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Colorfest Entertainment To Provide A Colorful Spectrum of Talent

Doreen Waters

The lineup of performers scheduled to appear at the 14th annual Colorfest in Mentone is sure to be the strongest collection of entertainers of any festival yet. More than a dozen artists and groups representing a wide variety of styles will present performances sure to please everyone from toddlers to grandfathers.

The traditional bonfire lights up the night Friday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the town square with host **Tony Goggans**, who is a familiar face among festival attendees. Tony hosted and entertained at MAPA's Rhododendron Festivals and Colorfests for several years, and is a lively and popular performer. A virtual one-man band with his electronic keyboard and percussion instruments, Tony, who also performs with family members as the popular local act **The Malibus** and is a frequent entertainer aboard the Chattanooga riverboat *The Southern Belle*, presents a musical montage covering everything from 50's rock 'n' roll and smooth folk ballads to easy listening country and traditional gospel, and everything in between.

Saturday's performances start off with a bang, as Mentone's own **New Generation Cloggers** will have you tapping your toes as they perform this traditional Southern dance style. Performers sure to captivate the children include **Cousin Cliff**, whose family-oriented magic act was a favorite on Birmingham television for 30 years, and **Juggling John**, whose feats of dexterity will dazzle the entire family. The **Sixteenth Street Baptist Church** choir from Gadsden, Alabama, will provide inspiring and uplifting gospel music, a mainstay of festivals in Mentone. Festival goers shouldn't miss **Pierce Pettis**, a native of Fort Payne and a current Mentone resident. Pierce's latest

recording, *Making Light Of It*, is a collection of smooth, folk-country original material reminiscent of a kinder, gentler Lyle Lovett. One of his songs, "You Move Me," was recorded by country superstar Garth Brooks and is featured on his latest release (available sometime in November or December). Additional acts scheduled on Saturday are **Cotaco Creek**, an easy listening folk/country group from Somerville, Alabama, and **Stuart Douglas & Friends**, a group of songwriters from DeKalb County performing their original material.

Sunday's lineup of entertainers will follow a morning devotional service by the **Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106**. Boaz native **Autry Pinson** will

present a re-creation of the popular lectures of famous Southern author Mark Twain. A major portion of Mr. Pinson's presentation is taken from the book *Huckleberry Finn*, perhaps Mark Twain's greatest book and widely considered one of America's finest. Mr. Pinson has performed in regional theater throughout the South, including the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Circuit Playhouse of Memphis, Birmingham Festival Theatre, Twickenham Repertory Company, Gadsden Civic Theatre, and The Whole Backstage of Guntersville. Another unusual performance will be offered by **Melody Men**, a traditional Southern gospel male quartet with acoustic accompaniment. Their tight harmonies will transport you to another era. More toe-tapping is inevitable with the performance of the **De-So-Toe Squares**, a local square dancing group. Want some good ole down-home mountain music? **Heartfelt**, a traditional bluegrass/gospel group, will also perform Sunday afternoon. The final act of the festival will be provided by the **Northeast State Community College Jazz Band**, with some 15 to 20 musicians under the direction of Dr. Daniel Knox.

For a complete schedule of performances, see the Colorfest Entertainment Schedule elsewhere in this issue of *The Groundhog*.



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- Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.,
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., MAPA Meeting
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, October 13 - COLUMBUS DAY

- Sunday, October 26 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
- OCTOBER COLORFEST
OCTOBER 17, 18, 19
(See notices and related articles throughout this issue.
Boat rides will again be at DeSoto Falls.

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COLORFEST

Entertainment Schedule

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 a.m.	New Generation Cloggers
11:00 a.m.	Cousin Cliff
12:00 p.m.	Sixteenth Street Baptist Church
1:00 p.m.	Pierce Pettis
2:00 p.m.	PARADE (downtown Mentone)
2:30 p.m.	Cotaco Creek
3:00 p.m.	Juggling John
4:00 p.m.	Stuart Douglas & Friends

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:30 a.m.	DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
12:00 p.m.	The Melody Men
1:00 p.m.	Autry Pinson as Mark Twain
2:00 p.m.	De-So-Toe Squares
3:00 p.m.	Heartfelt
4:00 p.m.	QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING
4:00 p.m.	Northeast State Community College Jazz Band

De-So-Toe Squares
Photo by Doreen Waters



New Generation Cloggers
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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



National Sports at a Glance

Pro Football: How about those Tampa Bay Buccaneers? They have shocked the world with such a great start. It's fun to see perennial losers win. Too bad the Falcons never do. Green Bay, San Francisco, New England, and Denver are the teams to beat. The cream always rises to the top. *Groundhog pick:* Green Bay vs. Denver in the Super Bowl.

Baseball: The Atlanta Braves go after a second World Championship. Six division titles in a row is an amazing feat. They have run into stumbling blocks when it comes to the World Series. The Braves have the best overall team, but we have heard that before. *Groundhog pick:* Baltimore over Atlanta in seven games of the World Series.

Auto Racing: Jeff Gordon continues to hang on to the Winston Cup points lead. Mark Martin has made a hard charge to win his first Winston Cup Points Championship. Gordon should be able to hang on, but Martin will be there if Gordon slips. Dale Earnhardt may be getting back to old form. Two straight second place finishes has the Earnhardt camp all excited.

College Football: Florida has proven that they are still good. The Gators mystique has everyone beaten before they even take the field. The best teams are all from the south. Florida, Florida State, North Carolina, Tennessee, and now possibly Auburn are the best teams in the country. We will see how the Auburn Tigers match up with the Gators in a couple of weeks. Penn State and Nebraska are highly overrated.

Groundhog Top Ten: 1. Florida; 2. FSU; 3. Penn State; 4. N. Carolina; 5. Nebraska; 6. Michigan; 7. Auburn; 8. Tennessee; 9. Ohio State; 10. Washington.

Sports on the Scene

Area softball teams Mentone and CBS are currently playing in the fall league at the Fort Payne Sports Complex. CBS is currently 7-2 and are in the running for a trophy. Mentone is currently 2-7 and trying to climb out of the cellar. CBS defeated Mentone 11-10 in head-to-head competition.

Members of the CBS team: Phil Owen, Tommy Harrison, Alan Smith, Jason Gregory, Kevin Cash, Aaron McKenzie, Michael Frazier, Timmy Burt, Eric Kirby, Dennis Manning, and Anthony Brown.

Members of the Mentone team: Kevin Worthey, Phil Harris, Chris Smith, Kevin Smith, J.J. Wigley, Duane Blalock, Shaun Flannigan, Chuck Flannigan, Jim Phillips, Bobby Browder, Johnathan Browder, Greg Hawkins, and Charlton Bell.

DeKalb County area high school teams have slipped a bit over years past. Crossville, Collinsville, Ider, and Sylvania have competition that they are not used to. Fyffe and Plainview are the teams to beat in the county. Here is a look at each team in DeKalb County.

Fyffe (4-0) - Devils are 1-0 in 2A area 14. They have dominated the first four opponents. Plainview/Fyffe matchup will be a good one.

Plainview (2-2) - Bears have been surprised by Sand Rock and Boaz. They are good, though not invincible.

Crossville (3-1) - Lions have surprised everyone, early. Crossville in 3A area 13 (with Susan Moore, New Hope, and Holly Pond) could win seven or eight games with an average team.

Sylvania (2-2) - Rams, under new head coach Sam Graham, could be 4-0. A one point loss to Sparkman, and a two point area defeat to North Sand Mountain have hurt. Sylvania is now looking up to the competition.

Ider (2-2) - Hornets are a little weak on the defensive side of the ball. They can score points on anybody, however. Ider should finish second behind Fyffe in 2A area 14.

Geraldine (2-2) - Coach Raymond Weaver's Bulldogs surprised Valley Head and Collinsville. Geraldine is very young and will be lucky to win many more. They must defeat Section

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, the pastor of Valley Head Baptist Church is leading his church this year to participate in a very Special Christmas Project. A hands on Mission Opportunity called "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD," a project of Samaritan's Purse - the Christian Ministry headed by Franklin Graham, the son of Dr. Billy Graham.

People from all over the area will be simply getting shoe boxes from home and filling them with items like small toys (no guns or war related items), T-shirts, socks, school supplies, combs, tooth brushes, and other small gifts along with five dollars to cover shipping.

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and Ider to make the playoffs.

Valley Head (0-1) - Valley Head is much improved. Problem is, they need to score points. Coach Brown will do fine in time. The Tigers grueling schedule makes it hard to gain any confidence. Not one team on VH's schedule has a losing record.

Fort Payne (2-2) - The Wildcats have a good team. Losses to Bradshaw and Etowah have shaken their confidence. Fort Payne will match up well with anyone left on their schedule. 8-2 is a good possibility.

Here are my predictions for the 1997 high school football season. I missed last month's publication:

1A AREA 13	2A AREA 14
1. Cedar Bluff	1. Fyffe
2. Valley Head	2. Ider
3. Gaylesville	3. Section
4. Collinsville	4. Geraldine

3A AREA 13	3A AREA 14	5A AREA 14
1. Susan Moore	1. Plainview	1. Scottsboro
2. Crossville	2. Sylvania	2. Ft. Payne
3. Holly Pond	3. Pisgah	3. North Jackson
4. New Hope	4. NSM	4. Albertville

Well, that does it for another month. May God bless you all.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Beloved fans, moi's fame will continue to expand throughout the viewing world as soon as the movie, "Southern Heart" hits the theaters across the land. As moi told you loyal readers in last month's column, cute Jamie Collins, the vice president of The Isaac Group, LLC., came in and assured moi that a part in her movie was MINE! Eat your heart out, folks!

It's been lonely during the days now that the little ones have gone back to school. However, there are the regulars who come to help pass the time--Jack Lusk and Willis Blalock come to mind immediately. Don't know what Pop would do if they didn't show up.

Mary and Lane Conville of Pelham, Ala., just happened by one day and were awestruck by moi's splendoredness. Hope they come back this way again. Moi loves to be adored, even if it is from grownups.

Janie Price of Rising Fawn couldn't resist peeking in to see the great one between the counters. Why should she be any different?

Pop is very nervous. The other day, he thought he saw a flea on moi. Now, Pop is mistaken if he thinks critters get on royalty. However, moi had to endure the futile attempts to rid this royal canine of non-existent fleas. Instead of powder, Pop sprayed moi with some horrible substance called "OFF." Man-alive! moi felt like someone had poured gas on moi and struck a match. Moi howled and climbed the counters, tore down grocery bags, and begged for mercy. Pop didn't realize the word OFF means keep it off MOI!

Peggy Tutwiler said moi always looks so pitiful every time Pop leaves the store to pump her gas. She needs to catch on to this game. So, here you go, Peggy. When Pop leaves, feed moi and make moi happy!

Some Kentucky folks came in and were so overcome by this gorgeous canine specimen they almost forgot what they came in to get. They were camping out at the State Park.

Well, autumn has arrived, the leaves are turning, and how about that rain we had? Some said at least four inches. All the customers had been complaining about the dry weather, so the rain and cool weather should keep their complaints down. But, you know humans, they're never satisfied with the weather they get.

It's time to take Pop home. He gets tired a lot quicker now, not like moi. Moi "rests" a lot during the days so when any emergencies come up, moi can be ready to handle anything that comes this way.

Halloween is right around the corner! All you fans out there know it's Tootsie Pop time--my favorite. Don't forget to stop by and give moi's favorite treat to the splendid canine between the counters--moi! Happy Halloween!

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Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

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Mentone made the October issue of *Southern Living*. Writer Michele Mann spent the weekend in Mentone last October, during the Colorfest, and wrote about her visit in an article titled, "Escape To Mentone." Ms. Mann stayed at the Raven Haven B&B and had rave reviews for all to read. Tony and Eleanor Teverino were some excellent hosts to get this kind of writeup. Michele also ate at the many restaurants in Mentone while she stayed here. She ended her article saying that Mentone is more than a place to come and do—it's a place where you can simply be. That pretty much says it all.

Malcolm Brewer is still hanging in there. He is one strong person. Malcolm and Maureen venture out from time to time to see what's happening in the world. On beautiful days, it's worth it all. Hope there are a lot more beautiful days, Malcolm.

Congratulations to the following students who made the President's List (4.0 GPA) of Northeast Alabama Community College for the summer quarter: Chad Chaney and Andrew Phillips of Valley Head; Honors list for summer quarter Jamie Clines, Valley Head.

Condolences to the family of Elizabeth Paige Martin. All parents of teenage children mourn with you all at the untimely passing away of your beautiful daughter.

Ben and Rose Bullock, formerly of Rainsville and Gurley, will be coming home to Alabama for a visit. They're from Michigan. They will be staying with family members in Huntsville, Ala. Friends who wish to contact them may call his brothers Nathan or Gene Bullock for the phone number.

Get well wishes go out to Adis Childers who is still feeling on the sick side.

Vickie Armstrong recently started back to school at Northeast College. She and her sidekick Toni are stirring up lots of trouble up on the mountain. Behave girls! One of their classmates is the one and only Matthew Hulan. Try and keep them straight, Matt.

Lisa Moore and Vickie Biddle took a weekend trip to Texas recently. They drove out there leaving out on Friday evening and returned on Monday night. Both girls had a great time although it was very hot and sticky. Cowboys were scarce so they had to come home alone. Better luck next time.

Summer Blansit, daughter of Pat Blansit, was recently involved in a car wreck. Summer was only shaken up a bit, but the car was totaled.

Valley Head High School honored Coach Ronnie Haushalter during halftime at their Fyffe vs Valley Head game on September 12th. Coach Haushalter coached at Valley Head a few years back.

Residents of County Roads 611 and 239 are getting very excited about the water line being installed on their roads. The work has actually begun and the line should be completed soon.

Alumni Band members from Valley Head Band performed during halftime at the September 26th game between Valley Head and Cedar Bluff.

A few students from the present Valley Head Band attended Band Day at Jacksonville State University on Saturday, September 6th. Those attending were: Valarie Chappell, Shannon Chappell, Becky Mays, and Steven Thornberry.

Becky Smith, daughter of Campbell and Linda Smith, performed as a JSU Ballerina during her first JSU football game on September 6th. She did a wonderful job. All the girls look great.

Belated anniversary wishes to: Charlie Rogers and Jewel Collins, who celebrated their 1st anniversary on September 24.

Jason Goss and Angela Horner Goss also celebrated their 1st anniversary on September 29.

Sue Schwarz's parents, Ruth and George Porter, in Oakland, MD, celebrated their 58th anniversary on September 17. Belated anniversary wishes, Ruth and George.

Vickie Blackburn (Mrs. Al) is recuperating from recent back surgery. She is beginning to feel better now, but has a

way to go yet, she said. Hang in there, Vickie!

The Super Wal-Mart in Fort Payne will have been open for a year on October 16. It seems like it's always been there.

Sue and Bill Schwarz (who used to be retired) have made several trips this past year from one end of the United States to another. Sue said that Bill needs to quit working as it's interfering with their lifestyle. Traveling gets pinched in between certain days of the month. Also, Marie says that Bill stays so busy he hasn't had time to write his column for many months. Time to retire again, Bill.

Lightning Goss came into the Town Hall recently. He'd just been to get a haircut and was visiting folks before going back home.

Keep Eloise Brown and her family in your prayers as they have just lost a loved one, Eldonna Root.

On August 22, 1997, Carla Dawn Knowles and Robert Newsome became the proud parents of a big eight pound bouncing baby boy whom they named Dakota Lee.

Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley and family at the untimely passing away of Mr. Wrigley's mother, Mrs. Domla Lenora Wilkenson (7/1/31 - 8/9/97) of Pittsburgh, Kansas.

Congratulations to Katie Gray whose sewing project won first place in the Junior Division at the DeKalb County VFW Fair.

Another winner at the fair was Friends of Little River for their exhibit on Little River. A blue ribbon first was awarded to the exhibit.

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

Happy October Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

•1- Brenda Burnett, Katie Browder; •2- Lucille Knopps, Walt Pullen, Amanda Wells; •3- Tammy (Hawkins) Pilon, •4- Elanor Glover; •5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Harrison, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum; •6- Lee Anne Parkison, Charles Hunt, Melody Schmidt; •7- Justin Pelletier; •8- Millard McNitt, Kathryn Jones, Laura Pullen; •9- Audie Beason; •10- Allie Rhodes (2 yrs.), Jimmy Worthey; •11- Jeff Cooper, Jeremiah Robertson (6); •12- Gertrude Cox, Ronnie & Kathy Robertson (Anniversary 22 years); •13- John Foreman, Treana (Davis) Lacey, Dell Rushing "In Remembrance"; •14- Tina Langston; •15- Barbara Weber, Polly Chambers, David (Tater) Hopper, Lanita Allen, Robert Hall, Tina Langston; •16- Shannon Rains (2); •17- Renae Langston, Alisha Busby; •18- Joe Gregory and Ethel Manifold-Gregory (1st Anniv.), Alisha McElhane, Ken Busby, Holly Kitchens; •20- Harry Hopper; •21- Rodney Moore; •23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson; •25- Jo Bain; •26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whiscrant, Dennis & Sherry Lewis (Anniv.); •28- Wesley Frost; •30- Nell (Kent) Reed (74), Elisabeth Evans; •31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean.

This past month and the present month have been and are difficult times for me, as it was one year ago that Dr. Pat passed away. She is missed greatly, but I know she is in a better place where there is no heartache and pain. Knowing that doesn't always ease the pain of those who remain behind. Dr. Pat is missed because she was always there for other people. She did a lot more than her share of looking after others. She believed that we are our brother's keeper and took the passage found in Matt. 25: 31-46 very seriously. 45: "...Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." God gave Dr. Pat numerous talents and she used them all to His glory. I miss you, Dr. Pat, and all those left behind also miss you. Thanks for being there for all of us!

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Correction: The name of Mr. James Roberts (Lightning Sound Studio) was misspelled in the August issue of *The Groundhog*. The Groundhog regrets the error.

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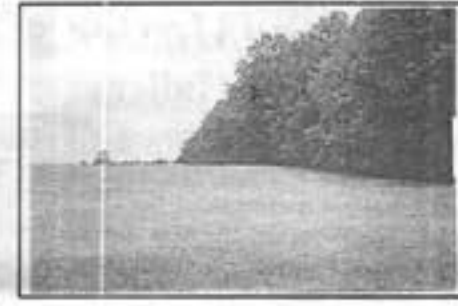
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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

This gardening year has simply seemed to disappear before we are ready, and it's almost the end of the most popular summer activity for a lot of people. We shall feel like empty-nesters at least for a while and that should give us time to put all those plans we made into motion. Just walking around nearly every evening we have made mental notes of what has to be done in the coming months--which plants have to be moved or pruned, or where to put the new cuttings or purchases we have made, and where to put a new flower or vegetable bed. I have had some luck (touch-wood) with the collected seed from previous years. This year, my okra came up better than the first time from pods of seeds that I purposely left on the plant to grow. At the end of the okra season, I snipped them and put them in a container for this year. This year, I already have my pods maturing. I also plan on doing it with most of the other vegetables that my husband has planted. This year, we have had a bumper crop of pole and snap beans, but as usual, the bush beans did not do well. They always seem to suffer from some kind of rust that eventually kills them off before I get enough green beans.

I am glad to say that I did not lose a single rose bush this year, not from the Japanese beetles, dry weather or anything else. Earlier, during the spring, one particular climbing rose did begin to suffer from black mildew, so I snipped off the infected foliage, then sprayed the plant with a mild copper fungicide. But it had to be done in the evening, as copper also works as a weed killer. All summer long, I had beautiful fresh bouquets for the house, and when they dried, I used the petals for pot-pourri.

All the experts have already predicted a very wet and cold winter due to EL NINO, and they have said that this one will be the worst--about 150 times stronger than the one we had in '83-'84. That should act as a warning sign now and in the spring, as Japanese and June beetle grubs like nothing better than very moist soil. They thrive on it, so start scouring the seed and department stores for Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) or some of its other trade names such as BACTUR, DIPEL and SAFER. The timing of applications is critical. It must be eaten by the caterpillars or grubs to be effective. You want to apply it when the larvae are actually present--generally, they are most active in the spring, late summer and early fall here in northeast Alabama. Bt breaks down in sunlight. The powder form remains viable for seven days and the liquid for spray for just 24 hours.

White grubs are the larvae of a certain family of beetles called scarab beetles. This includes the infamous Japanese beetle and green June bugs. Others are the May beetle and masked chaffer, which are small brown beetles often attracted to porch lights at night. You can identify white grubs easily--they are fat, whitish larvae. Mature grubs reach a length of three-quarters to one-and-a-half inches and have three pairs of legs. Their heads are tan and they have large, brownish-black mouth parts. White grubs characteristically curl into the C shape. These pests feed on the roots of grass or vegetation until the ground freezes, then they burrow down deep into the ground to stay warm. In spring, they surface to feed again on the grass roots and ornamental plants. White grubs frequently infest new gardens dug and built on old sod.

If you notice an unusual number of blackbirds, starlings or other birds on the lawn, or if moles, skunks and raccoons keep digging up the ground, your yard may be infested with white grubs. Damage shows up as irregular brown sections that appear burned. The sod lifts up easily in these spots. In fact, you should pick up the sod and check for grubs beneath. They do most damage in late spring and early fall.

Milky disease spores (milky spore) are spores of a bacterium that attack white grubs. They become infected with it while feeding on the treated grass. When the grubs die, they release millions of spores back into the soil--these spores will infect future generations of grubs and new grubs that move in from afar. However, it may take two - three years for the disease to become established enough to get consistent control. You can tell if the grubs become infected because its body fluid looks milky rather than clear. Milky spore does not kill beneficial insects or earthworms, only white grubs.

Make your own Bt to save on the cost--just gather a handful of caterpillars or grubs, spray them with Bt. When they are dead or dying, mash up the pests, add two cups of milk, cover

Master Gardeners Plan Fair Booth and Show How To Collect Accurate Soil Samples

The DeKalb County Master Gardeners met on September 2 at 9 a.m. at the VFW Fairgrounds. The primary agenda item was to plan the booth display and schedule for the upcoming 42nd Annual DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair to be held September 29 to October 4. The booth theme will be Soil Testing and will offer complimentary testing for attendees that bring samples to the booth during the week. Booth Hours are as follows: Monday September 29 through Thursday October 2, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday, October 3, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Saturday, October 4 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Soil Testing is important to determine the rate of nutrients and micronutrients in the soil which directly affects yields. The most important item in the soil analysis is the pH. It measures how acid or alkaline a soil is.

Master Gardeners will analyze soil samples with the use of a pH meter probe supplied by the Alabama Cooperative Extension service and Auburn University. Recommendations will be made based on the test results in order to adjust the pH level and to correct nutrient levels.

In order to get an accurate analysis, it is important that a composite sample be taken, which is a collection of 15 to 20 uniform cores or slices of soil taken from random spots in a garden, lawn, or shrub bed. For an accurate test, place the samples in a clean bucket. Then mix this soil well and place about 1 pt of the mixture into a soil sample box. Soil sample boxes, information sheets, and other supplies for soil testing are available from your county Extension office, Fort Payne Feed and Garden Supply or at the Master Gardener Fair booth.

The following recommendations should help in collecting the proper samples:

Gardens, new lawns, and other cultivated areas: take a uniform core or slice of the soil to a depth that the soil was tilled. Use a zig-zag pattern to take samples from some 15-20 random sections of the area.

For lawns and established turf: Use the same method as above to a depth of 2-3 inches from all lawn areas.

For trees or shrubs: Use the same method to a depth of 6 inches deep from around the drip-line of plants.

In addition to the fair booth soil testing hours, the Master Gardeners offered a one-day soil testing station on Saturday, September 27 at the Fort Payne Feed & Garden Supply.

Use these opportunities to find out how to get the best yields for the plants you wish to grow!

Information on the Master Gardener program will also be available at the booth.



and label the container, then put it out of reach of pets and kids. Let the mixture stand at room temperature for three days; then strain it, add enough water to make a gallon, and apply it as you would a commercial.

Recently, I came across a gardening tip that I have been debating whether or not to pass on. The mixture is quite unique and not quite the proper thing to mention, but the devil in me says "go for it, it may help." From a garden expert known as Jerry Baker who publishes gardening books and pamphlets called ON THE GARDEN LINE, Jerry said to keep pesky varmints out of your lawn, flowers and vegetables, just mix up this magic batch of all-purpose pest prevention potion: 1 cup ammonia, 1/2 cup dish soap, 1/4 cup castor oil, and 1/2 cup human urine in a 20-gallon hose-end sprayer, and spray it around the edges of your lawn and garden. The pests can't stand the smell. (Neither could we!) Jerry insists that the magic ingredient is the waste and without it, it won't pack such a punch.



Eldonna Brown Root

So many begged for life for this precious one. But alas, fate decreed her work on earth was done. She fought a brave fight a little time to gain-- Through the labyrinth of hope, frustration and pain. When praised for her courage, she firmly disagreed. Saying, "Not I, but those deserved credit who filled my need."

She appreciated everything so very much-- Each thoughtful deed, flowers, notes, each loving touch. She spoke with cheerful assurance that all was well-- The grief and worry of others she hoped to dispel. For it was of others she constantly thought, Through sacrifice of self, their happiness sought. She enjoyed her garden, tended it with care, And was delighted its fruits to abundantly share. She lived her religion from day to day, Proving her love for God and earth in every way. She loved her cats and flowers, but most of all, She loved people, especially her family, as we recall Many precious memories that will live in our minds Of thoughtfulness, consideration, like one seldom finds. She had a beautiful singing voice but would not perform. Shy of herself, she wanted no praise in any form. She could make a piano sing with much pleasure, To those who love her, she is an irreplaceable treasure. She was a beautiful person in every way-- True to her ideals and principles--come what may. Effervescent with energy and enthusiasm for all good things.

An every youthful spirit that seemed to have wings. Now that spirit has flown from its earth bound cell, Seeking a happy haven in which to dwell, In a more beautiful, peaceful, wonderful place. Where we shall be joyfully united by God's grace. We cannot understand why--we must accept and go on. Strengthened by the assurance that we are never alone. In love and beauty, she will always live in our hearts. With a bond stronger than death that never departs.

---Eloise Brown

Eldonna Brown Root

Eldonna Brown Root passed away Friday morning, Sept. 26, in Maryland.

She was a native of Valley Head, Ala., but had lived in Pasadena, Maryland, for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband Larry Bruce Root and father Robert Donald Brown.

She is survived by her mother, Eloise Metcalf Brown, a brother, R. Barry ("Bear") Brown, sister-in-law, Emily G. Brown, of Valley Head; a daughter, Robin Root Darby, son-in-law, Ray Darby and granddaughters, Sharon and Kirsten Darby of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; daughter Laurie Root Dell and son-in-law Andrew Dell of Glen Burnie, Maryland, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m., September 29, at Burt Funeral Home in Valley Head, conducted by Rev. Jeff Adkins. Burial was in Valley Head Cemetery. Nephews served as bearers.

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L/R: Jim Lyday, Joyzelle Webb, Penny Lyday, James Gifford Legion Group Visits Vets

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone in their regular meeting on Tuesday night, September 9, finalized their plans for a trip to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville. Having heard the same bad things in the press that everybody else has heard about the Fann Home, the ladies made no attempt whatever to prearrange their visit with the administration there. The reason for that was simple. The ladies wanted to see exactly what the situation was like when nobody knew they were coming.

The morning of Friday, September 12, a delegation consisting of Jim Lyday (Vice-Commander of American Legion Post 215), Penny Lyday (Vice-President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215), Joyzelle Webb, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell (Historian for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215) went to the Fann home to take balloon bouquets to the six veterans from DeKalb County residing there. Because each man's needs are different, it is difficult for the ladies to decide exactly what to take when they make a visit. Therefore, taking balloon bouquets seemed like a very good idea in view of the fact that everybody who saw the balloons could appreciate them, and judging from the number of smiles they saw the group soon became convinced that was true.

Of course, transporting large numbers of inflated balloons does not work particularly well. Therefore, the ladies blew up their balloons after they arrived at the Fann home. They set up an assembly line with Mrs. Lyday operating the air compressor, Mrs. Campbell tying the ends of the balloons to prevent their deflating, and Mrs. Webb attaching the ribbons. The very best the ladies could do, ribbons became entangled, and the ordeal of straightening them out soon deteriorated into a comedy routine in the parking lot, but the ladies persevered until they had all the ribbons sorted out.

One of the few women residents over there was sitting out in front of the building with an attendant, and both of those ladies got a rather "large charge" out of the sorting of the rib-

bons as the wind tugged at the balloons. When the Post/Unit 215 delegation went into the building, both those ladies were still smiling.

Of the six men from DeKalb County who reside at the Fann Home the Post/Unit 215 group found one doing quite well, one asleep, one doing far less well than the last time they had seen him, and one about the same. The other two were out of their rooms, and the group did not see them. However, the Post/Unit 215 delegation did leave balloon bouquets for all of the six.

The truth is that the delegation looked around trying to find something to complain about, and they found nothing. The place was clean. There was no odor whatever. The patients, who could be up, were up, dressed, and clean. The ones, who could not be up, were in bed and clean. The personal care staff seemed to be attentive to the needs of the residents as opposed to being ganged up at the desks talking to each other. The cleaning staff was on duty, and they were working. A member of the social director's staff was quite pleasant when she stopped in the corridor to explain that a group of the residents had been playing Bingo shortly before that. Naturally, the ladies remembered the time when they had taken prizes for the Bingo games.

The most wonderful thing about the Fann Home is that it meets a very definite need in our society by providing care for veterans whose situation is such that they are beyond taking care of themselves and require medical care and supervision that is beyond the capabilities of their families. In addition to taking care of all the physical disorders that the residents happen to have, half the Fann Home has locked doors and is reserved for residents who are no longer responsible enough to come and go on their own. As large numbers of people are finding out daily, it is not uncommon to find nursing homes that refuse to take patients suffering from Alzheimer's and other disorders affecting competence.

The Post/Unit 215 delegation learned very quickly that their visits are far more important than the length of the visits. Those residents do not

MENTONE

Rachel Hamilton

This summer I visited my grandmother. She owns a small cabin in Mentone, Alabama. Mentone is a small town in North Alabama. It is in the vicinity of Fort Payne. Their cabin is right on Mentone Little River. We went swimming in the river, and it was really cold, even in the middle of summer. The river is very beautiful. There are large rocks surrounding it and the water is beautiful.

My grandfather taught me how to paddle and steer a canoe, and we canoed up and down the river. My grandpa grows grapes. He grows many different kinds of grapes, scuppernongs, muscadines and about five others. My grandma has a small garden where she grows vegetables. She grows squash, cucumbers, bell peppers, and tomatoes. There are many beautiful wildflowers that grow up in Mentone. There is one plant, called the pitcher plant, that is shaped like a pitcher and filled with sweet smelling nectar. When the fly comes in after the nectar, the pitcher plant traps it.

There is only a Post Office, two Superettes, a restaurant, a gas station, and a video store and a Nature Preserve. The Nature Preserve has a very nice campground, a souvenir store, and a Nature Room. The Nature Room is my favorite. That is where people can donate things they found that have to do with nature, like an egg, a bird's nest, or a butterfly cocoon. They also have live animals, like a snake and a baby opossum. When I went, they were feeding the baby opossum and cleaning out his cage. I got to hold him, and he was so soft.

I like to sleep out on my grandparents' screened-in porch at night. Every once and a while you will hear an owl. There are many kinds of frogs, and they sing me to sleep at night.

(Editor's note: Rachel is the granddaughter of Sue and Bill Schwarz. Rachel lives in Clearwater, Florida, and is 11 years old.)



need long visits to make them tired, but having people come in for a quick "Hello!" makes for a pleasant break in the day. The ladies of Unit 215 are quite conscientious about sending cards to the veterans from this county who reside at the Fann Home, and they encourage others to send cards as well. After all, getting a pretty card in the mail makes everybody feel special.

After their visits, the Post/Unit 215 delegation took themselves to lunch at Captain D's and returned to Mentone. On the trip back, they stopped at a crossroads and purchased watermelons from a man who was selling them there.



The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ

It may be a bit late in the year for corn recipes, but I found some good corn recently and made the corn pudding with toasted garlic. It was delicious and very rich tasting. It is low fat and it can be made even lower fat by using egg substitute instead of eggs. The other corn casserole is one using canned corn and is quick and good.

Corn Pudding with Toasted Garlic - Mexican Light

by Martha Rose Shulman

Kernels from 5 ears corn (about 4 cups)

4 cloves garlic toasted*

2/3 C low-fat (1% milk)

3 large eggs

1/2 t salt

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 350°. Oil a 2-quart soufflé dish or casserole. Set aside 1 cup of the corn kernels. Combine the remaining kernels with the toasted garlic and milk in a blender and blend until very smooth.

Beat together the eggs, salt, and pepper. Stir in the pureed corn and the corn kernels. Turn into the prepared baking dish. Place the baking dish in a pan and fill the pan with water halfway up the sides of the baking dish. Place in the oven and bake for 1 hour or until the pudding is firm and the top is beginning to brown. Serve hot. Makes 6 servings.

*To toast garlic: heat a heavy skillet over med-high heat and toast the garlic in its skin, turning or shaking the pan often, until it smells toasty and is blackened in several places, about 10 minutes. Remove from pan and peel.

Three Corn Casserole - clipped from long-forgotten magazine

1/2 C butter, softened

1 C sour cream

1 egg slightly beaten

1 16-oz can whole kernel corn, drained

1 16-oz can cream-style corn

1 9-oz box corn muffin mix

Preheat oven to 375°. Mix butter, sour cream, and egg. Stir in both cans of corn, blend in muffin mix. Pour into a well-greased casserole dish. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour until puffed, golden brown and crispy on top. For a variation, add a little chopped green onion, bell pepper (red or green) or jalapeno pepper.

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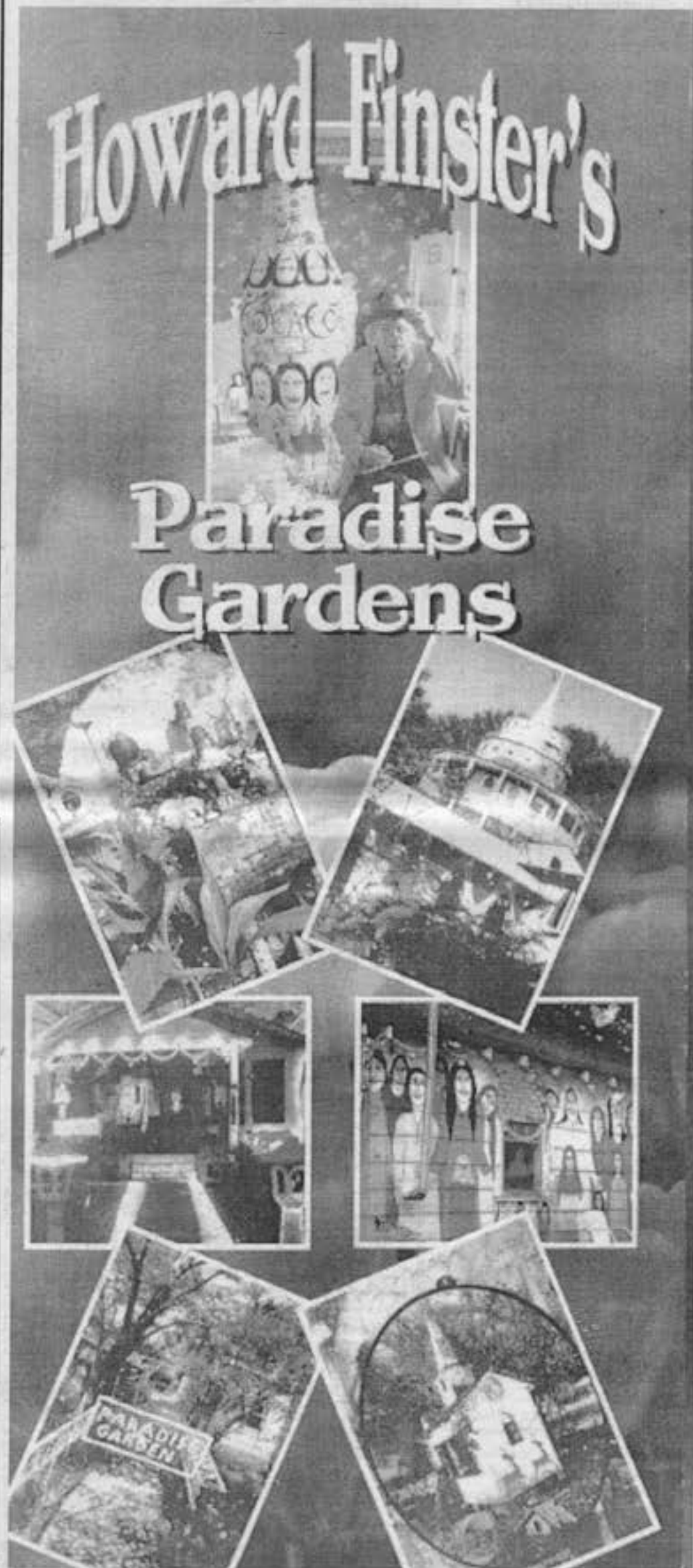
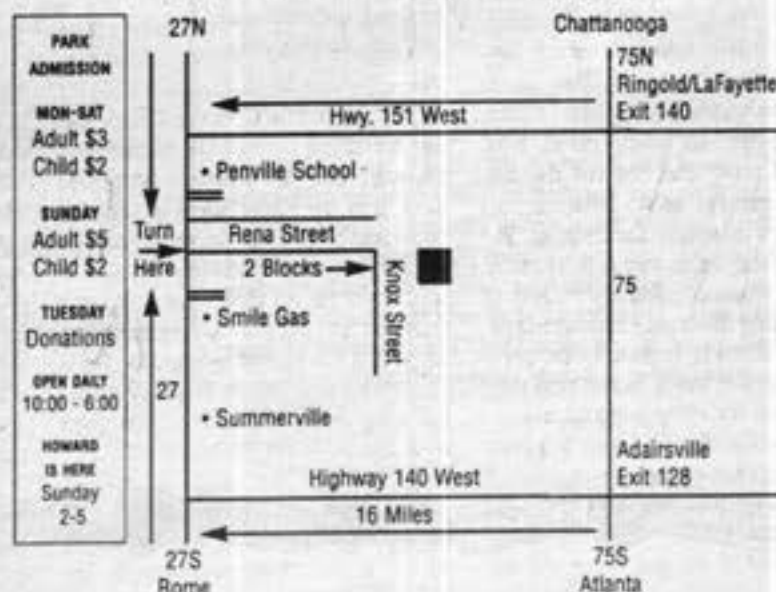
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MAP TO PARADISE GARDENS



VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine B. Donahue

Like school girls returning from a long summer vacation members of the Valley Head Woman's Club joyfully greeted each other at Nippersink Lodge for the beginning of the new club year.

Coleus foliage was used throughout the Inn. These colorful plants were grown by Jimmy and Maxine Wright, gardeners extraordinaire, who lovingly planted them in the spring and carefully tended them throughout the summer to beautify the Lodge for the club meeting.

Refreshments were served first by the hostesses, Gerry Disney, Sue Hamilton and Maxine Wright. As usual, the dining table was covered with beautiful and delicious goodies.

The president, Doris Carmichael, presided. Jan Wilkinson gave the devotional. She read "The Village Blacksmith" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which exemplifies good citizenship. She quoted from Philippians 2 wherein Paul portrays Christ as the believers' pattern and exhorts them to meekness and unity through love and fellowship.

The subject of the program was "Our Future, Our Children." Mike O'Dell, District Attorney, the featured speaker, was introduced by Evelyn Graves. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, a distinguished attorney, co-founder of the Child Advocacy Program, a charter member of Grace Presbyterian Church, and is active in many civic affairs.

Mr. O'Dell's wife, Betsy, decorated his office so that you will feel at ease, to allay your emotional suffering while a doctor's office would help alleviate physical suffering.

He has three excellent assistants in his office, two who gave up lucrative private practices and one who was preparing for the ministry.

His office has prosecuted 36 child abuse cases and lost only one, the Billy McDow case because of the statute of limitations. They have also set up an organization to prosecute people who prey on the elderly and are trying to form a way to prevent such acts.

Mr. O'Dell said his office has been computerized to facilitate the work. Electronics are expanding communications so that his assistants can be reached any time, any where.

He held members spellbound as he told this story. A very successful doctor with a lucrative practice lived in pre-war Germany with his wife and two daughters. During the Nazi take over, they realized that they would be persecuted, so they stocked a sub-basement of their house with food, water, and valuables. A silver cross was tied to the single light bulb. When the doctor would not cooperate with the Nazis, he was deported to a concentration camp. His wife and daughters moved to the sub-basement. For two years, they lived in it, venturing out only long enough to sell valuables for food. Finally, they escaped to Belgium. When the war ended, Belgium was liberated by American soldiers. One became a friend of the girls. They found that he had helped liberate their father from the concentration camp. The soldier married one of the girls and they migrated to America.

Years later, a 15-year-old-boy was trying to find himself, to discover life's meaning. His mother took him aside and told him this story.

Mr. O'Dell said, "You ask how do I know this is a true story—because I am that boy and I have the silver cross which mother gave me" displaying the cross. His blood line suffered much but with integrity, caring and serving one another, they persevered.

Velma Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Lillian Watson was a guest of the club.

Ruth Hammon was installed as a new member of the club by Elizabeth Bauerle, membership chairman. She welcomed her into the club and quoted from "Inspiration, Reflections and Praise." "We will honor your wisdom and understanding as you will ours. Together we shall seek the seeds of truth in the distant rooms of our great God. The reflection of inner knowledge shall wear as beauty upon our faces."

Lewchuk family's story will be a made-for-television movie

By Madeline Bullock

In the past month Pam (Joy) and Johnny (Dennis) Wesley (Lewchuk) have had a run of good and bad luck. For the good first, they have sold their story rights about life as "wanted" fugitives to a New York based movie company (Patchet & Kaufman Entertainment) who has plans to produce it as a Saturday night special for television. At the press time of *The Groundhog*, they are negotiating the terms of the contract.

Joy had a very 'joyous' reunion with her mother whom she has not seen in nine years. Joy's mother came to Mentone for the two-week visit and left thinking about re-locating to Mentone from California. Joy's father, of course, enjoyed the fantastic three-day fishing trip that they took him on.

Unfortunately, on the tale of all that came the burning of their camper which was parked in a Chattanooga, TN, campground. They lost a lot of precious mementoes and every-day items, but Johnny (Dennis) said that he was glad he did not lose his most loved ones instead—his wife and children.

Anybody who has any extra bedding or anything else to help the Lewchuks during this time can drop off the donated items at Ruby's Variety in Mentone.



The brothers three: Granville, H.P., and Arthur "Lightning" Goss (Is this a good picture, or what?) There are a good many years of experience behind these men, and they're still going strong. Granville still does some carpentry. H.P. keeps the Town of Mentone straight, and Lightning keeps the lawnmowers working. (You'll see the one in the middle "sittin' on the porch" in the movie, *Southern Heart*, which is being made during the month of October 1997.

Picture submitted by Jennifer Smith

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UPDATE ON MOVIE, "SOUTHERN HEART,"

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Jamie Collins, one of the producers of the film "Southern Heart," called and said that there had been a change in the main character because of a scheduling conflict. Peter DeLouse, son of Dom DeLouse, will be the "star" of the movie. Mr. DeLouse was in town recently looking at the script and the setting. Jamie said, "He loved Mentone." He flew in on Friday, September 19, and toured the area, eating at several establishments.

During the open casting call, a little over 200 people came on September 6 at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Jamie said they found some good local talent. They only expected to have 50-75 people show up.

Some filming will be done on October 17th during the October Colorfest. On October 10 and 11 there will be some rehearsing as everyone gets ready for the movie. J.J. Wilson has been hired to be the music supervisor. H.P. Goss agreed to "sit on the porch," and be in the movie. Jack Jones is playing the part of "Thurman." There are other local talent who will be in the movie, which will be a light-hearted, romantic comedy, and will be offered in movie theaters all over.

The film crew will consist of 15-25 people with sound equipment and cameras who will come and live in Mentone while doing the filming. The crew plans to be all over Mentone from early morning to dusk during a 21-day period with the main part of the filming to be done in October, beginning October 20.

Areas to be in the movie include DeSoto State Park, DeSoto Falls, town square of Mentone, Cragmere Manna, Little River Canyon (as seen from a helicopter).

Channel 19 from Huntsville called to be sure there was really going to be a movie here in Mentone. They plan to cover it and put it "ON THE NEWS!"

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Protein from ...What!?! Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman

Did you know that you can get all the protein you need from grains, veggies, and fruits? If you eat animal flesh, chances are that you are receiving WAY too much protein. Problems from too much protein are enlarged kidneys, kidney stones, EXCESS cholesterol, liver problems. It can make your body more susceptible to cancer and gouty arthritis. Also, receiving too much protein (and let me tell you, MOST meat eaters do) actually REMOVES much needed calcium from your body. Remember, God's original diet plan consisted of grains, vegetables, and fruits. So, take time and think about what you're eating. Try these oven fries, they're AWESOME!!

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Valley Head High School Junior Beta Club Officers Elected By Jessica Barrier

Tuesday, Aug. 26, the Valley Head High School Junior Beta Club elected the new officers for the 1997-1998 school year. The officers are:

President - Becky Mayes
Vice President - Eric Battles
Secretary/Treasurer - Slade Carden
Reporter - Jessica Barrier
Student Council - Shelly Brown
Congratulations to all the new officers.

About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



This article just got in this issue by the "skin of its teeth". (After you read it you may debate whether this article has teeth!) In fact Marie has threatened me if I don't get it to her by her deadline.

I have been very busy with the VFW Fair. You might think, what in the world does she do at the fair? I help with the Flower Show. The Flower Show serves a double purpose. First it increases the VFW's chance of receiving the Alabama state award for Best County Fair. If they win this year, it will be their 10th year in a row to win that honor. I know they will win, the fair is wonderful!! The second purpose of the Flower Show is that the DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs can apply for district, state and national awards. We have won our share of these in recent years. The purpose of this paragraph is to encourage you to go to the fair and see what your neighbors in DeKalb County can do.

The October weather is here! No other month has such clear skies and crisp days. Of course, it just happens to be my birthday month, so maybe that makes me like it best of all the months. I am always so glad to have a birthday, it means that I am still alive and can enjoy life. Speaking of life, I read recently that a comedian once said, "I'm not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens."

October always brings visitors to the mountain. They come to see the color in the leaves and to enjoy the clean air we have here. Aren't we fortunate to have this all the time!! I think I could write a book on the advantages of living in Mentone, Alabama.

I know that those of you who are waiting for the city to run a water line to you might disagree with me. But please be patient with us. When you work with government agencies, which is what we have to do to get a grant, you have a lot of paper work and guidelines. This always slows things down. The town will move just as fast as possible on this. I'm sure that most of you know that Fort Payne has now opened that huge water line from the Tennessee River. A long range goal of the founding fathers of the water systems has been to have all towns in DeKalb County connected in such a way that water would always be available from some source. This line brings that goal closer.

Another thing that October brings is the fall festival at the Brow Park. This year, I have a vested interest in it. I will be square dancing there and also a granddaughter will be clogging. So many other things will be happening, but I'm sure that there are complete details elsewhere in this issue of The Groundhog.

I want to express my sympathy to Eloise Brown, who also writes a column for The Groundhog. Her daughter, Eldonna Root, died recently. I remember Eldonna in high school and what I remember is how beautiful she was and what a pleasant smile she always had. I did not know her in later years, but I know she was a wonderful lady.

Now that I'm out in town more, I'm seeing everyone again. My daughter and I laugh about how long it takes us to go to the post office and get the mail. We stop and talk to so many people there that we could just make a career of going to the post office. That's another good point for living in a small town, you know everybody.

If you have anything you want discussed in this article, let me know. I want this much as it is mine.

Hello to Scott Russell's Dad in Birmingham!

This is especially for Marie and others who use a computer. Spellcheck is hear two stay.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT



Hanno Perry and host,
Jan Cherbonneau



Daniela "Danny" Farhat and
hosts, John and Shary Stark



Foreign exchange students in DeKalb (Herschel, Daniela "Danny" Farhat, C
Julia Hesselmann, and Judith Kunstmann)



Sandra Henders and host,
Randy McNutt



Judith Kunstmann and host,
Sue Reed



Sandra Muñoz and
Junior and Willa St.

Local directors of two agencies that place foreign exchange students have been busy locating and matching host parents/families with foreign exchange students. The local director of Aspect is Kimberly McNutt of Mentone. The local director of EF is Lee Gill of Fort Payne. The students and their host families are set out below.

Hanno Perry (Valley Head High School), 17 years old, is from Kuddewoerde, Germany, and is staying with Al and Jan Cherbonneau in Mentone. Hanno's father is a teacher and his mother is head of adult special education center. He has one sister and one brother. Comment: Enjoys taking weekend trips with his family to interesting places. Hanno worked part-time

for a computer company. He plans to work on the school paper. Hanno's interests include cooking, computers, animals, religious activities, swimming, canoeing, and basketball.

Julia Hesselmann (Valley Head High School), 16 years old, is from Greven, Germany, and is staying with Jean Gauld in Mentone. Julia is a classical pianist and is currently in the Valley Head Band participating in the orchestra for the second half of the school year. Her favorite sport is martial arts and volley ball. Julia's father is a sculptor and painter and her mother is an advisor in taxes. Julia's interests include bike riding, photography, reading, religious activities, cooking, and travel.

Raab Jens (Plainview High School), 18 years old, is from Bad Durkheim, Germany, and is staying with Dale and Sharron Goggans in Rainsville. Jens interests include camping, crafts, fishing and hunting, religious activities, basketball, soccer, and church youth activities. His father is an engineer and his mother a primary school teacher.

Sandra Henders (Valley Head High School), 17 years old, is from Nossebro, Sweden, and is staying with Kim and Randy McNutt in Mentone. Sandra's father is a carpenter and her mother shows Shetland ponies. (Two of her mother's ponies have won in regional competition.) Sandra likes horses and sports.

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County relaxing at the home of host parents Rev. (L/R): Hanno Perry, Raab Jens, Daniel Christina Miller, Sandra Henders, Sandra Muñoz, n



Christina Miller and host, Melvin Pace



Daniel Herschel and host Tommy Wells



Julia Hesselmann and host, Jean Gauld



Raab Jens and host, Sharron Goggans

host family
ly and son

Miriam Raber (Valley Head High School), is 16 years old, and is from Kussnacht, Switzerland, and is staying with Larry and Rhonda Smith in Mentone. Miriam's dad is a doctor and her mother is a flight attendant at Swiss Air. Miriam owns horses and competes in Switzerland in horseback riding.

Linda, a late arrival, (Plainview High School) from Sweden, is staying with Billy and Janice Galloway in Rainsville. She plays piano and guitar and enjoys collecting things, singing, traveling, volleyball, and religious activities.

Christina Miller (Fyffe High School), 18 years old, is from Mauren, Liechtenstein, and is staying with Melvin and Dorothy Pace in Fyffe. Christina enjoys scouting, playing guitar and piano, horseback riding, and animals. Her father is a bricklayer and her mother a nurse. They own 4 horses.

Judith Kunstmann (Fyffe High School), 17 years old, is from Kiel, Germany, and is staying with Sue Reed in Fyffe.

Judith enjoys basketball, diving, swimming, horses, playing the sax and flute, and being outdoors where she can play volleyball and tennis. Other interests include cooking, computer, crafts, ceramics, needlework. Judith plays the saxophone in the school orchestra. Her father is a doctor and her mother is a student. She has one brother at home.

Sandra Muñoz (Fyffe High School), 17 years old, is from Popayon, Columbia, and is staying with Junior and Willa Steele in Fyffe. Her mother is a shopkeeper and her father is a lawyer. She enjoys dancing, computers, painting, drawing, tennis, aerobics, sports, and is a competition tennis player. Her interests also include art, camping, crafts, sporting events and religious activities.

Daniela "Danny" Farhat (Section High School), 17 years old, is from Guarujá/São Paulo, Brazil, and is staying with John and Shary Stark in the Section school area. Danny's mother is a teacher and her father is an engineer.

She has two sisters. Her interests include classical music, dancing, pop music. Danny likes animals, movies, photography reading, religious activities, sporting events, and bird watching.

Daniel Herschel (Plainview High School), 17 years old, is from Olching, Germany, and is staying with Tommy and Bettye Wells in Rainsville. His father is director of an ad agency. Daniel enjoys soccer, tennis, volley ball, basketball, sporting events, and babysitting. He loves children and plays the guitar.

These students are exceptional and will be assets to the schools they are attending. The host families are already being blessed with their temporary additions to their family units.



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VALLEY HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

By Maurine B. Donahue

Like school girls returning from a long summer vacation members of the Valley Head Woman's Club joyfully greeted each other at Nippersink Lodge for the beginning of the new club year.

Coleus foliage was used throughout the Inn. These colorful plants were grown by Jimmy and Maxine Wright, gardeners extraordinaire, who lovingly planted them in the spring and carefully tended them throughout the summer to beautify the Lodge for the club meeting.

Refreshments were served first by the hostesses, Gerry Disney, Sue Hamilton, and Maxine Wright. As usual, the dining table was covered with beautiful and delicious goodies.

The president, Doris Carmichael, presided. Jan Wilkinson gave the devotional. She read "The Village Blacksmith" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which exemplifies good citizenship. She quoted from Philippians 2 wherein Paul portrays Christ as the believers' pattern and exhorts them to meekness and unity through love and fellowship.

The subject of the program was "Our Future, Our Children." Mike O'Dell, District Attorney, the featured speaker, was introduced by Evelyn Graves. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, a distinguished attorney, co-founder of the Child Advocacy Program, a charter member of Grace Presbyterian Church, and is active in many civic affairs.

Mr. O'Dell's wife, Betsy, decorated his office so that you will feel at ease, to allay your emotional suffering while a doctor's office would help alleviate physical suffering.

He has three excellent assistants in his office, two who gave up lucrative private practices and one who was preparing for the ministry.

His office has prosecuted 36 child abuse cases and lost only one, the Billy McDow case because of the statute of limitations. They have also set up an organization to prosecute people who prey on the elderly and are trying to form a way to prevent such acts.

Mr. O'Dell said his office has been computerized to facilitate the work. Electronics are expanding communications so that his assistants can be reached any time, any where.

He held members spellbound as he told this story. A very successful doctor with a lucrative practice lived in pre-war Germany with his wife and two daughters. During the Nazi take over, they realized that they would be persecuted, so they stocked a sub-basement of their house with food, water, and valuables. A silver cross was tied to the single light bulb. When the doctor would not cooperate with the Nazis, he was deported to a concentration camp. His wife and daughters moved to the sub-basement. For two years, they lived in it, venturing out only long enough to sell valuables for food. Finally, they escaped to Belgium. When the war ended, Belgium was liberated by American soldiers. One became a friend of the girls. They found that he had helped liberate their father from the concentration camp. The soldier married one of the girls and they migrated to America.

Years later, a 15-year-old-boy was trying to find himself, to discover life's meaning. His mother took him aside and told him this story.

Mr. O'Dell said, "You ask how do I know this is a true story—because I am that boy and I have the silver cross which mother gave me." displaying the cross. His blood line suffered much but with integrity, caring and serving one another, they persevered.

Velma Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

Lillian Watson was a guest of the club.

Ruth Hammon was installed as a new member of the club by Elizabeth Bauerle, membership chairman. She welcomed her into the club and quoted from "Inspiration, Reflections and Praise." "We will honor your wisdom and understanding as you will ours. Together we shall seek the seeds of truth in the distant rooms of our great God. The reflection of inner knowledge shall wear as beauty upon our faces."

Lewchuk family's story will be a made-for-television movie

By Madeline Bullock

In the past month Pam (Joy) and Johnny (Dennis) Wesley (Lewchuk) have had a run of good and bad luck. For the good first, they have sold their story rights about life as "wanted" fugitives to a New York based movie company (Patchet & Kaufman Entertainment) who has plans to produce it as a Saturday night special for television. At the press time of *The Groundhog*, they are negotiating the terms of the contract.

Joy had a very 'joyous' reunion with her mother whom she has not seen in nine years. Joy's mother came to Mentone for the two-week visit and left thinking about re-locating to Mentone from California. Joy's father, of course, enjoyed the fantastic three-day fishing trip that they took him on.

Unfortunately, on the tale of all that came the burning of their camper which was parked in a Chattanooga, TN, campground. They lost a lot of precious mementoes and every-day items, but Johnny (Dennis) said that he was glad he did not lose his most loved ones instead—his wife and children.

Anybody who has any extra bedding or anything else to help the Lewchuks during this time can drop off the donated items at Ruby's Variety in Mentone.



The brothers three: Granville, H.P., and Arthur "Lightning" Goss (Is this a good picture, or what?) There are a good many years of experience behind these men, and they're still going strong. Granville still does some carpentry, H.P. keeps the Town of Mentone straight, and Lightning keeps the lawnmowers working. (You'll see the one in the middle "sittin' on the porch" in the movie, *Southern Heart*, which is being made during the month of October 1997.

Picture submitted by Jennifer Smith

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Summer is officially over, but it's been so warm we didn't know the difference. And it's been extremely dry, and we have had to water plants and young trees to keep them alive.

Plans are well under way for our fall Colorfest. Doreen Waters has worked hard to obtain good entertainment and has organized it so each performer knows what time and how long to perform. We are struggling with the sale of quilt tickets. Mickey and Sherman Gough have handled this for several years, but they felt like they could not handle it this time, and we understand. They are so generous with their time, and we certainly appreciate them for their labor of love for Mentone, more than they know.

I hope all of you have read the article about Mentone in *Southern Living* magazine. It is well written by Michelle Mann and it begins with a beautiful poetic statement by our own Sam Franks. This is the October edition, and if you don't subscribe to it, you should buy one. The article speaks to us about what a peaceful idealistic place we have where people can come for rest and recreation. The writer stayed at the Raven Haven Bed and Breakfast, and had enjoyed her stay there so much she featured their home. As it happened, Tony and Eleanor Teverino, the owners, were our dinner guests on the day the magazine came in the mail. So, we celebrated their fame.

We have recently had a Cousins reunion of my family at the cabin of Andrew and Ina Lea here at Mentone. We had a representative of each of the children of Byron and Monterey Taylor. We enjoyed an excellent covered dish luncheon and had fun reminiscing about things of the past.

Aunt Ruby Taylor, widow of Tomie Taylor and her daughter Gaynelle and her husband, Jack Smith, came from Chattanooga. They brought another cousin, Ardelle Contrell, who is the daughter of Luther Taylor. Elizabeth King, widow of Kenneth King, represented Velma Taylor King. I am the daughter of Tennie Taylor Castleberry. Bill Taylor, another brother, had no children, but Aunt Unasee Taylor Lea made up for the difference. She is the mother of eleven children. Andrew, of course, represented his mother who is in a nursing home in Lafayette, Ga. We hope to make this an annual affair on Saturday before Labor Day.

It was delightful to be the guest of Billie Lemley recently, who had a lovely old log home here on Hull St. As long as I have lived in Mentone, I had never seen this house. Billie is a gracious charming lady and I hardly know which I enjoyed more—seeing the house or visiting with her and her son, Bill and John. The house is well constructed of old logs and she thinks John Graham had it done from two log structures moved to the area many years ago and put together to make a large comfortable home. The living room is well furnished with lovely primitive antiques and has a stone fireplace. A large bedroom downstairs is roomy enough to live in for the winter months. There are two large bedrooms, with baths upstairs and a den or work space. There is a nice fireplace in the kitchen. This house should be listed on the state historic register. The wooded area surrounding the house is beautiful, with wonderful tall pine and oak trees. It is an ideal setting.

Homer is contentedly working on our house, putting stone all over the front. This is a kind of work he has not done in years, and I have to drag him away from it occasionally, so he won't get exhausted. It is looking good.

We hosted a board meeting-workshop for MAPA at our house this week and everything seems to be working smoothly under the direction of President Jerry Waters and Ellen Thompson, chairman of the Colorfest. How nice to have some young leadership. Some of us older members, who have worked a long time, can enjoy being on the sideline and just

being supportive. They have many fresh ideas that we hope to see accomplished. We were happy to have our editor of *The Groundhog*, Evelyn Graves, and the Associate Editor, Marie Dillenbeck, with us. These ladies are busy with many things, but are doing a great job with our little paper. Many thanks to them for a job well done.

As most of you know, my sister, Jean Matthews, has not been well for some time; but last week, she was feeling better and wanted us to come to her house and sing. Barry Crow took his keyboard and played for us; and J.B. and Gail Elrod came from Ft. Payne; Lou Johns, Jean's daughter, came from Atlanta; Doreen Waters from Ft. Payne; Joe Elrod, Jean and J.B.'s son played his guitar. Clyde Phillips and his friend, Jean, were there. Pam Baggett, Jean's daughter, and Homer and me. We had a good pot-luck dinner and sang gospel songs. It was wonderful that Jean felt like singing. It was a good evening.

If you haven't met Jamie Collins, you will. She is all over Mentone working on the details for the movie being shot here. She is an adorable young lady who is a pleasure to know. They hope to film some of our Colorfest and will do the beautiful scenery of Little River Canyon, DeSoto State Park, including DeSoto Falls. This is exciting. We hope to see you in the movies.

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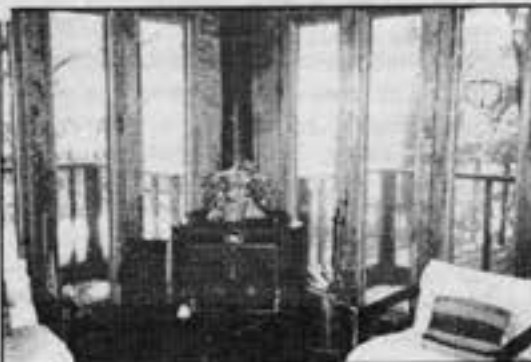
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A Flip, A Snip, A Twist, And A Love of Flowers: Benny Campbell Speaks to Rhododendron Garden Club

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon, September 9, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Nippersink Lodge overlooking the river. Mrs. Jan Wilkinson, President, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Marie Dillenbeck led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, and Mrs. Dallyne Jones gave the devotional. Mrs. Wilkinson recognized guests--Mrs. Bobbie Levelsmeyer, Mrs. Billie Vezertis, Ms. Susan Cherones, and Mrs. Barb Schullson--and thanked hostesses Mrs. Gerry Disney, Mrs. Alyce Springer, Mrs. Dorothy Cyr, and Mrs. Eleanor Teverino.

Secretary, Mrs. Marilyn Blanton Campbell, did the roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting that were approved and accepted. Treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Blalock, gave the financial reports. Mrs. Flo Kirby of the Flower Show Committee encouraged participation in the flower show at the fair later this month. Mrs. Jo Beaubé gave the Litter Committee's report. Our roadsides are looking better, and more help with picking up litter on the roadsides is reported to be forthcoming. Everybody is encouraged to, first, not litter and, second, to take a bag when walking or driving and pick up litter along the way. There are no more set dates to pick up trash on the roadside, but everybody is encouraged to pick up litter as part of everyday life.

There are people available to help pick up litter purely because they are doing public service work to compensate society for their having been apprehended driving while intoxicated, and Mrs. Beaubé asked everybody to report to the sheriff's office those areas found to be in need of picking up and having the weeds cut to get help with those places that really look terrible. Reporting people who litter is truly the most effective way to break our whole society from the nasty habit of littering. We all have to live in this world, and those people who mess it up deserve to be reported. Furthermore, studies have shown that having people out picking up litter tends to make people think twice before throwing down more litter.

Mrs. Ann Wright of the Special Projects Committee reported the school grounds at Moon Lake School in Mentone are looking nice now. She had pruned the shrubs, and there is some mulching that needs to be done. Back in the spring, the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club helped the Moon Lake students do a massive planting on the school grounds, and those plants have had to be watered because of the dry weather. However, the students are reported to be quite proud of their "little blue flowers" better known in garden club circles as forget-me-nots.

Mrs. Wright also reported on the bridges in Ed Mason Park in Mentone. Leslie Blalock and the good people at Menlo Lumber and Pallet Company donated the lumber. Through Mrs. Ann Wright the Rhododendron Garden Club secured the landscape timbers. Mark Wright did the carpentry work. Bill Wright hauled the bridges and put them in place on the work day the ladies held in the park on August 20. To bring that endeavor up to date, Jan and John Wilkinson put sealers on the bridges. That sealer was reportedly donated by John Corey and the nice folks at the Little River Hardware in Mentone.

Mrs. Ann Wright also reported on the Woodsey Owl "Give A Hoot! Don't Pollute!" poster contest that Mrs. Karen Wright will be doing at the Moon Lake School with the Ecotots in grades K-1 and the Ecoteers in grades 2-3. Mentone is a wonderful place, and, by starting early, the young people at Mentone are growing up aware of the environment and what they can do to maintain it.

Under unfinished business, Mrs. Barbara Blalock is Flower Show Chairman for the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs at the fair later this month in Fort Payne, and the ladies made preparations for that. They signed up volunteers to help with the process of registering horticultural specimens and encouraged the entering of flower arrangements in the fair.



Flo Kirby, Jan Wilkinson, Benny Campbell, and Barbara Blalock

Photo by Marilyn Campbell

Repeatedly, the fair in Fort Payne has been designated the very best in the state, and that recognition has come in large part through the efforts of the federation and the flower show. Under new business, Mrs. Wilkinson announced that the MERF organization has asked for help landscaping their premises. Representing the Rhododendron Garden Club, Mrs. Wilkinson has prepared a long range landscaping plan for that particular building, and Mrs. Heather Nicely was reported to be in the process of preparing a landscaping plan for the walking track and its immediate environs. Susan Cherones and the nice people from Nature's Classroom were scheduled to be out on Wednesday, September 10, to help start on those plans. Mrs. Wilkinson reminded the ladies that free soil testing will take place at the Fort Payne Feed and Seed on September 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The ladies were instructed to take their specimens of dirt from about ten different places paying particular attention to problem areas, put into a sealed plastic bag, and mix quite well before presenting the soil to be tested. If there is a problem with a particular kind of plants in a specific area, that indicates difficulty with the soil.

Looking forward, Mrs. Wilkinson announced the District II Garden Clubs of Alabama Fall Luncheon will be September 18 at the Tom Bevill Center in Rainville, and a group of ladies signed up to attend. An Award Workshop is scheduled for October 27 at the Albertville Library with lunch to be served at 11:30 a.m. with the actual workshop to start at noon.

Mrs. Flo Kirby introduced the speaker, Mr. Benny Campbell, a very talented florist from Attalla, Alabama. He did several down-to-earth demonstrations of flower arranging that the ladies could actually learn from and take the knowledge with them to use later. The entire time Mr. Campbell was working he was talking, explaining what he was doing, telling how and why he was doing that particular thing that specific way.

Because of his natural talent, with a simple flip, a unique snap, or an unusual twist, Mr. Campbell turned ordinary plants and flowers into beautifully elegant arrangements. "I like things natural, and that's the way it grows," he kept saying when asked why he put the different components into the bouquets the way he did.

The fact that Mr. Campbell loved his work was evident in every move he made regarding the use of flowers and plants. His tools consisted of pruning shears and a well used pair of scissors. The first of the flower arranging commandments Mr. Campbell passed down to the ladies was **START WITH A CONTAINER THAT IS NOT TOO TALL**. He went on to explain that the container should be low and give some flow to the arrangement.

Mr. Campbell did several different arrangements as examples of things the ladies might do for the flower show at the fair later this month. He began with an arrangement of foliage using

chicken wire to cover his oasis giving it extra strength for woody stems. While the foliage he used was all green, the different hues and textures made for a very interesting arrangement with seed pods from magnolia trees as the focal point. His cardinal rule on the use of foliage was **DO NOT USE GREENERY THAT HAS BEEN BUG EATEN**.

Much of what he said was just common sense--for example, **DO TALLER POINTS FIRST AND THEN FILL IN THE OPEN AREAS**. Mr. Campbell also pointed out that many flower show judges are quite taken with the use of containers that were never intended to hold flowers in the first place. Often plastic liners are required in those situations, but, the ironic effect is well worth the effort. Experimentation is high on Mr. Campbell's list of priorities purely because he enjoys it so much, and he encourages others to join him in the fun.

Conditioning of flowers is very important. Mr. Campbell's cardinal rule on that was very simple--**IT IS FAR BETTER TO HAVE A FLOWER WILT IN YOUR BUCKET THAN IN YOUR**

ARRANGEMENT. Therefore, he says to condition flowers in either water or (a concoction of half water and half Sprite) up to their necks for a day or two before placing them in an arrangement. To get woody stems to take up more water, Mr. Campbell recommended hammering the stems--just a couple of inches on the bottom.

The most important commandment of all was to **FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAIR BOOK**, with **DO NOT ALLOW THE MECHANICS OF THE ARRANGEMENT TO SHOW** coming in second. Mr. Campbell covered with smaller galax leaves and told the ladies they could use things such as moss for that particular maneuver.

There were three cardinal rules for using roses. The first two were **CUT ROSES UNDER WATER**, while the third one is to **USE THE TIGHTER BUDS NEAR THE TOP OF THE ARRANGEMENT**, while the wider open blossoms should be used near the bottom as a base in order to prevent the arrangement's appearing top heavy.

Mr. Campbell took ordinary flowers and greenery from a regular bucket and transformed them into a lovely arrangement. He took things as simple as ornamental grass and let those blades add a softness to his arrangements that most people would not even have realized the bouquets needed to reduce their starkness. He also pointed out that today we have a slower and less formal lifestyle which is reflected in our flower arrangements.

Mr. Campbell put Umbrella Palms into an arrangement with yellow roses. With very little ceremony whatever, he turned the Umbrella Palms upside down and gave them the botanical equivalent of a GI haircut before he placed them in the arrangement. While that sounds somewhat drastic, it was remarkably attractive. Several of the ladies were given one of the Umbrella Palm shoots and instructed to bury them upside in the sand to make them sprout.

While many flower show judges frown on the process, Mr. Campbell urged the spraying of arrangements with Green Glow. He also made the point that in the absence of Green Glow one might well spray **SPARINGLY** with cooking spray such as Pam.

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

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 2:00 p.m. the afternoon of October 14 at DeSoto Park at the Nature Center (by the Park's Country Store). Ranger Ken Thomas will give a conservation talk and the ladies will take a nature walk on the Park's elevated trail. The ladies should be sure to remember to bring their roots from the fair.

Happy Birthday to



Logan Chambers

Logan Chambers celebrated his **8th** birthday on July 23rd with a trip to Orlando, Florida, with his parents. They visited Magic Kingdom in Disney World, Sea World, and went to Cocoa Beach. Logan also had a party at his house in Mentone where many family and friends attended.




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Happy 1st Birthday to

Brooklyn Eloise Wright

who celebrated her 1st Birthday on
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and Bill Wright of Mentone,
Glenda Knight of Valley Head, and
Sam Street of Rising Fawn, Ga.
She is the great granddaughter of
Elouise Burnett of Mentone.
Brooke is the sister of Kelly and
Paige Wright of Mentone.



UNITED GIVERS FUND CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY \$320,000 CAMPAIGN GOAL

This year's United Givers Fund Campaign is now
underway. A Kickoff Luncheon at Fort Payne Best
Western restaurant was held on Wednesday, September
17th at 11:30 a.m. Ten area businesses and industries
sponsored the kickoff and the three report meetings.
Special thanks to: AmSouth Bank, Compass Bank,
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Early response from those joining the Cornerstone
(\$500 or more), President's (\$300 or more), or Two
Hundred Plus Clubs (\$200 or more) has been most
encouraging. Thirty-five individuals have responded to
date with pledges and contributions from this group
now totaling almost \$9,000.00. Response has been
received from individuals in all five divisions.
However, the Professional & Special Gifts Division is
ahead with 18 members and Town & County Division
is next with 10 members.

Campaign activity is progressing at a rapid pace.
Several of the industries are getting a head start this
year by conducting early employee campaigns. Clubs,
organizations, and employee groups are scheduling
UGF speakers, radio spots are being prepared, and the
traditional scaled signs will go up soon to mark the
progress toward this year's \$320,000 Campaign goal.

Campaign report meetings will be held every two
weeks with the first meeting scheduled for October 1.
The campaign is scheduled to run from September 17
through October 29.

The agencies to be funded from this year's campaign
are: Alabama Easter Seal, American Red Cross, The
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At the first Report Meeting for 1997-98, United
Givers Fund Campaign held on October 1, a total of
\$70,670.38 or 22% was reported toward this year's
\$320,000 Campaign Goal. Amount reported in each
division was: Industrial - \$34,364.50; Commercial -
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Douglas Cox

Miss Laurie Longshore and Michael Douglas Cox were married on May 24 at six o'clock at the Winston Place in Valley Head.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Longshore of Valley Head. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Longshore and the late J.E. Longshore and Mrs. Lina Jarrell and the late Horace R. Jarrell of Clarksville, Tennessee.

The groom is the son of Mr. George W. Cox and the late Sherry Chapin Cox of Boise, Idaho. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Chapin and the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper, all of Boise.

The Rev. Dr. Oscar Hussel conducted the celebration and blessing of the marriage. Children of St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church who sang before the ceremony were Allen Ballinger, Emmy and Mark Corey, Ellen Disney, Justin and Danielle Green, Katie Herndon, Sarah Hurt, Christy Proia, and Michael and Elise Hayes from Birmingham. Musicians were Martha Sue Hutchens, piano; John Corey, cornet; Allison Meadows, flute, and soloist, Susan Scott Hayes. The children's choir was directed by Marsha Hurt. Stuart Hurt was crucifer and Kim Carlisle, cousin of the groom, was lay reader. Payton Shugart kept the guest book. Slade Carden and Jonathan Shugart greeted guests and handed out programs. Winnie Scott directed the wedding.

Beautiful native flowers and lilies and roses were arranged by the bride's godfather, Charles Shipp, with assistance from Mrs. S. Graham Glover, Mrs. Curtis O'Daniel, Tim Beasley, Mrs. Annette Shugart, Mrs. James McCary and others.

Spring Wimberly of Gainesville, Florida, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michele Hawley, Spokane, Washington; Tammy Hawkins, Pilson, Mentone; Denise Cox Orem, the groom's sister, Rachel Schultz and

Nicole Brown, all of Boise.

Brad Koenig of Helena, Montana, served as best man. Groomsmen were George W. Cox, the groom's father; Randy Amorebieta, Matt Orem, Dave O'Connor and Richard "Buzz" Brown, all of Boise.

A reception on the lawn at Winston Place followed the ceremony. Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Bob Proia, Mrs. Nancy Barber, and Mrs. Hjordis Culpepper. The reception was under the direction of family friend, Mrs. David Flatt, with special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Flatt. Music for the reception was by Georgianna George and Letty Stoneman along with their band, which included Phillip Haushalter.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carden in Fort Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Jon Shugart, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis O'Daniel, and Dr. and Mrs. Ben Cashion were co-hosts.

A brunch on the day of the wedding was hosted at the home of Mrs. S. Graham Glover in Mentone. Mrs. Oscar Hussel, Mrs. Terry Hutcheson and Mrs. James McCary were co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Oxford of Centre, gave a luncheon at Terrapin Hills for the bridesmaids.

Several weeks before the wedding a planning luncheon was hosted by Mrs. Bob Proia and Mrs. Crowell A. Pate in the home of the Proias.

After a trip to Boone, North Carolina, the bride and groom flew with the bride's parents to Boise, Idaho, for a party honoring the newlyweds. The party at Indian Lake Golf Club was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Chappin, and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Orem.

The couple will reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The **Mentone Wesleyan Church** will be having a Spiritual Growth seminar October 3 and 4 at 7 PM. Dr. Jimmy Johnson will be the speaker. He is the District Superintendent for the Wesleyan Church. On October 5, at 10:30 AM, there will be a Homecoming service. Dr. Johnson will be speaking at that service also. There will be special music by Grace Singers from Stuart, Florida. Dinner will follow that service in the fellowship hall. At 2 PM, the dedication service for the new sanctuary will take place. The speaker for that service is Rick Addison, brother of Pastor Randy Addison. There will be special music by Grace Singers in that service also. Reverend Addison expects a really exciting day. He invites everyone to come and celebrate what God has given. There will be a Halloween Alternative on Halloween night for youth and children. Tasteful costumes are expected. There will be a costume contest, hayride, and games, along with refreshments. For more information, call 634-4382.

The **Moon Lake Baptist Church** is excited because Youth Ministers, Brad and Kathy VanCleave, have moved into the newly purchased staff house, and Brad was ordained into the gospel ministry on Sunday, September 21. Team Kids began again on October 1, and will continue each Wednesday evening at 6 PM. Choir practice will be on October 5, from 1-3 PM. "Light Your World" emphasis will be throughout October. Family Day is October 5; Neighbors Day is October 12; Associates Day is October 19; and Friends Day is October 26. There will be a fellowship dinner after the service on October 26. Missionary Jess Jennings will speak on October 5 in the evening service. He is on furlough from The Philippines. Pete Tcherneshoff will be the missionary speaker in the evening service on October 26. He served in Brazil and more recently was Director of Missions in Marshall County. The JOY group has a trip to Ellijay planned for October 16. The bus will leave the church at 7 AM. Everyone is invited to make this trip. There are youth activities planned for October. On October 12, there will be a Youth Cruise. On October 31 there will be a Youth Fall Explosion. There will be a skating party for the children on October 30. Call 634-3697 for more details about these events.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** will have a Brotherhood Breakfast at the church on October 11 at 8 AM. October 12 will be World Hunger Day. Each person should bring canned food with a quarter on the top. A film will be shown on that day, "Operation Christmas Child," and each one is to fill a shoebox with items. October 19 is Cooperative Program Day. There will be a video in the evening service, "Missions You Share" at 6 PM. On October 25 from 4-9:30 PM, there will be a big harvest festival. This is a fund raising project. Everyone is invited to participate in this event. October 26 is the Hymn Sing for the evening service.

The **Mentone Church of God** will have a revival October 13-18. Chris Owensby will be the speaker. On October 11, the Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a cookout in the Hammondville Park. In the afternoon, there will be a worship service in the Park. Everyone is welcome.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** UMW will meet on October 28 with Laura Margaret Allison and Elizabeth Coleman as hostesses. The meeting will be held at Laura Margaret Allison's home. Mary Holleman and Helen White will have the program. Sunday School is at 9 AM and Worship is at 10 AM each Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

The **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** was honored to have Jeff Adkins to speak to the congregation on the second Sunday in September. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are the regular speakers in the service. They speak on alternate Sundays.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church will have a gathering at Homer and Bernice Crow's home at 7 PM on Saturday, October 4, to get acquainted with Missionaries Don and Shannon Cox, a young couple who have served in Mexico. They will be speaking that evening and again on Sunday, October 5, at the annual "Church at Camp DeSoto", which will have a Mexican theme since the missionaries will be present for that service also. The monthly Pastor's Night will be continuing on the third Sunday. On Wednesday evenings, a new Bible Study series is beginning on the stories of Joseph from the Old Testament. During the Colorfest, the company that is filming the upcoming movie, "Southern Heart", will be filming some scenes of St. Joseph's.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services at the Woodmen of the world Hall in Valley Head. Everyone is invited to attend. Sabbath School and Song Service 9:30-10:45, Worship Service 11:00-12:00. We welcome Emily Brown to our church! Emily was baptized Sept. 20th in a lake overlooking her home. Pastor Wilbur Atwood officiated.

Thank you to all who attended our cooking classes! We had a great time! Look for more to come.

The **Mentone Revival Center** invites everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and enjoy an Old Fashioned Gospel Singing on the 15th of November. The Featured Singers will be The McClure Family from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Bonnie Easler from Mentone, and Carol Busby from Valley Head. This will be the 3rd Saturday Night starting at 6 PM. Harmony Grove has truly been seeing miracles happening in their lives. From a start of only 7 in April, they had 64 present in attendance on High Attendance day. Pastor Richard Pope invites everyone to come and Discover the Difference at The Old Country Church, A House Built By God. Sunday School 9:45 AM, Morning Worship 11AM, Evening Service and Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 6 PM.

Mentone United Methodist Church has begun a Bible study on the book of Hebrews. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at the fellowship hall. Following the study, a light lunch is served. Everyone is welcome to attend the Bible Study and church services which are at 11 AM each Sunday. Pastor Linda Tucker will be conducting a Blessing of the Animals Service on Saturday, October 12, at 5 PM, at Brow Park in Mentone. Bring your animal(s) or a picture of your animal(s) to the service.

The **Church of God of Prophecy** invites you to attend worship services at 11 AM each Sunday. Youth Services are held every third Sunday night. October 19 will be Friends Sunday. Please make plans to come by the Church of God of Prophecy booth at the Colorfest on Saturday, October 18, at Brow Park during the festival. Homemade p.p.s, jellies, bread, chili, and vegetable soup will be served.

From Pastor Butch Tanner, "I would like to thank everyone in Mentone for making me and my family welcome, especially the folks at the Mentone church of God of Prophecy."

The **Highway 11 Church of God** will have a revival October 12-17, with Greg Strickland as the evangelist. The services will be at 7 PM each evening. The pastor, David Wright, invites everyone to attend.

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Mentone Wesleyan Church Homecoming and New Sanctuary Dedication Services Sunday, October 5, 1997.

HOMEcoming SERVICE - 10:30 AM
Speaker: Pastor Jimmy Johnson, District Superintendent,
Delta District of the Wesleyan Church
Special music: Grace Singers.

DEDICATION SERVICE - 2 PM
Speaker: Pastor Rick Addison
Sr. Pastor, Community Bible Church, Stuart, Florida
Special Music: Grace Singers

There will be a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the Homecoming Service.

Make plans to come and help celebrate this great milestone in the life of the Mentone Wesleyan Church.

For more information, please call

205-634-4210 / 205-634-4382

See you October 5th!!!

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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

A soft answer turneth away wrath:
but grievous words stir up anger. Prov. 15:1

Oh, the power of words--soft, kind words can mend a heart that's breaking, can turn tears into a smile, can make big problems become small. On the other hand, grievous words can stir up anger, and anger can make trouble that is not easy to settle, words said that are not easily forgotten. James said out of the same mouth comes both blessing and cursing, but these things ought not to be.

Remember, soft words will make things better.
Words have power, so use the soft ones.



Photos from the 1996 Colorfest
Photo by Doreen Waters



The queen-sized quilt to be raffled is another of Lola Mae Blalock's creations. The colors are turquoise, blue and white and the pattern is called, Clay's. Tickets are only \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the Hitching Post, Dessie's Kountry Chef, and at the festival on October 18 and 19.