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"NEW MOON LAKE PRINCIPAL"

By Dr. Pat Seymour



DR. BILL BERRY

Photo by Dr. Pat Seymour

Moon Lake Elementary School ranks as one of the two oldest existing school buildings in DeKalb County, but this academic year, it is undergoing major changes. The departure of former principal Charles Bell, teacher Juanita Smith, secretary Helen Sibert, and bus driver Al Blackburn marks the end of an era of steady leadership that witnessed expanded pupil numbers and physical structures.

Grateful for this legacy of growth and improvement, new principal Bill Berry holds high expectations for the future of Moon Lake. "I believe the level of parent involvement and community support is our greatest asset. I'd like to see this longstanding trend strengthened through structured cooperative efforts," he says. Enrollment this year is up to 117 students in kindergarten through sixth grade; well over half that number is in the burgeoning lower three grades.

Bill is no newcomer to Moon Lake's purposes and traditions. In fact, it seems he has been preparing for his role at the school since childhood.

Bill entered Moon Lake in August 1963 as a first grader taught by his aunt, Kathryn Jones. In 1967, he won the coveted title of Harvest Festival King; and, in 1969, was sixth-grade co-valedictorian with classmate Donna Tipton.

While attending Valley Head High School, Bill's goal was to work as a dentist and live in Seattle, Washington. But the reality of college-level physics hit later, and he realized that neither talent nor desire accommodated this and other related subjects. It was a realization for which he was totally unprepared, and it took several semesters of prayer and contemplation to accept providential leadership toward a degree in education. After finishing Samford University, Bill returned to

DeKalb County, where he worked one year as a migrant education teacher before landing the second/third grade position at Moon Lake in 1982.

In 1984, Bill earned a Masters degree at The University of Alabama; and, in 1987, he underwent the first of three summers at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in pursuit of a Ph.D. in elementary curriculum and instruction. Concurrently, he served for three years as Moon Lake's P.T.A. president.

Bill completed his doctoral coursework, worked as a teaching assistant, and supervised student teachers at USM during the 1989-90 academic year while on a leave of absence from Moon Lake.

Last year, he received Masters certification in educational leadership. Now, in addition to administrative duties, he teaches sixth graders.

Bill is a member of Moon Lake Baptist Church, where he teaches the singles/college Sunday School class. He works as assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 106, and serves on the boards of the Mentone Heritage Foundation and the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation. In his spare time, he enjoys reading mysteries and visiting friends.

But beckoning far from mountaintop roots is his favorite activity, independent foreign travel. With a handful of possessions in a backpack, he has set out during 11 of the past 15 years in pursuit of unique adventures and international friends. This summer, with a Salvadoran buddy, he drove for three weeks down the Central American isthmus through El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. So far, he has visited 54 countries on five continents.

Bill anticipates shared commitment and teamwork among staff members in the identification and

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

• September 2, 3, 4, & 5
Southern Mountain Festival/LABOR DAY
(See notice of activities elsewhere.)

• Saturday, September 3, 9 a.m. until
BBQ by Mentone Volunteer
Fire Department
(See notice elsewhere.)

• Monday, September 5, Labor Day

• Tuesday, September 6, 7 p.m.
MAPA Meeting
Kountry Chef

• Sunday, September 11, Grandparents Day

• Monday, September 12, 6 p.m.
Mentone City Council Meeting
City Hall

• Monday, September 13, 6:30 p.m.
Community Christmas Choir Practice
Valley Head Baptist Church
(See notice elsewhere.)

*****OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT*****

• Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16
Colorfest: Groundhog Run
(See flyer & application blank elsewhere.)

achievement of goals at Moon Lake. This process will be facilitated by returning teachers Phyllis Sarratt (kindergarten), Darlene Mosley (first grade), Christie Lehman (second grade), Joyce Smith (fourth/fifth grades), and Karen Prestwood (Chapter I); lunchroom personnel Becky Blalock, Brynda Hopper, and Annette Chappell; and custodian Sible Hopper. Joining this year's staff are teacher Mitzi Hughes (third/fourth grades), (Chapter I), Eugenia Johnson (counselor, 1/2 days Friday afternoons), Sue Broyles (speech therapist Tuesday and Thursday afternoons), secretary Roberta Kirby, and bus driver Joe Chadwick.

"We are all excited to approach the completion of our beautiful new playground facility, which stands as the latest expression of community involvement," Bill adds. "We're setting new plans and dreams into motion, and I hope lots of people will continue to pitch in with their time and talent. That's exactly what makes Moon Lake a highly successful learning environment for Mentone's children."

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dot Crow September 23
Ruby Brock September 27

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ed Disney October 3
Hope Walker October 3
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Tony Goggans.....October 30

MAPA



MEETING

The August MAPA meeting was held on August 2, with president Dessie Newberry presiding. Minutes from the July meeting were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report.

Charlyne O'Rear reported things were going well with the plans for our Colorfest. She reported on different activities that would be included, such as contest to pick the biggest lie told, various games, and music on the hour. Jim Lyday suggested horse shoes. Charlyne asked for help and any ideas from the members. She said 165 vendors have been sent applications. Linda Kilgor is handling the publicity and will have the TV and radio announcements, as well as flyers.

Dessie said she had assured people on the brow that MAPA would be sure the area was cleaned after the festival and that we would not block any driveways.

A membership roster is to be prepared, listing member names and addresses, dates of meetings, programs, and hostesses.

The Mentone Brochure will be printed again soon.

September's guest speaker will be Charles Byran. Also at the September meeting on Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kountry Chef, Mickey and Sherman will have the quilt that is to be raffled off at the October Colorfest.



The Groundhog
P.O. Box 387
Mentone, AL 35984
July 1, 1994

On Sunday 19, I visited your village, Mentone. I returned to visit your pottery shop and see your village again. My friend and I enjoyed visiting your Episcopal Church. It is beautiful.

I drove to your store, a grocery store to buy cards. The couple was very friendly. Their dog, Brutus, was at their feet, a beautiful dog. I asked if I might take a picture of them with their dog.

I am enclosing the picture. I told them I would send the snapshot. I think it is an excellent picture of them and their dog.

The reason I am writing to you, I have lost their name and address, who owns the store and dog.

I do hope you will be able to deliver the picture to their place of business. I would like to hear from the couple. I feel so bad I lost their address.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Frances Chisholm
403 W. Michigan
-Poplarville, MS 39470

Editor's note to Mrs. Chisholm: William Blackburn is the owner of the store and the dog. His address is P.O. Box 173, Mentone, AL 35984.

Aug. 4, 1994

I have been in Mentone 3 weeks taking care of my sick mother, Ruby Blalock Manifold. She has lung cancer. She gets very lonely and of all her medication, she has received, none has been as good for her as company. She literally thrives on visits from friends and relatives. They are just to few and far between. I would be so grateful to anyone having the time to pay a visit to mother when their time allows.

Thank you so much,
Millie Manifold Deruntz
Cedar Lake, Tenn.
(born in Mentone)

P.S. Mother has saved every issue of *The Groundhog* for me. I just love it.

Mother will be 80 on Jan. 9th, 1995.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

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Mr. Hollis Bolton
Central Manager
Sand Mountain Electric Coop
Rainsville, AL 35986

Dear Mr. Bolton:

Your organization has sprayed poison along its right-of-way on Lookout Mountain Parkway between Mentone and DeSoto State Park. All vegetation, including large trees, is dead along your right-of-way.

I am not an environmental activist or any kind of tree-hugging freak, but I can think of no act more insensitive to this scenic area or your customers who live there. An ugly brown stain snakes along a lovely green area in one of the most beautiful places in Alabama.

Incredibly, this is the primary access road to DeSoto Falls and DeSoto State Park, as well as the proposed national preserve. What does this say to people who visit this area?

Surely, there are alternatives to spraying which destroys the aesthetical appeal of the area in addition to damaging the environment. Private utility companies would never consider committing such an act in a residential or scenic area.

Perhaps you are not aware of the damage your organization has done along Lookout Mountain Parkway. If you are not aware, I urge you to investigate what has happened. If you are aware of what your organization has done, I urge you to reevaluate your poison program—particularly in scenic areas. Please visit the area to see the damage first hand. I know you will want to do everything you can to repair what you have done.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely,
Frank Helderman

Someone should speak out against this awful spraying S.M.E.C. has done to our roadsides. The dogwood they have killed would not grow large enough to fall on power lines.

Bernise Crow

Lynette McCary, on behalf of the Rhododendron Garden Club, wrote to Jim McKeehan at the SMEC in July, concerning the spraying of the roadsides and the killing of wildflowers including the trailing arbutus. After he received the letter, he personally came down to her house to see her and talk about the spraying of the right-of-way. Mr. McKeehan told her they didn't spray the wildflowers, but if rains came and washed the poison down, it does kill the wildflowers. He said they didn't use a dangerous spray, that it was something like Roundup. Mr. McKeehan also said that they didn't spray yards—but we all know that they can't spray in one little area—the spray gets out and kills all that it touches.

The good news is that we probably won't have to worry about it for another 10 years. The reason for this is that they have a schedule where they cut all along the power lines, then wait three years. Then, they cut again, and wait three more years. Then, they spray to kill the weeds, etc. Nothing is done for two years, and when the 10th year comes up, they start the procedure all over again. Lynette asked them if the landowners kept their areas cut, would the Coop still spray. Mr. McKeehan told her if they would keep the areas cut, the COOP would not spray. If landowners would like to cut and keep their areas clean, contact the Coop to let them know that you will care for the right-of-way area on your property. The address is Jim McKeehan, SMEC, P.O. Box 277, Rainsville, AL 35986

August 25, 1994
Dr. Pat Seymour
Mentone, AL 35984

Dear Pat:

In regards to our phone conversation of today, I am most upset with the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative's right-of-way spraying program which they initiated this year. The damage to the mountain beauty will not recover in our lifetime. The dogwood trees and wildflowers needlessly killed off by this spraying program, even though along the roadway and in the power line right-of-way added beauty to Lookout Mountain. That beauty has now been replaced by ugly brown as a result of the spraying.

The short-term economics achieved by replacing the mowing with spraying will come back to us all as a loss of revenue due to decreased tourist traffic. Name me a tourist who wants to look at ugly, brown, dead vegetation!

For an area that is so heavily dependent on the beauty of the mountain to attract tourists, the CO-OP sure knows how to discourage people from coming back here.

The management of Sand Mountain Cooperative forget that they are employees of the member owners. The spraying shows a complete disregard and contempt for any desires of the members. I suggest that the people of Lookout Mountain attend the annual meeting on September 17th, at the Rainsville Civic Center, at 8 M, and demand the resignation of all officials involved in approving such a disastrous program.

Sincerely,
Wm. J.R. Cyr

Dear Pat,

I concur completely with everything Bill Cyr has stated in the above letter. Having moved here from northern Minnesota where tourism is the main industry, I know first hand the damage (long term). We got it stopped there!

Sincerely,
Bill Riedesel

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Dear loyal readers, if you read Miss Eloise's Valley View column for August, you saw where some mongrel of foreign extraction (Australian) yard dog challenged my greatness. Strutting and fretting all over page 6, this impudent pup addressed me as "Conceited One." Moi will not dignify this rabid challenge with comment other than to observe that the mangy beast never revealed his name. Figures!

Believe this, sweet disciples, Jana Goss just came in with \$1.50 and picked out \$1.49 worth of candy. Talk about right on the money, as moi is wont to say.

Whee! Here comes Larry Smalley, wise, generous, gentle, fine figure of a man he is. HE always shares a nutty buddy ice cream with moi every afternoon.

Then, there's Johnny Mack Ferguson who runs in after school with his mother, Kathy, grabs a hot dog, and never shares. I really should call the Mentone police chief on him!

Speaking of not sharing—Carla, Belinda, and Lisa Knowles all sneaked nutty buddies out of the Superette without sharing so much as a peanut particle with William Blackburn's keeper—moi!

Jason Tishaw has only lived 3-1/2 years, but he recognizes greatness in a magnificent, perfectly formed canine. Timidly, he peeps around the counter to catch a glimpse of my supple, muscled body. Bless the little lad's heart.

The only constant bright spot for moi in the Superette is Shannon Blalock, whose lovely presence and shared ice cream make her extra special. If I whine and blow through my perfectly formed nose, she'll cough up more than just my half. Certainly no more than moi deserves!

Last Saturday was a black day for moi. Ross and Rhonda Robins from Pensacola came into the Superette to buy some dog food. Seems they were celebrating their 5th Anniversary with a camping trip that included two of their four dogs. Rhonda brought a pair of strange beasts to the door to see moi through the glass. One was a ratty looking square-headed thing covered with kinky looking cat-sucked grey hair and called a Wolfhound (Pearl), and the other, a scrawny, underfed cocker (Chelsa). Pop said both were girl dogs, and I can believe it!

By now, you share my distress that dear Vickie Blackburn is in the hospital in Birmingham—wherever that is. (On Sand Mountain, L.M. says.) She fixed supper for Pop and moi regularly before she went away: roast beef, baked chicken, and my most favorite of all, mashed potatoes.

Pop and I are in the Superette just about every day, so you loyal subjects need to get back on a "treat schedule" now that school has started. I don't want to run the risk of seeing my stately ribs poke through moi magnificent coat.

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This Grapevine column is not being written from my hospital bed in room 741 of Montclair Hospital, as it was in the August Groundhog. Much of that column had to be dictated over the phone, and that's how Mabel Kirk got up Mt. Lanier instead of Mt. Rainer!

Great doctors at Montclair treated me for a fluid retention problem due to a protein overspill from my kidneys. Everything happened so fast that nobody in Mentone knew where I was for nine days. (That has to be a new record in Mentone, since everybody knows everything!) It's good to be well and back home on the mountain!! 'Nuff said.

If you saw all the items on Amelia Kirk's corner lot of the Mentone Inn during the big weekend yard sale, you need to know how it all got there. Thanks to Alfred Chambers and his large truck, the donations were moved up the mountain to Mentone from the DeKalb County Tourist Association office in Ft. Payne before 7:00 a.m. Many thanks to Alfred, one of the good guys--He's the best!

There will be a big cookout at Pastor Don Brock's home Friday night, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Don and wife, Yvonne, will open their home, Madaperca, to the members of the North DeKalb Ministerial Association and their spouses. All area pastors and their mates are cordially invited to attend.

Saw Mickey and Wanda Key enjoying dinner at Dessie's Kountry Chef. Those two are the backbones of the bus ministry at the Mentone Revival Center, according to my friend, Brenda Williamson.

George and Hattie Lide will be making a trip to Birmingham to place a marker on his uncle's grave. Paul Courtney Vaughan, age 98, a resident of Fairhaven Retirement Center in Birmingham, who passed away July 21st. Mr. Vaughan was an extremely prominent member of the Birmingham community. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Mrs. Thelma Dent Vaughan, a daughter, Dr. Thelma Mueller, and numerous nephews and nieces. He was buried at Elmwood Cemetery.

For those who would like to send Gladys Stott a card, her address is c/o Brenda Lovelace, Route 5, Box 441, Centre, AL 35960.

Betty Chapman continues to have serious difficulty with kidney disease. She is diagnosed as having minimum change nephritis. She recently was in Princeton Hospital in Birmingham for three days. In spite of her health problems, Betty is working with the Altrusa Club on the distribution of the 20,000 books donated recently to the Ft. Payne Library.

On August 4, Herman and Mary Ann Jones of Rossville, Ga., honored her brother, J.P. Nation of Mentone, with a birthday dinner at the Lookout Restaurant in Cloudland. Other invited guests were Kathryn Jones and Evelyn Graves of Mentone. Fun and fellowship followed the meal at the Graves' home.

Vickie Blackburn (Mrs. Al) is hospitalized at Montclair in Birmingham following surgery. She has a severely damaged vertebra in her upper spine, and described it to me as "a broken neck." Vickie was injured at an early age in an automobile accident. Her mother Martha Gaines of Dalton, Ga., is in Birmingham with her. Sisters Scarlett Crump, Calhoun, Ga., and Trish Lanier, Dalton, Ga., were in Mentone with Vickie prior to her leaving for Birmingham.

Spot, Ruby Brock's dog of many years, was run over

and killed by a speeding white pickup in front of her house late one recent afternoon. Ruby said the man didn't even slow down.

Rev. Edmund Crowe visited his daughter Sue and husband Hughey Johnson in Brent, Ala., July 13-15.

Ovie and Barbara Blalock have just returned from a week in Montgomery attending the state square dance convention. The meetings were held in the Convention Center, and the Blalocks stayed across the street at the Riverfront Inn. Ovie is legendary on the mountain for his buck dancing.

Finn Crowe, brother of Rev. Edmund Crowe, has undergone a second neck surgery in Anniston for the removal of three spurs. Two of Edmund's other brothers, William, of Oxford, and James, of Summerville, joined him for lunch at the Kountry Chef on August 25.

Eujena Johnson will provide counseling sessions at Moon Lake School each Friday afternoon. Speech therapist Sue Broyles will offer assistance to the children on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Both services are free of charge. Call Dr. Bill Berry, Moon Lake Principal, at 634-4113, for further information.

George and Hattie Lide just told me they're headed for Pittsburg to visit their daughter, Carol Aleski and her family, later in September. A lifelong friend of Hattie's has a daughter getting married there; and, of course, Hattie's friend wants her there. (My next door neighbors should have been born with wheels, as much as they travel!)

According to Leland and Gertrude Cox, "The Cabbage Barn" up Sand Mountain is the place to eat Sunday dinner, as they did with friends recently. Gertrude will be glad to give directions.

Virginia Bosworth has returned from a trip to Hilton Head, S.C. Her son, Billy Bosworth of Chattanooga, treated his mom to a week at the resort in August. Ginny's husband, Sid Bosworth, just celebrated his 80th birthday at the Jackson Nursing Home in Stevenson, Ala. Sid resides in Jacksons fulltime and is settling in nicely. Sisters Helen Hill and Theresa Bosworth helped Sid with his birthday party, as did the staff of the home who joined in by singing "Happy Birthday!" to him.

George and Hope Walker are gearing up for a marvelous two-week cruise to Alaska. Their friends Homer and Bernise Crow are preparing to "hit the road," also, on one of their glorious trips. I'm sure Bernise will excite all her readers with details of their trip in the October Groundhog.

Alyce Springer is back at her Mentone home, working in the yard and really sprucing up her place. The brow view off Alyce's property is breathtaking.

Birthdays galore: Prissy Blalock will be 11 on September 6. She is the daughter of Bud and Tammy Blalock. Brandy Johnson will be 12 in September. She is the daughter of Cat and Alan Johnson.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Troxter of Valley Head upon the death of their son, James Edward Troxter, on August 5.

Jim and Penny Lyday are making some impressive additions to their home on the Parkway. The new construction looks larger than the original house. The place will be a real "mansion" when the builders finish their work.

Lordy, Lordy! Jim Roberts has hit big five-o. Happy Birthday to a truly class guy. (Phyllis thinks so, too.)

Coley Meadows, son of Anita and Treamon Meadows, celebrated his 11th birthday recently. He attends 6th grade at Ft. Payne Middle School. Dad Treamon celebrated his birthday on August 23.

Whoa! John Chambers of Mentone, and Mary Johnson are engaged to be married in September. Shannon Blalock is wearing a beautiful engagement ring from Jay Wagner. Donna Brock is engaged to David Best with the wedding date to be announced later.

Take a look at John "Snake" Smith's new house across Cove Road from Bennie Goss's home. Under the expert direction of Butch Manifold, a crew of workmen finished the structure in record time. Mountain men can get

things done right and in a hurry!

Keep Pastor Jimmy Graves in your prayers. His niece, Martha Glover, has recently undergone heart bypass surgery in Gadsden, and one of his parishioners, Bernice Chitwood, is in a critical condition in Birmingham following heart surgery. Bernice is the sister of Halloween Smith.

Vennie Pierce is back at her home beside the Kountry Chef in Mentone. Janice Harpole is tending to her needs and keeping Vennie's boy cat, Blackie, fed! Friends can call Vennie at 634-4351.

Congratulations to Mike Ride of Valley Head who finished 3rd in the Pony B Division at Thunder Mountain Speedway in Shiloh. Way to drive, Mike! The Cadet Championships will be the highlight event of races this Saturday, September 3. Gates open at 5 p.m. and races begin at 7:30. Admission is \$8.

Sympathy to Joe Stephens on the death of his brother, Clarence, in Birmingham. He was 89 years old and had emphysema.

Sympathy also to Dorothy Blansit, and Ruthie DePaul of Valley Head. Their mother, Eva Roach Mountain, 79, died on August 19, 1994.

Don Brock, pastor of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy, was the revival speaker August 26-29 at the Church of God of Prophecy (Cunningham Bridge) near Sylvania.

Many friends and family members attended the Ellis-Villalpando wedding at Howard's Chapel on August 17. (See pictures elsewhere.) Coming from San Antonio, Texas, were Frank and Lenor Villalpando, Sr., and Victor and Tina Espniza; Bertha Robinson, Herman and Frances Johnson, James White, Josh Thomas, Eddie Pittman, Pat Seymour, and Ross Sumner came from Mentone; Linc Gentry and Milinda Murdock, and Judge Paul Thomas, traveled from Ft. Payne. Other guests were Joe Freeman, Auburn; Jason Mayfield and Margaret Pope, Geraldine; Mike Ponder, Jacksonville; Ruben and Gloria Uribe, with children, Rebecca, Rachel, and Ruben Andrew, Austin, Texas. The cake and refreshments at the reception in a chalet at DeSoto State Park were by Billy Floyd Harper of Valley Head.

Weather art was supplied to the Ft. Payne Times Journal on August 12 by Latasha Edgeworth (7) of Valley Head. Shella McKinney (10) of Valley Head, was the weather artist also in August. These are two very talented young ladies.

John P. and Sheila Meadows have twin boys, Jack and Jacob, with birthdays on September 27.

Here's a blessing for all those holiday feasts coming up:

"O Heavenly Father, we thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

"We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

"We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

"We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

"May these remembrances stir us to service,

"That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen."



GARDEN HINTS

by Madeleine Bullock

MAKING HOMEMADE HYBRIDS

Beginners, amateurs, and professionals, alike all mostly start with simple plants like tomatoes to hybrid or cross-breed. One thing, though, it's a good idea to start with a plant that you like to eat or look at. Set yourself a goal--and mind you--your goals depend on what plant you are working with, i.e., fragrance, taste, color, size, etc.

Making a cross-breed is simple (though I still have to try my hand at it). You start with a pollen/male parent and a seed/female parent that has qualities you like. If the two parents flower at different times, choose the later flowering plant as the seed/female parent.

On most flowers, you will have to remove the seed/female parent's stamens a few days before the flower opens to prevent it from pollinating itself.

Then, comes the confusing part, and you will have to know a little about plant parts. (See drawing below.) To remove the pollen, very carefully open the bud, then pinch off (use fingers, tweezers or scissors, whichever), the anthers; then cover the stigma to prevent stray pollen from landing on it. Do this by tying the petals together, or taping them shut, or using a brown paper bag, and tying it with yarn over the flower.

Now, when the stigma of the chosen seed/female parent is sticky and wet looking, transfer the pollen from the chosen pollen/male parent to the stigma with your finger or clean utensil, or pick a pollen/male flower and gently brush it over the stigma. Re-cover the stigma. Repeat the pollen transfer the next day to increase your chances of success. If the ovary begins to swell in a week or two, you were a success.

Now, again, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, etc., have a male and female flower in the same plant or vine. To identify the male, look for a straight kind of reedy stem, the female flower will have a swelling at the base that produces the fruit.

To cross-breed the gourd-family members, follow these steps:

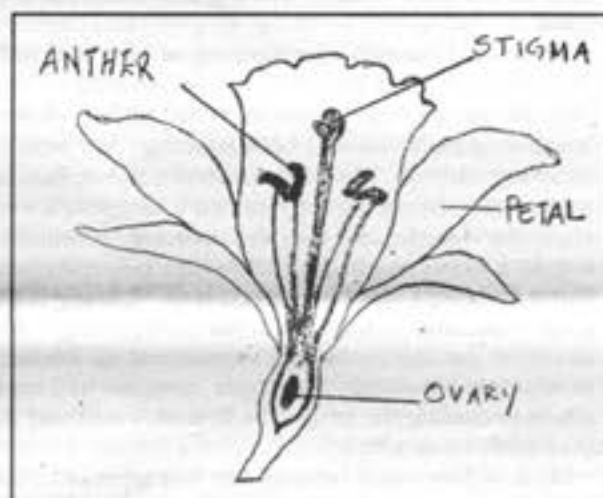
(1) Select a female (seed or fruit parent) and male (pollen) parent with characteristics that you like. Before the female flower opens, put and tie a brown paper bag over it, using a rubber band or twist-tie. This prevents insects and bees from pollinating her. Don't use plastic bags, as this causes too much

moisture and heat. Or, you can tape the petal tips closed with 3/4" very sticky masking tape when they are just showing color but have not opened.

(2) When the female/seed/fruit flower has opened in the bag, or when the taped flower shows full color, remove or open the bag or untape it. Rub some pollen from the anther of the chosen male flower onto a fine paint brush and transfer it to the stigma of the female/seed/fruit flower, or pick a male flower and gently brush the anthers pollen onto the female stigma. Put the bag back over the pollinated flower and tie for about 4-5 days, to keep unwanted pollen off. Then, remove the bag or tape, and mark the stem with a label or string, so that you will recognize it when it's time to pick the fruit.

To get the seeds from your cross, let the fruit remain on the plant until they are over-ripe, so the seeds have time to mature.

You may ask, "What if the pollen from your pollen parent is ready before the seed parent?" Well, you can store the pollen on a dry dish, then cover it till you need it; but, this way, pollen will only last a few days. For longer lasting pollen, it must be put into an air-tight container (Mason jar with rubber lid). You could put the pollen into empty capsules that have a few air holes, then put into the air-tight container, and put into the fridge or freezer.



MENTONE RECYCLING

DON'T CAN THE ALUMINUM--LET THE BOY SCOUTS DO IT!

By Fran Hawkins

When you toss out one aluminum can, either in the trash or out your car window, you throw away as much energy as if you'd filled that can half full of gasoline and poured it on the ground. And now, you are tossing money away, too--money that would otherwise help support our local Boy Scout Troop. Yes, Mentone now has its first effort at local recycling! Local Boy Scout Troop No. 106, led by David Gilbreath, is recycling aluminum cans right here in Mentone. You may already have seen the "Mentone Green, Troop No. 106 Aluminum Recycling Project" sign on the last trip to the Little River Hardware Store. If not, check it out--the green building is located on Hwy 117 just east of the hardware store. David Gilbreath and the Boy Scouts have been working on this undertaking for some time. They recognized that aluminum cans are relatively easy to recycle, that this project would fit in well with their other goals, and would help the troop's fund-raising efforts at the same time. For some time, the troop has been regularly cleaning up the roadside and mountainside along Tutwiler Gap, hauling away truckloads of trash that thoughtless people dump on our splendid mountain home. The Scouts have now added the recycling of aluminum cans to their list of goals. David tells me that the name "Mentone Green" was chosen because the word "green" can be used in one of its oldest meanings--the town common, as well as in one of its newest meanings--the color green as a symbol of recent efforts world wide to reuse, recycle, and reclaim.

You may drop off your rinsed, clean cans (boxed or bagged) at "Mentone Green" any time. Just, please, close the gate behind you. Crushing the cans, if possible, saves the Scouts time and space. The Boy Scouts will be willing to pick up **large** quantities of cans, if need be--just give David a call at 634-4495. They also are working on placing aluminum can recycling bins at various locations on the mountain and hope to have a system set up before next summer to collect recycled cans from all the camps.

SUPPORT THE SCOUTS AND RECYCLE AT THE SAME TIME!

Update on the recycling efforts in Ft. Payne - Wal-Mart has experienced some real problems recently at their collection site in front of the Ft. Payne store. Manager Roseanne Whitley reports that folks have been dumping anything and everything in the parking lot, up to, and including mattresses and broken appliances. Billy McDow, DeKalb County's Solid Waste Supervisor, is working with Wal-Mart to relocate the recycle bins to a site where this dumping of trash can be stopped. Remember--the bins at Wal-Mart are only for newspapers and Nos. 1 & 2 plastics. If you get the chance, let the folks at Wal-Mart know you appreciate their efforts and the trouble they've gone to!

Next month, look for a comprehensive list of area recycling centers to clip and save.

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"WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE YOU!"

By Dr. Pat Seymour

With few exceptions, each of us influences children—and often in very significant ways. Whether our own or another's, the children whose lives we touch are, indeed, affected by the words and actions with which we surround them.

In quiet moments, what parent or teacher has not prayed to know the best way to raise a child? And what relative or friend has not hoped to be a help, rather than a hindrance, to the children they know.

After having spent many years as a father, a pastor friend said: "If you will keep your children close to your heart, within the clasp of your arms; if you will make them to feel that you love them, that you are proud to be their parents, that they are your beloved children, and keep them near to you, they will not stray far from you."

Children, young and old, need this kind of comfort. When braving the cold winds of the world that often whip at their faces, children need to know that they are unconditionally loved and that they have been taught principles upon which they can depend.

Children naturally want to be like the adults they love and to copy what these adults do. We should keep that thought in mind as we are with those children whose lives we touch—our children, our grandchildren, or our young friends—remembering always that they likely will come to be a reflection of how we have impressed them. Everyone reading this article is some child's hero and role model.

Countless parents have referred to their children as "their jewels," which seems to be an apt metaphor for these blessings that God has given us. Only a foolish person would expose a precious gem to damaging materials. Only the most careless person would leave a priceless treasure lying about unguarded. No, we typically take great pains to care for our possessions by protecting and polishing them. Almost instinctively, we know that the children entrusted to us require even greater care—are of far greater worth—than whatever else we may own.

Taking the time to show love, to be kind, to listen thoughtfully may not always be easy or convenient, but, when we surround our children with the best of ourselves, they will—as will we—be greatly blessed.

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Left to Right: Jake Pinholster, Curtis Miller, Bryan Young, David Gilbreath (Scoutmaster), Adam Blalock, and Ryan Drake

PHILMONT '94

By Curt Miller

Our Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106 went to Philmont near Cimarron, New Mexico, during this past summer. All winter long, we were raising money by popcorn sales, parents' generosity, and our hard work. First of all, I would like to thank the people that supported us and prayed. I thank the Lord for the wonderful scouting program and Moon Lake Church for allowing us to have a place to meet. The trip took much planning there.

We headed out early the morning of June 25th to fly cross country to the beautiful western America of USA. This was our ultimate adventure to use our backpacking and hiking skills we had been learning. We went on Itinerary number 10 of the Philmont Scout Ranch's many treks. Before we left, we had a ranger talk to us about the dangers and also the uncertain possibilities we, as a crew, might face. We had two men from Florida join us (a veteran and a crew chief), along with a man from Ohio and a man from Texas (who is well known at the site; his being a veteran and his job being in full-time scouting). So, in our crew, we had seven adults (including the ranger the first days out) and five of us from Troop 106.

Many prayers were answered in that we hiked about 125 miles in two weeks. The weather was beautiful and the scenery indescribable. We enjoyed ourselves even though we couldn't shower much or take the best food with us. Our team did well in learning to cooperate agilely and quickly at about 5 a.m. average to move out of our campsite and start hiking while still cool. We were actually cold in those southern Rockies. We had a snowball fight the Fourth of July. While going from campsite to campsite climbing high and going down low altitudes with our 45-pound pack, we had a program at each. They provided staff to teach us how to climb rocks and poles, saw wood, and make ties, as well as teamwork, and an awareness of where we were. The main stress of the point they were trying to get across was having low impact while traveling through the wilderness. We saw much wildlife, and the programs showed old historical ways of life in which man was close to creation while doing and living manually in the environment.

Like I said, this trip was great, and we learned a lot, not only from gorgeous Philmont, but God. Everyone took their own opinion and thankfulness of what happened while bonding through the journey with fellow members and nature.

I would encourage others to join scouts. I thank you in behalf of Troop 106 that you took your time to read this.

Seek the Lord while He may be found.

ACTIVITIES FOR SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY DEKALB COUNTY TOURIST ASSOCIATION SEPT. 3-5, 1994.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

• Jeff Cook Family Fishing Classic

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6 a.m. - noon

\$1 per person

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• Sylvania Park Picnic

A revival of the old-time Annual Fourth of July Picnic!

Sylvania Park, adjacent to DeKalb County Lake

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. softball tournament

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. volley ball tournament

Noon until 3 p.m. - music festival

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. 1950s music and dance

Moon walk and other children's fun activities planned!

• Mentone Barbecue

North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department

Hall, located in Mentone on Hwy. 117

Meals served 9 a.m. until

Cost: \$5.00 a plate

\$1 chances to be sold on a 1981 one-owner Oldsmobile station wagon, donated by Dr. Pat Seymour, to be given away during the October Colorfest on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Proceeds go toward down payment on new fire truck

• Yard Sale

"Sand Mountain's version of the 450-mile outdoor sale" Rainsville Civic Center parking lot

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Anyone can participate, so call early & reserve a space!

• Country and Western Dance

No contest this year; only dancing for enjoyment.

7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Admission: \$5 per couple, \$10 per family

• DeKalb County Fiddlers' Convention

Fort Payne Union Park

10 a.m.

No entry fee

Cash prizes

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

• Gospel Concert

Fort Payne Union Park

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Performers: Pure Gold from Double Springs

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MONDAY, SEPT. 5 - LABOR DAY

• Ider Mule Day

Parade at 9:30 a.m. in Ider City Park

Volleyball tournament

Basketball tournament

Mule pull

Antique car show

Vintage engine show

The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Moon Lake Baptist Church youth presented "The Pledge" at Minvale Baptist Church on Sunday evening, August 28, in the regular church service. Mike Young has been called as Music Director at Moon Lake. A committee is working to secure a Minister of Youth to replace Brad VanCleave.

The UMW of Valley Head United Methodist Church met at the church for the August meeting. Melinda Adkins and Helen White hosted the meeting, and Laura Margaret Allison and Velma Hammond presented the program. The church's quarterly conference will be held on September 18 at 8:30 a.m. Pete West, District Superintendent, will be present for the meeting. New officers will be elected at that time.

Mentone Wesleyan Church will have a Sunday School picnic on Saturday, September 3, beginning at 1 p.m. at Cash's Lake at Cloudland. There will be an afternoon of fishing, swimming, and fun, followed by a covered dish dinner.

Six new converts were baptized on August 28 at the Valley Head Baptist Church. They are: Richard Hammon, Kathy Hammon, Chad Hammon, Emily Frazier, Heather Jackson, and Brandi Jackson. On September 9, the Youth Breakfast begins for the school year. It will be at 7 a.m. every Friday morning. Youth and students are invited for a devotional and free breakfast. Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., the Community Christmas Choir will begin practicing at Valley Head Baptist Church. Devan Jackson, Minister of Music, will conduct the choir. September 18-21, everyone is invited to attend revival services at 6:30 each evening. The messages will be brought by Pastor Charles R. Jenkins. Devan Jackson will be leading the music throughout the week. On Sunday evening, September 18, a special puppet program from the puppet ministry of the church will be presented.

The Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites everyone to attend the Sunday morning worship services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

The Sunday School program will begin again at St. Joseph's On-The-Mountain Episcopal Church with a swimming party for the children on Saturday, September 3. Sunday School will resume on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 each Sunday. The ECW voted to do a money-raising program for Moon Lake School. Every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. there is a Communion Service. Everyone is invited.

The Mentone Church of God of Prophecy will have a special Labor Day Service on September 4. Sunday evening, September 4, is the monthly gospel singing. Special guest will be Misty Roberts from Collinsville. On September 11, in the Sunday morning service, Grandparents' Day will be commemorated. Sunday morning, September 18, in the morning service, there will be a special guest, Curtis Flipppo. He is the State Prison Ministries Director for the Churches of God of Prophecy. He will have with him two people from the state prison to give their testimonies. On Sunday night, September 18, revival will begin. The evangelist is Wayne Craig, who is a state evangelist from

Birmingham. The revival will be Sunday night through Friday night, September 18-23, at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

The Union Hill Baptist Church youth had a wonderful trip to Washington, DC August 3-7, when they sang by special invitation at Mount Oaks Methodist Church. They did a lot of interesting sightseeing in Washington and Annapolis, MD. They are invited back next summer to Mount Oaks to sing again. The group sang at Nazareth Baptist Church at Rainsville, Alabama, on August 25, in a youth revival. They sang at Asbury Methodist Church in Fort Payne for their homecoming service on Sunday, August 28. A dedication ceremony for Madison Taylor Baldwin, infant daughter of Donnie and April Baldwin, and Jacey Croft, infant daughter of Randy and Sandi Croft, was conducted by the pastor, Jimmy Graves, recently, at which time, the babies were each presented with a Bible from the Church. Revival services will begin on Wednesday, August 3, extending through Friday, September 2, at 7 p.m. each evening. The revival will resume on Sunday, September 4, for the 11:00 a.m. service, and again at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Bobby Welch, pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, will be the evangelist. You do not want to miss these services!

The UMW of the Mentone United Methodist Church will meet at the church on Thursday, September 8, at 2 p.m., instead of September 1. Pat Seymour will present the program "Touched By The Spirit." Marie Dillenbeck will provide the refreshments. The monthly administrative council meeting will be held Sunday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall instead of the 4th, due to the Labor Day weekend.

The Mentone Church of God congregation is continuing to do painting and landscaping at the church. August 8-14, the Church of God held its 65th biannual International Assembly in San Antonio. Pastor Ron Johnson, wife Lisa, and their two children were among the more than 30,000 who attended, along with members from 100 nations. The two-year emphasis of the church will be "Meeting the Son at Sunrise." Every Church of God member from all over the globe will pray for 1 hour every day at sunrise. That way, somebody is praying every moment of the day.

The new General Overseer of the church is Dr. Robert White of Cleveland, Tennessee, the home of the Church of God.

A chicken and dressing dinner, open to the public, is planned for September at the church. Plates will be \$5.00 and will contain chicken and dressing, cole slaw, green beans, yams, cake, and bread.

On September 21, members of the Mentone Revival Center will participate in the national "Meet Me At the Pole Day." At 7:00 a.m. at all schools, teenagers will meet around school flag poles for prayer. They will pray for parents, teachers, friends, and each other. The event will be student organized and student led. All churches are urged to support this extremely worthwhile endeavor.

Preaching will be back in Union Park on September 23 and 24. Marlon Williamson, pastor at the Center, will speak on Friday night at 7:00 pm. At 4:00 pm., children's church will be held with hot dogs, face painting, and puppet ministry.

On Sunday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m. David McDonald will give his testimony. David was putting up a billboard in December 1993 when he accidentally came in contact with 12,000 volts of electricity for ten seconds. David was pronounced dead at the scene, but revived to tell his story. Don't miss this.

Sunday, October 2, will be Pastor Appreciation Day for Rev. Marlon Williamson, his wife, Brenda, and their two children.



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HUNTIN' & FISHIN'

By Dr. Pat Seymour

TEMPERATURE IS KEY: Water temperature is the key to fish activity and to where and how the angler goes after them. Different fish species have varying temperature levels that are more or less ideal for them. The rate of metabolism for fish is based on water temperatures. At the ideal temperature, the metabolism of the fish is more active. That is, not only is the fish the most active, its speed of digestion is the greatest and its appetite the keenest. The fish's food supply also tends to become most available and active at the time the fish need it the most. **IN LATE SUMMER**, you may encounter hungry fish with less food available, and this can mean potentially fine fishing.

NETTING: When netting a fish, don't make the mistake of lunging at it. Slip the net quietly into the water and lead the fish over it. When the fish is halfway over the mesh, scoop forward and hoist it in.

DON'T ROCK THE BOAT: Small boat users sometimes forget that their craft can be dangerous, especially if they are careless or overconfident. Keep these tips in mind every time you launch your boat:

- Life jackets work only if you wear them.
- Stay within the load limits shown on the capacity plate.
- Don't sit on the sides of the boat.
- Bring a small radio so you can listen for weather updates.
- Don't run broadside to waves.
- Anchor your boat from the bow.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.
- Half of all boating fatalities involve alcohol—don't be one of them!



FIND THE SPOTS FOR BASS: Heavier spots: Throughout most of their range, spotted bass do not grow much heavier than 7 pounds. But two impoundments, Lewis Smith Lake in Alabama and Lake Sidney Lanier in Georgia, are exceptions to the rule. They contain a larger-growing subspecies of spotted bass found in the Mobile Bay drainage of Alabama and Georgia.

Lewis Smith Lake, for instance, produced five consecutive world records for spotted bass, the last one being an 8-pound 15-ounce fish caught by Philip Terry Jr. of nearby Cullman. In January 1974, ninety-four spotted bass from Lewis Smith Lake were put into Southern California's Lake Perris; and, within a decade, it was producing fish larger than 9 pounds.

There is a tie for the current world-record spotted bass, 9 pounds 4 ounces, among two anglers, but both fish came from Lake Perris in 1987. If the record is to come back to the South, most observers believe it will come from Lake Sidney Lanier.

TO DRAG A DEER OUT of the woods, tie one end of a 5-foot piece of rope around the base of the antlers and the other end around the center of a 2-foot-long dried stick about 2 inches thick. Extend your arms behind you and grasp the stick with both hands. As you walk away in this position, you will be pulling the deer forward without lifting any of its weight. Two people can share the task by grasping opposite ends of the stick with one hand each, pulling shoulder to shoulder.

MOST OF US HAVE one foot that is larger than the other and boots often feel noticeably looser or tighter on one foot or the other. You can compensate for this (and prevent blisters) by buying footwear to fit your larger foot, then adding a sock liner or extra sock on the smaller foot.

BANNOCK, A FAVORITE woodsman's trail food, is made by combining 1 teaspoon of baking powder and 1/4 teaspoon of salt with each cup of flour. Add cold water and mix to form a thick dough. Fry in a greased skillet until crusty on one side, then turn and fry the other side until crusty. Sugar, bits of dried fruit, or crumbled pieces of cooked fish can be added to the dough to increase flavor.



I WONDER WHAT IT ALL MEANS OR WHERE IT ALL IS HEADED

By Bill Crane

Is the baseball strike justified? To me, it is not, for it appears the only losers will be us fans. I don't count on any more baseball this year; so, as far as I am concerned, they can argue until next season.

Which side of the baseball strike is right? Having been a player and a business owner, I can understand the position of both sides, but I have the least sympathy for the players. Imagine having a salary of over one million dollars a year (\$1,000,000/yr.) and wanting a pension on retirement! OK, so I'm crazy, but just put me in this position, and see if I gripe about a retirement pension. I am reminded of what Willie Mays said about playing baseball: "What could be better than playing baseball and getting paid for it?" Don't get me wrong, I don't excuse the owners. They gripe about giving nearly all their money to the players and not making a killing. After all, baseball is excused from paying taxes because it is supposed to be a non-profit organization. Sport organization owners used to use their organization as a tax deduction, but now they want to make a pile of tax free money. Both sides have some legitimate claims, so I guess it is going to take an impartial person—if there is such an animal—to decide what is right.

What happened to the Braves this year? Was it lack of pitching as they seem to have only one good one, Maddox? Was it inconsistent hitting? Was it management not knowing when to change pitchers? Was it relying on too many AAA players? You tell me. The most obvious thing to me was the matter of changing pitchers. I know the Braves don't have any relief pitchers, but I think they could have been used better. At strike time, Montreal was a much better team than Atlanta.

Who is going to rule the roost in college football this year? The polls seem to think that Florida will, but they have a strike against them already—being chosen number one. When was the last pre-season number one the champion at the end of the season? I haven't lived that long, I don't think. Will Alabama repeat? They may, but you can bet that everyone will be gunning for them. Their big games will be against Tennessee and Auburn. I personally look for some unknown to emerge as number one next January. Did I hear someone say the Yellow Jackets? I am sure of one thing—it will be an interesting season.

Will someone dethrone the Cowboys this fall? I don't know who it can be. Certainly not the Falcons (now that's a good laugh for today). I don't think the change in the Cowboys' coaches will have any effect. And yet, you never know. There are several stronger teams this year, and since the Cowboys haven't improved, one of the other teams may catch them. It's about time that Miami gets back on top.

Will someone dethrone the Tar Heels this year? It is more certain than someone succeeding the Cowboys. Yet, North Carolina will be in the Final Four along with another ACC team and one from the SEC. The Groundhog Editor can add another page or two to the next issue to print the rebuttals to the foregoing.

Lastly, who is going to have the best all around college sport team this year? Will it be another ACC team, or could a SEC team slip in? North Carolina was the best last year, and nearly all the ACC teams have strong programs that will be a contender. I can't think of any SEC team that can compete in all areas of athletics. Can you?

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I know I said "we would talk about a core wardrobe this month," and we will, but I feel that we must discuss the importance of knowing your shape (body—that is) and about your lifestyle and fashion personality, first.

After you've been color analyzed, it's time for a personal image make-over. Your personal image profile will include your body type, your fashion and makeup personality, shape of your face, and your lifestyle. Only when you have compiled this information can you develop a core wardrobe that best works for you.

BODY TYPE/SHAPE

1. What is your body type?

Today, there is a great preoccupation with thinness and weight control. We compare ourselves to the media's image of the perfect woman, and we have accepted that as the norm. The actual statistics of the American female population paint quite a different picture:

Women today are taller and heavier; measuring larger in the upper arm, waist, thigh, and hip area, than did their ancestors.

Now the American woman's average height is 5' 4-1/2", weight is an average of 143 pounds, and size is 12 or 14.

One in three women wear a size 14 or larger. One in six women wear a size 22 or larger.

A recent magazine survey of 10,000 women concluded that 97% of those surveyed hated all or part of their body.

For too long, most of us have operated under the misconception that there is one perfect body shape. Scientific research has proven that this is not true.

There are four basic body types which are based upon the metabolic system or based on the gland that is dominant. Each body type has certain physical characteristics like saddle bag thighs, a small waist, or love handles. This is something you should keep in mind: a body type is not a figure, and you can't change it with diet or exercise. Your body type remains the same, regardless of your weight. The only change in gaining or losing weight needs to be attention to how you accessorize.

BODY TYPE T - the thyroid type, has the most balance body shapes with fairly wide shoulders, defined waist and rounded hips. T types are usually fine-boned. Think of Elizabeth Taylor—good example of the T type.

BODY TYPE A - the adrenal type, has broad shoulders, flat rears, straight legs, and a tapered rather than defined waist. They usually have large rounded breasts and slender hips and thighs. Linda Evans is certainly the example of the A body type.

BODY TYPE G - or gonadal types have a lower torso, which is usually pronounced, a flat stomach, and a prominent rear, that is one or two sizes larger than their top. You'd probably never believe it, but Goldie Hawn is a slender G body type.

BODY TYPE P - the pituitary types are relatively rare and are always characterized by well-shaped but childlike bodies and small breasts. Nancy Reagan is a good example of a P body type.

It is so important to know your body type, because it is the main consideration when making wise garment investments, such as that perfect suit.

MAKEUP AND FASHION PERSONALITY

2. What is your makeup and fashion personality?

Your makeup/fashion personality is as important as color analysis to the harmony of your overall look. By learning your makeup/fashion personality, you'll be able to express one theme from head-to-toe with your makeup, hair, clothing, and accessories.

DRAMATIC Personality - The dramatic woman loves the latest, most "in" look. She never skimps on makeup, instinctively playing up her best features. Her style is striking, but it can be a little exaggerated.

ROMANTIC Personality - The romantic woman's inclination is toward makeup that is soft and pastel. She should be careful of overdoing the femininity and try wearing deeper colors.

CLASSIC Personality - The classic woman is the epitome of tailored elegance in timeless fashions and neutral colors. She always avoids looking "overdone" sometimes to the point of looking too safe or too controlled.

NATURAL Personality - The natural woman likes makeup that looks clean and fresh. She likes relaxed, sporty clothing and accessories.

It's very distracting to see people mix makeup/fashion personalities incorrectly. For example, a woman wearing a soft, romantic suit with bold geometric jewelry doesn't present a harmonious look. Identifying your primary fashion personality does not restrict you; it frees you from the dizzying number of clothing choices available today, much in the same way that color analysis does. Everyone has a strong secondary fashion personality that influences their personal style. A great way to express your secondary fashion personality is through accessories.

LIFESTYLES

3. What is your lifestyle?

By all means, consider your lifestyle when buying new clothes, getting a new hair style, and choosing accessories. Have you noticed those women who gain weight and are big boned and decide to get a short-short haircut, thinking that this will make their faces look

smaller? You are right, they do look "out of proportion." That's why big women look so great wearing big accessories. I could go on and on, but we are running out of space, and this isn't getting the core wardrobe done. OK, here goes, I sure wish I could put this in picture form for you, it would be much easier to work with when you are going through your closet. This example is only that, an example.

CORE WARDROBE

Here are the clothing items we are going to use: a tailored long-sleeved navy suit, red short sleeved blouse, white short-sleeved blouse with navy trim, white full skirt, white long-sleeved blouse, red/white long-sleeved suit (small checks), and large scarf (with red, navy, white, and another accent color), and some gold chains. That's eight pieces, one scarf and accessories. A red hat, white shoes, navy shoes, and/or white/red shoes, white/navy shoes. These last things would be great but not necessary to pull together the outfits that follow.

1. Red/white suit with gold accessories
2. Navy jacket with skirt from red/white suit
3. Red/white jacket, red blouse and white full skirt
4. Navy suit with white sort-sleeved blouse
5. Red/white jacket, white blouse, navy skirt
6. Red/white jacket, red blouse, navy skirt, and gold chains
7. Navy jacket, white blouse and white full skirt
8. Red/white suit, red blouse, and gold chains
9. White long-sleeved blouse, white full skirt, and gold chains
10. Red/White suit, white long-sleeved blouse
11. Red/white jacket, white long-sleeved blouse, navy skirt, and gold chains—wear red/white jacket buttoned with white collar and cuffs showing
12. Red/white jacket, white long-sleeved blouse, white full skirt
13. Navy suit and red blouse
14. Navy jacket, red blouse, white full skirt
15. Red/white suit, white blouse, gold chains around waist for belt

Here are some extra hints to help add your personality to the outfits listed above. Add a red hat of matching color to #1. Wear red/white shoes and white hose with #2. A white headband would look great with #s 9 and 12. Remember, anytime the navy skirt is being worn, wear navy hosiery and shoes (only exception being, if you choose navy and white shoes and the white of the shoe is next to your leg, then you would want to wear white hose). This would be a good time to point out that, if your shoes are two colors, like black/white, please don't wear black stockings if your shoes are white next to your ankles, same is true of any other shoes of two colors. If your shoes are red, wear red stockings only if your skirt is red.

If you have any questions or advice, feel free to write me in care of this newspaper. I look forward to hearing from you and will try to answer any questions you may have on fashion. If you need further help building a core wardrobe or learning what styles look best for your body type, come see me at The Chrysalis, in Valley Head.



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Will, Shannon, Bill, Gena, Allison, and Gladys Crane (from Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Dovie Pettie (from Mont Eagle, Tenn.)



Back Row: Kendall Tuttle, Kaylon Tuttle, Darrell Garner
Front Row: Kenda Tuttle, Mellanie Tuttle, Becky Garner LaVonn Blalock (The Tuttles are from Jacksonville, Fla., and the Garners are from Orlando, Fla.)



Ovie and Barbara Blalock, Karen and Russell Wright, and Willis Blalock



The youngest Blalock, Brandon Tyler Hester, age 6 weeks, his mother Barbie and father Jimmie of Mentone.



Paige Wright, Jennifer Blalock, Kelly Wright



The oldest female Blalock, Gerry (Geraldine) Blalock from Mentone, age 78; The oldest male, Joe Blalock from Mentone (74). (The oldest attending was actually Clara Cash, who is 81, and she was not photographed.)



Nita and Treamon Meadows (Without Nita, this reunion would not have been the great success it was. There were more attendees this year due to Nita's hard work in organizing the affair and sending out notices.)



Mrs. and Mrs. Pete Davidson, Bill and Ann Wright

The summer camps have always been a strong influence in Mentone, as excited staff and happy campers arrive for the summer. Many local people have been provided work for the summer months that has helped to sustain them through the winter. Camps have certainly been a boost to Mentone's economy. It is interesting to see that, as the camps are accepting more campers from other countries, they are also becoming more aware of our local community. They are sharing more with local people and allowing people on the mountain to share mountain heritage and cultures with them.



ALPINE CAMP FOR BOYS

By Dick O'Ferrall

Alpine Camp for Boys opened their 36th season on June 6, 1994, and closed on August 13, 1994. Over 690 boys camped at Alpine during their three camp sessions. This was a record enrollment. Campers came from as far away as Colombia, South America, and France; but most of the campers were from the southeastern United States. The 1994 camp program staff was made up of 60 college age men, plus numerous support staff from the Mentone area. The owners and directors of Alpine Camp will be quick to tell you that one of their key staff members is Mrs. Leonard (Bea) Crow of Mentone. Mrs. Crow is the Food Service Director at Alpine Camp for Boys and has served in that capacity since the camp opened in 1959. Prior to 1959, the camp operated as Alpine Lodge Camp for Girls, and Mrs. Crow served as their Food Service Director. She has been associated with Alpine for over fifty years. She is loved and respected by men and women and boys and girls across the United States who have been part of the Alpine Camp family. They vow no one can make biscuits like Mrs. Crow.

Alpine Camp for Boys operates a general camp program under the leadership of Directors, Dick and Alice O'Ferrall, and Program Director, Bill Jamieson. Alpine Camp's goal is to provide young boys with an exciting and adventuresome camping experience in a strong Christian environment. The FUN camp program is a spring-board used to help boys develop a healthy sense of independence, strong new friendships, a positive self image, the ability to relate to peers, new camp skills, and a strong Christian base on which to build their lives. Many of today's campers are sons of former campers and staff members.



Ponderosa Bible Camp

By Glenn Miller

A military, "Back to Basics" theme provided the "B and B" (Blast! and Blessing!) for the "recruits" at Ponderosa Bible Camp the summer of 1994, the 19th summer for these CBM Ministries of North Alabama sponsored camps. After a week of "basic training" for the staff of eight Senior Counselors and 42 Ponderosa TEAM Members (Teens Excited About Ministry, volunteering various weeks throughout the summer), a total of 510 campers over the next seven weekly sessions enjoyed the blast of the various camp activities and were blessed by learning the basics of the Christian life. Most of the campers and staff came from Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, a few coming from North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio, and Florida.

One of the competitive highlights between the camp's "Jungle Fighters" and "Desert Dogs" was the Scud Missile attack when points were earned by catching launched water balloons. A few points were also given for the spent balloons that were not caught, for keeping the grounds clean.

By cooperating with The Center for Urban Missions, another highlight was hosting an inner city group from Birmingham. Colorful songs were enjoyed and skits helped demonstrate and prepare for the teaching of the Christian Soldier's Armor of God.

Missionary speakers each week displayed curios, demonstrated dress and customs, and taught songs from their various fields of ministry. One of the camp speakers was a Circuit Rider who came with his horse, as well as his Bible!



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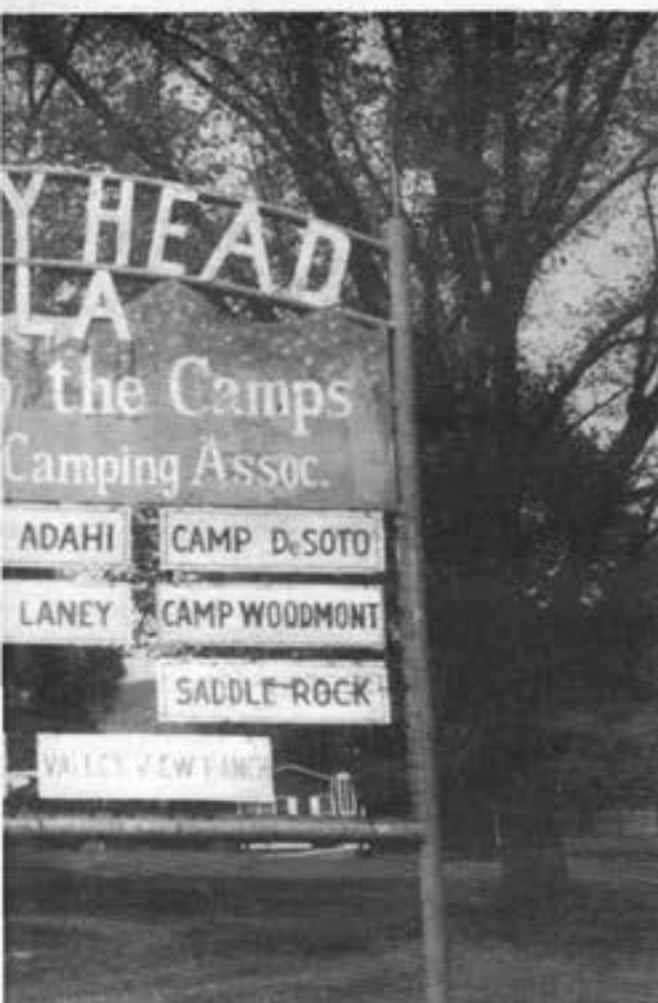


By Susan Hooks

"I'm Here to Make a Difference" was the theme for Camp Skyline's 48th summer, as more campers than ever enjoyed another exciting summer of fun and relaxation.

Campers were thrilled with Skyline's new "Tower of Power," a 4-walled climbing tower. "To Build Trust and Self-Confidence" is a motive that is accomplished as participants accept the challenge and climb the tower walls which includes six different approaches to climbing.

Camp Skyline also added a new cabin, with a capacity of 20, that is functional for "off-season" use. The youngest campers enjoyed having their own "in house showers"--a real luxury at camp!! Susan and Larry Hooks, Directors, named the building "Al's Roost" in honor of owners Edward Albert Cash and Edmond Alfred Cash and also a tribute to their father (Susan's grandfather) Albert Cash. Albert Cash was the rock mason for several of the camp buildings that he constructed while employed by Martha Berry when she owned the Skyline property years ago.



CAMPS IN 1994

CAMP DE SOTO

By Marsha Hurt

The summer of 1994 marked Camp DeSoto's 78th camping season. DeSoto's two, one-month sessions were enjoyed by girls from 21 different states, as well as 14 girls from Colombia, South America, and two from France. Our program staff was made up of college women from 21 colleges and universities.

Our campers spent their days in what we refer to as general camp activities--riding, tennis, canoeing, archery, riflery, swimming, team sports, nature-trailblazing, ropes course, rock-climbing, rappelling, mountain bike riding, backpacking, crafts, photography, drama, glee club, guitar, gymnastics, and dance. These activities take place in the context of a relaxed, but routine schedule. DeSoto's traditional special events of Circus, 4th of July, Christmas, Olympics, Tribe Days, and Gypsy Day highlight our camp schedule and are nothing short of creative extravaganzas on the part of campers and staff. We have often said that it is amazing what can be done with butcher paper and tempera paint.

A few summers ago, we began offering an activity to our oldest campers called "Project Phoebe" (In scripture, Phoebe was a "friend to all and a helper of many."). This activity has allowed campers to experience, enjoy, and appreciate Mentone in a whole new way. Through Project Phoebe, campers are able to visit in the homes of several individuals in Mentone. Nowhere else have they been exposed to such welcoming and kind people, heard such good storytellers, or known so much mountain lore. This summer, in addition to being in people's homes, these girls were able to paint the library at Moon Lake School. The intent of this activity is to provide girls with a taste for Christian service. As is always the case, they come away feeling as if they received far more than they gave.

Those of us who live in Mentone know cool mornings, nighttime mountain noises, river swimming, and a slower pace as a way of life. But to the girls who spend their growing-up summers camping in Mentone, our "way of life" becomes a part of their deep, rich camp memories that they will recall for the rest of their lives. To us, Mentone may just be home, the place we work, where we grew up, or our weekend get-a-way. But to campers, Mentone is so much more. We have a camp song that seems to say it all concerning their days in Mentone:

"Up there on that mountain is my camp of summer dreams,

A month is never long enough for me it always seems..."

camp laney for boys

By Rob Hammond

Camp Laney celebrated its 36th season of continuous operation. Campers came from all over the South and from as far away as France and Germany.

Despite all the rain, it was a great summer. Mountain biking was added to the program for boys finishing 6th grade up. It was very popular with the boys. Traditional activities included horseback riding, ropes course and climbing wall, archery, riflery, sports, tennis, swimming, and canoeing. Out-of-camp trips were taken by age group. Boys went to the Tennessee Aquarium-Rock City, and rafted on the Nantahala and Ocoee Rivers.

Louise Laney, who founded Camp Laney with her husband Coach Malcolm Laney in 1959, died August 1 at her home in Tuscaloosa. Her grandson Carter Laney was on the horseback staff this summer.

saddle rock camp for girls

By Marty Griffin

Saddle Rock celebrated its 11th season this summer. One- and two-week sessions were available to campers. The summer program was much the same as in the past, except for the addition of a new activity called "Outdoor Survival." While this activity includes the traditional camping, cooking out, and orienteering, campers also planted an herb garden. From their harvest, they made soap, shampoo, and remedies handed down from generation to generation.

In August, there was a reunion of campers and counselors who have worked and camped together over the last 30 years. This was followed by our 10th annual Mother/Daughter weekend.

The Nature's Classroom program is now owned by Saddle Rock and will begin its 4th season on September 12th. This is an environmental education program for elementary and junior high school students. The program employs eight degreed teachers from all over the country, plus a program and site director. All available weeks have been booked for the '94-'95 season.

Little River Retreats at Saddle Rock has also kicked off its season. This is a weekend program available to rental groups. Programs available range from baby-sitting to hiking, orienteering, and low ropes course. Programs can also be customized to meet the particular needs of a group.

Summer campers included girls from Japan, France, Alaska, California, and Texas. However, the majority of campers came from the east and southeast USA. Skyline employs approximately 75 Christian athletes and staff from colleges across the south. Skyline also hires 10-20 local support staff to achieve all that's necessary to operate a successful summer. One local employee, Nelson Williams has been a loyal member of the maintenance staff for 12 years. Nelson was given recognition at the final banquet with campers and staff singing, "We Love You, Nelson." It's the local people that come back year after year that help make camp run smoothly, and Nelson is certainly a valuable employee.

Susan and Larry Hooks enjoyed their 11th summer as Directors, and delighted in implementing the goal of Camp Skyline:

To provide a quality camp experience that will offer an excellent staff in a wholesome environment for campers seeking a Christian influence...and to truly instill in the minds of campers and staff that "making a difference" is truly a worthy cause!!!!



MOON LAKE PLAYGROUND WORK DAYS

Construction of Moon Lake School's new playground area is the result of the work of many parents, friends, and students. The workday on Saturday, August 27, was attended by Robert and Terri Childers, Connie Hughes, Larry and Susan Hooks, Dudley Easler, Jimmy Jones, Kenneth and Kathy McMunn, Brandol Jones, John and Jean Corey, Phil and Marsha Hurt, Joe Smith, Carl Jones, Lyle and Heather Nicely, Kevin and Snow Green, Pam Bettis, and John Fisher, among many others. Their enthusiasm was spurred on by refreshments served by Pat Seymour, photos taken by Marie Dillenbeck, and cheerleading by Dr. Bill Berry

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GORDON CALEB HUNT

Gordon Caleb Hunt, born December 1, 1993, and weighing over 9 pounds is shown above at 4 months. He is the son of Monica Galloway Hunt and Gordon Hunt of Dahlgene, Georgia. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Galloway; is the 1st great grandchild of Jane Galloway of Mentone; and the great grandson of Max and Annette Galloway of Cloudland, Georgia; and the great grandson of Oveline Davis of Ider.



SARAH TUCKER

ALABAMA GIRLS STATE PARTICIPANT

Sarah Tucker was sponsored by Mentone's American Legion Auxiliary Post #215 to attend Alabama Girls State this summer at Huntingdon College in Montgomery during the week of June 12-17. Over 300 girls from all over the state of Alabama participated.

Seventeen-year-old Sarah is a senior at Valley Head High School and the daughter of David and Marsha Tucker. She serves as drum major of the band, plays piano, alto sax, xylophone, tenor sax, oboe, and soprano sax. Sarah is a member of Moon Lake Baptist Church and has an older sister, Carla.

Sarah said, "We learned all about government and running for offices, filling those offices, and parliamentary procedure. On Friday, the 17th, we visited the state capitol. Girls State was a great learning experience for me, and I really enjoyed it."



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Benny Goss is no stranger to serving his country. He served with distinction in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1969-1973 and has been with the US Postal Service from 1973 until the present. He lives in Mentone with his wife, Brenda, and their three children, Josh, Jason, and Jana.

On August 18, Benny Goss received a Service Award Pin and certificate from the United States Postal Service. (See photo above.) The award reads as follows:

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Rhododendron Garden Club News

The Rhododendron Garden Club met Tuesday, August 9, 1994, at the Mentone Town Hall. There were 24 present, including one guest, Mildred Wylie from Coral Gables, Fla. Linda Whitney joined as a new member. Hostesses were Anne Jackson, Norma Williams and Shirley Hussell.

Mabel Kirk gave the devotion with a tribute to the daylilies, the oldest known flower which has always been regarded as a symbol of purity, as well as love and caring. In the Bible, the lily is the floral essence of grace and perfection. Matt. 6:28-29. Mr. Jon DeGraff, with over 300 years plant background in his family, developed a lily not known before. He wanted to make lilies for gardens. Mabel mentioned two gardens. The first: Lillian Blalock's -- one of the most beautiful gardens in the Mentone area--an old-fashioned garden. The beauty of her garden lives. Lillian had the ability to plant seed thoughts for today and tomorrow. The second: Ann Wright's garden in which she has taken the seed thoughts of her mother and multiplied them many times over, using the seeds of beauty created from her mother's gardens.

Betty Chapman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The president announced that, in addition to the memorial sent by Bernise last month, she had sent a memorial contribution to the Garden Club in memory of Betty Stephens.

Ann also mentioned that the Sand Mountain Electric CO-OP would not spray for another 10 years. They sprayed dogwood, pines, and wild flowers.

Hope Walker received her certificate from The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., for her services as president of the Rhododendron Garden Club for 1991-93.

Mabel, corresponding secretary, stated that she had sent several cards out to individuals.

Sue Schwarz gave a report on conservation and displayed a basket she constructed from brown paper bags. Placemats can also be made. At the next meeting, the plans for this conservation project will be distributed.

Ann Wright reported that the Ecoteers met four times and viewed the eagles video and the Callaway butterfly video. They also made Japanese Rice Paper. During one meeting, they toured Ed Mason Park.

Pat Seymour on garden therapy reported that the federal prison in Talledega had accepted our request to assist with a landscaping program by providing plants and shrubs for some of the inmates. A motion was made and seconded to participate in this therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynette McCary for litter control requested that each member pick up trash as they go along.

Following the business, Ann Wright presented the "Second Time Around" Deep South Project. At the state convention in June, a workshop was held. Ann attended the grass cycling and herbs and flowers portions of the workshop. She demonstrated the making of rice paper using wax paper, Kleenex, Elmers glue mixture (1/2 water) blotted on Kleenex, another piece of wax paper, and then iron. On display were several examples of the Second Time Around Project.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, at Nippersink Lodge. The theme is "Arrangements for Garden Trails." Benny Campbell will be back to help us prepare for the 39th Annual DeKalb County Federation of Garden Clubs Flower Show, DeKalb County VFW Fair, Ft. Payne, to be held October 3 through October 8. The Rhododendron Garden Club will have an educational exhibit entitled "Natures Flowers." The hostesses will be Gerry Disney, Betty Chapman, and Jo Beabe.

Also, the District II Fall Meeting is on September 22 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 215 S. Kyle St., Scottsboro, Alabama.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN



Summer, I would hold you close to me
And do the things that mean most to me;
Let your gentle breezes caress me,
Perfume from your blossoms bless me—
Bask in each golden moment you give—
Awaken all perceptions to live—
Alas, as much as I care for you,
By the time that I prepare for you,
Your gentle warming breezes have chilled,
Your fragrant, lovely flowers are killed,
And I stand bewildered and bereft—
Amid unrealized dreams you left.
Suddenly it's September!

August was a very popular month for birthdays: Allison Meadows was "sweet sixteen." She is enjoying a trip to Opryland with a friend's family. Randall Hawkins came from Chattanooga to help his mother, Geraldine Hawkins, celebrate. Mickey and Linda Cobble met with Becky Stott and Casey, Jenny, and Donnie White, and Nicole Stott to take Gladys Cobble out for her birthday dinner. A group from Valley Head Baptist Church, including Priscilla and Willard Monroe, Louise and Charles Hammond, Sadie Cooper, Sharon Lee, Ruth and Bert Pickett, Gladys Cobble, and others, attended a birthday tea at the home of Brenda Loveless in Centre, honoring Gladys Stott on her birthday. Her body is weak, but her spirit is strong in her radiant smile.

Doris Carmichael joined her daughter, Linda Thomas, in Fort Payne to entertain for family members with August birthdays, including Emmy Ricketts, William and Bob Thomas, Joy DeShields, and Elaine Johnson.

Adelaide Biddle celebrated her birthday, August 14, at her daughter Julia Hickey's home, in Chattanooga, with her children and grand children, and one-year-old great-grandson present. The office staff of the Council on Aging also had a birthday dinner for her at the home of Carol Beddingfield. Congratulations to Adelaide! She will be inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in Montgomery, September 25.

Melinda Adkins visited her mother, Nelda Johnson, at Dutton and enjoyed being with her aunts who were there: Mary Ethel Doyle from Waco, Texas; Emma Lee Robbins from Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Betty Styles from Bowdon, Georgia.

Virginia and Bill Livezey are enjoying a visit from their children and grandchildren, Cheryl and Gerry Brown from Fort Worth, Texas; Kathie, John David, and William Corbun from Fort Payne; Lisa McIntosh, and Ian and Darcy from Birmingham. They had a picnic with the Jim Carmichael family at Hammondville Park on Sunday.

Priscilla and Willard Monroe joined a Julene Tour to Hawaii August 16-24, and report that they had a great time!

Venna Livingston and her family spent a week in Panama City and cruised over to Shell Island. They enjoyed eating and shopping at the Treasurer Ship Restaurant and Mall.

James and Katherine Crumbley visited Helen Bankson recently and joined Mary Louise and Ted Holleman for lunch at The Lookout.

Ruby Koger is a patient at BMC-DeKalb, as the result of a fall. Taylor Laws is also there suffering from pneumonia.

The Seniors from the Center in Fort Payne visited the Civic Center in Huntsville Aug. 27 for a musical revue by big bands at Heritage Village.

Frances and Bill Ellis and son, Billy of Summerville, Georgia, will leave Sept. 1 for an eight-day tour of Alaska.

Gladys, Mickey and Linda Cobble and Becky Stott visited Mae Kean at Columbus, Georgia for the weekend.

Sadie, Van, Teresa, Tyler, and Lana Clair Cooper visited Harlan Cooper in Montgomery on their way to visit Shirley Cook in Panama City and took Harlan's grandson Justin with them.

James Wells and family, on their way to Gulf Shores brought his mother, Lila (Tillie) Schlicher by my house. She spent several days with me and saw many old friends. Accompanied by her sister, Sue Cooper, I took Tillie to Summerville, Georgia, for a visit with her brother Howard Finster and wife Pauline and family. Tillie was joined there by James and family to fly home from Atlanta to Canon City, Colorado.

The Valley Head WMU met the second Tuesday at the church with Oline Roberts and Lynn Jenkins as hostesses. There were nine members present. I hear that there will be a baptizing at the church Sunday. Good for them!

Melinda Adkins and Jackie Gifford are spending a few days at Camp Sumatanga on an Emmaus Walk.

The Valley Head United Methodist Women met at the Church August 24 with Helen White and Melinda Adkins as hostesses. Velma Hammond presented the program, "You are Set Free." She was assisted by Laura Margaret Allison. Others present were Adelaide Biddle, Elizabeth Coleman, Mary Holleman, Venna Livingston, Geraldine Hawkins, and Eloise Brown.

A line was omitted from my reunion poem last month—after the line, "If its walls could have spoken, it could have solved mystery," should have been— "and have added many facts to our history."

Everyone have a safe and happy Labor Day!

LABOR DAY

Labor Day means summer's end—
Time to rest and celebrate—
Time to play with kin and friend,
For the time is growing late.
It's time for one last happy fling,
Before Winter closes in,
To the last warm breezes cling,
Go the places never been.
The weary workers have earned their rest,
The loafers go on the same,
The workers have passed the test,
The lazy just played a game—
Their duties and tasks they shirked,
While others carried their load—
How rest when they never worked?
How reap harvest never sowed?
It is a day of celebration and appreciation
For the laborer great or small.
A well earned week-end vacation
Before settling down to Fall.

Eloise Brown



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THE PRINCIPAL

By Ben Corey

Bill Berry is now the principal of Moon Lake Elementary School! He used to be our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, but now he will be teaching 6th grade.

Dr. Berry attended Moon Lake when he was a boy, and Katie Gray's great grandmother, Kathryn Jones, was his 1st and 2nd grade teacher.

Dr. Berry is involved in a lot of other activities when he is not at work. One of them is Boy Scout Troop 106. He helps David Gilbreath teach the troop. Dr. Berry also is helping the parents to build the playground.

Dr. Berry enjoys being principal, because it's a busy job, and he enjoys staying busy.



THE TEACHER

By Bill Berry

We are glad Mitzi McClendon Hughes is back at Moon Lake Elementary School as our new 3rd and 4th grade teacher. She has been busy moving into her classroom, repainting the walls and doors and preparing things for her students.

For two years, Mrs. Hughes worked as the Chapter I aide at Moon Lake. Last year, she taught 6th grade at Geraldine School.

Mrs. Hughes lives in Crossville with her husband, Dale, and a golden Labrador retriever named Samson. She loves outdoor activities, especially at the river.

How does she feel about returning to Moon Lake? Mrs. Hughes says, "I'm real excited, because I already know everyone here."



THE SECRETARY

By Bill Berry

New school secretary Roberta Kirby will become a very familiar face in Moon Lake Elementary School's office. This is not the first time she's worked at Moon Lake. For more than three years, she drove the school bus, and she substitute taught.

Since that time, she has worked in the office of DeSoto State Park.

Mrs. Kirby attended Moon Lake for three years. All four of her children came to Moon Lake, and now her grandson, Corey Kirby is in 4th grade. She says that returning to work at Moon Lake will bring back "some real sweet memories...it's a part of my life."

She enjoys hiking, swimming, and playing in the snow. Her husband, Eddie, has two bird dogs.



NEW BUS DRIVER WITH SIBLE HOPPER

By Bill Berry

Many Moon Lake Elementary School students will recognize our new bus driver, Joe Chadwick. Last year, he substituted for Al Blackburn.

Mr. Chadwick is retired from his job in Chattanooga, and now he stays busy on his farm of cattle and hay. When he gets the chance, he likes to hunt and fish.

Every day, Mr. Chadwick will come to Mentone from his home in Sulphur Springs to drive our mountaintop bus.

During the summer, workers at the bus garage in Fort Payne spent a lot of time and money repairing torn seats so that our bus will be more comfortable. Now, it's our job to take care of this bus and help Mr. Chadwick keep it clean.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

by Ben Corey

Last April, the PTA began a plan for a brand new playground for Moon Lake Elementary School. Then, on April 30, the PTA had a hit of a fundraiser, the first annual Springfest. That money was used to buy lumber and supplies.

The parents and many, many other volunteers have worked on the playground! Carl Jones has spent many hours supervising these workers.

The features of the new playground are a sliding swing, towers, bridges, and a lot more.

Next time you see Ashton Jones' father, Carl, make sure you tell him thanks. And thanks to the many other folks who gave us a playground we will enjoy for a long time!

SPECIAL TEACHER COMING

By Bill Berry

In October, we will welcome a Japanese teacher to the United States and to Moon Lake Elementary School. This teacher will spend six months at our school, teaching Japanese language and culture. We will soon find out more about this very special person who will provide many interesting experiences for us.

NEW, IMPROVED SITE

By Stuart Hurt

"Project Phoebe" from Camp DeSoto worked on our school library over the summer. Terry Childers, Jean Corey, and Marsha Hurt helped them. They painted the library and redid all the bookshelves. And they repaired books that needed new bindings. We got several new books. We got a new book cart for books that need to be reshelfed.

Subscriptions to several magazines have been donated for this school year...

The school is now looking for volunteer librarians. As you will see when you visit, the library is new and improved!

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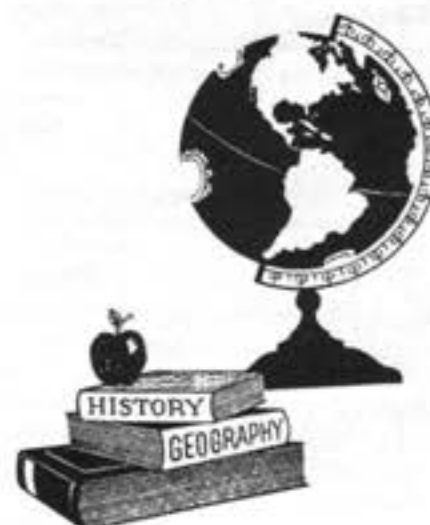
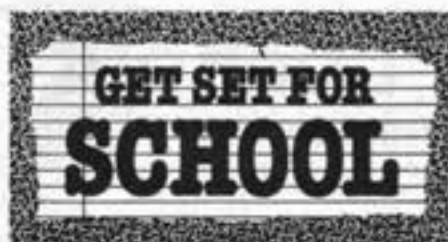
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VALLEY HEAD



GARY TALLEY

Gary Talley, new principal at Valley Head High School, was a social studies teacher and the head basketball coach at Sylvania for five years, after serving as assistant coach for four. He and his wife, Debra, have a 13-year-old 8th-grade son, Derek, who attends school in Sylvania.

Valley Head School has two new teachers, Mrs. Patti Ray, who is L.D.; and Mrs. Gina Davis who teaches 6th grade. Mrs. Elaine Dobbs, former principal, is now employed as Title I Elementary Teacher Supervisor for DeKalb County.

New windows are being installed in the auditorium and in the Agriculture and Home Economics buildings through a state-funded project.

The first football game will be September 1, at Valley Head.

Teen Creed

Submitted by Dr. Pat from
Valley Head High School

Don't let your parents down,
they brought you up.
Be humble enough to obey,
You may give orders someday.
Choose companions with care,
You become what they are.
Guard your thoughts,
What you think, you are.
Choose only a date
Who would make a good mate.
Be a master of your habits,
Or they will master you.
Don't be a show off when you drive.
Drive with safety and arrive.
Don't let the crowd pressure you,
Stand for something or you'll
fall for anything.

VALLEY HEAD TIGERS

Football Schedule
1994

Sept. 1 - Gaylesville Home
Sept. 9 - Fyffe Away
Sept. 16 - Sand Rock Home
Sept. 23 - Cedar Bluff Away
Oct. 1 - Ider Away
Oct. 7 - North Sand Mt. Home
Oct. 14 - Crossville Home
Oct. 21 - Geraldine Away
Oct. 28 - Collinsville Away
Nov. 4 - Section Home

HEAD COACH:

JONATHAN TIDMORE

ASST. COACH: MARK HALE

PRINCIPAL - GARY TALLEY

All Home Games Will Be Played

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Pre-season pick by sportswriters is Tigers
in 3rd Place in district.

Valley Head Tigers

Class 1A, Area 16

Head Coach: Jon Tidmore

1993 record: 3-8, lost to Court-
land in the first round of the state
playoffs.

Number lost to graduation: 5

Number of starters returning: 6

Players to watch: Gerry Bain,
Sr., FB; Tim Smith, Jr., RB-DB;
Daneil Vest, Jr., RB; Chris Ham-
mond, Sr., RB-LB; Jason Baber,
Sr., OT-DT; Jim Phillips, So.,
QB-DB.



The New Generation Cloggers are starting
a new clogging class on clogging on
Tuesday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m. at
Lookout Valley, Inc. The first class is free.

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Sept. 7

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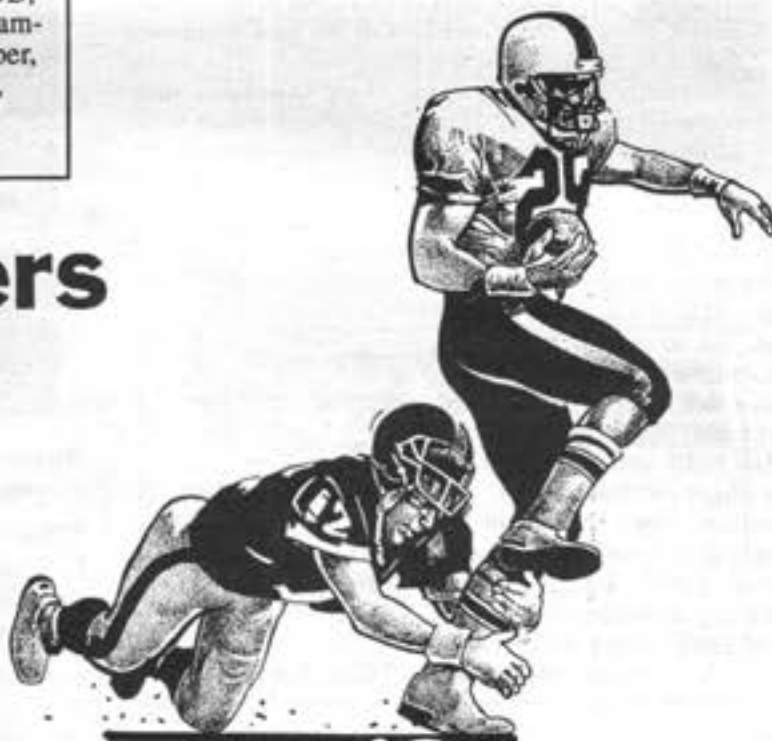
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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



I'm baaack!! I don't know if anyone even realized that my column was not in the last three issues of *The Groundhog*, but I surely have missed you all!

The rock wall down the mountain on Highway #117 is looking good! The rock work is absolutely beautiful. I don't like coming home via Tutwiler, and I find that I make fewer trips to the valley for this reason. Hopefully, the highway will be open to two-lane traffic by at least Christmas. I shudder at the thought of trying to go up Tutwiler with ice on the ground. Isn't it scary to look over the side of the mountain where the wall is torn down? Maybe the memory of this will slow some drivers down when it is opened as a two-lane highway again. I know we will all enjoy the new wall, not only for its beauty, but for the added safety. I think it will be worth the trouble and the wait. I wish there were a way to keep the trucks stopped from using Highway #117 as a way to Atlanta; but, since it is a state highway, I'm sure there isn't. Just wishful thinking.

I have worked long hours at Camp Laney this summer and have not been in touch with much of the going-ons in Mentone. But, I'm not sure much has happened in Mentone for several months. This is the way it should be. A town as laid back and slow moving as Mentone should take the summer easy.

Things will start to speed up now that school has begun. Be careful and watch for those buses and those excited children. Drive as though their lives depended on it—they do!! If you don't have a child in Moon Lake School, drive by there and look at the new equipment that is being built on the playground. The entire community has pitched in and Moon Lake has a state-of-the-art playground. Moon Lake School is such a nice addition to the town of Mentone. Many years ago, the

county and state decided that all schools that small should be closed and combined with larger schools. The PTA (Bobby and I were members, because our children were in school there) of Moon Lake decided to fight for the right to keep our little school. To make a long story shorter, after many meetings with officials, much talk, some lost tempers, and many long hours of work, Moon Lake was allowed to remain open. However, the unspoken impression that was left with us was that the community would have to accept a lot of the responsibility to keep it in good condition. Mentone has done this for more years than Gail Smalley (my oldest) wants me to say. The community continues to do this, and I'm sure will continue to as long as the school remains open. As I get older, I realize more and more that anything worth having usually requires a little (and most times a lot of) effort.

Another sign that things are moving again is the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department's annual barbecue. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 3, at the Fire Hall. Plates will be available for take-out or eat-in for \$5.00 a plate. Now, where else can you get a barbecue plate with all the trimmings for that price? You can also get a sandwich if that's what suits your fancy. Another way the volunteers are raising money is by selling raffle tickets on a 1981 Oldsmobile station wagon. It is blue and can be seen on display at Ruby's Variety. See any volunteer firefighter, board member, or Sible Hopper, for tickets, \$1.00 donation. Support your volunteer firefighters—they care about you!!

One thing that continues to puzzle me, and I've seen it happen many times, is why people move to Mentone because it is the "perfect" place to live, and then try to change it as soon as they get here. Go figure.

Love each other, don't gossip, and laugh at something every day, even if it's only at yourself.



Bobby Ruple, project engineer of the Highway 117 reconstruction of the rock wall, expects the work to be completed by November 15, 1994. Work has been slowed by the unusual number of summer rain days. "This has been the rainiest summer in years," commented Mr. Ruple.



The Menlo News

BY OVIE "BO"
BLALOCK

Hegwood Motors is bursting at the seams! To an already new building, the business is adding a new structure on at the back of the present facility.

Lynn Hall is the new principal at the Menlo School. A native of Menlo, Mr. Hall is quickly settling into his new position.

Larry and Teresa Canada are building a "dream home" just off of Highway 48. The house has to be seen to be believed!

Jeremy McDowell, son of LaDonna Barton and busboy at Cloudland's Lookout Restaurant, was in a serious accident recently. After getting off the school bus, he caught a ride to his grandmother's house in the car of a young friend. In a freak accident, Jeremy's hand was slammed into a mailbox, and the middle finger on his right hand nearly severed. He is back home recovering from reconstructive surgery in Chattanooga.

Taylor Adams is heading up a fundraiser for the Cloudland Rescue Squad. The Squad is hoping to construct a building to house the group and its equipment. Menlo Lumber Co. has donated the metal decking and siding, and the Woodmen of the World are providing a flagpole and new flag. A yard sale will be held Labor Day, Monday, September 5, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the intersection of Highways 48 and 127 in Cloudland (across from The Lookout). Clothing, furniture, appliances, etc., will be on sale. Consignments are welcome. Donations of money or items can be made to Taylor Adams or Ovie "Bo" Blalock. The squad hopes to obtain a 4-wheel drive vehicle for snow bound rescues, especially.

At the recent Alabama Square Dance Convention in Montgomery, Bo and Barbara Blalock attended an open house at the Alabama Governor's mansion. They met Alabama Governor James Folsom, Jr. and shook hands with him.

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(2) **TRI-LEVEL BRICK HOME** - Located on the East Fork of Little River. Large great room, fully equipped kitchen with tile counters. Glassed sun room overlooking the river. MBR on main level, 2 Bedroom, 2-1/2 baths. Rec. room with large deck and Wet Bar. Work Shop and 2 carports. All on 6.6 acres with creek. Also, double Central H/A units. \$165,000. Co-broker with GA Timber Brokers.



(3) **MENTONE CONNECTION** - Prestige describes the beauty of this 2-story log and cedar home, west brow on the Parkway inside Mentone limits. 2,600 sq. ft. of specious rooms. Large master suite w/jacuzzi bath. 3 bedrooms upstairs, 1-1/2 baths. Heart of pine plank floors through living, dining, kitchen, den areas. Double pantry, and lots of storage closets, plus full basement. Screened porch to view the sunsets. Priced \$150,000.



(4) **OWN BOTH SIDES** - 3.5 acres of this designated trout stream on the east fork of Little River. 500 ft. of river frontage. Wooded with large hardwoods and 550 ft. of paved road. Located on Gilbreath Rd., Cloudland, GA. \$24,500. Co-Broke with GA Timber Brokers.



(5) **WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF** - Located on the Brow (West) DeSoto Parkway Mentone City Limits. 4500 sq. ft. ROCK with 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, Large Great Room, glassed patio, rock and Maple Floors throughout. Separate 2 bedroom efficiency in the house with Central H/A. Too many amenities to list. \$350,000.



(6) **ROCKY TOP ESTATES** - West Brow and wooded tracts priced from \$10,000 to \$35,000. Located across from the back entrance of DeSoto State Park on Scenic Dr. North. Restricted Covenants.



(7) **BROW ROAD NORTH** - Beautiful tracts on the west brow, 7 and 9 acres overlooking Battelle Valley. Priced at \$30,000 to \$35,000.



(8) **42 ACRES ON THE EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER** - Beautiful wooded acreage with 1/4 mile of river frontage, private access. Must see to appreciate. \$120,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(9) **ACREAGE ON LITTLE RIVER** - 140 acres, 1,400 feet of River frontage, 6 miles from Mentone, private access road, wooded. \$224,000; 105 acres, 550 feet River frontage, private access road \$130,000.

(10) **LITTLE RIVER LAKE LAHUSAGE** - 5 acres with pasture, fruit orchard, Rock walkway to the river, rock patio and BBQ. Large shed; with 2 wells, septic and small building with electric and plumbing, which can be lived in. Also fenced for livestock. 300 feet of river frontage and 500 feet of paved road frontage. \$50,000.

(11) **EAST FORK OF LITTLE RIVER SECLUDED HOMESITES** - Minimum size 100 x 300 to 3 acres, extending to middle of river, with natural swimming pool. Many to choose from. Owner financing available. \$10,000 to \$20,000.

(12) **ALMOST NEW** - 2 bedroom, 2 bath; Central H&A, enclosed sundeck. Guest cottage or workshop. Located off DeSoto Parkway. Mentone, City Water. \$62,000.

(13) **DUTCH BUNGALOW LOCATED ON LITTLE RIVER CANYON** - (Canyon View Forest Sub.) - 1 bedroom, air conditioned, gas heat, well water, screened cabin for picnic and camping in warmer weather on a 5-acre tract. Must see to appreciate nice view of the canyon. \$45,000. Reduced, \$42,500.

(14) **VACATION HOME ON LITTLE RIVER CANYON** - Loft bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, with 7.5 acres and a creek that runs across the property. \$68,000. Canyon View Forest (SUB).

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(16) **FOR THE BOATING AND FISHING ENTHUSIASTS** - Must see this 3,900 sq. Multi-level 3 br, 3 bath home located on Lake Lahusage. complete with 3 fireplaces, Central H&A, eat-in kitchen, Living/Dining, den screened porch complete w/sink and wet bar. A view of the lake from very room. Screened beach house entertaining, 2 wells, one distilled drinking water, and a boat house. Beautifully landscaped with hundreds of azaleas and rhododendron. Approx. 2 acres, \$150,000.

(17) **EAGLES ROOST** - Hwy 157 North Cloudland, Ga. Breathtaking view from this 2-acre East Brow Tract, with large rock cliffs on the edge of Lookout Mountain, where the Golden Eagles soar. \$26,000. Co-Broke with Cloudland Realty.



The summer is passing fast, and it's been a good one. Rain has kept everything growing and the heat has not been bad.

Have you ever thought of viewing the world through the eyes of a child—say an eleven year-old boy? All things are bright and beautiful in his eyes, as long as he has money to buy hamburgers, pizza, and big ice cream cones; fireworks on the Fourth of July, enough to last till Labor Day; a dog to love; doting grandparents; and a place to ride his bike with friends.

His first thought on opening his eyes in the morning is turning to what pleasures he can glean from this day. He checks TV to see if cartoons are on, and prefers to delay breakfast for a while, and maybe have cereal and a glass of chocolate milk, later. At this age level, he is beginning to speak about things in the adult world, but not to worry about them as we do. He plans a full day of play, but is willing to deviate a little if some more interesting thing surfaces. To clean his room is not on the agenda, but he will do so under pressure. He still has lots of small cars, Ninja turtles, and monster characters spread out all over his room. He amuses himself with them when he is tired—tired? That word does not enter his mind until he has exhausted himself with swimming, riding a bicycle, playing basketball, etc. A trip to the movies is always good.

A boy loves all critters—bugs, birds, snakes, lizards, even cats and dogs. He is curious about why everything performs as it does. Whatever is happening excites his curiosity to the point that he wants to know why. A car is beginning to attract his attention, and he starts wanting to start the engine, shift the gears, look under the hood. Pretty soon, the set of motorized "wheels" will be the center of all plans.

He asks questions all the time, and expects his elders to know the answers. A child—boy or girl—at this age, is so happy, full of energy and looking forward to the joy of living each day. He has no enmity or criticism of his

friends; he just takes them as they fit into his abundant life. This is the age when one envisions the barefoot boy carrying a fishing cane, followed by a dog, on his way to a day of sheer pleasure. Carefree and loving and trusting are great attributes. Would that we adults could hold onto this kind of thinking. He trusts parents whose sole interest, as far as he knows, is to provide for his needs, give him a good home, some spending money, and be there when he needs bandaids when he skins a knee. Life is a dream. Some days are not as interesting as others, but he will find a way to amuse himself. These are the last days of being a child. When he reaches twelve, he is entering the world of teenagers, which is an entirely different phase when girls become interesting to them.

We recently took our eleven-year-old grandson, Lee Cooper, to Disney World in Florida. We planned this week just for his pleasure; and, in seeing things through his eyes, we became children with him. But, we were tired much sooner than he. The day was too short to him; and, when we stood in line for an hour to view all the sights, we were very tired. But, it was fun, something new and different each day. We especially loved the high-tech displays at Epcot, because there were video machines to demonstrate scientific things of the future. We toured MGM and Universal Studios and saw how films are produced for movies. We loved that—to see how it is done, especially "Jaws" and "Earthquake." So, we lived a week in fantasy land, which is so good for children. They live in a state of imagination most of the time.

This year, with no vegetable garden, we would have been searching farmers' markets for fresh fruits and vegetables had it not been for our good friends and neighbors. Ernest Smith has given us tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and okra—and luscious raspberries. Mickey and Sherman Gough had a bumper crop of snap beans, and gave us two big bags of them. They were good. Different ones who work at Ancro have supplied us with tomatoes, and we thank everyone. The Teverinos, who operate Ravens Haven Bed and Breakfast, have brought us huge blueberries, twice! And they brought apples and green beans. Eleanor is also a good cook, and she gave us a loaf of delicious coffee bread, still warm from the oven. Don and Helen Philips gave us some delicious pears and even a jar of pear preserves. Aren't we blessed? We think so. Our neighbor, Glenn Franklin, gave us sweet corn. Wanda Simmons gave us tomato plants that may produce before frost. Thank you, good friends and neighbors.

School has started, and life begins its slower pace at Mentone.

Dear Bernise—

Dudley and I had a very successful experience exchanging houses, year before last, and I promised I'd tell you how we did it.

We were in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, in March of 1991, staying at Pasada de la Ermita (the former home of Cantinflas, the Mexican actor, who you may remember, played in "Around the World in Eighty Days").

San Miguel is a lovely town, one of the Colonials city declared a national monument. It is at about 5000 ft. elevation, has cobblestone streets, walls covered with bougainvillea and plumbago.

We went to the office at the English newspaper, "Attentione" and placed an ad indicating our interest in exchanging for a house the next year.

After placing the ad, we stopped to sit a while at the central square, called the "Jardin." We watched the parade of gringos, natives, children, and dogs, and got into conversation with a Mr. and Mrs. Letson who were visiting her brother and his wife, who live in San Miguel. I told her of our mission to the newspaper office and of our hoping to exchange houses with someone and come back for a longer visit. She asked for our address.

We had not been back in Alabama long when we had a letter from Robert Moii, Mrs. Letson's brother, saying they were quite interested in exchanging houses.

Our month at #4 Grillo, San Miguel, was a wonderful adventure—and now, we're going back, and Bob Moii and his wife MaEnquera will be at our house "Twigsme" on Hull Street, Mentone, Alabama, for two weeks, beginning about Sept. 18. We are hoping they'll enjoy Mentone and want to come back.

Mrs. Moii is a well-known Mexican artist and has exhibited at the Bellas Artes.

Bob Moii is a retired naval officer. They are both world travelers.

Hope to see you soon.

Katherine Frome



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Assistant Mentone Police Chief Bryan Phillips and Chief Johnny Ferguson proudly show off the new 1994 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Outfitted with state-of-the-art cruiser equipment, the new Mentone car has a pursuit capacity of 157 mph. The second Mentone police car is a 1988 Crown Victoria.



Buddy Williams, on his 70th birthday in August, was given a birthday party at Dessie's Kountry Chef. The cake was decorated with an Alabama Roll Tide! theme.



MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICTURES

Barbara Bailey (now Blalock), Herman Jones, Jr., Evelyn Jones (now Graves) attending VBS in 1940.

Back row: Barbie Blalock Hester (holding Tyler), Barbara Blalock, Evelyn Graves; Front row: Jennifer Blalock, Katie Gray, Ashley Blalock holding Brittany Blalock attending VBS in 1994



Raymond Brown assisting the children in the planting of "The Story Telling Tree."

NORTH LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2ND ANNUAL BARBEQUE

Saturday, September 3,
beginning about 9 a.m. at the
Fire Hall,
in downtown Mentone.
Price per plate (take-out or eat-
in) - \$5.00
---ALSO---
Raffle tickets sold on
1981 Oldsmobile Station Wagon
--\$1.00 Donation--
To be given away Sunday,
October 16, at the MAPA October
Colorfest.

Come To The 1994
October Colorfest
On Lookout Mountain
MENTONE, ALABAMA
October 15th & 16th
To Be Held On The Brow Park - Mentone
CRAFTS BOAT RIDES FOOD DRINKS BONFIRE
And The Famous **Groundhog Run**

Friday, October 14th
Bonfire With Ghost Stories, Marshmallow Roast & Music----- 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 15th
Groundhog Run-----9:00 a.m.
Race Winners-----10:30 a.m.
Parade-----2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 16th
More Music & Entertainment
At Also Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Midway from
Chattanooga to Gadsden
On Highway 117, Exit Off I-59, Exit 231
Sponsored by the Mentone Area Preservation Association
--A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION--



God's Minute By RUBY BROCK

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is
raging; and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1
My heart aches when I see those
deceived into thinking they can find the
answer to their problems in a bottle. There
is no wisdom in that decision. It only adds
to the problem. Be wise, don't drink.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE TO BEGIN

Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., the
Community Christmas Choir will begin
practicing at Valley Head Baptist Church.
Devan Jackson, Minister of Music, will conduct
the choir
Those interested in singing with the choir,
please plan to attend the practice.

Detach and mail or bring to:

THE MENTONE GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN
Attention: Donna Bouldin
P.O. Box 50
Mentone, AL 35984
(205) 634-4841



Entry fee of \$10.00 must accompany each application. After October 10th, the fee
will be \$12.00. Make all checks payable to MAPA (Mentone Area Preservation
Association).

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
AGE as of Oct. 15, 1994 _____
SIGNATURE _____
(If under 18 years, signature of parent or guardian is required.)

CIRCLE SWEAT SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL
DIVISION:

() MEN	() WOMEN
() 14 & under	() 14 & under
() 15 - 19	() 15 - 19
() 20 - 29	() 20 - 29
() 30 - 39	() 30 - 39
() 40 & over	() 40 & over
() CLASSIC RUN	() FUN RUN

**NO ONE MAY ENTER THIS EVENT WITHOUT SIGNING THIS OFFICIAL
WAIVER:** In consideration of accepting this entry, I, the above-signed, intending to
be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive
and release any and all claims for losses and damages I may have against MAPA
and all other parties and their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and
all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit.
Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all foregoing to use photos,
videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any
purpose whatsoever.

MENTONE'S OCTOBER COLORFEST AND GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN!!!



**SPONSORED BY
MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION**

Saturday, OCTOBER 15TH, 9:00 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 will be available at the half-way point.

COURSE: 5-K - Begins at the front entrance of craft show site through the show,
turn left at road, and up the hill on Scenic Road to the "Lee Crow" home, then back
down Scenic Road to front gate again. **ROUTE WELL MARKED!!!**

MENTONE: Located on Lookout Mountain on Hwy. 117. Exit off I-59 (Exits 218,
222, and 231) between Chattanooga and Gadsden, Ala. From the east, through
Summerville, Ga., to Menlo, to Cloudland, to Mentone, Ala.

12TH YEAR: This is the 12th year for the race. All proceeds go to the goals of
MAPA, dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment
and other unique qualities of Mentone. The race on Saturday, October 15th, is part
of the "OCTOBER COLORFEST" which features ghost stories, music, and a bonfire
on Friday evening; and on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th, Crafts,
boat rides, music, food and fun for all! **DON'T MISS THIS ONE.**