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MENTONE'S FOXHUNTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Evelyn Graves

So many times I have remarked as I reminisced my childhood years that I wish "today's children" could enjoy some of the things that I did as a child, but they are just not done any more. These are the simple things of life that have so much bearing on my life as an adult.

John Baty has experienced my same feelings as he looks back over the years at the meaningful things in his life, and he has done something about preserving and making available to future generations the sport of foxhunting. He has written a 108-page paperback book entitled, *Foxhunting in DeKalb County*.

John is no stranger to the Mentone area. He attended school at Moon Lake and Valley Head. His mathematics teacher in high school made the remark that there were many mathematical problems that he, as a teacher, was unable to solve, but there was no problem too complicated for John Baty. He stated that John had the most brilliant mathematical mind of any person he had ever encountered. After John finished college, he taught mathematics in the county schools in grades 7 through 12. He was forced to retire in 1974 because of a heart condition. John did not give up on life, but has enjoyed many things, including reading and expanding his mind, as is evidenced in his new book.

John attributes so much to his wife, Mary Sue, who has been his constant companion, participating in the things that John enjoys, including foxhunting. She helped in the research and correlation of the book, and the dedication page reads, "To my wife Susie: Mate, Best Friend, Hunting Companion." John and Mary Sue hunted together for 25 years before John became disabled. Now, that their favorite hunting dog, Knothead, has been replaced by a little Jack Russell terrier, the Batys want to preserve all they know about foxhunting in their home county. They say it is a dying sport, and that saddens them.



JOHN BATY

"Hunting with hounds is man's oldest sport," said Baty in an interview. "Since the dawn of civilization, the hound has entertained men of all social classes, and I am saddened by the plight of today's hounds."

"A few people I know foxhunt now, but it's different. With roads and buildings moving in, it makes it impossible to run outside of the enclosures that are stocked."

Baty's book covers everything from the historical aspect of hounds to local memories of "how it was in those days when foxhunting was more common than football, and the hound was king."

Baty said a foxhunt could last all night long. "This is a race that includes fording creeks, smashing through brush, climbing fences. All the while, he must maintain control of the line of scent. No other mammal is as game as a foxhound."

How does the foxhunt end? "A gray fox will climb a tree if hard pressed," Baty said. "A red fox goes in a hole in the ground. Or the dogs may lose the line of scent and never recover it."

Only 150 copies of *Foxhunting* are available, at \$5.00 each. The books are on sale at the Mentone Superette, Fort Payne Feed and Garden Supply, Killian's Veterinary Office, and Morgan Drugs in Valley Head.

I asked John if he planned to write more books on different subjects that might be passed along to future generations, and he replied that he had no plans at this time, but that he "might get something else together." After having read *Foxhunting*, I feel that this is just the beginning for John.

NOTICES FROM MENTONE MAYOR

Mayor Max Cash of Mentone requests that no household garbage be placed in the trash barrels at Mentone Brow Park. Several times recently, individuals have been seen dumping their household garbage in the park. The trash receptacles are for picnicking purposes and not for household garbage.

Also, citizens are asked to continue watching for anyone tampering with or destroying street signs. Several signs that recently were put up for the 911 emergency system have been torn up, broken, and/or removed. Many other signs have been torn down in previous months. If anyone sees that the signs are being tampered with or destroyed, please report this to the police. Call 634-4444. If anyone is caught, he will be punished to the fullest extent of the law. These signs could make the difference in life or death if they have been removed, and a 911 emergency vehicle cannot locate the emergency.

IMPORTANT!!! CHECK YOUR MAPA MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE

The regular month for renewal of memberships in MAPA is July of each year. However, if you joined at a later time, this will be shown on your mailing label on your copy of *The Groundhog* if you are outside the city limits of Mentone. For Mentone residents, you can call either Dessie Newberry, Treasurer, 634-4232, or Marie Dillenbeck, Secretary, 634-4541, to determine your MAPA membership expiration date.

So, check your *Groundhog* mailing label today. If you are up to date, thank you for being a part of MAPA. We hope you are enjoying your subscription to MAPA's monthly newspaper, *The Groundhog*. If it is time to renew, please send in your \$10.00 or \$15.00 (family) membership to continue receiving your subscription to *The Groundhog*.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Win Crawford
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Dear Dr. Pat:

Just a note to thank you for your Mentone hospitality and the friendly chat we had at the Kountry Chef on Sunday [August 1].

This is the way I remember Mentone as a girl--people taking time to get to know and enjoy each other.

I appreciate the work that you and many others do to keep the Mountain memories alive for those of us who must still "just visit."

If possible, please begin our Groundhog subscription with August issue. Baby Joy hopes that Brutus will remember her daily visits with him!!

Hope to see you again during our next visit.
Sincerely,
Donna Crawford
for "Our Whole Crew"

August 9, 1993

Paul R. Brackin
Athens, TN 37303

Dear Groundhog:

I have really been missing my Groundhog, so I went looking for old issues to see when the last one was received. Guess what! I discovered my subscription expired 6/7/93. Groundhog, I miss you and enclosed is my check in the amount of \$15.00 payable to Mentone Area Preservation Association, M.A.P.A.

Looking forward to receiving the next issue of Groundhog.

Also, please note my address change.

Thank you.

Paul R. Brackin

Editor's comment: Readers, if you find yourself in the same situation, please see the notice on this page about renewing your subscription.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADA MEMBERS

Mickey Gough ----- September 10
Dot Crow ----- September 23



The

Editor's Column

By
EVELYN GRAVES

EDITORIAL

In the past few weeks, as I have watched national and local news on television and have read newspapers from surrounding cities, I have been troubled at the surge of crime and violence that seems to prevail. I was reminded of "Dry September," a short story by William Faulkner, which I was required to read in an English class in my freshman year of college. It has been proven that human passion is at its peak in dry, hot weather. The weather has certainly been conducive this summer for bringing out the underlying feelings that people possess. It is my thought that, if all of us in Mentone and the reader public will allow the dry, hot, September weather to stir up the passions in us that will cause us to reach out to someone in need, to promote good things in the community, to see the good in other people, to right wrongs, to be the instrument of peace that we need to be in sensitive situations, to be positive in our attitudes, and to join forces to make our community the best that it can be through our community organizations, our churches, and our schools, then we will have reversed the trend, and we will be happier individuals living in a stronger community.

JACK JONES NEW MAPA PRESIDENT

Citing health reasons, Sherman Gough, resigned in August as president of MAPA. At a board meeting on August 22, Jack Jones was unanimously elected as president. The board members and officers for MAPA are:

President--Jack Jones; Vice-President--H.L. Jenkins; Secretary--Marie Dillenbeck; Treasurer--Dessie Newberry; Member at Large--Dot Crow; Parliamentarian--Sherman Gough; Editor of The Groundhog--Evelyn Graves.

Jack Jones appointed Bruce BonFleur to be the chairman of the Groundhog Run after Donna Bouldin resigned.



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Jaws of Life being used to cut a car apart



Chester Crow handing Cathy Cryer a \$100 bill



Pat Seymour drawing a winner from the box and handing it to Chester Crow, while Sanford Hartline and Gail Chambers look on

LABOR DAY WEEKEND BAR-B-QUE

At their first Labor Day Weekend Bar-B-Que, the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department was unbelievably successful. On Saturday, September 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the fire station on Hwy 117 in Mentone, plates and sandwiches were sold, meat compliments of Dot Crow, slaw and beans compliments of Dessie Newberry of the Kountry Chef, and beans were also provided by Gail Chambers and Juanita Hartline. Many other interested individuals provided the cakes. Many guests ate at the fire station, while others took plates out.

Pat Seymour had donated \$1,000 to the fire department for the drawing for the ten \$100 bills. There were ten winners when the drawing was held at 3:00 p.m. The only winner present was Cathy Cryer. The picture above is of Chester Crow handing Cathy Cryer a \$100.00 bill. One of the winners had written on her ticket that the \$100 was to be donated back to the fire department. The list of winners are:

1. Tena Cryer, Fort Payne
2. Anana Moose, guest at Mentone Inn, donated her \$100.00 back to the Fire Department
3. Cathy Cryer, Fort Payne
4. Rebecca Pennington, Rising Fawn
5. Alvin Pace, Fort Payne
6. Barry Johnson, Fort Payne
7. Laura Pullen, Valley Head
8. Ross Summer, Mentone
9. Keiffer Jackson, Mentone
10. Wayne Meadows, Mentone

The fire department reports that as a result of the drawing, donations, and the sale of the Bar-B-Que plates, they cleared approximately \$4,000. The purchase of The Jaws of Life (see picture above) is now a certainty.



Rotary ticket box made by Sanford Hartline and donated by him for the use of drawings in Mentone



The River Watch

By
BILL SCHWARZ

STUFF

Now that I have almost (95+%) finished my summer's remodeling project, I am very aware of "stuff." Everyone knows what "stuff" is...it's those valuable items which come into the house every week and never seem to go out of the house and never get used up; just come in.

I turned a pantry, a great pantry, a spectacular pantry, with floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall shelves, into a laundry. When I did that, I had no idea how much stuff had come into the house over the past few years. No matter how much was thrown out, more came in.

Last spring, I helped my daughter's fiance clean out his house in Moody, Alabama, and move back to Huntsville. Everyone needs to move, frequently, or at least pretend that they are moving. He's the one who indelibly imprinted the concept of STUFF onto my poor addled brain. He used the word with such impatience, such disgust, such vehemence, such hopelessness, that one could not help but feel...boy I'm going to go home and clean out all my drawers and closets, now! Know what I did? I looked at his throwaways, found some real treasures, brought them home and added them to my STUFF! So much for good intentions! The road to hell is paved with good intentions! Maybe I need to change my attitude and merely say I helped a friend in his time of dire need, I made his life a little easier, I was a good Samaritan.

Ever notice how it's always someone else's stuff that's just junk needing desperately to be thrown away? Take, for example, that pile of cloth. There's the leftover from a dress for Susan's 8th birthday, and the lovely piece of material used for Janet's blouses when she went to camp at age 10 (20 some years ago). That box of old sparkplugs that fit a 1979 TC-3 (gone now for 10 years) are still good and could be used again in an emergency. You never can tell when you might want to drop the ceiling fan down a few inches, so the box of adapter parts needed to be kept, even though the fan has been up and working for 8 years.

Janet had a "clean-out-and-throw-away" fit a few years ago when she added on to her house. She and Sue decided a garage sale would be good and my, oh my, did we ever stack up the stuff to be sold. Janet and Sue toured each other's cast-off junk, and each found armloads of treasures that would add immeasurably to the quality of life. Yard sales = junk exchange.

Chris and the grandchildren came to visit the other day, and we had a really nice time. Chris has just recently moved to Tampa, and, of course, went through the trauma of clean-out-and-throw-away. She'd only lived in her house for five years, so you'd think...gosh, that's not long, there won't be much to do. Ha, that's a joke! After weeks of packing, a large van full of household belongings left for Tampa and a storage warehouse. Chris, Sue, and the children left in two cars (I stayed here, I'm no dummy.) packed with last minute things. While here the other day, Chris casually mentioned that she really ought to rethink her lifestyle, since she was getting along perfectly well, as were the children, with what had been transported in the cars, 'cause she hadn't been into any of the vast number of boxes of valuable "stuff" that absolutely had to go to Tampa. She is temporarily living with in-laws, which does help a little. She was, however, musing over how little all that "stuff" really meant.

Thanks for your time, see you next month. In the meanwhile, I'm going to start getting rid of stuff. Get yourself a big box and join me!

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Northeast Alabama Area Adult Education Program offers free adult education classes in various locations throughout DeKalb, Jackson and Marshall Counties. These classes are provided to help anyone 18 years or older to improve his skills in English, math, reading, and GED preparation. Special assistance is available for the non-reader as well as for high school graduates who desire to brush-up. After successfully completing the General Educational Development (GED) Test, one can qualify for civil service, college entrance, technical training, job advancement, and armed services. Call the numbers listed below for more information. There is no obligation.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Summer is slowly winding down! The camps have all closed, the children are back in school, most everyone has taken a vacation, and things are more or less back to normal.

The dry weather has really taken its toll on the gardens and yards in Mentone. I can't remember the last time we had a good soaking rain. The one thing that seems to do well despite the drought is watermelons. Ken Kirby had some good ones this season.

I have noticed something lately that disturbs me. On more than one occasion, I have observed that people seem to think the rules and laws apply to everyone but them. I have a dear friend who insists on smoking in "no smoking" rooms. She thinks this means everyone but her. There is still so much litter on our highways because everyone thinks the clean-up campaigns are for everyone else. We all park in "no parking" spaces at one time or another. How many times have you almost been involved in an accident because the driver of a car did not yield at the Valley Head Y junction? We drive over the speed limit or stop in the middle of the highway (especially #117) because the traffic laws are for someone else. Watch for a while, and see how many times you see this. Then, decide if you are guilty of thinking the rules and laws are surely for someone else, not you. What will happen when everyone decides to disobey the laws? This is my soapbox topic for this month. If you have a topic you want on the soapbox to discuss, let me know.

I am glad to be back in the swing of Mentone living after a summer's work at Camp Laney. I enjoy what I do because I meet so many people from different parts of the country. Almost all of them would love to live here and are really quite envious of those of us who do. We need to stop more often and appreciate what we have. Watch for children getting on and off school buses. Support your local fire department and rescue squad. Find a church and attend services. Have a good fall!!



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SCHOOL NEWS

The first PTA meeting at Moon Lake School will be on September 13, at 6:30 p.m. All parents are urged to attend this meeting. Moon Lake School has a new teachers' aide, Ms. Karen Prestwood. Mrs. Becky Blalock is the new lunchroom manager, and Mrs. Kathy Crow is her assistant.

The school will be involved in PBAS (Performance Based Accreditation System) again this year.

A community soccer team is being organized by Mr. John Corey. The soccer season will run through October.

Mrs. Marsha Hurt will be doing the school yearbook again in 1993-1994.

Moon Lake's enrollment is 116 this year, which is an increase of 15 over last year. Inquiries have been made concerning the school which may result in other enrollments.

Valley Head School has a total enrollment of 470 this year.

The Tigers scored a 21-14 victory in their season opener against the Galesville Trojans. Jerry Bain, Brian Turner, Duane Blalock, Jason Baber, J.J. Wigley, Trevor Strickland, and Kevin Worthy made key plays in the game.

Head coach for the Tigers is Jonathan Tidmore, and Mark Hale is the Assistant Coach. Valley Head converted 22 first downs and had only one turnover.

The first home football game is on September 10 with Fyffe. The homecoming game is on October 1 with Ider. There will be a parade that day prior to the game.

VALLEY HEAD TIGERS 1993 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	- Gaylesville	-----	Away
Sept. 10	- Fyffe	-----	Home
Sept. 17	- Sand Rock	-----	Away
Sept. 24	- Cedar Bluff	-----	Home
Oct. 1	- Ider (Homecoming)	-----	Home
Oct. 8	- North Sand Mtn.	-----	Away
Oct. 15	- Crossville	-----	Away
Oct. 22	- Geraldine	-----	Home
Oct. 29	- Collinsville	-----	Home
Nov. 5	- Section	-----	Away

All home games will be played on the new field behind the high school.

VARSITY LINE UP

NO.	NAME	GRADE	POS.
2	Chad Smith	10th	SE
5	Chris Hammon	11th	HB
6	Jim Phillips	9th	QB
14	Scott Meadows	12th	SE
21	Duane Blalock	12th	QB
23	Lyndall Elkins	9th	TE
24	Brian Turner	10th	SE
25	Tim Hulan	12th	LB
30	Kevin Worthy	12th	HB
31	Jay Wagner	12th	FI
34	Robby Grisham	11th	FB
41	Gerry Bain	11th	FB
50	Heath Blalock	12th	OG
54	Trevor Strickland	10th	OG
55	Daryl Clements	10th	OG
60	Josh Woods	9th	OT
61	Matt Hulan	9th	C
63	Jason Baber	11th	OT
64	Dewayne Grisham	9th	OT
70	Anthony Grisham	9th	OT
74	Kelly Wagner	12th	OT
75	J.J. Wigley	12th	C
85	James Cox	10th	TE



Photo by Rick Gilbreath of Classic Studios in Fort Payne

CHAMBERS IS NAMED CENTURY CABLE EOQ

Century Cable's Employee of the Quarter is Gail Chambers. Mrs. Chambers started with Century Cable in 1981, parttime, changing to full-time Customer Service Representative in 1985. She is from Mentone and is married to Milton and has three children.

Mrs. Chambers is involved in many community activities and is well respected in our community, which reflects a positive image for Century Cable. She is presently on the Board of Directors of the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department in Mentone.

Her present duties consist of checking all converters before they are scheduled out and sending equipment for repair, as well as scheduling and preparing daily work orders. She maintains an inventory of all converters, remotes, and equipment in repair. She is also a Customer Representative, answering telephones, taking service orders and payments, and promoting additional services.

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BROW ON DESOTO PARKWAY just minutes from DeSoto State Park and Mentone. 100x300 lot with a beautiful view of the Fort Payne Reservoir, and valley. \$27,000.

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LARGE ROCK FORMATIONS accent this mountain home. Two bedroom, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, CH&A. Located off Lookout Mountain Parkway in Mentone. City Water. \$53,000.

BROW ROAD NORTH MENTONE. 9.1 acres with 600 ft. of West Brow frontage (sunset view) 3 miles north of Mentone. \$30,000.

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OWN THIS ISLAND PENINSULA. on the East Fork of Little River. 1/2 mile of river surrounding 15 acres, plus 800 ft. of Laurel Creek as the back boundary line. Electric, roughed in plumbing and a large basement foundation in place. Must see to believe. \$68,000 call for appointment.

BROW OVERLOOK FOR SALE Panoramic view from this 5 acres above Fort Payne. Located on Citadel Rock Rd. Would make a lovely homesite or restaurant spot. \$20,000.

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

Geraldine Hawkins had a real treat as an old school-mate and friend, Marie Arnold, her son, Paul David Arnold, his wife and granddaughter, from Torch, Ohio, came by and spent the day with her and Howard. It had been over 50 years since she had seen Marie.

The Sunshine Club met July 23, at Jewel Palmer's home. Those present were: Ruth Pickett, Gladys Cobble, Verintice Young, Carmel Gifford, Evelyn Clark, Addie Hall, Sue Cooper, Ruby Gifford, Wanda Manning, Geraldine Hawkins, Opal Tatum, Anna Daniel, Mary Porter, and Eloise Brown. Sue Cooper gave the devotional; Gladys Cobble read a poem, "Look on the Sunny Side;" and I read, "For All Those Born Before 1945."

Evelyn Clark and her husband, Loy, and Anna Daniel, and her husband, Henry, joined other friends and relatives at Warner Robbins, Georgia, to celebrate their brother Rodney Selman's 68th birthday.

Barbara and Jerry Gillon, of Montgomery, spent the weekend with John and Jean Jones. Jean and John's four-year-old granddaughter Rebecca Jean Jones, from Chesapeake, Virginia, spent over two weeks with them. They visited Jean's parents, Lorene and Clyde Holcomb at Hackleburg, Alabama.

Congratulations to Jenny Stott, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree on June 6. She will attend the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Jenny is a 1989 graduate of Valley Head High School.

Congratulations to Geneva McElhaney and Earl Hester, who were married Tuesday, August 24, at Trenton, Georgia. May they have a long and happy life together.

Deepest sympathy to the Guy Jones family. They suffered a great loss, as did the whole community, when he passed away.

Gladys Stott still suffers from a back injury. She has another month to wear the brace.

Geneva Smith is recovering from hip surgery. We wish for her and Gladys a complete recovery.

My cousin, Bill Fuller, and his wife, Blanche, of Madison, Alabama, spent last Sunday with me. We visited Emily and Barry Brown, the old home place at the Tennessee-Georgia state line, cemeteries, and side roads.

Ed Ringer has returned from a trip to Germany. (See picture elsewhere.) He was visiting his niece, Sara Schmidt and her husband Bert, in Darnstadt. Riding a streetcar, eating lunch at a sidewalk cafe, looking at an old Roman Fort in Saalburg, boating down the Rhein River for a view of old castles along the banks of the Rhein were a few of the activities Ed enjoyed. During his visit, Ed also traveled to Bavaria for a week and visited several cities, castles, and other interesting sites. Then, on August 4, he attended an AEA Leadership Conference at Dothan, Alabama. He is on the Board of Directors.

Melinda and Jeff Adkins have returned from a missionary trip composed of 20 members of the North Alabama Conference, to the Methodist Youth Camp in Nova Almeida Espirito Santo Brazil. They repaired, cleaned, and painted and had a medical clinic. It was Melinda's responsibility to get party supplies and arrange a party. They had balloons, posters, and favors and had a very colorful, festive occasion. The people's eyes lit up, for they had never seen anything like this.

Laura Margaret Allison visited her daughter, Ansley McGinnis and family in Florence, S.C. They took her granddaughter, Allison, to Clemson University, where she is majoring in International Trade. Allison had spent a month in the University of Madrid in Spain, studying the subject. Laura Margaret's daughter, Peachie Cearley of Irvine, Georgia, had returned from Washington, D.C., where she attended a Trade Fair, representing the Identification Cards and Devices Co. Laura Margaret also visited her son, Tom Allison and his wife, Irma, in Clinton, S.C., and they brought her home.

The Valley Head UMW met July 27 at the home of Jane Kerby, with Mary Crow as co-hostess. Venna Livingston led the study—the 4th Chapter of "Amos' Window to God." Others present were: Frances Longshore, Marjorie Gray, Geraldine Hawkins, Helen White, Mary Holleman, Melinda Adkins, Elizabeth Coleman, Laura Margaret Allison, and Eloise Brown. It had been mentioned before that weeds needed to be cleaned out of the shrubbery at the church, and it was reported that Ted Holleman had done it. The comment was made, "Just mention a need, and Ted takes care of it" Nice!

Venna Livingston accompanied her daughter, Sue Mosley, and children, Carmen, Suzanne, and Ben, to Tuscaloosa, to enter Carmen in the University.

Many of us from the valley were happy to share Peggy Howe's 85th birthday celebration and visit with many friends we don't often see. (See picture elsewhere.)

My cousin brought me an exquisite painting from China. I took it to Rosemarie Hamilton at the I-59 Flea Market to be framed. When I went to get it, she asked me if I had missed anything that week. She said, "You gave me two \$20 bills. They were stuck together." And she returned one. I told her that she deserved an item in The Groundhog. She insisted that I treat it—not as extraordinary, but as the normal thing to do. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if everyone would be that honest and honorable? Rosemarie Hamilton does lovely framing and art work, also.



Ed Ringer standing at the site of the fence that divided East and West Germany between the cities of Coburg and Sonneberg. The fence is no longer there, but the line is still visible.

Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on August 10 at 2:00 at the Mentone City Hall. The hostess was Sue Schwarz, assisted by Mary Ellen Fielder and Ann Wright.

Ann Wright led the reading of A Collect for Gardeners in the absence of Virginia Bassage.

Ann Wright, president, welcomed members and guests. On behalf of the Rhododendron Garden Club, Ann presented Hope Walker, past president, with a life membership in the Federated Garden Clubs of Alabama for her service to the club.

The minutes were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report.

Committee reports were heard. One of the projects for the garden club is the School Ground Improvement for Moon Lake School. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to do the work at the school, since Ann Wright had gotten the sign, rock-work, plants, and mulch donated.

Ann Wright reminded everyone of the District II fall meeting to be held in Pell City on September 23. At that meeting, the program will be "Garden Therapy." During the July 1992 meeting of the Rhododendron Club, Dr. Pat Seymour, assisted by Ann Wright and Marie Dillenbeck, gave the program; and they have been asked to present it in Pell City. All members are urged to attend the District II meeting.

The bylaws were discussed, and the changes that need to be made were noted. Ann Wright made a motion that if a member resigns from the club, the member is to notify the membership chairman in writing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Marie Dillenbeck introduced the speaker, Jean McGehee. Jean, who has given numerous programs, gave a very entertaining presentation entitled, "Humor in Gardening." Her son, McGregor, lives in New York near the "Buck-A-Book" store, and he sent her a book entitled Beds I Have Known, by Martha Smith of Naragansett, Rhode Island. It is a collection of Ms. Smith's syndicated columns and was published three years ago by Simon and Schuster. In Jean's humorous presentation, each member was able to see herself in one of the many illustrations. The club members were thoroughly entertained by Jean's program.

The next meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club will be Tuesday, September 14, at 2:00 at Nippersink. The hostess will be Gerry Disney, assisted by Elizabeth Stephens, Helen Hill, and Theresa Bosworth. Jo Beaube has the Flower Show Study Program and asked all members to bring an arrangement of flowers to the meeting, as the program will be on flower arranging. Benny Campbell will assist Jo with the program and help club members make beautiful arrangements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Beauty Tips

By
CHARLYNE O'REAR

A SNEAK PEEK AT WHAT'S "IN" FOR FALL FASHIONS '93.

Skirts, coats, and boots go to great lengths to please all body types. Skirt lengths run the gamut--short and full, long and full, short and straight, and long and straight. You will see more long, straight skirts with deep slits in front or on the side--some slits are above the knees.

You will find coats from the very short bolero types to those cozy, all the way to the ankle type, so there are many lengths to fit any body type. These will be made of fabrics that range from soft romantic velvet to long and leather. The menswear look goes soft with wider jacket lapels made of chenille, fake fur, and elaborate trims.

Boots are in a "never ending range of colors" like gold, rust, royal, red, purple, and silver. Again, boots will range in lengths of around the ankle to those long enough to meet any hemline: pants, skirts, shorts, and dresses.

The romantic look is very "in" with blouses carried over from spring that continue to play an important role with the season's new feminine silhouettes. Look for ruffles, jabots, cascading collars, French cuffs, and belled sleeves to provide the necessary delicate details. There will be dresses, coats, skirts, pants, shorts, and blouses in fabrics of velvet, crepe, chiffon, wool gauze, cashmere, and brocades accented with gold trim, braids, and embroidery. Knits gently caress the body in luxurious angoras, mohairs, and cashmere. Those huge sweaters are back--the ones that drop past the hips. They look great worn with those long straight skirts, too.

RED IS THE HOTTEST COLOR FOR FALL! Gold and silver metallics make a stunning comeback for night and day in pants, sweaters, dresses, etc.

Accessories have never been more important! Think "turn-of-the-century," and look for jeweled medallions and bracelets, chains and crosses, worn with **everything!** Laceup boots and wide-brimmed felt hats top fall's "must-have" accessory list.

Here is a list of "put-togethers" I found for fall. They may give you some ideas of how anything goes this season.

1. A very short, silk organza bolero jacket, crushed velvet skirt with lurex crochet sweater.

2. A satin brocade vest, white cotton blouse (long) worn out over silk, velvet, big-legged pants.

3. A wool and cotton tweed jacket, silk chiffon blouse and matching smock, with dark cotton leggings, and dark laceup boots that turn down just above the knees.

4. A sweater with chenille cuffs and panne' viscose velvet skirt.

5. A chenille cropped sweater, embroidered pants with long cotton blouse, again worn outside over the pants.

6. A wool crepe bolero, wool voile pant-skirt, and ivory silk faile blouse.

"Whoops, I'm out of time and space. We'll talk more about fall fashions next time." See you then, and happy hunting!

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MICKEY GOUGH HOSTS PHYSICIAN BROTHER

Dr. Edward Annis, brother of Mickey Gough of Mentone, has been coming to Mentone for 40 years. Originally he came up as a camp doctor. He and his wife, Betty, reside in Miami, Florida. Their eight children (grown now) all have gone to camps up here on Lookout Mountain, starting as campers and going through junior and senior counselors, and then working on the staff. Dr. Annis' wife attended Juliet Lowe Camp. Their boys attended Cloudmont (now Saddlerock), and their girls attended Valley View in Georgia. Mickey and Sherman held a belated birthday celebration for Dr. Annis who celebrated his 80th birthday in March. Instead of everyone going to Florida, they waited until they could come to Mentone. Also, Dr. and Mrs. Annis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Dr. Annis is past president of the American Medical Association and the World Medical Association. He asserts that American medical care is the best the world has ever known, but its healing powers are being strangled by senseless bureaucracy and the push toward socialized health care. Code Blue: Health Care in Crisis (Regnery Gateway; September 8, 1993; \$21.95 cloth) is Dr. Annis' call to arms for the medical profession and the government that explains the problems with today's system; the consequences the proposed system will have on pharmaceutical companies, doctors, and most important, patients; and his own solutions to a system that he believes can still be saved.

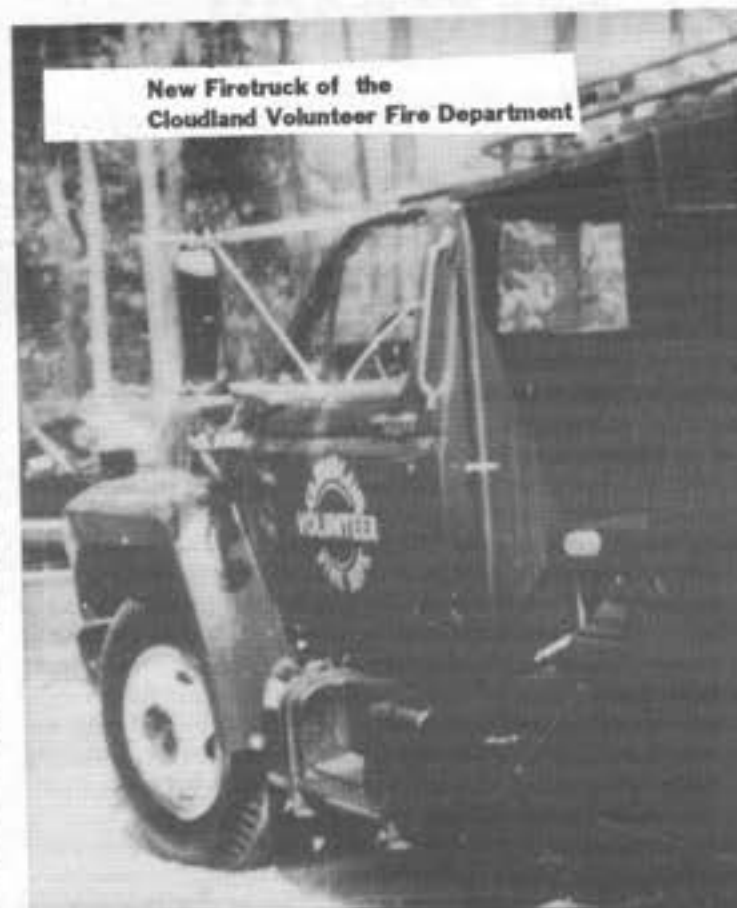
For many years, Dr. Edward Annis has been telling the story of medicine through radio and television broadcasts, newspaper and magazine articles, and public speeches and debates. Many will remember his famous Madison Square Garden speech where, to a television audience of over thirty million Americans, he gave the physician's rebuttal to President Kennedy's call for socialized medical care. His debating skills are legendary, and he has taken on some of the 20th century's greatest orators—Hubert Humphrey, Jacob Javits, Averell Harriman, William Proxmire, Al Gore, Sr., and many others.

Dr. Annis graduated from the University of Detroit and Marquette University School of Medicine. He practiced general medicine and surgery in Tallahassee, Florida, and general surgery in Miami, Florida, where he became chief of surgery at Mercy Hospital.

Of his many achievements and civic contributions, Dr. Annis has been president of the United States Section of the International College of Surgeons, council emissary of the World Medical Association, surgical consultant to the Surgeon General of the United States Air Force, director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and much more.

Currently, Dr. Annis is chairman of the Florida Medical Association Speakers Bureau, columnist for *Private Practice* magazine, member of the advisory committee of the Cleveland Clinic of Florida, director of the American College for Eye Surgeons, and a member of the Florida House of Representatives Speaker's Advisory Committee of the Future.

Dr. Annis advocates an individual's freedom to choose his own health-care provider and his ability to use his own earnings to pay for it. "That simple formula works just fine for the procurement of food, even though we are not all nutritionists, and it works fine for the procurement of automobiles, even though we are not all mechanics." What Dr. Annis prescribes is the essence of the free market. His dose of free market medicine would take effect right away, if only the wedge of third-party payers that separates patients from providers were withdrawn immediately. Dr. Annis is optimistic about the health-care system, if the correct steps are taken to "put the patient back in the driver's seat—in charge of his or her own money—with an adequate road map to make intelligent consumer decisions.



New Firetruck of the
Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department



Front from L, Janice Galloway, Cloudland Fire Chief and Mountain Jamboree Chairman; Pamela Ferguson, Entertainment Chairman. In background, Boys At Heart Band



Front gate keepers, from L, Stanley Meeks and Robert L. Williams, control crowd at Cloudland Mountain Jamboree



Bar-B-Q cooks and servers for the Jamboree were L to R: Lamar Canada, Joyce Allen, Jewel Brown, Fannie Hawkins, Burma Galloway, Louise Pruitt, Helen Hammonds, David Tidmore, and Jenny Harris

1993 CLOUDLAND MOUNTAIN JAMBOREE

The new Cloudland firetruck is made up of a '91 Ford flatbed, with a pump tank attached. The back tank was made by R&S Hydraulics of Ft. Payne, and took two months to construct. The vehicle carries 1500 gallons of water. The Cloudland Volunteer Fire Department is headed by Chief Janice Galloway and has 12 volunteers who answer the fire calls. Six are women; six are men. The Mountain Jamboree held each year on Labor Day, raised over \$3,000 in 1992. The proceeds go toward paying off the new firetruck.

NATURE'S CLASSROOM

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Nature's Classroom, located in Mentone at Camp Saddle Rock, is a unique outdoor education program, which is designed to support traditional classroom learning by showing creative and practical applications of subjects taught in school. Students enjoy the informal outdoor atmosphere, and open themselves to new growth experiences. All facts of *Nature's Classroom* programming have been specifically developed to enhance the learning process. Everything at *Nature's Classroom* is experiential. Motivation, creativity, goal setting, cooperation, social interaction, self-confidence, and environmental awareness are addressed and examined. *Nature's Classroom* of the Southeast is operated by *The Refuge, Inc.* This non-profit, Christian organization is dedicated to meeting the needs of mainstream children, as well as many special populations.

Nature's Classroom was founded by Jamie Aiken. The leaders of *Nature's Classroom* are Jamie Aiken, president; Marti King, director; and David Knight, promotions director.

The Refuge, Inc. has just published a new book entitled, *A Harvest Of Hope*, available to the public for \$20.00. It contains both big-picture educational philosophy, as well as an overview of classes, field studies, whole group activities, special programs, and much, much, much more!

Nature's Classroom is located minutes from I-59 and I-75 along the northeastern edge of Alabama and is within easy driving distance of major cities in the tri-state area. The campus high atop Lookout Mountain is nestled on the banks of Little River just outside the historic village of Mentone, at Camp Saddle Rock.

This year, classes begin September 13 and continue until May 25, 1994. Classes are hands-on, project-oriented with an instruction ratio of 1 to 12 or less. In them, the children make the discoveries. Learning, if it is to be lasting and real, must take place on three distinct spheres simultaneously: (1) The natural world, (2) The social world, and (3) The inner world. Learning must be empowerment. It must kindle excitement--the sheer exuberance of the power of knowing and the ability to know even more. *Nature's Classroom/The Refuge* is the product of inspiration. Its future is dependent upon the willingness of all involved to be likewise inspired and dedicated to meeting the needs of the participants and the program.

The Refuge is an ideal location for weekend retreats. Churches may wish to bring youth groups, committees, or classes out to enjoy the camp facilities and the unique opportunities of the Mentone area. Meeting and recreational facilities are available to accommodate large and small groups. Weekends can be customized to suit individual needs.

For further information about weekend programs or to reserve a weekend for a group, please call (205) 634-4443, or write: *The Refuge, P.O. Box 400, Mentone, AL 35984*. Proceeds from your group's visit will be used to sponsor programs for "special" children and adults. Information concerning the special camps is available upon request.

Next month, read comments from several participants.

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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Valley Head Baptist Church hosted a birthday party for the pastor, Reverend Jack Wood, and Choir Director Devan Jackson, on Saturday, August 28, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stanley. Reverend Wood brought the message at the joint worship service at the Valley Head United Methodist Church on the fifth Sunday of August. New officers and teachers are being selected for the church year beginning October 1.

The Reverend and Mrs. Jeff Adkins have returned to the Valley Head United Methodist Church from their mission trip to Brazil. On Sunday, following their return, they served Colombian coffee and doughnuts to the congregation at 8:30 a.m. prior to the service. A special song service at the church was held on the fifth Sunday of August. There were a number of special singers, including Devan Jackson, Dessie Newberry and Dorothy Crow, and George Walker who sang a solo and also led the congregation in singing. Melinda Adkins directed the congregational singing, also. The UMW met at the home of Mrs. Arno White in August. A birthday party honoring members of the congregation who had birthdays in July, August, and September will be held sometime in September. The date has not been set at this time.

The youth of the Moon Lake Baptist Church are beginning plans for a musical entitled, "The Pledge," directed by Kathy Van Cleave. No date has been set for the presentation. Tentative plans are being made for a play for Halloween written by the youth themselves. They are currently working on this. The church is having wonderful attendance on Sundays, as well as on Wednesday evenings.

At the Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Reverend Jerry Davis preaches on the first and third Sundays, and Reverend L.A. Smith preaches on the second and fourth Sundays. Everyone is welcome to attend the service at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

The Missionary Society of the Mentone Wesleyan Church surprised the pastor's wife, Mrs. Addison, with a stork shower on August 16. During August, the men had a prayer breakfast. There was a Sunday School picnic at the Cash Lake at Cloudland on August 28. It was a full afternoon with fishing for those who wanted to do so, swimming for the children, a wonderful meal with a fish fry, followed by delicious watermelons furnished by Kenneth Kirby. Everybody enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Bishop Stough will be at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church on September 12. He will confirm about twenty persons on that day. Following the service, there will be a dinner on the ground honoring the persons who are confirmed in the service. On September 12, Sunday School will begin at St. Joseph's at 9:30 a.m. and will continue every Sunday until next summer. There will be classes for all ages. A fellowship dinner is planned for Saturday, September 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hessel.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 1993

Lee's Chapel Baptist Church will be holding a joint revival with Faith Baptist Church of Fort Payne from September 26 through September 30, at the National Guard Armory. Their services will be at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The evangelist is Randy Hogue, who is a former drug addict. He attempted suicide with a drug overdose at one point in his life. He will be visiting in all the schools while he is here telling about drug and suicide prevention. Everyone is invited to attend these services. There will be special music each evening.

On Sunday, September 12, the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will celebrate Grandparents' Day. A white water rafting trip is planned for September 11. Any community youth between the ages of 12 and 35 who are interested in going on this trip should call 634-4792.

The Mentone United Methodist Church has hired Mrs. Edward (Ginger) Tuxbury as their pianist. The UMW met September 2. Along with other churches, the Methodist Church is interested in forming a singles group with meetings to be held on Thursdays, beginning September.

During August and the annual revival, thirty new members were welcomed into the Mentone Revival Center. Youth day is every second Saturday beginning at noon, and there will be singing, refreshments, and games. Every third Saturday night there will be a singing at 6:30 p.m. Heart and Soul will be the singers for the service in September. According to Rev. Marlon Williamson, every Sunday the services are broadcast over the following radio stations: WVSM (AM 1500) at 7:00 a.m.; WQRX (AM 870) at 9:30 a.m.; and WGPA (AM 950) at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the services: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. and on Sunday nights and Tuesday nights at 6 p.m.

THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The North DeKalb Ministerial Association will meet on Saturday, September 11, at 8:30 a.m. at Dessie's Kountry Chef. The association plans to begin work on the annual Thanksgiving service.

NARFE

DeKalb County Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 21, at Western Sizzlin. Probate Judge Paul Thomas will speak on the history of DeKalb County.

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The Recipe Corner

By
SUE SCHWARZ



September is here already, and we have gotten back into school daze and what to pack in lunches. I have included an easy treat that is tasty, and the children may want to help make them. I had a request for an apple crisp and found this one in Laurel's Kitchen. I did not have wheat germ, so I added 1/3 cup chopped pecans instead, and it was fine. Also, if you have pears, try making this using pears instead of the apples.

Deane's Apple Crisp

8 apples
Juice of one lemon
1 t cinnamon
2 T whole wheat flour *
3/4 C raisins
Water or apple juice

Topping:

1 C rolled oats
1/3 C toasted wheat germ
1/2 C whole wheat* flour
1/2 t salt
2 t cinnamon
1/2 C brown sugar
1/2 C butter cinnamon
*may use regular white flour

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice apples until you have enough to fill a greased 9" x 13" baking dish. Mix apples in a bowl with lemon juice, cinnamon, flour, and raisins. Return them to the baking dish, adding water or apple juice to cover the bottom.

Mix the topping in a bowl and press onto top of apples. Bake for 25 minutes or until apples are soft. Makes 8 servings.

Easy Peanut Butter Cornflake Treats

1 C sugar
1 C light corn syrup
1 (12 oz) jar crunchy peanut butter
6 C cornflakes

Combine sugar and corn syrup in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook until sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in peanut butter. Add cornflakes. Drop by teaspoonsful onto wax paper or press into buttered 8" square pan and cut into bars. You could add chocolate chips when you mix the cereal in, or you could melt some chocolate chips and pour over top of bars.



GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

When I noticed black spots and mites on my rose bushes, I went to Wal-Mart for the solution. The fungicide spray was quite expensive, so I did not buy it. I then thought of my special gardening book, The Experts Book on Garden Hints. It was bound to have a cheaper, organic or earth-friendly solution.

Of course, they had one! Sodium bicarbonate or the **handy baking soda**! According to the book "it is effective against a wide range of fungi." It has been tested successfully on a variety of vegetables--squash, cucumber, melon, pumpkin, and tomatoes. The mixture controls powdery mildew, leaf blight, gummy stem, anthracnose, leaf spot, and early tomato blight.

It is a protectant and eradicant for both black spot and powdery mildew on roses. Use the spray as soon as you see signs of fungal infection on plant. Apply once a week and continue the treatment as long as the fungal infection persists.

Plant Bicarb Spray:

1-3 teaspoons baking soda

1 gallon water

2-3 Tablespoons fine horticultural oil

The horticultural oil helps the soda stick to the leaves and cleans pathogens from feeding parts of aphids.



PEGGY HOWE HONORED

Ms. Peggy Howe was honored on August 15 with a lovely reception honoring her 85th birthday. The reception, given by Mrs. Vivian Ellis and Mrs. Susan VanApeldoorn, was held at the Mentone home of Mrs. Van Apeldoorn. Those serving were Mrs. Gertrude Cox, Mrs. Simla Ellis, Mrs. Lou Ann Weatherly, and Mrs. Alexa Parris. Mrs. Mable Kirk and Mrs. Kernie Wright kept the guest book. There were 132 friends who attended the reception.



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From Behind the Counter

By
BRUTUS



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You cannot imagine the pain, suffering, and humiliation of such a fine specimen of Boxer Bulldoghood as me being dragged down to the vet! Pop left me there all night after having my right paw hacked and chopped on to remove a cyst. No cards, no ice cream sandwiches, no visitors, no nothing, but pain and neglect. How I've missed being behind the counter!

And what happens the first crack out of the box when I come back to the Superette? Al and Mae, both stomp all over my sore paw! Why me, Lord??

At least Jeremy, Stacy, and Wendy Hyde are glad to see me back. Obviously, Harry Hopper is not impressed with my agony--he buys a half gallon of yogurt and doesn't share a single bite.

Yon and Jeffery Hopper stomp in from band practice and put their feet out in my face to tease me. It's a good thing for them I'm such a mild-mannered specimen--else those feet would go in one chomp of my mighty jaws.

Whoa! Sylvia Cash from Rome just came in decked out in a Skyline Camp shirt. Obviously, a great lady of excellent taste. She said, and I modestly quote, "What a beautiful dog." Now, there's a real appreciator of true magnificence!

I love it when Morih Potts wears those Lil Mole Run golf course shoes with all the delicious manure smells in the Superette. I nearly faint from the heavenly odor.

In spite of my weakened condition, I finally snatched the ice cream man's towel. Only by preplanning my flawless attack was this possible! Dear readers, I told you that towel would be mine!

Ed Jones is in the store bellowing about a box he received by Federal Express from some admirer. Sounds like he said it contained a brown shirt. He musta' wanted a blue one.

Here comes pretty Kim Worthey who always speaks respectful to me. Kim knows royalty when she sees it.

The high point of my month came today when Vickie Blackburn brought Alexandria in to see me. Alexandria and I shared a bag of pretzels and exchanged "sugar" in between bites.

James Umphrey was in a while ago bragging about being a deer hunter for 15 years--catch is, he hasn't shot one yet. Maybe he needs a few lessons from Lamar King, master deerslayer of the mountain.

Whee! Here comes the LOVE of my life, Linda Clark (no offense, Pop!) That is one fine lady with some totally cool, doggie perfume--turns me, like ON.

Lordy, Pop, get me out of here! There's a fly buzzing all around me, and you know how I hate those useless creatures. Besides, it's time for me to take my more-than-half of the bed while Pop plays, "Scoot over, Brutus." That's my most favorite nighttime game. I'm out of here!

THANK YOU! Two words that cannot begin to express our heartfelt gratitude:

-- To the three fire departments, whose men tried so hard to save our home;
-- To all the people of the community who generously gave their support, offered their homes, and donated clothing, furniture, and much more.

--To the Mentone churches for their caring, donations, and for our shower which was more than generous.

--And last, but not least--to the three special people who helped hold our family together: Margie, Emmett, and Jo, our parents.

We love you and are deeply grateful to have you all for family and friends.

Thanks again!

Eddie, Carolyn, and Tracy Coots

MENTONE PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT OF ZONING REQUESTS

Wesleyan Methodist Church--To construct a sign on church property. **Approved.**

James Lyday--To construct a storage/shop building on his property on Lookout Mountain Parkway. **Approved**

Max Cash--To erect a sign at the junction of Cove Road and Highway #117. **Denied.**

Max Cash--To erect a sign at the intersection of Highway-Above-The-Clouds and Highway #117. **Denied.**

Jack Jones--To erect a sign on Highway #117 right-of-way at Log Cabin Village. **Denied.**

Waylon R. Bell/Cordelia E. Bell--To construct and operate an open air theater. **Denied.**

Those whose requests were denied, have the option of requesting a hearing before the Board of Adjustments.

DeSoto State Park Summer Interpretive Programs 1993

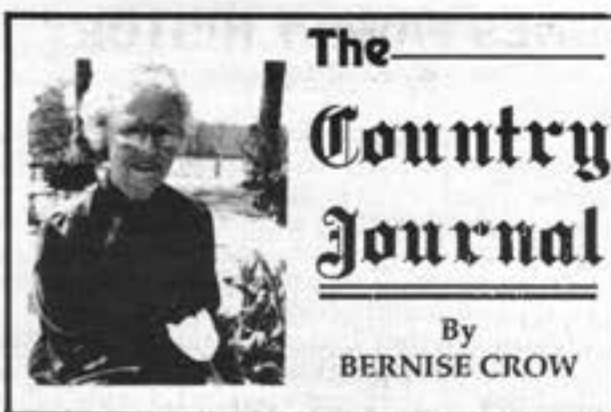
DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER
Sept. 11	Civilian Conservation Corp.	Ken Thomas
Sept. 18	Birds of Prey	Ken Thomas
Sept. 25	Legends on the Lookout	Ken Thomas
Oct. 2	Geology of Lookout Mtn.	Ken Thomas
Oct. 9	Spaniards In NE AL	Harry Holstein
Oct. 16	Cherokee Indian Legends	Rod Trussell
Oct. 23	Caring for Alabama's Wildlife	Ann Miller
Oct. 30	DeSoto State Park: A Visual Sampler	Paul Franklin

Programs are held in the Campground and are free to the public. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact DeSoto State Park at 845-0051. Ken Thomas, Naturalist.



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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

In our older years, we develop the habit of conversing with ourselves--out loud. I find myself grumbling about things and berating myself for my stupidity. Why did you do such a thing? Why do you lose things you need? Why do you procrastinate, tell the same story to the same person twice? So, to help me appear to have some sort of sanity, Homer bought a car for me that talks back to me. It tells me when anything is wrong, reminds me to fasten my seat belt, and tells me, "Don't forget your keys" when I turn off the ignition. This even saves me money, because I have locked keys in the car and had to call a locksmith. It's polite and says "thank you" when I obey.

Our summer is almost gone; and, for once, I am not unhappy about it. This has surely been the hottest summer I have ever experienced here on the mountain. We are experiencing dry weather, but not as bad as South Carolina and some other areas. Our trees look lush and alive in spite of the drought. The dogwood trees on the brow have been dying for two years, now, with some sort of blight. Let's hope it runs its course soon and does not take all of them. There are so many of them, and they are one of our most beautiful trees when in full bloom in the spring.

School bells are ringing again, and the sound of the early morning school bus fills me with nostalgia. Those were busy, happy days when our children were off to classes, and the mothers of our neighborhood in

Chattanooga gathered for morning coffee after the mad scramble to get everyone off to school. They seem so long ago, and yet, the memories are very fresh.

I sat in solitude, on the deck, for a few minutes last week and drank in the cool breezes, and enjoyed the chirping and whirring wings of the tiny, little ruby-throated hummingbirds. How still, quiet, and peaceful it seemed after a day of meeting and talking to many people. It's great to be alone sometimes and have time to really meditate and think of the true meaning of life. This is good for a while, but then a full week of it would be very hard for me. I love people, and independent as I am, there is a great need to be with others, to converse and to hear differing opinions. We are dependent upon each other whether or not we like it. What would we do without someone to pick up our garbage and supply us with electricity, water, and groceries? Mail service is very much a part of our lives; having the paper delivered is a pleasure that almost seems like a necessity, having a telephone keeps us in touch with family, friends, and bill collectors!

Sometimes, we just need someone to give us a good stimulating argument. The thrill of winning the debate is exhilarating. It gives us food for thought, and whether we win or lose, we learn something. Life is a continual learning process, and we do not get too old to add a few facts to our mental storehouse. The best part of it is just being able to speak out and be heard! In England, we enjoyed the square where anyone who chose to could get on a soap box and tell everyone his views on problems of the world. It probably helps to air our complaints occasionally, even if we speak out loud to ourselves.

We have had a fine time for Labor Day weekend. The children were home, and they, along with Homer, surprised me with a big birthday party. What fun we had!

Two weeks prior to this, we celebrated Clyde Phillips' 80th birthday at our house. Clyde still works every day, and one would never guess he had reached the age of octogenarians.

WHAT LEGACY ARE WE LEAVING FOR OUR CHILDREN?

By Curtis H. O'Daniel
County Agent, DeKalb

A hundred years from now, children will probably stare at a mystery object: a small plastic container designed to last forever, but used once and thrown away. The mystery could be a drink bottle, a milk jug, an egg carton, etc., packaging of some type. Those children of the future might wonder what grandpa and grandma might have been thinking as they filled the world up with such containers.

Convenience has to be the only answer! Take-out meals, serving-size beverages, form-fitting boxes, bags and sacks, bubble wrap, mountains of plastic popcorn, etc., will cause the future generations lots of problems as we fill up the landfills with these products. Is a little convenience worth us discarding an average of 4 pounds of such materials per American per day? That's the rate at this time with packaging accounting for one-third of the total trash that's filling up the landfills.

What can I do to help with this problem? Hopefully, a question that you will ask yourself at some point and time. Think about these suggestions.

****Take along your own shopping bag for small purchases.**

****Choose products with the least wasteful packaging.**

****Don't buy products that are double packed like a bottle in a box or products with bushels of plastic popcorn.**

****Buy products in the largest quantity possible in one package. An example is a three-liter drink versus three or four sixpacks.**

****Is there more packaging than product? If so, don't buy it and fuss at store management personnel.**

****Buy concentrates and mix them at home (orange juice, etc.).**

****Buy reusable products versus throw-away (plates, cups).**

****Decide how much convenience you can do without to save on packaging.**

Think about being environmentally friendly and talk to others about being likewise! Every little bit will help!

MENLO MUSINGS

By JoAnne Christian

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph "Buster" Chamblee have returned from a trip to Dallas, Texas, to attend the August 14 wedding of their grandson, David Chamblee, Jr. He is the son of David and Julia Chamblee of Atlanta. The bride was Kelly Davenport, daughter of Mark and Debbie Davenport of Dallas. After a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple will be in Austin, Texas, where David will attend graduate school, and Kelly will teach. The trip to Dallas was Buster and Lillian's first airplane flight. In honor of the occasion, Delta presented them "1st Flight Certificates." David and Julia, parents of the groom, spent a delightful period of time in Mentone a few years ago.

Larry Canada is painting his former Gulf Station with BP logo colors. Looking good, Larry!

Jeanette Cousins has sold her lovely home on Georgia Highway 157. Jeanette is moving to Big Canoe, GA, where she is building another home and has accepted a nursing job.

Grades one and two at the Menlo Elementary School are receiving "RAP" materials from the US Postal Service. These materials teach safety in school and are sponsored locally by the Menlo Post Office.

Everyone in Menlo is talking about the beautiful fruit trees and shrubbery Ed and Diane Burrows have planted from the roadway to their house. The exquisite greenery lines the entire lane leading off of GA 157. The scene reflects a "TREEmendous" amount of hard work!

Congratulations to Genela Garmon of Menlo, and Mike Hutchins of Summerville who were engaged recently. Genela is a librarian at Menlo Elementary. The couple plan a fall wedding.

Jane and Larry Schlachter have bought one of the late Derrik Archer's brow homes in Cloudland, GA, and are starting to remodel. Jane and Larry own Trade Day in Summerville, GA.

George Payne returned to work at Hegwood Motor Company August 31. He has been away for a few weeks. Welcome back, George.

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JONES FAMILY HISTORY

By Evelyn Graves

Since my last segment dealing with the Jones family, we have suffered the loss of our beloved cousin, Guy Jones. Guy was a familiar figure in the Citizens Bank for many years, as he moved around directing the work of the personnel, greeting the public with a smile and a bit of dry humor. When I think of Guy, I am reminded of a portion of scripture from 2 Samuel 3:38, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." Truly, Guy was a prince and a great man, and his presence will be sorely missed by family and friends.

As a result of the July article, we have learned of a new cousin. I was delighted to receive a letter from Linda Jones Kennedy, which reads:

"I was given your name by a Prodigy member, Sarah Studstill, who subscribes to The Groundhog. She told me that the June and July issues had an article on the Jones Family. I am descended from William Jones and Julia Lane. I have recently learned that William had a brother, Eldridge, who married Julia Lane's sister. I would appreciate very much getting copies of the June and July issue of your publication. I will be glad to pay any costs involved in obtaining those issues. My Jones line is as follows:

"William and Julia Lane; John Oliver and Mattie Barber Jones; Ira Eugene and Ella Easterly Jones; Everett and Eula Oakes Jones, Linda Jones and John D. Kennedy.

"I am hoping so much that you can help me as I have not been able to find much information on William Jones.

Sincerely

Linda J. Kennedy
 7908 Cooper Creek Road
 Columbus, GA 31909."

I was so excited to find in my collection of records William and Julia Lane Jones, and I telephoned Linda immediately and talked with her at length. She sounds like a lovely person, and I am anxious to be able to meet her. We never know when we publish an article in *The Groundhog* what treasures we may find. If any other readers connect their family with Linda or with me, please get in touch with us.

October's issue will begin the history of another Mentone family.

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THE BOY

By Charles Tillman Nicks

On a sweet and joyous day I see
 reflections of myself
 inquisitive pure innocence
 in such a little elf.
 Never to meet a stranger
 in such an angry place;
 never to vent a sign of pain
 onto a little face.
 Sleep greets him not till after dark
 and flees before the daylight comes.
 Find unseen false bravery
 in trepidations flight.
 Speeding from unfinished deeds
 he soon will start another.
 An injury to his heart or pride
 soon leads him back to mother.
 Hidden smiles from passers-by
 safely out of view;
 no deceit of safe retreat
 from spoken words untrue.
 Facing all things great or small
 with courage quickly found;
 Airing questions with himself
 asleep without a sound.

Charles Tillman Nicks is the pen name for Charles Platt. He is a pre-med major at Northeast State Junior College, where he is on the President's list; and, next year, will be transferring to Jacksonville. He is married to Tracey Blankenship, and they are presently living in Mentone. Tracey's parents are Joyce and John Blankenship.

DEKALB COUNTY FAIR

The DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair will be held October 4 - 9, 1993. Registration will be held on Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3, 1993. Catalogs will be sent to folks who entered something in the fair last year. The County Agent's office will have a supply of catalogs for anyone needing one.

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MENTONE GRAPEVINE

All of Mentone was distressed to learn of Mabel Kirk's heart attack. She was taken to Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and placed in the intensive care unit. Mabel is much improved and is now at home.

Monica and Jeremy Helton have been selected for placement in Magnet Schools in Ft. Myers, Florida. Their proud grandparents are Jim and Gail Gaylord of Mentone. Jim has passed his EMT exam at Northeast State College. He is a member of the DeSoto Rescue Squad.

Jo and George Beaubé had two of their grandchildren visiting this past month. Jessica, age 5, and Melissa, age 4, from Tuscaloosa. Their mother and dad, Cheryl and Dennis Hines, were out in Los Angeles at an anesthesiologist conference. The girls had a great time at the Beaubé's lovely brow home.

Mary and Charles Flannigan have just about completed their beautiful new home on Cove Road. Their friends eagerly await the soon-to-be house warming. Charles is crying "broke!"

Rev. Marlon Williamson's lovely wife, Brenda, told me that their church, The Mentone Revival Center, baptized 30 new converts in the month of July. What a harvest for the Lord!

Alyce Springer's friends are delighted she is back home in Mentone. Alyce has really kept the road hot this summer. She is now recovering from foot surgery.

Francis Rosario is also back at her home base in Mentone from visits to Florida and Pennsylvania. I talked with her and her friend Vic Blix from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, last week at the Kountry Chef.

George Walker led the singing at Mentone United Methodist Church during a service in which I was a visitor August 29. His is one of the richest, clearest, baritone voices I've ever heard. After the service, Bobby and Linda Brown hosted the congregation at a covered dish picnic at their attractive Cove Road home.

So sorry to hear that Linda Brown's mother, Olene Cochran, has developed shingles.

Ed and Gerry Disney are making plans for the 12th Disney family reunion at Nippersink Lodge the last weekend in September. Ed's sister, Judy Walsh, and husband, Tom, will be coming from the Los Angeles area for the event.

Just caught Ethel Manifold on one of her "rare visits to Mentone"! She just returned from Gulf Shores. This is since her trip to Hawaii when she took her "grans", Toby Manifold, Christy Tillman, and Toby's friend, Heath Blalock, on a Delta flight to the islands. In their six days there, the Mentone group visited Pearl Harbor and an extinct volcano, among many other attractions. Ethel's cousin, Alice Frazer, is the PR staffer at the International Hotel on Maui. She and the Mentone group had a delightful visit.

I ran into Fouts and Nancy Rector at the Kountry Chef recently. Nancy fries the best chicken and makes the tastiest peanut brittle in DeKalb County. I've eaten both and can testify to that. Also, other Lookout Mountain taste treats are Catherine Bailey's cornbread salad and Katherine Wright's fried green tomatoes. Oh, yes, then there's Dot Crow's famous banana pudding! Yummm.

Bill and Dorothy Cyr are excited about their big trip to Hawaii they're planning for the fall. (Bill, do you plan to make up your missed Rotary meetings in the Honolulu club?)

Congratulations to Karen Prestwood on her appointment to the Moon Lake faculty. She loves children and will make an excellent teacher. (Take her under your master teacher's wing, Joyce Smith!)

Susan Carter had her little Schnauzer "Scruffy" torn

up by some large hound dogs running loose over by her place on Cove Road the other day. The vet was able to stitch the wounds to close most of the bites, but Scruffy was chased by the pack and nearly killed. Susan feels that large dogs should not be allowed to run in a pack. In May, she saw a calf brought down by dogs in her pasture, and a calf killed by the pack in the same pasture the next day. This is truly appalling!

Joel and Sue King, formerly of Center Point, have moved into Dewey Crow's house that was for sale on Route 1. Jack is Ruby Brock's brother, and Ruby is delighted to have them just down the road from her place.

George and Hattie Lide are making frequent trips to Birmingham to help their older relatives there take care of doctor's appointments.

Hearing of Eddie and Carolyn Coots' house fire, Betty Chapman generously donated a basement full of household goods to help furnish the Coots' new home.

Russell Wright is rapidly completing the new home he is building back in the woods on the west fork of Little River. His parents, Bill and Ann Wright are delighted that Russell and his family will still live next door. Jim and Phyllis Roberts are building on the other side of Ann and Bill. Ann says, "There is a lot of hammering going on!"

It's so good to see sisters Helen Hill and Theresa Bosworth at community events. Theresa has moved back to Mentone from Florida. (Trivia: Theresa was my 11th grade second year Algebra teacher in Selma!)

Marie Dillenbeck accompanied me last week to Mobile where I spoke to a statewide convention. After dropping me at the Riverview Sheraton, she drove the 70 extra miles to Gulfport, Mississippi, for a first viewing of her month-old grandson, Robert Joseph Brown. His sisters, Elizabeth, age 8, Katherine, age 4, and Jolee, age 2, are enjoying their baby brother.

Vinnie Pierce is back at home in Mentone and has as her house guest niece, Madeline Porter, from Selma.

Jesse Crow and Nellie Croley have placed beautiful native stone around the foundation of their new home. Both the stone and the flowers they've put out make the residence a show place.

Deepest sympathy to Ferne Fitzgerald upon the loss of her male cat, Drin-C (Drop in cat). After a tail amputation, Drin-C died of an aneurysm.

Ruby Daniel is looking pretty and spry lately. She is frequently seen out at church on dashing husband Bob's arm. Is Ruby ever a "mean" bridge player, according to her friends.

Friends of Louise Worthey are pleased to know that she is recuperating at home after her hospital stay.

All the area was saddened by the death of Linda Hammon on Sunday, September 5. Burial was Monday, September 6, from Burt Funeral Home in Valley Head. Linda lost a two-year battle with cancer. She will be most remembered as a teacher's aide at Valley Head School.

I was handed a business card recently with the following verse on the back. I thought you, too, might like this.

The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once,
and no man has the power,
To tell just when the hands will stop
at late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own
live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in "tomorrow" for
the clock may then be still.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Brittany Marie Bates celebrated her 1st birthday on August 3. She is the daughter of Christy and Melburn Bates, of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Margaret and Melvin Bates of Ft. Payne and Ladayne Tidmore of Mentone.



Katherine Hope Martin celebrated her 1st birthday on August 5. She is the daughter of Matt and Michelle (Chambers) Martin of Fort Payne. Grandparents are Juanita and Sanford Hartline of Mentone, and Don and Caroline Martin of Ft. Payne. Other grandparents are Milton and Gail Chambers of Mentone, who were omitted from the listing in the August issue. The Groundhog staff apologizes for this omission.

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each week.....October 15—January 31

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To report a game and fish violation in progress, call...GAME WATCH. Toll Free 1-800-272-4263.

FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE SCHEDULED

There will be a Hunter Education firearms safety course conducted at the DeKalb County Technical School beginning September 13 at 7 p.m. and continuing September 14-16, with the final session at the Firing Range in Fort Payne on September 18 at 9 a.m.

This course is valid in all 50 states, the provinces of Canada, and the state of Mexico, as well as several European countries. Completion of this course is mandatory for persons born after August 1, 1977, who wish to obtain an Alabama hunting license. For more information, contact Berlon Smith, a certified instructor, at 638-8110.

HUNTING LICENSES:

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White Bass, Yellow Bass, Saltwater Striped Bass,

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no more than two of the six may be saltwater

striped bass).....30

Crappie.....15

(It is illegal to possess any crappie less than 9 inches in

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Division and reciprocal waters and Weiss Lake.)

Bream.....50

Rainbow Trout.....15

Alligator Gar.....15

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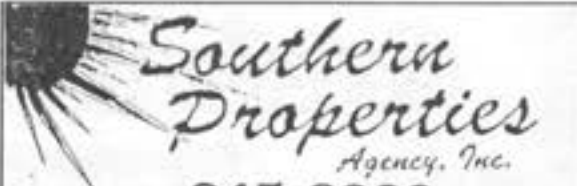
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CHARMING WEEKEND RETREAT — 2 bedroom cottage on large wooded lot. Garage with apartment possibilities. \$39,900.

IMMACULATE 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 1 acre lot located within walking distance to downtown Mentone. \$49,900.

SECLUDED HIDEAWAY OR SMALL BUSINESS — 20 acres with 2 — 1 bedroom cabins. Six proposed sites — 3 septic tanks, 300' well and underground wiring. \$55,000.

DOWNTOWN MENTONE — Commercial lot on front — 3 bedroom, 1 bath cottage with fireplace, pine floors and old footed bathtub. 2 lots on Cutler Avenue. \$68,500.

510 ACRES — Cleared and wooded, 7 ponds. \$550 an acre. Owner will consider selling in smaller tracts.

SMALL ACREAGE TO BUILD ON — 5 to 20 acre tracts in Mentone starting at \$13,500 — 4 to 5 acre tracts in Hammondville starting at \$6,500 — Call today for more information.

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LANDMARK PROPERTY IN HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN MENTONE — Once housed one of the area's finest hotels. Now is the home to the White Elephant Antique Shop. Opportunities galore in this grand old beauty. \$225,000.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY located in Summerville, Ga. Presently houses an antique consignment shop. 9,300 square feet of floor space in prime downtown location. Co-Broker with Cloudland Realty. \$135,000.

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Saturday, October 16th

Groundhog Run-----9:00 a.m.

Race Winners-----10:30 a.m.

Parade-----2:00 p.m.

Boat Rides at
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MENTONE GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN



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Saturday, Oct. 16th 9:30 a.m. CST

ONE MILE FUN RUN: at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registered entrants are guaranteed a SWEAT SHIRT (May be mailed to late registrants). Times called, but no records kept.**AWARDS:** Specially designed SWEAT SHIRT to go to all pre-registered runners (May be mailed to late registrants). TROPHIES to top three winners in each division. \$100.00 each to top man and woman winners.**LIGHT BREAKFAST:** Fruit and fruit juices will be served free to all runners after the Classic. Water available at half-way point.**COURSE:** Begins at Hitching Post to turn-off to DeSoto Falls and back. 4.2 miles, flat to gently rolling hills on DeSoto-Lookout Mountain Parkway.**MENTONE:** Located on Lookout Mountain on Highway 117. Exits off I-59 between Chattanooga and Gadsden. From the east, through Summerville, Georgia, to Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone, Alabama.**11TH YEAR:** This is the 11th year for the race. All proceeds go to the goals of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other unique qualities of Mentone. The race on Saturday, Oct. 16th, is part of the "October Colorfest" which features ghost stories, music, and a bonfire on Friday evening, Oct. 15th. Crafts, boat rides, music, food, drinks, and more will be available on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16th and 17th.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER are having a membership meeting, along with a "pot luck" dinner and water quality testing workshop on Saturday, October 2, at Fischer Rescue Squad Building in Fischer, Alabama. Everyone is welcome.

Participants in the water quality testing workshop will learn to test for about six different parameters, and will also be certified to teach these techniques to others. The workshop will be conducted by professors from Auburn University under a statewide program by ADEM and Auburn University. Each group participating will receive a testing kit if they agree to adopt a body of water and send the results of their testing to ADEM on a monthly basis for two years.

For more information, contact Bill Adams, Chair, River Watch Committee at: 205-845-2988.



God's Minute

By RUBY BROCK

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

If we would keep our words and our meditations acceptable by the Lord, we would have little trouble with people around us. Think on this.

COMPANION WANTED

Vinnie Pierce of Mentone is seeking a mature, full-time live-in female companion. The situation includes room and board, plus a salary. No Saturdays or Sundays. If interested, please call Dr. Pat Seymour, 634-4541 for an interview.

Detach and mail or bring to:
The Mentone Groundhog Classic
Attention: Bruce Bon Fleur
P.O. Box 50
Mentone, AL 35984
(205) 634-4828 or 634-4591



Entry fee of \$10 must accompany each application. After October 12th, fee will be \$12. Make checks Payable to MAPA (Mentone Area Preservation Association)

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