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MAPA's October Colorfest: Oct. 14-16 A Celebration Of Fall



The Mentone Area Preservation Association was formed in April of 1982 in order for a concerned group of Mentone citizens to join hands and minds for the betterment of the community that they loved. One of the first projects that year was a festival to celebrate the natural beauty of the mountain in the most bittersweet and lovely time of year, Autumn. A week-long event was planned with the idea that a tribute to the unique area and its people would serve to bring the community together on common ground. If possible, the organization wanted to make money and also to fund projects for the good of all who live and visit here.

That first Colorfest was a great success and gave birth to subsequent ones. Notes from that time tell of Ed Jones and his provision of horses for hay rides. Ed's beautiful animals are a welcome and admired part of most of MAPA's festivals. One of the finest storytellers and respected members of the community, Glenn Baty, gave an oral reading of the Mentone History which was written by local author Zora Strayhorn. Glenn died some time back, and all who heard him read that Saturday in October remember what a fantastic speaker he was.

There was a pumpkin carving contest with T-shirts from Marie Shadgett and Ray Padgett as prizes. About 110 people attended the telling of ghost stories at the bonfire on Friday. There was even a contest for the best story. There was a costume contest. The Log Cabin Deli served German food. The week was full of fun, but the next Colorfest

was shortened to two days, with a bonfire to kick off the celebration.

The first Colorfest combined Dicker Days, a Mentone Springs Hotel event, Halloween, and foliage watching. It did not make money, however, because anyone could set up a booth and keep all the proceeds. It was later decided that spaces would be sold and the proceeds would be used for special projects.

In 1983, the Groundhog Run was begun and has been a highlight of the Colorfest ever since. The live entertainment in 1983 was given by a group called "Homemade Jam." Mentone Troubador, Tony Goggans, has provided music and been the emcee for most of the festivals since that time. Often local talent will join the fun and sing for the crowd. L. M. Flannigan often sings gospel songs and is delighted to be a part of the celebration.

"We wanted to bring the people of the community closer together, and make money to help the town," a MAPA member and past officer reflected. "We wanted to have something for the children to do and to give people a chance to enjoy themselves and the fall color in a special way." Those are still the goals of MAPA, and as the October Colorfest becomes a tradition in our town, it becomes evident that the celebration is not just one of red and gold leaves, but one of community commitment and closeness. The harvest comes in the spirit of cooperation and caring.

Little River Friends

Friends of Little River, "A Partnership for the Protection of Little River," at its July 19 meeting accepted the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee: President, Desmond Disney; Vice President, Leonard Shigley; Secretary, Jane Meadows; Treasurer, Evelyn Ruth Graves; Parliamentarian, Dennis Mays; Librarians, Dallyne Jones and Ron Godbois.

Those volunteering to help draft the by-laws and constitution were Bill Adams, Susan Lowery, Heather and Lyle Niceley, Jackie Skelton and Billy Hodges. All interested persons are urged to attend meetings of the group.

Alabama Volunteers

The Governor's Office on Volunteerism has begun planning for its Annual Governor's Conference on Volunteerism and Governor's Volunteer Awards to be held in the fall of 1988 in Montgomery.

The highlight of each conference is the Governor's Volunteer Awards given in various categories such as: Arts & Humanities, Corporate, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Government, Health, Human Services (Children & Youth), Human Services (Disabled/Handicapped), Human Services (Elderly), Human Services (Family), Material Resources, Public Safety, Recreation, Religious Involvement.

The Awards Committee has begun the process of seeking nominations from throughout the state, for individuals/groups whose activities have exemplified volunteerism in Alabama. A special Celebrity Award is given to a celebrity who has made a significant voluntary contribution to Alabama.

Any citizen may recommend an individual or group for the Governor's Award. Those citizens who are aware of individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions for the well-being of others or to improve the quality of life in Alabama are encouraged to nominate them for recognition by the governor. Persons desiring more information should write:

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Marijuana Destroyed

Acting on a tip, Mentone Police Chief Bill Willingham and Assistant Chief Wayne Wooten, together with officers from the Ider Police Department, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, harvested and destroyed marijuana worth in excess of a quarter of a million dollars.

The plants were up to 14 feet tall, and were found around Mentone. The Alabama Bureau of Investigation used a helicopter to spot the fields of marijuana, and directed the search.

The investigation is continuing into the ownership of the illegal plants.



Groundhog Classic VI



Michelle Gilbreath

The October Colorfest will begin this year on Friday evening at 6 o'clock with a costume contest in the parking lot of the Mentone Inn, followed by a bonfire with ghost stories, wieners and marshmallows at 7. On Saturday and Sunday there will be craft exhibits, Little River boat rides, plenty of good food and drinks, hay rides, a stage coach, quilt raffle, a costume parade on Sunday at 2 p.m., and the Groundhog Classic VI run and fun run on Saturday morning beginning at 9 a.m.

This year's profits from the weekend will go toward construction of the asphalt bike trail through town from The Hitching Post to the Post Office. Sponsors of the Groundhog Run this year are these Mentone, Cloudland and Valley Head proprietors:

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Saturday, Oct. 15, is the day of the sixth Groundhog Classic Run. Randall Harris, of Huntsville, has won the men's overall division for the past three years. Last year his winning time for the 4.2 mile course was 23 minutes. Previously his times had been 22:29 and 23:15. The best time ever for the run was its first year, 1983, when John McCartney won with 21:17.

Last year Michelle Gilbreath was the women's winner overall with 28:17. In 1984 Carolyn Melson of Trussville won with 26:47.

First entrant this year was Glenn Sommer of Glendale, Arizona. Anyone wishing to enter the race may fill out the entry blank in this paper. Each entrant will receive a Groundhog T-shirt. Medallions will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age division for both men and women.

There will be a one-mile run at 9 a.m. before the Classic begins at 9:30 a.m. The 4.2 official course is from The Hitching Post to the intersection of Tutwiler Gap and DeSoto Parkway, and return.

This year the run will be directed by Larry Hooks and Mark Pickle of Camp Skyline Ranch, assisted by Phil Hurt of Camp DeSoto. The run was begun at the suggestion of Dr. Stuart McGehee, son of Charles and Jean McGehee. Dr. McGehee is a history professor at Bluefield College, Virginia, and regularly runs the race course when he visits here. Mentone residents registered in the 1987 race included Bert Carson, Lynn Castelberry, Crystal Coots, Jim and Starla Crowe, Jean Elrod, the Godbois family, Joseph and Cassidy Hudgins.

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Brant Craig, owner-manager of DeSoto Athletics in Fort Payne, will once again present the overall winning men and women runners with jackets. The sponsors will have their logos on the back of the T-shirts given each entrant. The Groundhog appreciates each of these sponsors and urges its readers to let them know how much residents of this area appreciate their generosity and support.



Colorfest Photos By Angelo Rosario

From The Editor

By Mickey Strickland

The abuse, neglect and exploitation of older Alabamians is a problem most people would rather not think about. Gov. Guy Hunt and the task force on elder abuse members believe it is a problem that deserves the public's attention.

"Each year, more and more older Alabamians are the victims of physical abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. In many cases, these helpless old people are victims of their own family members," Gov. Hunt said. "A special task force on elder abuse, chaired by Dr. Oscar Tucker of the Alabama Commission on Aging, and also consisting of Andy Hornsby of the Department of Human Resources and Mike Horsley of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, has been created to address the problem."

The Alabama Department of Human Resources received more than 5,200 reports of suspected adult abuse last year, a whopping 24 percent increase over the previous year. In 1976, the first year Human Resources began keeping records on adult abuse, the agency received only about 500 reports. Unfortunately, most incidents of abuse or neglect are never reported to authorities.

Adult abuse can take several forms, including physical abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. The theft of Social Security or pension checks, often by family members, is one of the most common types of elder abuse.

"For a number of reasons, the elderly rarely call the authorities," said Gov. Hunt. "Some are protecting their grown children who, tragically, are the most common abusers of elderly or handicapped adults."

Elderly adults also are poorly informed about services available to help abuse victims and their families. For instance, many elderly adults think they might be taken from their homes against their will and placed in a nursing home.

The Department of Human Resources and other state agencies offer a variety of services to help abuse victims. These services range from emergency shelter care to remove adults from dangerous situations to services aimed at providing support and assistance to caretakers of the elderly.

To help provide information about services and to make reporting abuse easier, the Governor's Task Force on Elder Abuse has installed a toll-free hotline. The number is 1-800-458-7214.

Persons who want to report suspected cases of adult abuse may also call their county Department of Human Resources or any law enforcement authority. Under state law, persons who report may remain anonymous, and they are immune from any critical or civil liability that might result from the report.

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MOUNTAIN WATCH

By Jean McGehee

Three or four years ago I took a guest around to the local shops. Upstairs in The White Elephant a lady who had various antiques for sale asked me, "And what do you collect?" The question surprised me; I wracked my brain but could think of nothing I collected except "dust."

The concept of collecting bothers me because I've known people whose collections mean more to them than do friends or values. There is something materialistic and demeaning about collecting objects. Deep in the unconscious lies the biblical injunction: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." (Matthew 6:20).

Disposing of my parents' belongings reinforced my feelings. My mother had not given away nor thrown away clothing for at least 25 years. I realize that part of this must have been because she was one of nine children raised on a small farm; she went through the Depression and simply wanted to be sure she always had something appropriate to wear. Some of this attitude is mine, too. I like to see the pantry shelves lined with jars of tomatoes, green beans and vegetable soup. Even though the freezer may be full, I want to see those glass jars filled.

Churches have collections, and even squirrels collect against the lean, cold months. Somehow, though, I think that the proliferation of yard sales indicates more than mere entrepreneurship. A lot of folks are just cleaning out their closets, getting rid of clothing that no longer fits or is desirable. Almost all of my sewing friends have great quantities of fabric always on hand, some of which they've had for years. Something in me can't do this. I've never been a pack rat — in fact, my inclinations to get rid of things have gotten me into trouble. Many times I've discarded newspapers or magazines that we've later needed.

A young friend reminded me that frequently parents or grandparents start collections for children. This was, indeed, the case with me. I vividly remember one evening lining up all of my dolls across the living room floor, through the archway into the dining room. They began with tiny one-inch ones that came in **What Not** candy for a nickel, on through the Dionne quintuplets, **Betsy Wetsy**, and on up to a life-sized one who wore real little girl's clothes. Daddy worked the 3 to 11 shift for years, and when he came in that night, mother said he exclaimed, "Great God A-mighty! Where did all of these darn dolls come from?"

Also over the years I received an only child's abundance of books. Each Christmas there were sets like **The Meadowbrook Girls** and all of Louisa May Alcott's books. For a long time I read surreptitiously via flashlight, after mother was asleep. One of the pleasures of retirement has been time to read what I want to read as well as those books and magazines I need to read. Charles and I have kept up the book giving tradition — no matter what else we give our sons for Christmas, there are always books, too.

Many times we've regretted being generous with books we've given to schools, to poor countries and to libraries. When we moved to our present house Charles gave 400 books from his theological library to a young minister just graduating from Harvard. Now he's in a church in Louisville, Ky. Each week Charles scans his newsletter for his sermon title, probably thinking of books he may have consulted in his preparation. And on many occasions, Charles has wished he had one of those volumes still.

Both sons have extensive book and record and tape libraries. McGregor, our musician son in Boston, probably has more music than books, while Stuart, the history professor, has more books, the music being his hobby. Perhaps my values are warped, but I think these are good collections. One reason we've culled our library down to such an extent is that these things weigh so much during a move. Slowly one learns to collect fewer things, even books.

While he was a bachelor in Birmingham, Charles collected an entire orchestra of Hummel figurines. He was forced into this collection — a furniture company for whom he wrote commercials didn't pay him "talent" money but let him choose items from the store instead. These have given us pleasure over the years. I don't mind dusting them the way I would, say, cut glass. No wonder ladies used to keep these things enclosed in cabinets.

Another collection has come with greater difficulty. Before we were married, I had started collecting my silver flatware. Charles took this up until on one occasion I immaturely complained, "I always know what I'm getting!" Of course, that was the end of that, and we still don't have all of the silver.

In examining our premises for other collections, I found five chess sets. There is a duplication in shop and yard tools despite some sharing with our sons. We eat each day off Charles Counts' pottery (the Rising Fawn — Atlanta artist) and have quite a collection we treasure, from a tea pot to demi-tasse cups. There are several miniature whale figurines and other objects decorated with whales in our home. Friends have given them to me because of my fondness for and work with Melville's novel. We also enjoy the paintings that hang on our limited wall space, most collected from artist friends.

Lynn Brown, whose family has a home near Cloudmont, has decorated the house almost entirely with objects made by local artists and crafts people. This seems to be a collection worthy of owning, and certainly appropriate to the mountain. Collections even make good literature — glass animal figurines are a prominent part of Tennessee Williams' play **The Glass Menagerie**. We're all familiar with those 3,000 pairs of shoes Imelda Marcos collected. Elizabeth Taylor collects jewelry, furs and husbands.

What do you collect?

COUNTRY JOURNAL

By Bernise Crow

The beauty of summertime never ceases to amaze me. I love the green trees, freshly mowed lawns, late blooming flowers such as Marigold, Zinnias, Petunias. I love the sounds of summer bugs. We always called them Catydids, "Jar Flies or July Flies." Their cadence is rhythmic, and the sing-song is a lullaby to me at night.

These are the beginning of the lazy days of summer. Camps are closed, schools are opening, and things in Mentone are slow until cooler weather when our glorious fall colors arrive. This gives us a little breather between busy gardening and canning, and the preparations for winter. I welcome a slower pace. Summers are my busiest months — both at the Crows' Nest and at home.

The bluebirds we have enjoyed so much have gone right now. I would like to know where. Maybe the heat drove them elsewhere. We have them all winter, so I know they don't migrate. And they certainly didn't find a cool place in New York. They have had warmer weather there than here in the south.

Wildflowers have not been as plentiful this summer because of heat and drought. The road to our house is usually lined with yellow flowers in late August. This year it is being paved and we have no blooms. Nature will take care of it and the seeds will come up next year. Like any improvement being made, there has to be a sacrifice of something. And we did need the road surfaced. We have worn out two cars in the last few years by driving over a rough road full of pot holes. Many thanks to our county commissioners for this work.

Today has been a pleasant one to sit in a rocker on the porch at the Hitching Post and watch the world go by. The Deli has been busy, and we have had people traveling the Lookout Mountain Parkway looking for outdoor sales. I put many small things out on tables and reduced the prices for this occasion. So far I have furnished a restroom and given information to those looking for DeSoto Falls and I-59. My sister's son-in-law, Gale Williams, sat out there one day and said he would have to come inside; his arm was tired from waving and pointing directions. We definitely need an I-59 sign at the square here. Tourists have no idea about whether to turn left or right. But then, if the sign was there, I would miss meeting some lovely people, and sometimes they come inside and shop.

I haven't been to DeSoto Falls since the Rhododendron Festival, and I need to make a trip to see the improvements done there by the state. Some people have told me that nice walkways have been made, and other improvements to stop erosion. That is wonderful. The falls is one of my favorite spots. In the spring, I made beautiful pictures when the water was flowing heavily over the precipice.

The Rhododendron Garden Club, along with city officials, plans to have a dedication ceremony in October to name the little city park near city hall — Mason Park, in honor of the founding family of the town of Mentone. The club will give a shrub or tree to commemorate this occasion. The park is very attractive and has been kept well. There are nice picnic tables in a wonderful shady area. We should use the park more often.

The grapes are about finished at home and oh, how good they were. They are a juicy pink variety named Luti or Ludi? Clyde and R'ell Phillips gave us cuttings to start them about six years ago. We have enjoyed grapes for about four years now. It's the first time in my life I ever had all I wanted to pick and eat fresh from the vine.

Chester Crow and wife, Lucille, have bought the old home place, and have been here almost a year now. We are so busy we don't see them very often, but it's nice to know they are here. Chester is Homer's brother, who has lived in Oak Ridge until he retired. Homer's dad and mother, Lee and Fannie Crow, would be happy to know their home place was kept in the family.

Our visitor of the month this time was Lucille (Crowe) Helms from Washington, D. C. She is the daughter of the late Roy Crowe and Edna Blalock Crowe. She came in with Roy's wife Ann, who resides in Henagar. Lucille will attend the Blalock reunion in Valley Head Aug. 19.

As I drive down the country lane to our home, I am filled with peaceful thoughts and am happy to live in such a beautiful area. The sun sets into a clean horizon, away from smog-clear and bright. May it always be the same.

MAPA Meeting

Plans for the upcoming Oktoberfest were discussed at the Aug. 2 meeting of MAPA.

A report was given on the bike trail. Permission has been granted by Royce King, Director of the Highway Dept.

The membership also voted on street signs for Mentone.

Guest speaker was Dr. Edward Annis from Miami, Fla., and also a resident of Mentone. Dr. Annis is past president of the American Medical Association and also the World Medical Association. He is now an official spokesman for the American Medical Association.

He spoke of the high cost of medical care in the U. S. Dr. Annis has debated many prominent people on this issue. Progress in the medical field with the advent of antibiotics and development of high-tech equipment has helped to contribute to the increase in cost. Abuse of medical insurance has been another reason for skyrocketing costs.

Maggie Cordell served refreshments to the group. Condensed from the Minutes of Frances Rosario — Secretary.



DOWN EVERY VALLEY

BY STILLWATERS BURT

Of all the months, September is the quietest;

Plowing is done, the seeds and thistles sown;

The idiot brawling emperors are as naught

When men and trees and mountains are alone.

Autumn is an essential time of rick and fold,

Of harvests stored, and winnowed-out desires,

Of labor brooding on the coming cold,

Of sheep close huddled in the starlit byres.

In spring so many die, so much is born;

September stores each kernel of its corn.

September is the month when dusk retires.

Before the kindling loveliness of relict fires.

It is so still the aspens do not tremble,

The coneflowers rustle dryly to your tread,

And in the damp sweet swamps where deer assemble

You mark the gray, pressed circle of their bed;

From some far slope, thick-timbered, green and tall,

Faint, lonely as the dusk, the bull elk call.

Down every valley, and in every wood,

Is something calm, and puritan, and good.

United Givers Fund Begins

Preparations are underway for the Kickoff of the 1988-89 Campaign of the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, Inc. The volunteers will again "tap the generosity" of the residents of our county on behalf of the 12 member agencies of UGF.

This year's Campaign Goal of \$200,000.00 is the highest ever for DeKalb County UGF. Last year's goal of \$185,000.00 was not only reached but was exceeded. Through the efforts and dedication of the volunteers and the generosity of DeKalb County citizens, this year's goal can also be reached and exceeded.

Sept. 14 has been set as the Kickoff date for the Campaign. On this date the many volunteers will gather to accept the challenge of raising the funds to support the member agencies which provide the needed services and programs for the people of our county.

Letters inviting early contributions for the 1988-89 Campaign's Two Hundred Plus and Presidents Clubs will go out this week. Names of those individuals who respond and assume this kind of leadership will be listed in subsequent UGF reports.

Freda Lucy, General Chairman for this year's campaign encourages everyone to really become acquainted with UGF and the member agencies supported by the UGF funds. Many people are not aware of the real impact of these agencies' programs throughout the county. The services provided compass all age groups and situations — both emergency and long term-providing help and hope to thousands of county residents throughout the year.

Commenting on this year's campaign Ms. Lucy says, "After careful consideration of each agency's activities and needs, the UGF board agreed to the \$200,000.00 goal. This goal will require the generosity of past contributors plus help from new contacts and contributors. We believe our goal will be reached — we have excellent volunteers who are sacrificing much time and effort to assure that united giving becomes the means by which DeKalb County shares its concerns for their neighbors in need. As our county grows, I believe our caring and sharing will grow in a continuing effort to 'give unto the least of these' (Matthew 25:40). We should never forget how abundantly each of us has been blessed, and let our giving reflect this blessing."

Helen Turner is captain for the Mentone Area. To volunteer your time or to give a donation, call 205-634-4185.

Valley View

With Eloise Brown

The Sunshine Club met July 28 at the home of Stella Pierce, with Evelyn Clark as co-hostess. They were assisted by Stella's daughter, Marjorie Daniels. The devotional was given by Eloise Brown. The vice-president, Sue Cooper, presided. Ruth Pickett, Secretary, read the minutes. Others present were Bess Bauerle, Jewell Palmer, Geraldine Hawkins, Addie Hall, Vernice Young, Gladys Stott, Billie Harper, Gladys Cobble, Pat Bauerle and Lila Schlicher. Billie Harper taught us to make "Johnnie Cob." Now, if you wonder what that is — it's cute little cobs beautified with ribbons and flowers and sweet scented to make your bath room fragrant.

Jean Jones is visiting her mother, Maurine Holcomb, in Hackleburg, Ala. Alba Brown was the guest of her sister, Ruby Oaks, in Jenison, Ala. Ruby brought her home and will stay with her until Alba has some tests Thursday as an out-patient at B.M.C. Alba is not doing well. Pat Bauerle has been moved from B.M.C. to Mountain Manor Nursing Home for a while.

Alice Davenport has also been moved from B.M.C. back to Mountain Manor. She is recovering from a painful fall. She recently lost her brother, Rev. John Hall of Boaz. He was a Valley Head native and a fine man. He was buried in Valley Head Cemetery Aug. 13.

Lila Schlicher accompanied Christine Brooks to see Christine's son, Bob, at the Rossville Convalescent Home. Christine has her heartaches, but she always finds time to help others.

Adelaide Biddle, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and David Carmichael and children, vacationed at Ana Maria Island, Fla.

Dean Donnington and husband, Richard, spent a week with her sister, Dorothy Leveille, and Chuck. They went home with them to Melbourne, Fla., for a week.

Mrs. Don Wright has returned home from the hospital after serious surgery. Cards would be appreciated — address — Route 1, Fort Payne, Ala. 35967. Doris and Jim Carmichael and daughter Linda Thomas and her children, Katy and William, spent a few days in Gulf Shores. Geneva Phillips is recuperating at home after minor surgery. Arnell Lawman has returned home after serious treatments at Erlanger and is improving. Mary Louise and Ted Holleman joined Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis in Panama City for a vacation.

John Holleman has returned from Los Angeles. He is living now in Huntsville and has an interesting job. Lester Hawkins is a patient at B.M.C. Geraldine and Howard Hawkins took me to the doctor yesterday. Geraldine went back for tests today and received a good report. Her ulcer is healed and she is hoping fervently to graduate from baby food to real food. My granddaughter, Robin Darby, and little ones, Sharon and Kirsten drove from St. Louis to visit me. They are moving to Toledo, Ohio, which seems farther away. Her husband, Ray, has been promoted to President of Junior Achievement for that area.

Cindy Meadows has been promoted to Unit Organizer for Princess Crystal for Northeast Alabama Area. I have about three apologies for my letter in the Fort Payne Journal to Tom Pollack, President of Universal Studios, concerning the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ." First I didn't address Mr. Pollack as "Dear." Although I realize that is the accepted form of address, I could not feel that he is "dear" to me and I would have felt hypocritical. Second, they corrected my spelling of heresy — which I had correct. Third, I should have gone further and suggested that they produce beautiful musicals, as we used to see, and movies to inspire young people to higher ideals and strength of character, instead of destroying and polluting minds. I am grateful that *The Journal* printed my letter and other material as the results of my visit to the office. Most of all, I appreciate the Hamilton Movie and the Rainsville Movie for not showing it. We should remember Paramount Studio, who had the first option, but refused to produce it. Yes, we know we may have promoted by added publicity — We know there was that danger, but it had to be done. It should have gone further with a class suit and restraining order against release.

Have you thought much about your neck? That stem that connects your body to your head — that we take so much for granted. Do you realize that it can become a dictator that tells the parts of your body, in no uncertain terms, what they can and cannot do? I have realized that the hard way for the past week. It tells you if you sit down, or if you arise, you will unavoidably scream in agony. The worst thing is lying down in bed — and still worse is trying to get up. It tells you, "There is no way for you to lift that head off that pillar." But you must get up so you keep squirming and finally bolt suddenly upright, knowing it will be agony. My head would still be on that pillow if I had listened, which would have been much easier. It also told me I couldn't possibly write a column, but I didn't listen. I found you can collect news and write notes in bed and as I said I went to the doctor and he gave me a "Miracle" shot that relieved the pain. I know the prayers of friends have helped. I have other problems and I'm taking some powerful dangerous medicine so I need your prayers, I appreciate them so much and all the kind offers of assistance. I have some good dependable friends, for which I am most grateful. I appreciate Doris Carmichael for typing and delivering this. My typewriter didn't seem to want to mind me. Please forgive me for being so personal, but my message is: to count your blessings daily — for the taken-for-granted things, treat your neck with tender loving care or it can be a terrible dictator, if it becomes affected by arthritis and muscle spasms. Please watch carefully each footstep for an instant slip can prove fatal even to young people and as we get older it can cause a life time of misery — but lift up your spirits. It is still and always will be, I hope, a beautiful world and we are bountifully blest. Even necks can be beautiful. Mine is not, but I don't know what I would do without it.



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The Smartest Dog

Hoyt and Naomi Potts, Mentone residents, had an unusual occurrence last week concerning their female Labrador, Pepper. It seems Pepper wanted to separate her family of six-week old puppies into two families. Four of the pups disappeared, and Chris Roberts of Rossville, Ruby Stalvey's grandson, and Benji Crabtree of Chickamauga, Hoyt and Naomi's grandson, went looking for them. The mother had dug a large tunnel in an overturned tree and deposited the little ones there. She was going back and forth between the two litters.

The puppies were reunited, and the mother had to be restrained to keep her from returning the four back to the den in the tree. "Pepper is the smartest dog we have ever seen," Naomi said. "We just haven't figured out why she wanted part of her family to live in a hole in the ground."

According to Hoyt, the puppies are for sale and if they are anything as smart and gentle as their mother, they are well worth the price of \$100.00 each. If anyone is interested in a pup that may grow up to dig its own doghouse, call 634-4497 or see Hoyt or Naomi at Ruby's Variety.

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As the population increases, so does the crime rate. Unfortunately, we as a society seem unable to fund enough police to meet the growing need. Perhaps it is impossible and unrealistic to expect the public law enforcement agencies to provide everything needed to make sure our lives and property are safe and unmolested. The best answer to the problem may be to take some of the responsibility for our own interests, and that is where private security services come into the picture.

More and more, the time of police officers is taken with answering calls and delivering papers. We cannot expect them to keep an around-the-clock surveillance on our possessions and our families. Private agencies such as the Alabama Private Security Services are here to stay, for they fill a need that is becoming more and more evident as time goes by. "We respect the law enforcement agencies," James Hartline, owner, talked of his security service. "We could never take their place. We want to work with them to provide services they do not have time for, such as scheduled surveillance of homes, businesses and property of any kind, personal body guard services, anything needed to make life safer. We will go anywhere to investigate, such as in cases of parental kidnapping, missing persons, bail or bond jumpers, stolen articles, whatever is needed. We'll make sure the kids get to and from school, take them from one parent to the other, across town or across country. We take our job seriously."

James Hartline worked for the police department and the sheriff's department in Cherokee County. He also has worked with other private security companies before moving here and starting his own company. He felt this county with its large number of businesses and tourism, needed such a service. "We will provide security for an individual, a company or a whole town. We provide the security for Menlo, Georgia, and are talking with other towns at this time."

Each person working with Alabama Private Security Services is thoroughly checked out with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office prior to becoming a member of the team. Each one has had experience in security, police and/or military work. The company is the only locally-based one and can provide on the spot back-up or discipline in a matter of minutes, whereas an out of town company could take hours.

James Hartline:

"Our clients have found that destruction, theft and vandalism to their property have been drastically reduced after contracting with us. We have a system that provides security, taking into consideration many factors based upon the individual needs of the client."

"Criminals usually do not just happen to pick a place to burglarize at random. They study it and check out the owner's schedule before committing the actual crime. It is a great deterrent for them to see us at odd hours checking the property. Also, if a felon is casing property and sees us checking the place next door, he will know who is protected and who is not. We have no legal rights to defend a person's property until that person gives it to us. We have no obligation or right to intercept someone on a stranger's property. Interference could amount to trespassing. The criminal can figure this out, and we have seen the process in action. A business next to a client will be broken into after the burglar realizes it is the one that is unprotected, while our client's property is unmolested."

"What most citizens do not realize is the affordability of private security. Often, one payment of a deductible on an insurance claim would pay us for a long time and without the trauma of losing treasured possessions. Some things are more important than money, but it is entirely within reach of most citizens to afford security with our agency."

"We can provide guard service to any type of business, for any length of time. We offer personnel who have been trained, cleared and briefed. We handle any problems associated with the service or employee. This takes a lot of responsibility and worry out of the selection and implementation of guard service."

Private security services offer an added dimension to the complex world that we live in — the knowledge that we are doing all we can to protect what means the most to us — our families, businesses and lives. As the focus of crime has changed, so must our response to it. Theft to support a drug habit is epidemic, and violent crimes such as rape and murder are on the increase. Thousands of people are counted among the missing every year, many of them children. We can no longer take it for granted that our overburdened policemen can protect every facet of our lives. Security for ourselves and our families is a necessity now, not a luxury, and Alabama Private Security Service stands ready to protect and preserve in a time like no other in history. They are a service whose time has come.



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Insects And Controls

By Curtis H. O'Daniel
County Agent

I get lots of calls about how to get rid of different types of bugs during the year. The extended dry spells and mild winters have enabled several species of insects to build up to aggravating numbers during the past few years.

I thought it would be helpful to put a list of the insects I get the most calls about and controls for these pests in local newspapers. Hopefully, you will cut this information out and keep it until it is needed. Don't forget, it's very important to follow the dosage rates to avoid burn and other damages to plants. This statement is especially true when spraying houseplants.

I will list the insect, the pesticide rate per gallon of water, and make a few comments as to when and how often to spray. You can take this article to any of several stores and agribusinesses around the county to get the different pesticides.

APHIDS ON HOUSEPLANTS

Orthene	1 tablespoon per Gallon
Cygon 2E	2 teaspoons per Gallon
De-Fend	1.5 teaspoons per Gallon
Malathion 57 EC	2 teaspoons per Gallon
Diazinon 12.5 percent	4 teaspoons per Gallon
Spectricide 25 percent	2 teaspoons per Gallon

SCALE INSECTS

Orthene	1.5 tablespoons per Gallon
Cygon	2 teaspoons per Gallon

De-Fend	1.5 teaspoons per Gallon
Summer Oil plus Diazinon	2 tablespoons oil plus 2 teaspoons Diazinon per Gallon

Spray April, May, September with these pesticides.

BAGWORMS

Orthene	1.5 tablespoons per Gallon
Dipel	3 tablespoons per Gallon
Cygon	2 teaspoons per Gallon
De-Fend	1.5 teaspoons per Gallon

Pick off and destroy bags to aide spraying. Spray again in two weeks.

PINE BORERS OR BEETLES

Lindane 20 percent EC . . . 3 tablespoons per Gallon
Thoroughly soak bark on trunk of the tree. Spray monthly from May-September. Remove and burn dead or dying trees.

SPITTLE BUGS

Orthene	1.5 tablespoons per Gallon
Diazinon	2 teaspoons per Gallon

Small Black bugs with orange strip.

This list is by no means all of the insects that will cause problems nor is this list all of the pesticides that will control these insects. It is a list of some of the common insects that cause problems and pesticides you can easily purchase.



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The Good Samaritan

By Sherry Bosworth



In the dark after the eleventh hour of a sultry hot and rainy night, the driver of a small pickup truck was blinded by the lights of an on-coming vehicle on Lookout Mountain Parkway. Unable to determine the exact dimensions of the road, Bill Bosworth, DeSoto Park Naturalist, veered off course and hit a tree.

Critically injured, Mr. Bosworth was bleeding profusely from facial wounds and hurting intensely from severe chest injuries. He struggled out of the trap of broken glass and crushed metal. He looked at the ruins of the truck and gave thanks to God that he was alive.

Breathing was difficult for him. At last the lights of a car announced the arrival of someone. Mr. Bosworth struggled up the embankment to the road. The car slowed down to view the blood-masked face. When the car was within a few yards of him, Mr. Bosworth saw the window was open on the driver's side. Painfully waving his arm and using his hard-to-come-by breath, he desperately cried out "Help!" The car sped away on the other side of the road.

A very long 15 minutes later, another vehicle approached. "God, I've got to do something to get their attention," he prayed on his knees in the middle of the road.

Elizabeth Wright and Eden Williams, counselors at Saddle Rock Camp, were in the approaching car. Frightened and somewhat unsure, they responded nonetheless. They drove Mr. Bosworth to his home and got his wife. They then proceeded to the B.M.C. Emergency room where Dr. Etta Lovitt and other staff members responded immediately.

After X-rays determined the damages, Dr. Lovitt quickly phoned for the Life Saver helicopter. Within three minutes a physician was in flight to transfer Mr. Bosworth to the Level 1 Trauma Center at Carraway Methodist Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

Because of inclement weather, the helicopter was unable to land at BMC DeKalb. An alternate landing site was chosen that was not fogged in. The Fort Payne Police lit up the old hospital parking lot. Mr. Bosworth was transferred by ambulance to the waiting helicopter. Within 20 minutes, he arrived at the Trauma Center. The combined efforts of Elizabeth Wright and Eden Williams, Dr. Etta Lovitt and staff, the Fort Payne police and the Life Saver Helicopter provided the attention necessary to save Bill Bosworth's life.

According to Katie Holland, Life Saver Coordinator, there have been over 20 Life Saver rescues in the Fort Payne area since the program began in 1981.

MENTONE GROUND HOG CLASSIC RUN



Sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association
Saturday, October 15
9:30 a.m.
4 miles, flat to gently rolling hills on DeSoto Parkway

ONE MILE FUN RUN at 9 a.m. Pre-registered entrants are guaranteed a T-shirt (to be mailed to late registrants). Times called but no records will be kept.

Awards: Specially designed T-shirts to all pre-registered runners with late registrants having theirs mailed. Medallions to top three finishers in each division. Jackets to top man and woman runners.

Splits: Called at half way mark. Water available on course.

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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, Summerville, Georgia; through Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone.

The race is in its sixth year, and all proceeds go to the goals of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, which is dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other unique qualities of Mentone.

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Removal of the Cherokee Indians

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STORY OF PRIVATE JOHN G. BURNETT, CAPTAIN Abraham McClellan's Company, 2nd Regiment, 2nd Brigade, Mounted Infantry, Cherokee Indian Removal 1838-39

I am 80 years old today. I was born at Kings Iron Works in Sullivan County, Tenn., Dec. 11, 1810. I grew into manhood fishing in Beaver Creek and roaming through the forest hunting the Deer the wild Boar and the timber Wolf. Often spending weeks at a time in the solitary wilderness with no companions but my rifle, hunting knife, and a small hatchet that I carried in my belt in all of my wilderness wanderings.

On these long hunting trips I met and became acquainted with many of the Cherokee Indians, hunting with them by day and sleeping around their camp fires by night. I learned to speak their language, and they taught me the arts of trailing and building traps and snares. On one of my long hunts in the fall of 1829 I found a young Cherokee who had been shot by a roving band of hunters and who had eluded his pursuers and concealed himself under a shelving rock. Weak from loss of blood, the poor creature was unable to walk and almost famished for water. I carried him to a spring, bathed and bandaged the bullet wound, built a shelter out of bark peeled from a dead chestnut tree. Nursed and protected him feeding him on chestnuts and roasted deer meat. When he was able to travel I accompanied him to the home of his people and remained so long that I was given up for lost. By this time I had become an expert rifleman and fairly good archer and a good trapper and spent most of my time in the forest in quest of game.

The removal of the Cherokee Indians from their life long homes in the year of 1838 found me a young man in the prime of life and a Private soldier in the American Army. Being acquainted with many of the Indians and able to fluently speak their language, I was sent as interpreter into the Smoky Mountain Country in May, 1838, and witnessed the execution of the most brutal order in the History of American Warfare. I saw the helpless Cherokees arrested and dragged from their homes, and driven at the bayonet point into the stockades. And in the chill of a drizzling rain on an October morning I saw them loaded like cattle or sheep into 645 wagons and started toward the west.

One can never forget the sadness and solemnity of that morning. Chief John Ross led in prayer and when the bugle sounded and the wagons started rolling many of the children rose to their feet and waved their little hands goodbye to their mountain homes, knowing they were leaving them forever. Many of these helpless people did not have blankets and many of them had been driven from home, barefooted.

On the morning of Nov. 17 we encountered a terrific sleet and snow storm with freezing temperatures and from that day until we reached the end of the fateful journey on March 26, 1839, the sufferings of the Cherokees were awful. The trail of the exiles was a trail of death. They had to sleep in the wagons and on the ground without fire. And I have known as many as 22 of them to die in one night of pneumonia due to ill treatment, cold and exposure. Among this number was the beautiful Christian wife of Chief John Ross. This noble hearted woman died a martyr to childhood, giving her only blanket for the protection of a sick child. She rode thinly clad through a blinding sleet and snow storm, developed pneumonia and died in the still hours of a bleak winter night, with her head resting on Lieutenant Gregg's saddle blanket.

I made the long journey to the west with the Cherokees and did all that a Private soldier could do to alleviate their sufferings. When on guard duty at night I have many times walked my beat in my blouse in order that some sick child might have the warmth of my overcoat.

I was on guard duty the night Mrs. Ross died. When relieved at midnight I did not retire, but remained around the wagon out of sympathy for Chief Ross, and at daylight was detailed by Captain McClellan to assist in the burial like the other unfortunates who died on the way. Her uncoffined body was buried in a shallow grave by the roadside far from her native mountain home, and the sorrowing Cavalcade moved on.

Being a young man, I mingled freely with the young women and girls. I have spent many pleasant hours with them when I was supposed to be under my blanket, and they have many times sung their mountain songs for me, this being all that they could do to repay my kindness. And with all my association with Indian girls from October 1829 to March 26, 1839, I did not meet one who was a moral prostitute. They are kind and tender hearted and many of them are beautiful.

The only trouble that I had with anybody on the entire journey to the west was a brutal teamster by the name of Ben McDonal, who was using his whip on an old feeble Cherokee to hasten him into the wagon. The sight of that old and nearly blind creature quivering under the lashes of a bull whip was too much for me. I attempted to stop McDonal and it ended in a personal encounter. He lashed me across the face, the wire tip on his whip cutting a bad gash in my cheek. The little hatchet that I had carried in my hunting days was in my belt, and McDonal was carried unconscious from the scene.

I was placed under guard but, Ensign Henry Bullock and Private Eikanah Millard had both witnessed the encounter. They gave Captain McClellan the facts and I was never brought to trial. Years later I met 2nd Lieutenant Riley and Ensign Bullock at Bristol at John Robertsons show, and Bullock jokingly reminded me that there was a case still pending against me before a court martial and wanted to know how much longer I was going to have the trial put off?

McDonal finally recovered, and in the year 1851, was running on a boat out of Memphis, Tenn.

The long painful journey to the west ended March 26, 1839, with 4,000 silent graves reaching from the foot hills of the Smoky Mountains to what is known as Indian territory in the West. And covetousness on the part of the white race was the cause of all that the Cherokees had to suffer.

Ever since Ferdinand Desoto, made his journey through the Indian country in the year of 1540, there had been a tradition of a rich Gold mine somewhere in the Smoky Mountain Country, and I think the tradition was true. At a festival at Echata on Christmas night 1829, I danced and played with Indian girls who were wearing ornaments around their necks that looked Gold.

In the year of 1828, a little Indian boy living on Ward creek had sold a Gold nugget to a white trader, and that nugget sealed the doom of the Cherokees. In a short time the country was over run with Armed brigands claiming to be Government Agents, who paid no attention to the rights of the Indians who were the legal possessors of the country. Crimes were committed that were a disgrace to civilization. Men were shot in cold blood, lands were confiscated. Homes were burned and the inhabitants driven out by these Gold hungry brigands.

Chief Junaluska was personally acquainted with President Andrew Jackson. Junaluska had taken 500 of the flower of his Cherokee scouts and helped to win the battle of the Horse Shoe leaving 33 of them dead on the field. And in that battle Junaluska had drove his Tomahawk through the skull of a Creek warrior, when the Creek had Jackson at mercy.

Chief John Ross sent Junaluska as an envoy to plead with President Jackson for protection for his people, but Jackson's manner was cold and indifferent toward the rugged son of the forest who had saved his life. He met Junaluska, heard his plea but curtly said, "Sir, your audience is ended, there is nothing I can do for you." The doom of the Cherokee was sealed, Washington, D. C., had decreed that they must be driven West, and their lands given to the white man, and in May 1838 an Army of 4,000 regulars, and 3,000 volunteer soldiers under command of General Winfield Scott, marched into the Indian country and wrote the blackest chapter on the pages of American History.

Men working in the fields were arrested and driven to the stockades. Women were dragged from their homes by soldiers whose language they could not understand. Children were often separated from their parents and driven into the stockades with the sky for a blanket and the earth for a pillow. And often the old and infirm were prodded with bayonets to hasten them to the stockades.

In one home death had come during the night, a little sad faced child had died and was lying on a bear skin couch and some women were preparing the little body for burial. All were arrested and driven out leaving the child in the cabin. I don't know who buried the body.

In another home was a frail Mother, apparently a widow and three small children, one just a baby. When told that she must go the Mother gathered the children at her feet, prayed a humble prayer in her native tongue, patted the old family dog on the head, told the faithful creature goodbye, with a baby strapped on her back and leading a child with each hand started on her exile. But the task was too great for that frail Mother. A stroke or heart failure relieved her sufferings. She sunk and died with her baby on her back, and her other two children clinging to her hands.

Chief Junaluska who had saved President Jackson's life at the battle of Horse Shoe witnessed this scene, the tears gushing down his cheeks and lifting his cap he turned his face toward the heavens and said, "Oh my God, if I had known at the battle of the Horse Shoe what I know now, American History would have been differently written."

At this time 1890, we are too near the removal of the Cherokees for our young people to fully understand the enormity of the crime that was committed against a helpless race, truth is the facts are being concealed from the young people of today. School children of today do not know that we are living on lands that were taken from a helpless race at the bayonet point to satisfy the white man's greed for gold.

Future generations will read and condemn the act and I do hope posterity will remember that private soldiers like myself, and like the four Cherokees who were forced by General Scott, to shoot an Indian Chief and his children had to execute the orders of our superiors. We had no choice in the matter.

Twenty-five years after the removal it was my privilege to meet a large company of the Cherokees in uniform of the Confederate Army under Command of Colonel Thomas, they were encamped at Zollicoffer, I went to see them. Most of them were just boys at the time of the removal but they instantly recognized me as "the soldier that was good to us." Being able to talk to them in their native language I had an enjoyable day with them. From them, I learned that Chief John Ross was still ruler of the nation in 1863. And I wonder if he is still living? He was a noble hearted fellow and suffered a lot for his race.

At one time he was arrested and thrown into a dirty jail in an effort to break his spirit, but he remained true to his people and led them in prayer when they started on their exile. And his Christian wife sacrificed her life for little girl who had pneumonia. The Anglo Saxon race would build a towering monument to perpetuate her noble act in giving her only blanket for comfort of a sick child. Incidentally the child recovered, but Mrs. Ross is sleeping in an unmarked grave far from her native Smoky Mountain home.

When Scott invaded the Indian country some of the Cherokees fled to caves and dens in the mountains and were never captured and they are there today. I have long intended going there and trying to find them but I have put off going from year to year and now I am too feeble to ride that far. The fleeting years have come and gone and old age has overtaken me, I can truthfully say that neither my rifle, nor my knife are stained with Cherokee blood.

I can truthfully say that I did my best for them when they certainly did need a friend. Twenty-five years after the removal I still lived in their Memory as "the soldier who was good to us."

However murder is murder whether committed by the villain skulking in the dark or by uniformed men stepping to the strains of martial music.

Let the Historian of a future day tell the sad story with its signs, its tears and dying groans. Let the great Judge of all the earth weigh our actions and reward us according to our work.

Murder is murder and somebody must answer, somebody must explain the streams of blood that flowed in the Indian country in the summer of 1838. Somebody must explain the 4,000 silent graves that mark the trail of the Cherokees to their exile. I wish I could forget it all, but the picture of 645 wagons lumbering over the frozen ground with their Cargo of suffering humanity still lingers in my memory.



Indian History At DeSoto State Park

By Sherry Bosworth

DeSoto State Park, rich in Native American history and resources, presented a Naturalist Interpretive program which portrayed native American life in the Mississippian Period (after 500 AD) Woodland Period (1000 BC-AD 500) and the Archaic Period (7000 BC-1000 BC).

Chief Stewart, one of the full-blooded Cherokee tribe chiefs, captivated his audience when he shared his own personal story of his heritage. He described the past with both stories and demonstrations. In addition, he shared his personal experience of living as a Cherokee in this day and time. As Chief of Police in Vestavia Hills in Birmingham, Ala., for 30 years, he was unable to claim his rights of his Cherokee Ancestry in public until 1968 when Cherokees were recognized as U. S. citizens. He spoke also of the lifestyle of his people in the Mississippian Period.

Larry Bean, Naturalist at Russell Cave National Monument, spoke of various groups of Indians and their lifestyles during the Woodland Period. During this time, village life became important. Pottery making and trade with other groups for materials such as shell, copper and stone for finely finished stone tools was initiated.

Adults and children had a hands on experience using a deer antler to make arrowheads from flint in the same way the Indians did. Demonstrations on the life of ancient Indians also included opportunities to use the atlatl (or spear thrower), corn grinding, the blow gun (unique to the Cherokee) and cutting leather thongs. The Woodland Period was noted for its farming and hunting, thus the extensive use of these tools.

The Archaic Period was covered by Daryl Patton, Lookout Mountain Herbalist. His knowledge of over 600 plants was shared with a very enthusiastic audience. He told how the Indians used the plants for both food and medicine. He explained how the Indians were basically disease-free before the "white man" brought in communicable diseases. They did not need extensive medication before contact. They had depended on nature which had provided for all their needs. For example the beautiful lady slipper wild flower found here in DeSoto State Park in early spring was commonly used as a remedy for toothache. Although the goldenrod has commonly been blamed for hay fever, the Indians knew better. They actually used the goldenrod as a medicine for chest congestion and hay fever caused by ragweed. Wild geranium were used as a medicine for sore mouth.

The various uses of plants by the Indians in this environment indicated the large extent to which they understood and utilized their natural resources.

We at DeSoto State Park invite you to come understand and utilize the rich natural resources and heritage that you have here. For more information contact Bill Bosworth, DeSoto State Park Naturalist. (845-0051).

Battle of Chickamauga

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Re-enactment

September 17-18, 1988

In Trion, Georgia, on Sept. 17-19, the 125th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga will be commemorated with a reenactment of the battle. The outdoor spectacle is to be a part of the 125th Chickamauga Battle Anniversary Antique and Arts Festival which begins on the 15th.

The organizers of the battle reenactment, together with hosts Larry and Jane Schlachter of Summerville, owners of Farm House Antiques, have created a first of its kind event.

Napoleonic Tactics, Inc., a living history consultant firm, is managing the event. It is sponsored by the Georgia Division Civil War Reenactment Association, Inc., and the American Civil War Commemorative Committee, Inc. — both non-profit educational organizations.

The Festival will be located off-site about two miles from the reenactment on about 10 acres of property on Highway 27. Local residents interested in participating in the festival may call the Mrs. Schlachter at 404-857-1433 for more detailed information.

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State Energy Grants

Gov. Guy Hunt Wednesday awarded 26 public institutions with energy conservation grants totaling \$3,163,092 for the purchase of equipment to save energy and state dollars.

"The Institution Conservation Program outlines how this grant money is distributed so our schools, hospitals and public institutions can make better use of our tax dollars," Gov. Hunt said. "Every dollar of energy cost avoided is a dollar that can be spent providing better education for our children, better medical care for our sick and better services for our citizens."

The Institution Conservation Program is available to schools, hospitals, units of local governments and public care institutions. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis for implementation of energy conservation measures. Most of the conservation measures are financed through a state-institution partnership.

The governor said although the state awarded 26 grants today, a total of 92 public institutions have received funding totaling \$4,347,529 in 1988. It is expected a total amount of yearly dollars saved is estimated to be \$2,437,689 for these 92 grants.

Through this project, the Institution Conservation Program has awarded 538 grants for a total of \$22,846,879 over the past nine years. This results in a projected energy savings of 1,529.8 billion BTUs and a dollar savings of \$10,759,933 per year for a simple payback of slightly over two years.

The grants are administered by the Science, Technology and Energy Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. This program is another example of Gov. Hunt's commitment to use existing resources to solve problems and create opportunities to better utilize tax dollars.



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Give Five Alabama

Gov. Guy Hunt Thursday announced the statewide "Give Five Alabama" steering committee chairperson and county liaisons who will work with the governor's office on volunteerism to raise awareness and provide information about volunteerism from their respective counties.

The primary purpose of the "Give Five Alabama" project is to acknowledge the important advantages of volunteerism and to encourage all Alabamians to develop the habit of "living," a standard of excellence for giving and volunteering. Fivers give 5 percent of their income to charity and volunteer five or more hours a week to causes of their choice.

"The aim is to give a clearer idea of what all of us should do in the fulfillment of our community service and what the composite of all this can mean to our communities, our state and our nation," Gov. Hunt said. "The project will run for a minimum of 24 months and has three components: the awareness campaign; the comprehensive information data base; and the statewide statistical survey on volunteerism."

Gov. Hunt appointed 32-year-old Bud Dyess to serve as the "Give Five Alabama" committee steering chairman.

The Montgomery resident was severely electrocuted on March 10, 1987 and he wanted to serve the state as chairman because "so many people gave during my hospital stay, for example, friends, family, church groups and charitable organizations."

Dyess is the president of Dyess Outdoor Advertising Company and partner in the parent company, Trinity Investments.

"Give Five Alabama" is a collaborative effort of the public, private and voluntary sectors and will serve to form a "golden triangle," a statewide network of support and resources for helping to meet the needs of Alabamians.

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Passage Of Medicare Health Bill Results In New Tax Implications

The Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act, recently signed into law by President Reagan, will boost Medicare health benefits in 1989 and subsequent years while increasing the tax liability of certain individuals.

"This act is designed to protect older Americans and the disabled from the extensive costs of hospitalization and treatment for serious illnesses," reported David Brouwer, the Fort Payne investment representative for Edward D. Jones & Co.

"At the same time, it requires all individuals who are eligible for Medicare and who pay federal income taxes to pay a 'supplemental premium,' or surtax, on their federal tax liability," Brouwer continued.

The amount of the premium, which starts in tax year 1989, increases each year from 1989 through 1993. There will be a ceiling on the premium to limit the amount that each individual must pay. This ceiling will increase from \$800 per person in 1989 to \$1,050 in 1993.

For example, in 1989 the surtax will be \$22.50 for every \$150 of income-tax liability, with a maximum \$800 surtax per person. A married couple eligible for Medicare with \$51,910 in taxable income, after deductions and exemptions, would pay approximately \$10,667 in federal income tax in 1989. Their supplemental premium would be about \$800 per person, or \$1,600 total, which is the maximum.

A single individual eligible for Medicare who received \$25,000 in net taxable income would pay about \$4,680 in federal income tax. His or her supplemental Medicare premium would be \$702 in 1989.

"Because the surtax is linked to income tax liability," Brouwer said, "taxpayers affected by the Medicare act would be well-advised to review their tax status. In fact, many tax professionals are recommending their clients position some of their savings in safe, tax-free investments to avoid added tax liability."

The Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act will cover unlimited hospitalization after an annual deductible is met. The old law required individuals to share costs after 60 days in the hospital, and coverage ended after 150 days.

Covered medical services, such as physician and outpatient services, will also increase beginning in January 1990. Further, in 1991 Medicare will pay 50 percent of most outpatient prescription drug costs, and the percentage covered will increase in subsequent years.

For more information, call your local Edward D. Jones & Co. representative at 845-4560 or stop by the office at 201 Grand Ave. N.

QUESTION: How much supplemental premium (surtax) will I have to pay in 1989?

ANSWER: The amount of the premium depends on the amount of income tax you pay. If your regular federal income tax comes to less than \$150, you won't owe a supplemental premium. If your regular tax is \$150 or more, you will pay a set dollar amount per \$150 of income tax. There is a cap (a ceiling) on the total premium you can be assessed. The formula is: Premium Rate x Tax Liability divided by \$150.

For 1989 the premium rate will be \$22.50. The premium cap PER INDIVIDUAL will be \$800 PER PERSON for married couples filing jointly. **EXAMPLE:** 65-year-old couple have joint tax bill of \$7,500. Their total supplemental premium for 1989 is \$1,125 ($22.50 \times \$7,500 \div \150).

NOTE: THIS IS A PREMIUM OF \$562.50 PER PERSON. You take the joint tax liability and pro-rate half to the husband and half to the wife. By doing this, a couple with only one eligible for Medicare can calculate their premium. This is a 15 percent increase in taxes for the first year!

QUESTION: What can be done to reduce the premium or federal tax liability?

ANSWER: Since the premium is based on the amount of federal tax liability, the obvious approach is to reduce taxable income. One excellent method is to position a portion of your savings in tax-free unit trusts, bonds, mutual funds, or use annuities.

QUESTION: How much can be saved?

ANSWER: The premium caps are set differently for 1989, 1990 and so on. In 1989 the highest premium occurs with \$10,800 in joint tax liability which works out to approximately \$52,000 in taxable income after deductions. If the couple is at \$52,000 in taxable income, for every \$150 in federal taxes they can save, they will also save \$22.50 in supplemental premium per person.

If a married couple has \$70,000 in taxable income, they would still pay the ceiling rate of \$1,600 in 1989 for the supplemental premium. To reduce the premium paid, they would have to reduce their taxable income from \$70,000 to below approximately \$52,000! This would take moving substantial savings dollars from taxable investments to tax-free — in the area of \$200,000 of savings. **BUT EVEN IF NO PREMIUM CAN BE SAVED BECAUSE THE COUPLE ARE STILL AT THE CEILING, THEY SHOULD REALIZE THAT THEIR TAXES HAVE JUST GONE UP BY \$1,600 — SO ANY AMOUNT OF SAVINGS MOVED TO TAX-FREE INVESTMENTS WILL HELP REDUCE THEIR TAXES!** To save the full \$1,600 premium for a couple who have passed the ceiling, the couple would need to move a \$71,000 8 percent CD to a municipal investment paying 8 percent (71,000 x 8 percent equals 5,680 taxable income, x 28 percent tax bracket equals \$1,590 tax savings). To save the \$1,100 premium on a couple with \$40,000 in taxable income, the couple would need to move a \$49,000 8 percent CD to a tax-free investment paying 8 percent.

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In the remaining months of 1988, we need to get to know one another better. As a candidate — one who has never run for a public office — I acknowledge that I am a new face in the political arena.

Some of you who are tired of 25 years of politics-as-usual in DeKalb County may find this to my advantage. Quite frankly, the more you learn about me the more I think you'll like the idea of my being Superintendent.

I want to clearly communicate to you what I hope to accomplish as superintendent.

You will hear me speak long, loud and clear on what I think is the most important characteristic of a good superintendent.

Please understand how I feel about this: As an active church member, deacon, Sunday school teacher and church training director, I am strongly committed to the teaching of Christian values and ethics in our classrooms. I feel that the superintendent is first and foremost a moral leader.

I want to talk with you about my ideas for improving our limited, narrow band of opportunity for many students today.

Teachers do a remarkable job with the majority of young people — believe me, they work miracles — but far too many of our young people drop out of school or identify themselves as failures.

As a principal, I am not surprised when I see statistics that tell me that one in four students quit school.

Many of the new policies and practices in our schools hurt students; several have no sound educational reason for existing. I will talk with you about these and how we are tying the hands of many good teachers and principals.

I want to talk to you about the need for an alternative school and ways we can cut down absenteeism and our disgraceful dropout rate.

I want to talk with you how about why I think community leaders make good teachers. I have long been a vocal supporter of work experience and on-the-job training as part of certain student's education.

I find unacceptable the attitude that now governs our system — an attitude that suggests that only teachers can teach, and from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. And then only at school.

Several years ago, we were well on the way to involving our schools in the economic growth of our county. Our Work Program was recognized nationally; it eventually became an example for schools all across Alabama.

But, here again, educational politics got in the way and hurt a lot of young people. The Work Program no longer exists.

I want to talk to you about how we can better use available tax dollars to help students.

We have wasted too much money in the last few years — about a million dollars in four years — that did not make one iota of difference in the life of the great majority of students and teachers. It never reached the classroom.

I want to talk to you about the need to reduce teacher-student loads. This is a big issue right now, all across this state.

Not so long ago I heard one of our elected educational officials tell a group of teachers there was little evidence to support the contention that a smaller teacher-student ratio helps students to learn more.

I guess this is where we square off. I've taught a class with 50 students and one with 20. I've read the research — indeed, done some of it myself — and I know it does make a difference. Sometimes we need to use common sense.

I'm committed to reducing these horrendous teacher-student loads in many of our schools.

I want to talk to you about how we have isolated ourselves from hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in new school revenues.

We have earned ourselves quite a reputation in DeKalb County of not being interested in money available to us in the form of special projects. These are mine and your tax dollars going to other school systems.

As superintendent, I will bring to that office the experience I have gained as the most successful fund-raiser in the recent history in DeKalb County.

More than anything else at this stage of my career, I want to make a difference. One difference that I can help make is that of reducing the way politics controls our schools.

If we do not work together, then what you have today, you will have tomorrow and the day after. I am committed to seeing that our young people have a better tomorrow. Personally, I don't think we can afford to wait much longer.

Just step outside of DeKalb County and look at what is taking place in other school systems. You'll see what I mean.

Qualifications:

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 1974
University of Alabama
Educational administration

Master of Arts (M. A.) 1972
University of Alabama
Educational administration

Bachelor of Science (B. S.) 1967
Alabama College (Montevallo)
Mathematics

Experience:

Director of Vocational Education ... 1980-86
DeKalb County Schools, Alabama
Additional responsibility includes serving as principal of the DeKalb County Area Vocational School.

Director of Instruction 1979-80
DeKalb County Schools, Alabama
Additional responsibility included serving as special programs coordinator.

Secondary Supervisor 1977-79
DeKalb County Schools, Alabama

Adjunct Professor 1973-77
Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville, Alabama
Taught graduate-level courses in educational administration, supervision, and curriculum.

Adjunct Professor 1973-77
Huntsville, Alabama
Alabama A & M University
Taught graduate-level courses in educational administration, supervision, and curriculum.

Mathematics teacher 1973-77
Geraldine High School
Geraldine, Alabama

Mathematics teacher 1971
Westlawn Junior High
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Science teacher 1970-71
Welborn High School
Anniston, Alabama

Mathematics teacher 1969-70
Calhoun County Training School
Anniston, Alabama

Mathematics/Science teacher 1967-69
Crossville High School
Crossville, Alabama

Special Skills:

Between 1980-85, I have been directly responsible for initiating, securing and administering approximately five million dollars in flow-through, formula and competitive grant funds for DeKalb County Schools.

In various administrative capacities, I have served as a workshop presenter throughout the State of Alabama in the areas of student management and discipline, services to the vocationally handicapped and disadvantaged, and program improvement in vocational education.

Personal:

Married to Carolyn (Thrasher) Runyan, a teacher of the trainable mentally retarded at Fyffe School, Fyffe, Alabama.

Two children, Shelley, age 15 and Christopher, age 11.

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