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Linda Brown: An Example For Us All

No organization in the Mentone area has yet established the annual title and honor which is usually designated "Woman of the Year." If there were such a designation, there is little doubt that a foremost nominee would be Linda Brown.

Her various activities, her capacity to budget her time, her ability to get things done are mind-boggling to those who say there are just not enough hours in the day to get everything done. Yet she gets them done, with a quiet efficiency and an obvious thoroughness.

For six years she served on the city council. For many years she has been clerk of elections.

She is chairperson of the administrative board of the Mentone United Methodist Church, of which she is a devoted member.

Linda Brown is chairperson of the DeKalb Foundation of Garden Clubs, which has eight chapters and is now busily making plans for the flower show at the DeKalb County Fair.

She is former secretary of the Desoto Layman's Club, a Methodist organization.

One afternoon a week she serves as a volunteer at the Moun-



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LINDA BROWN

1983-84 Goals To Be Set By MAPA Tuesday

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All Citizens Invited To Discuss, Decide New Community Goals

All Mentone citizens are invited to the September meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mentone Springs Hotel dining room when goals and projects for the upcoming year will be discussed and decided.

An additional attraction at the meeting will be Glenn Baty, well-known local banjoist, singer, storyteller, and runner-up to the state Checkers championship.

Director Homer Crow of MAPA urges all those in the area who are interested in Mentone's future to be present at the meeting and express their views. Discussion will center around the report of the goals committee composed of Harrell Jenkins, Grace Howard, and Bruce Bon Fleur. Additional suggestions will be considered from the floor.

As **The Groundhog** goes to press, the goals committee report was not available, but some of the suggested items from various MAPA members and local citizens are a community center, a boardwalk or stone walkway from the Hitching Post to the Post Office to make it possible for citizens and visitors to walk safely throughout town, cooperating with the Garden Club in establishing availability of Beauty Spring, seat belts on school buses, and continuing emphasis on getting the area designated as a historic district.

Over the past twelve months most of the first year's listed goals were accomplished: obtaining non-profit status for MAPA; working with the city council to establish a blinker light at the dangerous Old Hotel Square intersection; better communications with the city council; an area tourist map; landscaping of the triangle at Mentone Superette; a Groundhog Award for the most improved business or residence; active participation in the Garden Club Rhododendron planting project; a public information directory.

Items not acted upon or still in flux are reconstruction of the covered bridge on the O'Rear property; Historical District recognition; endowment grants for the historical restoration projects; possible landscape acquisition for community projects — community center building, parks and recreation; interstate 59 and highway recognition signs.

Director Crow states that although everyone is welcome, only those who have paid their \$10 MAPA dues for 1983-84 may vote on the proposals and other business which might be acted upon. Refreshments will be served.

August MAPA Meeting

Director Homer Crow presided over his first meeting as MAPA head at the Mentone Springs Hotel August 2. Reports were given from the city council representative and from the local business group's first meeting. These are covered elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Crow appointed new committees for the new year. Representatives to the city council will remain Ed and Gerry Disney, with Harrell Jenkins and Graham Glover substituting during the busy Nipper-sink months. On the Goals Committee will be Grace Howard, Harrell Jenkins and Bruce Bon Fleur. Serving to try for city-wide historic registry will be Sandra Padgett, Graham Glover and Bernise Crow. The **Groundhog Awards** Committee will be Marty Griffin, representing MAPA; Max Cash, from the city council; Nelda Howe, for the Rhododendron Garden Club. Charles White McGehee was reappointed **Groundhog** editor.

MAPA members present adopted a proposal by Charles McGehee (suggested by his son Stuart, visiting from Charlottesville, Virginia) to sponsor a Groundhog Classic Run as part of the October Color Festival. Committee members are Amelia Brooks, Randy Still, Marty Griffin, and local runners, assisted by some Ft. Payne Track Club members.

There was much discussion of a proposal by Graham Glover that absentee ballots be provided for out-of-town MAPA members on important voting matters. Harrell Jenkins was appointed to study the by-laws as they applied to this suggestion and to report at the September meeting.

Guest Patty Bryan attended her first MAPA meeting. As a nurse, she is especially interested in safety and urged members to consider strongly in their short-range goals a safe walking pathway of some sort through the business district. Members enjoyed refreshments before they adjourned for the evening.

October Color Fest Features Classic Run

The First Annual Groundhog Classic, a four-mile run from the Hitching Post to the DeSoto Falls turn-off and return, will be a major feature of the Mentone Color-Fest, on October 28-29-30. Hundreds of runners from throughout the Southeast are expected to make the run on Sunday, October 30th, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

This will be the portion of the Color-fest sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association. A special committee composed of Marty Griffin, Randy Still and Amelia Brooks have busily been making arrangements for the run. (See entry blank and full details on page 5).

The Second Annual Color Fest, three days this year instead of the full week of events last year, is expected to include many of the activities which claimed such attention during the previous autumn festival at Mentone.

Among these events were a pumpkin carving contest and hayride to DeSoto Falls. "Homemade Jam" featured local musical talent. There were window decorations in local businesses, German food, a ghost-story contest and bonfire, fiddling, whittling and nibbling. "The Night of the Tenth Moon" costume ball, and a children's costume contest.

Full details will be announced in the October edition of **The Groundhog**. Arrangements for the Mentone Color Fest are in the hands of the new business group.

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September Groundhog Award



The September Groundhog Award for the greatest improvement goes to the U. S. Post Office Building. Completed in December, 1981, the building is leased from the builder-owner, Emory Brownlow, of Taylorsville, Georgia.

The building was designed by the U. S. Post Office's real estate division in Tampa, Florida. The landscaping was enhanced by group planting of rhododendrons by the Rhododendron Garden Club. Desmond Disney has maintained the post office grounds. The attractive bulletin board is a gift of the Mentone Area Preservation Association.

This month's award was chosen by the new committee appointed by Director Homer Crow: Marty Griffin for MAPA; Max Cash for the city council; Nelda Howe for the Rhododendron Garden Club.

Mayor Sam Barrett Resigns Duties



After almost twelve years of service to the town of Mentone, Mayor Sam Barrett tendered his resignation at the August 1st meeting of the city council. He stated that ill health made it impossible for him to function in the fashion required for the position.

His resignation was unanimously and reluctantly accepted by the members of the council. He was given a rising vote of thanks for his long service to the community.

Mayor Barrett's term would have expired in August, 1984. According to the Code of Alabama, 1975 edition, Section 11-46-20, the present council is empowered to elect a successor for the remainder of the term, following which an open election will be held for the next term of four years.

It was a similar situation which brought Sam Barrett into the Mayor's office. Mayor Glenn Harvey resigned for reasons of ill health in 1961. In 1964 and 1968 he was elected to full four-year terms. R. P. Daniel and Ethel Manifold each served four-year terms, following which Mr. Barrett was again elected in 1980.

Mayor Barrett's successor for the unexpired term may be chosen from the ranks of the council or from the community at large. This action will probably be taken at the next meeting of the council on September 12th.

He married Edris Low, a Mentone native, who died in 1977.

Other actions at the August council meeting were as follows:

Unanimously voted to pay the dues of \$100 for the Rural Water Association and \$155.63 for the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Voted to invest the \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit that is maturing in a money market fund. Unanimous.

Approved unanimously a motion to pay policeman Ed Worthy \$750 a month plus gasoline mileage while he is attending the Police Academy at Jacksonville State.

Attention: Out-of-Town Readers

The **Groundhog** is given away locally, courtesy of area merchants. Because of MAPA's non-profit status, we do not sell subscriptions, and no back issues are available. However, if you wish to have the publication mailed to you, you may join MAPA for \$10, or give a lesser donation to cover postage for one year. The fiscal year began July 1.

Kirby's Country Store

Hammondville Union 76

Mon. through Sat. 6:30-5:30

9-5 Sunday

Jim and Peggy Kirby

from your director

By Homer Crow

If you care at all about the future of Mentone, I strongly urge you to attend the MAPA meeting at the old hotel next Tuesday evening. We will discuss goals of our organization for the new MAPA year. People will be asked to serve to implement the goals. If last year's scoreboard is any indication, MAPA members get things done!

Remember that only members whose dues have been paid may vote. These have been lowered to \$10 per person this year. Please come, pay your dues, and vote.

Even if you can't or don't wish to join MAPA at this time, come anyway and let us know your ideas about the future of Mentone. We'll enjoy discussing together and an added bonus is the appearance of Glenn Baty, singing and playing for us. There'll be refreshments afterward, too. Hope to see you there.

Groundhog Finance Report

August Issue

INCOME	
Ad Sales	\$655.00
Balance in Account	280.85
Donations, Mentone Inn tourists	13.00
	\$948.85

DEBITS	
Summerville News Co.	\$314.00
U. S. Post Office	48.10
Donna Buckley (sales)	49.50
Jean McGehee (sales)	45.00
Donation to MAPA	100.00
	\$556.60

Balance in account	\$392.25
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Garden Club At The Fair

Barbara Blalock is Rhododendron Garden Club chairman for entries into the DeKalb County Fair, October 2-8. She urges members to begin thinking about their entries and to save 10-ounce clear soft drink bottles to be used for arrangements in the displays.

Garden Club members are to bring their arrangements to the fairgrounds between the hours of noon and five on Sunday, October 2. Niches will be 36 x 30 x 16. Subject of the entries this year is "Fall in the Mountains."

Members may use no florist or artificial flowers. Flowers and foliage used must have been the arranger's for at least three months. There are some 49 classes of entries; each should be labeled clearly at the time of registration.

New Business Group

On July 21 local business people met at the Mentone Inn to discuss various matters of interest to them. Committees were formed to coordinate seasonal events such as the October Color Festival, the Musical Mountain Christmas, and a spring celebration; to survey the local political scene; and to create some sort of historical brochure to be given to visitors here.

Merchants heard from Pat Shippey, director of the new I-59 Welcome Center. So far about 3,000 to 4,000 visitors a week have come through the center. Representative David Stout has promised to see about permanent repairs on the road up the mountain. He is interested in placing Mentone on a state historic-scenic route. Ray Bass, director of state highways, has promised to place a Mentone sign on I-59 going south.

A final concern of the group is the possibility of enlarging the city limits to encompass some of the outlying areas.

MAPA dues have been lowered to \$10 per member per year. The fiscal year began July first. If you have not yet paid your dues, or if you wish to become a member, please fill in the blank below and send it along to us. Our goal is to have at least 100 members by the first of the year.

To MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50 in support of the objectives of MAPA, desiring to join with others in preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, I enclose \$10 for voting membership for one through June 1984.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____



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Believe It Or Not, An Elephant!



An elephant on the mountain!
Who would have thought it?

In the Mentone environs we have a variety of animals, ranging from deer, cougar and an occasional bobcat, down to the smaller creatures such as groundhogs, squirrels, rabbits and chipmunks.

A new precedent was established on August 4th and 5th when Dondi, a nine-month-old, half-grown, girl elephant weighing 4,000 pounds paid a visit to the Annual Free Day Camp at the Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center.

Dondi, who has appeared on the Johnny Carson Show, is based at Talladega, Alabama, cared for by Fran and Phil Schacht, former circus aerialists. She travels with a faithful shetland pony friend.

John and Anne Morrison, who operate the Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center, report that Dondi's visit was a huge success. She brought delighted cries from the children, took a sumptuous bath in Little River, and all in all adjusted well to these elevated acres.

"I don't know what we can do next year to top this," said John. "We may just have to bring Dondi back."

Brow Briefs

Ovie Blalock was coordinator of the Valley Head High School Class of '53 reunion held at Western Sizzlin in Fort Payne.

The annual reunion of the Lewis and Maggie Kirby family was held at DeSoto State Park on August 14.

Bruce Bon Fleur now has a computer in his office. He joins John Cooper, Doc and Kyle Long, Bob Brooks and perhaps others we know not of.

ViewPoint...

By Charles White McGehee

Across the thirty-one days of August the relentless heat has reigned supreme, its crusty dryness turning vegetable gardens to burned patches — along the mountain from the western brow, to DeSoto Park and the Georgia line. The mighty DeSoto Falls, in the spring a flowing torrent, was reduced to an embarrassing trickle.

We in Mentone tried to hold our hopes high, our tempers in relative restraint, but the rains failed to come. We have needed to remind ourselves that September always comes and Labor Day is not far behind. The cooler nights of fall never fail to appear and perhaps some day there will be rain.

August brought the resignation of Mayor Sam Barrett. It was no surprise to those of us who have observed his declining health. He is such a gentle and courtly person. As often as possible he attended our MAPA meetings and gave us support. It had been hoped that he would be able to complete his term which ends with the election next August.

When I called to express regret and to give understanding to his decision he said, "I thought it was time now for someone else to give us the leadership we need."

With the exit of August the camps are closing one by one. The children are returning to their homes throughout the Southeast. This seems to have been a fine and successful season for them all. We need to remember that the camps are very much an economic lifeline for our community. They provide employment for our workers and bring business to our various establishments.

Occasionally someone during August would say, "I don't want Mentone to become another Gatlinburg or Helen, Georgia." Having never been to Gatlinburg, I wasn't clear about what these people meant until in a recent travel section of the *New York Times* there was this description:

"Gatlinburg now has traffic jams and time-sharing schemes. Cramped into town are more than 150 motels and nearly 200 shops. In midsummer, the wax museum has a line, and one must push through a crowd to see the taffy-pulling machines do their work in the front windows of candy stores."

None of us in our right minds would want this kind of thing for Mentone. Linda Brown has a sensible answer in her interview elsewhere in this issue: there just isn't enough available space in downtown Mentone for that kind of madness. Perhaps further down 117 toward the Georgia line, but even that is farfetched.

Beyond doubt Mentone is growing. But it is a moderate and containable growth. Yes, there are those of us who want to take strong steps to preserve the past and present structures and cultural assets. The larger and more immediate need is for all of us to work continually with the council in providing police protection, water service, and street maintenance.

One of the best developments of the past year is a pattern of celebrations of the change of seasons, the ongoing cycle of life. The committees are gearing up for the second Annual Mentone Color-Fest, with the innovation of the exciting Groundhog Classic Four-mile Run. Following this fall event will come the Second Annual Musical Mountain Christmas. There is talk now of instituting a spring celebration of some sort. Then, of course, the Crafts Festival in July.

These events provide extra business and bring visitors here to see the beauty of this place we love so well. Perhaps more important, they give us an opportunity to enjoy ourselves, get together in a festive fashion, be entertained by local talent. One of Mentone's greatest assets is its change of seasons. How drab it is to live somewhere with no sudden burst of greenery, no colorful explosion in the fall, or no occasional snowstorms in winter.

During August we continued to receive favorable comments about *The Groundhog*. The most typical comment is from someone from outside the Mentone area, who picked up a copy during a visit. "I read it from cover to cover," is the frequent remark. It needs to be repeated that subscriptions are not available because this would threaten MAPA's non-profit status. A donation to MAPA, or a membership in the organization is the only way the monthly issues can be mailed out of town. Merchants who purchase ads provide funds for publication and mailing of *The Groundhog*.

The Groundhog is an unusual venture in journalism. It is not a newspaper, not a magazine, not a newsletter. It is a publication. It is naturally impossible for us to cover those news items which a daily or weekly newspaper feature. Our task is to summarize, to develop features unique to our area and to MAPA's principles, and to the community interest.

While comments to this point have been largely favorable, we welcome suggestions for improvement, for special features, and for broadening our scope. The editor functions in association with an editorial board consisting of the MAPA directors and officers and the associate editor who also coordinates advertising. According to guidelines adopted by the MAPA membership, the editor shall make ongoing decisions, counselling as much as possible with the editorial board.

So we bid farewell to August. These have been some of the thoughts that rambled through our minds during those torrid days. August will return again next year, and we shall return to whatever anguish and joy our future August brings. But for this year, in her poem *Return*, Bernise Kenyon expresses it well:

Never return in August to what you love;
Along the leaves will be rust
And over the hedges dust,
And in the air vague silence burning ...
Choose some happier time for your returning.

Mountain Cookery

At Cragmere Manna we do not overcook our vegetables. We cook them on low heat. You simply cannot cook vegetables in a hurry. Sometimes I put salted pork in green beans, and I like to put sliced squash in with the beans the last thirty minutes they're cooking. Then I'll put some sliced onions on top of that, and let them finish cooking with the beans and squash.

Another thing I do is to cook broccoli, carrots, and squash together. The flavors will not blend if you use a steamer. Any time you boil vegetables, you're just boiling the flavor right out.

Two of my favorite recipes for fall are this sweet potato casserole and my baked ham recipe.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
½ stick margarine
1 tablespoon vanilla

Mix sweet potato with all other ingredients and pour into large casserole dish. Cover with the following mixture:

1 cup chopped pecans
½ stick margarine
1 cup brown sugar
¼ cup flour

Bake at 325 degrees approximately 20 minutes or until topping browns.

FIVE-STAR BAKED HAM

15-17 pound ham with no water added
1 can sliced pineapple
1 small jar mustard
brown sugar
cherries

Strip all skin and fat from ham. Pour juice from can of pineapple rings over ham. Coat with jar of mustard, then pack with one box of dark brown sugar.

Using toothpicks, secure pineapple rings onto ham. Cover with aluminum foil completely and bake 20 minutes per pound at 250 degrees.

Every hour pour off juice and then pour this juice back over ham to baste it. When ham is cooked, remove cover and add cherries with tooth picks. Pour off juice, skim off grease and strain about one cup of juice.

Mix with one cup of honey, ½ cup orange juice, and ¼ cup Coca Cola, 6 tablespoons brown sugar and baste to glaze at 500 degrees every five minutes until pineapple starts to brown. Again drain off excess juice and pour over ham after sliced.

— Randy Still,

Owner-Chef, Cragmere Manna

Families Of Mentone

the Blalocks

(third in a series)

Raymond David Blalock thinks that Blalocks have lived in Mentone for many years. Some are buried at Bankhead, at Little River Cemetery. His own grandfather was in the army and went out West when Mr. Blalock was two years old.

There were four girls and four boys in his family. Two brothers now live in Georgia, Taylor Floyd (Mack) and Joe. Three sisters are in Mentone: Mrs. Edith Lyday and the twins, Mrs. Stella Crow and Mrs. Edna Crow.

Miss Lillian Petty had wanted to be an architect, but Georgia Tech wouldn't admit young women students in the early twenties, so she taught school instead. She grew up close to Scottsboro and drove a horse and buggy to high school for herself and a sister. She taught at Collinsville and at the old Lookout School near Mentone. Mrs. Blalock went to Howard College in Birmingham one summer to renew her certificate.

Her teaching salary was about \$70 a month. Understandably, she was impressed when Mr. Ray Blalock showed up at a function at her school to raise money for drinking facilities and gave her a whole dollar donation. Four or five months later they were married, June 3, 1923, sixty years ago.

Sadly, they lost their first son, a junior, when he was only two days old. They built their first home, a little house, beside the present house. When the present house was built, the little one was taken to Fort Payne where it may still be standing.

Mr. Blalock comes from a long line of timber men, and that is the work he has been engaged in all of his life. He has worked all up and down Lookout Mountain, as far south as Collinsville. When their present home was built, he was busily saw-milling and says he never put a nail into it. Mrs. Blalock, with her architectural bent, did all of the drawings and supervision. He did have the roof line he had chosen re-built to satisfy him.

Mr. Blalock is a man of high principles, and his integrity shows in his face. He has been generous all of his life and proud of his independence. In his younger days he was a big fox hunter.

Mrs. Blalock is probably the consummate flower gardener in our area. She still treasures hyacinths

she brought from her home in Huntsville sixty years ago and the peonies Ray's grandmother gave her then. She laughs easily and is generous with her seeds and bulbs. In the old days Mr. Blalock's Uncle Joe could root roses simply by sticking cuttings in the ground. Lillian Blalock seems to have two similar green thumbs. She still enjoys working in her beautiful yard.

When asked what he had learned over the years that he might want to share, Mr. Blalock said, "Not to have too much and not to talk too much" — sound advice. He illustrated the kind of stock he came from with an anecdote about a favorite aunt who wrote verse.

One time she was summoned to be a witness in a law suit. On the stand she said, "If the truth be known, this affair is not worth a gentleman's notice." And the judge threw out the case.

Martin Blalock, the oldest son, is married to Jo Ann. They are parents of Janet and live in Menlo. Martin is a buyer for the sawmill there.

Willis is married to Josephine and they also have one daughter Lisa; Willis works in the Menlo yard, too.

The older daughter Gladys is married to William B. Crane in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. They have two sons, a junior and Taylor. Mr. Crane is an engineer for Hanes Mill.

Ann is Mrs. William Wright. Her husband recently retired from Dupont. They have three sons and a daughter. David has a daughter Melanie and is married to Rhonda. Mark and Russell are the other sons. Susan, Mrs. Sam Collins, is the popular manager of the White Elephant, and has three children, Chris, Garrett and Emily. Sam works in the family lumber business.

The youngest boy, Ovie, and Barbara have five children. Ovie is head of the mill in Menlo. Jimmy, of Silver Creek Band, is married to Gala and father of Duane, Brian and Kary. Leslie Blalock and Betty Ann have two daughters, Shannon and Ashley. Raymond is married to Becky and has one son Adam. Barbara and Ovie's other children are a daughter Bobby and a son Barry.

Herman Blalock is uncle to Bill and Dave; they are cousins to Raymond Blalock.

It is a privilege to be around Lillian and Ray Blalock. Fine ideals and excellence of character emanate from both of them. They are examples of the best Mentone has to offer.

— Jean McGehee

A Saint Is Restored

It is a long way from St. Francis of Assisi to the Morgadanes sisters and the July Groundhog Award. Nevertheless there are some interesting connections which are too tempting to resist.

Although he was never ordained a priest, Francis of Assisi is one of the foremost of history's religious figures. Born in Italy in 1182, he was of a wealthy background. At the age of 20 during the battle between Assisi and Perugia he was captured and for a year was a prisoner of war.

This led to much introspection which led to a conversion experience. He renounced his father's wealth, sold all of his property, and began the restoration of old churches, doing much of the work with his own hands. He became an ascetic, dressed in rags, worked with lepers, and pursued a life of total poverty.

Francis eventually founded the order of the Franciscans, held fast to his ideals, and became a symbol across the ages for communion with nature, practitioner of the poetic life, and advocate of simplicity. Most of us as children remember the many drawings of St. Francis preaching to the birds.

He died at the age of 45 and was canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. The example of his life and the lessons of his teachings, however, transcend any religious denominations and now reside in the acceptance of all religions.

When Jean and I bought the Morgadanes cabin and began the process of its restoration, we found a badly vandalized statue of St. Francis about four feet in height. It had been an object of devotion to Delores, Cecelia, and Angelina Morgadanes who built the cabin in the mid-forties.

Originally natives of Mexico, they lived in New Orleans where Delores was a member of the faculty of Tulane University. They also established Camp Laurel Deli on Little River. When the sisters became too elderly to spend summers there, the cabin began to deteriorate badly.

As I took walks from our house on the brow up toward the park, I admired the long lines of rhododendron along the side fences and bemoaned that certain of the logs were rotting. So we bought the cabin, moving it to a safer and more convenient spot on the lot. Our original intention was to rent it as an investment; then our infatuation became so great we decided to make it our home.

Bringing the cabin and the grounds back to life has been one of the happiest experiences of our lives. The Morgadaneses had landscaped well, but the years of vacancy and neglect had done their damage. They had planted grapes, apples, mountain laurel, azaleas, day lilies and roses.

We strove to save what we could of their legacy and facilitate our own landscaping and amateur architecture. Jean was determined to save the vandalized statue of St. Francis. First she turned it upright from its prone and humiliated position. Then she solidified its base. It looked so forlorn — headless and broken.

Whenever we were working elsewhere with cement, she would take any leftover batches and lovingly trowel or brush it back toward its original shape. When time came to do something about the head, we considered bringing in the talents of a friend who sculpts. But Jean had confidence and just at the appropriate time a styrofoam wig form came into play, something salvaged from her mother's attic. It was just the proper base for a restoration of Francis' features.

Now the statue stands, beyond one of our walkways, in its own enclave of ferns, near the corner of the garden where the Martin Luther apple tree is thriving. Sometimes an indigo bunting or chickadee languishes on his head or shoulder, as if waiting for a sermon. In the darkness it has its own quiet glow.

Sometimes when our German Shepherd Caesar goes on his rounds to that part of the grounds, sniffing for a mole or eyeing a squirrel, he seems to take heed to the spirit of the Franciscan grace. It is not exactly the kind of sculpture Michelangelo would have fashioned, but it is there, at its spot of earth.

When the MAPA committee gave the July Groundhog Award to the McGehee-Morgadanes cabin and grounds for the most improved place for the month, I was embarrassed, Jean was delighted, and Francis of Assisi stood there in his quiet place as though he had known all along it would happen.

Who among us has not at some time read or recited these familiar words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, may we not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, and in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen."

— CWM



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They Slept On Tables, They Got It Done



On July 4, 1979, ten days before the Log Cabin Deli opened for the first time, there was no Country Charm, the Chevron station was closed, the old hotel was defunct, the Mentone Inn was closed, and there were no shops such as Duncan's Country Store upstairs at the White Elephant.

Velendia Harris and Barbara Boyd, sisters, slept on tables, on the floor, and worked round the clock to ready the restaurant for opening. Barbara says, "We came in on a shoestring and all worked other jobs to meet the payroll."

There were no menus that first day, but business was great. They had not advertised — they simply opened the door and began taking orders. The health food inspector was their first customer. They had made one cake, expecting it to last at least a day; it was gone in an hour.

Velendia and Barbara were nine and almost three when their mother died. Household chores and mothering fell on Velendia. That the two are close today shows she did a good job. The girls grew up in Dalton and Ringgold, Georgia. When Velendia dated, Barbara came along, too, and when the older sister turned fourteen, she married.

Velendia has two sons, Phil and Spence. When they were two and four years old, she was divorced. It's possible for her to look back now and smile, but these were the years when she held down multiple jobs. Once there were four at a time — cashiering in a grocery store, making and selling dried flower arrangements all over Chattanooga, working in a stove foundry, and selling cosmetics.

It took one summer of Barbara's working in the stove foundry with Velendia to convince Barbara that she wanted to return to school. Since then, Velendia worked as an X-ray technician and a therapist for a doctor and later as a dental assistant.

It was Velendia's job selling real estate that brought her into contact with Mentone's Jack Jones. She sold a half million dollar tract in Dunlap, Tennessee, and Mr. Jones brought her here to help sell acreage in Little River Canyon on weekends.

Velendia fell in love with Cragmere, little knowing that one day she would briefly run a restaurant there, and of course, with the log cabin where the Yellow Deli had begun operation. A restaurant was the furthest thing from her mind then, though.

However, she telephoned Barbara, who had worked for seven years as a hairdresser in Chattanooga, and Lee Boyd, who was working as a welder. At first they helped Velendia and Bill Miracle on weekends and in their spare time to run the deli.

Velendia had gained "experience and insight" in working as a salesperson for a meat company in Chattanooga. She called on hotels, restaurants, and schools, and this is where she met Bill, a customer. Initially he volunteered his time with the deli.

Later, when the deli grew in business, the sisters decided it would be better if one couple ran it, so Velendia and Bill cast around for another business. They bought the store in Valley Head where for over fifty years Mr. Bell had run things with Mr. McNew handling the meat market. Last year they also opened Buffalo Bill's, an ice cream shop at Sequoyah.

Today Velendia and Bill can leave Miracle's Store and the Depot Restaurant (in the rear of the store) and take time off for fishing and water skiing, knowing that Richard Blevins and Velendia's son Phillip are taking good care of the business.

The Depot is a charming place, featuring Jimmy Frazier's mural and decorated to suit the railroading theme. Sandwiches are named things such as "Loose Caboose Hoagie" and "Box Car Reuben." Bill and Velendia feature a full line of fresh meats, sides of beef, and grind their beef several times a day. They will prepare and char-broil "the finest steak in this country" upon reservation-advance notice.

Barbara, too, held down two or three jobs at a time for a while, including deli work in Chattanooga. Now she loves running the Log Cabin Deli. She's especially proud that it will be featured in the November issue of *Southern Living*. She has enjoyed meeting people from all over the U. S. and devising new dishes such as the Chili Corn Pone. She uses the highest quality of meats and cheeses, homemade breads, and fresh soup stock.

Barbara is keeping her prices down so that anyone can afford to eat at the Log Cabin Deli. She enjoys her forty-nine acres at Sulphur Springs and her pets there. It's a long way from the stove foundry.

Miracle Of the Birds Heard at Garden Club

At the August meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club at the home of Rick and Betty Chapman, the speaker was Goldie Hawkins, member of the Fort Payne Mountain Laurel Garden Club. Speaking on the subject "The Miracle of the Birds," the speaker was introduced by Betty Johnson, vice president, who works with her at the Baptist Hospital in Fort Payne.

Mrs. Hawkins moved to Fort Payne from Gadsden in 1969 and is active in the Alabama Wildlife Society. She also serves as secretary of the Gem and Mineral Club.

Several books belonging to Mrs. Hawkins were passed around the group. She began her presentation by telling about birds evolving from reptiles some 150 million years ago. Birds still share qualities with snakes, like eggs and skeleton formations. Most of a bird's brain is made up of its eyes, and we see only a small portion of the eyes. Birds have an extra eyelid which acts like a windshield wiper during flight. Some hawks can see for a mile, their eyes are so powerful.

American Indians believed that leaves turned into birds and flew upward after having fallen to the ground. Robins live for about twelve years, hawks for about thirty to forty years, wild geese for eighty years, and eagles can live longer than 100 years.

Mrs. Hawkins makes a winter feed for birds that helps attract them to her feeders. She makes a paste of three cups of meal and one cup of flour and stirs it into five cups of boiling water. To this she adds one cup of sugar, one cup of peanut butter, one cup of raisins, and one cup of suet (to keep it from freezing).

As soon as the mixture turns loose from the pan, remove it from the heat. When it cools, cut into chunks to feed the birds.

The favorite food of birds is sunflower seeds. Mrs. Hawkins reminded club members that birds like a spray of water — showers as well as baths. Displaying a sense of humor, Mrs. Hawkins said that some areas are so poor that buzzards have to pack a picnic lunch before they fly over, but residents of the Mentone area are fortunate in living in a bird sanctuary where they may enjoy numerous varieties of birds year-round.

Mountain View Off the Press

Mountain View magazine, featuring "Entertainment and Enterprise" is now available in Mentone area businesses, announces editor H. Bruce Bon Fleur. The magazine is principally for tourists and visitors, but residents will find it enjoyable, too.

This issue features an oil painting of Mrs. Lula Bain on the cover as well as an inside-the-magazine photograph of her taken by Honey Glover. The magazine sells for \$1.

There are features of Alabama Band's Jeff Cook's Sound Studio, about a man who grows wildflowers commercially, of two ladies in Huntsville who operate Heritage Tours, and articles about entertainers Jamie Cooper and Jim Conner.

A special new feature is "Brow Bounty Catalogue," a sample of mail order products available in this area. This will be enlarged in future issues.

Bruce plans a "Fall Festivals" issue to come out in September, a harvest issue late in October, and a December issue just before the holidays.

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A Serious Subject, An Intelligent View



Few people like to think about death. Many have vague thoughts about their own funeral and burial arrangements.

Some want cremation and no viewing of the remains. One may want a formal, religious-based memorial service. Another states adamantly that he wants no service at all. Most Southerners, on the other hand, want traditional and somewhat elaborate funeral services, with viewing and open hours of visitation.

R. J. Burt, director of Burt-Whitmire Funeral Home, is receptive to the wide range of preferences in these matters.

Located in Valley Head just at the bottom of the mountain, Burt-Whitmire has constructed a stately, well-designed building, completed in 1982, and now serving in particular Valley Head, Mentone, Hammondville, Sulphur Springs, and the general surrounding area.

Two Mentone natives are members of the staff: Mrs. Ruth Kirby Sewell, musician, and Mrs. Lela Pullen, receptionist.

The chapel has a seating capacity of 140, with an adjoining family room that seats 40. The design is in exceptional taste, with a tone that is both modern and classic.

Mr. Burt is a graduate of Ft. Payne High, Jacksonville State, and the Kentucky College of Mortuary Science, class of 1965. He served as DeKalb County coroner for two years, but resigned because of pressure of his duties. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and for two years served on the board of the Alabama Funeral Directors Association. He is also on the board of directors of the Jefferson State Junior College of Mortuary Science.

He and Mrs. Burt, the former Runae Ingram, are parents of a son John and a daughter Kim.

This progressive mortician is well aware of the stress involved when death occurs, especially sudden death. Many decisions must be made. For this reason, and from the view of practicality, he stresses pre-planning.

Burt-Whitmire has a pre-payment plan, in which individuals may cover the cost of arrangements over a period of many months. On the other hand, Mr. Burt described a simple, no-payment-involved arrangement whereby individuals may visit his office and outline their desires. In such instances a general price is given which could vary over the years because of economic conditions.

"We are prepared and equipped to handle eye transplants," Mr. Burt says. "By special arrangements with the Alabama Anatomical Board in Birmingham, a helicopter will arrive within an hour. Other organ transplants are naturally more complicated. But here again, this involves pre-planning." He urges people of this area to give thought to these matters well in advance. Special forms are necessary for cremation.

Mr. Burt spoke of the changes in funeral practices across the years. Virtually gone are the days of an open casket in the living room with all-night wakes. Caskets now are generally closed during the service. Specified viewing hours are usually arranged. In this area cremation is a rarity. Memorial services without the remains are occasionally held.

Mr. Burt is part of a growing insistence throughout the nation that individuals should not wait until the last moment, when we are immersed in grief, to make these important decisions. We should not hesitate to discuss these plans with our family and minister.

For all its grimness, death provides an occasion for serious heart-searching and questioning about the meaning and joy of life itself.

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Mountain Greenery

Making money and saving expenses — how can they be related to 100 degree-plus weather and drought? It depends on how you look at it. Look at nature and people's ideas and the following ways, and learn, instead of looking for rain and cooler temperatures that we can't control.

Picture a beautiful vegetable garden, complete with beautiful tomato plants, fruit, okra, squash, beans, and fresh, tender corn.

Sounds great, doesn't it? I saw such a garden, Sunday, August 21, the same day temperature records were broken all over the area, plus a tremendous drought.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Cash have the example described above near their house. Mrs. Cash says that most of their success is largely due to organic gardening techniques which includes straw placed on the soil and planting with no plowing or a minimum of plowing. The straw insulates from heat and provides organic matter in the soil which enables it to retain much more moisture.

There are, of course, do's and don't's, but if you observe their garden and compare it to most others around, the money savings and other advantages will be obvious to you.

Trees as shade can lower the temperature substantially. If you don't believe it, look out and see

DeKalb County Tourist Association Report

In 1982 when the welcome center was a small trailer parked at the service station on I-59, we registered 17,169 tourists. This represented a 14.13 percent increase over 1981. We now have a beautiful two million dollar center and the response has been incredible. On a mid July Saturday 1,700 guests registered, and that only represents 10 percent of the visitors for that day because many people do not take the time to sign the guest book. Brochures have been given out in record numbers and the staff under the management of Mrs. Pat Shippey is doing a terrific job.

where your friendly neighborhood cow is standing in this heat. You might look at possibly planting trees around your home for shade. Do not forget your garden and plant trees too close. Trees have far-reaching root systems and this is an ideal time to observe how far out they sap other plants. Large trees also produce an acid-leaching in the soil that must be corrected by adding lime to the soil. Acid soil is easily detected by the presence of wild moss instead of grass in these areas.

Use your head and look at new possibilities!
— L. A. Smith, Agri-business teacher, VHHS
(In this regular feature, Mr. Smith will answer questions submitted by readers).

The tourist industry does not have the requirements such as utilities, transportation and educational facilities that must be provided to attract most industries. It is not a polluting or waste-producing industry. When the tourist leaves, all he leaves behind are his dollars. It takes everyone working together to promote our area and attract people to come. There is no doubt that we have an abundance of the things that appeal to tourists. Nature has bestowed a spectacular array of scenic wonders on DeKalb County, caverns, canyons, mountains, falls and rivers, all enveloped in a gentle climate. And the people are the friendliest in the state. We must gear up for the New Orleans World Fair when over 3 million tourists are expected to travel through our Alabama the Beautiful.

An event that is closer at hand than the fair is the Fall Color Festival to be held October 15 and 16 at Canyonland Park. This event, sponsored by the DCTA, will include art exhibits, antique car exhibits, a spook house, zoo, chair lift, picnics, and music under the brilliant autumn skies. All interested parties are encouraged to call the Association office 845-3957 for further information. In the meantime, call Uncle Harry and invite him to display that 1952 Packard, urge Grandmother to exhibit in the senior citizens section of art and crafts, and bring the entire family for a picnic and a scary tour through the ghostly spook house.

— Sandra Padgett, Pres., DCTA

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SPLITS: Called at half way mark - Water available on course.
ORGANIZED BY: All proceeds go toward the goals of the Mentone Preservation Area Association, an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other unique qualities of the Mentone area.

Entrants will be enchanted by the scenic course of this four-mile run, which begins at historic Hotel Square, continues down DeSoto Parkway underneath overhanging autumnal splendor of dogwood, redbud, oak, and maple, then circles at the DeSoto Falls turn off and returns past Windward Inn, St. Joseph's - on - the - Mountain and returns to the starting point at the Hitching Post.

The Groundhog Classic will cap off the fall "Colorfest" in the Mentone area. The weekend will begin with Ghost Story Telling, a Pumpkin Carving Contest and a Harvest Ball on Saturday night.

Mentone is located on Lookout Mountain, halfway between Chattanooga and Gadsden, on highway 117. There are exits on I-59 north and south. Follow 117 through Hammondville, Valley Head, and up the mountain. From the east, Mentone can be reached through Lafayette or Summerville, Georgia, through Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone.

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Linda Brown: An Example For Us All

(Continued From Front Cover)

tain Manor Nursing Home, where she coordinates the arts and crafts activities.

Foremost of her activities is president of the annual Mentone Crafts Festival, which begins its eighth year in 1984. After a busy engagement as one of the founders, and serving as secretary until 1980, she was elected president and is notably responsible for its increasing success from year to year.

Linda was born in Adamsburg, attending elementary school there. Her family, the Cochran, moved to Valley Head. After graduating from Valley Head High School, she attended Northeast Alabama State Junior College.

She became a Mentone citizen by virtue of marrying into one of its prominent families. Her husband is C. Robert "Bobby" Brown, who holds the highly responsible position of Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations for the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative.

They are parents of three children, all of whom are now grown and live in the Mentone area: Gayle, Charles and Carol.

Linda is justifiably proud of the progress of the Crafts Festival. "Every year it has improved," she says. "We plan to continue the fair as long as there is interest in arts and crafts. We started at a good time. There is competition from many other similar projects. But we think our steadily improving quality will cause us to survive a long time."

Most of all she has good feelings about the manner in which the entire community is participating in the Crafts Festival. "Just about every organization in town is involved in some way." When asked about the greatest needs for this annual event, she instantly

said, "More parking space. We've got to work this out. We're restricted to some extent until the parking situation is improved. As for the space for exhibitors, we cleared some additional space at the park this



year, and we have permission from one of the property owners to allow us to see some extra space."

The *Groundhog* interviewer then turned to Linda Brown's views about her home town. How would she like Mentone to be in 25 years?

"Basically the same — the same friendliness with which people help each other. I'd like to see the old buildings restored, and our concept of outdoor living maintained. I don't want to see a rat race."

"Are you afraid we will become another Gatlinburg or Helen, Georgia?"

"I have no fears about that. A main reason is that lack of land prevents abnormal growth. In downtown Mentone there is just not enough land that could be purchased for abnormal expansion. It's a little different further down the highway, but I'm not worried about that."

"What do you think we need most?"

"We are growing. There's no doubt about that. So far, I think, it has been a good growth. But because of growth we definitely need to improve our police protection, water department, and the condition of our streets. We just need better facilities to take care of our people."

There was feeling in her voice when she moved to other needs. "There are really no recreational facilities for our young people. They just have no place to go, nothing really to do with their spare time. Something needs to be done about this — with some kind of community center, playground facilities. There also needs to be someplace downtown where retired men can gather, play checkers and talk, particularly in the winter."

There was a ring of validity to these comments from a person who has served on the town council, who is at the heart of the life of the town, who is doing something about the things she believes in so strongly.

Diane Taylor, administrator of Mountain Manor Nursing Home where Linda is a volunteer, says: "This type of volunteer work is very special. The patients love her. We always can depend on Linda. In addition to the special activities she coordinates she is always willing to come in for extra duties. Linda is a very dedicated person."

Mrs. Catherine Bailey, city clerk, who observed Linda Brown during some six years of service on the council, said: "You could always count on Linda to do what she set out to do. She is a very capable and thorough worker."

Linda's minister, the Reverend Brian Wyatt, has a similar comment: "She has energetic ability to keep things moving. She's involved and alert to what is going on. She has strong leadership qualities. She thinks deeply, is a wonderful overall person and is deeply committed to our church."

In addition to her community, civic and church activities Linda Brown has domestic qualities. As an excellent seamstress, she makes most of her own clothing and some of her daughters'.

The final question of the *Groundhog* interviewer was routine and relevant: "What do you like best about Mentone?"

There was no hesitancy about her reply. "The basic goodness of the people — especially those who have always lived here. They are friendly, helpful, and they respect your privacy. We have our differences, like those of any big family. But the people are good and that's what makes the town good."

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Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Sept. 3, 4, 5 — Canyon Land Park Battle of the Bands.

Tuesday, Sept. 6 — 7 p.m. — MAPA meets at Mentone Springs Hotel to vote new goals. Homer Crow, director.

7 p.m. — Rescue Squad meeting at American Legion Hall annex. Larry Gray, captain.

Monday, Sept. 12 — 6 p.m. — City Council meets, City Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 — 10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at Nippersink. Helen Hill, president.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 — 10 a.m. — Bookmobile at City Hall.

Thursday, Sept. 15 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Department at Fire Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 — Deadline for Groundhog copy for October issue.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 — 10 a.m. — Bookmobile at City Hall.



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drumming of a proud grouse,
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