilton Head, N.C. Max said they had a marvelous time, accompanied by daughter Ann Harrell and her husband, Steve. (Not to mention moonlight walks on the beach with Roberta!) The Cashes had some bad news from Texas, where 11-year-old grandson C.J. (Bruce Cash's son) accidentally shot himself in the foot while on a bird hunting trip. Plastic surgery is being implemented to rebuild C.J.'s damaged foot, and the healing is so successful C.J. is back in school.

Tommy Gifford and family are cruising all over DeKalb County in a beautiful new teal blue luxury van. Check it out, readers.

Buddy Vetzal and son, Steve, of Auburndale, Fla., have just returned from a week-long golfing vacation to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. Rain cut the trip short, but Buddy reports a great time until Opal interrupted the vacation.

Stacy and Annette Blalock celebrated their 3rd anniversary on Sept. 5, with Stacy's receiving a BIG anniversary balloon at Tiger's Inn. Annette, along with Julie Ham, operate the Shear Design beauty salon in Valley Head.

Dennis M. Manning has completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Huey and LaWanda Manning of Valley Head.

The town of Valley Head will have new lights to decorate for Christmas this year. The City of Ft. Payne recently donated some of their extra lights and decorations to the town of Valley Head. Mayor R.E. Ringer brought several truck loads of the donated decorations back to Valley Head from Ft. Payne.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Robert and Ilene Green had an undetected leak in the water heater that ruined the floor in their home on Highway 117. The couple has moved to Madapera for a week while repairs are taking place.

Britt Kirby is doing well following recent surgery. He is recovering nicely at home.

William Blackburn is back at work in the Mentone Superette after undergoing double hernia surgery at BMC in Ft. Payne. Dr. Walker performed the operation.

Virginia Madonna was in Rock Castle Cafe recently with her grandson, one-year-old Casey Gregory. He chattered constantly about "tractors" and "lawn mowers" that his parents, Tommy and Pat Gregory, own. Tommy is the son of Joe Gregory.

Flora Goss continues to be critically ill at home after a brief stay at BMC where she was treated for pneumonia. "Lightning" and members of the Goss family are taking turns staying with Flora so that someone is with her constantly. Our

prayers are with this wonderful Mentone family!

George and Jo Beube continue to have family visitors coming out their ears. Daughter Georgia Stevens is building a house by her mom and dad's over on "Kissing Tree" property, so husband Danny and children, Samantha, Robin, and Peter, join her for on-site inspections. Now, if George and Jo could only lure their other three daughters and families to Mentone, they could organize their own town-on-the-brow!

Have you noticed the cute Halloween decorations on the front of the Mentone Inn (carved jack-o-lanterns) and on the porch of the Log Cabin Deli (orange bows and Indians)? Kudos to Frances (Jim Waller) and Collette.

The Crider family had a big reunion on Saturday Sept. 9, at DeSoto State Park. Among those attending were Jack Crider, Bonnie Easler, Jane Morgan, Carolyn Beason, Juanita Nailor (Guntersville), and Bud Crider (Henagar). "The only thing that would have made the reunion more complete," commented Bonnie Easler, "would have been if Gene 'Jabo' Crider had attended!"

Be sure to check out the ad elsewhere in The Groundhog for Jim Lyday's new book, "The In-Between Years." It's hard to believe, but the volume is just as delightful as Jim's first publication, "First Off The Mountain."

Jack "Buffalo" Martin has restocked his pasture with a fresh supply of baby buffalo. It warrants a slow drive-by on County Road 165 to see the little animals playing with the grown herd. Who says all the buffalo are extinct? Not in Mentone!

Ed and Gerry Disney had power restored at Nippersink (after a two-day outage) on Friday, Oct. 6, at 2:30 p.m. At 3:00 p.m., thirty-four guests checked in and, according to Gerry, "For the first time in 50 years, supper was late (7 p.m.) at the lodge." And you think you have problems!

Charlie Rogers, owner of the Busy Corner Clock Repair Shop, hit a deer on I-59 on the night of Sept. 26 and sustained over \$900 in damages to his truck. Thanks to "Foots" Rector Charlie has borrowed another truck and is back on "wheels."

Chester and Lucille Crowe were all set to go to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to have his cataracts removed on Sept. 26, when a pain in his side was checked by Dr. Walker in Ft. Payne. Chester underwent laser gall bladder surgery the next day and was hospitalized for three days at BMC. When the Crowe's youngest son, Olen, called from Kalama, Wash., to check on his dad, he said his side was hurting. The next day, Olen called back, and said that he had undergone an appendectomy!

Marilyn Blanton Campbell attended the Shuler-Blanton family reunion in Rome, Ga., on Sept. 3, with numerous generations of both Blanton and Shuler relatives. She saw her doctor on Sept. 7 and was released to resume life gradually, and returned to Mentone the next day, where she improves daily. On Sept. 23, Marilyn attended a gathering of alumni-athletes "on the hill" at Shorter College in Rome. While she was never an athlete herself, Marilyn was secretary to the basketball coach the entire time she was in college. Marilyn's mother, Mary Blanton's birthday, on Oct. 7, called for a trip to Rome carrying a turkey and dressing dinner for the family, complete with birthday cake.

Deepest sympathy to the families of these individuals:

● Chester Lee Wright, 90, who passed away Sept. 5, 1995, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Ft. Payne.

● Birdie Willoughby, 88, who died Sept. 10, 1995, at DeKalb BMC.

Happy Birthday to all these October babies: 2 - Mandy Wells; 3 - Tammy Hawkins; 4 - Eleanor Glover; 5 - Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum, Mack Flannigan; 7 - Justin Pellities; 8 - Millard McNutt; 9 - Audie Beason; 10 - Jimmy Worthey, Gayla Smith, Russell Stalvey; 11 - Jeremiah Robertson; 13 - In memory of Dell Rushing (mother of Juanita Rushing), Teanna Davis; 15 - Robert Hall, Polly Chambers, David "Tater" Hopper; 16 - Shannon Rains; 17 - Alisha Busby, Renee Langston; 18 - Alisha McElhaney, Ken Busby, Paulette Mitchell; 20 - Harry Hopper; 23 - Kathy Robertson; 25 - Jo Bain; 26 - Jon Whisenant.

Happy, happy birthday to a great lady! Kathryn Jones was honored by members of her family on her 81st birthday with a party in the DeSoto Room at the State Park on Oct. 7. Attending were Jim and Lib Ellis, Herman Jones Jr., and Mary Ann, Cindy and Rick Manning, Hershell and Sandra Pruitt, Allen and Katie Gray, and Jimmy and Evelyn Graves. A delicious meal was followed by the opening of many gifts.

Something I read recently: "Avoid preaching the faith when you should be practicing it. There is an Irish proverb that says it all: What the child sees, the child does; What the child does, the child is!"

Moon Lake School News

MOON LAKE HONOR ROLL

ALLA'S

First Grade:

Logan Chambers
Mark Corey
Melissa Crane
Erica Cryer
Michael Hawkins
Alex Hazell
Katie Herndon
Julie Ingram
Chad Newell
Kelly Swindall
Angela Wesley

Second Grade:

Jared Bare
John Baxter
Katie Gray
Melissa Harrison
Lori Hope
Sarah Hurt
Brandy Manning
Kirby McMunn
Emily Tipton
Cayla Voils
Phillip Waller

Third Grade:

Kristen Addison
Rachel Bryan
Matt Hawkins
Amanda Johnson
Fawn Kitchens
Andrew McCole
Emily Platt
Josh Smith
Kelly Wright
Kerry McMunn

Fourth Grade:

Tiffany Bare
Stuart Hurt
Kiley Young

Sixth Grade:

Brandy Browder
Ben Corey
Jana Goss

A'S AND B'S

First Grade:

D. J. Howard

Loren Kean
Whitney LaBuda
Jacob Meadows
Jed Platt
Justin Scott
Justin Smith

Second Grade:

Laura Floyd
Marie Hunt
Tyler Huskey
Kelye Phillips
Emily Swindall
Ashley Tishaw
Jason Willis

Third Grade:

Colby Baty
Erica Campbell
Ashley Clark
Paul Davis
Nick Floyd
Catrina Ingram
Jessica Meadows
Keith Miller
Andrew Smith

Fourth Grade:

Michael Bradford
Kim Brisendine
Emma Corey
Donna Daniel
Kyle Hooks
P.J. Humphrey
Niki Johnson
Ashley LaBuda
April Shelton
Ashley McSpadden

Fifth Grade:

Justin Dingler
Beth Easler
Joshua Hughes
Kelly Owen
Corey Kirby

Sixth Grade:

Jennifer Blalock
Jerry Lee Brisendine
Peter Hurt
Tessie Baty
Eddie Manning

Mr. and Miss Moon Lake: Peter Hurt, Jennifer Blalock

Mr. and Miss 6th Grade: Peter Hurt, Jana Goss

Best All Around: Ben Corey, Jana Goss

Cutest: Peter Hurt, Tessie Baty

Tallest: Joshua Hunt, Jerry Lee Brisendine

Shortest: Alan Hawkins, Brandy Browder

Loudest: Johnnie Wesley, Jenny Wesley

Quietest: Matt Hilliard, Melinda Bradford

Neatest: Ben Corey, Jana Goss

Hardest Workers: Alan Hawkins, Brandy Browder

Most Athletic: Johnnie Wesley, Jenny Wesley

Friendliest: Peter Hurt, Jana Goss

Wittiest: Eddie Manning, Tessie Baty

Most Cooperative: Matthew Prestwood,

Jerry Lee Brisendine

Most School Spirit: Peter Hurt, Jennifer Blalock

Most Imaginative: Alan Hawkins, Ashley Brown

Animal Lovers: Jared Fischer, Cassie Hooks

Favorites:

K - Tom Tipton, Paige Wright
1st - Logan Chambers, Katie Herndon
2nd - Jared Bare, Sarah Hurt
3rd - Kelly Wright, Andrew McCole
4th - Bobby Harrison, Ashley LaBuda
5th - Kiley Young, Corey Kirby

By Evelyn Graves

The Japanese teacher, Yumika Muramatsu, will be arriving on Oct. 14. Everyone is excited about her arrival and the activities she will be conducting with our students as they learn more about another culture. She will be here until the end of school in May.

Imagination Place in Gadsden presented a Southeastern Indian program on Oct. 4-5 at the school. There was a lot of information and activities presented those two days for the children.

The school presented the first Moon Lake Heroes awards for this year to Tommy Gifford for his many contributions toward the improvement of Moon Lake School grounds; and to Carl Jones, Rusty Chambers, and Dale Kerby for their volunteer construction work toward the completion of the playground facility.

Mentone Educational

Resources Foundation (M.E.R.F.)

Moon Lake School is getting a new lunchroom, classroom, and additional teaching staff this year. Early this summer, County Superintendent, Weldon Parrish, contacted Moon Lake School Principal, Dr. Bill Berry, and informed him that the county wanted to acquire enough land to build a new lunchroom. The property behind the school was available, but more than the county needed or was willing to purchase.

Dr. Berry contacted the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation (M.E.R.F.) that has been looking for a way to bring all ages together in the community to share information, talents, and skills. Sue Henry, John Corey, and Bill Berry, all of M.E.R.F., then met with property owners, Rudolph and Dee Bell, to discuss how they might subdivide and allow the county to purchase what it needed without compromising the value of the whole parcel. When they heard of M.E.R.F.'s desire to build a multi-purpose educational facility in the house on M.E.R.F.'s half of the land, they enthusiastically consented to the subdivision with the county buying the half it wanted and giving M.E.R.F. two years to prepare grants and proposals to earn the money for its share of the property.

Edna Morgan is investigating a walking park on the property, such as the one enjoyed by many in Summerville. Plantings would be carefully chosen to make the path an opportunity for everyone (including the Moon Lake students next door) to learn to identify plants and to observe the changes through the seasons. When programs begin in the house itself, children will have the opportunity to spend time with older people and learn from their experiences.

According to John Corey of Little River Hardware, M.E.R.F. exists to facilitate such opportunities to "enhance the living and learning" of all the people in the Mentone area. The board is discussing plans to begin a membership drive soon and to make information available about this and other possible projects now and in the future. Further information is being prepared by Pastor Don Brock for distribution in the coming weeks.



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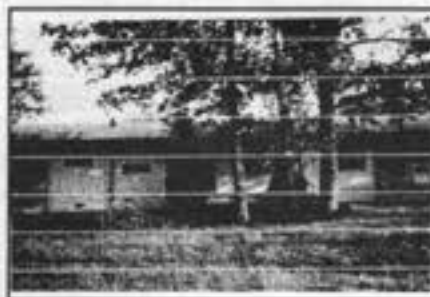
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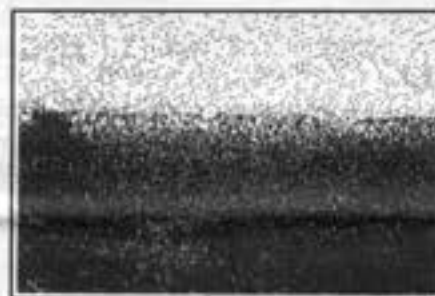
DESOTO PARKWAY FT. PAYNE - 2 acres M/L with Mobile Home. Has a 12x30 addition and an attached carport. City water, Cable, CHIA. 2 bdrm, 1-1/2 bath. Good condition. Owner may consider financing with references. \$27,500.



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Marjorie Nyree Dawn Harper celebrates her 5th birthday, October 16, 1995. Parents are Michael and Nicolet Harper of Valley Head.

Grandparents are Floyd and Billie Harper of Valley Head, and Lewis R. and the late Marjorie Zanon of Mesa, Arizona. Marjorie will be celebrating her birthday, Saturday, October 14, with family and friends.



ALL SMILES
Chelsea LeAnn Dodd recently celebrated her second birthday. She is the daughter of Joe and Regina Dodd, Teloga. She is the granddaughter of Lillian Green, Summerville; Donald and Peggy Green, Cloudland; Nell Dodd, Gaylesville, Ala.; and the late Billy Joe Dodd. She is the great-granddaughter of Nellie Green, Cloudland; Beddie Yarbrough and Mrs. Don Blalock, both of Summerville. She is the sister of Chad Dodd and Christy Wood, both of Gaylesville.

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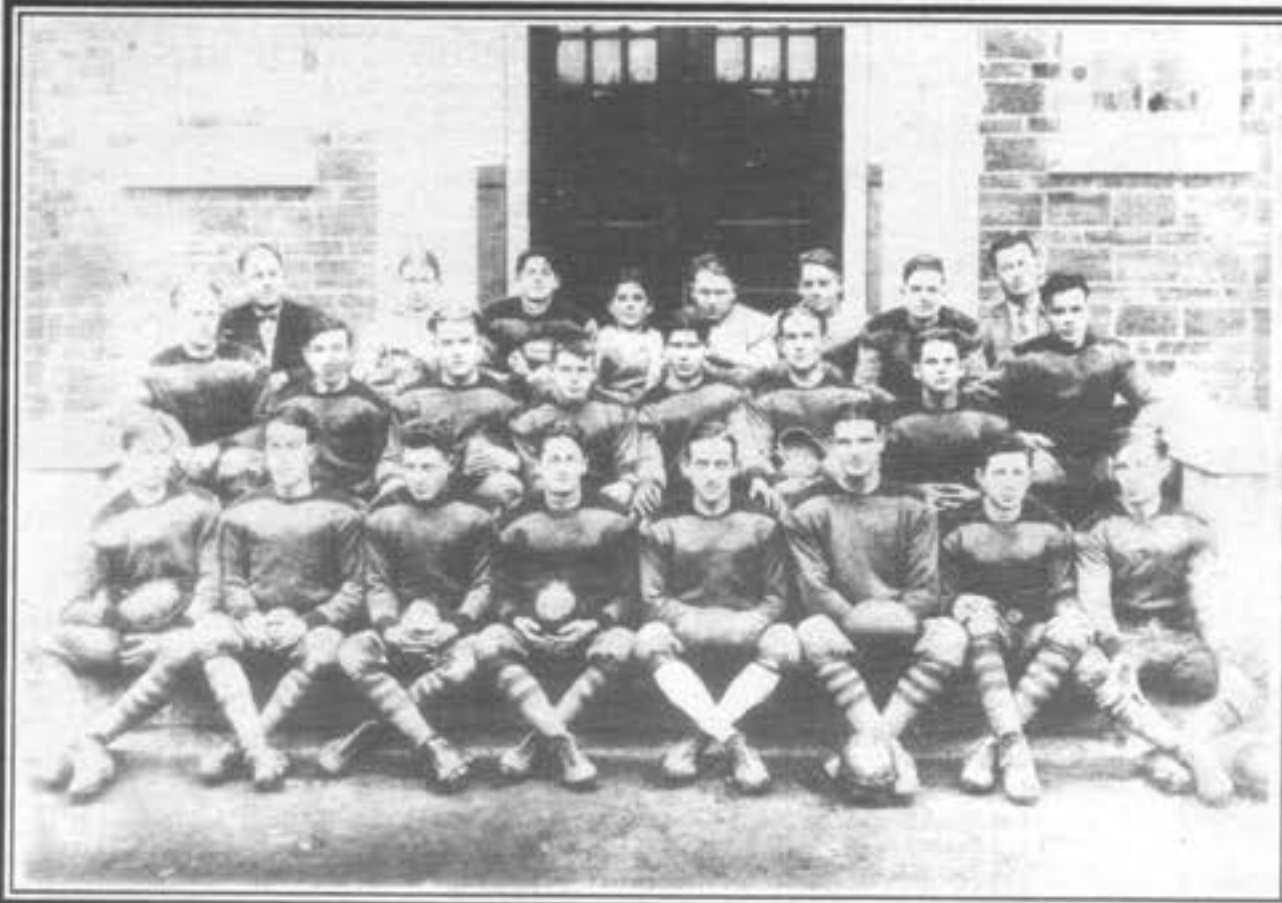
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Photos courtesy of Joy Hester, Valley Head



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HUNTIN' & FISHIN' TIPS

Compiled by Dr. Pat Seymour

●To remove a dent from a wooden gunstock, cover the area with a moistened cloth and press it with a hot iron. The steam will raise the dent. Then smooth the steamed spot with fine sandpaper, followed by steel wool, and refinish to match the stock.

●Ever catch a crawfish with rod and line? It's a slow way to get a big mess of the crustaceans, but it's fun. Simply tie a chunk of fish or meat to the line and drop it in where crawfish live. They usually hang onto the bait long enough to be netted or hoisted ashore.

●Try this if hornets make a pest of themselves at mealtime when you're camping out: fill a shallow dish with a mixture of syrup or sugar and water, and set it away from the table. The yellowjackets will cluster there, and let you eat in peace.

●Readers, read this tip for owners of scope sighted rifles: cut a cross section about 2 inches wide from an old automobile innertube, and stretch it over both ends of the scope. It makes a tight, dustproof cover.

●Mosquitoes can take the fun out of still-fishing from an anchored boat when there is no breeze to keep them away. Next time, take along a box of moth-repellent flakes, and scatter them over the bottom of the boat. It tends to discourage them.

●Shooting fast at flushing birds probably accounts for more misses than shooting too slow. If you miss the first shot and still have time for another, you shot too quickly. Slow up a bit, and you will probably bag more birds with fewer shells.

●Swivels have a habit of hiding in the corners of your tackle box, and it's hard to dig them out when you want one. Instead of carrying them loose, string them on either a paper clip or safety pin. Then, when you need one, you can find it fast.

●Goldenrod grubs make excellent bait for winter bluegill fishing. After the first frost, look for stalks with balloon-like bulges and collect them in bundles for storage in the garden or cellar. When you need bait, slice open a swelling and extract the grub.

●Can cows tell you whether or not the fish are biting? Some folks think so. They claim that cattle graze actively at times when the fish are hungry, and that when cattle stop eating to rest, fish do too. So, check a pasture as you drive by.

●Here's a simple way to measure distances on a map. Lay a thin soldering wire over the route, bending it to follow all curves and turns from start to destination. Straighten the solder, and measure its length on the map scale. This gives you the distance in road miles.

●As you have probably discovered, a wet dog prefers to shake himself near people or furniture. Next time your long-hair asks to come in from the rain, keep him outside and blow into his ear canal. He'll usually shake himself then, and nothing gets sprayed but you.

●Cotton-tipped swab sticks (Q-Tips™) dipped in melted paraffin or other flammable liquid make handy fire-starters for rainy weather. There's always room in a pocket for a generous supply, either in a capped bottle or rolled in aluminum foil.

●To make sure of having a fire when you need it (such as after falling in the water), tuck the stub of a candle in the bottom of your match safe or tackle box. With the help of the candle, you can coax a blaze from the soggiest kindling.

●If you carry pipe cleaners in your fishing jacket, you will never be without a trout lure, even if you lose your fly box. A Cleaner twisted around the shank of a hook looks much like a nymph. You can enhance the illusion by coloring it with coffee, a ballpoint pen, or the juices of mashed bugs and flies.

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Leslie Nicole Wooten To Wed Scott Ballard

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Woodard, Menlo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Nicole Wooten, to Scott Douglas Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ballard, Menlo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Charles R. Wooten and the sister of Stephanie Bentley, Summerville, Jacob Woodard, Menlo, Sally Woodard, and Katie Fowler, both of Trion. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shaw, Lyerly, Clicky Wooten, Fort Payne, Ala., and Mrs. J. B. Woodard, Summerville. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chitwood, Summerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw, Attalla, Ala.

She is a 1992 graduate of Trion High School and is enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Program at Coosa Valley Technical Institute, Rome. She is employed by Menlo Lucky's and attends Alpine Community Church.

The future bridegroom is the brother of Kathy Ballard, Menlo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Hall, Menlo, and Gene Ballard, Menlo.

He is a 1990 graduate of Chattooga High School and is employed by Ballard Builders. He is a member of Faith Baptist Church.

The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at Faith Baptist Church, Menlo. Friends and family are invited.



Wedding Announcement Felicia Juanita Frazier and Charles Anthony "Tony" Barbee

Felicia Juanita Frazier and Charles Anthony "Tony" Barbee were married on Saturday, September 30, 1995, at 5 p.m. in the afternoon at the Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church, Flintstone, Georgia.

Bobby Frazier is the father of the bride, and George and Wilda Ray Frazier, are the grandparents of the bride.

Felicia is a UTC graduate in accounting, and is employed by Provincial Insurance Co. Tony is employed by Georgia Power Company. The couple will live in Chattanooga.



Kellett-Stallings Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Kellett Jr., Summerville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Marie, to Bradley James Stallings, on September 23, at the Lyerly Methodist Church. The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Coley Harvey of Mentone, and the late Roy Gross of Cloudland. She is a 1995 graduate of Chattooga High School.



Engagement Announcement Tammy Michelle Hawkins and Matthew David Pilson

Ms. JoAnn Hawkins and the late Brad Hawkins of Valley Head announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy Michelle, to Matthew Pilson, the son of Mr. Bill Pilson of Mentone, and Ms. Debra Pilson of Clearwater, Florida. The wedding will be an event of Saturday, the 28th of October, at 1:30 in the afternoon. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier, both of Valley Head. Grandparents of the groom-to-be are Mrs. William Pilson II of Ozone, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Rogers of Clearwater, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens of Jupiter, Florida.



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Have you ever seen such strange weather? Atlanta set a record for the coldest day in September, and they have been keeping records for over 100 years. Mentone got so much rain that it washed some docks away. It was so cold that a lot of people built their first fire or turned on the heat for the first time this season. All of this sure does make you wonder what the winter has in store for us. We should have a beautiful fall this year. The early cold and lots of rain should be the perfect combination to make the leaves turn all of the gorgeous colors that Mentone has become so famous for.

The Mentone Zoning Commission met recently for their quarterly meeting. Jimmy Wright, chairman, stated that the biggest problem is still unauthorized signs. He also stated that Mentone citizens were getting careless about picking up and filling out the certificates of compliance. Some that have not done so include the building of a pavilion, two decks, a carport, and some other buildings. If you are building a new structure or adding on to an existing structure, go by the city hall and get a form, complete it, and return it to the city hall. Mr. Wright will pick them up and be in touch with you.

The North Lookout Mountain Fire District Volunteers held their annual barbecue on Labor Day weekend. They reported a very successful day; but, as always with that type activity, a lot of people did a lot of work. I have just been appointed to serve on the fire department board. I have served as the secretary for several years already. Being on the "inside" allows me to know and understand so much more how hard it is for a volunteer department to continue to serve. If you haven't made a donation this year, please do so, now. They need a truck very badly, but that is a major expense, and they do not purchase anything until they have the money in hand. Send donations to: NLMFPD, P.O. Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984.

The recent happenings in Fort Payne are very upsetting to me. I thought that the issue of race was getting much better in the South. But, I guess there will always be some who cannot accept a person who is different from themselves. I greatly admire the city officials and all of the people involved for the stand that they took during this period of unrest. The general thought was to ignore those groups who come into a town for the purpose of making trouble. There comes a time when we are all called upon to take a stand. Let's not be like the man who never stood up because they did not come for his group, then, when they came for him, there was no one left to stand up.

Moon Lake School continues to grow. The new lunchroom has been started and should be finished before long. This will certainly be a welcome addition for all concerned. I have two grandchildren there now. Never thought I would become involved in school activities again after all of my children had graduated. Just proves that we should never say never.

I guess we can all be thankful that the "O.J. Trial" has come to an end. I, for one, will miss it. I really enjoyed seeing how big trial lawyers tried big cases in big court rooms by big judges. Just watching all of the high-tech equipment functioning was interesting.

I want to share something that really thrilled me during this wet weather. Every day, when I came to work at Camp Laney, I would almost run my car off the road. Know why? I was looking at all of the spider webs. They were covered with dew, and every tiny strand of thread was visible. There were several between the strands of electrical wires. It seemed there were hundreds of "fairy washcloths," the little tightly-woven webs that stay in the top of Queen Ann's Lace and other tall weeds. These were covered with dew also. There is always something good in everything, all we have to do is look for it, and then accept it when we find it.

The day after Hurricane Opal hit, the editors of *The Groundhog* called and offered me the chance to add some to this column.

Many times I've commented on the strange weather we have had for several years. Now, the strangest weather of all has happened. A hurricane name Opal has hit Mentone, Alabama! Who would have thought this could happen--Mentone is at least 350 miles inland!

Wednesday, October 5th, all weather reports started warning North Alabama to put all lawn chairs, toys, plants, etc., inside as strong winds were predicted for very early Thursday morning. Mike, who works at Camp Laney with me, humored me, and did put all trash cans and ice chests inside the buildings. He even teased me as I was leaving by saying, "I've sharpened the chain saw, I'll cut us a path in tomorrow." Little did he know that by daylight Thursday, Camp Laney would look like a disaster area. That area seems to be one of the hardest hit. About 20 trees, most of them large oaks, were on the ground. They came up by the roots because the ground was so wet and they were still so full of leaves that they could not withstand the strong winds. The car of a young man who works there was damaged by a falling tree, but no buildings were damaged.

Many trees were down all over the community. It appears that 5 or 6 were down across Highway 117, plus a large mudslide on the side of the mountain that totally blocked the highway for several hours. Dejavu, the traffic had to detour by coming up Tutwiler Gap. All city street and county roads had one or more trees across them.

The first inconvenience noticed by all residents was the lack of electricity. It went off about 1:30 Thursday morning when several large trees fell across the line that comes up Lookout Mountain to serve Mentone. Some homes were without electricity until Saturday afternoon. We had crews from Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative in the Mentone area the entire time, and their efforts were tireless until all lines were repaired. Many houses and churches had the service wires torn loose from the structure by fallen limbs and trees. These had to be repaired before the electricity could be restored to them.

Along with the strong winds came a lot of rain. This was a phenomenon in itself. Little River rose higher than anyone in Mentone can remember. The water came in many yards and some basements where it had never been before. Some bridges across the river and creeks were covered with water. Many docks and boats were lost on the river.

I hope this never happens again. It takes too long for a tree to grow, and we will miss them. The pines that go down in ice storms grow back rather quickly, but the large oaks take 100 to 150 years to reach the size some of them were. Most of us will not live to see them replaced.

One thing I have learned about nature is that, given a chance, it will repair and replenish itself. Other trees will grow bigger and fill in the empty spaces. New trees will come up and grow to shade our great-grandchildren's children. A lot of people will have an unexpected source of firewood.

Mentone was very fortunate in that no one was hurt. Very few structures were damaged from the high winds or falling trees. I did hear of one house that had extensive damage from a tree falling across the roof. Most of the trees just missed falling on houses by a matter of inches, right, Willis? My grandchildren were amused at the tree that fell on Moon Lake School playground and took the sandbox up with it. They had played there two days before.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Remember that those trees do not have to be cut up and hauled off immediately. Take your time in cleaning them up, we don't want to hear of a sprained back or possible heart attack because someone worked too hard too long.

GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

If you have decided to plant some cabbages and/or broccoli for the cool months ahead, I found some tips for them.

CABBAGE: Water evenly to prevent cracking of heads. Don't get foliage wet during cool weather or periods of high humidity and cut back on watering as cabbage matures. If leaves start to run yellow, provide a mid season nitrogen boost with manure tea. Harvest firm head with a sharp knife and leave the stalks and roots in place to produce small cabbages. If your cabbages are maturing all at once and you're worried that some heads will split or get tougher than you want, give some heads a half twist, breaking part of the stem, this will slow the maturation process.

BROCCOLI: Harvesting side shoots AFTER cutting the main head from broccoli plants gives you greater yields per plant. But, did you know that you could push your broccoli plants to keep producing for SEVERAL growing seasons? Try the following methods for regenerating broccoli for continuous harvest.

1. Harvest as usual. When plant becomes unproductive, cut it back, and allow suckers to grow from stumps.
2. When the suckers are 4-5" long, select ONE to be the next "generation" of the plant. The closest to the base of the plant is usually the best to choose. Anchor the sucker to the ground with a wire hook or small rock so that approximately 4" of stem is oriented horizontally touching the soil. Remove the other suckers from the stump and discard them.
3. When the anchored sucker grows to 6"-7", cut the stump back to just above the point where the sucker emerges from it. At this point, you can either leave the anchoring hook in place or remove it.
4. Mound soil over the old stump and over the anchored part of the sucker. This may decrease disease at the wound and encourage roots to form for the new plant.
5. Allow time for the stump wound to heal before cold damp weather arrives. Remove flower shoots that form when the plant over-winters and begins to go to seed. The following spring, about the time when late tulips bloom, prune back the plant hard, and begin the process again. Good luck!

In October

(This seasonal article and others to follow are from a scrap book belonging to long-time Mentone resident, Mary Wiegand. The large scrapbook of her favorite seasonal articles by various authors was found recently in a storage chest at "Madaperca" by Don & Yvonne Brock.)

The fields spread out beneath the azure blue
Of clear October sky. The hedge rows bend
Before the force of northern wind. A wedge
Of wild geese, winging southward, disappear
Beyond the mountain horizon. Pungent scent
Of burning bush is carried on the breeze
From distant woodlands where the saffron smoke
Curls cloudward. Drying stalks of rosinweed
And native thistle rear brown-seeded heads
Above the slough grass on the meadow slope.
The flat incessant calling of the crows
From nearby nut groves heralds early frost.
The trees along the shallow-bedded streams
Will blaze with hues of scarlet over night;
And rays of rising sun will flash upon
The whirring wings of starlings in full flight.

B.B. Cooper

MICRO-COVERS

Covering food in the microwave oven retains steam for more even and faster heating, helps tenderize tough meats or rehydrates dried foods. It helps keep foods moist, such as steaming fish; it prevents spatters from foods like bacon, and reduces cleanup, say Auburn University Extension Service foods specialists.

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Shiloh!

The "Bloody Sixth" Mississippi at Rhea Field, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, April 6, 1862

Editor's note: Grady Hammond of Ft. Payne started in 1988 collecting Civil War stories. His interest in the Civil War prompted him to become a collector of Civil War Art. He is the largest private collector of Rick Reeves' Civil War Art, having 22 prints in his collection. Look for other prints and their stories in future issues of The Groundhog.

During the early days of April 1862, the newly designated Confederate Army of the Mississippi, 44,000 officers and men, under the command of General Albert Sydney Johnston, with General P.G.T. Beauregard second in command, began a march north from Corinth toward Pittsburg Landing on the west bank of the Tennessee River in an effort to engage the 39,000 troop Federal army of Major General Ulysses S. Grant before it could be joined and supported by the 36,000 strong army of Major General Don C. Buell. Much depended upon surprise and speed.

The Confederate army consisted of four corps, Bragg's, Polk's, Breckenridge's, and Hardee's. The latter made famous the dark blue with white circle battle flag. Hardee's Corps led the Confederate forces with Cleburne's Brigade on the left. The Confederate forces arrived near the site of the Shiloh Church late Saturday afternoon, April 5, 1862, and deployed in thickly wooded terrain within hearing distance of the Federal encampment.

When the advance began early Sunday morning, Brig. Gen. Patrick Cleburne moved with his two regiments on the right, the 6th Mississippi, and the 23rd Tennessee, the 24th, 25th, and 2nd Tennessee advanced on the left, the 15th Arkansas led as skirmishers. The 6th Mississippi was composed of 425 veterans from the 1861 winter campaign and were commanded by Colonel John T. Thornton and Major Robert Lowry.

Rhea Field was the southernmost encampment of Grant's army and served as the campsite for the 53rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Jesse J. Applier, a regiment in the 3rd Brigade of the Fifth Division under the command of then Brig. Gen. William T. Sherman.

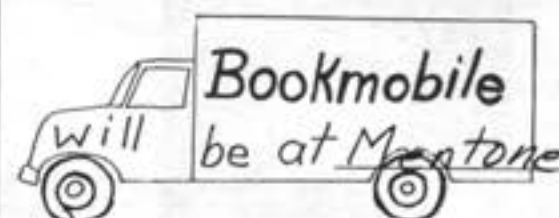
Shortly before sunrise, Confederate skirmishers encountered patrols and small elements of Federal forces. When so advised, Col. Applier ordered the long roll sounded, and the 53rd formed in battle line just south of Rhea Field. Gen. Sherman and his staff on horseback arrived having heard the long roll. Confederate skirmishers sent a volley of fire toward the Federals. Gen. Sherman's mounted orderly was shot and

instantly killed. The General received a minor hand injury and immediately retreated to safer ground. The 6th Mississippi appeared first, and then the 23rd Tennessee cleared the trees and undergrowth, their bright gun barrels shining through the spring foliage. Col. Applier then ordered his regiment to fall back through the campsite and to take positions on its northern perimeter using breastworks of logs and bales of hay. Two sections of Waterhouse's Battery were positioned in close support.

The 6th Mississippi and 23rd Tennessee made two charges through the campsite. Gen. Cleburne later reported: "Everywhere his musketry and artillery at short range swept the open spaces between the tents ... with an iron storm that threatened certain destruction to every living thing that would dare to cross A quick and bloody repulse was the consequence." Within half an hour, the 6th had lost more than 300 officers and men; both Thornton and Lowry were casualties. Seven standard bearers, including Col. Thornton, were shot carrying the 6th Regimental Standard. When an attempt was made to reform the regiment, only 60 men reported with a captain as senior officer. During the entire war, only three southern regiments suffered heavier casualties in a single engagement.

Shiloh! by Rick Reeves depicts the first charge of the "Bloody Sixth," interspersed among the standing tents of the 53rd Ohio's vacant camp where, only moments earlier, the Federals were eating breakfast and preparing for a routine day of encampment. The faces of the Rebels reveal all emotions of the moment of the first Federal volley. Later, Confederate Colonel Preston Johnston was to say: "The impetuous courage and tenacity of this magnificent regiment deserved a better fate."

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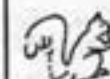


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Eloise Brown

The reason is simple why one Valley Head woman volunteers her time to the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County—it's the right thing to do.

Eloise Brown has given her time to UGF for over 10 years. Much of that time has been spent as Team Captain of the Hammondville area.

Brown believes in working hard toward a goal. "I have good helpers," she says of those on her team. "We have never failed to meet our goal."

Volunteering her time with UGF meets a more important goal for Brown, as well. "I feel we all owe a debt for our existence on Earth," she says, "and this is a good way to pay that debt."

The help made available by agencies funded through UGF has been seen firsthand by Brown. But she is also fulfilled by other aspects of her volunteerism. "I enjoy the fellowship," she says, "associating with the many wonderful people involved in UGF."

Brown admits that her work with UGF is sometimes a challenge. "It isn't easy going from house to house collecting money," she says, "and sometimes going back several times just to get a few dollars. But, with one check, a person can help so many worthwhile causes."

To those thinking about donating some of their time to UGF, Brown has a message: "Go for it," she says. "Help your neighbor."

In 1994, UGF honored Eloise Brown with the Outstanding Long-time Volunteer award.

To learn more about becoming a UGF volunteer, contact Barbara Turner at 845-4006.

UNITED GIVERS FUND CAMPAIGN

UNDER WAY

By Evelyn Graves

The Mentone UGF Campaign held a kickoff meeting at the home of Flo Kirby, UGF Captain, on Monday, September 25. The theme for the 1995-96 campaign is "Reach Out To Your Neighbor." The following agencies are supported by UGF contributions: DeKalb Co. Chapter of Alabama Easter Seal Society, American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Choccolocco Council, the Bridge, CASA of DeKalb County, DeKalb County A.R.C., DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Child Development Center, Fort Payne-DeKalb Rehabilitation Center, Girl Scouts of North Alabama, Hospice of Northeast Alabama, Mentone Health Association, The Salvation Army of DeKalb County, United Service Organization.

UGF remains a local, non-profit organization and is directed by an all-volunteer board where members represent the various communities, industries, and businesses within the county. "Reach out to your neighbor" with a generous contribution to this year's United Givers Fund Campaign. You'll be helping to provide vital emergency services, as well as year-round programs and services for our children, the aged, the homebound, the handicapped, the disabled, the disadvantaged, and many others right here in DeKalb County.

The Mentone volunteers are: Flo Kirby, Marsha Hurt, Dallyne Jones, Evelyn Graves, Jean Corey, and Blanche Jones.

You may give your contribution to the volunteer calling, or you may mail your check to: United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, Inc., 106 3rd St. SE, Ft. Payne AL 35967.



BUDDIES

Caitlin Elizabeth, 5, and John Michael Cavin, 1 month, are the children of Bobby and Pam Cavin, Douglasville, formerly of Menlo. They are the grandchildren of Barbara Cavin, Menlo; and Henry and Virginia Nichols, Cloudland. They are the niece and nephew of Jan Horton, Linda Sizemore, Lisa Cavin, and Rod and Stanley Nichols. John was born July 26 in Phoenix, Ariz.



Receiving awards for the Valley Head High Tigers Marching Band are: Shirley Collins, Karen Davis and Jennifer Robertson.



RAMBLINGS OF A NIGHTMARE

By Ernest H. Smith

In my dreams, my night of *terror* began as I raced like the wind down the old Alpine Road, leading past the *ghostly* remains of the O'Rear-Ellison Place. But no matter how fast I ran, I could not escape the presence of what I was fleeing from.

The old abandoned house, called, "Summerwood," overgrown with creeper, and the cemeteries nearby, had been the subject of many *spine-tingling* stories told by early Mentone families throughout the years.

It was said that passing travelers had seen luminous faces peering out through broken windows on the darkest nights. Often, *mournful* voices could be heard, mingling with the muffled sound of DeSoto Falls, and the occasional banging of broken shutters and loose clapboards.

The old house, standing vacant, had witnessed the passing of McCook's Troops, not once, but twice, as he retraced his trek across the mountain. In later years, tenant families, living in the old house, claimed to have heard the *ghostly* sounds of an army on the move—the creaking wagons and barked commands violating the stillness of the night. Listening closely, they had heard the distant ring of iron clad hooves striking stone, as mounted riders gained their passage at the old ford. And, then, the steady beat of hard riding could be heard, coming even nearer, before slowly fading into the silence of the night.

Some of these stories date back for more than a century. Even on a bright sunny day, the sight of the old house gave one a feeling of *Dread and foreboding*, causing wayfarers to *shudder* and pass quickly on. Most of the local people avoided the place altogether, if possible.

Now, in my dream as night had come upon me, from a journey to I know not where, I found myself face to face with all that I had come to loathe. The *terrifying* scenes were playing out before me like a giant kaleidoscope, forever changing in an endless array of nighttime *horrors*.

The once perfect symmetry of the old two-story house with the grand porches, now bore little resemblance to the former splendor. Much of the structure had been torn away. The chimneys, now standing apart, were like broken crypts torn open by some giant *ghoulish* hand.

Close beside the house, the stone pyramids, marking the graves of the three little girls, could be seen from time to time, as wisps of fog lifted, and the moonlight played about. It was little comfort to me that the graves in back of the house were hidden from my view, for I knew that they were there—all twenty one.

And, now, over all this *dreary* scene, the night had cast a shadowland to trick the eye and tease the mind with mortal fear. The dancing shadows were like flying creatures, leaping all about, as harbingers of some impending *doom*. Some appeared to make their perch in the giant oaks nearby, only to disappear.

My mind easily imagined that *demonic* eyes were peering out through every opening in the old house, watching and waiting for some calamity to befall me, as I raced desperately through the night.

The main entry that once welcomed all, now greeted no one among the living. The massive door, all awry, was suspended from a single twisted hinge. The total scene before me was worthy of the *macabre* mind of Poe, in describing some *chilling* tale of midnight *terror*.

Just as my mind had begun to reconcile with my *dimmed* surroundings, in order to escape the edge of madness, I glanced into the night sky and was overcome with *fear*. The dark broken clouds were like faceless *demons* passing before the moon, their long tentacles writhing and grasping for some unseen victim. In later years, I was reminded of this scene in viewing Van Gogh's painting, "The Starry Night," a masterpiece by a genius with a *tormented* mind.

On and on my dream continued my endless run, in my futile attempt to rid myself of all that I wished to leave behind. Now, a gathered host of nighttime travelers came upon the road, yet some distance before me. They appeared to be dressed in Biblical robes, as pilgrims bound for some holy city. As I came into their midst, I was gripped by *fear*. My fellow travelers were dressed in shrouds and on their faces were continuous *hideous* grins, for they had no lips to cease to grin. Their eyes were dark caverns where the light of the soul had once shone



O'Rear-Ellison Place, "Summerwood," 1854-1940s. Watercolor 1939, by the late Harry Reid, Mentone/Selma. From collection of Ernest H. Smith. Lone chimney once served the summer kitchen.

brightly. I knew immediately that they were the occupants of the graves nearby.

At first, this seemed implausible, even to a mind held hostage by some strange visionary power. But, as in all dreams, we eventually accept as rational what would not be so in the light of day. So, now it seemed a natural thing to me, for spirits not yet at rest, to sally forth on nightly sojourns in this *resort* place.

My *ghostly* companions now joined me in my endless flight from *terror*, chattering and flitting about in great agitation. I seemed to know that they were resentful of my intrusion and were escorting me out of their sanctuary. They had no difficulty in keeping pace, for they were sometimes buoyant and could glide along with ease.

Suddenly, without any hint or warning, my *ghostly* companions took flight in all directions, as a covey of birds flushed from a meadow. Their sudden departure was soon understood, as the night mantle was lifted, and I came upon a pastoral scene, bathed in brilliant sunshine, familiar and pleasing in all respects. I now knew that I was back in my own world, safe and sound.

Slowly, I awoke; and, in time, was able to determine what was real and what was remembered from the dream. My *terrifying* journey had seemed like an eternity, but in dream-time was only moments.

The passing years have continued to wrought their vengeance on this handiwork of man. The old house has crumbled to dust and nothing now remains to suggest a dwelling place for evil. Even the gravestones have disappeared, now some intricate part of a mantel or hearth, in some distant place. The road once taken now leads to nowhere. Even the route is difficult to trace. Soon, nature will come into her own again, closing the forest opening like the cover of a book, erasing all signs that such a place ever existed. Truly, we leave no monuments to endure the ages.

In time, even the dreams of Summerwood will be forgotten, for dreams are not immortal. Dreams are but a transitory

vision, soon to perish in a world of reality.

Often, we ponder the origin of dreams and what might be their meaning. Some dreams appear to be from our memories, often enhanced and distorted, a liberty taken by the mind. Some dreams are strange and puzzling, a phenomenon, emanating from the very depths of the human psyche. Some say that dreams foretell the future. Others say that dreams recount the past. Surely, we are left to wonder, for dreams are free of shackles and beckon to no empowering hand.

Since dreams will serve no master, we have no choice in what we are to dream about. Once the dream is set in motion, we are powerless to interfere. So, now by chance, my fate may be to remount that midnight galloper, and dream again of Summerwood.

Cemetery notes:

The two cemeteries mentioned in my imaginary dream did at one time exist, but have since been destroyed. One was the George W. O'Rear plot, containing the graves of his three little girls, predating the Ellison cemetery. These graves were located at the southwest corner of the yard, less than two hundred feet from the house. The graves had been beautifully done-up with cut stone from the nearby quarry. These stones were taken by thieves sometime after the 1930s, when the property was, more or less, vacated of tenants. The names of the three little girls had already been inscribed on their parent's monument at Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Rome, Georgia.

When George W. O'Rear sold the property to Jonathon H. Ellison in 1863, he reserved a square, twenty feet by twenty feet, wherein the graves of his three children were located.

After the property had passed to the Ellison family, it became known as the Ellison Precinct Twenty-One and was so identified on census reports for all of beat twenty-one. It was also the site of the poll for voting in local and national elections, as well as a place to bring corn to be ground into meal.

Sometime later, the new owner authorized a communal burying ground. This cemetery was located in back of the house by the river near the old ford. The exact date this cemetery was authorized is not known. It was probably abandoned before 1900 in favor of Bankhead and Little River. It is no longer found on recent official maps.

The best information I've been able to get is sketchy, at best. Several of the previous generation thought there might have been at least twenty-one graves, representing burials from different parts of the community. I've not been able to discover any of the names of the people buried there.

My family has a connection with the Ellison family, dating back more than a hundred years. We don't believe that any of the Ellisons are buried at the old homeplace. Jonathon H. Ellison died in 1896 and is buried at Little River Cemetery. There may be other members of his family buried at Little River. There are other sandstone monuments near his grave, bearing no inscription.

I'm presently working on an article concerning this early community center and plan to share it with *The Groundhog*.

The O'Rear/Elison place became notorious for the any ghost stories told about it. These stories go back in my own family to the 1880s, at least. For those of you who are unfamiliar with these stories, picture in your mind, if you will, a full moon shining down on an old deserted Victorian house, located deep in a dark forest, now home to thousands of roosting blackbirds, and flanked by two abandoned cemeteries, and I believe you have a night setting of fright sufficient to raise goose pimples, bristle the hair, and quicken the step of the bravest soul.

This property is located on the east side of the west fork of Little River, about one-half mile north of DeSoto Falls. The property is now known as the Nell Libby Subdivision and is one of our more beautiful areas of the town. If there are any ghosts left about, I'm sure they're friendly.



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The Designer Showcase Home is sponsored by the Fort Payne Three Arts Club, a non-profit organization which will use the proceeds from the event to grant college scholarships to area high school students. The showing will feature the talents of over a dozen of the area's most noted interior designers. Interior designers and landscapers from DeKalb County, Gadsden, and Chattanooga, Tenn., have worked feverishly over the past month to give the home a make-over.

The house owner, Leslie Bunch, turned over the family heirloom to the likes of Thornton Lake design and Fambrough Drapery and Design of Gadsden, Wolfe Studio Interiors and Yessecks Interior of Chattanooga, and local designers, Lori Stubbs, Ider, Annette Shugart of Colours Painting and Decorating, and Bill Elliott of Fort Payne.

The downstairs hallway was decorated by Lori Stubbs. It retains the original wall paper that has been in the house for more than 50 years, and she added curtains and pictures.

Mike Gibbs of Fambrough said his firm had two people putting in 25-30 hours a week for almost four weeks on the house. The firm decorated the dining room, living room, and the foyers of both stories of the house.

Each of the rooms offers a glimpse of the designer and a wide variety of decorating ideas. For instance, one of the rooms done by Leith Moring and Janice White of Thornton Lake uses anaglypta wall paper with an ornate design. The wallpaper has a raised design or it can be purchased plain.

On the outside, landscaper, Benny Campbell of Attalla Florist and Landscapers, replaced the small plants around the front of the house with larger, dark green foliage to contrast with the color of the house.

Michelle Anderson of Valley Design placed a rock walkway and fountain at the entrance of the smokehouse, and Al Blackburn decorated the side lawn.

The Winston Place home was erected in the 1830s by William Overton Winston and now serves as a Bed and Breakfast inn. The antebellum mansion features 15 rooms, 94 windows, and a sprawling veranda.

Admission during the Designer Showcase is \$10. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. For ticket information, contact the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce, 845-2741.

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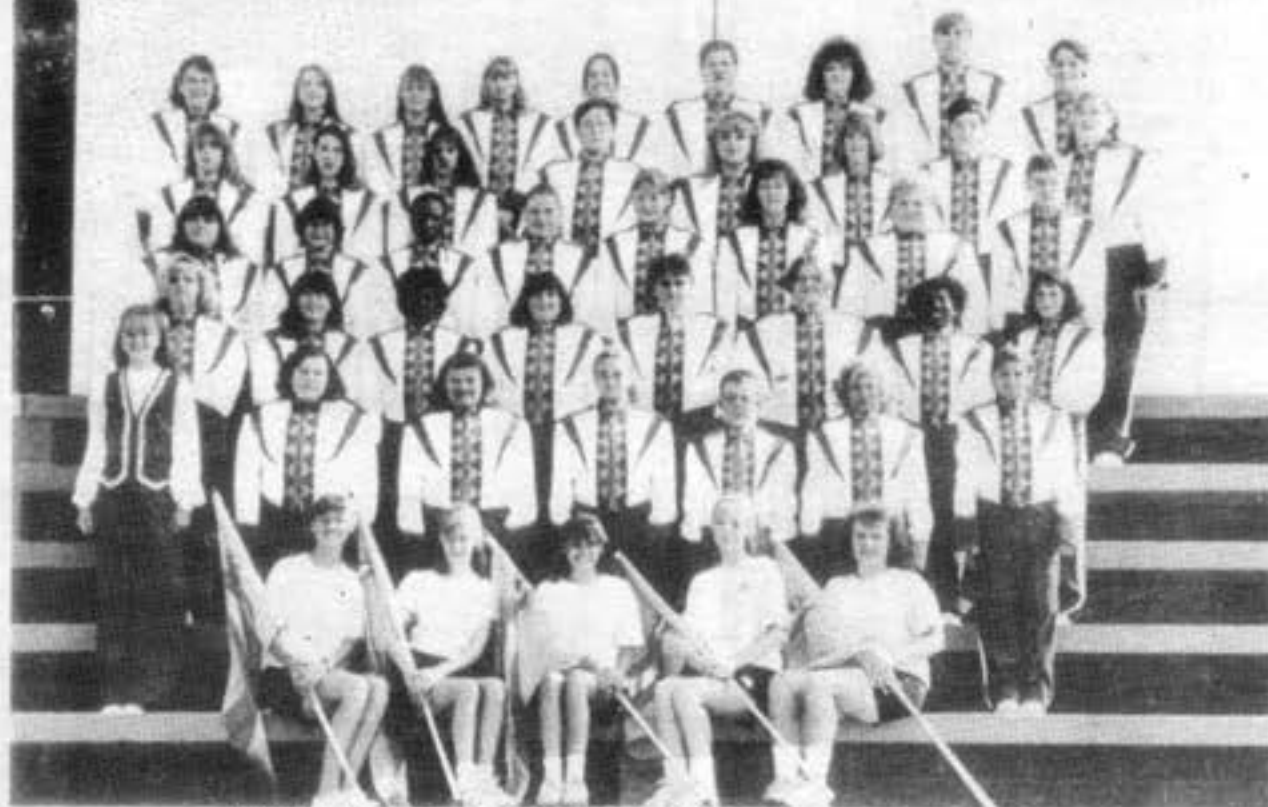
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Valley Head High School Band Receives Superior Rating at 29th Annual DeKalb County Marching Festival

By Kim Worthey

The 29th Annual DeKalb County Marching Festival was held on October 1st at the Fort Payne Football Stadium. A large crowd was on hand to cheer on some of the finest high school bands in the DeKalb County Area. The judging consisted of drum majors, majorettes, colorguard squads, and bands themselves. They were scored on a scale from 1 to 3--1 being superior.

Beginning with Collinsville High School, bands played their "nervous" best to songs with themes ranging from Spanish to patriotic. Though a very small band, with under 30 members, Collinsville made a "big noise." For their performance, their drum major and majorette rated superiors and the band received a 2.

Ider Golden Band of Pride took the field second, snaring superiors in every category. The Fyffe Red Devil Band wowed the crowd next with the woodwinds and percussion singing "Boot Scootin' Boogie" as the remaining members played.

They, too, rated superior.

Our own Valley Head Tigers Marching Band would follow, with an excellent show, worthy of the superior rating awarded them. Director Campbell Smith was surely proud to see his drum major Jennifer Robertson, colorguard captain Shirlee Collins and band captain Karen Davis, accept the first place trophies for which they worked so hard. Valley Head has no majorettes this season.

Afterward, the Bulldogs of Geraldine provided entertainment from every category, and took home superiors, under the direction of Kim Shrader, who is a member of the Mentone Revival Center.

Crossville Band "put on the Ritz" for superiors, with the exception of the majorettes, who received a 2. The Bear Band of Plainview also received superiors, as did the hosts of the festival, the Fort Payne Wildcats, who ended the day with a salute to the United States of America.



The 1995 Valley Head Homecoming Court

Queen: Angie Wheat
 Princess: Jennifer Robertson
 Princess: Ingrid Vik
 Attendants:
 11th Grade: Christy Ferguson
 10th Grade - Amy Izell
 9th Grade - Carla Knowles
 8th Grade - Candace fuller



Stewart Parins

Catherine's Wild Flower Restaurant To Open Soon

Opening a restaurant has been a life long goal of Stewart Parins, Manager and Chef of Catherine's Wild Flower Restaurant located within the Mentone Inn. After nearly nine years of catering in Florida, and food service work in Wisconsin and California, Stewart's dream is about to become a reality. The opening of Catherine's Wild Flower is projected for Oct. 15, 1995. The restaurant will feature fine dining Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Due to limited seating in the dining room, reservations are requested. The menu will feature Certified Black Angus Steaks, assorted seafood, a variety of chicken dishes, and a featured pasta. Soups and breads will be prepared daily. Appetizers include Shrimp Cocktail, Smoked Alaskan Salmon, and French Onion Soup. Box lunches will be available for the upcoming Fall Colorfest. Catherine's Wild Flower will start serving lunches beginning in November. The hours for lunch will be 11-2, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sunday Buffets will start around the middle of November. Catherine's Wild Flower will be open for Thanksgiving Day Dinner (reservations required). The cuisine offered will make your dining experience one to remember. Everyone at Catherine's Wild Flower looks forward to seeing you soon. Reservations can be made after Oct. 15, 1995. Please call 205-634-4836 or 1-800-455-7470.

MARLANA BEASLEY SELECTED FOR WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 1995-96

Marlana Beasley, 17, of Mentone, has been selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1995-96." She is the daughter of William and Mary Beasley, and the granddaughter of Mary Baker, and Bonnie and Alvin Davis, all of Mentone. Other grandparents are William and Vivian Beasley of Birmingham. Marlana is the sister of Shannon Chambers and Steve Davis, both of Ft Payne.



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ALEXIS DANIELLE HATFIELD

celebrated her **2nd** birthday September 28.

She is the daughter of Nichole Hatfield of Mentone, and Mark Hatfield of Sulphur Springs.

Her grandparents are Billy & Louise Cash of Mentone and Chuck & Mary Ott of Ider.



Jim and Penny Lyday

Jim Lyday's second book, "The In-Between Years," is just off the press. The In-Between years covers the time between high school and the beginning of a 34-year teaching career. Follow one of your ole local boys through farming, sawmilling, the Navy, and college. He finally found a wife after 27 years, and became the first of his clan to finish college.



Mr. and Mrs. James William Hulan

Williamson-Hulan vows are exchanged

Kristina Lynnette Williamson and James William Hulan exchanged wedding vows during a double ring ceremony Aug. 5th at First Baptist Church in Greenup, KY.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Doris Williamson of Greenup, KY. The groom is the son of Danny and Norma Hulan of Valley Head.

Elder Homer E. Bowling read the double ring vows following a program of nuptial music by Rhonda Rostbrook, pianist; Kim Campbell and Jamie Garthee, soloists; and David and Nicole Allen, vocalists.

Andrea Williamson served her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy King, and Mandi Browder, cousin of the groom. Nicole Hulan, cousin of the groom, was a junior bridesmaid.

Matthew Hulan served his brother as best man. Ushers were Wade Phillips, Bill Hill, Jamey Stafford, cousin of the bride, and Hank King.

Other members of the wedding party included Sarah Sheppard, cousin of the bride, and Rosalee Stafford as flower girls; Alex Sheppard, cousin of the bride, and Troy Stafford as ring bearers. B.J. Browder and Craig Hulan, both cousins of the groom, served as taper lighters. Holly Stafford and Peggy Stapleton were guest book attendants.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church with Dodie Bowling, Janet Lavender, Betty Sturgill and Debbie True serving as hostesses.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Greenup County High School and is a senior at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, KY. She is a member of NEA-SP. The groom is a 1992 graduate of Valley Head High School and is also a senior at Cumberland College. He is an Army ROTC cadet and employed by the college.

They reside in Williamsburg, KY.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Reminisce is a word used quite frequently by me because so much has passed that is on the minds of senior citizens (sounds better than old folks). Do you remember the old Burma-Shave signs? They were a pleasure to read in sequence as one traveled on the highways. Of course, this was before super highways with an unlimited amount of lanes. We only had two-way traffic and could get a good view of the right-of-way. I am not sure when these signs disappeared, but all of a sudden there were no more. It would be fun to read them now. Some were most humorous, such as "Slow down, Paw, sakes alive, Mom missed signs four and five! Then, at the end: Burma Shave. Wonder if there is any more Burma Shave?"

In our part of the country, not too many years back, all barns in our locale seemed to wear big bold letters in black and white—SEE ROCK CITY. These became so well known they were missed when we no longer had them. Mr. Hal Howe used to supervise having these barns painted. I believe the farmer was given a free paint job all over the barn in exchange for advertising on the roof—not a bad bargain. Some things were done so long they became a part of local scenery and we miss them.

In reading *Reminisce Magazine*, I see that Burma Shave signs are being installed again in several states just for nostalgia. There is a group of people trying to get them in part of all the states—sort of like wagon train trips.

Commercials are a vital part of our lives, whether or not we buy the products, and some commercials are better than the television shows they are sponsoring. They even give awards to the best or most comical advertisements on television. I remember the ads on radio better than the programs. Fels Naptha soap, Ivory, Ipana tooth paste, Philip Morris, Griffin shoe polish. Some talented person spent a lot of time dreaming about these ear-catching commercials, and they are well paid for them. However, when awards are handed out, I don't remember hearing of any artist being recognized.

We recently bought some old Amos and Andy tapes, and the ads were as good as the shows. We have observed our children, when they were small, come running from another room when the commercials came on. We should have some sort of attention-getting ads—free—to promote conservation, clean-up days, save our trees, stop pollution. Some big business could sponsor this sort of thing that would grab the attention of our youth. They could be comic, musical, or both. Cigarette ads are "out," clean environment should be "in."

Even farther back than Burma Shave, are the days of cooking on a wood burning stove or on the fireplace. Iron utensils with tin lids were standard equipment for all kitchens. The iron bean pot was used practically every day at my grandmother's house. It seemed she always had some of the family there, including me. Some days, she boiled back-bones of the butchered hog, which was standard every autumn as soon as it turned cold. The meat on the bones was sweet and delicious, along with dumplings she made with it. Some days the pot held pinto beans seasoned with ham, and cornbread baked in an iron skillet was served with the beans. There was a large crock of green tomato pickles in the kitchen that added spice to the beans. Then, one day, greens were boiled slowly—sometimes collards and some days mixed greens. And with the greens, we had cracklin' bread. Cracklins are the crisp little bits of fat left from rendering lard, and it flavored the bread wonderfully. Grandmother might have a sweet potato cobbler to go with this meal, and good cold buttermilk to drink. She probably drank coffee, which she kept hot in an iron teakettle. She was the only person I ever saw doing that. She kept it by the fireplace in winter.

Then there was wash day. That was the worst day of the week. Water had to be drawn from a well by hand. (We didn't have a pump. We drew it by a rope attached to a long narrow

bucket.) Then we had to build a fire around a big iron pot filled with water. When the water was warm enough, we filled a zinc wash-tub and proceeded to wash the clothes by hand, scrubbing stubborn spots on a rubboard. We refilled the pot, stoked the fire and put white clothes, with more soap in the pot to boil. Some people made their own lye soap at home for this purpose. We used octagon soap, a brown bar, to rub on the rubboard, and dry washing powder in the pot. They were taken from the pot with a stick and put in other tubs filled with clean water for rinsing. It was a back-breaking job by the time we finished hanging them on the line. It took all day! This kind of good ole days I can do without. The only thing good was the fresh, clean smell of sheets to lie between, and we were so tired, to lie between any sheets was sweet! But after the job was done, it was a good feeling of accomplishment—and it was done for the week. Now, I wash every day, and seem never to be done with it. When we had to wash the hard way, we wore our dresses several days, being very careful not to soil them.

Cutting wood to last through the winter was another chore the men had to do. Wood for a cookstove was split and cut in short pieces, and stacked to dry. Wood for the fireplace was stacked on the front porch as close to the fireplace as possible. Then, we hoped for a mild winter so the wood would hold out for the duration.

Then, the ladies would get all the scraps together left from sewing dresses for the family, and piece quilts. These quilts were not the dainty beautifully stitched ones. They were filled with cotton batting, and made heavy to keep one warm in a bedroom with no heat. We would heat flat-irons by the fireplace, wrap them in cloth, and put in our beds to warm our feet. I can remember the covers were so heavy we could hardly turn over, but once we were warm on the feather mattress, we slept wonderfully well.

There was stress in the good ole days, but I believe we are more than compensated with indoor plumbing and electricity.

I hope to have some news from China next month. See you then.

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Ann Wright receiving a life membership in the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.



Aileen Brown with her Victorian arrangement

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, September 12, 1995, at 2 p.m., at Nippersink Lodge. Hostesses Gerry Disney, Mickey Gough, Jan Wilkinson, and Frances Rosario Blix served delicious refreshments.

Marie Dillenbeck, president called the meeting to order. Penny Lyday gave the devotion, "What can I do to help be a worthy servant?" She also read a poem: "The Person Down The Road is You." The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was led by Jo Beaube. The president welcomed members and guests. There were 23 members present and seven guests: Aileen Brown, and her son, David; Frances Waller; Cecilia Jackson; Hazel Tuschall; Pat Shippey; and Lillian Watson.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. In the absence of Flo Kirby, Mickey Gough gave the treasurer's report, which was filed.

Corresponding secretary, Marilyn Campbell, said she had sent cards to Bob and Jim Baty and Charlyne and John O'Rear.

Ann Wright, Flower Show Chairman, announced that Sept. 24 was the last date to register entries for the flower show at the DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair. She passed out instructions on how to prepare your plants and keep them looking good. The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs, of which the Rhododendron Garden Club is a member, is the sponsor of the Flower Show during the first week in October. Ann stated that Russell Wright had mulched the plants in the sidewalk area, and cleaned the beds out.

Patti Bryan, also on the special projects committee, has started a lecture series on butterflies and gardens, teaching Joyce Smith's 5th grade class on Monday, Sept. 10, at Moon Lake School. The students have a research project on how many types of butterflies are in this area. There were no other standing committee reports.

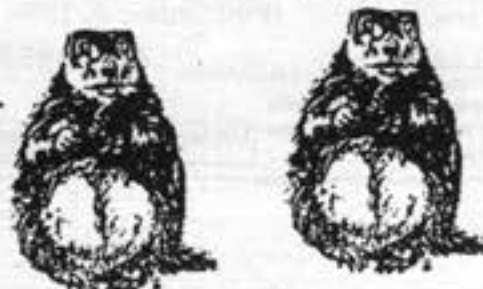
Ann Wright gave a report as to status of the preparations for the District II Garden Club meeting at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head on Thursday, Sept. 21.

Visitor, Lillian Watson, won the drawing for the ways and means gift. The project earned \$39.

Under new business, Marie Dillenbeck and Dr. Pat Seymour presented Ann Wright with a life membership in the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. to honor her for all the help she has given, for all the work she has done, and for her friendship. It was presented as a birthday gift. (See picture above.)

Bernise Crow, vice president and program chairman, introduced the speaker, Aileen Brown, as a personal friend from Chattanooga, who has been associated with garden club work for over 25 years. Bernise said that Aileen loves to arrange flowers and has won many blue ribbons; and that she is a member of the Hosta Society in Chattanooga. Aileen made three exquisite arrangements: Victorian (see picture above with roses), Grandmother's Tea Thyme, and a dried arrangement, using a pumpkin to hold the arrangement. She explained each step of the arrangements, and the members thoroughly enjoyed her presentation. Many new ideas were garnered from the methods she used.

There being no further business, the president thanked the hostesses for the refreshments. The meeting was adjourned, and it was announced that the next meeting would be at the home of Heather Nicely at 5460 East River Road. Heather has the program: Conifers: Types & Culture." Roll call is to name a favorite conifer. The members are to bring a brown bag lunch and drink. The time of the meeting is 12 noon.



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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

Fall is here, and we have lots of beautiful apples and muscadines and other fall fruits and vegetables. This month, I have a great recipe for muscadine preserves, and a quick, easy dessert using the microwave to bake apples.

Muscadine Hull Preserves

Catherine Eason,
Family Secrets

- 2 quarts muscadines
- 6 C granulated sugar

Wash muscadines. Take them, one at a time, and pop pulp with seeds into a large saucepan. Place emptied hulls in another, larger saucepan. Cover hulls with water and simmer 10 to 15 minutes, until tender. Cook juice, pulp, and seeds about 5 minutes or until pulp disintegrates. Strain to remove seeds.

Combine hulls and strained juice to make 2 quarts, adding water if necessary. Add sugar, and cook until mixture sheets off a spoon. Seal in hot sterilized jars. Makes 4 pints.

Golden Apple Chunks

- 4 medium cooking apples, peeled, quartered & cored
- 1/4 C brown sugar packed
- 1 t cinnamon
- 2 T butter or margarine

Place apples in 1-quart microwave casserole. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon and crumble over apples. Dot with butter. Cook covered, in microwave oven on HI (max. power) 7-8 minutes, stirring after 4 minutes. Serve with ice cream or whipped topping. 4 servings.

In the September 1995 Nickelodeon Magazine, a poem written by Rachel Hamilton, the granddaughter of Sue Schwarz, was one of three contest winners in the Spacey Song Contest. Those entering lyrics were asked to write lyrics for a song honoring a planet or something else in outer space. Rachel, age 9, of Clearwater, Florida, wrote the following:

How Much Is That Martian In The Window?

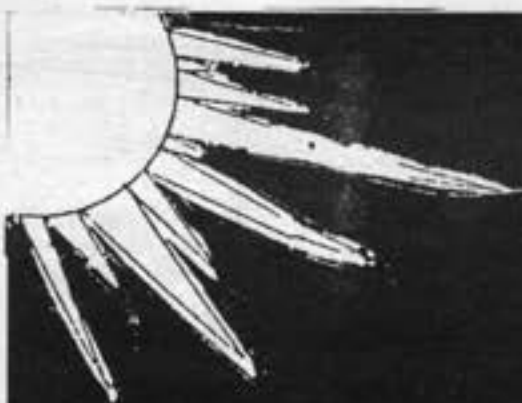
(sung to the tune of "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window")

How much is that Martian in the window?
(doing doing)
The one with the wiggly ears.
How much is that Martian in the window?
(doing doing)
He fills all my heart with pure cheer.

How much is that moon rock in the window??
(crush crush)
The one with the shimmering glow.
How much is that moon rock in the window?
(crush crush)
I really, really need to know.

How much is that comet in the window?
(whoosh whoosh)
The one with astonishing speed.
How much is that comet in the window?
(whoosh whoosh)
That comet that I really need.

Note: All the other winners used the tunes of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star or Row, Row, Row Your Boat.)



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(7) WATCH THE SEASONS CHANGE IN THE VALLEY BELOW from in front of the rock fireplace of this 3 bedroom, 2 bath custom log home. Fully equipped kitchen, pine floors, exposed beams in living room and central heat and air on a 7.2 acre brow lot above Mentone. Ready to move into and start enjoying the fantastic view from the large deck where you can spend many lazy afternoons. \$150,000.



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(9) MENTONE BROW- Spectacular View- Beautiful, unique, unusual describes this finished home which offers three bedrooms, one full bath (with Jacuzzi), two one-half baths, great room with wet bar and fireplace, kitchen area features ceramic countertops and an island with custom hood, range, disposal, dishwasher and refrigerator. A two-car garage, glass-enclosed, octagon-shaped casual pool with patio overlooking pool, sauna, shower area, recreation room with pool table, hot tub, and decks are just some of the amenities. All this and approximately 700' of brow frontage! Shown by appointment only to qualified buyers. Great for a restaurant. \$295,000.



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--THANK YOU--

By Gail Chambers

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District - Volunteer Fire Department held its 3rd annual Bar-B-Q at the Firehall on Saturday, Sept. 2nd - \$2,682.75 was raised.

The Fire Dept. would like to thank everyone who came by and bought the Bar-B-Q, bought chances on the \$1,000 that was given away, or gave a donation.

A very special thanks goes out to:

Moe (Jeff Mosier) who so willingly gave up his time to cook the meat that was served at the Bar-B-Q. You did a super job!! We received many compliments to the Chef!!

Phyllis Cochran for donating her time to help us; and

Dr. Pat Seymour for everything she did for us. We love you, Dr. Pat!!

It takes a lot of effort and time to hold a fundraiser like this, and we want to say that we're proud of everyone who helped with the Bar-B-Q.

Also, we'd like to invite everyone up to the Brow Park during the October Colorfest on October 21 and 22. We plan to have a food booth on Saturday and Sunday.

For those of you who would like to make a donation, please send them to P.O. Box 154, Mentone, AL 35984.

Cutlines for the above pictures are (L/R):

1. Linda Brown selling chances on \$1,000; Eleanor Tate collecting Bar-B-Q money

2. Gail Chambers

3. Jim Roberts, Krissy Harris, Juanita Hartline, Kim Worthey, dishing out Bar-B-Q for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Bailey

4. Ovie Blalock, Dr. Pat Seymour, and Barbara Blalock

5. Don and Janie Aldridge, and John B. and Permelia Aldridge

6. Sheriff Cecil Reed and wife, Linda

7. Kayla and Alex Hazel drawing for \$100 bills



A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Welcome October, with your bright blue skies, colorful leaves, and cool breezes!

It has been a beautiful time to travel. Mary Crow, her daughter, Jane Kirby, and Jane's daughter, Angela Chambers, flew to Minnesota to attend the 21st Ordinance Military reunion at the Holiday Inn. They went to the Mall of America, the biggest in the United States, with four hundred stores and an amusement park. They saw Sally Jessie Raphael make an entrance promoting a radio station. This was also a celebration of Mary's birthday, Sept. 8.

Amanda Wilkes, daughter of Glen and Joyce Wilkes, of Huntsville, was married to Heath Cain, also of Huntsville, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Woodland Hill Baptist Church, in Huntsville. Those attending from here, were Geneva and Patricia Smith, Lavoyd and Bessie Wilkes, and Velma Hammond. The bride is the granddaughter of Geneva Smith.

Sue and Foyl Cooper spent some time recently with Sue's daughter, Marguerite Wilson and family in Hixon, Tenn. Marguerite is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

Bad weather caused cancellation of plans for the Sunshine Club's annual picnic. Instead, Lillie Bowden was gracious hostess for a covered dish supper at her home on Fri., Sept. 22. Those present were Ruth and Bert Pickett, Sue and Foyl Cooper, Gladys Cobble, Helen Waters, Glenda Savage, and Eloise Brown.

Marty and Marsha Biddle and children, Jessica and Mathew, and daughter-in-law Nicole, Brent Biddle's wife, went to Fort Knox for Brent's graduation. He received an award for professionalism from his peers. He will be in the cavalry at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Tex. Allen Biddle also attended the graduation. Unfortunately, Marty came in contact with a Brown Recluse Spider that bit him on the arm. He has been very sick and has had a rough time. We hope he will soon be completely recovered.

The Valley Head UMW met at the church, Sept. 19, for the pledge service, titled "Love In Action." It was conducted by the treasurer, Laura Margaret Allison. Those present were Helen White, Gladola Holleman, Elizabeth Coleman, Frances Longshore, Velma Hammond, Adelaide Biddle, Venna Livingston, Mary Holleman, Vesta Hawkins, and Eloise Brown. We were delighted to have Katherine Crumbley and Arno White as guests. The election of officers was held with the same officers being reelected: Eloise Brown - president, Adelaide Biddle - vice-president, Laura Margaret Allison - Secretary/Treasurer, and Frances Longshore - Chairman of Nominations.

I received a card from my cousins, Blanche and Bill Fuller, who are enjoying a tour of England and Scotland. They said the weather is great there, and so much to see. I also received a letter from Lila Schlicher in Gulf Shores. She has been in the hospital and is not well. She asks for our prayers.

Ruth Burnett is home after tests at DCH-Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa. Her granddaughter Kim Keller is pharmacist in Tuscaloosa, and her doctor was Mark Ricketts, Emmy Carmichael's husband. She received an encouraging diagnosis and is feeling much better, which is very good news!

Sept. 24 was awards and promotions day at Valley Head Baptist Church. Awards of Appreciation were presented to the deacons, Sunday School teachers, and department leaders.

Venna Livingston and her daughter, Sue Mosley, received royal treatment at the annual conference of the U.S. Agriculture Dairy Dept. at the Doubletree Suites in Seattle, Wash. Sue is market administrator of the southeast area. She received an award for 25 years service and was acclaimed for her achievements. They traveled by land, sea, and air on their trip. They went by boat to an island for a Salmon bake. (Venna said those fresh salmon were delicious.) They crossed on a huge ferry to

Victoria, Canada, and Vancouver. They report that Mt. St. Helen is almost back to its original beauty after its devastation 15 years ago by the volcanic eruption and Mt. Ranier was capped with snow. The weather was good, the flowers and scenery were beautiful, and they were shown a wonderful time that they will always remember.

Gladys Cobble isn't well. She fell at home, which required four stitches in her face.

Evelyn and Loy Clark Sr., and Margaret and Loy Clark Jr. enjoyed several days in Orange Beach and Pensacola.

Addie Hall and her daughter, Mary Porter, came to visit friends. Addie is 94 years old and doing fine.

Joe McGlinchey of Bainbridge, Ga., was a recent guest of Larry and Helen Longshore.

Thomas Larmore has moved from Birmingham to The Fountains in Ft. Payne.

Isaac Espy and his attractive family visited the Valley Head Methodist Church, Oct. 1, and we enjoyed his piano playing.

Plans are being made for an area-wide revival to be held in November at the Hammondville Armory. Adelaide Biddle, from our church, is serving on the publicity committee. We will be hearing more about it later, and we are hoping it will be very successful.

I hope October will be its usual beautiful time, and everyone can enjoy and appreciate "fruitful harvest from the land, unto every willing hand, October's beautiful days, lavish in all her ways!"

SPIRITS OF HALLOWEEN

October's days are flying
into yesterdays' history;
The few remaining are crying
in the deepest dark mystery.

The moon is in mourning waving
wisps of black veil at the breeze
While eerie sounds are pervading
atmosphere, whipping the trees.

Each tree is moaning with grief,
at the agony of separation,
As it surrenders its last leaf
to autumn's desperation.

Witches are galloping on brooms,
round-eyed owls are asking "Who-oo?"
Jack-o-lanterns grin in the gloom,
goblins and spooks answer "Boo-oo!"

Angels are now ghosts so scary,
bouncing on dancing feet,
Beware, tread softly, be wary-
give booty, make their victory complete.

Black cats have come out to howl,
and scream with fearful sound,
It is their night to prowl
and raise havoc all around.

All creepy and crawly things
have come out to creep and crawl.
Their poison bites and stings
are threatening one and all.

Jack Frost's icy fingers are playing
dirges on bones of human spines--
Even the brave are praying
for courage to grace these times.

Electrical fears are shocking
all who venture forth this evening;
Superstitions are revived and mocking
the skeptical, the cynical and unbelieving.

Spiders are spinning lacy traps,
making more menacing the scene;
All who travel unaware are zapped
by the frightful Spirits of Halloween.

—Eloise Brown

VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine Donahue

The first meeting of the new year for the Valley Head Woman's Club was held at Nippersink Lodge still surrounded by the green of summer with only a hint of autumn soon to come.

Hostesses were Gerry Disney, Sue Hamilton, and Maxine Wright. This triumvirate, as always, came up with a bountiful table of five sweets and five non-sweets. The exotic pepper plants used as decorations on the dining tables and throughout the lodge were grown especially for the event by Jimmy Wright, husband of Maxine. He is a pepper aficionado.

The theme of the 1994-96 club term is "Reflecting on the Past and Reaching to the Future."

James Kuykendall, guest speaker, is now retired, but still writes a two-page spread each week in "The Advertiser" on the history of the area and its people.

He enthralled club members with his "Reminiscences of Nippersink." Nippersink is the Indian word for Little River. In 1934, Eugene Taylor of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, built Nippersink as a summer home for his large family and guests. In 1944, two high school teachers, Annelee Tucker and Elizabeth Lowe, bought the property for a summer camp for girls. Since the river provided the only camp sports, the teachers decided to convert the camp into an inn. Thus, Nippersink Lodge was born in 1945.

Miss Tucker and Miss Lowe taught at Thomasville, Selma, and Valley Head. Miss Tucker was a sister-in-law of Kathryn Windham, famous Alabama author. Donald Morgan, Valley Head druggist, was a student of the ladies. It is said that their summer income from the lodge exceeded that of their nine month's teaching.

Some years later, George and Osceola Hauge, who had known the teachers at Thomasville, bought the lodge and operated it until 1979, when Ed and Gerry Disney bought it. The Disneys continue to operate Nippersink in the fine tradition of the past with the help of their daughter, Theresa, and their son, Desmond. Their patrons are gracious souls in casual dress.

Thus, for 50 years, Nippersink has been one of the most unique country inns in the south, with several succeeding generations coming each summer. Favorite foods of the club members served at Nippersink are biscuits, key lime pie, mean beans, and tramp eggs.

Club president, Dot Blackburn, presided at the meeting, and Velma Hammond led members in reciting the club Collect.

Maurine Donahue gave the devotional based on Hebrews 11. The time of this book is in the far past for us, and this chapter enumerates the patriarchs and their faith in God of the far distant past. We should look backward and forward in time, gaining both old and new knowledge.

Someone has said that, as we go into the computer age, we will have a collective blank stare, since we will not have to remember anything. But, perhaps, we will need our memories. Hebrews 12 exhorts us that, with great witnesses as examples, to run the race that is set before us "Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."....

Guests were Peggy Howe, associate member, and Catolyn Rauth of Arlington, Virginia.

Peggy Bentley and Marsha Hurt asked to become associate

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Christmas cantata choir practice is held every Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Valley Head Baptist Church. The cantata is entitled, "Come Home for Christmas." October 8 is being observed as World Hunger Day, and everyone will be bringing a can of food with 25 cents attached. High attendance Sunday is also on Oct. 8. The 150th Anniversary of the church will be on October 22, with recognitions being made in the worship service. Former pastors and visitors are invited for this service. A covered dish dinner will be served. On Oct. 28, the youth will be having home missions projects, with a hayride and wiener roast afterwards. The fifth Sunday joint service will be held at the Valley Head United Methodist Church with Reverend Jenkins from Valley Head Baptist Church speaking in the service.

Sharon Lee began a new study on Sept. 28, entitled, "Lord, I Want To Know You," by Kay Arthur. Participants in the study meet each Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Valley Head. The UMW will meet at the home of Laura Margaret Allison on Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. Elizabeth Coleman will be the co-hostess for the meeting.

The theme for the month of October at Moon Lake Baptist Church is "Grow With God." The church is beginning a growth outreach program. There will be four teams that will be visiting each week. J.O.Y. will be going to Ellijay on the church bus on Oct., leaving at 8 a.m. There will be a fellowship meal and business meeting on Oct. 4. Cottage prayer meetings will be held on Oct. 19, 20, and 21. You may telephone the pastor to get the details about these meetings. A new Discipleship Training class for adults will begin on Oct. 8, "The Mind Of Christ." This will be an introductory meeting of the class. If members do not like the study, regular program material may be resumed. The Youth will have a costume party on Oct. 28. Please contact Mark Watkins, Youth Director, at 634-4078, for further details. On Oct. 31, there will be a Kids Funfest from 6-8 p.m., with games, candy, and fun. The next regular J.O.Y. meeting will be Oct. 26, at 11:30 a.m.

The Mentone Wesleyan Church will have Homecoming on Oct. 22, at 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner in the fellowship hall. The guest speaker will be Reverend Joe Vernon, son of former pastor, George Vernon. Special music, special recognition, and just a very fun service is being planned for that day.

The Mentone United Methodist Church has begun new member and teen confirmation classes. Fall Fling is Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Camp Sumatanga. Charge conference is November 19. The youth are planning a ski trip to North Carolina for January 1996. They will be having fundraisers (car washes and yard sales, etc.) and will be asking for contributions.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have guest preachers on Oct. 8 and Oct. 29. On Oct. 15, there will be Church in the Camp at Camp DeSoto. This will be an intergenerational Bible experience followed by a covered dish lunch. The church will continue to have communion every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. Bishop Miller will confirm the members.

The RAs of Union Hill Baptist Church recently made a white water rafting trip to Ocoee. They, along with their leaders, had a cold, but marvelous time. The GAs have completed the Christmas in August endeavor for foreign missions. A new church year has begun with new teachers and officers and fresh ideas. The church continues to grow. The new sanctuary is filled every Sunday, and the new classrooms are overflowing.

The college and career class, under the leadership of Butch and Amy Greg, has tripled in size, and the Youth Department, with Barry and Brenda Wisner as directors, has grown to 36 members in Sunday School. The youth choir will be participating in the Associational Youth Choir Festival, and the men's ensemble, the college and career ensemble, the mixed church ensemble, and a newly-formed ladies ensemble will be participating in the Associational Choir Festival. Barry Wisner leads the special adult groups in singing, and Jan O'Dell and Susan Bolding lead the youth. Amy Gregg is leading the ladies ensemble, and she is pianist for all the special choirs. If you are not involved in church anywhere, please visit Union Hill Baptist Church just off the parkway past DeSoto State Park. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.; morning worship is at 11 a.m.; discipleship training is at 6 p.m.; with evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir practice is every other Wednesday at 5 p.m., and RAs and GAs meet at 6 p.m. on alternate Wednesdays. Monthly singing is always on the second Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to Sunday morning worship at 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Pastor Don Brock has just returned from the Alabama church Leadership Conference in Birmingham and the southeast Regional Evangelism Conference in Fort Mill, S.C. Other Mentone church leaders attended the Leadership Conference. The local church is now in the process of reorganizing for a new year's work. Everyone is looking forward with great anticipation. There will be a Gospel Singing Saturday evening, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. featuring the Lovelace Singers from Mobile, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend. Pastor Don Brock will be guest evangelist for a series of Revival meetings at the Fort Payne Church of God of Prophecy, Oct. 20-22, 1995. A one-day bus trip is planned to Fields of the Wood, a biblical theme park in Murphy, N.C., Saturday, Nov. 4, 1995. The cost is \$10 per person. The public is invited. Call 634-4459 or 634-4164.

All area church ladies are invited to a Ladies Conference to be held Nov. 3-4 at the Promenade Hall in Valley Head. An exciting series of speakers will provide the classes. Call Brenda Williamson, Mentone Revival Center, at 657-4997, for further information.

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HUMMINGBIRD UPDATE

SUBMITTED By Mrs. Herbert H. Martin

From: Bob and Martha Sargent
of the Hummer/Bird Study Group
For release: Immediate
Local contact: Sis Martin, 845-2349

November to January is the period scheduled by the Hummer/Bird Study Group for chasing winter hummers. Each year, an increasing number of hummingbirds who winter in the Southeast are captured, banded, and released; so a study of their pattern can begin. With the help of those who observe visitors to their hummingbird feeders during winter months, it is hoped a realistic picture of the apparent expansion of the winter ranges of the hummer will emerge.

You can be a part of this emerging picture. As was mentioned at the Hummingbird Workshop at the DeKalb Theatre in April, it is believed that Northeast Alabama could be winter headquarters for some yet-to-be recorded hummingbirds.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds, which are commonly seen in this area in summer, migrate to and from Central America and Mexico in spring and fall. They are solitary birds and do not migrate in flocks. Normally, they are gone by November. But do not take your feeder down or you may miss a great opportunity to be part of the discovery of species which have not been documented for this area.

Leave your feeder out all winter. Keep it clean and maintained and located where it can be viewed easily. Don't worry, you will not make those ruby-throated hummers stay if you leave your feeder out. They have built-in clocks that send them on their migration schedule.

More hummers that do not migrate have not yet been documented. Additional species are expected in coming months, and it may be at your house. With your help, they can be captured, banded, and released for study. So, if you find yourself with winter visitors to your hummingbird feeders, DO CALL: Bob and Martha Sargent, Licensed Bird Banders, Hummer/Bird Study Group, phone: (205) 681-1339.

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SPORTS ON THE SCENE

By Phil Harris

High school football has hit the mid-season stride. Parity has been the real surprise in DeKalb County football this season. Other than Sylvania (5-0), who is head and shoulders above the rest, anybody can beat anybody on a given night. County football has not been this competitive since 1982, the year I moved to Valley Head.

Sylvania, ranked number one in class 3-A, is headed toward another banner season. Crossville (5-0) is off to their best start since winning the state championship in 1986. Plainview (4-1) was supposed to be in a rebuilding year, now the Bears are ranked in the top 10 in 3-A. Collinsville (5-0) has the best Panther squad since the Travis Jackson days of the early 80s. Valley Head (3-2) has earned the respect of all county schools with Daniel Vest and Tim Smith. Fyffe (4-1) probably has the youngest team in the county--problem is the opponents toughest up for the Red Devils. Ider (2-3) has played the toughest schedule. The Hornets have lost to Crossville, Plainview, and Collinsville, a combined 14-1. Geraldine (3-2) has lost to Collinsville (14-7) and Crossville (14-7), and could easily be 5-0. Fort Payne (2-3) has lost to three powerhouses: Gadsden, Hartselle, and Oxford. The Wildcats should pick up some victories the last half of the year, as the opponents lighten up a bit. Except for Valley Head and Plainview (not including Ft. Payne, no DeKalb County team has lost to a team outside the county.

Key matchups to watch for the second half of the season: Oct. 5--Fyffe at Sylvania and Ider at Geraldine; Oct. 13--Valley Head at Crossville, Fyffe at Ider, Glencoe at Plainview, and Collinsville at Gaylesville; Oct. 20--Plainview at Fyffe, Geraldine at Valley Head, Ft. Payne at N. Jackson, and Crossville at J.B. Pennington; Oct. 27--Fyffe at Crossville, Collinsville at Valley Head, Scottsboro at Ft. Payne, and Ider at Sylvania; Nov. 3--Plainview at Sylvania and Fyffe at Geraldine.

The Valley Head Tigers, after opening with three straight victories, have brought back some excitement to the community. Daniel Vest, Tim Smith, Trevor Strickland, Tim Harrison, and company have put football back on the map in Valley Head. Coach Jon Tidmore's squad has turned a few heads. The Tigers have suffered some tough losses in recent weeks to Cedar Bluff (10-7) and Ider (38-28). An 8-2 season is not out of the question. Valley Head is currently 1-1 in area play. They need to get back on track at North Sand Mtn. this week. Tougher opponents are on the horizon with Crossville, Geraldine, and area foe Collinsville (a must win.). The Tigers finish with winless Section.

Listen to K-98 for area high school football (98.3 FM).

Oct. 13	N. Jackson	at Scottsboro
Oct. 20	Scottsboro	at Albertville
Oct. 27	Scottsboro	at Ft. Payne
Nov. 2	Plainview	at Sylvania
Nov. 3	Arab	at Scottsboro

Scottsboro (5-0) is off to their best start since 1965.

Fall softball has only three weeks remaining in the season. Mentone's (3-6) record is not great, but the team continues to improve. CBS has a record of (4-6), close losses have plagued the team all year. The showdown between the two local softball teams is Oct. 12.

Congratulations goes out to Jonathan Browder and Daniel Brown. The local athletes played on the ASA 14 and under national runner-up softball team. The tournament was held in Anniston back in August. Jonathan also played on the 13-14 year-old Fort Payne all-star team that finished second in the state.

Pee Wee football is back in Valley Head. The young Tigers have defeated N. Sand Mtn., and lost to Pisgah and Dade County. Head coach is Mark Battles, and the assistants are: Bill Trail, Mike Hulan, and Tony Edgeworth. Thanks guys!

NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

By Phil Harris

College Football: College football is just as exciting as ever. Florida State, Nebraska, Florida, Colorado, USC, and Ohio State are the teams currently on the hot seat. FSU is number one and will probably stay that way, unless the Florida Gators can pull off a major upset. Nebraska is waiting in the wings. The Huskers meeting with the Colorado Buffaloes may decide who goes to play for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl. The other side of the coin is up for grabs.

Ohio State and USC are on line to meet in the Rose Bowl. The Buckeyes have tough matchups with Penn State and undefeated Michigan still remaining. The Trojans can run the table, and must, to have a chance at a national championship. The Pac-10 and Big-10 are not part of the bowl coalition, because of ties the conferences have to the Rose bowl. Therefore, teams from these conferences cannot play in the Fiesta Bowl for a national title.

The SEC teams have just about knocked each other out of a national championship, as usual. Auburn's loss to LSU, Tennessee's loss to Florida, and Alabama's loss to Arkansas have really thrown the SEC up in the air.

Florida can all but sew up the Eastern division championship with a win this week at LSU. The Western division is up for grabs. LSU and Arkansas are in the driver's seat, for the time being. LSU needs a victory over Florida to stay in the hunt. Arkansas must beat Tennessee, because the Razorbacks still have to play Auburn and LSU. If LSU loses to Florida and Arkansas loses to Tennessee, Auburn controls its own destiny. Auburn must knock off Florida once again. There are no easy tasks in the SEC. Don't be surprised if the winner of the SEC Western division has two conference losses when they go to Atlanta.

Major League Baseball: Baseball playoffs are now the subject of some folks. The Atlanta Braves are on a quest to make it to the World Series once again. The Braves and Cleveland are the best on paper. Who knows, though, with the new play-off system, they both could go down in the first round.

The American and National League playoffs should be more exciting than ever before. The Braves must travel to Colorado for the first two games, before returning home for the next three. A 0-2 start could be deadly. Cleveland hosts Boston at Jacobs Field for the first two. This will be an "all muscle" series. Both teams depend on homerun power. Cincinnati and Los Angeles will be a great five-game series. The Dodgers are on a roll, and the Reds have fizzled a little. Seattle will carry "big mo" into the series with New York. The Mariners are playing with emotion, and nobody wants to play them right now. The Yankees are solid and could win the American League title. Look for some surprises in the first round of the playoffs.

I'm going to stay with what I picked in April: Braves vs. Yankees in the World Series.

Racing: Auto racing is on its last leg. Four races to go and Jeff Gordon (4201) still leads the points race. Dale Earnhardt (3899) has made a valiant run at the points title, lately. However, it may be too late. Gordon just needs to finish consistently in the top ten, to claim his first NASCAR Winston Cup points championship.

Mark Martin (3716) dominated the race last weekend at North Wilkesboro. Martin hopes to finish a solid third behind Earnhardt. He trails Sterling Martin by 33 pts. for third place.

Pro Football: How about those Atlanta Falcons? Sure, the teams the Falcons have beaten are a combined 2-16, but 4-1! Atlanta has the week off before traveling to St. Louis on October 12th. Super Bowl? Probably not, but a playoff team, maybe.

Miami is the only unbeaten team left in the NFL. Dallas, San Francisco, Kansas City, Oakland, Cleveland, Green Bay, St. Louis, and Atlanta are enjoying early season success. Look for Dallas and San Francisco to dominate the NFC. Look for Miami, Oakland, Cleveland, Kansas City, and maybe Denver to fight it out in the AFC. On a negative note, the Saints are back in New Orleans.

Well, that does it again for another month. If you have any sports news that relates to our young people, please let me know. My phone number is 845-5745. God willing, I will see you next month.



The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO" BLALOCK

●The Menlo Library's family storytime will feature "Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf" at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11.

●In Summerville, on Nov. 30, Menlo and the rest of Chattooga County will ring in the last holiday season before the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta with a parade theme, "Christmas Around the World."

●There will be no contested races in the Menlo election this year. The only qualifiers were incumbents Theresa Canada for mayor, Chuck Powell for Seat One; and Eddie Majors for Seat Two. The office of Recorder failed to have anyone to qualify to seek election.

●Berry College will host the Southern Women Writers Conference April 12-14, 1996. For more information including registration details, Contact Emily Wright or Katherine Powell at 232-5374, Ext. 2523.

●Beginning Wednesday, October 1, Alltel (telephone) customers in Lyerly and Menlo will be able to access the long distance company of their choice without a lengthy access code.

●Congratulations to Michael L. Sellers Jr., who received practical training in military leadership at the ROTC advanced camp, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army, Guard, or Reserve. Sellers is a student at North Georgia College, Dahlonega, and the son of Michael L. and Nanci K. Sellers, Menlo.

●Beginning on Sept. 28 and running for 90 days, Elaine Maxwell's "Maxwell's Restaurant" of Menlo will provide meals for the Chattooga County Jail inmates. Mrs. Maxwell was the low bidder on sealed bids opened Sept. 22.

●The Menlo Pre-K facility is a reality due to a concentrated effort of volunteers and the backing of local businesses and organizations. The effort was spearheaded by School Board Chairman, Leroy Massey, Lamar Canada, Sid Swords, Henry Covington, and Bud Crabtree. Organizations aiding in the effort included the Menlo Housing Authority, Menlo Lions Club, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Menlo Recreation Dept., and Best Manufacturing.

●Cudos to Navy Airman Apprentice Stewart C. Toles, son of Stewart C. Toles, Menlo, who recently completed the Basic Aviation Structural Mechanic Course at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station, Memphis, Millington, Tenn.

●Deepest sympathy to the families of the following:
Pete Knowles, who died Sept. 12, 1995, at his residence.
Myrtle M. Ledbetter, 95, who died Sept. 20, 1995, in Chattooga Medical Center
Amy Lee Yarbrough, 81, who died Sept. 14, 1995, at the LaFayette (Ga.) Health Care Center.

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October Colorfest

On Lookout Mountain
MENTONE, ALABAMA

October 21st & 22nd

To Be Held On The Brow Park - Mentone

CRAFTS BOAT RIDES FOOD DRINKS BONFIRE

And
The Famous *Groundhog Run*
5 K run up Scenic Rd. {Route well marked}.

On the *Friday, October 20th* With Terry
Brow Hutcheson
Bonfire With Ghost Stories, Marshmallow Roast & Music----- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 21st

Groundhog Run-----9:00 a.m.

Race Winners-----10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 22nd

Handmade Quilt giving away at 4:00 p.m.



*More Music & Entertainment,
Games of chance for young and old.*

All Alop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Midway From
Chattanooga to Gadsden

On Highway 117, Exiting Off I-59, Exit 231

Sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association
-A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION-



Boat Rides at
DeSoto Falls
\$2.50 a Ticket



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His
benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who
healeth all thy diseases. Psa. 103:2-3

When was the last time you stopped to count
your blessings? We stay in such a hurry, and we
seem to forget the many benefits, such as health,
healing, food, clothes, and the list could go on and
on. I should think it's time to bless the Lord, give
thanks for all the benefits we receive from Him. It
will bring joy and happiness.

The merchants in the Mentone area are
looking forward to the October Colorfest. In
the craft village can be found: The Clock
Shop - Charlie Rogers; Something Special -
Nellie Crowley and Jessie Crow; Granny's
Panties; Hey Hey's Boutique - Charlyne
O'Rear; Country Store - Marsha Hair; Bud's
- Bud Simmons; Log Cabin Deli - Collette
Kerby; Back Door Treasurers - Gloria
Ballenger; Lookout Mountain Properties -
Angela Wood. Others in the area are: The
Mentone Inn - Frances and Karl Waller; The
Heritage Hotel - Bobbie Johnson; The White
Elephant Galleries; The Crow's Nest -
Bernise Crow; Village Boutique - Janette
McCord & Wanda Simmons; Gourdie Shop -
Sharon Barron; Nancy's Treasurers; Rustic
Furniture - Phil Howard; Ruby's Variety -
Phyllis and Jim Roberts; Ruby's Country
Corner - Ruby Stalvey; Kountry Chef -
Dessie Newberry; Little River Hardware -
John Corey; Mentone Superette - Al and
William Blackburn; Cragmere Manna -
Bonnie Barnett; The Shed - Bob Baker;
Cloudmont Ski Resort & The Dude Ranch -
Jack Jones; Bed & Breakfasts: Blossom Hill,
Madaperca, Raven Haven, Valhalla,
Victorian Parlour, Woodhaven, The Winston
Place



**MOON
LAKE
SCHOOL
HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, 1995
5:30 P.M.**

There will be games, drawings for
prizes, food, traditional crowning of
Harvest King and Queen, and more.
Plan to join the children, teachers, parents,
grandparents, neighbors, and friends, for a
great time and help support the school.

Everyone is invited
to attend the festivities!!!



**VALLEY HEAD FIRE DEPT.
3rd Annual Fish Dinner**
at the Fire Hall
October 15, 1995
Serving 11:00 a.m. til?

Eat in or take out.
*****\$5.00 per plate*****

Two \$100.00 bills will be given away.

Community Christmas Cantata

Practice at Valley Head
Baptist Church
Mondays - 6:30 pm.
Directed by DeVann Jackson
All Singers Invited.