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DR. JAMES E. QUIMBY: HEALING HANDS THAT KEEP ON HEALING

By Dr. Pat Seymour

How very appropriate that Dr. James E. Quimby was a "home delivery" in North Adams, Massachusetts, on October 28, 1918, during the middle of the great flu epidemic. He had one brother, Lewis, who is now deceased. Lewis was a master plumber--and he got paid for his house calls. Florence K. Quimby, the doctor's mother, was a nurse for 50 years.

Dr. Quimby attended Drury High School in North Adams, Mass., and graduated when he was 16 years old; then on to Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, where he graduated in 1939. He had a scholarship for college, but he washed dishes and worked in the dining room at the college to pay for his food. Dr. Quimby received his medical training at Albany Medical College, Clinton, N.Y.

When asked where he got his inspiration to enter the medical profession, Dr. Quimby replied, "From my mother, who was a nurse for 50 years and ended up head of everything in the hospital. For the first three years she was in training, she was paid \$6.00 per month. Mom had to support herself and two children on that."

How early did Dr. Quimby know that he wanted to be a doctor? "My senior year in high school when I was 16 years old," he related. Then he must have been a gifted student? "No, I had a brother a year-and-a-half older than I was, and someone thought it would be convenient if we were in the same grade, so they promoted me two grades!"

Dr. Quimby was in Hiroshima, Japan, two weeks after the atom bomb was dropped. He served in the U.S. Army for five years and received a battlefield promotion to the medical rank of captain. Capt. Quimby spent one year in Japan with the 32nd division, the first division that occupied the southern island.

Asked when and why he came to Valley Head, Dr. Quimby replied, "I came because I was tired of the



Taken in 1949 when Dr. James E. Quimby came to Valley Head. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Quimby's office)

snow and ice in the northern part of the country; and I decided I wanted to move to a place where it would be warm most of the year. I had had all the snow and ice I wanted. I opened my office July 1, 1949, in Valley Head, and have been in the same building ever since."

Dr. Quimby is the father of three children: the eldest, Robert, a C.P.A., lives in Rockford, Illinois; Cheryl McCoy, and Sandra Pena, both housewives, live in Tucson, Arizona. He has 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Robert has five children; Cheryl has three daughters (including a set of twins); and Sandy has two children.

Dr. Quimby shared the fact that he has delivered between 1500 and 2000 babies, at least, most of them home deliveries. "The last three years, I was at the hospital when I was delivering babies--most of them were at home. The most babies delivered to one family was five.

"Very few doctors get to deliver triplets. I delivered a set of triplets for a woman I had never seen before in the back valley of Sand Valley. All three died, one in my arms on the way to the hospital. I knew nothing about the woman--never saw her before, never seen her since."

He was one of 10 doctors instrumental in the building of the first hospital in Fort Payne and DeKalb County. Initially named DeKalb County General Hospital, it now houses The Fountains. Of the 10 doctors who built the facility, Dr. Quimby is the only one who is still in practice.

"The thing that stands out most in my medical practice is the fact that I came to Valley Head, because it was just the kind of place I was looking for--a small town. I wanted to be a country doctor. I have always been glad I came to Valley Head. I just hope somebody comes to replace me when I am gone. I charge \$15 for office visits, and it cost me about \$6,000 to get through medical school. Now it costs at least \$35-40,000 per year."

Dr. Quimby still makes some home visits. His hobbies included golf and fishing. Since he has been treated for skin cancer, he has not been able to go out in the sun to golf and fish.

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•October Colorfest, October 18-20 and Groundhog Run, October 19
(See flyers and information on page 2, back page, and elsewhere.)

•Monday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., City Council Meeting, Town Hall

•Saturday, Oct. 12, Columbus Day (traditional)
•Monday, Oct. 14, Columbus Day (observed)
•Sunday, Oct. 27, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIMES ENDS
•Oct. 28-Nov. 1, Drug Awareness Week
•Thursday, Oct. 31, Halloween
•Tuesday, Nov. 5, ELECTION DAY (GO VOTE)
•Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting, Mentone Inn

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Attention Youth Groups and leaders:

Work at the **OCTOBER COLORFEST** in Mentone, Oct. 19, to raise money for your organization. Help is needed in children's booths, fish pond, apple dunkin', grabs, etc.

For more information, call Joyce, Doreen, or Jerry Waters at 845-7225 or 997-0632.



President's Message

By Bernise Crow

We are saddened by the death of one of our charter members of MAPA. Harrell Jenkins passed away in Florida where he was visiting with his daughter. Harrell was one of the hardest workers we ever had. And he was one of the most caring persons I ever knew. He helped more people who needed someone to drive them to the doctor, or to take treatments in Birmingham, go to the bank for them, buy groceries, or just sit with them. When anyone needed anything, and Harrell knew it, he would certainly respond. The only person I know who would do all these things was Rev. Graham Glover. When he became ill, he told Harrell he would have to care for some people he was helping-and Harrell did.

Harrell was one of the committee members appointed to establish bylaws for MAPA. He bought and sold rhododendron plants at the Rhododendron Festival for about ten years. He set up tents, bought the food, and manned the booths at the June Jam for several years, with profits going to MAPA. He was a fine gentle person, and we shall sorely miss him as a true friend and neighbor. May he rest in peace.

OCTOBER COLORFEST

Plans are well laid for our approaching Colorfest. Penny Lyday, chairman of the festival, is a good planner and organizer and has spent many hours getting workers lined up, sending letters, fliers, and entry forms for booths and runners for the Groundhog Classic Run. We should have beautiful color this fall. We have had plenty of rain and cool temperatures a bit early.

George and Jo Beaubé will handle the Groundhog Fun Run at 9 a.m., and the Groundhog Classic Run Saturday morning, October 19, at 9:30 a.m. John and Donna Bares from Camp Skyline will be assisting.

Our bonfire and ghost story session will be Friday night, October 18th, on the lot at the Mentone Inn, thanks to Frances Waller, owner. The Cotaco Band will be furnishing music that night and will play and sing at other times at the festival. We ask anyone who has a ghost story to please volunteer to relate it at the bonfire. Marshmallows will be furnished, and we are going to have fun!

Sherman and Mickey Gough have been busy selling tickets on a beautiful quilt made by Lola Mae Blalock of Mentone, to be raffled at the close of the festival on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Be sure to get your name in the pot. A dollar will purchase a ticket.

Jerry Waters and his mother, Joyce Waters, are lining up great entertainment--some will be a surprise. A puppet show will entertain the children, which is something we have needed. We have not had much of interest for little ones. The Church of God of Prophecy will have good food, as usual, and there will be other food booths.

Jack Jones will head the parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Come and be a part of the parade, as well as joining in the festivities during the fun-filled weekend.



OCTOBER 6-12, 1996

Ice Cream Parlour Reopens!

The Ice Cream Parlour in Valley Head has reopened under a new owner: Rebecca Harper Barrier. Opening day was Friday, Sept. 20. There is plenty of tasty treats in store for you when you stop in: •Ice cream cones •Milk Shakes •Root Beer Floats •Sundaes •Banana Splits •Cokes •Coffee •Hot Cocoa, and lots more!

The Ice Cream Parlour is open Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri., and Sat. The hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and it is closed Sun. and Thur.

MAPA SEPTEMBER

MEETING

By Mickey Gough

The president called the meeting to order on Sept. 2nd. Penny Lyday gave a report on the Festival. Applications for the Groundhog Run and vendors have been sent out. Gerry Disney sent letters to sponsors for the Groundhog Run. Doreen Waters is in charge of the purchase of the T-shirts. The fliers for the Colorfest are being put in various locations. Sherman and Mickey Gough had the quilt and were selling chances.

Jim Lyday reported on the vandalism being done at the Brow Park where MAPA paid for the installation of new wiring. It was decided to take the lights out of the fixtures.

Karl Yatooma volunteered to help in any way with the Colorfest.

Mabel Kirk asked for volunteers to bring refreshments to meetings.

As of October 1, Penny Lyday has assumed the duties of treasurer of MAPA.

This year's Christmas party will be held at Dessie's Kountry Chef, on December 9.

Our speaker was Bill Springer from the Little River Canyon National Preserve. He gave a beautiful slide presentation and stressed that everyone has to work together for the preserve to function as it should.



THE 14TH ANNUAL OCTOBER COLORFEST

Located on top of Lookout Mountain in scenic and historic Mentone, Alabama, recently featured in The Wall Street Journal, THE 14TH ANNUAL OCTOBER COLORFEST "will bring in craftsmen, artists, musicians, and runners from all across the south." A fun-filled three days: **October 18th, 19th, and 20th**, relive the old days of sittin' around the campfire telling ghost stories, smell the aroma of hot cider while strolling the festival viewing crafts and arts while the music and dancing of Musical Mentone travels through the colorful fall leaves. On Sat. morning the 19th, the 14th Annual 5K Groundhog Run will start the day. Run through the leaves along one of the south's most beautiful scenic roads, the Lookout Mountain Parkway. T-shirts for all preregistered runners, a fun run for the children, trophies for all class winners, and \$100 for top overall Men and Women's division. Music and dancing in the pavilion will continue the day while you test your skills at the many games available for the children. View the leaves from beautiful Little River on boat rides offered all weekend. Shopping for those early Christmas gifts will be easy with the many choices of handcrafted items and artists' booths. Saturday night Ho Down Dance will feature local musicians and cloggers while all join in the fun with Square Dancing and Contemporary dancing throughout the evening. Sunday brings more music at the pavilion overlooking scenic Alabama, plus food, games and crafts continuing all day. **October Colorfest** is organized by M.A.P.A., the Mentone Area Preservation Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the natural heritage and environment of the Mentone area.

SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



SPORTS ON THE SCENE

DeKalb County area high school football has hit the mid-season stride. Several teams have been ranked in the top ten. Collinsville, Plainview, Crossville, Sylvania, Ider, and Sand Rock have dominated the headlines. There is more parity in DeKalb County than any time in recent memory. Here is a look at how area DeKalb County teams are stacking up.

Ider (3-1): Brent Linker has already rushed for nearly 700 yards in four games. Turnovers in crucial situations hurt the Hornets in a 24-23 loss to Crossville. Ider may be the best team in DeKalb County.

Sylvania (4-0): The Rams lost Chad Anderson to a knee injury the second week of the season. They keep rolling along. Paul Benefield has done an excellent job keeping his team focused. Sylvania should be undefeated when they meet Ider November 1st. Next game: Fyffe Oct. 11th.

Sand Rock (4-0): The Wildcats are strong and well-balanced offensively. They won a big one over Plainview 28-19 last week. If Sand Rock can get by Pisgah and West End, 10-0 is a great possibility. Next game: Pisgah.

Fort Payne (3-7): The Wildcats are off to their best start in a while, though they were shellied 40-7 by Etowah. Huntsville comes to town for a big match up next. Ft. Payne needs to rebound. N. Jackson and Scottsboro are on the horizon.

Collinsville (3-1): Solomon Stanton has added speed to what has been slow Panther teams. Collinsville got white-washed by Ider 41-7 last week. They need to rebound because Cedar Bluff is coming up Oct. 11th. The area championship will be on the line. Next game: Douglas.

Plainview (2-2): The Bears have lost in successive weeks to Ider and Sand Rock. They had chances to win both of them. Plainview hosts Oronota (3-1) this week, and needs a big upset win. The Redskins defeated last years 3-A state champion Cordova 21-7 a week ago.

Crossville (3-1): The Lions lost an overtime heart breaker to Sylvania in week two. They have rolled up wins over Geraldine and Arab in previous weeks. Crossville is looking at a 9-1 season. A rematch with Sylvania in the 3-A playoffs is a great possibility. Next game: Holly Pond.

Pisgah (3-1): John Kirby has the Eagles playing with a lot of confidence. The schedule gets tough, now! Pisgah hosts Sand Rock this week. They still have games with area foes NSM, Plainview, and Sylvania.

Fyffe (2-2): Injuries have hampered the Red Devils. Top player Jeff Pitts is out for the season. NSM, Sylvania, Ider, Plainview, and Crossville in successive weeks could be death row for the Devils.

Geraldine (2-2): The Bulldogs are rebuilding this year and doing fairly well. Section is next for the Bulldogs in a big area game. A win would set them up for a chance at a playoff berth against Fyffe the final week of the season.

Valley Head (0-4): The Tigers are struggling and it gets no easier. They play Ider this week. Match ups with Gaylesville and Section later in the year will decide if they will win one.

WFPA AM 1410 will be covering a DeKalb County game of the week the rest of the season.

- Oct. 4 Oronota at Plainview
- Oct. 11 Sylvania at Fyffe
- Oct. 12 Sands at Crossville
- Oct. 18 Plainview at Valley Head
- Oct. 25 Fyffe at Plainview
- Nov. 1 Sylvania at Ider
- Nov. 7 Sylvania at Plainview
- Nov. 8 Fyffe at Geraldine

Coverage starts at 7:00 p.m. The game will be replayed the following day, 9:00 a.m. on Saturday for Friday's game, and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday for Saturday's game.

Mentone is currently 3-6 in the fall league for softball at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. Team members are Duane Blalock, Scott Burke, Bobby Brewer, Dean Freeman, Jon Baggett, Rusty Chambers, Kevin Worthey, John Chambers, Kevin Smith, Trevor Hill, Phil Harris, J. J. Wigley, and Josh Goss.

CBS is currently 3-6, also. Team members are Alan Smith, Jason Gregory, Timmy Burt, Jon Blain, Eric Kirby, Craig Chandler, Leslie O'Tinger, David Gregory, Tommy Harrison, Kevin Cash, Phil Owen, and Arrow McKenzie.

The Valley Head 8, 9, 10 and 11-12 year old teams have hit mid season form in pee wee football. The coaches for both teams are Mark Bartles, Mike Hulgren, Scott Griford, Jackie Grisham, Mike Blevins, Daniel Vest, and Dave Vest.

The 8, 9, 10 year old Tigers beat Plainview, and lost to Ider and Geraldine.

The 11-12 year old Tigers lost a heartstopper in overtime to Plainview, then lost to Ider and Geraldine. Games remaining: Oct. 5 Sylvania (home) 2:00, Oct. 12 NSM (away) 5:00, Oct. 19 Pisgah (home) 2:00. Good Luck Tigers!

The Valley Head Tigers are off to a rugged start. They have lost to Geraldine 6-21, Fyffe 7-10, Sand Rock 22-17, and Cedar Bluff 26-53. This week, they play at Ider. Fans need to stay behind these young men, because better days will come. These young men need to keep their heads held high. Gaylesville and Section are games they can win, if they keep working to get better.

Bright spots have been few. Though Tim Harrison is enjoying a solid year at tailback and hookup quarterback.

NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Pro Baseball: The Atlanta Braves begin a quest for a second straight World Series Championship. The Braves face the Dodgers, while San Diego and Saint Louis square off in the other National League playoff game.

In the American League, Cleveland takes on Baltimore and Texas battles New York. I still say, Yankees vs. Braves. The Groundhog post season awards:

C: Young award- AL: Pat Hentgen, NL: John Smoltz
MVP award- AL: Albert Belle, NL: Ken Caminiti

Auto Racing: How about Jeff Gordon? Three wins in a row after he mastered the short track at North Wilkesboro. Gordon now leads the points championship by 111 over Terry Labonte. Dale Jarrett, Dale Earnhardt, and Mark Martin round out the top five. Gordon is well on his way to winning his second straight points championship. Only four races remain.

College Football: The SEC has lost its luster. Other than the Tennessee-Florida game, no other games have created much excitement. Non-conference games are destroying the image of southeastern football. The excuse, "We have to play eight conference games," is hogwash. SEC schools want to play three non-conference opponents at home, period! This creates the UNLV's vs. Tennessee, the New Mexico State's vs. LSU, the Bowling Green's vs. Alabama, the UAB's vs. Auburn, and the GA. Southern's vs. Florida.

Other schools play conference schedules and still play top notch competition. For example: Notre Dame vs. Texas, Ohio State vs. Notre Dame, Arizona State vs. Nebraska, Michigan vs. Colorado, and Penn State vs. USC. Look who's moved up past SEC schools (Ohio State, Michigan, Penn State, and Arizona State). They've played the best.

I want to see Alabama vs. Penn State, Auburn vs. Nebraska, Tennessee vs. Notre Dame, Georgia vs. Clemson, and Florida vs. Miami. Top notch teams should play top notch competition. Even Vanderbilt plays Notre Dame. (Go figure!)

Florida and Tennessee are clearly the top two teams in the Southeastern Conference. Everybody else would be lucky to finish high in the WAC Conference. That's because you have no measuring stick to judge SEC schools. For example, Alabama beat Arkansas 17-7. The Razorbacks got whipped by SMU--5-M-U! Gene Stallings would beat people more soundly if he could. SEC football is moving fast. Quality opponents make quality teams.

The Groundhog top ten: 1. FSU, 2. Ohio State, 3. Florida, 4. Penn State, 5. Michigan, 6. Arizona State, 7. Nebraska, 8. Tennessee, 9. Miami, 10. Virginia.

Pro Football: The Atlanta Falcons are a big bust once again. Every time people expect them to be good, they aren't. Some surprises have developed over the first part of the season. Washington, Miami, Indianapolis, San Diego, Carolina, and Minnesota have surprised many. Can they hold up? We'll see! Can the Cowboys, Bills, and 49ers bring back the magic, and challenge the Packers? Maybe! We'll see!

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



"Wanted: a muscular, chestnut and white, Boxer Bulldog to act as stunt double for Mentone's drop-dead gorgeous canine between the counters at the Superette. Stunt dog doubles added to see cream sandwiches need not apply. Pay in Tootsie Pops commensurate with amount of natural canine beauty."

Dear and loyal readers, those responsible for my well being have left me no choice. If it's not jars of peanut butter dropped on moi's head, it's apples rolling off the counter and smashing moi on the nose or being stepped on between the counters. (Moi might as well put in for combat pay!) Moi's new stunt double can take all this grief and be well paid for his pain. The only problem, of course, will be to find another canine so incredibly stunning.

Darling little Wade Gardner (4), son of Tim and Edna Gardner, has just come tumbling in to pet this splendid monument to perfection. Now, the charming little lad has teasingly wrapped himself around his daddy's leg and is sucking on his finger. 'Tis such a joy to see the young ones being brought up with such respect for greatness.

Can you believe this? Carl Jones has brought in his new puppy so she could view a real star dog. Not that the sickly, cat-sucked little thing could ever achieve such magnificence. It's really not fair to the pitiful little girl dog to expose her to total greatness, which she can never achieve. Thus is, indeed, cruelty to animals.

Another star-struck child has just crept into the Superette. Logan Jackson, son of Curtis and Donna Jackson, has come in to admire the matchless canine between the counters. "Bring up a child in the way he should go!"

Pop had the yard around the store mowed yesterday, and a weed-eater was used. Moi had to run sideways dragging pitiful little Pop back to the store. Please do not get the idea that moi was scared. It was an effort to save Pop from being shredded to pieces. Surely, any reasonable person would have thought that the rescue would have merited a tasty treat, but all moi got was that apple on the nose when Pop let it roll off the counter. Any loyal and fair minded reader can see that a stand-in is called for. Therefore, due to moi's brutal mistreatment at the hands of these insensitive people, the plea for help at the first of this column has unfortunately become necessary.

Halloween is fast approaching--the season for sharing with all flawless canine friends (Moi immediately comes to mind!) Pop will again have bags of goodies here at the Superette (hunt, hunt, hunt) if you're foolish enough to wait until the last minute.

To end on a Biblical note, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver!" And that applies to holiday treats, as well! Shalom!

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In closing, the family of Trevor Smith would like you to know that Trevor is doing fine and is well on his way to recovery. I know Alan and Renee would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support.

Well, that does it for me. May God bless you all. See you next month.



Mentone Grapevine

By
PAT SEYMOUR

Sincere congratulations to Wendy Manifold of Morgan's Drugs who has been certified as a Pharmacy Technician after completing classes at Samford University in Birmingham. Wendy passed her exam on July 31, 1996, but has only recently gotten the results. She is now considering going on for a medical degree.

Joy Hester's mother, Nell Sibert, is undergoing dialysis in the Huntsville Hospital. Her condition is improving.

Col. Welborn and Jean Matthews' son, William "Chip" Matthews Jr. is being treated at Duke University for a malignancy on his head. "Chip" and his family are greatly encouraged by the results. He is a teacher at Danville H.S. near Hartselle, Ala., and brother to Leslie Bunch.

Margaret Stallings has returned home from The Fountains where she resided after knee surgery. She is recovering quite well at home.

Hobson Kirby is recuperating at home after undergoing knee replacement surgery in Chattanooga. Son Preston has handled business while his dad was away.

Joey Dillenbeck and wife, Kumi, of Huntsville, spent last weekend with his mother Marie. Joey is a staff sergeant stationed at the Marshall Space Flight Center. Kumi is a dental assistant in Huntsville.

Sherman and Mickey Gough attended a family wedding in North Carolina recently. They are back at home in Mentone now.

Helen Hill, who suffered a massive stroke last week, has been moved from intensive care at BMC in Ft. Payne. Sons Mack Hill, Tampa, FL, and Charles Hill, Montana, have been here with their mother. Keep them all in your prayers.

Wedding plans are being made all over Mentone! •Tuesday, September 24, 1996, Judge Paul Thomas conducted the ceremony for **Charlie Rogers and Jewel Collins**. Those attending included Jewel's granddaughters, Haley and Angel Westbrooks, son Robbie Collins, and special friends, Annette Orr and Nancy Rector. •**Jason Goss and Angela Horner** (See write up elsewhere.) tied the knot at the Mentone Church of God on September 29, 1996. •**Joe Gregory and Ethel Manifold** plan to be married on October 18, 1996, at the Mentone Church of God. •**Kevin Worthey and Kayla Bell** will be married on November 30, 1996, at the Church of God.

Evelyn Graves, *Groundhog* editor, and wife of Union Hill Baptist pastor Jimmy Graves, underwent major surgery recently. Evelyn is recovering at home under the watchful eye of her mother, Kathryn Jones.

Jayne Meadows, Orange Beach, Florida, has undergone major surgery at a Mobile hospital. She has returned home to recover her strength, tended by husband Epp.

Bobbie Smith, Pat McKenzie, Mary and Eddie Porter (Chicago), and **Sandra Sanders** (Gainesville, GA) have returned from an eight day trip up the east coast. Starting in Raleigh, NC, the party visited Williamsburg, Washington, D.C. (where they saw the Senate in session), Mt. Vernon, and ended in Seagrove, N.C. (where the group viewed world-famous pottery) Everyone agreed, "Pat McKenzie is a super driver!"

Hope and George Walker and Jim and Gail Gaylord hosted a 70th Anniversary dinner at The Dish in Mentone on September 12 in honor of **Bob and Ruby Daniel**. Flowers for the occasion were donated by the Daniels to the Mentone United Methodist Church. Many, many more happy days together, Ruby and Bob!

Bill and Sue Schwarz have returned after a fantastic five-week long camping and visiting trip to the west. Their ultimate destination was Beaverton, OR, home of Bill's daughter Janet Hamilton and husband Bob. Bill and Sue spent most of the month of September with Janet and Bob before heading for

Salt Lake City and Carlsbad Caverns. The Schwarzs towed a travel trailer, so they had a home-away-from-home. While the Schwarzs were in OR, Sue's mom and dad, **Ruth and George Porter**, in Oakland, MD, celebrated their 57th anniversary on September 17.

The Ice Cream Parlour in Valley Head has reopened under a new owner: **Rebecca Harper Barrier**. (See notice elsewhere.)

Rusty Rector, 7, son of Fouts and Nancy Rector has won his light green belt in Tae Kwon Do. He now holds white, yellow, orange, and light green belts. Congratulations to a fine young athlete.

Lyle and Heather Nicely are the parents of a baby boy born July 4, 1994, at the Women's Pavilion in Chattanooga. **Orion** weighed 9 lbs, 6 oz at birth and was 21" long. He has a five-and-a-half year old sister, **Sierra**.

Hershell Pruitt's grandmother Gladys Pruitt died on Sept. 12, 1996. Deepest sympathy to Hershell and family.

Sympathy goes out also to the family of **Harrell Jenkins** who died September 20, at his daughter's home in Florida. (See Bernice Crow's article on Page 2.)

Lew and Darlene Keith have moved to the Philippines to work with the Seventh Day Adventist Church medical endeavors in that country. God be with them in their holy calling!

Clara Cash has been back in Gadsden for further surgery on a malignant growth in her arm. Keep her in your prayers. Clara say this ordeal isn't half as scary as finding a six-foot copperhead stretched across the road when she was walking to her mailbox.

Congratulations are in order! The blessed event took place on Monday, Sept. 16, at approx. 11 a.m. **Brooklyn Eloise Wright**, was born weighing 7 lbs and 5 oz. Brooke and mom, Karen, are doing fine. This comes from proud grandmother, Ann Wright. Brook's sisters are Kelly (9) and Paige (6), and papa is Russell. (Picture)

Marilyn Campbell and her mother, **Mary Blanton**, of Rome, visited with relatives in Sylva, NC, where they were joined by several other family members and friends to see **Joshua Rose**, son of Jane Blanton, perform (tenor saxophone) with the Western Carolina University Catamount Marching Band Sept. 14 at Whitmore Stadium, Cullowhee, NC.

Get well wishes go out to **Tim Phillips** on the injuries he sustained during the football game with Fyffe on Friday, Sept. 13. He suffered a concussion and dislocated shoulder with torn muscles and ligaments.

Thanks goes to **Hardees** for helping the Valley Head Marching Band with a very substantial donation. On Sept. 23, Hardees had a benefit night for the band. For every receipt that got stamped, Hardee's donated 20% of the total to the band.

Tom and Inga Clause, who bought the Kerby farm, have been in residence for the last two or so months. They came up from Florida for a three month get-away and brought their three horses with them. We all hope they enjoyed their quiet time here in beautiful Mentone.

A postcard has come from **Kregg Wilhelm**. He has been busy with this landscaping business in Birmingham. Then, he and his pal Jim from New York went on to Gulfport, MS, where Jim (a registered nurse) took a temporary position in the hospital there. Kregg said that he will be heading home to Mentone soon.

Vickie Blackburn (Mrs. Al) is a victim of "walking pneumonia!" She is beginning to feel better now, but has been really ill. Hang in there, flower girl!

Attention Youth Groups and leaders: Work at the **OCTOBER COLORFEST** in Mentone Oct. 19 to raise money for your organization. (See box elsewhere.)

Area scholars continue to make us all proud! Northeast Alabama Community College has recently released the President's List (4.0 GPA) and the Dean's List (3.5-3.9). On the President's List was **Naghama Kahn**, Valley Head. **Lisa Hope and Jennifer Phillips** made the Dean's List. The Part-time Students Honor List contained the names of **Glenda Haney and Judy Windom**, Valley Head.

Junior Gray has had six by-passes on his heart at a Gadsden hospital. His many friends wish him well.

Rev. Edmund Crowe reports that the board of the **Mentone Wesleyan Church** voted Sunday, September 29, 1996, to construct a new sanctuary. Keep this wonderful congregation in your prayers as they move forward.

Brandol Jones is able to drive his truck, now, after a serious illness. It's hard to keep a good man down!

Friends of Ethel Perkins miss seeing her at Moon Lake Baptist Church. She has been quite ill lately.

Mrs. Robye Green, Cloudland, and cousin to **Clara Cash**, has returned home from Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome, GA. **Clara and Arline Fowler** visited her on Sunday after church. The two Mentone ladies got stuck in the mud and had to be pulled out by a 4-wheel drive vehicle driven by a young neighbor.

Malcolm Brewer has returned from another visit to St. Vincent's Hospital where the root of all his medical problems was a lactose intolerance. He eats no milk-based food and is feeling great. Way to go, big guy!

Alyce Springer has returned from Ohio where she attended a funeral and had further foot surgery. She's recovering nicely at home in Mentone.

Leona Thomas of Weaver, AL, who used to live in Mentone, recently visited **Lola Mae Blalock** for three or four days. Lula really enjoyed her visit.

Paula Cooper celebrated her birthday with a surprise birthday cake and ice cream September 24th. Present at the celebration were: husband, **Johnny Cooper**, daughters, **Mary Pearson and Megan Cooper**, and friends, **Elaine and Dustin Burt and Lisa and Beth Moore**.

Ethan Lewis celebrated his 8th birthday with an Army party and lots of friends.

Look for the opening of the new Super Wal-Mart in Fort Payne on October 16.

The Valley Head Band will be participating in the **DeKalb County Marching Festival** held this year at Plainview School. The event begins at 2:30 p.m., and the Valley Head Marching Band will perform at 3:15 p.m. Come out and watch a great show. Best of luck to the band. Hope you do great, guys!

Lauren McGee, daughter of John and Jennifer McGee has been very sick, lately. Remember her in your prayers.

Melonee Green will be having a **Krackeroos** (high fashion knit clothing for women and children) party on October 11 at Fyffe Restaurant in Fyffe from 3 to 6 p.m. To order before that date, contact Melonee at 997-9889 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or 845-7230 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

Deepest sympathy to the family of **Chip and Nakisha Brown Dobbs** of Valley Head in the death of their infant, **Kristopher Ryan Dobbs**, at DeKalb BMC on Sept. 5. Nakisha was the 1993 Rhododendron Queen.

Happy Late Birthday to **Randy Green** of Mentone, 9/26.

Happy October Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

•1- Brenda Burnett, Katie Browder; •2- Amanda Wells (13-finally a teenager); •3- Tammy (Hawkins)Pilson; •4- Elanor Glover; •5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Harrison, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum; •6- Charles Hunt, Melody Schmidt; •7- Justin Pelletier; •8- Millard McNutt, Kathryn Jones; •9- Audie Beason; •10- Allie Rhodes (1 yr.), Jimmy Worthey; •11- Jeff Cooper, Jeremiah Robertson (6); •12- Ronnie & Kathy Robertson (Anniversary 22 years); •13- Treana (Davis) Lacey, Dell Rushing "In Remembrance"; •15- Polly Chambers, David (Tater) Hopper, Larita Alley, Robert Hall, Tina Langston; •16- Shannon Rains; •17- Renae Langston, Alisha Busby; •18- Alisha McElhaney, Ken Busby, Paulette (Goss) Mitchell; •20- Harry Hopper; •21- Rodney Moore; •23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson; •25- Jo Bain; •26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whisenant, Dennis & Sherry Lewis (Anniv.); •28- Wesley Frost; •30- Nell (Kent) Reed, Elisabeth Evans; •31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean.

We can look back on each day as being either lost or spent. Mary Ann Evans, better known as George Eliot (1819-1880), shows us how to tell the difference, and what is worth a day's expense.

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went—
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay—
If, through it all,
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face—
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost—
Then count that day as worse than lost.



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

SOME MISCELLANEOUS STUFF

This is new car month. All the new models are introduced, and the hype from the manufacturers and dealers is just too much. Back a few years ago, Chevy had a car that really caught the young peoples' fancy, the Z-28. It was a very popular model, and soon came to be known merely as the "X" car. In fact, the popularity of the car grew so great that its fame and renown spread into the animal world.

It seems that at one time a rather large snail strode into a Chevy dealership and announced to all that he wanted to buy a car, 'cause he was just too slow moving to get everything done. A salesman introduced him to the "Z" car and they went for a test drive. Upon returning to the showroom, the snail declared he would buy the "Z" car, and would pay cash since he realized getting credit would be very difficult for him. He had only one condition to the purchase. Like any good salesman, the young man quickly agreed to the condition, and the sale was made. The snail wanted the "Z" changed to an "S" so that when he drove down the street, all of his friends could say "Boy, see that 'S'-car go."

Not too long ago, a small circus came into a small coastal town which had a very nice aquarium down by the beach. In this aquarium were the usual assortment of fishes from the area and a pair of porpoises in a very large outdoor pool so that the porpoises were content and lived as normal a porpoise-life as could be. These porpoises were in their mating season at the time the circus arrived. The aquarium managers wanted to calm down the amorous activities of these porpoises, and they were given to understand that feeding the porpoises seagulls would accomplish their objective.

So, off went a hunter to get several seagulls to feed to the amorous pair. At about the same time, one of the lions in the circus got loose and wandered into the aquarium. Now, this lion was a very old fellow and not very active. He was calm

and just lay down across the gateway leading to the porpoise pool. The poor old lion was tired and toothless, really of no harm to anyone.

When the hunter returned with several birds, he was instructed to go throw them into the porpoise pool. As the fellow approached the pool, he had to step over the sleeping lion. Just as soon as he did that, the sheriff arrested him for violation of the Mann Act...transporting gulls across a staid lion for amoral porpoises.

Daughter Chris, down in Largo, Florida, sent the following story about retired folks. Being "retarded" myself, I found it funny!

Retirement From A Child's View Harvey, #151

After a Christmas break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday. One small boy wrote the following:

"We always used to spend Christmas with Grampa and Grandma. They used to live here in a big brick home, Grampa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in little tin boxes. They ride on big three-wheeled tricycles and they all wear name tags because they don't know who they are. They go to a big building called wrecked hall, but if it was wrecked, they got it fixed because it is all right now. They play games and do exercises there but they don't do them very good.

There is a swimming pool there. They go into it and just stand there with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

As you go into their park there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without seeing them. When they can sneak out they go to the beach and pick up shells that they think are dollars.

My grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks, they just eat out. They eat the same thing every night, Early Birds. Some of the people are so retarded that they don't know how to cook at all, so my grandma and grampa bring food into the wrecked hall and they call it 'potluck.'

My grandma says grampa worked all his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back up here, but I guess the little man in the doll house won't let them out."



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

While Bill and I were in Oregon visiting daughter Janet and son-in-law Bob, Janet was into baking quick breads. She happily shared two of her favorites, which had been given to her by Bob's mother, Faye Hamilton. So, Faye is credited with both recipes for this month's column.

Zucchini Bread

Sift together:
3 C flour
1/4 t baking powder
1 t salt
1 t soda
3 t cinnamon

Beat together:
3 eggs
1 C oil
2 C sugar
Grate: zucchini to make 2 C grated.

Add dry ingredients to egg mixture. Add grated zucchini and 1 t vanilla. As an option, 1 small can of pineapple or 1-1/2 C chopped nuts may be added. Bake in greased regular (9 inch) bread pan for 50 minutes at 350°.

Banana Bread

1 C sugar
1/2 C shortening
3 Bananas mashed
2 eggs
2 C sifted flour
1 t soda
1 pinch salt
1 t baking powder
1/2 C black walnuts
Few drops of banana flavoring

Combine all ingredients. Bake at 375° for 1 hour. Makes one 9" loaf. (Regular bread pan.)

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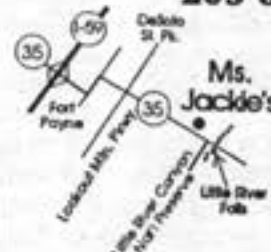
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DR. JAMES E. QUIMBY: HEALING HANDS THAT KEEP ON HEALING

(continued from page 1)

Dr. Quimby says the two things in his life he's most proud of are his children and that he was sent to Valley Head.

A reception was held for him on Sunday, September 22, 1996, given by the City of Valley Head at the Winston Place. Mayor Ed Ringer presented Dr. Quimby with a marble plaque that reads: "In Honor and Appreciation, Dr. James E. Quimby, M.D., for 47 years dedicated service to the town of Valley Head and adjacent communities. Town of Valley Head 7-1-49-9-22-96." (See photo.)

Donald "Scrooge" Morgan of Morgan Drugs in Valley Head presented Dr. Quimby with a pencil sketch done by Judith "Sissy" Crider, a local artist. (See photo.)

Evelyn Hunt, Dr. Quimby's nurse since 1952, and council woman, coordinated the event for the city of Valley Head. Evelyn traveled with Dr. Quimby when he delivered babies. They would come into the office, open up, and when "baby cases" called, they locked the door and were gone sometimes all day for the home deliveries. Evelyn, who is married to Charles Hunt, lives in Valley Head. The Hunts have two daughters and two grandsons.

At the reception, one of Dr. Quimby's former patients, Verence (Mrs. Broady) Hawkins, said that he had signed her physical to attend nursing school 46 years ago, and she's retired now--Dr. Quimby is still practicing.

Sadie Cooper of Valley Head was in charge of the guest book, and Paul Whitmire of The Big Mill Deli in Fort Payne, catered the event. There were approximately 150 people in attendance at the reception throughout the afternoon.



Mayor Ed Ringer presenting Dr. Quimby with a marble plaque in appreciation of his years of service to the town of Valley Head



Cody Kendrick, two-year-old son of Ann Kendrick, Cloudland, Ga., talking with Dr. Quimby in his office on Sept. 18, 1996



Evelyn Hunt



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PRESCRIPTIONS



Donald "Scrooge" Morgan presenting Dr. Quimby with a pencil sketch done by Judith "Sissy" Crider, a local artist



Judith (Sissy) Crider next to her pencil sketch of Dr. Quimby from the photo provided by Scrooge Morgan



Dr. James E. Quimby in his office (Photo courtesy of Donald "Scrooge" Morgan)

PICTORIAL REVIEW OF RECEPTION FOR DR. JAMES E. QUIMBY

(Continued from previous page)



YOUNG JOHNNY QUICKSTEP

Young Johnny Quickstep hail'd from a mountain town,
He was known as a slicker by all the ladies around.
His body was long like a Kentucky string bean,
But, his legs were short--too short it would seem,
For it took him forever to get from here to there,
So, he had to wind them up to really get anywhere.

With his round pot belly and his lopp'd off rear end,
He cut quite a figure in his Big Bens.
His gallowses were cinch'd as high as he dared go,
One more hitch and he could sing alto.
But, even this wouldn't quite do,
For the cuffs were turn'd up--twice when new!

With half a plug of Brown Mule in his bib,
The rest in his jaw. That ain't no fib!
He was cruisin' along making all he could do,
Look'd like a centipede hittin' on two.

He had a jaunty tilt to his old straw hat,
It look'd like a nest for a kangaroo rat.

All the mountain gals were watching this louse,
Some through their windows as quite as a mouse,
And one through the half moon of a shanty outhouse.

Young Johnny knew all the gals thought him a fop,
So, every little bit he'd give a little hop.
Even the old town shrew crack'd her door to look about,
Let out a shriek and call'd him a lout,
Said he look'd like something a twister toss'd out.

But, no matter what was said, he was a catch anyhow,
For he own'd a set of dishes and a three teat'd cow.

Now Young Johnny woo'd 'em and most he'd kiss'd,
But, when it got serious he was sure to be miss'd.
The last that was heard the nets were still out,
But, the quarry was illusive, quicksteppin' about.

The gals were still parading and looking misty eyed,
Each one workin' to get this slicker hog tied.

Although he's a roamer, he'll slip I'll be bound,
For that's the way it happens in a red neck town.

—Ernest H. Smith

Note: This poem is scheduled to be published in the Dec 96/Jan 97 issue of the Southern Writer, published in Bowling Green, KY.

Wedding



HORNER-GOSS

Jason Goss and Angela Horner were wed at the Church of God in Mentone on September 28, 1996, in a double ring ceremony.

Angie is the daughter of Carl and Debra Shirey of Cloudland, GA; the sister of Joseph Horner (14); and the granddaughter of Tom and LaMoine Davis, Coldwater, Michigan, and Walter Shirey, Texarkana, TX.

Jason is the son of Brenda and Benny Goss, and the brother of Josh Goss and Jana Goss; and the grandson of Emmett and Jo Bain and Arthur and Flora Goss, all of Mentone.



Horner-Goss Wedding Party

(L/R) Connie Evett, bridesmaid; Jana Goss, flower girl; Joey Horner, brother of bride; Angie Goss; Jason Goss; Rev. Kenneth Shelton; and Benny Goss



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Mentone Community House

The Mentone Community House could be open for use later this Fall. Located behind Moon Lake School, this house that once belonged to Leonard Shigley's Grandfather will be the site of Community educational services on legal issues, women's health, blood pressure screening, adult literacy, and the tutoring of Moon Lake's children in the afternoons and a host of other programs as well. The house will be available for Senior citizens to meet during the day for food, fellowship, quilting, fiddling and when completed, walking around the paved walking track.

The project is being overseen by Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, a tax exempt non-profit organization that was founded for just such projects. The organization is independent of Moon Lake School, but has worked very closely with it being instrumental in the acquisition of land for the new lunch room and the loan of 8 Macintosh computers to Moon Lake according to Principal and M.E.R.F. board member, Dr. Bill Berry.

But as with most things worth having, it is not without cost.

"Funding is being sought for several purposes," according to John Corey, owner of Little River Hardware and Vice-President of M.E.R.F. "We have focused on meeting our mortgage obligation this past year and obtaining the appropriate insurance for the property. Now, we are ready to find funding for materials and labor for the roughing in of the house and preparation for handicap access and institutional use. The construction is being overseen by Leonard Shigley and the electrical work by Bobby Brown. This project is for the community and these are two great members of it," Corey said. "They are ready to begin but need materials."

"The second area of funding concerns the running of programs and the ongoing maintenance of the facility including utilities," Corey continued. "To this end, Sue Henry, recently elected President of M.E.R.F., has spent the past three months with the Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky to gain insight into the kinds of programs we can run and also participated in workshops for grant writing."

"The third area of funding concerns the retirement of the mortgage next year after which we can dedicate all efforts to programming and the completion of the second phase which is the walking park," Corey explained. "Many people have asked about the walking park. Excellent suggestions have been made about managing the park's use for all ages. Times could be set aside for walking, jogging, and even afternoon roller blading since there are no paved surfaces around that are adequate for kids to do that. I should add kids of all ages because Mayor Max Cash, an ice skater from way back, asked about a place to use his Roller Blades!"

The Mentone Educational Resources Foundation can be contacted by writing M.E.R.F., PO BOX 107, Mentone AL 35984. All gifts to MERF are fully tax deductible and every penny will go to the community house project.

NARFE CHAPTER 1868

The next meeting of NARFE will be October 15, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne. Program to be announced.



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Get your 50's outfit out of the closet or come as a 90's person, ready for a fun night.

VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

School day pictures (and class groups K-6) will be made October 15.

Juniors took the Exit exam October 1-3.

Home Coming is October 11, at North Sand Mountain. The classes elected officers and favorites.

SENIORS

President: Matthew Hulan	Class Favorites:
Vice President: Josh Smalley	Boy: Matthew Hulan
Secretary: Christy Ferguson	Girl: Haley Johnson
Treasurer: Misty Ferguson	Mr.: Jim Phillips
Reporter: Nikki Smith	Miss: Amanda Bethune
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Angie Laney
Brian Blalock and	Beau: Heath Watson
Summer Blansit	

JUNIORS

President: Chad Mosher	Class Favorites:
Vice President: Krissy Brown	Boy: Tim Harrison
Secretary: Samantha Crider	Girl: Heather Wilbourn
Treasurer: Tim Harrison	Mr.: Richard Fuller
Reporter: Paxton Harper	Miss: Samantha Crider
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Heather Wilbourn
Joe Garrett	Beau: Chad Mosher
Crystal Wright	

SOPHOMORES

President: Alex Hatfield	Class Favorites:
Vice President: Jason Owen	Boy: Jason Owen
Secretary: Valerie Chappell	Girl: Brook Garrett
Treasurer: Derek Talley	Mr.: Josh Shelton
Reporter: Josh Miller	Miss: Amanda Goss
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Emily Frazier
Josh Shelton	Beau: Alex Hatfield
Ashley Blalock	

FRESHMEN

President: Candace Fuller	Class Favorites:
Vice President: Thomas Brendle	Boy: Andrew Monroe
Secretary: Justin Fisher	Girl: Kerri Hale
Treasurer: Kerri Hale	Mr.: Adam Prestwood
Reporter: Josh Johnson	Miss: Candace Fuller
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Heather Williamson
Buck Strickland	Beau: Josh Baggett
Alisha Busby	

8TH GRADE

President: Marc Stanfill	Class Favorites:
Vice President:	Boy:
Secretary: Clint Croxton	Girl: Candace Matthews
Treasurer: Candace Matthews	Mr.: Slade Carden
Reporter: Becky Mays	Miss: Becky Mays
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Candace Matthews
Eric Battles	Beau: Eric Battles
Emily Collins	

7TH GRADE

President: Stacey Hyde	Class Favorites:
Vice President: Ashley Holkem	Boy: David Reddish
Secretary: Hilary Lawton	Girl: Ashley Holkem
Treasurer: Lacie Clure	Mr.: Eddie Manning
Reporter: Eddie Manning	Miss: Ashley Holkem
Student Council Representatives:	Beauty: Stacy Hyde
Chris Busby	Beau: Chris Busby
Kristy Hatfield	

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

October 6-12, 1996

Valley Head Band News

By Lisa Moore

The Valley Head Band would like to thank everyone who helped with their benefit night at Hardee's in Fort Payne. The band played in the parking lot and ate good food.

The band would also like to thank Trevor Smith and his family for letting them enjoy his parade on September 14th. Everyone wishes Trevor a speedy recovery and urges him to join the band. They need a tough kid like Trevor to help them out!

Don't forget about the DeKalb County Marching Festival held this year at Plainview School. The event begins at 2:30 p.m., and the Valley Head Marching Band will perform at 3:15 p.m. Come out and watch a great show. Best of luck to the band. Hope you do great, guys!

1996 VHHS

HOMECOMING PARADE

Everybody is getting all geared up for the 1996 VHHS Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, October 11. Come out and watch it if you don't have to be in it.

SonShine the Clown will be at the Ice Cream Parlour on that day, also. Sonshine can make the prettiest parrots and the cutest doggies you have ever seen. Come by, and she will make you one!

Valley Head High School Yearbook Annuals For Sale

Norma Hulan, yearbook sponsor, would like to announce that older editions of the yearbook are now on sale. Come to the school library and purchase your year books. Available for sale are yearbook annuals for the years:

1982, 1986, 1990, 1991,
1993, 1994, 1995 for \$20.
1996 are \$35.

We appreciate the community helping and supporting the publication of the yearbook. For your information, it costs \$11,000 to publish the yearbooks, and we only order 190 copies.

If you are interested in the purchase of an annual, please go by the school library.



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• **To keep a fire alive in a woodstove overnight,** load it with green hardwood at bedtime, close the draft, and let it smolder all night. In the morning, open the draft and the cooked wood will burst into flame. Now, add dry wood to produce a hot flame to burn up the creosote that builds up in the chimney when green wood smolders.

• **Counting Coup On Crows:** Swift as waterfowl and wary as upland gamebirds, the ubiquitous crow provides consistent wingshooting opportunities. Crow hunting seasons vary widely across the country, but are generous. Successful crow hunting involves two approaches. (1) Calling: By listening to the calls of crows on the move, hunters can use commercial mouth calls to imitate them and lure the birds in. In areas where it's legal, electronic calls work as well, and hold the birds in gun range. Loud and aggressive calling with either device will get results. (2) Decoying: Hunters can also fool crows with commercial decoys. Dead crows can be subsequently added to this setup. No matter what your approach may be, full camouflage is essential, as well as natural or man-made blinds.

• **Mammals:** Experts contend the zebra has white stripes on black because it descended from a black animal. • **Manatees** can weigh up to 3500 pounds, and can consume 10 to 15 percent of their body weight daily.

• **Birds:** The most prevalent bird species are ospreys, which breed everywhere but South America, and barn owls, which breed on every continent. • **Birds** never have bladder trouble—since they don't have bladders.

• **Fish:** Fish of the coelacanth species have such tough skin that bicyclists along Africa's east coast use it to patch their inner tubes. • **Bass** can "hear" vibrations as low as humans can, which is around 20 per second.

• The difference between a **wind** and a **draft** is that a wind flows horizontally and a draft flows vertically.

• **Millet** is a food staple of one-third of the world's population—but in the U.S., it is grown mainly for birdseed.

• **They're Great:** • Distance a tiger can leap: about 30 feet. • Flower bulb that some people in Asia serve as food: tiger lily. • Estimated price for a poached tiger \$8000 to \$10,000. • Next Year of the Tiger in Chinese astrology: 1998. • Part of the tiger that is used in Asia to make a medicinal wine for rheumatism: the bones. • Price of custom tiger-stripe men's stretch pants at Ian's (1151 Second Ave., New York, NY 10021; 212/838-3969): \$45 to \$55. • Number of tigers that eat people: 3 or 4 out of 1000. • Pounds of food an adult tiger eats in a year: 5000. • Population of the South China tiger, the most endangered subspecies: about 30. • Year William Blake wrote Tyger, tyger burning bright/in the forests of the night/What immortal hand or eye/Could frame thy fearful symmetry? 1794. • Number to call to learn more about tigers (The Hornocker Institute): 208/885-6871. • Decline of the world's tiger population in this century: 95 percent.

How Daisy Turned Windmills Into BB Guns

The story of America's first airgun entrepreneurs.

In 1888, the Plymouth Iron Windmill Company of Plymouth, Michigan, began to produce airguns as a sideline, and would occasionally give them to farmers who purchased their windmills. As it turned out, the farmers were more interested in buying the airguns than the windmills. The vice president of the company was so pleased with the prototype he called it a daisy, and the name stuck. By 1890, some 50,000 Daisy airguns were rolling off the assembly line. In 1895, the Plymouth Company changed its name to Daisy Manufacturing its first pump-action rifle, then many new items, such as the Buck Jones Special and the Red Ryder Cowboy carbine. The Model 1894—designed on the lines of the Winchester 94—came out in 1961.

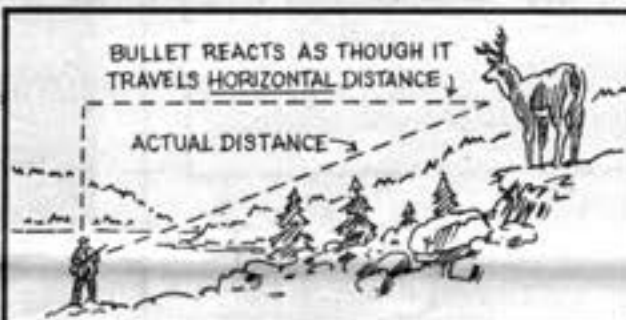
That year Daisy moved its plant to Rogers, Arkansas, where it thrives today as the world's oldest and largest manufacturer of nonpowder guns and ammo.

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- Useful upland, but best in water; intelligent but can be frolicsome and wayward; has a thickly matted, curly brown coat.
- Bred for hunting thickets and bottomland; our most popular show dog; a good retriever, though sometimes mischievous; named for its original quarry.

Answers: 1-B; 2-C; 3-E; 4-A; 5-D
(Cockers were first bred to hunt woodcock.)



A HILL-COUNTRY SHOOTING TIP

Seldom are big-game animals on the same ground level as hunters, leaving shooters to remember the rules specifying whether they should hold over or under on game that are uphill or downhill. A complicated calculation is unnecessary in most situations, as long as you remember this basic rule: Within reasonable distances, a bullet will generally react as though it flew the horizontal, as opposed to the actual distance to the game. Imagine a horizontal line running from you to a vertical line running straight down from the game, if the animal is standing uphill from you, or up from the game, if it's standing downhill.

For example, if a buck is standing at the base of a steep slope 300 yards above you, but the horizontal distance is more like 100, and your rifle is sighted in for 200, when you hold over the deer, that is exactly where the bullet will go—over its back. The same will happen if the buck is standing 300 yards below you with a 100-yard horizontal distance.

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AN OUTDOORSMAN'S GUIDE TO COMPUTER TERMS

Has technology got you feeling like a fish out of water? Read this.

MANY HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN VIEW THE arrival of the Computer Age with a mixture of terror, frustration, and utter hopelessness. And who can blame them? Faced with all those mysterious terms that are so common today, the electronically challenged are bound to feel lost in cyberspace. But worry not; here are the definitions of some common terms to start you on the road to computer literacy.

COMPUTER: (1) A \$2,000 piece of equipment used to replace the \$1.99 notebook you kept your important hunting and fishing addresses in. (2) The financial equivalent of four good deer rifles, forty fishing rods, or a down payment on an RV.

DOWNTIME: Any period when you aren't hunting or fishing.

BOOT: A leather contrivance worn on the foot to attract water and cold.

ONLINE: The brief period between when a fish is hooked and when it is lost.

NETWORK: What you have to resort to when you can't catch a fish online.

DEFAULT DRIVE: Getting stuck providing transportation for your hunting buddies. The probability of becoming a default driver increases tremendously if you have a new 4x4.

COBOL: The sound made by the transmission of your new 4x4 as it hits a rock while you're serving as the default driver.

HARDWARE: Clothing worn by an ice fisherman shortly after he emerges from the hole he fell into.

CURSOR: Name given to individuals who blurt out expletives in moments of extreme disappointment while fishing or hunting.

JOYSTICK: Affectionate name given to any fishing rod you actually catch a fish with.

MEMORY: (1) Something you once had. (2) A mysterious force that can turn an 8-inch bass into a 5-pounder, or 5 hours of sleet and freezing rain into a beautiful day in a duck blind.

MOUSE: The "nothing" your gun dog barks at hysterically at 3 A.M.

MOUSE PAD: The condo the mouse built in the new down vest you left in the corner of the garage after your last hunting trip.

SOFTWARE: Your favorite shirt after you've worn it for several years.

SHAREWARE: Something you needn't worry about happening to your software.

VIRUS: Disease you pretend to have when you call in sick to go fishing. The duration of the virus will depend on how good the fishing is.

VGA: Very Good Act. What you need to put on in front of your boss and co-workers when you return to work after calling in sick with a virus.

WEB: The name for the knotted mess of fishing line your son or daughter asks you to straighten out moments into opening day of trout season.

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FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Our children know not to play with matches or lighters.
- ☐ Our children know to stay away from hot things that can burn, including grills, small appliances, and pots on the stove.
- ☐ Our children know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes ever catch on fire.
- ☐ There are working smoke detectors installed near each bedroom and on each level of our home.
- ☐ We check smoke detectors monthly to be sure they work.
- ☐ There is a fire extinguisher in good working condition in our home.
- ☐ We do not overload outlets.
- ☐ All of our electrical cords are in good condition, no frayed wires.
- ☐ We unplug small appliances when they are not in use.
- ☐ There is nothing blocking the vents on televisions, VCR's, and air conditioners.
- ☐ Space heaters are at least 3 feet from any material that can burn.
- ☐ We store gasoline and other flammables in safe containers and in a safe place.
- ☐ Emergency numbers are listed near each phone.
- ☐ Our family has a fire escape plan with two exits from each room and a meeting place for everyone to go to.
- ☐ All exits from rooms in our home are clear, with nothing blocking them.
- ☐ Our address is clearly posted on our house or mailbox.



FIVE GENERATIONS

On August 25, 1996, Mrs. Ruby Young celebrated her 84th birthday at the home of her daughter Jaunita Oliver of Sulphur Springs, AL. Five generations were present to help her celebrate. Shown above are two groups of five generations of the Ruby Young family. (Photo on left) Top row (L/R): Sharron Hatfield, granddaughter; Jaunita Oliver; and Anita Johnson, great granddaughter. Bottom (L/R) Sydney Johnson (7 years old), great great granddaughter; Mrs. Ruby Young; and Alex Johnson (5 years old), great great grandson. All of Sulphur Springs. (Photo on the right) Top (L/R): Jaunita Oliver, Sharron Hatfield, Sissy Crider and Josie Crider (4 months old); Bottom (L/R): Mrs. Ruby Young and Marcus Crider (5 years old)



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THE SINKING

By Ernest H. S.

Never before, to this time, has there been a marine tragedy that so stirred the emotions of the peoples of the world as did the sinking of the luxury liner, TITANIC. Perhaps this was due to the general fear many people have of the sea which enabled them to identify with those who met such a terrible end. Maybe it was the fact that so many who perished were the rich and famous whose great wealth could not save them. They died a death in common with the poor steerage passengers. But, most likely, it was due, in part, to the hype and spin of the news media. Even the name, "TITANIC," suggested that she was something to behold.

There were those who seized the moment to make a quick buck by writing articles and books. Much of what they wrote was not exactly true. But, the general public was so hungry for every detail that they bought everything that was written. Many of our local people, including the grandparents of this writer, bought the first book published, "The Sinking Of The TITANIC." This was an expense most could ill afford.

Even the Mentone area was touched by this tragedy. Madeleine Force Astor was on board with her husband, John Jacob Astor IV, who was the richest man in the world, after the Czar Of Russia. Madeleine's father was born in Alpine, Chattooga County, Georgia. She had several relatives living in the Mentone area. But, not to get ahead of the sequence of the events. The story of Madeleine will unfold in a timely manner throughout this article.

At 11:41 PM on April 14, 1912, nine hundred and twelve miles out of the Port of New York and off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, the ship, RMS (Royal Mail Steamship) TITANIC, collided with an iceberg while steaming at 22 knots.

Almost immediately, there was a report of flooding below the waterline on the starboard side of the bow. All engines were stopped. And, while the ship lay dead in the water, the ship's captain, Edward J. Smith, age 62, (The captain and crew were British.) went below to inspect the damage. His assessment was that the ship was doomed. The collision with the iceberg, an oblique hit, had split the single hull, at point of impact, for some twelve feet. It would be impossible for the ship's pumps to keep her afloat.

The captain knew that, when more than seven of the forward compartments flooded, she would go down by the bow. Taking on water in these forward compartments was not unlike filling an ice cube tray with water. When one compartment was filled, it would overflow into the next and the next, until all were filled.

Captain Smith estimated that he would have about two hours, at the most, in which to save all on board. This would be ample time, providing the nearest ship, the CALIFORNIAN, came to their rescue.

The Captain knew that he had lifeboat capacity for only about half the people on board. (This exceeded the Maritime Safety Regulations. Apparently such a disaster, involving so many people to be rescued, was not expected to ever happen.)

The Captain now ordered his wireless operator to send out an SOS. He knew that the CALIFORNIAN, under the command of Captain Lord, was the nearest ship. He'd been receiving traffic from this ship informing him of floating ice.

None of the officers on board the TITANIC had paid the slightest attention to these reports of ice. The messages were simply filed away with a chuckle. As a matter of fact, the TITANIC Command had been sending out a steady flow of arrogance to other ships in the area.

Unfortunately, the wireless operator of the CALIFORNIAN, not anticipating any traffic, had turned-in for the night. The TITANIC SOS was never received.

With time running out, Captain Smith now ordered lifeboats lowered from their davits and loaded out for abandoning ship. The lifeboat coxswains were told that only women and children were to be allowed in the boats.

Madeleine Astor and her maid were accompanied by Colonel Astor to lifeboat #4. She and her maid were taken on board, but her husband was not permitted to enter the lifeboat. The Colonel remarked that the lifeboat was only half filled and that there were no more women waiting to be taken on board, but the coxswain stood firm. Colonel Astor then kissed his wife and calmly turned away and began assisting others into the lifeboats. This was probably his finest hour. He was later considered a hero, due to

his compassion for others.

Madeleine, also, was singled out for praise for her assistance to others. She was a great help in being able to calm and comfort frightened passengers, while still on board, and later in the lifeboats.

Lifeboat #4 was now lowered away and cast off. They drifted aimlessly along with the others through the dark foggy night, awaiting rescue by some ship of mercy. It would be hours before Madeleine would know of her husband's fate.

Suddenly, those adrift in the lifeboats were startled to hear, while they could not quite see, the ship's band softly playing. Then a multitude of voices, the voices of the doomed, were lifted to the heavens in song. How profoundly moving were the words of that old hymn now wafting across the mighty waters, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." And, then, the bow of the mammoth hulk of steel slipped beneath the waves, and with all lights burning brightly, she plunged to her watery grave.

Many of those who had, but moments before, clung to her sleek decks, were caught-up in the fury of the swirling vortex and carried along to the dark and silent deep.

The unsinkable, the unthinkable, was now being refuted by the screaming headlines on both sides of the Atlantic.

The pride of the White Star Line was no more. Such is the fate of man's arrogance.

The ship CARPATHIAS, under the command of Captain Rostron, did come to the aid of the TITANIC, having steamed at flank speed from a greater distance than the position of the CALIFORNIAN, only to learn that the ship had already gone down. They did take on board those in the lifeboats and assisted in every way possible.

There were 328 floating bodies recovered. Among them was the body of John Jacob Astor IV. His body was identified by the laundry mark, JJA, on the inside of his shirt collar. Most of the bodies were mangled to a bloody pulp by floating debris and bits of ice floe.

There were 705 saved from the sinking ship and 1522 lost.

Among the super-rich who lost their lives, in addition to Colonel Astor, were Benjamin Guggenheim, Isidor Straus and wife, Ida (She could've been saved, but refused to leave her husband. They were the owners of Macy's, the world's largest department store.); and the George Widener Family of Philadelphia, who built streetcars.

In addition to the super-rich, there were many wealthy people on the TITANIC, as well as American Government Officials, high ranking military, and titled British.

The roll call of the rich and famous might've been even more impressive had some prominent people not canceled their ticket.

The Titanic off the isle of Wight on April 10, 1912, photographed by Frank Beken of Cowes.

Financier, J. P. Morgan, whose shipping trust owned the TITANIC, was too ill to take the trip. Alfred Vanderbilt and his wife decided at the last moment not to sail, but were too late to retrieve their luggage or their personal servant. Both went down with the ship.

The U. S. Senate did conduct an inquiry, but accomplished little, since this was a British ship. They were able to establish a few pertinent facts, but stopped short of placing blame on any of the officers or officials in charge of the TITANIC.

Captain Smith of the TITANIC was an experienced seaman of more than thirty years. This was why he was asked to delay his retirement in order to take the ship on her maiden voyage. Why did he endanger his ship and the lives in his charge by steaming at such great speed through a virtual floating obstacle course of danger? Did he yield to the demands of J. Bruce Ismay, Chairman of the White Star Line, for a speed run? There were plans to go to full speed, (26 knots), for the last leg of the voyage. Was the Captain afraid that he might jeopardize his pension if he displeased the Chairman? Did he really believe that the ship was unsinkable? None of these questions could now be answered, for the TITANIC Captain went down with his ship and J. Bruce Ismay was never called into account.

Chairman Ismay of the White Star Line was later vilified by his cowardly act in the disaster. He not only created much confusion in the loading out of the lifeboats, having been bodily removed from the scene, but later slipped into a lifeboat and was saved. However, he was soon to discover that the life he saved was no longer worth living. The public outcry, on both sides of the Atlantic, sent him into seclusion. He died a broken man in what should've been his prime.

The TITANIC incident was now a closed matter, except for the survivors and the next of kin of those who lost their lives in the disaster. They would remember it for the rest of their lives.

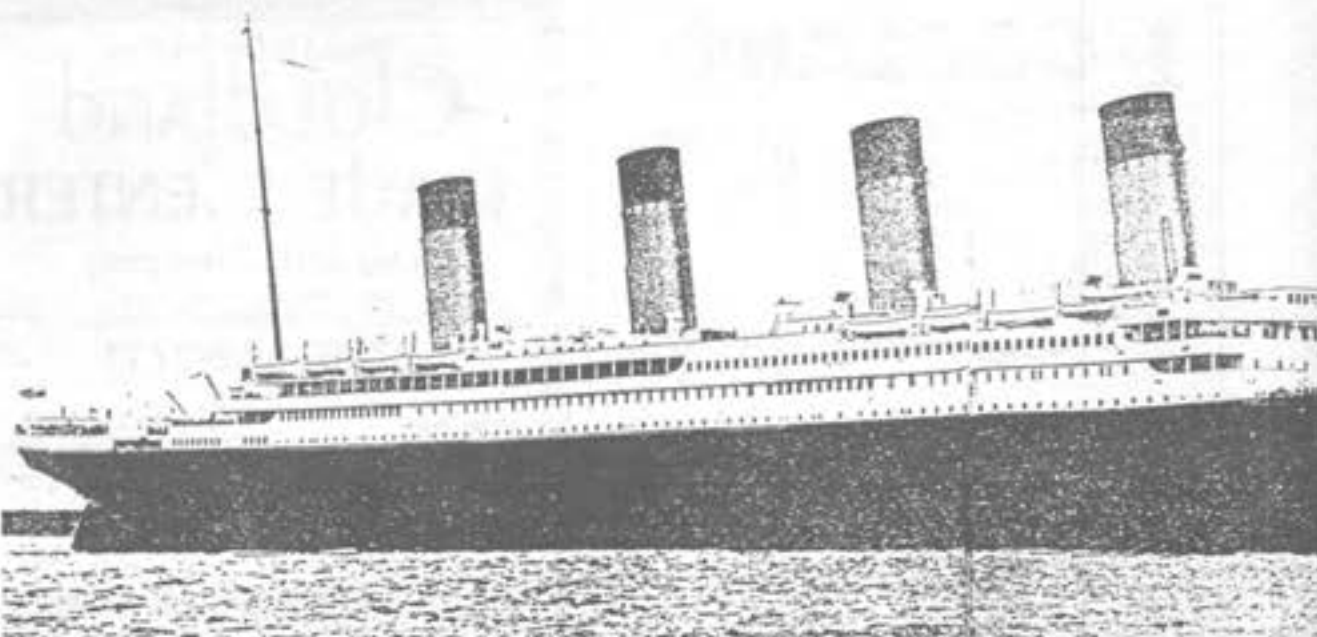
Soon the gathering clouds of war in Europe overshadowed the horrors of the TITANIC loss. However, the incident did serve to demand the review of shipbuilding designs and the upgrading of maritime safety regulations.

But, in spite of wars and rumors of wars, over the past eighty odd years, the TITANIC sinking has been revived and relished from time to time. It has been the dream of many deep sea salvage experts to locate the TITANIC and one day be able to raise her and tow her into port for dry docking and repairs.

Well, the ship was located some years ago. Divers from this country and France, and perhaps others, have descended on the hulk resting some two and one half miles below the surface. The discoveries they have made and photographed have dashed any hopes of raising her intact.

SOME TITANIC STATISTICS

Ship size: L 882'9" - beam 92'5" - H keel to funnel tops 175'



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Smith of Mentone

It is now known that the ship did break in half just before the stern section disappeared from view. This fact accounts for the unearthly sound, heard by those in the lifeboats, a few moments before the stern section sank.

Apparently, the tremendous strain amidships, when the bow was down by forty five degrees, caused her to snap. Amidships was the weakest part of the hull due to far less structural strength where the large engine rooms and above living spaces were located.

The two sections of the ship now rest about two thousand feet apart, embedded in several feet of silt. The giant funnels and other parts of the ship lie helter-skelter on the ocean floor nearby. This shattering was caused by the tremendous force of impact with the ocean floor. Decks pancaked, one on the other, sealing passageways and compartments, now preventing entry into much of the ship. It would take some jaws of life to cut your way in!

The videos made by divers have been recently shown on television and some books with detailed drawings and photographs have been published. All these pictures depict an eerie and ghostly scene.

There has been a movie made, called, "TITANIC," but I haven't seen it. Therefore, I don't know how accurately the movie follows true facts.

The latest episode, now just days old, regarding the TITANIC, has been declared a disaster. A New York City museum funded a salvage operation to raise a ten ton section of the ship to be put on display. This was, of course, a money making scheme. Despite some public outcry, the project went forward.

Their prize was very near the surface when the holding lines parted and this section of the TITANIC went down for the second time. The somewhat red-faced salvage experts declared that it would be tried again next year. And, anyway, they had brought-up some valuable relics. The operation cost the museum five million dollars.

The general consensus in this country would probably be to leave the ship undisturbed. It is now, more or less, a symbol of a tomb for the more than 1500 who lost their lives. This should have international support.

Really, there is nothing of great value down there. The stories published, shortly after the sinking, stating that a king's ransom in coin, bullion, and precious jewels, filled the ship's main vault, were untrue. Undoubtedly, there were some valuables left aboard ship, but nothing to justify the millions and millions of dollars it would cost to get at it. Also, any sign of human remains has long since disappeared, owing to saltwater action.

But, as long as there are those who have an almost morbid fascination with the TITANIC, divers will continue to descend on the hulk, like vultures on a carcass, until nothing is left to pick. There are four known survivors of the TITANIC sinking now living. I wonder what they would think?

At the risk of being called the old man of the sea, I would like to say that sailors do not fear the sea, but they do respect it. No Commanding Officer of a Naval vessel would challenge the hazards of the sea as did the Captain of the TITANIC, except in wartime situations, when the mission of the ship might outweigh any other consideration.

Madeleine Astor gave birth to a son shortly after her husband was lost in the TITANIC disaster. He was named John Jacob Astor VI. A trust fund was set-up by the court for his care. Madeleine was awarded over a million and a half outright. Also, she was to receive twenty five thousand per year and have the use of two of the Astor homes, providing that she did not remarry. Vincent Astor, Colonel Astor's son by a previous marriage, inherited the bulk of his father's estate. Madeleine did remarry, not once, but twice. She had two more children by her second marriage. Both marriages ended in divorce.

In 1933, Madeleine visited her Aunt Julia Force in Mentone to meet some of her Force relatives, gather family information, and perhaps to visit the place of her father's birth. Madeleine passed away in 1940 at age forty-seven. The particulars of her death are not known to this writer.

Madeleine's son, John Jacob Astor VI, grew-up to marry three times. He had two children, William Backhouse Astor and Mary Jacqueline. In 1985, he was living in seclusion somewhere in Florida. His two children are living in the New York City area.

Madeleine's son often complained that he had been treated as a second class Astor. His inheritance was rather modest by Astor standards. His half brother, Vincent, never acknowledged his existence and, having no heir, left the bulk of the fortune to charity. This was not because he had a sudden compassion for the poor, but rather to spite his half brother.

John Jacob Astor VI often remarked that of all the Astors there were only three of note: John Jacob Astor I, who amassed the fortune; his grandson, William Backhouse Astor, who doubled the fortune by real estate investments; and William Vincent Astor, who gave it all away.

The Astor fortune is now gone. The Astor descendants now work for a living. Perhaps the fortune was really a burden that has now been lifted from their shoulders.

This article is not intended to be an authority on the sinking of the TITANIC, but rather a narrative based on a summary of several published articles, books, and information obtained from certain individuals, over a period of many years.

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(Top) John Jacob Astor and his wife Madeleine

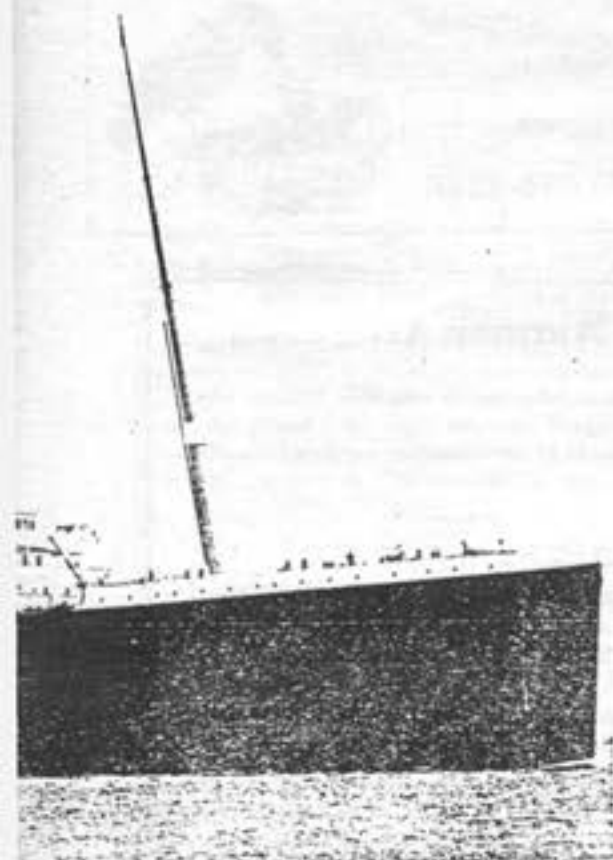
(Bottom) Isidor Straus



John Jacob Astor VI, half brother to Vincent



Vincent Astor, son of John Jacob IV, and 'the richest young man in the world when he inherited his father's fortune in 1912. Thrice married but without an heir, he left most of the fortune to charity when he died.





The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Where did all of it go? Summer was wonderful, and it's slipped away all too soon. When we work hard, time flies. If we were unable to do chores, and lived alone, time would move more slowly.

We have had ample rain for everything to grow, and the whole area is lush and green, except the dogwood. All down the parkway the colors are already vivid on the dogwood trees. I'm so thankful we still have them. The virus that attacked them for a while seems to have run its course. Autumn is a wonderful time for traveling—not too hot or too cold, and not overly crowded. The New England area would be resplendent right now with its brilliant foliage decked out in many colors. It would be wonderful to start here and go through North Carolina, Tenn., and Virginia. The Shenandoah Valley of Virginia is beautiful, beyond description, in September and October. One can drive for miles through orchards hanging heavy with bright red apples. There are produce stands all through the valley with goodies of all sorts made from apples. They make jewelry from the seeds, and from the juice comes delectable apple cider, jelly, and apple butter comes from the pulp. Also, there are dried apples to make the wonderful fried pies (or turnovers, if you prefer the word.) The air is permeated with the good clean, tart smell of ripe fruit being crushed for cider, or apple butter bubbling in a kettle. I believe they even make candy—or candied whole apples anyway.

We were in Washington state in late September one autumn and were disappointed that we couldn't take any apples out of the state because a quarantine had been placed on the fruit. Some insect had attacked them that year. I'm glad that it didn't continue to the next year.

Another good jaunt is to Dalton, Ga., and on through the north Georgia mountains to Helen. On the way, you go through small towns all decked out with fairs and festivals. There are good restaurants all the way and food is no problem. Eljay is on the route and is a very good apple place. Their apples are praised all over the southeast, and they should be at their peak about the second week of October. Along the way, you will find produce markets bright with apples, pumpkins, and vidalia onions. Aside from enjoying these things, there are boiled peanuts all along to eat. We stumbled upon a sorghum festival in one small town and stopped and enjoyed the festivities one year. There was country music, craft booths, and all sorts of food. The autumn wildflowers can be enjoyed all the way to Canada by just observing the roadsides. The purple asters are very pretty now. Right on Hwy. 117 coming up the mountain there are beautiful asters.

The hay fields along Hwy. 11 are neatly cut and bundled in huge rolls to feed cattle and horses for winter. To me, that is practical beauty, and the added attraction is that it smells wonderful when freshly mowed.

Our second crop of green beans is in, and they are soooo good. I guess it's because it's the last ones for the season. We still have tomatoes to go with the beans, and some good peppers to spice them up a bit, and to add to salads.

The climate now is ideal for getting fall cleaning done, cleaning out closets, tossing out old summer clothes we won't wear for another season, and get out winter clothes where we can find them, at least sweat shirts and sweaters. The cool nights we have had have been wonderful energy boosters. It made me do some deep cleaning both at home and at the Hitching Post.

Eloise Burnette's home has been very attractive all summer. She grows the most beautiful potted plants of anyone I know. It's always a pleasure to drive by and stretch my neck looking. I'm sure the public enjoys her many lovely plants more than she does. They have to go inside soon.

The Raven Haven Bed and Breakfast is landscaped well and

is as clean and neat as can be. They have finished what we started and have added much more. It's a pleasure to visit with Tony and Eleanor Teverino and to sit out in the terrace and enjoy the scenery.

The Lil' Mole Run golf course is a big added attraction. It's lovely, with a nice club house, a big pond, and much smooth green for those who golf. It looks so inviting. I may learn to tee off. Enjoying the beauty of a good golf course would be half the fun of playing. I love to watch the opens in Augusta, Ga., because of the many blooming azaleas surrounding the greens.

There are many other lovely places to mention, but you would be bored. I think we need to give a plaque again to those who make the most improvements on their homes and grounds. MAPA did this a few years ago and put a picture of the home, or business, in the paper. We are proud of our little community and are happy to see improvements made, however small. We can all be neat and clean. And that means keeping the roadsides clean, too. If you have pride in your own home, you should have pride in keeping the area clean around you.

Remember our Colorfest is coming soon—October 18, 19, 20.



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A SPECIAL INVITATION

Please mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the Report Meetings for the 1996-97 UGF Campaign.

Meetings are scheduled for:

1st Meeting - Wednesday, October 2 — 11:30 A.M.
2nd Meeting - Wednesday, October 9 — 11:30 A.M.
3rd Meeting - Wednesday, October 16 - 11:30 A.M.
NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23
4th and final meeting - Wednesday, October 30 - 11:30 A.M.
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We will use the side entrance, just off 19th Street North, which opens directly into our meeting room (the Blue Room). As you enter, stop by the registration table to register, receive your door prize ticket, and pay \$1.00 for your meal. You will not need to go through check out line as you leave.

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Remember—Mark your calendar with the above dates and do plan to attend!



Specialist 4, Stanley Michael Williams

Specialist 4, Stanley Michael Williams (Mike) has returned home to Mentone, having completed his three year tour of duty in the United States Army, most of it spent at Ft. Hood, Killeen, Texas. He was a soldier in A Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry, 4th Infantry Division (Iron Horse). Michael is the son of Fran Hawkins, Mentone, and S. W. Williams, Atlanta. Michael is particularly pleased to be back home on Lookout Mountain, where "there are lots of tall trees."

Michael's Army career included work on the M1A1 Abrams tank and the study of mechanics. He received the ASE Certificate of Mechanical Proficiency, as well as five U. S. Army Achievement medals, one each of the Army's Commendation medal, Service medal and National Defense medal.

Michael is a 1993 graduate of Ft. Payne High School and joined the Army in August, 1993. He will join his sisters, Gini Williams and Rebecca Wadkins, as a student at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama. His plans include transfer later to Georgia Tech for study in Mechanical Engineering.

Michael will continue to serve his country by serving in the National Guard while studying in Jacksonville. His Guard troop is located in Gadsden, Alabama.

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Autumn Afternoon

(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 "Madagascar" by Don and Yvonne Brock)

This is the lazy summer of the fall;
That apple that you hear drum on the ground
Is but an echo, faint and wonderful,
Is but the memory of all autumn sound.
Here in this meadow, underneath a sun
Grown monthly paler, underneath the moon
Lost in the fall light, hear the river run
Forward to December, backward into June.

— John Ritchey

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



October 18-19 will be a special teaching week-end at St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church. An open invitation is extended to anyone in the community who is interested in coming. Fred Goodwin will be doing a program called, "The Greatest Story Ever Told", from 7-9:30 PM on Friday and 9-4 o'clock on Saturday. There will be no charge for this; however, if you are interested in attending, you should call and pre-register. •A Prayer and Praise service will be held the last Sunday in each month. •A series of family activities will begin on Sunday afternoon beginning October 13 with a fall color walk and a barbecue dinner. •On October 20, it will be movie night, and on October 27, there will be a family game night.

On October 5, there will be a Youth Rally at the Mentone Church of God, with Jeff Coover, who will be bringing in a choir from Day Spring Tabernacle in Oneonta, AL, for the service. •On October 25, the Ladies' group will do a spaghetti dinner with spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Deliveries will be made upon request. Please call 634-4418 for take-outs or deliveries.

The UMW of the Valley Head United Methodist Church will meet October 1 at the home of Mary Holleman, with Gladola Holleman as co-hostess. Laura Margaret Allison will have the pledge service. •On September 29, the Fifth Sunday service was observed with special singing and dinner following. The other area churches were invited for dinner. Sunday School is at 9 AM and Morning Worship is at 10 AM every Sunday. You are invited to attend.

October 6 is designated as High Attendance Day in Sunday School at the Valley Head Baptist Church. The goal is set for 60 in Sunday School. •On October 12, there will be a Brotherhood breakfast at 8 AM, followed by picking up the church's Adopt-a-Mile. •On October 26, the youth are going to Gardendale Baptist Church in Birmingham to see the play, "The Verdict."

You are invited to attend services at Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) on Sunday mornings at 10 AM. Visitors are always invited to visit the chapel at other times also. Vacation clothes are acceptable for the service.

Revival will be held at the Mentone Wesleyan Church on November 8-9 with former pastor, Reverend Tom Ward, conducting the services. •November 10 will be Homecoming and the service will be at 10 AM. Reverend Ward will be bringing the message in that service also.

Sunday morning worship services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are at 9 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend. •On Friday evening, October 11, at 6:30, there will be a singing by the North Alabama Quarterly Singing Convention. There will be people from different counties in Alabama participating in this event. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church will observe Homecoming on October 13, with one big service that morning at 10:30. This will mark the 64th anniversary of the church. The Fall Revival will begin that evening. It will run through October 16, with services each evening at 6:30. The featured speaker will be Phillip Ellen, pastor of White's Chapel Baptist Church, who will be speaking on two different nights. Everyone is invited to attend.

Services at Union Hill Baptist Church are: Sunday School at 10 AM, Worship Service at 11 AM, Discipleship Training at 6 PM, Evening Worship at 7 PM, Wednesday evening prayer service at 6:30 PM, GAs, Acteens, RAs at 5 PM on Wednesday, and Youth Choir practice on alternate Wednesdays. Monthly singing is at 6 PM on the second Sunday of each month.

The Moon Lake Baptist Church is remodeling the fellowship hall and is also doing some remodeling in the old pastorium. The church is looking forward to a new church year with two new Sunday School classes being formed. •On October 31, there will be a Cowboy Roundup for the children. •H-Day is October 27. A young ministerial student from Samford College will be speaking on that date. •On October 6, the youth will have a trip after the evening service, and there will be a fellowship at the pastorium on October 20 after the evening service.

The UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church meets on Thursday, October 10 at the fellowship hall. Marie Dillenbeck has the program, "UN Time for Peace." Marilyn Campbell is the hostess. The nominating committee will present its nomination report. •This year, the Charge Conference is on Sunday, October 13. A special service will be conducted. Church services are 11 AM each Sunday, and everyone is welcome.

A Gospel Singing is being held at the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday evening, October 5, 6:30 p.m., featuring The King's Harvest from Collinsville. Local singers are invited to sing; everyone is welcome. •Sunday, October 6, will be celebrated as Pastor Appreciation Day. •Local church leaders will be attending the annual Alabama Ministers and Lay Leaders Conference in Bessemer, Ala., October 11-12. •We support the DeKalb County Youth Rally being held at the Rainsville Civic Center, Sunday, October 13, 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and show your support for DeKalb County students and their religious rights. •The church will be participating in the Mentone October Festival. Visit us at our booth and take home some delicious home-made baked goods. •The annual church cook-out and hayride will be at the church, Saturday, October 26, starting at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited. Dress warm. •A special children's program will be presented at the church Sunday morning, October 27. •The church will be in revival October 30 through November 2, 6:30 p.m. nightly. Local ministers will be the evangelists. Everyone is invited to attend.

J.O.Y.

The Just Older Youth met at the Moon Lake Baptist Church on Thursday, September 26, with a good attendance, a great meal, and wonderful fellowship. New officers were elected for the coming year. LuJean Pierce will be the new president. A trip to Ellijay to the apple house is planned for October 17. The church bus will leave from the church at 8 AM. The next regular meeting will be October 31 at 11:30 AM. Bring a friend, a covered dish, and enjoy the fun and fellowship.



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The North DeKalb Ministerial Association Selects New Leadership

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association has selected and installed new leadership. Elected were: President, Rev. Gary Moore; Vice President, Rev. Kenneth Shelton; and Secretary, Rev. Bill Russell. The Executive Board has appointed Dr. Oscar Hussel to continue as Treasurer.

Rev. Moore is pastor of Lea's Chapel Baptist Church in Hammondville. He served as Vice President of the Ministerial Association last year and has been an active member for several years. He, his wife, and children live in Valley Head. Rev. Moore stated, "I hope to continue our goals as an association by expanding our membership, and addressing matters which are important to our community. One of those important matters will include addressing current attempts to take away some of the religious rights of our students in DeKalb County schools. We fully support the rally to be held at the Rainsville Civic Center Sunday, October 13, 2:30 p.m., to show our support for the students of DeKalb County and their God-given and constitutional religious rights."

Rev. Don Brock, outgoing president, stated, "The North DeKalb Ministerial Association exists to foster communications, cooperation, and fellowship among ministers and churches in the area. Membership is open to pastors, associate pastors, and other ministers ordained and/or credentialed. Honorary memberships are also available." Rev. Brock will continue to serve on the Executive Board.

Anyone interested in membership may contact Gary Moore (635-1001), Kenneth Shelton (634-4418), Bill Russell (634-4568), or Oscar Hussel (634-4540), or Post Office Box 381, Mentone, Alabama 35984.

The next interfaith service will be the annual Community Thanksgiving Service which will be held Wednesday evening, November 27, 1996, at a location to be announced.



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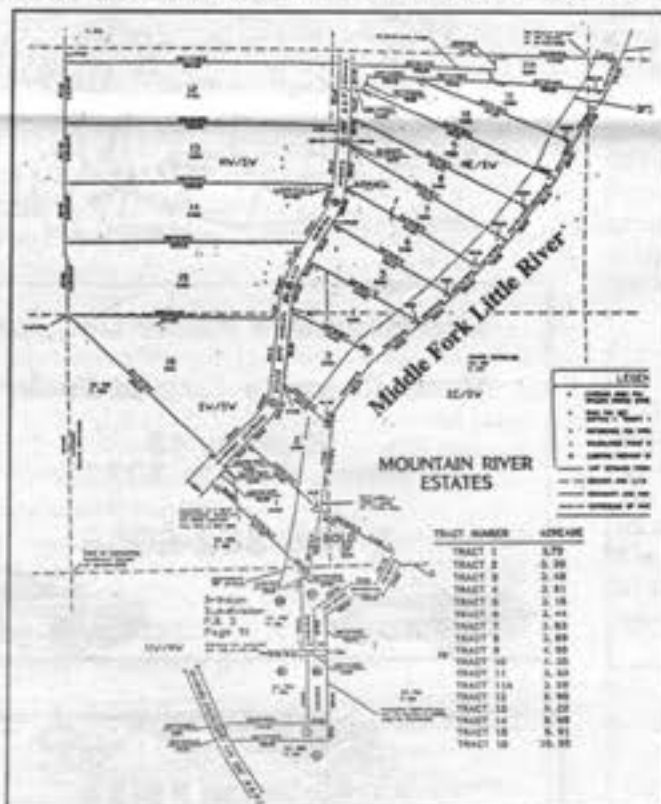
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6:30 - 8:30 PM

The annual Harvest Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, November 2, with fun, games and food. Kenneth McMunn reports that the festival will be 6:30 - 8:30 PM. There will be Bingo in the Kindergarten building, supper in the cafeteria, cake walks and games in other locations, and the festival will culminate with the traditional crowning of Moon Lake Harvest Queen and King.

Support Moon Lake School and join in the fun and games.

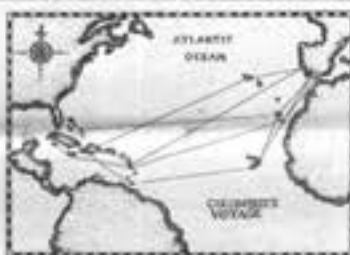
MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

The report cards will be sent home for the first six weeks on October 3. October 4 is Fair Day Holiday. The next PTO meeting is on October 8 at 6:30 PM.

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Students and faculty are enjoying the bright, clean new restrooms, and the County Highway Department recently paved the driveway and parking area with tar and gravel so that now it is much smoother and more attractive. The Woodmen of the World recently donated a new flagpole which now stands in front of the school. It was installed by Ovie Blalock and Robert Green.



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Deepest sympathy to the families of:

- Fay King, 84, who died September 11, 1996.
- Gladys L. Pruitt, 87, who died September 11, 1996.
- Mildred Mitchell McCullough, 86, who died August 21, 1996.
- Mittie Belle Farmer, 80, who died August 20, 1996.



MENLO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS (R) AT PRINT CEREMONY

Agnew Myers, Historical Society, Explains Print to Crowd

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SELLING CHATTOOGA CIVIL WAR PRINT

John White has created artwork for IBM, Johnson Motors, Little Caesar's Pizza, and other corporations. Things have changed with the artist.

In the cool morning air, on Friday, Sept. 20, White and the Chattooga County Historical Society dedicated a piece of White's artwork. The subject was not business, but a work of art from the Civil War period. The artwork includes two of the county's historical structures—a 156 year-old-house and the Alpine Church and a Chattooga County meeting between Confederate Calvary Generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joe Wheeler.

"Samuel Knox Jr., a man of unusual ability and firm character, had a large plantation in North Georgia, Chattooga County, and built a lovely two story home of native oak and walnut all dressed by hand. It took this carpenter about four years to construct the large rooms with beautifully paneled walnut wainscoting, built-in bookcases by the fireplace with attractive light wood or mother-of-pearl escutcheons. All inside doors were paneled and a spacious schoolroom entered by a private stairway in the rear, provide for not only learning of the three "R's," but for music and literature, which were stressed in the Knox home," according to

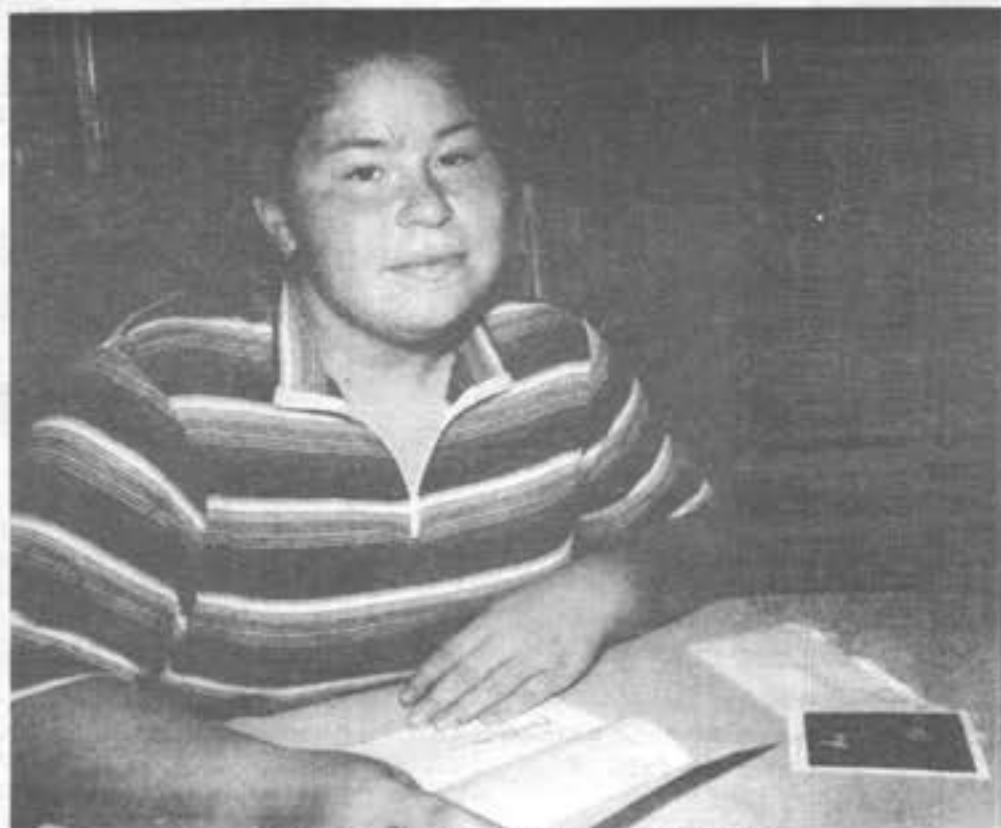
Mary J. Knox, the tenth child of Knox. BACKGROUND

The home in the painting is positioned toward the background. The oil painting that took six weeks to paint is of a Civil War encampment site at the church. According to the artist, the painting's perspective is from an office on a horseback. In fact, in the painter's three visits to the area, one occasion he used a ladder to gain the horserider's perspective.

The church now plays a more prominent art in the painting. In front of the church, the Confederate generals have gathered to discuss strategies. On the right side of the painting, the artist detailed a campsite next to the church.

The historical society is selling prints of the painting. Anyone interested in buying a copy can contact any historical society member or purchase one at the Sum-Nelly at the historical society's booth. Prints can also be purchased at Frames and Stitches.

Members of the Chickamauga Chapter, No. 1091 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, students from Menlo Elementary, church members, and Historical Society members were present at the dedication.



PRESIDENT WRITES STUDENT

Nikki Mireles, an eighth grade student at Menlo Elementary School has received a letter from President Bill Clinton. The Presidential correspondence, which Nikki received recently, was in response to an E-mail she sent to Washington after visiting the White House site on the Internet from her home computer. "I wrote in to thank him for having something to let us kids know what is going on in the world. I was amazed I got a

letter back from him." In the letter, President Clinton encouraged Nikki and her peers to "make all of the changes that America needs" by working to preserve the environment, volunteering at shelters, tutoring children, and working hard in school. The letter came with a small photograph of the president. Nikki is the daughter of Tracy and John Younce, Menlo.



FIRST PRINT GIVEN TO STUBBS

The Chattooga County Historical Society is selling a new Civil War print, painted by John White. The painting depicts a meeting between Confederate Generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and Joe Wheeler at the Alpine Presbyterian Church. The Knox Plantation can be seen in the background. The scene is thought to be the major event of the war in Chattooga County. The painting will be used by the Historical Society as a

fund-raiser. They can be bought from the society members. The first print was presented to long-time Historical Society officers and boosters, John and Jean Stubbs. John Stubbs is also a direct descendant of John Knox. Shown at the site of the old Knox Plantation, outside Menlo are, from left, John Stubbs; Ann Maddux, daughter of the Stubbs; Jean Stubbs; and John White.

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Gerry Disney, Ann Wright (1996 DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Show Chairman), and Aileen Brown at Nippersink Lodge

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB

By Mickey Gough and Marie Dillenbeck

The September Fall Flower Show meeting was held at Nippersink Lodge on Little River. Hostesses Gerry Disney, Mabel Kirk and Flo Kirby served delicious refreshments.

Bernise Crow gave the devotional. She read two poems about the importance of being a true friend.

Four guests attended the meeting: Aileen Brown, the program presenter, her son, David, Jan Cherbonneau, and Pat Shippey.

25 members, Virginia Bassage, Jo Beube, Barbara Blalock, Virginia Bosworth, Linda Brown, Marilyn Campbell, Betty Chapman, Bernise Crow, Mary Crow, Dorothy Cyr, Ruby Daniel, Marie Dillenbeck, Mickey Gough, Marjorie Gray (assoc. member), Helen Hill, Shirley Hussell, Flo Kirby, Dianne Kuehl, Hattie Lide, Lynette McCary, Eleanor Teverino, Jan Wilkinson, Ann Wright, and Mildred Wylie, were present.

Marilyn Campbell reported she had sent Ruby and Bob Daniel an anniversary (70th) card and Jayne Meadows a get well card.

Under Special Projects, it was announced by Ann Wright that the Flower Show will be coming up the end of the month. Volunteers were requested to register the flowers on Sat., Sept. 28th and Sun., Sept. 29. Flo Kirby is in charge of the hospitality table on Monday, Sept. 30th.

Members were pleased about the recent article in *The Times Journal* about the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Flower Show that will be held Sept. 30 through October 5, at the DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Building in Ft. Payne. Ann Wright is the chairman.

Lynette McCary said she will see that the member have their orange vests to wear when picking up the trash. The vests were at the meeting to be picked up.

Jan Wilkinson, Jo Beube, and Dallyne Jones are taking the Master Gardener's course.

The president announced that the registration for the District II meeting would be at 9 a.m. on September 11th, in Scottsboro, and urged the members to attend.

Ann asked all members to sign up for several categories in the flower show and bring their arrangements by 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29th.

Jan Wilkinson won the hostess give, a lovely house plant.

Bernise introduced the speaker, Aileen Brown, as an old friend of hers. Aileen demonstrated flower arranging to help those planning to enter arrangements at the Flower Show. One arrangement was in a pumpkin, one showing an Olympic torch, and a lovely rose arrangement on a pedestal. She said the hostess leaf was a good one for many different arrangements.

Marie announced that the next meeting would be at the Town Hall on October 8, at 2 p.m. Ginny Bosworth has the devotional; Lynette McCary the program, "Planting Bulbs," and the hostesses are Frances Waller, Eleanor Teverino, and Ruby Daniel.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs.

GREAT NEWS—READ THIS!!

The Rhododendron Garden Club won the First Place Blue Ribbon and Award of Merit for their arrangement. It is the first time the club has had this honor. Barbara Blalock entered the award winning arrangement. Thank you, Barbara!



Happy Birthday to Brothers Cheston and Trenton Green

Brothers Cheston and Trenton Green celebrated their birthdays together on August 17, with a party at Hammondville Park. Entertainment was provided by T.J. The Clown. Cheston was 4 on August 15, and Trenton turned 2 on August 5th. Proud parents are Randy and Melonée Green (Chambers) of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Florene and C.B. Green, and Kenneth and Gail Chambers of Hammondville. Great grandparents are W.A. and Polly Chambers of Mentone, Orbie and Faye Hunt of Fort Payne and Elsie Wilson of Grove Oak.

(This is a correction of the writeup that was in the September issue of *The Groundhog*.)

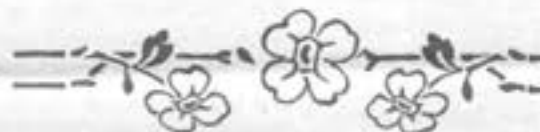


HALEY ELIZABETH SAFERITE

celebrated her 3rd birthday Sept. 16.

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

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



FLOWER SHOW REPORT

By Ann Wright

The flower show, "Nature's Celebration," presented by the DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs in conjunction with the VFW Agricultural Fair was a section that you did not want to miss. The horticultural specimens brought by people of all ages and from all areas were great. Dahlias, roses, and celosia were especially good. The design area was improved with new display shelves and niches that were full of beautiful designs by garden club members and school children from kindergarten through ninth grade. Too bad if you missed this section. Start now planning to be a part of the flower show for 1997.

The DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs is comprised of seven local clubs: Azalea, Flowering Dogwood, Fort Payne, Ider, Mountain Laurel, Rainsville, and Rhododendron, and is a member of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., District II, Deep South Region and National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

A more detailed report will be in the next *Groundhog*!



Amelia Grace Saferite It's a girl!

Donald and Karen Saferite Jr. of Mentone announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Grace, born September 7, 1996 at Gadsden Regional Hospital. She has a sister, Haley Elizabeth, age 3.

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

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(member of the National Home Gardening Club)

This year it seems that the weather will be a leading topic for farmers and gardeners and it brings home to us that we really can't rely very much on the national or area forecasters nor rely on those 'old timers', as it has really confused a lot of people, but—as the Moslems say "Inshalla," which means "if God wills."

The summer turned out to be quite wet and humid, and that has caused a number of gardening problems, basically the growth of all kinds of fungi. Various veggies, flowers, and shrubs have suffered from some form of fungal disease such as powdery mildew, rusts and leaf spot or rot. Treatments vary depending on the specific fungus and, in some cases, all that's needed is to remove and destroy the affected foliage. Fungicides are not very effective once the fungus has an established hold and the best advice at this time is to keep track of what plants suffered due to the weather and the next year spray those with the fungicide if the weather seems to be a repeat of the previous year. Remember, whether you use a dust or spray, only parts of the plant will be protected that is why some form of 'sticker' material should be included in any spray mixture such as an 'anti-transpirant' such as Wilt-Pruf.

As I prefer to use organic sprays and dusts that do not cause health problems, I found a few good safe fungicides to use. Of course, if you purchase chemicals, please read all instructions first, as it's better to be safe than sorry. Topping my list is the best and safest of all fungicide. It is cheap, and most households have a stash of, and that is baking soda. It prevented and, in some cases, even appeared to help the plants repair fungus-damaged plant tissue. Dissolve one teaspoon of baking soda and a few drops of soap in two quarts of water, increase the soda and soap for larger amounts of spray. Garlic also appears to be a fungicide, as well as an insecticide. Blend 5-10 cloves with a pint of water, strain, and spray. Horsetail infusion sprayed on plants may prevent fungal diseases. Compost tea sprays have possibilities for combating disease.

Now, on to the harsher chemicals if one prefers them to the safe ones: sulphur—direct contact with it prevents the development of disease organisms; however, it also damages important micro-organisms and beneficial insects. It's also a bit toxic to mammals and humans; therefore, use it sparingly and take safety measures. Adding lime to it increases its effectiveness, but, used that way, it may damage plant tissue; and, at temps above 85 degrees, it becomes highly phytotoxic. Copper is a powerful fungicide but it also damages the soils micro-organisms and beneficial insects. It's been used as a herbicide to control annual weeds, and repeated applications stunt plants. Copper is classified as very toxic to humans and animals. When it's mixed with hydrated lime it's called Bordeaux.

As Jack Frost heads our way, some of us may be left with some green tomatoes that we just don't want to fry. •It's said that putting an apple or banana in with the green tomatoes will help them turn red as the two fruits have ripening agents. •Don't prune rose bushes in fall as an early frost may kill new shoots, but you could prune off any dead, straggly or diseased stems. •Grow Impatiens the following year from cuttings, the New Guinea hybrids are best suited for this. Cut off healthy shoots in early fall, dip them in hormone rooting powder then plant them in a tray of growing medium such as perlite. You should be able to plant the new seedlings the following spring, don't leave them out in the frost or freezing weather.

About Our Town

By LINDA BROWN

**MENTONE MADE THE WALL STREET JOURNAL!!**

But, like most things in life this was not all good nor all bad. What could have been a very positive newspaper article was tainted by some quotes that were taken out of context. (I called some of the people and asked them if they said some of those things.) Some events were presented as though they happened recently, when, in fact, they occurred quite some time ago. We have been victimized by the "media monster." I suppose that reporters have to write articles in such a way that newspapers will sell, but it does seem that they could present the facts without distortion. It sure makes you think when you read news reports. How much is actually true, and how much should we take with "a grain of salt"?

The positive note of the article is that we are progressing. We are not standing still. I think if we ever stand still we will be trampled under foot. If you have not read the article, it indicates that zoning laws are causing a lot of Mentone's problems. I think that without the zoning regulations we would have many more problems facing us now. When I agreed to serve as a member of the Mentone Zoning Commission, it was because I felt that Mentone was destined to grow and, with zoning laws in effect, that growth could be controlled. I still feel that way. Of course, there have been things in the laws that needed changing or clarifying. The commission worked many long hard hours to get the laws as applicable as they are, and we knew all along that they were not perfect. Mr. Bob House, the consultant who worked with us, told us from the beginning that Mentone was a unique town and situation and that we would experience some problems. So many people have become upset by the article, and I have thought a lot about the publicity the article gave to Mentone. I never thought about this saying in connection with a place but I think it fits the situation. "This above all, to thine ownself be true."

Another problem is plaguing Mentone right now. The city is losing a lot of water. Some of you may not know exactly how the water system works. Mentone buys water from the town of Fort Payne. All water that comes into Mentone is metered and Mentone must pay for all of that water. In turn, each house has a meter, and the water used past that meter is paid for by the customer. The problem, however, is that water is leaking on lines between customers and this costs Mentone a lot of money. If you have low water pressure or see a lot of water where it is usually not, call the city hall (634-4444) and tell someone or leave a message on the machine. This kind of cooperation is what makes Mentone the great little place that it is. Jimmy Worthey is doing a great job with managing the water system, but he needs all the help he can get in this situation.

Another season is about to settle on the mountain. Fall has officially opened but the leaves do not know it yet. None have started to change color. I always watch to see how the seasons do each year. Some years all the leaves change overnight and fall quickly. Sometimes they change slowly and stay a long time. Which will it be this year? I vote for change quickly and fall quickly. Recently a friend of mine who lives in the valley told me that there was a fog almost every day in August. Of course, this means a snow for every fog, so look out for the winter!!

This quote is taken from The Wall Street Journal. Not the same issue as the Mentone article, I have had this in a file a long time. "The Snake That Poisons Everybody - It topples governments, wrecks marriages, ruins careers, busts reputations, causes heartaches, nightmares, indigestion, spawns suspicion, generates grief, and dispatches innocent people to cry in their pillows. Even its name hisses. It's called gossip. Party gossip. Office gossip. Shop gossip. It makes headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not, shut up."

See you next month. Take care of each other and enjoy life. If you have not seen The Wall Street Journal article on Mentone, call me. I'll send you a copy.

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A Friendly Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

We had an inspiring and uplifting song service at Valley Head Methodist Church, Sunday, Sept. 29. We had several special visitors--Betty Spurlock, Stacey Barksdale, Melissa Sherlin, Lora Walker, and Karen Lane from Scottsboro, Kathy and Carl Prater from Fort Payne who sang a beautiful duet and Kathy sang, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." They have wonderful voices. Dessie Newberry and Dorothy Crow sang two beautiful duets, and Dessie was our pianist. We always enjoy their music--and we are blessed by having Melinda Adkins to lead our singing with her lovely voice. We were glad to have other visitors for a bounteous meal.

Mary Crow and Jane Kerby attended the annual reunion of the 21st Ordinance Co., in Kalamazoo, Michigan, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ozment, from Tyler, Texas, spent two days with Virginia Livezey and Doris and Jim Carmichael. They were joined by Mrs. Charles Huff of Chattanooga for a day's visit.

Peachie and David Cearley, from Irvine, GA, spent several days with Laura Margaret Allison. Ansley McGinnis came from Florence, SC, and took Laura Margaret home with her for a five-day visit. Her son, Tom Allison, brought her home and attended Dr. Quimby's reception.

The Sunshine Club had their annual picnic at Ruth and Bert Pickett's "Out back Inn" Sept. 20. Those present were Billie Harper, Gladys Cobble, Billie Pickett, Bess and Tom Bauerle, Joe and Lillian Pickett, Joy and John Hurt, Lillie Bowden, Karen and Mark Freeman, Johnny Hurt, Susie Clark, Veronice and Broady Hawkins, Leona and Berlis Chadwick, Becky Stott, Evelyn and Loy Clark, and Eloise Brown.

Billie Harper enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Southern Belle recently with a group from Sola Electric. Tony Goggans was one of the musicians.

Geneva and Patricia Smith spent several days with Glen and Joyce Wilkes in Huntsville.

The Valley Head graduating Class of 1946 had their 50 year reunion Sept. 7th at DeSoto State Park restaurant--organized by Sadie Cooper, Virginia Livezey, and Virginia Turner. Bob McCord was M.C. Those present were Mrs. McCord, and Bob of Fort Payne, Lois Hayes Biddle of Rossville, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Callahan of Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. Will Crabtree of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. Griff Hartline of Columbus, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Mentone, Emily Wright Patterson of Tuscaloosa, Dr. Robert Ringer of Marianna, Fla., Jessie Mae Blackburn of Greenville, SC, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner and Frank Summerour of Chattanooga, Dr. Jack Kirby of Demopolis, Ala., and Sadie Cooper, Virginia Livezey and Virginia Turner of Valley Head. They had a wonderful time together, but remembered their deceased members--June Wilkes, Jack Cooper, and Ralph Hawkins with a beautifully decorated table with their pictures on it. We hope to have a group picture next month.

Gail and Dick Brenam came from Montgomery to spend the weekend with Jewell Palmer and help her celebrate her birthday. They took her to the Choo Choo in Chattanooga for Sunday dinner. She was also thrilled to get a phone call from little 2-1/2-year-old Alli Admawisk from Iowa, who sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

Venna Livingston visited Frances Longshore Sunday afternoon. Frances is suffering from back problems. While she was there, Frances' brother, Thomas Larmore, suffered a fall, but was not seriously hurt. We wish for them a quick and complete recovery.

Venna Livingston went with her daughter Sue Mosley to New York City for an unforgettable trip. They hit the high places--to the roof of the World Trade Center--108 stories high, and the low by riding the subway--and all the places



20th year reunion of Valley Head High School graduating class of 1976

By Eloise Brown

The Valley Head High School graduating class of 1976 held their 20 year reunion Sept. 21 at the home of Edith and Alvin Cox, on the lawn and patio, which was beautifully decorated with balloons and streamers. They met at the school with their children, and the principal directed a tour through the building.

Wade Higginbotham, Randy Graves, and Larry Burke furnished music for this happy occasion of fond memories.

Those present and pictured, front row (L/R): Martha Brooks Browder, Sharon Slaton Burt, Judy Flarity Owen, Susan Cox Higginbotham. Back row, (L/R): Herman Justice, Bubba Browder, Alan Manning, Betty Ann Carden Blalock, and Emily Cooper Alexander.

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between the Empire State Building, the Twin Towers, they saw a Broadway show, walked down Wall Street, and saw the N.Y. Stock Exchange and other points of interest including the Trinity Church, largest in the world, and St. Paul's Church, the oldest in Manhattan. They rode a ferry across the harbor to the Statue of Liberty. They went up state to Saratoga Springs to the annual meeting of the U.S. Dairy Administrators--Sue being market administrator of the southeast area. She said that was beautiful country with lovely pastures for horses and cattle. They also saw the house where Ulysses Grant lived and died. They enjoyed especially a dinner cruise on Lake George.

The reception honoring Dr. James Quimby Sunday, Sept. 22, was well attended. It was held on the porch of the Winston Place, and was a lovely occasion and well deserved by a doctor who has served the people of this area faithfully for many years. He would come to the home any time of the day or night when he was needed. Everyone loves and appreciates him as he continues to serve his patients.

Everyone enjoy October's (hopefully) lovely weather and beautiful foliage!



By Kim Worthey

"Sweetest Day" originated in Canada, their version of Valentine's Day. Don't forget to honor your "sweetheart," a prospective "sweetie," or the "sweetest" in your life on Friday, October 18th.

Also, Mother-In-Law's day is celebrated on Sunday, October 27. These are special people, too. Remember them specially.

Beautiful October Days (acrostic)

Beautiful October days,
Earn a poet's truest praise.
Azure skies so serene and clear
Unite earth with Heaven near--
Teasing breezes gently blow,
Ideal weather to bestow
Fruitful harvest from the land,
Unto every willing hand--
Lavish in all of her ways,
October's beautiful days;
Colors so glowing and bright,
Trees whose leaves are a delight,
Over all the golden sunshine,
Beckons to this heart of mine,
Embracing my soul that sings
Rapture that perfect beauty brings.

---Eloise Brown



13th Annual Covered Bridge Festival

ONEONTA, AL - The Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce has announced the dates for this year's Fall Spectacular--the 13th Annual Covered Bridge Festival--to be October 24-27th. Blending the natural beauty of the county, the allure of its majestic covered bridges and a zest for fun, the newly-designed format calls for this year's event to run for four fun-packed days, featuring Nashville superstar Lorrie Morgan in concert on Saturday night.

In addition to Lorrie's show, a variety of performers will be singing, dancing and keeping folks entertained throughout the four-day event. Surrounding the entertainment, festival-goers can enjoy a wide range of other activities such as arts and craft displays, an antique car show, 2-mile and 10K races; and, of course, the popular escorted Blount County Fall Color Tours (October 26-27 only).

Activities on Thursday and Friday, leading up to the weekend events, include everything from a golf classic to a talent show featuring the 1996 Miss Alabama, Alison McCreary, who was the 3rd runner up in the annual Miss America contest. On Friday morning, you'll have the chance to participate in this year's nominations into the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame.

As the weekend unfolds, look through a window to the past at the history and heritage of day-to-day life in Blount County. Learn the story of the county's fabulous covered bridges and of life on Alabama's frontier as it was in another century.

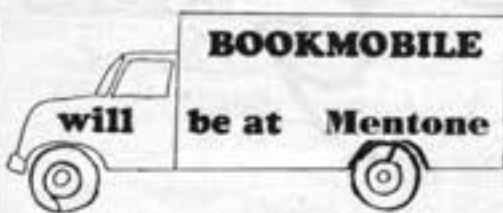
Palisades Park, high atop the mountain, will be the weekend scene for By-Gone Days, the celebration of Blount County's historic past. With a ton of events geared toward children, and plenty of food concessions and displays, Palisades Park will provide a glimpse at how life was in 19th century Blount County.

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LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

(Lil' Mole Run)

By Denita Manifold

The first Ladies Golf Tournament held at Lil' Mile Run Golf Course in Mentone, Alabama, was a huge success. Prizes included \$150 for 1st place, \$100 for 2nd place, and \$50 for 3rd place. The winners are:

Place	Name/City/State	Winning score
1st	Margaret Martin, Rome, GA and Kathleen Smithson, Rome, GA	71
2nd	Betty Wallin, Rising Fawn, GA and Ruth Clark, Ider, AL	73
3rd	Linda Drake, Lafayette, GA and Brenda Tillman, Phoenix City, AL	75

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Other prizes were awarded for longest drive, closest to pin, shortest drive (which had some folks crawling under the tables--no names mentioned!), ugliest tee shot, and highest score.

Everyone had a great time and asked that we do it again next year. Thanks so much to each of you who participated.



The Bend In The Road

Sometimes we come to life's crossroads
and view what we think is the end
But God has a much wider vision,
and He knows it's only a bend---
The road will go on and get smoother,
and after we've stopped for a rest,
The path that lies hidden beyond us
is often the part that is best---
So rest and relax and grow stronger--
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you've just come to a bend in the road.
--Helen Steiner Rice

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**Arts & Crafts • Music • Boat Rides • Food & Drink
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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, wilt thou be made whole?

John 5:6

Jesus saw a great multitude of sick folk on five porches waiting for the angel to trouble the waters, a man who had been sick thirty-eight years. He asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?" In obedience to Jesus, the man took up his bed and walked, and was made whole. What Jesus did for the man at the pool he can do for you. Do you need healing? Go to Jesus, ask and believe.



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Crane Family Reunion the weekend of October 18

Gladys and Bill Crane are the prime hosts to a Crane Family Reunion the weekend of October 18 here in Mentone. The reunion falls at the same time as Mentone's Colorfest, so there will be lots for them to do and "take in." Those members still in Mentone on Sunday usually attend the host family's church, which is the Mentone United Methodist Church.

Bill said, "My father had two brothers and two sisters, and nineteen children resulted from the marriages of these five people. The nineteen children started an annual reunion about ten years ago. While attendance at the first meetings was limited to the nineteen and their spouses, we now include all descendants of the nineteen. We will also accept anyone with the Crane name, or its variations, for I am sure all are related, however distant. Leon and his family could join us if they care to."

OCTOBER COLORFEST

SET YOUR SENSES for the October Colorfest October 18th, 19th and 20th in Magical Mentone Alabama on top of Lookout Mountain. **SEE** the colors of the fall leaves while boating down Little River and the numerous arts, crafts and games in the park. **HEAR** the sounds of ghost stories, mountain music and cloggers while the **SMELL** of hot cider catches your nose. **FEEL** the road under your feet while running in the Annual Groundhog Run on Lookout Mountain Parkway. **SENSE IT ALL** at the 14th Annual October Colorfest October 18th, 19th and 20th on top of Lookout Mountain in Magical Mentone. Sponsored by MAPA, the Mentone Area Preservation Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Historic Mentone, Alabama. For more information, contact Penny Lyday at 205-634-4403.

