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There's Gold On The Mountain

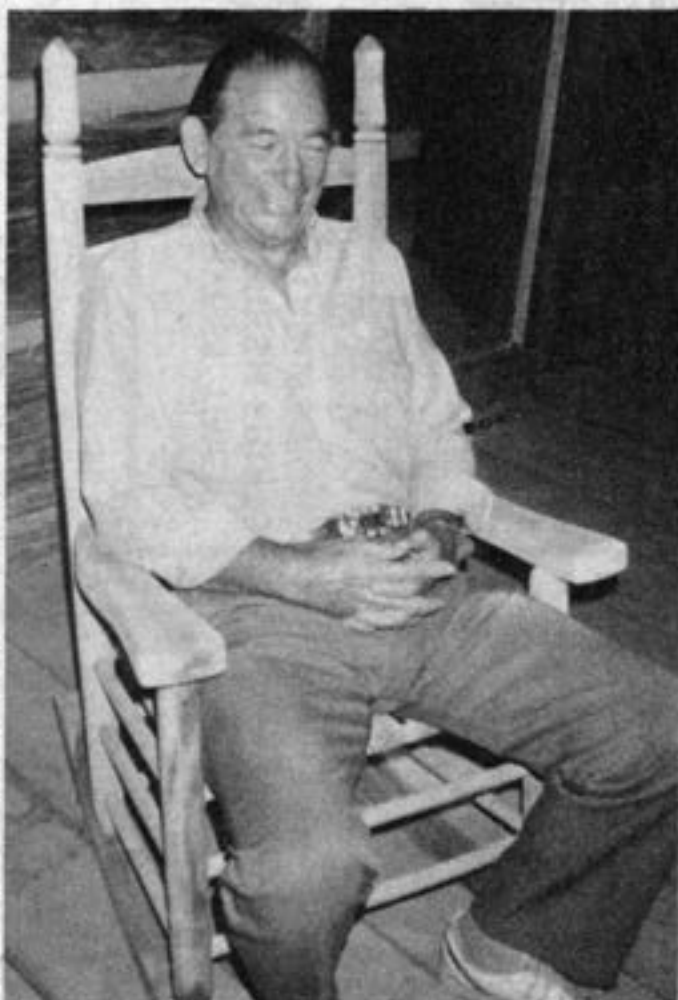
Jack Jones likes to sit at a blazing campfire and tell of the gold — the real gold — that's found here on the mountain. The camp kids sit wide-eyed and enthralled as he tells of those who came here over the years looking for gold in the form of material riches — whether it be buried treasure, the black gold known as coal, the land and structures or the businessmen who have tried to strike it rich.

Then he tells of the true worth of the mountain, the "gold," the people. "These independent, honest and caring people make this area the richest in the world," he says, and when he's finished, each child is a believer.

Jack is a believer, too, a man who loves the wild and free spirit of the wooded hills and wide valleys, cool river and shaded paths, green pastures and mammoth rocks of one of the most beautiful places in this country.

Jack's first personal experience with this mountain took place when he was but eight years old. Mr. Summers and Mr. Abley, the owners of Cloudmont Camp for Boys, lived in the same neighborhood as Jack's family. Jack's father, an attorney in Miami, Florida sent Jack and his brother to Camp there one summer: "I remember being picked up in Miami in a bus that sputtered and wheezed to the top of the mountain at Cloudland, then slid into a ditch and died. Mr. Summers said we would hike the rest of the way, and after spending the night in a farmhouse on the journey, we finally got to the camp late the next day. I fell in love with the area, but my brother would never come to camp again."

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Colorfest: Family Fun Time

The 1987 October Colorfest will begin with ghost story telling around a bonfire on the lot adjacent to the Mentone Inn on Friday, Oct. 16, at dusk. A marshmallow roast will follow the bonfire and ghost stories.

On Saturday morning at nine, a Fun Run of one mile will precede the Groundhog Classic Run V (See story elsewhere). Other events taking place during the day Saturday and on Sunday afternoon include boat rides on Little River arranged by Homer Crow; hay rides, courtesy of Ed Jones; craft booths directed by Shurleen Froehler assisted by Reba McKelvey; food booths in charge of Dorothy Crow; and clogging.

The personable and talented Tony Goggans will be master of ceremonies for the weekend. Special German food will be available at the Log Cabin Deli. Lynn Castleberry is in charge of a Halloween costume contest for school children; prizes will be awarded at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. Maggie Cordell's beautiful star quilt will be presented to the lucky ticket holder on Sunday afternoon at four.

Bernise Crow is general chairperson for the weekend, assisted by Shurleen Froehler. Committee members include Maggie Cordell, Harrell Jenkins and Jean McGehee. Special thanks go to Bobby Brown for helping with the street banner and to MAPA's associate director Ray Froehler for his behind-the-scenes hauling of corn stalks, hay and platforms. There will be fun for all ages and plenty of good food. Come to the October Colorfest!

Label Drive At Valley Head School

Students at Valley Head School are currently conducting a label collection drive that promises to deliver valuable educational equipment. As part of a program called Labels for Education, Campbell Soup Company is offering free equipment to schools in exchange for labels from the company's products.

According to Kathy Boyd, schools may redeem the labels for free audio/visual equipment, athletic equipment, reference books and teaching aids.

We know we have many friends in the community who will want to help. They can do so by saving the Campbell's labels and giving them to our students or simply drop them off at the Triangle.

In Memoriam

MARY LAWS WIEGAND
(See Mountain Watch, page 2)

Linda Frith Honored



Linda Owens Frith, a Rainsville native who has chosen Mentone as her home, has been named Agent of the Month for the State of Alabama by ALFA, one of the largest insurance companies in the country.

She was presented the plaque on Aug. 18 and it was well-deserved, for she has served ALFA (formerly Farm Bureau) for 26 years.

She recently transferred to Etowah County where her office is at 104 Meighan Blvd., Gadsden, Alabama.

This has been a banner year for Linda, for she became Mrs. Greg Frith this summer. She and Greg own the beautifully-restored Hanging Cottage which is one of the loveliest and most unique structures in Mentone.

Lend Me Your Ears

Are you an artist, musician, crafts person, author or just a fan and supporter of the above? Would you like to form a society to promote the arts in our area, and to exchange ideas and philosophy?

Then contact Mickey Strickland at 634-4198 or write P. O. Box 242-A, Mentone, Ala. 35984.



Groundhog Classic Run

This year will be the fifth year for the Groundhog Classic Run and the Fun Run that precedes it. The latter begins at 9:00 Saturday morning, Oct. 17. The main event takes place at 9:30, directed by Larry Hooks and Mark Pickle of Camp Skyline Ranch and by Polly Cameron of Saddle Rock Camp.

Among Mentone residents who have run in either run in past years are Bret Browder, Bert Carson, Jean Elrod, Rob Hammond; Zach, Josh, Gay and Ron Godbois; Donny Guinn; Melanie and Flynt Purvis; Jim Crow, Crystal Coats, Toy O'Ferrell and L. M. Flannigan.

Runners who have come from the farthest distances have been Sue Koriath of Dallas, Texas and Glenn Sommer of Phoenix, Arizona. Traditionally runners come from DeKalb County, Huntsville, Scottsboro, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Atlanta. Small towns are represented from Alabama and neighboring states.

Best men's record was set by John McCartney, who formerly worked for Central Soya. He had been a member of the University of Georgia track team. His time was 21:17 in 1983 for the 4.2 mile course which is from the Hitching Post to the turn-off to the Falls.

Best record for women was set by Carolyn Melson of Trussville in 1984 at 26:47. Carolyn's time in 1983 was 27:53 and in 1986 it was 29:11. Assisting in timing is Coach George Bedwell of Berry College, Rome, Georgia. Bedwell is also once again ordering the popular T-shirts given to all registrants. This year's shirt will again feature a drawing by Ken Pennington. Brent Craig, owner-manager of DeSoto Athletic, has given jackets for the top man and woman runners.

The sponsors who make the run possible include The Log Cabin Deli, The Gourdie Shop, Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort, Crow's Nest Antiques, Mentone Superette, Cragmere Manna Restaurant, Stateline Country Store, Lookout Mountain Camping Association, Mentone Inn, White Elephant Galleries, Morgan Drugs, WQRX, Citizens Bank, Cooper-Lee Appliance and TV, Mentone Realty, Cloudland Trade Center and Whatley's General Store and Service. Jean McGehee arranged for the sponsors. Their names will appear on the back of the T-shirts.

In addition, the Mentone Superette gives paper bags to hold the runners' shirts and cards; Stateline Country Store donates Gatorade for the runners, and Ruby's Variety gives the paper cups.

Moon Lake Auction

The Moon Lake P.T.A. will hold an auction at the Octoberfest of donated items to raise money for the Harvest Festival.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Kathy Disney at 634-4510.

If you have anything to contribute, please take it to the school.

Most of the items are new, and raffle tickets will be sold before the auction, then the rest of the items will be auctioned off on the square next to the Mentone Inn.

M.A.P.A. MEETING
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
at the Mentone Springs Hotel
Speaker: Amon Wilkes, Dietician
Baptist Medical Center, Fort Payne
Everyone Welcome! Refreshments Served

Wilkes Speaks To MAPA In October

Speaker for the October 6th meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association will be Amon Wilkes, dietician for Baptist Medical Center, DeKalb County. Mr. Wilkes will speak on various special diets and answer questions from those present. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Popular weather forecaster for Channel 31, WAAY, in Huntsville, Gary Dobbs, will be the speaker for the November MAPA meeting, according to Director Bill Riedesel.

Dr. Susan Heape Speaks On Stress

Dr. Susan Heape, practicing psychologist in Fort Payne and a resident of Mentone, spoke on "Stress" to the September first MAPA meeting. Dr. Heape, whose office is over the old hardware building in the center of Fort Payne, spoke of her most stressful year by way of introduction to her subject.

In 1979, she was forced to speed up her dissertation, move to Alabama, buy and sell a house and car. That same year her brother committed suicide and she married. These events were all quite stressful.

Hans Selye said, "If you don't have stress, you're dead." Dr. Heape stated that it depends on what one does with stress. It always occurs "when we have to adapt to life." Not all stress is bad, but if negative stress is unrelieved, it can lead to psychosomatic illness, out-of-control situations, and even have a domino effect.

Suggestions Dr. Heape gave for treating stress were exercise, meditation or prayer, relaxation and the simple act of organizing by making lists, seeking social support, and the necessity to recognize and accept one's limitations.

She offered the "ABCs" of thinking about stressful events: Activity leads to Belief, and thence to Consequence. She demonstrated a relaxation technique to the thirty-six MAPA members and guests who heard her talk. Dr. Heape is a licensed hypnotist. She is available for group and individual counseling.

New Deli Owner Collette Forester



Collette Forester has lived from South Dakota to Michigan, but nowhere has she felt more at home than in Mentone. "I felt this was a special place the first time I ever saw it," she said, "and I feel I have come home to stay."

Collette and her husband own a hunting lodge in South Dakota where "the wind can whip up a blizzard in a matter of minutes." Most of her customers were from the South, and she was struck by how friendly and hospitable they were. She visited the area, purchased a home in Fort Payne, then bought Little River property and had a cabin constructed.

Collette had been in the restaurant business for many years, and brings a lot of practical knowledge and experience to the Log Cabin Deli, which she purchased just a little over a month ago. "I was one of the first customers when it was the Yellow Deli, and when I found it was for sale, I knew I had to own it."

She has done some beautiful redecorating, and the cabin has a warm, homey feeling that is unlike any other in the area. The fireplace is decorated with country items, and the windows hang in ruffles and bows.

Collette plans to keep basically the same menu, with a few personal changes. She will begin in the near future to have regular specials each week, and they will be advertised. "I love the tourists who come here and dine with us, but I also want to get to know all the local people and to have them make the deli their home away from home. I have a wonderful crew, and feel they really are dedicated to the cabin and the hospitality it stands for."

From the Editor...

by Mickey Strickland

In the early part of my life, I held the opinion that each child came into being as a blank book into which the world wrote the story of a life. I felt one did not have much control over circumstances and that environmental influences were the only important considerations — behavior was shaped according to the mold into which the child was forced, and for every action or attitude there was an external reason.

As I grew older, and upon having more opportunities for personal communication and observation, I began to believe that heredity played the paramount role in the development of the total person. I allowed that an individual had little control over the kind of person he or she was to be and only in the areas of discipline and reaction could we have input into who we were or would ever be. The child was a book all right, but largely already composed and set in script at birth.

Then as the years went by, and the study of the behavior of others turned to bemused introspection of the inconsistencies and anomalies in my own life, my perception of the world around me and my role in it developed another theory about the existence of man.

I began to look from the inside out, rather than the other way around, and this is truly a room with a view. The book that is the essence of all the child is ever to be is not blank nor is it filled. It is divided into chapters but they are not set in stone. There is a plan for each life, a framework of growth and development that if adhered to and worked with will form the basis for the meaning of existence. The responsibility of man is to ascertain the plan for each moment and to expand upon that place in time to make one's actions and reactions relate to it and to grow from it.

If we choose not to take each page in turn, to disregard that which is right for us as individuals and in relation to others, we rewrite and alter forever what we were meant to be and do. And we must face those decisions, some way — some day.

Someone said, "Life is a circle — and that is the anguish of man." That is also the hope of man.

M.A.P.A. Meeting

The September first MAPA meeting was held at the Mentone Springs Hotel and began at 7:07 p.m. Director Bill Riedesel appointed Amelia Brooks chairperson to investigate particulars of establishing an asphalt bike trail from The Hitching Post to the Post Office.

Speaker was Dr. Susan Heape, psychologist, resident of Mentone, whose office is in Fort Payne (See story elsewhere).

— Condensed from the minutes of Jean McGehee, Secretary

LETTER OF THANKS

Mother always taught us that if you have friends and family who care — you are richer than any millionaire. We realize what she was saying the night of the benefit that was held for us.

The family of Robert and Jewell Collins would like to thank the Mentone community for their support in a time when we needed them most.

Special thanks goes to Gail Crider for the time and energy she put into making the benefit a success.

We would also like to thank Sandra Padgug for the donation of the Mentone Springs Hotel where the benefit was held.

Also the area merchants and shopkeepers in and around Mentone and Georgia for the food donations and door prizes.

We thank the band members for the wonderful music and singing that was provided — Lloyd McSpadden, Tony Blalock, Troy Brown and Jimmy Cameron. Also Dowe Clifton and Kim Cash for the zany entertainment.

The list could go on and on, but we could not begin to thank everyone. So, we will just thank everyone at once. We are proud to be a member of the Mentone community. To us, you will always be the community that cares.

Thank you, Mentone citizens,
Robert, Jewell, Shuley and Robby Collins

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Local Firm Announces

Annual

Heart Of Gold Award

David Brouwer, the local representative with Edward D. Jones & Co., a St. Louis-based financial services firm, today announced the kick off of the local Edward D. Jones, Sr. Heart of Gold Award. This award will honor an individual who has dedicated his or her time and energy to helping those less fortunate than him or herself.

"There are people in our community who have built their lives around helping others. Unfortunately, these people often go unrecognized. The Edward D. Jones, Sr. Heart of Gold Award recognizes these unsung heroes, and I hope anyone knowing such a person will take the time to nominate him or her for this honor," Brouwer said.

Nominations for the Heart of Gold Award can be made by filling out a brief form available at the local Edward D. Jones & Co. office located at 201 Grand Ave. N. or at the DeKalb County Public Library and the RSVP. There will also be a booth at the VFW fair for Edward D. Jones & Co. Nominations must be made by Oct. 30.

A panel of judges consisting of community members yet to be named will select the local Heart of Gold winner on Nov. 16. His or she will receive an engraved plaque and a certificate for two steak dinners from Western Sizzlin' Fort Payne's winner, along with candidates from other communities throughout the nation, will then be eligible for the National Edward D. Jones, Sr. Heart of Gold Award. The winner of the national award, who will be announced in February of 1988, will receive a \$5,000 donation to his or her favorite charity and tickets for an all-expense-paid, week-long vacation for two in Key West, Fla. Each of the 10 runners-up will receive a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice.

Last year's recipient of the Edward D. Jones, Sr. Local Heart of Gold Award was Mr. Bill Fritz. The National Heart of Gold winner was Mrs. Mariene Giordano of Shelbyville, Ind. Mrs. Giordano and her husband mortgaged their home to start an agency, headed by Mrs. Giordano, which now serves 16 counties and which has counseled approximately 60,000 school-age children on drug and alcohol abuse. The parents of live natural children, the Giordanos serve as foster parents for live additional children, several of which they have legally adopted.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to John Paul Vardon and LeAnne Haney who were united in marriage on Sept. 17, 1987. The couple now resides in Cloudland where they are constructing a log home. John Paul is employed by Family Home Developers of Mentone, Ala.

MOUNTAIN WATCH

by CHARLES WHITE MCGEE

Mary Wiegand was a very special person for me. Around 1946 she handled ticket sales and publicity for the Birmingham Music Club Concert Series. I was Continuity Director for radio station WSGN. When a concert was upcoming she would call to tell me that she was sending promotional material about the artist. I wrote the radio promotional spots and made certain they were broadcast.

In turn she sent me a pair of tickets for the concert. This made it possible for me to hear literally the outstanding artists of the time — ranging from Herbie and Horowitz, to the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. That extra ticket in view of the fact that I was a note at the time, made possible some interesting friendships.

A lifetime lover of music, she sang in the choir of the Church of the Advent. Her husband Carl was quite influential politically, serving as Alabama State Administrator of the Federal Housing Authority.

Mary's parents, the Percy Laws, built a summer cottage on Little River just across from Skyline Camp. They eventually retired here, as did Mary and Carl around 1950. They expanded the cottage into a magnificent stone residence, with stunning landscaping leading down to the river. Carl opened a real estate office and was active in civic affairs.

Mary became quite active in the Christian Science Church. For a number of years she served as reader for the Rome, Georgia, group, driving to Rome for the services on Sunday morning. She was an active member of the Valley Head Woman's Club and was an involved bridge player.

In 1964 Jean and I were living in Jacksonville, Florida. When we decided to build our house on the brow behind the old hotel, Leonard Shigley was builder and Carl Wiegand agreed to serve as our representative, handling finances and those last-minute tedious decisions. It was an act of friendship.

In Birmingham Mary was member of the Amaranth Club. The name Amaranth springs from a Greek word meaning "unfading." She retained her membership after moving to Mentone. Ed and Gerri Disney, owners of Nippersink, moved into Mary's guest house and were of invaluable companionship to her during these last few years. Gerri joined Amaranth, driving Mary to meetings in Birmingham.

Last October Mary and Gerri hosted the Amaranth meeting at Nippersink. Mary invited me to speak at the meeting, which I did, impressed by the club's objective of encouraging intellectual development and strengthening individual effort.

It was a heartwarming experience at Nippersink to see Mary in the midst of those long-time friends who loved her so much. As so often is the case, I did not see Mary as often as I should during these past few years — but we talked by phone and knew each other was there.

Mary died Saturday, Sept. 5, 1987, quite peacefully with her friends the Disneys present. In keeping with her Christian Science belief that what we consider death is really "passing on" and that the individual life is reconstructible, she requested no service, cremation, and a desire that her ashes be placed besides Carl's at Spring Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Around 1979 Scott Holleman and I were clearing a path to the small barn he and Ron Goebos were building to serve as a writing place for me and a storage center for Jean's garden tools. Just to the left of the path was a small white pine, only a few inches tall.

Jean and I were still living on the brow. Nadine Jennings had brought some white pines from Virginia which she planted in her yard. We fell in love with white pines, bought several from nurseries and planted them at the brow house, which now thrive.

A bird or a strong wind must have carried a seed from the brow to the spot beside our path. After we moved to the Morgadanes' cabin we began a landscaping plan. On the front lawn a certain spot called out for a white pine. We remembered the little tree beside the barn path and moved it carefully to our lawn.

We tended it carefully with plant food and water. Proudly we watched it grow. By 1985 it had reached a graceful height of six feet when that heavy ice storm came in January. The weight of the ice and snow caused it to topple to the ground, a pitiful sight. After the thaw Jean carefully replanted it, bracing it with ropes and stakes.

Again there was joy as it continued its growth. Its trunk was shock and straight, reminding me of reading that white pine trunks were usually transformed into masts for the sailing ships. Winter calendars and holiday cards often feature snow-clad white pines alongside a neat, steeped church.

Then tragedy struck, this summer's horrible drought. A few needles turned from green to brown. Then more. We sneaked a few waterings, but there was nothing we could do to save this treasure. Jean finally sawed it down and dragged it to its final resting place on our property across the road.

It was like the death of a pet, for whom one develops a personal relationship. In the midst of our mourning we placed an order for another white pine from the Green brothers. But it will never be an adequate replacement. This particular white pine had assumed a personality, a uniqueness that could never be repeated.

Benny Goss:

They are available!

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Reflections Of Two First Year Mentoneans

After spending the past year or so in Mentone and devoting much of our time to restoring the Hanging Cottage, we would like to share some of our reflections. For example, we have enjoyed:

- sitting on the back porch of Bill and Janice Allgood's home, visiting about the area's history;
- the cool summer evenings accompanied by refreshing breaths of mountain air;
- long walks in the morning air, enjoying the shaded, single laned roads, and the enclosed, private sorts of feelings;
- getting married on the "wedding deck" we constructed on the brow;
- sharing our home with friends, both local and from around the state;
- sitting on the porch at the Deli, visiting with tourists and sharing some local flavor;
- stopping at Lightning's to get some advice about most anything;
- attending MAPA meetings and observing a sincere love for the area;
- being continually amazed at the wide range of people who call Mentone home, including such an array of ethnic, cultural, religious, and artistic values;
- the ever-changing view from our porches, especially in the early mornings, late evenings, and during stormy weather;
- periodic visits to the Mentone Springs Hotel;
- Halloween parties hosted by Ray and Sandra Padgett at the old hotel;
- reading **THE GROUNDHOG**, especially about local personalities;
- reading anything written by the McGeehees or Mickey Strickland;
- hosting a "Big 40" party for Barbara Turner;
- listening to Tony Goggans sing, anything anywhere... especially "Christmas in Mentone" and "After the Loving";
- visiting Susan Heape at her lovely home, the Joyful Noise, at DeSoto Falls;
- browsing at the White Elephant, the Hitching Post, and the other antique shops;
- savoring the beauty of local wildflowers, especially those cultivated by Homer and Bernise Crow;

- sitting on the back porch and watching the trains go through Valley Head;
 - running to the Hardware Store, getting advice and general philosophy from Ellis;
 - admiring the ever-expanding range of Gourdie's created by Sharron Barron;
 - visiting anyone who lives on Little River, especially the Skeltons and Meadows;
 - having breakfast at the Rock Castle;
 - eating anything at the Deli, especially peach cobbler and ice cream;
 - admiring the diversity of rock work that abounds;
 - thinking repeatedly that Don Seal deserves an honorary Ph.D. in home restoration;
 - eating chicken teriyaki at Cragmere;
 - watching China climb the tree behind Cragmere;
 - enjoying fall hikes in the woods, especially around Little River Canyon;
 - appreciating the fine quilts made by Mountain Maggie;
 - hugging Zora Strayhorn and hoping we can grow old as enthusiastically;
 - admiring the pottery of David Mays and Darlene Keith;
 - enjoying the beautiful grounds of the Mentone Inn;
 - listening to Charles and Jean McGehee talk intelligently about anything, especially New York City;
 - visiting Nippersink and chatting with any of the Disney crowd;
 - becoming a believer in water-witching after a good lesson from Railroad;
 - conversing with Miles Allgood about the country's ills and cures;
 - attending the seasonal festivities, especially the summer craft show;
 - constantly discovering new homes with unique features;
 - appreciating Frank Purvis and Art Harris for helping us acquire the Hanging Cottage;
 - Randy Still singing El Vira and Annie singing Georgia.
- Greg and Linda Frith
Hanging Cottage

DeKalb County Agricultural Fair

The DeKalb County Post 3128 V.F.W. made up of overseas veterans from all of DeKalb County, is proud to sponsor this 32nd annual fair. We, the VFW appreciate the fine cooperation we have received in the past from the County Extension Service Staff, Agricultural teachers, Home Economic Teachers, other Agricultural workers, DeKalb County business men, City of Fort Payne, Board of Education, and numerous other groups and individuals that have helped to make our previous fairs a success. We earnestly solicit this type of cooperation this year.

The V.F.W. is a member of the Association of Alabama Fairs. The V.F.W. is a non-profit organization.

Our fair is recognized by the Alabama Department of Agricultural Center Board.

Through an enabling act passed by the 1969 Legislature, the Alabama Department of Agricultural Center Board are Co-Sponsors of the fairs of Alabama and pay a portion of the premiums, prizes and awards given by Alabama Fairs.

Registration for Divisions 1-8 will begin Thursday, Oct. 1; NOTE: Deadline for Registration of Division 1-8, 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3; Deadline for completion of booth 12:00 Noon Saturday, Oct. 3; Registration for Divisions 10-35 will begin Saturday, Oct. 3, 8:00 a.m.; NOTE: Deadline for registration of Division 10-35, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

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By Bernise Crow

Many of us study faces of people to read signs of love, anger, joy, fear, etc. This is a favorite pastime of mine. But to me, a person's hands are very expressive, too.

There are strong hands, weak ones, fat ones, large ones, small ones, long-fingered ones and pudgy ones. One always thinks of the musician as having long, tapered fingers loaded with talent. Also, the harpist, violinist, pianist and on and on. But some short, pudgy-fingered people study and play just as well. They just work harder to accomplish the art.

I admire the hands of an artist who blesses the world with brush strokes on canvas. We have our own Jimmy Frazier who is as great as any nationally-known artist. He has great natural talent. Those who study for years under learned tutors have acquired talent.

There are the loving hands of mothers, very sensitive to the needs of her family. Those lovely hands rock the cradle, prepare the food, do the laundry, make the beds, sew and mend. They scrub the bathrooms, do the dishes, floors and windows. It has been said that "the hands that rock the cradle rule the world." To some degree, it's true. For without a loving mother to guide, we would never have had a George Washington or a Benjamin Franklin.

Worn hands speak to me of honesty, devotion and love of accomplishment. When I shake hands with someone, I observe the firmness of the handshake and may misjudge. I detest someone's handshake that is a "fishy" shake. Then I don't want a shake that is lingering — it speaks of too much mushiness. Give me a firm, warm quick handshake.

In these days of computerized, high-tech, mechanized things, hands have lost some jobs, but machines can never replace the personal touch. The beauty of a piece of well-made, hand-finished furniture can never be replaced.

There are the strong hands of farmers, roughened and grimy from tilling the soil. There are the tender hands of a surgeon, whose fingers must be trained to wield the knife with surety.

There are the hands of field hands, mill hands, miners, timber workers, ditch diggers. There are hands to repair electric wires, telephones, to build houses, raze houses; hands to pump gas, pick up garbage, carry the mail, deliver the milk and the packages, shine shoes, refinish furniture. There are the hands of roofers, painters, sailors, door keepers, cab drivers, nail drivers and the list goes on.

There must be hands to do the dirty jobs, and they get no prize for this. So when I'm introduced to people and observe hands, the rough, time-worn hands are the ones I admire.

Be glad you have hands to work, to write, to paint, to sculpt — and to pick up the garbage.

Going Out Of Business Sale

Mountain Breeze Antiques is going to have a big going out of business sale all of September. Lynn Castleberry is going to concentrate on her art and will have a studio upstairs at the Hitching Post. Visit her there in the upper branches of the Crow's Nest beginning in October. Many have been wondering just how to get those lovely detailed drawings of Lynn's. She will also do commission work and have lots of prints on hand for selection.

The Mentone Springs Hotel



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(Catering available upon request)

Jack Jones From Front Cover



When Jack was eleven, he told Mr. Summers and Mr. Abley that he would own the camp some day. Jack came every year after that, most of the season spent in working his way, until he was a senior member of the staff.

Jack put himself through college after his father died by catching snakes and frogs for Ross Allen, noted herpetologist, who supervised the nature program at Cloudmont. Mr. Allen owned and operated the Florida Reptile Institute where he milked snakes for their venom which was used as an anti-coagulant. Jack also caught frogs to feed the snakes. The Institute had a big contract with the government at that time to provide venom.

Mr. Allen offered Jack the position as his assistant, but Jack declined the offer and joined the Air Force instead. He spent the war working in rehabilitation.

Jack worked at various hospitals in rehab. His programs were innovative and together with Dr. Howard Rusk and Dr. Donald Covald, he laid the groundwork for the system that the Air Force used. Jack made a film of his procedures which was the official service film about rehab.

After the war, the two doctors were put in charge of the Veteran's Administration. They asked Jack to take a position with them. He was put in charge of the Southeast and was based in Atlanta. He worked for them for three years, until there was no challenge left in the position, then Dr. Covald and Dr. Rusk took over the Institute of Rehabilitation in New York City and asked Jack to run it for them. "New York was not for me," Jack said, I like the outdoors and camping offered a chance to have the best of free enterprise."

Mr. Summers and Mr. Abley owned a private school for boys in Florida, as well as Camp Cloudmont, and they began to feel that they could no longer operate both. Jack had worked for them for years at the Camp, and one year as a teacher at the school, so when they asked him which one he wanted to buy, he quickly told them the camp was his choice. "I didn't have any money," Jack told of his acquisition of Camp Cloudmont, "but I owned land in Florida. I borrowed money and bought the camp. Then, as I had the disease peculiar to people from Florida, real estate, I began to sell acreage in Florida and to buy land up here with the money. An acre down there would buy a hundred here. The land down there is so sandy with few trees and this is just beautiful with the trees and rocks and water, so I felt it was a great exchange."

Jack's next big purchase was Lahusage property. He was out hiking one day and Gordon Strickland directed him to a good swimming spot, the blue hole. Jack loved the place and immediately wanted it as a site for a future boy's camp. "I did not have the money for such a major purchase, five thousand acres, but I did have forty acres in Florida that the Catholic Church wanted. So they bought the Lahusage land and traded it to me for the land in Florida," Jack continued. "I turned around and sold 1400 acres to Hiwassee Land Company and paid off my camp."

Jack bought the spot where Valley View Ranch is now as a parcel of two thousand acres at an auction. It was known as the Fults Farm, and the Citizens Bank of Valley Head Bank financed the property. "Gordon Strickland and Charlie Edwards worked for me then, and I asked them

if they would help me build a camp. Gordon got a crew and put up a wild west camp for boys, but we changed over to all girls after a few years."

He moved the boy's horse camp to Shady Grove, which was right across the river from Cloudmont. "The boys lived there in a cabin we had moved from Georgia," Jack narrated, "and each one had responsibility for his own horse. They cooked breakfast in the cabin, but had to saddle up the horses and ride across the river for the other meals. There was a big barn that Gordon built, and we had a great horsemanship program. It sure was a lot of fun."

Jack married his childhood sweetheart, Olive Searling, and raised a family of eight children. He buried two sons, Jack Jr. and Michael, at Shady Grove, in a sun-drenched field a few yards from the cabin. He also has a beloved granddaughter, Julie, at rest there and his life-long friend, Uncle Charlie Edwards.

Charlie was an artist of remarkable talent, and his works graced many a building and sign. He painted magnificent murals, one of which is in the Chattanooga Choo-Choo in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Jack Jr. shared my love of this mountain," Jack spoke wistfully of his firstborn, "and he had so many plans for the development of our property." The ski resort was mostly his idea, and he was so intelligent and could see the potential in any situation. "Gary has a lot of good ideas, too, as do the other kids. I've been so lucky to have had such great children, and of course Olive has held it all together."

Jack has his own plane and keeps it at his private airstrip at Shady Grove. He is an avid flyer, and feels his plane is one of his greatest assets. He enjoys nothing more than cruising high above the mountain on a clear, beautiful day. The place takes on a special quality from a bird's-eye view, and Jack knows each structure and natural formation for miles around.

The Shady Grove Cabin has been renovated, and murals by Charlie Edwards are the perfect accent for the rustic building. They depict the history of the DeSoto Falls area, and are displayed in three separate rooms. Jack is himself a talented painter, and the murals were restored by him. They are sort of a joint artistic effort by Jack and Uncle Charlie.

Jack's family now owns about four thousand acres in and around Mentone. He sells pieces of it to others so that they might share in the wealth of the mountain — the people and the beautiful area. He still has plans for the development of certain areas, especially Shady Grove, but "the drive to really achieve a big cash flow" is no longer there. "I just want to have enough to live and to build the things that make me happy," He mused, "and I want to get along with everyone. I feel like attitude is more important than money."

Jack Jones still has dreams for "without dreams there is no life, and the day I stop dreaming is the day I might as well be dead." He talks of the places he loves and knows in his heart that he is a fortunate individual to have spent his life doing the kinds of things he loves most, in an area that has always been the home of his heart, with people who meant the most to him. Jack learned a long time ago where the true treasure of the earth lies: It resides in the hearts and minds of those who appreciate the land and who care for one another. There is gold on the mountain, and no one knows that any better than Jack Jones.



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Seven years ago the Mentone Springs Hotel was little more than a million termites holding hands. Sandra and Ray Padgett purchased the building, and for the past seven years the termites have gradually been replaced with paint, new foundation, roof, windows and tender loving care.

Beginning Sept. 1, 1987, the hotel is entering the second phase of its restoration. Once the center of Mentone society, the hotel is again open for use by the public on a major scale. Work to complete the west wing of the building has begun. The lobby has received some new rugs and furniture, and the windows will soon be adorned with drapes from the era of the motel's fame. These are but the first of many refinements being implemented following the recent leasing of the building to Mountain Top E and S, Ltd.

Mountain Top, a Georgia based corporation, leased the hotel from Ray and Sandra Padgett on Sept. 1, 1987, and has moved the majority of its operations from Atlanta to Mentone. The company, owned by John Hildebrand and Mary Katherine Gray, operates as an Insurance Intermediary, assisting agents in some five southeastern states place insurance on commercial risks that have been rejected by other insurers. In many cases this means placing the coverage in such exotic markets as Lloyd's of London. Business is conducted using a telex, facsimile machine, computer and phones. The company now occupies three offices in the hotel.

In addition to leasing the building, Mountain Top will join with the Padgetts in managing the hotel and continuing the renovations. The lobby and ballroom are now open to the public and available for parties, receptions, meetings and other public gatherings. The furniture and drapes are being added in an effort to make the lobby and ballroom comfortable places for people to gather. These facilities will be open twelve months a year.

The Rusty Fox, located in the basement of the hotel, is now a gathering place for "Teens Only" on Saturday evenings and will begin to serve the local adults as a convenient place to drop by and watch the best of football on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. With plans for a big screen T. V. and Buck Stove the Rusty Fox will also remain open throughout the winter as a warm and informal place to just drop by and chew the fat.

The west wing of the hotel is being completed with the intention of providing office space for small local businesses. Mountain Top already has the most modern office equipment on the mountain. Businesses leasing office space will be provided with phone answering service and some clerical services. Plus, tenants will have the advantages offered by such telecommunications as the telex and facsimile machine (a modern device that transmits

pages of writing over telephone lines). Through the use of its Xerox computer, Mountain Top will also provide tenants with maintenance of mailing lists, accounting services and a variety of other word processing and computer programs.

John Hildebrand, a graduate of Georgia State University with a major in insurance, is president of Mountain Top. In addition to his new duties in managing the hotel, Hildebrand attends the Atlanta Law School three nights a week. Mary Katherine Gray (Kathy) is a graduate of the University of Maryland. She is currently employed by the largest insurance broker in the United States in addition to serving as executive vice president of Mountain Top. Kathy was formerly executive vice president of Tri State General Insurance Agency, Ltd., a Maryland agency doing in excess of \$10,000,000 annually as a managing general agency for a number of British companies including Lloyd's of London. Recent additions to the Board of Directors of Mountain Top include both Ray and Sandra Padgett. Sandra has also been elected vice president of Mountain Top.

Rounding out the hotel's new management team is J. J. Hildebrand, seventeen year old son of John Hildebrand and a senior at Valley Head High School. J. J. is serving as the proprietor of the Saturday evening Teen Club, a position for which he received valuable training while living in Atlanta and working for "Mardi Gras." The Atlanta teen club is a favorite spot for many of the city's young people. Teen clubs are becoming a popular answer to keeping the kids off the streets and out of harm's way. They promote healthy fun and social outlets without drugs or alcohol. According to Hildebrand, the Hotel is a perfect place for kids to be kids. With rock walls and concrete floor, there is little that can be damaged by exuberant youth. "Nothing could be more pleasant to a father than the sound of laughter and shouts from healthy, happy young people."

Hildebrand, who first visited Mentone on Oct. 15, 1983, tells of coming for lunch at the Mentone Inn and staying for six months. "There is just no place like Mentone," says Hildebrand. "When Kathy and I started Mountain Top in June of 1986, we dreamed of eventually leaving the rapid pace of the city and returning to Mentone. Now that we are here, we dream of the day when the Hotel itself will once again be the center of activity in Mentone."

Tourists and residents alike are invited to visit the hotel. Anyone wishing to reserve the hotel's facilities for a function or lease office space should contact John Hildebrand or Sandra Padgett at 205-634-4240.

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TALMADGE BUTLER-PARK DIRECTOR

Talmadge Butler loves where the wild things grow. He feels a special kinship for that part of life on earth that is set apart from man, yet is so necessary for the survival of humanity.

He has named DeSoto State Park "the nature park" because he feels the mountain retreat has preserved and protected some of the most beautiful and soul-stirring areas in the country.

"In the main campground each space is set among the trees," Talmadge spoke of the unique characteristics of DeSoto Park, "giving privacy and a chance to enjoy fully the camping experience. We want people to appreciate their stay here and to go away feeling they have been a part of something special."

There are miles of cool and lovely trails, each one a unique microcosm of the natural world. Little River winds its way through forests of pine and hardwood, rushing headlong over rocks and rapids to seek a brief respite in silent pools of deep water before its descent into the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi.

Little River Canyon is an experience in itself with overlooks that offer panoramic views of river and woodland. It is like being at the top of the world with nothing between you and the face of God but the clouds overhead.

DeSoto Falls changes with the seasons — quiet and subdued, barely murmuring over the precipice, then roaring and swirling — plunging over the edge to the bottomless basin below. Above the falls where the river meets the dam, the barely moving surface of the deep mirrors the beauty of the trees lining the banks. From bright, clear green in the spring to the reds, golds and yellows of autumn, to the cold barren limbs of winter, the ageless river chronicles the passing of each moment in time.

Talmadge Butler feels that the park should not be thought of as a quick get-a-way, but rather as a place to savor, to learn from and to respect. "One of the most important considerations in the ongoing stewardship of a natural area is the education of the people who come there, especially the children, in the areas of concern for preservation and respect for nature." He believes that in children lie the hope of the continuation of all that has been accomplished and that the future must be cared for today. He has been the manager of DeSoto Park for almost two years, and during that time he has developed a rapport with the staff, as well as with the surrounding community. The admiration he feels for those who are a part of the park team is evident: "I feel we have the most supportive and dedicated employees in the entire parks system and that their efforts are but an outgrowth of the professionalism and personal concern that is vital to the integrity of the park."

"I expect each person to set a standard, to realize that this park is here for the people to enjoy and to respect. We must give people a chance to interact with the natural environment in a peaceful and considerate co-existence, or there is no reason for us to be here."

Talmadge Butler brings to DeSoto State Park a passion for the preservation of the living, natural world. He adds a dimension of dedicated concern, not only for the park, but also for those who come there seeking an island of solitude and pristine beauty amid an often indifferent world. DeSoto State Park is truly "the nature park," and Talmadge Butler is in the right place at the right time to see that it stays that way — for now, and for generations to come. His stewardship will have a lasting impact on not only the wild and lovely areas of DeSoto Park, but also on those who take the spiritual essence of nature with them when they leave.



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CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 4 or 5 large chicken breasts
- 3 cans chicken soup
- 1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- 3 cylinders Ritz crackers (½ box if crackers are loose)
- 1½ sticks margarine

Boil chicken; save broth. Remove bone from chicken. Cut into bite-size pieces. Place pieces of chicken in bottom of large flat Pyrex dish. Mix soup, cream, and chicken broth and heat until well blended; pour over chicken. Cover with crushed Ritz crackers, well coated in melted margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

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By Seth Banks



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How does the pitcher plant capture its food and energy? The lower edges of the plant's leaves form a pitcher which collects rain water. Bristly, thick hairs with honey glands grow in its mouth to attract insects. The hairs prevent the insect from leaving the plant. The insect slides down the tube where it drowns in the rain water. It is digested by the plant.

Most of the pitcher plants in this area have yellow flowers. Some species eat some insects and allow others to make their home in the plant. The Cobra Plant in California is an example of this.

Enjoy a fall trek in the woods. Keep your eyes open. Insectivorous plants may be at your feet. Remember, they are endangered. Protect them so they may be enjoyed in future years.

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by Helen Turner

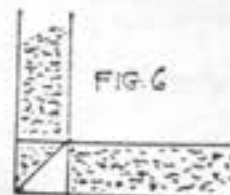
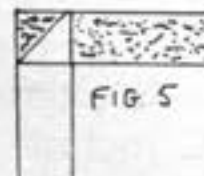
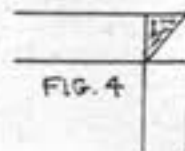
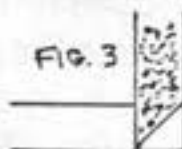
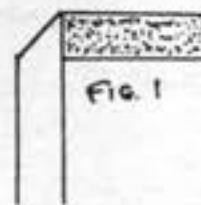
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4. Fold the vertical end back and down (Figure 4).
5. Fold the horizontal end back and to the right (Figure 5).
6. Fold the vertical end back and up (Figure 6).
7. Continue folding back the ends alternately until you have only 2-3" left on each end.
8. Grasp the 2 ends between your first and second fingers, like scissors, and hold the stack of folds loosely with your thumb (Figure 7).
9. With your other hand, pull either one of the tails out about 10" until you see the rose forming.
10. Twist the tails together (one will be long and one short).
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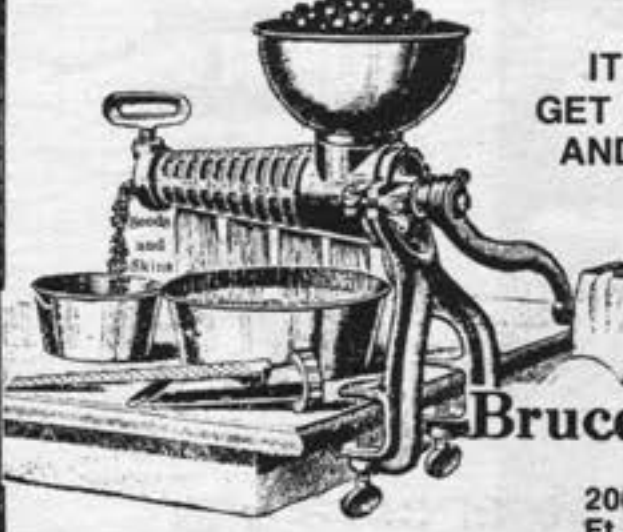
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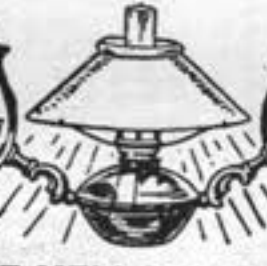
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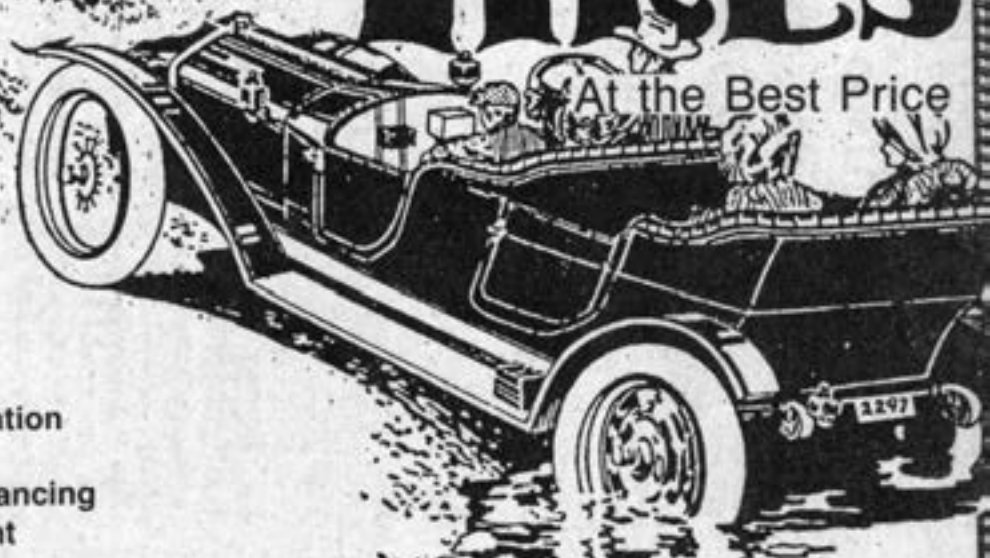
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