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James Alexander Berry, Mentor, Friend, Father

By Bill Berry

James Alexander Berry began spending summers in Mentone as an infant. At the close of each school year, his mother would pack up her kids and make the trek along treacherous roads from their home in Birmingham, stopping periodically to repair punctures in their tires. She had always contended the city was no place to raise children, summers spent atop Lookout Mountain gave her the opportunity to prove her point. His father continued his Birmingham medical practice during the week and traveled by train to Mentone each weekend.

Through the summers, strong ties were built between the Berry family and their piece of land that came to be known as Berry Patch. As the nine Berry children grew older, married, and began raising their own offspring, Mentone became progressively more important as the place where a growing extended family could unite to reminisce fondly about old times and to create priceless shared memories.

Youngest of the nine children, Jimmy felt a special attachment to the mountaintop. After earning the rank of lieutenant commander in the Merchant Marines and completing his studies at the University of Georgia, Jimmy moved to Mentone in 1949. He established a poultry business that began with broilers and eventually evolved into layers. His local egg route grew into a trucking company that delivered for grading houses in three states.

In 1951, he married local girl Marjorie Jones, and they began their life together in a garage apartment on Berry Patch. Six years later, I arrived. Though an only child, I never felt as such. My father's brothers and sisters and my cousins would make the pilgrimage to Berry Patch annually, and these cousins became my surrogate siblings. By day, we ate in the Outside Kitchen and swam in the river; at night we picnicked in the backyard and listened to the uncles and aunts tell old family stories.

My father was in the center of everything that happened at Berry Patch. As the property's unofficial mayor, he knew the location of every water valve



James Alexander Berry

and fuse box. He cherished his role, but beyond this practical maintenance, he worked even more diligently to keep alive the original spirit behind his parents' intent when they founded Berry Patch. He clearly understood and promoted the importance of following the established traditions, maintaining the proud heritage, and welcoming the many visitors.

A cousin in Virginia concurred in a recent letter that "the Berry aunts and uncles have helped to shape my life and teach me the joys of an extended family. The deep faith and rich love of the Berry brothers and sisters have been a gift to my genera-

tion and the following generation. Grandmother Berry under God's leading and principles raised nine special children."

She continued by saying "Jimmy's personality, hospitality, and booming laughter are Mentone to our family. What a gift he had for sharing his home and love toward us."

My father was a man of unique warmth and generous hospitality. Nothing delighted him more than to introduce friends to the town and mountain he loved. He was known as a generous host at Berry Patch and an excellent guide of the area. He loved to take friends for pontoon boat rides along Little River to see riverside groves of rhododendron and mountain laurel each spring and reflected displays of colorful leaves each autumn.

Nieces, nephews, and my college friends considered Dad their second father. His enthusiasm for life and his interest in others were clearly evident. The humor he found in life became part of his repertoire of amusing stories. He had a knack for turning even the most mundane event into a hilarious tale.

My father loved to travel, and he always encouraged me to pursue my own travels. In 1990, he and I journeyed for three weeks with two cousins in remote areas of Mexico. In the years following this trip, Dad enjoyed reminiscing about our adventures. He found humor in even the most challenging situations and questionable circumstances.

He also encouraged my pursuit of higher education and employment opportunities. I am over-

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- Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., MAPA meeting,
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Fri., Sat., Sun., Oct. 16, 17, 18
"OCTOBER COLORFEST"
(See flyer back page and articles throughout.)

•Saturday, October 17, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
American Legion Spaghetti Supper (Notice elsewhere.)

•Saturday, Oct. 17, 5 p.m. until
Moon Lake School Fundraiser Dinner at Moon Lake Cafeteria - \$100 donation per couple Dinner (Raising money for gym floor, see notice elsewhere.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, JERRY WATERS



I was speaking with a lady a few days ago, and she was trying to relate something she had recently heard, but she could not remember where she had heard it. She said that she thought it may have been on the news. I asked her if it was about Monica Lewinski, and she replied, "no." That being the case, I was able to assure her that she had not heard it on the news.

I must apologize for missing last month's deadline in getting my article in. It seems there are just not enough hours in the day. I hope your life is not as hectic as mine has been these past few months. The older I get, the shorter the days have become.

Well, in case you are not aware, Colorfest is upon us once again. With only three weeks until the festival, MAPA members locally are scrambling once again to get everything organized for a great fun weekend. I will warn all you members, raffle tickets are in the mail for our handmade quilt giveaway. Please help us sell the tickets we have sent out or return them so we can account for them after the festival. We are expecting a great turnout for the festival, and hope that all you "out of towners" will join us this year. My favorite part of the festival is the Friday night bonfire. I really get that down-home feeling as we sing, dance, and roast marshmallows. Last year's bonfire was a great success, and I am excited about this one as well. If you have not made a bonfire in a while, come on out and join us at dusk on Friday, October 16 - but be sure to bring something warm to wrap around you. It seems that, even when the days are warm, there is always a "nip" in the air the night of the bonfire.

We had a great meeting in September. We sure missed those of you who were unable to make it out. Hope you can join us for the rest of the meetings this year. We have some decisions to make with regard to our project for 1999 and would love to have you come out to offer your suggestions. By the way, concerning projects, if you have any old pictures of the gazebo that was located at the entrance to the Mentone Springs years ago, we sure would like to have them. We will be happy to make copies and return them if you desire, but we really need your help with this project. There has been some talk of trying to rebuild the gazebo, and with the aid of old pictures, we could rebuild it historically accurate, if permission is granted to do so. Also, any other pictures you might have of historic Mentone would be greatly appreciated, as well. Again, we will be happy to return them, if need be. We are trying to collect old pictures for the museum we hope to start in the near future.

I will close for now--hope to see you all at Colorfest, and if you see Bill or Monica, be sure to invite them.

MAPA

September Meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, about 25 members met at Dessie's Kountry Chef for their regular monthly meeting. The president was late, so Homer Crow, vice president, called the meeting to order and George Walker opened with prayer. Parliamentarian Bernise Crow read the bylaws as all those in attendance followed along on copies provided to them. Following the reading, several questions were asked and discussed.

The MAPA brochure is in the process of being revised and will be available soon.

The members had voted at the August meeting to discontinue the Rhododendron Festival, but continue with the Rhododendron Beauty Pageant on the same weekend--the third weekend of May each year.

The upcoming October Colorfest was discussed and general chairperson, Doreen Waters, gave a report. Ellen Thompson has agreed to help with the vendors on the day of the festival.



Letters to the Editor

September 24, 1998

Dear Groundhog Editor,

I am continually overwhelmed by and thankful for the support Moon Lake Elementary School receives from the folks in Mentone! I remember this high level of concern and involvement when I was a Moon Lake student during the 1960s, and I have witnessed it again and again as classroom teacher and principal during the past 17 years.

Our school is an outstanding example of community-school interaction. Often people from other schools ask what our "secret" is. Our "secret" is really no secret; in fact, it's very apparent! Our success rests on the strong foundation of Mentone's devotion to and pride in this school, demonstrated through a rich tradition of participation by many, many individuals and organizations.

As the campus has grown in size, so too have its physical maintenance needs. Recently, John Corey, owner of Little River Hardware, solicited local businesses to sponsor Moon Lake's grass mowing, an expense that is not covered through state or county funding. I appreciate John's creative approach, and I am grateful to those businesses that contributed money toward meeting this financial need of our school.

The businesses that have helped keep our grass cut this summer are (listed alphabetically) Alpine Camp for Boys, Camp Laney for Boys, Camp Skyline Ranch, Carl Jones Construction, Dessie's Kountry Chef, John Fischer Quality Services, Little River Hardware, Raven Haven, St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church, and Valhalla Luxury Cottages.

Thanks to the contributions of individuals and businesses such as these, Moon Lake is able to provide quality educational experiences for the children of Mentone. Such generous support affirms the school staff in their tireless efforts to develop a school prepared to satisfy both present and future needs. I appreciate this act of affirmation, and I am deeply grateful for Mentone's proven commitment to its local school.

Sincerely,

Bill Berry

Principal, Moon Lake Elementary School

Firmly planted, forward moving.

September 29, 1998

Dear Mabel,

My friend, my reminder of how good a person can be. This is a thank you once again from me for your contribution to Moon Lake Elementary School. At 92 years of age, you continue to amaze me with your sense of obligation to our community and its preservation. Moon Lake School will benefit for years to come.

I will miss you as you return to California for the winter! But I most certainly look forward to your return in the spring. Have a safe journey, my thoughts are always with you.

As I said I would, I would like to mention that this generous gift is in honor of your daughter, Amelia, and sisters, Dorothy Crow and Grace Crow.

Best regards and wishes

Karen Herndon

(Editor's note: Mabel Kirk's gift was to go toward the new gym floor at Moon Lake School)

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SPORTS AFIELD

By
PHIL HARRIS



NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

AUTO RACING

Mark Martin and Jeff Gordon continue to battle back and forth for the NASCAR points championship. Martin won the MBNA Gold 400 at Dover, Delaware. Gordon hung tight by finishing second. He now leads the points championship by 194 points over Martin. Dale Jarrett is 337 points behind Gordon. Next stop, Martinsville, Virginia.

PRO FOOTBALL

Denver and Green Bay are off and running. It remains to be seen which teams will rise to challenge the Super Bowl duo. Seattle, Kansas City, Miami, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, and New England have been pretty solid in the AFC. San Francisco, Minnesota, NY Giants, Tampa Bay, Detroit, and (believe it or not) Atlanta have shown promise in the NFC.

PRO BASEBALL

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have done their part to make this an exciting baseball season. Catching Roger Maris has been a dream come true for these outstanding athletes. With one week left in the regular season, it remains to be seen how many they will hit. McGwire has the upper hand, 65-63.

Cal Ripken captured his share of the spotlight by ending his consecutive games played record at 2632. That's sixteen years without missing a game! It's just amazing!

Atlanta and New York are still on a collision course for a World Series Championship. The Yankees have faded some, and the Braves seem to be peaking for the playoffs.

Groundhog pick: AL Cy Young award-Roger Clemmons
AL MVP: Juan Gonzalez
NL Cy Young: Tom Glavine
NL MVP: Sammy Sosa

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tennessee finally bit the Gators for the first time in five years. LSU captured a huge win over Auburn. The Vols and Tigers have the inside track to the SEC championship in Atlanta.

Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia have gotten off to good starts. The Tide's season "really" begins this week. The Razorbacks have a tough road schedule. The Dogs, though talented, do not have enough experience at the skill positions. It's the Vole and Tigers race to lose.

Florida, Florida State, Michigan and Arizona State have fallen and thrown the national picture up in the air. Tennessee, Syracuse, Washington, and Virginia have been early season surprises. They have worked their way into the national spotlight.

Groundhog Top Ten: 1) UCLA; 2) Nebraska; 3) Tennessee; 4) Ohio State; 5) Kansas State; 6) LSU; 7) Florida; 8) FSU; 9) Syracuse; 10) Virginia

SPORTS ON THE SCENE

High school football is nearing the halfway point with very few surprises. Plainview, North Sand Mtn., Fyffe, Ider, and Sand Rock are the top teams in the area. Here is a look at each individual school.

PLAINVIEW (2-2) After getting off to a 0-2 start, the Bears have rebounded. Big wins over Ider (48-21) and Sand Rock (33-21), in successive weeks, have the Bears primed for another playoff run. Next game - New Hope.

IDER (3-1) The Hornets rebounded against Collinsville after being blasted by Plainview. Ider plays Fyffe on October 8th. This game should be for the 2A area 14 title. Next game: Valley Head.

FYFFE (4-0) The Red Devils are undefeated and untested. They travel to unbeaten North Sand Mountain this week. How good are the Devils? Only time will tell. They are 2-0 in 2A area 14. The Hornets are on the horizon.

SYLVANIA (2-2) The Rams have been a big surprise. They are young and play with a lot of heart. Wins over Pisgah and New Hope would give the Rams a third place finish in 3A area 14. Beating Plainview would be a tall order. Next year is Sylvania's year to shine. Next game: Pisgah.

COLLINSVILLE (1-3) The Panthers have lost to three pretty good football teams. They played Westbrook, Geraldine, and Ider tooth and nail before bowing. Collinsville has to beat Gaylesville and Cedar Bluff to win 1A area 14. It's a good bet they will. Next game: Douglas.

VALLEY HEAD (0-4) The Tigers are winless and have to upset Ider to stay in the playoff hunt. The Tigers are much improved and should be competitive the rest of the way. Next game: Ider.

GERALDINE (1-3) If Geraldine had a little luck they would be 3-1. They have lost two tough games to Westbrook (20-17), and Crossville (10-9). It doesn't get any easier for the Bulldogs, they still have to play Cleveland, West End, and Sand Rock in 2A area 13. Next game: Section.

FORT PAYNE (1-3) The Wildcats have been competitive against a very tough schedule. Depth has taken its toll on them. With Hazelgreen, J.O. Johnson, Scottsboro, and Buckhorn still to go in 5A area 14, it's going to be tough. Ft. Payne will be hard pressed to have a winning season, much less a playoff birth. Next game: Buckhorn.

CROSSVILLE (3-1) The Lions are young and are maturing into a pretty good football team. Crossville could very well be the favorite in 3A area 13. Next game: Boaz.

SECTION (1-3) The Lions gave Fyffe all they wanted before falling 20-14. They now must beat Ider and Valley Head to make the 2A playoffs. Next game: Geraldine.

NSM (4-0) The 3A Thundering Herd are ranked in the top ten, currently. NSM points to the battle with Plainview the ninth week of the season. This will be the measuring stick for the Herd. Next game: Fyffe.

SAND ROCK (3-1) Some said that Sand Rock is as good as they were last year. I saw them play and would have to disagree. They are good enough to pound an average team. They have no running game, which creates problems against good defensive teams. The Sand Rock-West End game will decide the 2A area 13 championship. Next game: Armuchee.

Valley Head was competitive in a 19-10 loss to Cedar Bluff. They were only down 7-3 at the half. Carl Peterhoff's field goal kept the Tigers in it at halftime. Maybe they are beginning to turn the corner.

Couch Jerry Brown's team has to beat Ider this week to have any playoff chances. They may be 0-4, but this team is much more competitive than last year's. The second half of the season should be kind to the Tigers. If they can cut down on mistakes, three or four wins are not out of the question. "If" they want it bad enough! It's much like Tennessee beating Florida, you have to believe.

Local softball teams Mentone and CBS have struggled through the fall softball season. Mentone has lost seven straight after opening the season with a victory. CBS began 3-0 and have lost six straight. They play each other once again this week. CBS has won all four previous meetings.

Finally, the Valley Head PeeWee teams are tearing up the turf. The 8-9-10 year old Tigers defeated Sylvania last week and ran their record to 3-1. The 11-12 year old PeeWee team lost to Sylvania and fell to 0-4. The Tigers have two games running on the schedule: Pisgah and Ider. Go, young Tigers.



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From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Beloved faithful readers, my new people just can't seem to part with the magnificent one for even one Saturday--here moi sits in Atlanta, being adored by all who come into the great one's presence. Maybe they are looking for cooler weather--moi certainly is. Moi has received word that the flatlanders are asking for the splendid canine between the counters when they come in on Saturdays--and no moi!

Some of the visitors have been from Gulfport, MS--came in with a camera, too, and Las Cruces, NM, as well as NY. Moi's greatness knows no state bounds--everyone wants to have a "moment with moi."

Halloween is coming up fast--right after the October Colorfest. Then comes Thanksgiving--it's just cat, cat, cat. Moi has no problem with that, as the flawless one gets plenty of exercise.

Al is opening up the Superette a lot earlier--like 5 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m. At least it's not like Atlanta--open 24 hours a day. Well, gotta go! September is just about over and October is coming up fast. Hope to see you, soon.



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By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Happy Belated Anniversary Wishes to Jack and Olive Jones, who celebrated their 58th anniversary on September 8.

Mabel Crow Kirk and daughter, Amelia Lolli, have been seen in many parts of Mentone, lately. Mabel looks good and is really enjoying herself. It's good to see you out and about, Mabel. We love you.

Lucille Crow had cataract surgery recently. We hope she is completely recovered.

Keep Jewel Baty in your thoughts and prayers as she continues to recuperate.

Sue and Bill Schwarz are enjoying a visit with Bill's daughter out in Oregon. On their way out there, they encountered a lot of heat. They saw lots of wild animals - pheasant, eagles, antelope and buffalo.

Congratulations to Amy and Preston Kirby who are the proud parents of a little girl, Bailee Kira Kirby, who weighed 6#, 8oz. and was 20" long. See birth announcement next month.

The Log Cabin Deli was listed in an article entitled "Hidden Discoveries" in the latest *National Geographic* magazine.

Kenny Busby celebrated his 18th birthday on September 26th. Kenny is the son of Police Chief, Ken Busby and wife Carol Busby from Valley Head. Kenny is now in his freshman year at Jacksonville State University where he is majoring in Criminal Justice. His family is VERY proud of him! Kenny is a 1998 graduate of Valley Head High School.

Mrs. Louise Harrison, mother of Tim, Melissa, Effia, and Annie Harrison, and wife of Oscar Harrison celebrated her 29th birthday (again) on September 29th.

Butch Cordle of Trion, Ga., was the winner of the classic 1967 Volkswagen raffled by the Lookout Mountain Animal Rescue. His picture will be in the next issue of *The Groundhog*.

Kerstin Formhals celebrated her 16th birthday with a surprise party from her host grandparents, Glen and Wanda Black. Kerstin and her host family enjoyed supper and a pineapple upside down cake with the entire Black family and of course her host family, Lisa and Beth Moore. Unlike the tradition in the United States, turning 16 in Germany doesn't mean you can run down to the DMV and take your driver's test. In Germany, you must wait until you are 18 before you receive a driver's license.

Nancy Reeter is working at the Rock Castle and enjoying the company of many of her friends as she works.

Our condolences go out to Paula Grisham and her family. Paula lost her niece in a automobile accident recently.

Congratulations to Suzan Gifford, owner and operator of the new "Suzy Q's Hair Fashions" in Downtown Valley Head. The shop is located in the old Post office (formerly Mother's Market) and opened on September 22nd. Business hours are Tuesday from 9-4, Wednesday from 9-6, Thursday from 9-4, and Friday from 9-6. Walk-ins are welcome, and she will offer hair cuts & styles, nails, facials, and pedicures. Her phone Number is 635-0040.

Congratulations to young weather artists whose drawings have appeared recently in the *Times-Journal*: Brandy Ellis, 11, Valley Head; Sydney Johnson, 9, Sulphur Springs; Amanda Sue Ellis, 9, Valley Head; and Billy Wallace, 9, Valley Head.

James Kenneth Corbin, 1st Sgt., of Valley Head, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for maintaining an outstanding maintenance program during the period of March 1995 to February 1998, for the 134D Engineer Battalion and the Alabama Army National Guard. This prestigious award was recently presented to Sgt. Corbin by Commander Henry M. Hammond of Company A 1343d Engineer Battalion of Scottsboro. He is the son of Frances V. Corbin of Valley Head.

Belated anniversary wishes to: Charlie and Jewel Collins Rogers, who celebrated their 2nd anniversary on September 24; and Jason and Angela Horner Goss also celebrated their 2nd anniversary on September 29.

Sue Schwarz's parents, Ruth and George Porter, in Oakland, MD, celebrated their 60th anniversary on

September 17. Belated anniversary wishes, Ruth and George. Belated Birthday wishes go out to Mrs. Norma Hulan, librarian at Valley Head High School. Norma celebrated her birthday on September 12th.

Other Belated Birthday Wishes to: Dessie Bailey, (81), Sept. 22; Randy Green of Mentone, Sept. 26; Dakota Lee Knowles, Aug. 22, 1998 (1 year old); and another from back in July: Virginia Bosworth, July 26--sorry the wishes are so late coming, Virginia.

Congratulations to the following students who received degrees during the summer commencement exercises Aug. 15, at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa: Mary Wagner Barkley, Scarlett Lee Sims, and Lillie Rebecca Wagner, all master of arts.

My mother, Dorothy Shelden, from Las Cruces, NM, has been visiting me for the past week. She will be returning to her home on October 3. I have been looking forward to this visit for some time. Also, an unexpected but wonderful surprise was a visit from my daughter, Teresa Brown, from Gulfport, MS. She came on Thursday and left early Saturday morning after Hurricane Georges made a turn for the Gulf Coast. I enjoyed her visit and continue to enjoy the company of my mother.

The Mentone Area Preservation Association had seven people to turn out on Saturday, Sept. 26, to pick up their Adopt-a-Mile area on Alabama Hwy 117. It really looks nice--just in time for the October Colorfest - Oct. 16, 17, 18. Sherman Gough is the chairman of this group. Good work, Sherman (and Mickey-his right arm.)

The Tiger's Inn now has milk shakes and scoop ice cream for the ice cream lovers. There's also a salad bar and veggies nightly, with specials on Thursday and Friday nights. You can find the right something to eat any time of the day, with hours Mon: 5 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tue, Wed, Thurs: 5 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri/Sat: 5 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sun. 5 a.m.-2 p.m.

Congratulations to Allen Gray, who was one of thirteen members of the Fort Payne Future Farmers of America chapter who recently received the President's Environmental Youth Award. This award is designed to promote local environmental awareness among young people.

Deepest sympathies to the families of the following who have passed away:

- Jewell Palmer, 78, Fort Payne, who died Sept. 5
- Adis Barnard, 86, Valley Head, who died Sept. 9
- Gladys Lucille Key Cash, 88, Mentone, who died Sept. 10
- Gene Hilburn, 77, Mentone, who died Sept. 23
- Frank Baty, 71, Mentone, who died Sept. 26

Happy October Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

- 1- Ethan Hunt (2), Buddy Burnett, Katie Browder, •2- Lucille Knopps, Walt Pullen, Mandy Wells, •3- Hope Walker, Tammy (Hawkins) Pilson, •4- Eleanor Glover, •5- Mack Flannigan, Tyler Harrison, Stephanie Hester, Anna Kirchbaum, •6- Lee Anne Parkison, Charles Hunt, Melody Langwell, •7- Amber Hunt (5), Justin Pelletier, •8- Linda Brown, Millard McNutt, Kathryn Jones, Laura Pullen, •9- Audie Beason, Tom Tipton, •10- Allie Rhodes (3), Jimmy Worthey, •11- Jeff Cooper, Jeremiah Robertson (7), •12- Gertrude Cox, Ronnie & Kathy Robertson (Anniversary 23 years), •13- John Foreman, Treana (Davis) Lacey, •14- Ashley Blalock, Tina Langston, Robert Hall, •15- Barbara Weber, Polly Chambers, David (Tater) Hopper, Lamita Allen, Robert Hall, Tina Langston, •16- Shannon Pains (3), •17- Renae Langston, Alisha Busby (17), •18- Joe Gregory and Ethel Manifold-Gregory (2nd Anniv.), Alisha McElhane (16), Ken Busby, Holly Kitchens, •20- Harry Hopper, •21- Raymond Brown, Rodney Moore, •23- Joey Dillenbeck, Edith Dean, Kathy Robertson, •25- Jo Bain, •26- Jeff Harrison, Jon Whisenant, Dennis & Sherryl Lewis (Anniv.), •28- Wesley Frost, Paul Achley, Florence Mays, •29- Mrs. Louise Harrison, •30- Nell (Kent) Reed (75), Jennifer Hester, Elisabeth Evans, •31- Paul Blalock, Billy Clark, Aubrey Cash, John Dean, Danny (Oyder) Smith.

In Remembrance of Dr. Pat Seymour

On October 7, it will be two years since Dr. Pat Seymour passed away. Many of her friends continue to miss her. She was so involved with the community and her presence is sorely missed. She brought comfort and humor to all those she met. Her influence and her thoughtful words and cards meant a lot to so many. Dr. Pat never let an opportunity go by to thank someone, to write them a note about their latest accomplishment, about the passing of a loved one, about the birth of a new child--she loved people and let them know she cared by calling or writing. Dr. Pat is missed because she was always there for other people. We need more people like her in this world.

Many friends have asked if they could contribute to the marker for Dr. Pat's grave. If you would like to do so, you may send a donation in care of Marie S. Dillenbeck, PO Box 293, Mentone, AL 35984, or bring it by the Mentone Town Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. -12 noon, Monday through Friday. All donations will be gratefully appreciated.

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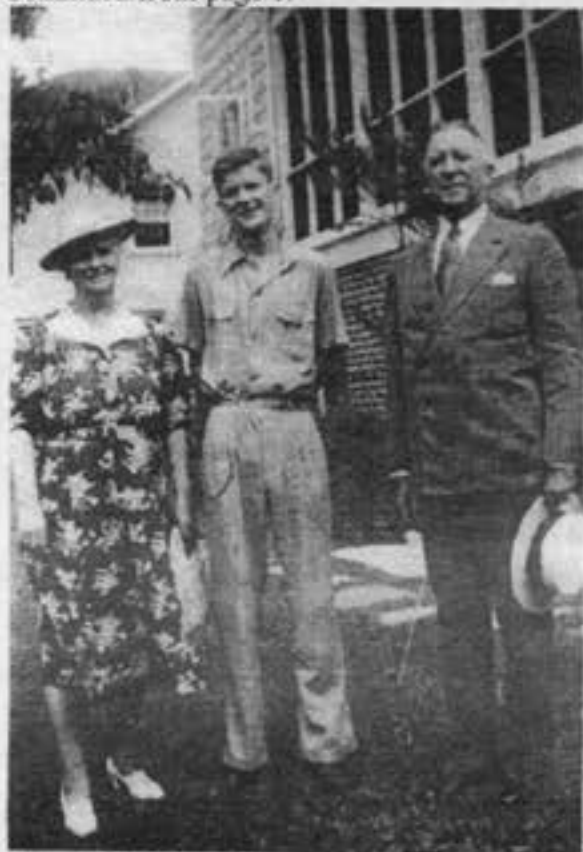
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James Alexander Berry, Mentor, Friend, Father

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At age 17, Jimmy Berry stands between his parents beside their Birmingham home.



As newlyweds, Jimmy and Marjorie Berry lived for two years in Columbia, South Carolina, where he served in the U. S. Army.



A recent photo of Jimmy and Marjorie Berry



July 1997, Jimmy and his son, Bill, were dressed in their uniforms for Scout Sunday.



Last year, Jimmy posed with his wife and son for their Christmas card photograph.

whelmed when I consider the many ways my father believed in me and supported my efforts.

In countless ways, my father was my hero. He was a man of wisdom and fortitude, a man whose life exemplified humility and simplicity. Behind the scenes, he performed many heroic deeds. He quietly and generously provided physical, financial, and prayerful support to the endeavors of many individuals and organizations.

An active member of Moon Lake Baptist Church, Dad greeted fellow worshippers with kind words and a friendly smile. He was a longtime deacon and served on the Educational Trust Fund committee.

In 1968, my father began his 30-year tenure on the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative board of directors. During most of those years, he served as the board secretary/treasurer, and for two years he held the position of Alabama Rural Electrification Association president.

He also served on the boards of directors of the DeKalb Farmers Federation and Ponderosa Bible Camp. He was committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 106.

It was typical of my father to look on the bright side of

life. Time after time his profound faith and determined spirit delivered him against all odds. He was born a twin in 1925, in the days when infants with respiratory problems were known as "blue babies." When their breathing stopped, he and his little twin brother would be dipped into cold water for resuscitation. On the ninth day, his twin brother died, but baby Jimmy survived. In 1979, and again in 1991, he was the victim of severe accidents, each life-threatening and requiring intensive medical care and resolute personal will to overcome injuries. Yet, these frightful events allowed him a unique opportunity to exhibit an uncommon depth of character. Indeed, he seemed to emerge from each challenge ever more determined to survive and prosper.

In late February of this year, he was again the innocent victim of an accident. After struggling valiantly for almost 10 weeks to overcome this trauma, he died in early May. The words by which he lived his life are now inscribed upon his tombstone: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

As my cousin in Virginia put it, "Uncle Jimmy's life

reflected the love of Christ and his commitment to serve his Lord in all his ways. Our loss of Jimmy here on the earth is painful but I do think of the Berry clan rejoicing eternally."

A close family friend wrote recently that my father was "always encouraging, helpful, and kind--and regardless of what situation he found himself in, his Christian ideals always came through. He touched the lives of many people. I know for a fact that he touched mine in a profound way, and I feel I am the better person for having known him. He was an angel before he got to heaven!"

Over the years, Berry Patch has grown. By now, five generations have touched the land. Although it is sad that seven of the original Berry children are no longer physically present, it is comforting to know that their legacy continues through the lives, traditions, and reunions of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. And there, in the deep shade of Jones Cemetery, Jimmy Berry overlooks the gentle slope toward Little River and remains forever a part of his beloved Berry Patch.

UGF CAMPAIGN NOW UNDERWAY FIRST REPORT MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 30

This year's UGF Campaign is now officially underway following a combination Kickoff-"40th Anniversary" celebration held on September 16 at the DeKalb Theatre in downtown Fort Payne.

The event was sponsored by Bruce's Foodland Plus, M. Chris Kuykendall Insurance Agency, Inc., McGriff, Dowdy, & Associates, Vulcraft, and Westmoreland Tire.

A record crowd filled the theatre as campaign workers, UGF board members, member agency representatives, and others enjoyed the special program that was presented in recognition of UGF's 40th anniversary.

Paul Crow, who in 1958 helped in the forming of United Givers Fund, was one of the keynote speakers. He presented a brief history of how the organization was started and mentioned several individuals and companies who also played a major role in the organization during the early years. He said V.I. Prewett Mill and Sand Mountain Electric Co-op were two of the first companies in the county to offer payroll-deducted giving to their employees.

UGF President, Chris Kuykendall then presented Paul Crow, Carlyle Cook, Walter Weatherly, Frances Davis, and past presidents, and past campaign general chairmen with framed certificates of appreciation and 40th anniversary pens.

Campaign General Chairman, Jonnie Justice, then challenged everyone to continue this tradition of caring & sharing that was started 40 years ago. She thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work through the years. Then, speaking as Executive Director of the CASA program, a UGF member agency, she expressed her appreciation for UGF funding saying that the CASA program could not exist without UGF.

Ms. Justice then announced the first report meeting of the campaign will be held Wednesday, September 30 at 11:30 at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne.

Valley Head Woman's Club

By Flo Kirby



L/R: Evelyn Graves, President,
Gerry Disney, and Sue Henry

It has become a sort of tradition that the September meeting of the Valley Head Woman's Club is held at Nippersink Lodge and the hostesses for this particular meeting are: Gerry Disney (owner of Nippersink), Sue Hamilton, and Maxine Wright. These ladies plan the refreshments far in advance and everyone looks forward to enjoying their delicious goodies each September.

The President, Evelyn Graves, presided. The devotional was given by Martha Stanley. The subject was "Serving" and she read from Galatians 5:13. "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Martha pointed out that

all of us have talents and we should use them gladly in the service of God and our fellow man. We should take care of our bodies so that we will be strong and able to do the work required of us in our daily lives, serving our families, church and community. We need to be diligent in praying for the leaders of our country so that our nation may be strong and a good example to the rest of the world. She read an inspiring poem by Annie Johnson Flint entitled "What God Hath Promised":

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Flo Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Velma Hammond led the Club Collect.

Helen Longshore gave the Treasurer's report and Judith Hammond read the minutes of the last meeting.

Doris Carmichael reported that we have pecans available for sale and encouraged each and every member to do their share in this fundraising effort.

Maurine Donahue introduced her guest, Marilyn Knight.

The program was presented by Sue Henry who has spent the last three summers doing volunteer work in the Appalachian area of Kentucky. Here, in her own words, is a short summary of the work of the organization called CAP (Christian Appalachian Project).

"CAP serves eleven counties in eastern and mid-Kentucky. The personnel of CAP consists of over 200 employees and approximately 75 volunteers. The various program projects operate out of Lancaster, Mr. Vernon, and Louisa, Kentucky.

"The services of CAP are broad and far-reaching. The adult learning provides literacy training and GED preparation. There is an abuse center that takes care of victims for approximately 30 days. Also, there is Family Life Services which provides housing, food, and training (parenting classes, professional counseling, life management skills, etc.) for partners and children who live in this shelter for 2 to 6 months. CAP provides a Teen Center, a Home Repair group, Elderly Services, respite for caretakers of those with physical or mental limitations. Too, they operate day camps and resident camps in the summer. They run Child Development centers (children 3 to 5) during the school year.

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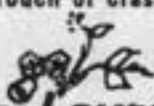
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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

"The leaves of brown, came tumbling down--remember--last September--in the rain." The leaves of brown came showering down before the rain. At last the refreshing rain came to a parched earth and proved its worth--The grass that was brown and seeming dead--by the rain's magic is green again.

Doris and Jim Carmichael, Bob, Linda, and Katy Thomas, and Elizabeth Thomas, joined Mark and Emmy Ricketts and children (John, Polly, and Lucy and Barbara) and Gary Thomas and children (Barnes, Mattie and Clayton and friend) from Birmingham, at University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, for William Thomas' graduation on Aug. 15. He received his Civil Engineering degree and is now in graduate school working for his master's degree in environmental engineering.

Ruth and Bert Pickett, Joy and Johnny Hurt, Charlene and John O'Rear spent two nights and days in Murfreesboro and Franklin, Tn. They men enjoyed the tractor show and the ladies enjoyed shopping.

Ruth Pickett attended the funeral of her aunt, Virginia Card, in Soddy-Daisy, recently.

Andrew Killian from Atlanta, spent the weekend with his grandmother, Olene Roberts.

An error in last month's column--the wedding anniversary party attended by Martha Gibson and Dot Blackburn instead of honoring Tommy and Leedell Johnson was honoring their daughter, Myra and her husband, David Smith, for their silver anniversary.

Carol "Gracie" Brown spent several days with her family, the Coy Butlers, in Cartersville, Ga., Her mother, Betty Butler, has cancer and merits our prayers for recovery.

Bill Blackburn is not feeling so well. He and Dot had some relatives come by to visit them last Sunday afternoon--Carol and Lorene Phillips and daughter and son-in-law and baby son, from Atlanta, Dottie Williamson from Fort Payne, and Dora Powell, from Henagar. They had attended the Phillips Reunion at Valley Head Park, which had a large attendance.

Emily and Barry Brown (among others), attended their Class of '53 of Valley Head High School Reunion on Saturday nite, Sept. 19. They met at the school and looked it over, then went to Cragmere Manna for dinner and came back to the Promenade Hall and several spoke of "olden days" including Ovie Blalock, Mason White, Coach Javorski, and Harry Smith.

Ed Ringer went to Lucia, NC, to attend the NC Killian family reunion on Sun, Sept. 13, and came back on Monday. His great great grandmother was Lydia Killian from Buncombe County, NC. It was held in the Castina Presbyterian Church. He also visited his sister, Joyce Allen and her husband, Harold, in Centre, Ala., recently.

Marty and Marsha Biddle and children, Jessica, Mathew and Cheryl, Brent and Nicole and his mother, Adelaide Biddle, spent Labor Day Weekend at their family yearly camp at Ocoee. They had a great time boating and swimming and having Sunday School on the river.

Jeff and Melinda Adkins, Doug and Dael Hoyt, and Leslie Rogers had fun on a canoe trip on the Sequatchie River and enjoyed a picnic on the way, recently.

Edith Cox is recovering from knee surgery (on one knee), at her home after a stay in a Chattanooga hospital. She has now had both knees done, and we hope she will be good as new very soon.

Adelaide Biddle and granddaughter, Jessica, went to Trussville last weekend to visit Alan Biddle and wife, Lisa.

A.J. Brown is on prayer lists as he is still having to cope with health problems. We hope he can recover soon.

I have lost three good friends in the last month--Adis Barnard, Helen White, and Jewell Palmer--all will be missed so much.

Laura Margaret Allison has returned home after a week's visit with her daughter, Peachie Cearley and David, in Alpharetta, Ga.

Venna Livingston visited her sister, Zula Waddell, in Guin, Ala.; and they spent the night with Zula's daughter, Marcie Norwood, who had a badly broken arm.

Please add two more persons to your prayer list--Velma Hammond fell in the yard at her home and suffered a broken rib; and Mary Louise Holleman had serious surgery at BMC DeKalb, Sept. 22. We hope for them a quick and complete recovery.

Jim Carmichael and daughters, Linda Thomas of Fort Payne and Emmy Ricketts of Tuscaloosa, have returned from an eight-day trip to Scotland. They enjoyed touring the countryside and different towns by car. They were very impressed by the beautiful scenery. They stayed at the Carmichael Estate, located between Biggar and Lanark, Scotland. Look forward to reading more about this very interesting trip in next month's Groundhog.

Congratulations to the following students: Brandy Porter for being named to the President's List at Northeast Community College; Vickie Armstrong and Ronald Bradbury for making the Dean's List; Shaunathan Bell, Payton Shugart, and Howard Sine for making the part-time honor list. Also congratulations to Mary Wagner Barkley, Scarlett Lee Sims, and Lillie Rebecca Wagner for receiving their master of arts degrees at the University of Alabama. And to Hanno Perrey who received second place level five in the Technology Information Test of the Jacksonville State University Regional Technology Fair this Summer. And to all other achievers--keep up the good work!

Before I Knew

My heart is gripped by the hand of grief,
My mind is stripped by unbelief,
I stand bereft of moments of joy--
Nothing is left, fading to destroy,
I know not how, nor where it has gone,
The time is now too fast it has flown,
I'd hold it fast, if only I could,
It can not last, nor it never would.
The saddest part of this goofy rhyme--
That grips my heart with the pangs of time--
Is--suddenly--Summer fell to Fall--
Before I knew it was here at all!

--Eloise Brown

Night Watch

I like to sit outside at night
And study the stars' twinkling light
And watch the traveling planes in flight.

The blinking fireflies flit up high
Like tiny stars beneath the sky,
A dancing ballet as they fly.

I hear all the contented sound
Of music the creatures all expound
There's beauty of nature all around.

The joy and peace of night embrace
And seem to fill all empty space,
Beneath the moon's bright smiling face.

The night watch casts a magic spell,
And frees me from my earthbound cell.
It's joy and peace tell all is well!

---Eloise Brown

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- (16) **DESOTO PARKWAY - (LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN PARKWAY)** 1.5 acres ML, wooded, city water and natural gas available. Minutes from State Park and Fort Payne. \$14,500.
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Mountain Memories

By Laura Catherine, also known as Moon



Sun Rock

View from Sun Rock

My husband, Dane, Litefoot, and I found our home on the Little River, Lookout Mountain, and in the Log Cabin Village of Mentone, thanks to the help of Angela J. Wood of Lookout Mountain Preferred Realty (LMPR) and The Groundhog. We fell in love with the view as you climb Lookout Mountain to enter Mentone. The nostalgia of Mentone overwhelmed me as I passed the rock wall lining Alabama Highway 117, arrived at the caution light, and took a left between the Victorian style Bed & Breakfast and the rustic cabin where LMPR is located. As I pulled into the Log Cabin Village parking lot, I knew, inside, I was arriving at the home I had been dreaming of. Shortly thereafter, Litefoot, Dane and I purchased two wooded acres on the Cherokee County side of the Little River—for our homes and a nature retreat—as well as rented spaces in the Log Cabin Village for Mountain Memories and Litefoot's Authentic Native American Art, Crafts & Tools.

The first two days after closing, Litefoot, Dane and I cut in our driveway and lined our first trail to the river with fallen saplings. The trail winds down the mountain through patches of sassafras and hardwoods, blueberry and huckleberry bushes, rhododendron and mountain laurel galore to "Sun Rock" on the Little River.

The remainder of the first month, Litefoot, Dane, and I built an oak log cabin from trees off the land, with the occasional help of friends and family. Dane and Litefoot are the brains and the muscle behind the cabin.

Litefoot spent much of the month driving back and forth from Eufala where he has been rehabilitating wild animals. The assortment of animals and reptiles is constantly changing. Litefoot is in the process of building the animals' pens to regulation so he can move them to their new home on Lookout Mountain. He has some loyal friends in Eufala who make sure the animals are fed, watered, and taken care of while he is gone. As soon as Litefoot brings the animals, he will begin building his

simple home, which is a tepee, and Cougar Ridge Village—an Indian village that will be open to campers.

While Litefoot was gone, Dane and I opened Mountain Memories and Litefoot's Authentic Native American Art, Crafts & Tools. During this time, we realized how blessed we are to have found Lookout Mountain, the Little River, and all our creative mountain friends. The Log Cabin Village is full of Appalachian foothill hospitality and true creative spirits. As my experience will tell you, beginning with Angela

of LMPR, she will find your perfect spot whether it be on the mountain, river, or in the valley, if it is to be found. "You've got to learn people," Angela says. "It is not what they drive or wear. You have to match the property to their personality. That is what I do."

Now, I must introduce you to the rest of the colorful folks of the Log Cabin Village and take you on a tour of their stores. Above LMPR is The Ivy Cottage, which is the first building you see as you enter the village parking lot. They sell everything from Ty Beanie Babies to vintage clothing and jewelry. Wanda of Bud's Place is the next friendly patron you will meet. Then, you will meet outgoing Marsha, Angela's sister and daughter of Jack Jones who is the founder of the Log Cabin Village. Wanda and Marsha's country mountain stores can supply you with everything from enamel ware to antiques, collectibles, and paintings of the Log Cabin Village and Lookout Mountain by Jack Jones.

Next on the trail is Granny's Panties and other mentionables. The other mentionables consist of Nana's (a/k/a Maralyn) handmade lye soap, handmade rugs, vintage bedspreads and feed sack quilts, just to name a few. While you visit Granny's Panties, Granny will straighten you out if need be, and Maralyn (Granny's daughter) can show you several of the native wild plants and herbs, tell you some of their uses, and possibly help you with an ailment. Maralyn studied some with the late Mr. Tommy Bass, who was an herbalist and professor at Duke University. Also, don't forget to check out Maralyn's stuffed animal and jacket/coverup creations made from damaged vintage bedspreads in which she recycles the fabric that is still good.

After you visit Granny's Panties, follow the porch around that faces Hwy 117, and you arrive at Mountain Memories and Litefoot's. We offer information about our Little River Nature Retreat, as well as handmade unique gifts, so you can take part

of the nostalgia of the mountain home with you. Mountain Memories sells gifts such as the Lookout Mountain Hillbilly Flashlight and Spotlight, Gourd art, leather purses, natural jewelry, wildflowers, bamboo spit'toons', etc, and rustic furniture like the mountain sapling swing, hanging cedar tables, quilt racks, and slab furniture.

Litefoot crafts authentic traditional tools, dreamcatchers, jewelry, buckskin clothes, headdress, pipes, musical instruments, and more. Litefoot will soon be opening a gallery above the Busy Corner Clock Shop. The gallery will consist of his art, a collection of his artifacts, and pictures taken by Ray Lewis Payne of Bent Light. The pictures are of Litefoot and his animals in traditional scenes, which are already in galleries in several states and Europe. Litefoot says, "I live the tradition." And he wants to share the importance of the tradition with you.

After you experience Litefoot's Mountain Memories and step off the porch, you will be facing the village lawn where some of the most creative metal art is displayed. You are likely to see Frances Roberts, designer, or Jan Shanks, blacksmith, with their cute "Will work for scrap metal" shirts, which has their store name "Metals & Petals" on the back. Metals & Petals will decorate your home with conversation pieces, horseshoe wreaths, candle holders, etc., and/or your lawn with yard art, such as the little girl garden hose holders that are all a must see.

On the corner of Mountain Memories, Litefoot's and Metals & Petals is the Ice Cream Shop. After you get ice cream from Phyllis and Fred, don't forget to visit inside Metals & Petals and Charlie at the Busy Corner Clock Shop. The Busy Corner Clock Shop is filled with the tick, tock of clocks, and the cuckoos of German clocks every hour. If you need a clock or a clock repaired, Charlie is the man to see.

Mountain Memories, Litefoot, and the folks of the Log Cabin Village invite you to celebrate the fall Colorfest with us Sat.-Oct. 17 and Sun.-Oct. 18, 1998. The festival will be Mountain Memories and Litefoot's Authentic Native American Crafts & Tools grand opening. Dane will be singing and playing his soulful original acoustic F.A.R.M.S., Folk American Rolling Modern Soul, style mountain music at the Log Cabin Village Festival. Litefoot will accompany Dane with flute and percussion, and I will play percussion, as well, with our handmade instruments. There will be a yard sale for the bargain hunters, chrysanthemums for the flower lovers, and plenty more for the whole family at the Log Cabin Village Festival. Anyone with an instrument is welcome to bring it and play us a song.

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Jonah and the Whale

This is the story of Jonah and the Whale
Told by a father to his son

Get up Buddie come here to your pap,
I'll tell you a story, climb up on my lap
It's better than the story of Ester and Ruth
A little bit fishy but everbit true.
Now you listen right good while I tell you this tale
How old Jonah the Prophet got caught by the Whale
The whale caught poor Jonah and bless your dear soul,
He not only caught him but he swallowed him whole.
Now a part of my story is awfully sad
It's about a big city that went to the bad.
When the Lord saw those Ninevah people
With such wicked old ways
He said I can't stand them more than forty more days.
So he spoke to old Jonah, and said
Go cry to the wicked old city
And tell them that I give them
Forty more days to get humbled down.
And if they don't do it I'll tear up their town.
Jonah heard the Lord speaking He said No I won't go
Those Ninevah people are nothing to me
And I'm against foreign missions you see.
So he went to Joppa and there in great haste

He boarded a ship for a different place
The Lord looked down on that ship said He
Old Jonah's fixing to run off from me
So he set the wind to blowing with squeaks and squeals
And the sea got rowdy and kicked up its heels.
Jonah confessed it was caused by his sin
So the crew threw him out and the whale took him in
He said old fellow don't fret
I'm sent here to take you out of the wet
And you are going to get punished just right for your sin
So he opened his big mouth and poor Jonah went in.
It was the funnest sight boy that ever was seen
When Jonah rid off in his new submarine.
On a bed of green seaweed the whale tried to rest.
He said "I'll sleep while my food I digest.
But he got pretty restless and sorely afraid
For he rumbled inside while the old prophet prayed.
Now you see how God's message to Ninevah lay
In the dead letter office three nights and three days
And those Ninevah people couldn't repent
For the message of warning to them was missent.
But on the third day the old fish rose up from his bed
With his stomach tore up and a pain in his head
He said I must get to the air mighty quick
This wicked old sinner he's making me sick
So he winked his big eye and he wiggled his tail

Then he pulled to the shore to deliver his mail.
When he got to the shore he looked all around
Then he vomited old Jonah clean out on the ground.
Jonah thanked God for his mercy and grace
Then turned to the whale and made a face.
He said after three nights and three days old sucker
You've found that a good man is hard to keep down.
He stretched himself out with a yawn and a sigh,
In the sun for his clothing to dry
When he had rested and dried well in the sun
He started to Ninevah most in a run.
He Thought how much better preaching would be
Since from whales seminary he had a degree
He arrived in the city about a week late
But he preached from the time he entered the gate.
The whole population repented and prayed
And the Great Hand of Justice and Vengeance was stayed
When you disobey your mother boy remember this tale
If you run off from home, look out for the whale
There's varmints to get you on sea and on land
And a boy can be swallowed lots easier than a man.

—Alma Crabtree

(Mrs. Crabtree is able to recite this from memory.
She is sharing it with The Groundhog readers.)

By Laura Catherine a/k/a Moon

Like the Little River that flows through Lookout Mountain, Litefoot patiently walks through his journey of life with a "light foot" leaving a subtle, but lasting impression. Litefoot's actions speak volumes about his passion and pride for his Native American heritage. His nature is humbling because he humbles himself to nature. Litefoot listens to the animals, plants, and trees to understand what they are trying to communicate to him. He does not see himself as the center of life on this planet, but as a part of the balance. Let me tell you about my friend, Litefoot. He is a friend to the Earth—animals, plants, and trees.

Litefoot is native American with Apache blood. Although he was raised with the name of James Scott Riggins, Litefoot lives by his Native American name, which was given to him by a Native American elder for his ability to "sneak up on his own shadow." "I live the tradition," Litefoot says. "Native American is not in your skin, it is in your heart." Litefoot points to his heart. "You must be right here," he says, "before you can be right here," as he points to his head.

Litefoot believes that The Creator intended for us to live in harmony with nature. He is a living example of the balance that can be achieved through nurturing the balance of Mother Nature. Litefoot does not complain about the life he has chosen to lead, unlike the majority of society. He is aware of the songs of the crickets, birds and frogs, and the trails of animals that cross his path. Litefoot has a keen ability to speak the language of the animals, water, and the wind. Litefoot's solemn presence demonstrates the peace he has within himself. He once told me, "Listen to the wind to gain strength and wisdom and lose ignorance and fear."

Litefoot's life is not stress free, though it may appear to be since he lives in a mortgage-free tepee and makes his living creating art, hunting, canoeing, and fishing. However, Litefoot has a big responsibility of nurturing abused and wounded animals that are victims of society and some of them can never be released to their home in the wild. For instance, Nakota, his female mountain lion, and Tacoma, the male mountain lion, will be like Litefoot's children for the rest of their lives because they were raised by uninformed people that tried to domesticate the cats. By the time Litefoot got Tabitha, she was almost an adult, in very poor health, and without the

knowledge of survival in the wild. Tacoma came to Litefoot declawed and with a hurt leg. As a result of a lot of time and nurturing, both mountain lions are healthy and active, now. Litefoot also cares for a bobcat, two wolves, and a half breed wolf with crystal blue eyes named Two Socks. Litefoot is in the process of building the animals' pens to regulation so he can move them to their new home on Lookout Mountain. Litefoot has also rehabilitated bobcats, wolves, fox, deer, rabbits, squirrels, an assortment of birds, reptiles, and the list goes on.

Most of the animals have been released to their natural environment, such as an injured baby red fox that Litefoot released to the care of the mother fox. Many of the animals come to visit Litefoot after he sets them free. It makes me wonder if it is not just to say, "thank you."

Big and small animals are equally important to Litefoot. I have seen him rolling around playfully with a mountain lion, as well as hand feeding a little mouse that came into his tepee. "His family was here before me," Litefoot says, regarding the mouse. "I have no reason to take him from his home. He is a country mouse. He is not dirty like the one's from the city."

As Litefoot nurtures the animals, you can see the mutual respect they have for one another—but do not expect the wild animals to have the same respect for you, unless you have achieved the nurturing ability that Litefoot has learned. He and the animals are not currently receiving any funding. Litefoot loves what he does and will not beg for help, although expenses of time and money that he incurs to tend to all the animals are quite costly because of food, medicine, etc.

Litefoot lives with the same basic values as his Native American ancestors. Most of modern day America does not understand the importance of connecting with all living things to become a part of the delicate balance. Litefoot is a skilled hunter and tracker, but not a trophy hunter. He hunts at the right time and place to maintain a proper balance. Litefoot makes his own bows and arrows. He relies on his senses, strength, knowledge, and the power of The Creator. Litefoot respects the spirit of all living things and does not let any part of the entity's earthly shell go to waste. Litefoot sees all living things as a spiritual entity. He has even said, "I have felt sad

and hugged a tree. It really shed tears with me."

Litefoot is a living legend, humble hero, but sees himself only as a student of nature. Last year, Litefoot's son, Blake Riggins, described him to me as a "mixture between Geronimo and Hercules," although Blake does not remember saying that. Litefoot teaches Blake about his Native American heritage and respect with nature. Litefoot does not believe a child is ever too young to learn the importance of nature. His son has been in the tree stand with Litefoot since Blake was a baby.

Litefoot has an excellent rapport with children. He applies this gift in a positive way when he volunteers to visit schools or for them to take a field trip to his location, to teach children about what it truly means to be an "Indian." Litefoot says he does not pre-plan his talks. "I let the children ask me questions." Then he knows what is important to them. The children's spirits are not jaded with societal conditioning, which makes it easy for them to comprehend the natural order. Litefoot believes if you teach a child respect for nature, then, as an adult, they will have respect for themselves as a part of nature. He informs the children that there is honor among Native Americans, and each person in a tribe has their own individual importance to their community. Litefoot is a good example, because he demonstrates that one person can make a difference if they really care and try.

If you would like to be on our mailing list and would like to become a member of The Litefoot Wild Life Rehabilitation efforts, please call and/or write. Also, if you would like any information about Litefoot's authentic Native American crafts (including musical instruments), his special appearances, or guided nature walks, hunting and canoeing trips, then, please call or write. Litefoot is in the process of moving from Eufala to the Little River on Lookout Mountain and the quaint town of Mentone, Ala. As you drive through the beautiful mountains and pass the breathtaking rock formations on Interstate 59, you exit the Valley Head, Hammondville, Mentone Exit #231. You follow 117 East, going toward but past the sign at Tutwiler Gap for Cloudmont Ski Resort and DeSoto State Park, up the mountain, and as you approach the flashing yellow caution light at the top of the mountain, then you have arrived



Litefoot with young deer



Summer Rane feeding fawn

in the heart of Mentone. To your left you will see the Log Cabin Craft Village. This is where you will find Litefoot's newest shop, which is now with Mountain Memories and where you can make your reservations to the Little River Retreat and the Wild Life Rehabilitation. Reservations can be made for a day, night, weekend, or a week in one of Litefoot's tepees in Cougar Ridge Village, or have your own private camp spot to begin your connection with nature and the lost Native American traditions.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wednesday, September 2, 1998

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.

These Christmas Shoe Boxes will be hand delivered to very special needy children in countries like Bosnia, Croatia, Romania and Russia at Christmas. For many of these children it will be the only gift they receive ALL YEAR.

This year, You can share the love and hope of Christ with needy children by using a simple shoe box. This is a missions project that every member of your family, your organization, business or church can participate in by bringing gift filled shoe boxes to be shipped from Valley Head Baptist Church on or before Saturday, November 21, 1998.

Christmas is all about sharing the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, with the world. You can share His love with needy children so start now planning and preparing. Help spread love, joy and cheer even if it's just for one day to a world in need by being part of this special Christmas project.

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The Church News

By
 EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head United Methodist Church Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

Mentone Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Union Hill Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor Alfred Chambers and his wife Polly, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 6:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Women's prayer service is every Wed. morning at 9:30. Church cookbooks are still on sale for \$6.00. You may call any member to get a copy. Oct. 11 is Homecoming. Oct. 25-31 is Youth Week.

The time for the evening service at the Valley Head Baptist Church has been changed. The Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, with Worship at 7 PM. Oct. 18, 12:15 to 1:30 is the 3RD SUNDAY DINNER to help build the new fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend the dinners. They are served potluck and are wonderful. "Operation Christmas Child" has begun. (See information on this page.)

"Blessing of the Animals"

Sunday, October 11, 1998
 at 3:00 p.m.

Mentone Brow Park

Please keep the safety of the animals in mind!

By Rev. Linda Tucker
 Mentone United Methodist Church

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Team Kid is 6:30-7:30 PM. The van runs at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. The Youth and Youth Ministry team through Change Your World are available to do whatever they can to help you (cleaning, light construction work, etc.).

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World hall in Valley Head. Song Service and Sabbath School 9:30 to 10:45 - teacher Lew Keith, worship service is 11:00 to 12:15 - Pastor Wilbur Atwood, Lay Pastor Bill Pyke. We invite everyone to come visit. A mission story on the Philippines was given by Darlene Keith and Dowe Foreman. They shared interesting experiences they had while taking part in a medical missionary training school. Lew & Darlene Keith will be returning to the Philippines for a 3-month stay in Jan. They will be teaching local people to use natural remedies to treat disease. Some of our members went to a campout in Fall Creek Falls, TN. Bible study, hiking, canoeing & good fellowship were a part of this weekend.

Soon, the Mentone church will be working with Wildwood Hospital to sponsor another cooking school. Look for details in a future Groundhog.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Sunday evening service at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. (All times are EST). The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM, Morning Worship is at 11 AM, Evening Worship is at 6 PM, Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome. On Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3 PM there will be a Blessing of the Animal Service at Brow Park that is open to the public. Pastor Linda Tucker will again conduct the service. Everyone is welcome to bring their animals on leashes or in carriers. (See flyer this page.) (See flyer elsewhere.)

St. Joseph's on-the-mountain Episcopal Church services are Sunday at 10:30 AM, with Adult Education at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church will have a revival Oct. 12-14, at 6:30 PM. Billy Wallace, pastor of Rising Fawn Baptist Church, will be bringing the messages. There will be special music each evening. The public is welcome to attend.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church holds mass services at 11:30 AM each Sunday. Tuesday evening services are at 6 PM and children's and adults' education classes are at 6 PM each Wednesday.

Mentone Wesleyan Church is having homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 10:30 AM. The guest speaker is former pastor, Rev. A.C. Clemons. Special music is by The Shurps (a Southern Gospel Quartet). Following the service, dinner on the grounds will be served. All are welcome. Come and bring an unchurched friend! 1:30 PM starts the afternoon sing with The Shurps. For further information, call 634-4210 or 634-4382.



About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Mentone continues to grow, maybe not by leaps and bounds, but by small steps and hops. Every day, I hear of another house being built or someone putting in another shop or business. The new water lines will have a definite effect on Mentone. More development will happen where they can get water as opposed to where drilling a well is necessary. I have stated before that I have lived long enough to draw water from a well with a bucket using a hand-over-hand technique. I have drawn water from a well using a long bucket with a windless. And I have used a pump where the only power was provided by muscles (in this case, mine.) All of these methods are very interesting ways to obtain water, but I prefer being able to turn a faucet. Having had these experiences certainly makes me appreciate every drop of water that I use.

The problem continues with picking up of garbage. I think garbage is a problem anyway. Someone said that garbage makes us all equal, it all stinks whether it comes from the castle of a king or the hut of a pauper. The problem in Mentone is that we now have only one company that is trying to pick up all of it. One company quit and the other is offering to pick up for their customers. The town council is considering this problem and maybe we will be able to offer a better solution soon.

The season of fall is here and so far it looks like we will not have a lot of color in our trees. Maybe it is just too early and I will be surprised when everything turns red and yellow. Ann Wright has already warned me that we will have some dead trees on our property. She said the dry weather has stressed them to the point that some will die. She said it might be as much as three years from now before they are completely dead. I'm sure that this is true in this entire area. So, if your trees start to die, this may be the reason. I don't remember it being so dry. The small amount of rain that we have received has helped the flowers and grass a little bit, but it is not enough to help to fill the wells that are dry. I have heard of some wells that are totally dry and some that are being used sparingly. I hope hurricane Georges brings us enough rain to help these situations.

Fall is always such an exciting time. The cooler weather seems to make everyone feel better and more activities are planned. The Moon Lake PTO is planning a fundraiser to put a wooden floor in the gym at the school to cover the concrete. This is greatly needed as some heads have taken quite a bump and it is just a matter of time until someone breaks a bone. This type of fundraiser is a new venture for Mentone. Contact anyone in the PTO for more details and to help them with this project.

The fire department has established a fund to buy a newer fire truck. We know that we cannot afford a new one, so we are going for a better one. Many used ones are on the market and much thought and checking will be done before one is purchased. You can help with this project by sending a donation to the fire department marked "fire truck". I have wondered why we were asked to help with projects for schools and organizations so often. Now, after many years of volunteering and being in some of these organizations, I understand. There is no other way for these much-needed items to be obtained.

I could certainly get on my soapbox about the lack of funds for what our schools need. What can possibly be more important than our children and the education they receive? Where have we as a society messed up? Why is an education not the most sought after thing a child could want? Where did we start to initiate the idea that being educated doesn't matter or may even be bad? I'm not talking about getting an education to make more money, although that's not a bad idea, but about getting an education so you can read books and be able to reason and think on your own. I think that if enough people were

educated about any particular problem, it could be solved. Education helps you know how to start to solve a problem, where to go for information and so many other things. I should not have climbed up here, because I cannot find a stopping place. I'll just put a period at the end of this sentence and stop.

Johnny and Carl, Mentone's policemen, were recently teasing me about saying that I had never been depressed. They asked me why I thought this was and I replied that it was just my makeup. Carl wanted to know what brand it was so everyone could use it. I explained that it was my "genes" and complicated things more. I am still trying to get out of that mess. I cannot compliment them enough on the good job they are doing, especially in the school zone.

This is borrowed from the current *Reader's Digest*. "If you don't think every day is a good day, just try missing one." Why are shoes and towels that are worn out so comfortable?



North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District

The North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District in Mentone serves Over 800 properties just like your own. During 1997, our volunteers responded to many calls for assistance.

Additionally, they attend training sessions and maintain the vehicles and equipment on their own time and without payment of any kind, except the satisfaction of helping a neighbor during a time of need.

All of this is funded by donations from members of the community and various fund raising activities conducted by the volunteers and their families.

Our operating expenses for 1997 were over \$11,200, and it is expected to be as much this year.

Just recently, we established a reserve fund to purchase a newer model fire truck, expected to cost at least \$80,000. We now have \$2,565 in the reserve fund.

We sincerely need your generous tax deductible contribution.

Make checks payable to: North Lookout Mountain
Fire Protection District and mail to:
P.O. 154, Mentone, AL 35984.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Gail Chambers, Chairman of the Board of Directors

The above is a copy of the annual letter that was mailed out by the Fire Dept. back in July. Since then, our truck Fund has risen from \$2,565 to \$7,776.44. A great big THANK YOU goes out to all of you who have made a donation, whether it be large or small, each and every one is greatly appreciated and much needed.

Recently, we received a letter from L. Mabel Crow Kirk that touched those of us in the Fire Dept. that read it. Our Chief, Jim Roberts suggested that we share it with the community:

September 1998
Mentone Fire Department,
Lookout Mountain, Mentone, Ala.
Fire Chief Jim Roberts
Dear Mr. Roberts,

Please find enclosed a check to the Department. This check is to the memory and honoring all the pioneers of Mentone, who have made it possible for us, of today, to enjoy a place of beauty and a place to come to, for resting tired and stressful times in our lives, from the hurry and scurrying every day living of city life.

The beauty and serenity surrounding Mentone is a sustaining spirit that gives everyone a feeling of peace and content.

The Fire Department is a main factor in supporting that feeling with the protection of fire control. May the blessings of life support you and all efforts rendered for every effort you give to all citizens of Mentone and surrounding area.

Sincerely
L. Mabel Crow Kirk, Mentone, Alabama.

Sue Brown was selected as Most Valuable Player for Baker Hosiery Mill for the month of August

Sue Brown was selected as Most Valuable Player for Baker Hosiery Mill for the month of August. Quality Is Our Sole Product at Baker Hosiery Mill, and Sue fully demonstrates the quality minded aspect that is setting the standard at Baker Hosiery Mill.

Sue started working in July of 1998 as a boarder on 1st shift. Her hobbies are volleyball, and watching her two children participate in sports at Valley Head High School.

Sue and Charles, her husband, have two children, Daniel and Shelly; and they live in Valley Head.

For her accomplishments, Sue received a certificate, recognition in the plant, and a \$50.00 cash appreciation award. She also becomes eligible for the Yearly Most Valuable Team Player.

Moon Lake School Gym Floor Fundraiser Dinner

October 17, 5 p.m., Cafeteria

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Lead singer Randy Owen, bass guitarist Teddy Gentry, lead guitarist Jeff Cook (both cousins of Owen), and drummer Mark Herndon make up "Alabama," and they are the longest lasting hit making group of all time, with 58 million units sold worldwide.

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"Don't Forget Our Spaghetti Supper!"

Interview With Mrs. Syble Baty Tipton, President of
American Legion Unit 215 of Mentone
by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

Mrs. Syble Baty Tipton said in a statement issued September 16, 1998, "If you are into a comfortable night out at a very reasonable price (\$5.00 per person all-you-can-eat-children six and under \$2.50) with good company and excellent food, we hope to see you at our Spaghetti Supper on October 17, 1998, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Legion Home on Cove Road (that is the red building up behind the superette) in Mentone."

"We have only recently learned that this is the same evening the people of the Moon Lake PTO are planning to have their fundraiser to pay for a new gym floor. That is a good and worthwhile effort, and we support it wholeheartedly. We encourage everybody to give what they can to that particular cause and then come have supper with us. In the past, our suppers have been very much enjoyed by all who attended them, and we have reason to believe that will continue to be the case for a long time to come. We have long since printed our tickets and purchased our non-perishables for our Spaghetti Supper, so there is no doubt that we are serious about our effort to raise funds to continue our projects."

"We are the people who send a young lady from the local high school to Girls State every year, and we give morale support to DeKalb County's veterans in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville by sending cards seven times each year in addition to birthdays, and we try our very best to make one trip per season to actually visit the people from our county living at the Fann Home. So far, we have yet to find anything to really complain about over there."

We hear the same things everybody else does in the media about the Fann home, but we have never seen anything to justify media outrage. We have found work in progress, but we find nothing wrong with that. On some of our trips we have had with us a retired Home Economics teacher, who is schooled in nutrition, and she said the food looked like she thought it ought to look—extending to and including being cut into bite sized pieces to aid in chewing. On some of our trips we have also had ladies who maintain the cleanest houses I have ever seen in my life, and they tell me that the Fann Home is clean. I take their word for it, because they ought to know. We have all commented at one time or another on the total absence of odor in that facility. That alone has to be a good sign."

When asked about the Girls State project, Mrs. Tipton replied, "That is really a good program. It gives girls an insight into the lawmaking process that they would have missed ordinarily. That is a good social experience too, because it gives the girls a chance to taste what it will be like to go away to school, but yet they are well supervised. They make new friends and have new experiences that enrich their lives. Each year, it seems that the young lady we send comes back from Girls State reporting that she had a wonderful time, learned a lot, and met new people. We realize that, for many of these girls, the trip to Girls State is their very first experience of being away from home, and that alone makes it special, but they learn a lot too."

When asked if the ladies of Unit 215 spent their money on anything else, Mrs. Tipton shook her head and replied, "From time to time, we make some improvements at the Legion Home. Just recently, we were able to secure a good, second hand refrigerator to replace that hateful old thing we had, and we want to get a new stove at some point. That mean old thing we have been using really tries everybody's patience every time we use it."

"Naturally, we would like to do a lot more than we do, but there are definite financial limits to what we can accomplish. Therefore, we do a few things very well and do not even tackle other projects that extend beyond our means."



GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

It's time now to start combing and scavenging the nurseries and stores for all those bargain sales on seeds and plants. I picked up a real bargain from the garden shop at Wal-Mart, a pink hybrid tea rose for just over a buck! But, before I paid for it, I made sure that I was getting a healthy, disease-free plant. I babbled it for a few days before planting it in its permanent spot, then babbled it again for the next few days, especially during this awfully dry, dry spell that we have been going through, which from the recent reports is about to end, which means the onset of fall, probably.

It's also time now to divide those perennials such as iris, poppies and daylilies if they need it. One such sign is after 3-4 years they become crowded and blooms decrease in number and quality. Prepare a site first, then carefully dig them up and divide them. To make 100 daylilies in a day all you need is an established clump of daylilies, a sharp knife and a shovel. To divide, lift the clump (after it is through blooming for the season) with the shovel, cut all foliage back to 4"-5", cut and separate the clump into divisions of at least a single fan with some roots attached, then replant and be sure to water. Daylilies are not very particular about where they are planted.

Garden companions for daylilies for spectacular color and all-season blooming plus contrasting foliage are: Early to late-spring blooming, primrose, bleeding heart, daffodils, columbine, trollius, carpet phlox, and thrift. Early to mid-summer, coral bells, delphinium, peony, Siberian iris, Oriental poppy, sweet william, lupine, bearded iris, astilbe and lilies. Mid to late-summer, achillea, monard, coreopsis, hosta, tall phlox, shasta daisy, monkshood, heliopsis and liatris.

For those who still have a fascination with the late Lady Diana (England's Rose), Jackson & Perkins (1-800-292-4769) are taking orders for an ivory-and-pink hybrid tea rose named for the late princess for \$25.00 and 15% of the price will go to her princess's charitable fund.

For those of you who have a computer or have a friend who has one and is online, here are some web sites on gardening, farming, and agriculture:

Spring Hill's site - <http://www.gardensolutions.com>

Progressive Farmer's site - www.progressivefarmer.com

This year has seen a lot of advances in agriculture, farming, vegetables, and flower seeds, and what is great is that a lot of it is now available online, and soon we will not need to order magazines as most are already online and can be read on the computer. I did read that some of the sites will start charging a small fee to access them. I hope that they will be cheaper than ordering all those magazines then not knowing what to do with them when you can't get them to a recycling bin or site, which seems to be a big problem here in Ft. Payne and Mentone.

During the winter months I will try to write about some of the new advances in gardening and such, as we will not have much outdoors chores and more time for reading and catching up on the speeding advances in agriculture and gardening.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 17, 1998, 4 to 8 PM

American Legion Home - the red building
on Cove Road, the street up behind the
Mentone Superette

Price: \$5.00 per person-all you can eat-with
children six and under at \$2.50. Bring the whole
family and enjoy a well balanced meal (fresh,
crisp, garden salad, pasta with meat sauce, bread
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L/R: Walter Paul (Sonny) White, age 6;
Mason White, age 10 mo.;

and Virginia Fisch Bosworth (Aug. 1936)

Mason White was in Mentone recently for a high school reunion of his 1953 graduating class. He shared this picture from an album of baby pictures.

Birth Announcement

Samuel Loy Langston

was born September 10, 1998.

He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz.
and was 22" long.

His parents are Keith and Dawn Langston, and his grandparents are Loy and Becky Langston of Mentone, and Margaret Farmer and the late Woody Farmer of Fort Payne.



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LAURELWOOD - view of brow, fine min. home, 1.78+ acres, enclosed deck. Large great room w/wood floor. Breezeway separates main section from 2 add'l BR & full BA, 2 car garage. Reduced to \$155,000. 24 Hour Property Info-1-800-901-8882 #601



LAUREL CREEK-MENTONE - 1.21-acre tract of beautiful mountain development holds this chalet style getaway home. 1152 sq. ft. plus front porch and side deck. This neat home has 1 BR, 1 BA, kitchen, open room with fireplace on floor level. Upstairs has versatile open room with 8 ft. ceilings. Total electric. Well water. Fishing and hiking trails. Listed at \$75,000.00



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Hwy 157 - Cloudland - T1 - 1.60 acres - 100 ft. of brow; T2 - 1.52 acres - 100 ft. of brow. Beautiful views - easy access. Restricted. \$19,500.00 each or will tender as a whole.

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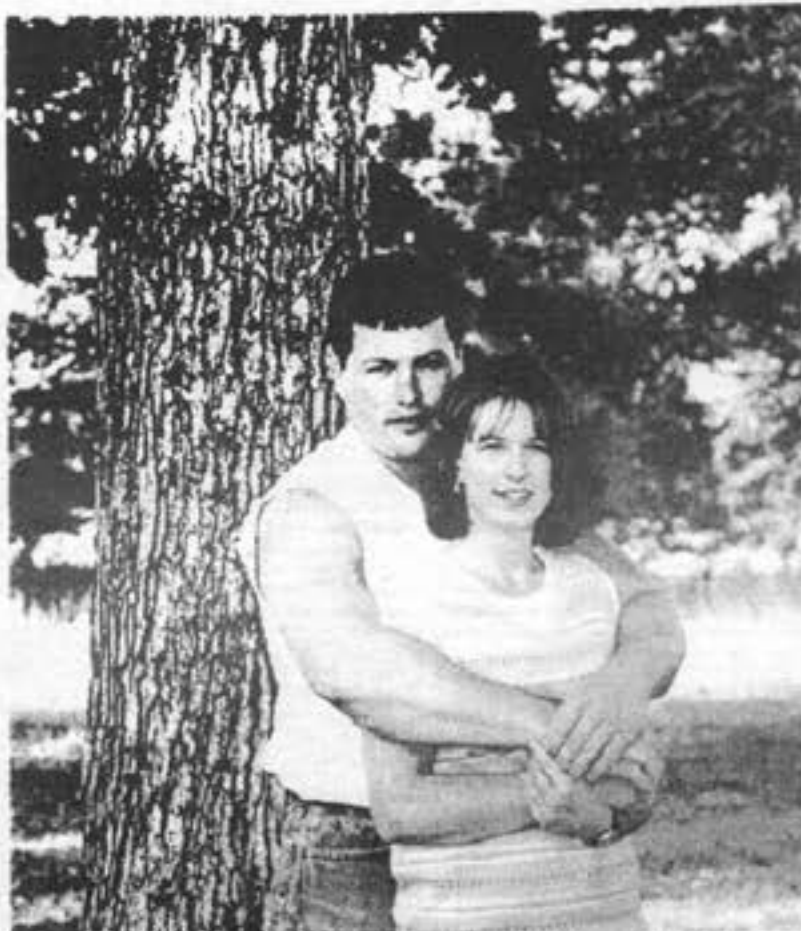
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ENGAGEMENT/MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT



Larry O'Tinger and Andrea Kirby

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kirby joyfully announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Andrea to Larry O'Tinger.

Miss Kirby is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carrie Ruth Kirby and the late Luther E. Kirby, Sr. and the late Joseph and Eula Cash, all of Mentone.

Miss Kirby, a 1990 graduate of Valley Head High School and a 1995 graduate of Jacksonville State University, is presently employed by DeKalb County Board of Education. She teaches Physical Education and Health at her former high school.

Mr. O'Tinger is the son of Bennie and Kathy O'Shields of Hammondville, and

Jimmy O'Tinger of Adairville, Ga. He is the grandson of Junior and Jewell O'Tinger, Thurman and Nellie Hancy of Fort Payne, and Johnny and Jessie O'Shields of Hammondville.

Mr. O'Tinger is a 1988 graduate of Valley Head High School and is employed with Kirby Construction company.

The wedding ceremony will be held at Moon Lake Baptist Church, October 10, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. The reception will immediately follow at the Mentone Springs Hotel. All friends and family are invited to attend their special day.

After the honeymoon, the couple will reside in their new home in Hammondville.



Dale Jones - \$1,000 Cash Winner

Ed Ringer presented Dale Jones of Woodson Jones Chevrolet-GEO in Fort Payne with \$1,000 in cash on September 9, 1998. Mr. Jones was the winner in the American Legion Post 215 annual fundraiser. Dale's name was drawn as the winner. Mr. Jones said, "I've been here eight years, and this is the first time I've won. I couldn't believe it. I've given a lot away, and this money will be given away too."



L/R: Jimmy Wright, Howard Carson, Mrs. Norma Hulan, and Gary Talley

Valley Head Masonic Lodge donates to the Valley Head School Library

Mr. Howard Carson, Master, and Jimmy Wright, treasurer of the Valley Head Masonic Lodge, presented a \$700 check to Mrs. Norma Hulan, librarian, and Gary Talley, principal of Valley Head School on Thursday, Sept. 24. Mr. Carson said that Dr. Roy Smith, Secretary, could not be at the presentation of the check due to a conflict in scheduling, but sent his regrets. Mr. Carson stated that it was through the efforts of Dr. Roy Smith that this amount

was raised. Dr. Smith felt that the Lodge should get involved in helping the community, and he brought the idea to the Lodge for discussion and collected the funds. Mr. Carson stated, "On behalf of Dr. Smith and the officers and members of the Valley Head Masonic Lodge, I present to you this check." Upon receipt of the check, Mrs. Norma Hulan stated, "This is more than enough to cover the cost of periodicals. Thank you."

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Valley Head School News

By Lisa Moore

The new Youth Ball Field located across from the Valley Head Baptist Church is looking really good now. The fence is currently being installed and a lot of work has been done on the field. Our youth have needed a field like this for such a long time and it is finally a dream come true. Thanks to all the hard work, effort, and donations Valley Heads future athletes have a place to begin.

The Valley Head PTO would like to thank the ones who have joined the PTO this school year. We are pleased to announce that this year, so far, we have 75 members, which is a record amount. Anyone may join the PTO at any time, and we are always pleased to welcome new members. This is a great way to show your concern for your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew and the school.

Due to the VFW Fair Week, the regular Monday, October 5th, meeting has been changed to Monday, October 12, at 7 PM. There will be a drawing for a "Happy Pack" to be given away to someone present at the meeting. The PTO will also give \$25.00 to the classroom with the most parents present. This will also include the high school classes.

The Valley Head Band is selling candles in a jar for \$5.00 each. See any band member or band booster to purchase one. The Band Boosters would also like to invite parents to join them. There is no membership fee, and all they ask is that you help support the band and attend booster meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The band will compete in the DeKalb County Marching Festival on Sunday, October 4th in Fayette. Everyone is welcome to attend and the event will begin at 2:00 p.m. The band is doing a great job this year and has lots of dedicated members.

Thanks everyone who has helped out so far this year with working in the concession stand. It is hard work, and all workers deserve a great big thanks. There are still three more home games left and lots of work to do yet. Lynn Jenkins and Kathy Robertson are doing a great job, also. They are in charge of ordering supplies and stocking them. When you see them, tell them "Thank you and good job."

Remember that there will be no school on Friday, October 9th. That day will be the annual "VFW FAIR DAY" and students will be given a free pass to attend the fair on that day.

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●Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

●The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.

●I thought my window was down but found out it was up when I put my head through it.

●I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

●A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

●A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

●The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

●I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

●In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

●I had been shopping for plants all day, and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car.

●I had been diving my car for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

●I was on my way to the doctor's with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.

●I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for a vacation with injuries.

●As I approached the intersection, a stop sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

●To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

●My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

●An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished.

●I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hand, I found that I had a skull fracture.

●I was sure that the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the roadway when I struck him.

●The pedestrian had no idea what direction to go, so I ran over him.

●I saw the slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off my car.

●The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

●I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

●The telephone pole was approaching fast. I was attempting to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end.



Would you like a Local Internet Connection?

I have been investigating a local internet connection. We now have approximately 75 signatures of people wanting local internet service. We have mostly signatures of Mentone and could use more from Valley Head. Of course, the more signatures we can get, the better our chances of getting a server

will be. We are progressing quite well and several servers would be interested if there are enough subscribers here.

If you are interested, please see **Jim Gaylord** at the Mini Mall Storage Office at 53 Douglas St., Mentone, or the Little River Hardware, or call **634-4535**.



Martha McCurdy



Michele Kincer



Brynda Hopper



Myra Mills



Sandra Brazier



Melvin Brazier

Moon Lake School News/Events

The VFW Fair Day holiday is Friday, October 9.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 PM.

The Athletic Club meeting is Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 PM.

Moon Lake has a new secretary, Martha McCurdy, from Hammondville, who replaced Roberta Kirby, who

resigned. Myra Mills transferred from an aide position to 2nd grade teacher. Brynda Hopper replaced Becky Blalock as CNP manager, and Michele Kincer is CNP assistant. Melvin Brazier has replaced his wife, Sandra, as custodian, and Sandra Brazier is now an aide.

MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE - 1ST MONTH

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Akela Barkley
Tyler Blansit
Starla Cash
Colleen Castleberry
Steven Elrod
Casey Green
Abby Johnson
Dillion Kean
Trey Kincer
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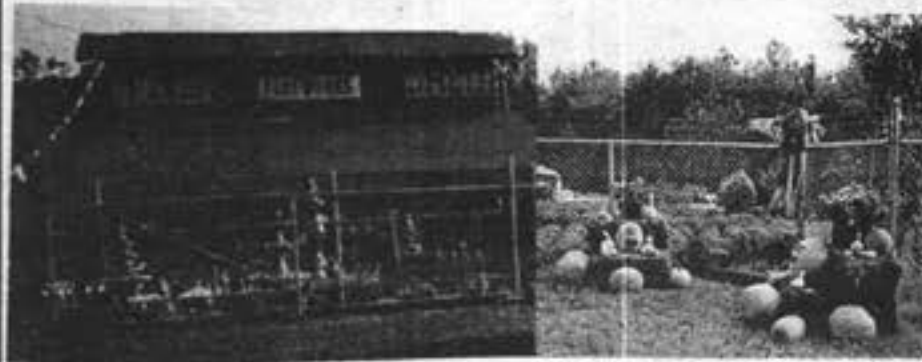
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Mentone Town Hall, must call
or come in and give their name,
911 address & mailing address,
along with phone number, as
soon as possible. The deposits
for the water meters will be
due after Nov. 1, and another
notice will be put in the
November issue of The
Groundhog.**

--NOTICE--

Applications for pickup of solid
waste by **Waste Management** are
now to go through the **Henagar
office**, not the town hall at Mentone.

Application forms can still be
picked up at the **Mentone Town
Hall**, but need to be mailed directly
to the office in **Henagar**. The
address is on the application form.
The cost will be \$10.40 per month
(payable each trimester). All those
who have previously paid \$60 will
be receiving a refund.

If your waste was being picked up
on Fridays, it will continue to be
picked up on that day after you file
an application and pay the fees.
You may use the same type cans or
bags as you have been doing
in the past. Thank you.
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"THEY'RE PLAYING MY SONG...."

By Doreen Waters

When the leaves begin to make their magic on Lookout Mountain, the air turns cooler and crisper, and the bright blue skies of fall fill our days, many of us in Mentone begin to think of Colorfest. For sixteen years, the Mentone Area Preservation Association (MAPA) has worked diligently to provide a weekend of family fun and entertainment for all who make their fall pilgrimage to this wonderful place. This year, the festival committee: Ellen Thompson, Corinne Capiano, Hugh and Marilyn Mathews, and Doreen Waters, are all

working especially hard to make the 1998 Colorfest one of MAPA's best, something of which we can always be proud.

There are those who probably wish these annual festivals in Mentone would simply go away. Sometimes, when I'm tired and frustrated with all the roadblocks to getting things organized, I feel the same way. But then, Colorfest arrives, and the town comes alive with people, the musicians are playing toe-tipping tunes, the bonfire is roaring as couples dance around it, the children are laughing at the Good Witch Bernise. Brow Park is full

of artisans and craftsmen with their beautiful pottery, woodworking, paintings, and furniture, and all sorts of amazing and charming and unique creations, the parade is roaring through town being led by a noisy fire engine, the pontoon boat full of riders is pattering quietly up and down Little River at DeSoto Falls, and I don't ever want it to go away. I want it to get bigger, and better, and I want to be a part of it every year.

We try to change things up a little each year, and we've made some small changes that we hope will improve the festival in 1998.



God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matt 11:28-30

Jesus gave us an invitation "come". He cares when we are heavy laden. He cares when our burdens are too heavy to bear. He knows when we need rest for the soul. That's why he said, come unto me, take "my yoke," because my yoke is easy and "my" burden is light.

Jesus loves you, and so do I.

MAPA will be selling popcorn, peanuts, and hot drinks at the Friday night bonfire. Also, each of the local merchants in Mentone has been asked to donate items from the businesses to be given away at various times throughout the festival. And the entertainment...well, let's just say we'll be seeing some four-legged performers among all the singers and dancers! We're also working on some additional entertainment specifically designed for the children, like a Moon Walk and a kiddie train ride. Of course, we've got some great food vendors coming. My mouth waters just reading the descriptions of goodies they'll be selling.

Tickets are on sale now for the hand-made quilt raffle. This year's quilt was made by local artisan Lola Mae Blalock, and it is a queen-sized beauty! The pattern is "9 patch star" with burgundy background. Look for signs featuring a photo of the quilt at Dessie's Kountry Chef restaurant, and in Crow's Nest Antiques, among other places. Wherever you see that sign, tickets for the quilt will be available.

With all the dry weather we've had this summer, the fall season should be arriving earlier than usual, and we expect the colors to be especially vivid. It should be the perfect backdrop for our 1998 Colorfest! There's probably no better time to visit the Mentone area. Why fight the traffic and crowds in the Smokey Mountains? Listen...the "singing waters" of Mentone are playing your song!