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Riverview Camp For Girls

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Susan and Larry Hooks have purchased the year-round camp (Saddle Rock) located at 757 County Road 614 in Mentone, Alabama, and renamed it Riverview Camp for Girls. During the summer months, it will operate as a camp for girls, and during the rest of the year, it will offer other opportunities. Susan and Larry are the directors, and Donna Bares is Assistant Director. Riverview is accredited by the American Camping Association and is a member of Christian Camping International.

Susan and Larry Hooks bring to Riverview over 40 years of combined experience in summer camping and youth development. Early in Larry's career as a teacher and coach, he was involved with various sports camp programs in the Carolinas. He has been a teacher, coach, Assistant Principal and is currently an Administrative Assistant with the Fort Payne City School System. Larry, after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Health and Physical Education from Southern Wesleyan University, earned his Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Clemson University and an AA endorsement from the University of Alabama. He is currently working toward the completion of a Doctoral Degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Alabama.

Susan and Larry served as Camp Directors for Camp Skyline Ranch in Mentone, Ala., from the fall of 1983 to February of 1997. During the spring and summer of 1997, Susan and Larry worked to prepare for the Directorship of Riverside.

Susan also worked on the Skyline staff during her high school and college summers of 1970-76. Her love for camping and desire to provide camping excellence with the camper as her first priority has set the tone for the camping standards she promotes. In the fall and winter months, Susan travels throughout the Southeast presenting Riverview and interviewing staff. Susan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University in Central, SC. Her business background has provided her with the experience necessary to efficiently administer an organized and safe program.

As Owners and Directors, Susan and Larry work closely to make Riverview a place of positive vision and hope for the future of young girls. Ever present is their underlying desire to provide a Christian atmosphere that will encourage a child to live responsibly with goodness, compassion, generosity and a genuine concern and respect for others.

Assistant Director Donna Bares brings quality experience to Riverview, along with her love for camping excellence and commitment to children. As a part of the Camp Skyline Ranch for Girls staff from 1987 to February 1997, Donna excelled in leadership and dedication to the camping industry. She served as the Assistant Director at Skyline from April 1992 to Feb. 1997. Donna has worked on the Saddle Rock campus this summer becoming familiar with traditions, programming and most important, the campers. She is a graduate of Nicholls



Susan and Larry Hooks, with their children, Cassie and Kyle, live on campus during the summer and are actively involved in all aspects of camp life. Year-round they reside in Mentone near the Riverview campus. Susan works full time for Riverview carefully planning and preparing for each season.



Assistant Director, Donna Bares
with her husband, John

State University in Thibodaux, LA, with a Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree in General Studies and Physical Education. As the full-time Assistant Director for Riverview, she travels promoting the program in the fall and winter months. Donna also plays a vital role in the staff selection process through her interviews at colleges throughout the South. Donna is actively involved in every aspect of camp life in the summer. Her warm sense of humor, her gentle spirit and her tireless enthusiasm inspires both staff and campers. Donna and her husband John live full-time on campus in the summer months and they reside in Mentone year-round. Since Donna and John are certified instructors for the American Red Cross, they are both actively involved in the counselor orientation certification clinics. Both Donna and John are committed to camping excellence and desire to make a significant difference in the quality of the Riverview camp life.

In 1983, when Susan and Larry first became Camp Directors, they realized quickly the seriousness of the privilege of providing quality camping for young girls. "The definition of Quality that we aspire to comes from a quote that inspired us in those early years as Directors: 'Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.'" This privilege and responsibility of wisely providing Quality Camping has guided us through these years on our Quest For Camping Excellence... a quest that has allowed us to serve thousands of campers and parents.

"As Directors, we agree with many parents who come to see their daughter's camp experience as an integral part of her growth, as important to her development as the right school, friends and home environment. Riverview will help make their decision an easy one! Our goal is that Riverview will be a place of fun, friends, laughter and learning... a place in which a child will take possession, and before you know it she will be referring to Riverview as 'my camp.'"

"We feel that our staff must set the best example possible. We naturally feel a responsibility for the spiritual nourishment of our campers. While Riverview is non-denominational, we seek to provide a Christian staff and atmosphere that will be comforting, safe, clean and wholesome for impressionable young girls. With an overall ratio of one counselor to every five girls, campers will receive the attention they need to have a secure camp experience. Riverview aspires to provide campers with the qualities of:

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- Monday, September 1 - LABOR DAY
- Tuesday, September 2, 7 p.m., MAPA MEETING
Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, September 8, 7 p.m.,
MENTONE COUNCIL MEETING, Town Hall
- GRANDPARENTS DAY, Sunday September 13

- OCTOBER COLORFEST - Coming Oct. 17, 18, 19
"BOAT RIDES AGAIN AT DESOTO FALLS."
NO GROUNDHOG RUN.
- (See notices and related articles throughout this issue.)
- DeKalb County VFW Fair -Sept. 29- October 1-3.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAPA PRESIDENT JERRY WATERS



It is hard to believe it is already September!

This seems to have been a wild and crazy summer for just about everyone. I hope that things will begin to settle down a little bit so that we can get a handle on all the new things going on with MAPA. We had a really good turn out for both our July "Picnic" meeting and the August meeting at Dessie's Kountry Chef.

I think I sense an air of excitement going into the coming year. I think the most exciting long-term prospect is making the commitment to locate a permanent home for MAPA. We have set as our primary goal in the coming year to establish an office with incoming phone service for MAPA. In speaking with the DeKalb County Tourism Association and the Ft. Payne Chamber of Commerce, we have confirmed what we have known for quite some time--that there are many people calling various places trying to get information about Mentone, its Festivals, accommodations, restaurants, and other attractions. Well, it is our plan to see that need met. Our hope is to find a place that could serve the dual purpose of office space and the beginning of a museum dedicated to Historic Mentone. If such a place cannot be found quickly, we will at the very least find temporary office space where a phone line can be established. We will keep you posted on how things are proceeding and we will probably be hitting all of you MAPA members up for some type of donation toward our building fund, so get those wallets and checkbooks ready!!

In case you did not know, our October Colorfest is coming up in just a few weeks (Oct. 17, 18, 19). We are excited about the fact that we will have the pontoon boat rides available again for the first time in two years. Now, if mother nature will just cooperate and the tree colors change at the right time, we should have some beautiful trips up the river for our festival guests to enjoy.

There is also going to be some additional activity during our festival as a movie production team shoots scenes from the festival to be used in a movie being made with Mentone as the backdrop. For those "hams" of you out there, and all those "closet" actors, come on out and you may get your mug on the "big screen". Also, don't forget WE NEED YOUR HELP during these festivals. If you are an out of town MAPA member, and you will be in town during the festival, we would appreciate a couple of hours of your time to man our booth or to do any other thing you might like to help with. NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR ASSOCIATION. If you can help, please do not hesitate to contact our festival chairperson Ellen Thompson at (706) 862-2159 or (205) 634-4069. We are looking forward to a great turnout and hope that each of you out-of-towners will stop by the MAPA booth and introduce yourselves.

MENTONE TOWN COUNCIL

meets the first monday of every month, except when a holiday falls on same date.

Labor Day is September 1st.

This month's meeting is
SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7 PM

FRIENDS OF LITTLE RIVER

meeting, third Tuesday of September,
SEPTEMBER 16, 7 PM

Fischer Rescue Squad Building

15th Annual October Colorfest October 18 and 19

Vendor Applications have been sent out for the 1997 October Colorfest. Requirements for vendors are:

1. Vendor booth fee: \$30.00 for two-day festival, due by October 5, 1997.

2. The City of Mentone requires a \$5.00 city tax from every vendor.

3. All food vendors must have a health permit, IN ADVANCE of the festival, from the DeKalb County Health Department, 302 Alabama Avenue S., Fort Payne, AL 35967, phone (205) 845-1931 or (205) 845-7031.

4. The festival will be held at the Mentone Brow Park, north of the downtown area. Vendor booths will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

5. Vendors requiring electricity must state so on the application, and must pay a \$5.00 electricity fee.

6. All non-profit organization vendors must pay the \$5.00 electricity fee and the \$5.00 city tax.

There will be NO GATE FEE for this festival!

The festival will be held at Brow Park, during the following dates and times:

Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To receive your application, write to the Mentone Area Preservation Association, PO. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984-0050; or call Ellen Thompson, Festival Chairperson, (205) 634-4069.

Applications should be completed and checks should be made payable to MAPA and both mailed to the above address no later than October 5, 1997, in order to secure a booth.

Colorfest '97 kicks off at 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, with the traditional bonfire at the square in downtown Mentone. The bonfire is always a popular event, and will include marshmallows for roasting, real music for sing-alongs, ghost stories, and a few unannounced surprises. You won't want to miss this part of the festival.

A wonderful assortment of entertainment will be provided throughout the festival, including singers, dancers, bands, and children's acts. There will also be devotional services at the Brow Park pavilion at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, October 19.

Tickets are ready to go on sale for the raffle of a hand-made, queen-size quilt from a Mentone craftsperson. The quilt drawing will be held Sunday, October 19, at 4:00 p.m. at the Brow Park pavilion.

There also will be boat rides at DeSoto Falls for those wishing to enjoy the fall colors along the pristine Little River.

This is the first year that there will be NO GROUND-HOG RUN. The organizers of the festival have made a decision to discontinue the run.

This year, only, there will be a film company filming parts of the Colorfest weekend that will be included in the movie, Southern Heart. Production actually starts on October 20, but the film crew will be around during the Colorfest weekend to capture the spirit of the mountain folks and the visitors. Don't miss this opportunity. Come and enjoy the weekend.



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WOW, What a Walking Track!!

By Susan Cheroes

Have you been over to the community walking park yet? Now, if you know me, you may not think a walking track is something I'd get excited about, but I am! I hope you will be too! Maybe you think the walking track is for someone else—someone younger, someone thinner, someone healthier, someone with more time. Well think again! Walking is one of the best things you can do for your health and your attitude at any age or ability level. It helps you burn calories, get your heart rate up, strengthen your muscles, increase your cardiovascular health and can really turn around a bad mood. How long you walk or how fast is up to you. If you've never tried it, just go see what one lap is like.

It took a little convincing to get me out there, (I'm not one for gratuitous exercise,) but once there, I was delighted with what I found. The quarter mile track beautifully laid out by Eagle Scout Jake Pinholster, has small rises and falls, gentle curves and long straight-aways, which vary the pace and keep walking from getting boring. Fort Payne Paving did a wonderful job paving the track; it's smooth as silk without any bumps, which is great for me; since I usually walk at night. It's nice and wide so you can comfortably walk with friends or let the faster folks walk on by. I'd like to thank the folks at M.E.R.F. (Mentone Educational Resources Foundation) for setting up our community house and the walking track and Jake Pinholster for his artful and utilitarian design. Ft. Payne Paving for doing such a nice job, and whoever else had a hand in sharing the work or the cost.

Every time I do my laps I feel really proud to be part of such a wonderful community and thankful to all the good folks who are helping make our community house and walking park a delightful, safe place to be. Ellen Thompson and I are out there at least half an hour most days. We hope to see you there!

Community House Picnic

By Carol Hazell

Great things continue to happen at the Community House located behind Moon Lake School. Many people are enjoying the 1/4-mile walking track which was recently paved. (See related article on this page.) The finishing touches needed on the inside of the house are almost complete. As soon as the restrooms receive a little more work, the programs can begin in the House. Some of the programs to come are tutoring after school, quilting classes, cooking classes and workshops to help parents help their children in school. And these are just a few of the program ideas people are discussing to have at the House.

More good news is that we were able to pay our final mortgage payment on the Community House this month. To celebrate this, we are having a "Light Our Fire" picnic at which we will burn our mortgage. The picnic will be Sunday, September 14, from 3-5 pm. BBQ sandwiches and plates will be for sale to help convey the "fiery" theme. And maybe we can talk some of our local talent into giving an informal concert. The proceeds will go toward paying off a private loan of \$5000 that was necessary to meet the mortgage payment.

So come be with us to celebrate! Take a peaceful walk on the new walking track. Tour the inside of the Community House to see the progress and to hear more about what is in store for the future. We look forward to seeing everyone there to help us celebrate the beginning of the many happy occasions that are sure to come for the local people at the Community House.

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About Our Town

By
LINDA BROWN



Marie told me it was time to start writing this article again, so here goes. I sure have missed all of you this summer. I will think of someone, Harol Skelton, for example, and realize that I haven't seen them in a while. Then, I remember that I haven't been "out and about" very much lately. I'm sure Harol still comes to the post office everyday. I'll see more people now that camp is over.

We had a great summer at Camp Laney. The weather was perfect most of the time and our staff of young men were the greatest. The staff of a camp can certainly make or break it. They are the ones who take care of the campers every day (and night). They are who the campers talk about when they get back home to their parents.

I'm sure that most of you know by now that what was Saddle Rock Camp for Girls was purchased by Larry and Susan Hooks and is now known as Riverview Camp for Girls.

One bad mark against the camps this year was the complaints I heard from the community that the staff members were not very considerate of others on public highways. More than one accident almost occurred because of camp staff walking in the right lane, two and three abreast, and almost being hit when a car came around a curve. Also, some road blockage caused some near accidents, not to mention ill tempers.

The New Generation Cloggers performed at the Spring Grove Apartments in Fort Payne, recently. While there with them, I saw Mr. R. B. Blalock. We talked awhile, and he told me how much he enjoys The Groundhog. He said that he "reads every word." We have several persons from Mentone who live there, as well as some who live at The Fountains and Crowne Nursing Home. You could make a day of visiting these people. I'm sure they would enjoy it, and I know you would. (Call me if you don't know who they are.)

Many things have happened in Mentone recently. We were part of the 450-Mile-Yard-Sale. (What a nightmare to try to get into Highway 117 from the post office!) We may have a movie made in Mentone in the near future. I know that a filming company is talking to several people about the use of their facilities. Mentone was featured in the Wall Street Journal again and The Birmingham News gave Mentone credit for having the Little River Cafe, which is really in Fischer. As Mentone becomes more widely known, we will be approached by more and more people who want to use us. Some of this will be good and some will try to exploit us. We need to use our common sense at all times and choose wisely. More and more I am realizing that more things are done for money (or the love of) than almost any other reason.

Another thing that has happened recently is that the city was awarded a grant from the State of Alabama to run water lines to two communities that have been asking for water for a long time. These are matching grants, which means that Mentone will have to have the same amount of money to complete these projects. This will bring about some further development of these areas. Mentone is going to grow, and our job (and we have no choice but choose to accept it) is to be sure that it grows into something we can all continue to be proud of.

Hopefully, these projects will be underway before much longer, but please be patient with us, as projects this size take time. Notice I said "us". I am a member of the Mentone City Council again. If I can help you in any way, please let me know. I am having to learn what is going on all over again. I've only been to one meeting.

It seems that there was so much I wanted to tell you that I may have forgotten some of it. But there will be other times. Take care of yourselves and enjoy this wonderful fall-like weather. Hello to Mae Smith, another Groundhog reader.

From Between the Counters

By
BRUTUS



Faithful readers, you know of moi's fame, which spreads far and wide across these United States of America. Well, moi has learned that a movie is to be made in parts of Mentone. Of course, you know who the STAR will be. Moi, of course, who else. Fans will be coming even more, once this movie is out in all the theaters nationwide. Cute Jamie Collins, the vice president of The Isaac Group, LLC., came in specially to see moi, and told moi that casting for parts in the movie will be Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. until noon. Moi intends to be there first—that is, unless AL refuses to let me go because he's JEALOUS! We'll see. There will be the required signing of the "actor's" contract. Pop can handle that, but moi has a mighty paw print signature!

August is almost gone and all the children have gone back to school. Seems like there just wasn't a whole lot of summer this year. All you drivers out there, be careful, watch out for all the children waiting for the buses and getting on and off the buses. They are God's precious gifts to the humans—the next best thing to a man's best friend, moi!

Elsie, Sister, and Mike Barclay came by to make a picture of moi. They're from Birmingham, and they know moi is about to become a FAMOUS movie star—bigger than Lassie. The Barclays just couldn't pass up getting a picture, so they could say, "I knew Brutus when..."

Jordan, Ryan and Jessica Williams, who were just passing through on their vacation, they said, heard about the great one, and came on in. From my Geography lessons that Cheryl has been good enough to help me with, Louisiana isn't next door. We've been reading about all the storms that state has, and moi is glad to be on Lookout Mountain in Mentone.

Sarah, Joe and John Kruska traveled a mighty long way just to pay homage to the exquisite canine between the counters. Could they have done otherwise? I think NOT!

Ann Eleece Tacon and Jenny James from Mobile, and Carla Gunter, from Tuscaloosa, breezed in the Superette all at once to admire this splendid canine, moi!

Recently, Gladys Crane stopped by to check Willis Blalock's rocker—he was occupying it. Gladys brought her granddaughters, Allison and Shannon Crane and their cousins, Paige and Katie Roberts, all of Marietta, Ga. I love the little lasses, they're so adorable when they gaze with starry eyes at moi. Let the little children come.

Christopher Cooley, another Marietta, Ga., child, rushed in the Superette to make sure he didn't miss moi's magnificent presence. He didn't—moi was right there between the counters.

Sweet little Jonnie Frost, daughter of Mrs. Frost, the 3rd grade teacher at Moon Lake School, shyly came up to moi and stroked moi on the head. This is what it's all about!

How about this C-O-O-L weather we've been having? Pop has really been glad moi was around to keep him warm at night. It's getting late, and we go to bed early and get up early. Besides, moi needs his beauty rest so moi can be the star of the new movie, Southern Heart. Look out world, here moi comes—actor's shades and all!



Mentone Grapevine 11

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Governor Fob James notified Mentone Mayor Max Cash that he had approved the Town of Mentone's request for a \$474,000 CDBG grant (Community Development Block Grant). The purpose of the grant is to extend public water to 103 households in the Lee Crow and Baty communities. The city will invest a local cash match of \$144,100 to help make the project possible. Mayor Cash and wife, Roberta, went to the Capitol in Montgomery to attend the ceremonies on August 11. Also attending were Don Brock and wife, Yvonne. Mentone was well represented for the presentation.

Bill and Bobbie Riedesel spent a couple of weeks in July in Italy and Switzerland. They said they went from one end to the other taking in the beauty of the area. Rome and Florence were full of cathedrals and statues. Columns were 6 foot in diameter and at least 60 feet high. The columns were made in Egypt and brought over in boats to Italy before the time of Christ. Some were made of marble, round disks stuck on top of each other. They saw the Sistine Chapel done by Michelangelo, and a sculpture of Mary Magdalene holding her deceased son, Jesus. They rode on gondolas in Venice, spent the night in a castle made in the 1300s, and dined in a palace, where they had a medieval meal and were entertained by medieval dancers. It was a "wonderful trip."

Johnny Cooper hasn't been feeling well lately. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope he is back to his old self again soon.

Sue Payne recently spent a few weeks in the hospital. We are happy she is out and feeling better. Sue's brother, Adis Childers, isn't so lucky. Adis is back in the hospital not feeling well at all. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of John Sprayberry of Alexander City, Alabama, father of Barbara Palmer, who died on July 19th.

Aaron McKenzie knows that there are still some honest people in the world. Beth Moore and Annah Armstrong were busy at work helping Mr. Smith line off the old football field early one morning when Annah spotted something lying on the grass. As she picked it up, she discovered that not only was it a wallet, but it was a wallet with over \$200.00 in it. They found the I.D. with a telephone number and called Aaron's mother. She picked it up later that day. I'm sure Aaron is very thankful to these honest young girls.

The Valley Head Band held its band camp during the first week of August. It was hot, but not as bad as last year. The kids are doing a great job. We are getting excited about seeing them on the field this year during football season. The band also had a picnic at DeSoto State Park on August 8th. Everyone had lots of fun and ate lots of good food. The world's renown chef, Lendell Chappell (AKA "Birdman") showed his great talent once again. The hamburgers & franks were mouth-watering! A parent-student softball game was planned for before the eats were served. The band is planning on attending Band Day at Jacksonville State University on Saturday, September 6th.

Don't forget that the first ball game will be held this year on Thursday, September 4th. The Valley Head Tigers will host the Geraldine Bulldogs. GO TIGERS!!!!

Marjorie Gray, and son Robert Gray and wife, Carol, and sister Mary Crow made a recent visit to the Smithsonian in Birmingham, and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mary (Mrs. Raymond) Brown of Mentone recently fell at her home and fractured her hip. After surgery and a brief stay in the DeKalb BMC in Ft. Payne, Mary is back home recuperating with her family. Keep her in your prayers!

Ruby (Mrs. Raymond) Brock of Mentone also fell and broke her hip. After hip replacement surgery at DeKalb BMC in Ft. Payne, we hope she will be back home and out and about as she has been in the past. Marie went to the hospital to get Ruby's column, "God's Minute" for this month's issue of The

too at Kregg's home in Mentone. They said that they were thrilled to dine daily on fresh produce and especially the asparagus from Kregg's gardens. They have now left for various jobs in Birmingham.

A new resident to the Mentone area is Nakia Reynoso who plays with a band. The band will soon have an album or C.D. released in October of this year and his will follow in December. The Lightning Sound Studio (James Robens) here in Mentone will be handling the deal.

On Friday, August 22, the Valley Head Spanish Club had their first annual dance, and it was a huge success thanks to all the plans and energetic preparations by the club's members. 1997-1998 Spanish Club Officers are: President - Brandi Shirley; Vice President - Anna Rievley; Secretary - Jeffrey Bullock; Treasurer - Slade Carden; and Reporter - Becky Mays.

Recently on Alabama Public Television, 12 bed and breakfast facilities were featured. Winston Place in Valley Head was one of them. Congratulations, Leslie and Jim Bunch!

Southern Living will have an article about The Cliffs restaurant in Mentone in its October issue. Congratulations, Brent and Sherry Black. Keep up the good work. The food is excellent, the setting is breathtaking, the service is quick, and the people make you feel welcome. If you haven't visited The Cliffs for a meal, you need to put it on your list of things to do and places to go.

Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Wrigly and family at the untimely passing away of Mr. Wrigly's mother in Missouri in August.

Special Birthday wishes to Leeland Bullock who will turn the big 13 on the 3rd, and to Sandra Lewis in Ozzie (Madeleine Bullock's sister) and her son Ryan.

Jerry and Inga Krause have come to the mountains for their summer retreat. They have been in residence for the last few weeks and plan on staying for a couple more months, and they were accompanied by their horses. They also recently had a first-time visit from their younger son Tom and his friend Naoko. They are also looking forward to the visit of their eldest son Jerry J. and several friends from various parts of the U.S.A.

For those of you Bear Bryant fans, you can still buy Bear Bryant stamps at the Mentone Post Office. They are \$6.40 per sheet, and only full sheets will be sold. The full sheet is only sold in the State of Alabama. So, if you have friends or family out of state who would like the stamps, remember them.

Congratulations to Ruby & Bob Daniel who will celebrate "71" years together on Sept. 12. Here's to many more happy years.

Gail Chambers announced that the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection District in Mentone participated in the annual 450-Mile Yard Sale in August, and that it was a success.

Several folks had a great eight days in Gulf Shores, Ala., recently. They were Connie Bell, Kevin and Kayla Worthey, Krissy and Phil Harris, Milton and Gail Chambers, Kim Worthey, and friend John Johnson from Rainsville. They all stayed at Carl's Cabin, a beach house, in Gulf Shores. They try to go once every year. Not everyone gets to go, but those who do have a great time.

For all of you out there who are trying to lose weight—keep it up. Kim Worthey has lost weight and looks G-R-E-A-T! She said she isn't using any diet aids, just eating sensibly and walking, walking, walking! Marie went by to see about some news and thought she was Krissy. Now that we have a walking track at the Community House, there's no excuse for those who say "I have no place to walk." Go by and try out the walking track and take a friend and enjoy yourselves.

Mack and Linda Hill have recently moved to Mentone from Tampa, Fla. They are Helen Hill's son and daughter-in-law. Welcome, Mack and Linda!

Sue and Bill Schwarz hosted a brunch party one Saturday morning, and all the guests enjoyed the view from their porch and the brunch that was served. You can find a couple of the recipes that were used in Sue's column. Guests included Malcolm and Maureen Brewer, George and Jo Beaubé, John and Jan Wilkinson, George and Hope Walker, Marie Dillenbeck, and Bessie Moxley. Harol Skelton would have been there, too, but he had company that day.

Congratulations to Carri Lee Hixon from Valley Head, who graduated from Jacksonville State University in the spring quarter of 1997.

Thomas Clayton of Mentone lost their home

and everything in it this past week. A fire consumed the residence while both were at work. Neighbor, George Lide, took up donations to help them. If you would like to help the family, in any way, please contact Marie Dillenbeck or George Lide.

Condolences to the family of Virginia Jo (Mrs. Emmett) Bain who died Friday, August 22. She will be sorely missed by the community. As brother Ken Shelton said at the services, "God sent a host of angels that Friday to escort her to heaven!"

Deepest sympathy, also, to the families of
●Mr. Charlie Hampton, 91, Mentone, who died Aug. 8.
●Alvis Eugene Gass, 54, of Valley Head, who died Aug. 24.

Judge Warren G. Hawkins lost his 9-month old Boston terrier puppy, who answers to the name of Christopher. Please help find him. (See Lost Dog notice below.)

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Virginia (Ginny) Bosworth of Ft. Payne, formerly of Mentone, whose birthday was July 26, and Brenda Green of Brenham, TX, whose birthday was July 30.

Happy Late August Birthday wishes to: ●14-Kathryn Brown of Gulfport, Miss.; ●18-David Chaney; ●23-Brandy Johnson; ●26- Jane Kerby.

Happy September Birthdays/Anniversaries to:

●1- Matt Croxton (9), Connie Bell, Suzanne Woodall, Treva (Cox) Lindsey, Bob Baty; ●2- Gail Chambers (Mrs. Kenneth); ●4- Vance Carden, Marketia (Goss) Crane; ●5- Allen Scott, Trenton Green, Christal Edmondson; ●7- Mrs. A.J. Lindsey, Angela Stalvey, Jewell Palmer; ●8- Adele Phillips, Mary Crowe; ●10- Pam Ogle, Landon Allen; ●11- Matthew Williams (9), Calvin & Marie Blansit, Anniv.; ●13- Ann Wright, Karen Wright, Calvin Blansit; ●14- Dan Ginnery, Stacy (Baber) & Chris Warden, Anniv.; ●15- Jed Platt; ●16- Skippie Mathis, James Bradshaw, J.J. & Mary (Battles) Wigley; ●17- Lynette (Lindsey) Tolbert, Angie Carden, John & Mary (Johnston) Chambers, anniv.; ●18- Jimmy Owen; ●19- R.B. Blalock; ●24- Paula Cooper, Tab Westbrook; ●25- Amy Harrison, Gail Bell, Scott Kyle; ●26- Kenny Busby, Amy Harrison; ●27- Scott Baty, Alfie Chambers, Ruby Brock; ●29- Rusty Chambers, Allison Williams (2); ●30- Ethan Lewis, Hayward Hester, Andy and Karen Harecrow (anniv.)

Don't forget Ider's 11th Annual Mule Day Festival, which will be on Labor Day, September 1. The parade starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by activities at the town's park at 10 a.m. Live entertainment, a car show, antique tractors and engines, a horse pull, a mule pull, crafts and games for children, and plenty of refreshments await those who attend the festival.

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

LOST DOG

Judge Warren G. Hawkins lost his 9-month old black and white Boston terrier puppy, who answers to the name of Christopher. Christopher "ran off" on Tuesday, August 26 in the DeSoto Falls area across the river from the Park. If anyone has found this puppy, please call Judge Hawkins at 634-4685 or (205)739-5376. They miss him and want him back!

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GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

August has seen some strange and unusual weather here in the Mentone area—some days too hot with a small amount of humidity, some days too humid and some unusually cool to the point of seeing some neighbors wearing jackets and sweaters! On the whole, it has been very pleasant and as I write this in the third week of August, the forecasted cool, cool mornings (upper 50s and 60sF) and warm, sunny days with hardly any humidity has come true—for a change. Days like these are simply made for any sort of gardening and outdoors activity.

This month, I came across another useful discovery, this one came from my eldest son Jeffrey. Most of the stores ran out of liquid sevin and our squash vines were under attack by squash or stink bugs and their larvae. So, I resorted to biological insecticides that could be mixed by using ingredients from the home, like rubbing alcohol, liquid dish detergent and water. But, we found that it burned the leaves in the heat, so Jeffrey asked if bleach could take the place of the alcohol. I told him that at this stage we were ready to try anything! So, we used about a 1/4 cup bleach, 1-2 teaspoon Dawn and topped that with water in a 1/2 quart bottle sprayer and headed for the garden. Since Jeffrey came up with the concoction, he got first dibs on spraying it on the little brown and white larvae that the bugs had laid on the leaves. He then came across the Madam egg layer and identified her as a stink bug. He told me that they stunk if you squashed them; and, after some research, he was proved right. (Kids are smarter than we give them credit for. We should listen to them more often. Maybe we could learn a thing or two from them). He tried some of his concoction on the adult, and lo! and behold, it was lethal—she keeled over immediately. I have never seen such quick knock-down. Later, I also found out that bleach is also used to combat blight on vegetable and plants! (Smart kid!)

Another discovery this month was why my *H. Moscheutos* (giant hibiscus) did not thrive or bloom in the back yard where it has resided for the last four or more years. So, last fall, I decided to move it to the front where it would get the

morning sun instead of the afternoon sun and today I have the most beautiful 5'+ shrub that is simply loaded with pale pink blooms 8"-10" in diameter! I had to tie the limbs to a support due to the abundance of buds and blooms! Each limb had about 4-5 buds in a cluster and they did not open altogether but one at a time. It seems to be a never ending blooming shrub. I was also given several white hibiscus by my husband's niece. She said that she really did not know what they were as they had never bloomed in the years she had them. So, evidently, she too had them in the wrong spot in the yard; as they bloomed for me the next year when I had them in the morning sun.

It's now about time to begin ordering or purchasing or dividing bulbs for next year's blooms, also to make or plant cuttings from shrubs or vines. This year, I am going to try my hand at air layering, as I have had no success with vines from regular layering. To air layer you have to wrap some damp sphagnum moss around the adventitious roots (little roots that occur along the vine or plant stem), sprinkle some rooting hormone and wrap it again with some Glad Wrap and tape up the end. Then, wait for the result. When roots have grown, I will snip off the cutting from the parent and plant it in an appropriate spot.

To speed up the composting of leaves and grass clippings, you could use another home remedy. Take 1 can of non-diet coke, 1 cup shampoo or liquid detergent, and 1/2 cup ammonia for about 20 gallons water and spray alternating layers of the compost heap.

To help keep mosquitoes at bay, try using some lemon-scented ammonia and liquid detergent and spray the area; but that would probably also keep people at bay. So, maybe try some lemon oil instead, and the scent may last longer.

There is a lady at the I-59 Flea Market that stocks all types and kinds of aroma therapy scents and oils and such. I usually use them on the used fabric softener sheets and set them in closets, drawers, under pillows and, of course, in the dryer, too.

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Riverview Camp For Girls

(Continued from Page 1)



Donna Bares, Assistant Director, and Susan Hooks, Director, with two campers



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Among the camps many activities are enjoying the outdoors, canoeing on Little River, riding on horseback, and hiking. Creative skills are developed through archery, tennis, golf, gymnastics, aerobics, dance, cheerleading, arts and crafts, and chorus and drama. For more information, call 1-800-882-0722.

Other opportunities to camp at Riverview include:

■Nature's Classroom Atop Lookout Mountain, the unique and exciting experiential education program that has existed on a national level for 21 years and in Alabama since 1991. The program provides an individually tailored format for each

group's needs. Private and public schools, as well as home-based school programs from all over the southeast attend this popular educational experience.

■Weekend Group Rental Little River Retreats. Since the Riverview campus converts to winterized facilities, weekend groups of all types may enjoy the use of this beautiful setting. Youth groups, women's and men's retreats, family reunions, businesses and professional team-building programs are just a few of the groups who lease the facility.

■Mother-Daughter Weekends are a time of camp reflection for campers who have attended prior summer sessions or an exciting way to introduce your daughter and her friends to Riverview. Weekends may vary, and are usually scheduled in the fall.

Larry and Susan feel they are blessed with a wonderful place called Riverview and with a wonderful staff. "When the opportunity to assume the leadership role on the Saddle Rock campus became an option, we were delighted. As we toured the camp, we kept saying to each other, 'This camp has the most beautiful view of the river in Mentone,' ... and thus, the name."

LETTER FROM MARTY GRIFFIN

Monday August 11, 1997

Dear Mentone Friends,

For the past thirty-two years, I have been involved in the camping profession. The last fourteen of those years I have owned and directed Saddle Rock. Nature's Classroom became a part of our year-round program three-and-a-half years ago. The opportunity to work with children and own my own camp and experiential education program were the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Over the last couple of years, I have been thinking about my future and the future of both of these programs. I have concluded that it is now time for me to step aside for new leadership. Effective August 11th, I have sold Saddle Rock and Nature's Classroom.

Because I have been concerned about retaining the level of excellence we have worked so hard to develop in these two programs, I have been looking for a long time for unique and qualified buyers. I believe I have found them in Susan and Larry Hooks. I have known Susan since 1970, when we worked together at another camp. She and Larry returned to camping fourteen years ago, and I have known them professionally since then. Larry also has a background in education and will be directing the Nature's Classroom program. I feel that I am fortunate to have found two people of their character and background to take over these programs. Under their leadership, these programs will continue to grow and do what they have always done best—make a difference in the lives of the children they serve. I wholeheartedly and without reservation recommend them to our clientele. They have been active

in the American Camping Association and are well known in the field of camping. I look forward to introducing them to our campers and parents at the Saddle Rock mother/daughter weekend in October.

I have always been proud of the fact that Saddle Rock is a camp where all children belong. Our camp alma mater says it best, "We need to work together, stay together, we all belong." As we all know, change is an inevitable part of life and all situations are what we make of them. We know that children worry in times of change about whether the things they hold so dear will be lost. Besides the administrative staff, the only other obvious change for them will be a name change. The name "Saddle Rock" was not transferable in my original deed because it is also the name of the golf course next to us. The new name will be Riverview Camp for Girls. The cabin names, tribes, traditions, etc., will remain the same.

I want you to know how much I appreciate the support so many of you have given to us over the years. To quote Arthur Gordon, "Who can fully grasp the mystery of place?" Mentone, its people and its natural beauty, will continue to be a part of my life. To see my dream continue for future generations is tremendously rewarding. While this campsite is rich in camping traditions dating back to the 1930s, it also has a bright future. This community and these campers have been a part of my life, and I take with me a mental scrapbook rich with memories that will continue to bless me for a lifetime.

Warmest regards,

Marty Griffin





Wallace-Brown

About thirty-five relatives came together for the wedding of Michele Schilleci Wallace and Robert Donald Brown II at the home of the groom's parents, Emily and Robert Barry Brown Sr., on Sunday, June 22.

The impressive ceremony was performed by Pastor Atwood. Alison Meadows played "Theme To Love Story" and "Ice Castle" on her flute.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Grace Schilleci and the late Joseph Bernard Schilleci Sr. of Birmingham. She was lovely in a two-piece yellow ensemble with matching floral head piece.

Out-of-town guests were: Mary Grace Schilleci, Charles and Diane Schilleci, Michael and Sarah Schilleci, J.B. and Catherine Ann Schilleci, Phillip Schilleci, Gerald and Diane Mosley, Jeremy Mosley, Susan Wright, Mary Alice Mosley, Billy Wallace, all from Birmingham. Mary Louise Mancuso, and Ralph Weldon from Montgomery, and Caryl Herzel and photographer friend from Atlanta.

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Sue left the following recipes with Marie as she and husband, Bill, were leaving town to visit relatives in Mississippi. She served these dishes among others at a recent porch party in Mentone.

Spinach Mushroom Frittata - Moosewood Low Fat

- 2 to 3 garlic cloves, minced or pressed
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 t olive oil
- 10 oz mushrooms, sliced (about 4 cups)
- 1/2 t dried thyme
- 10 oz spinach, stemmed and rinsed
- 2 whole eggs
- 6 egg whites
- 1 T fresh dill (1t dried)
- 1/4 t salt
- 1/4 t ground black pepper
- 1/2 C grated feta cheese (optional)

Saute garlic and onions in 1t of the olive oil on low heat for about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and thyme, cook for 5 minutes and remove the skillet from the heat. Meanwhile, in a separate pot, cover and cook the spinach on low heat with just the water that clings to it from rinsing, until the spinach is just wilted. Let cool in a colander, press to remove some liquid and chop.

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, egg whites, dill, salt and pepper until evenly colored. Stir in the spinach, mushrooms, and feta into the eggs.

Preheat oven to 375°. Pour mixture into a 9x13 baking pan and bake for about 30 minutes until the eggs are solid and the top is golden.

Garlic Cheese Grits - Bluegrass Winners

- 6 C water
- 2 t salt
- 1-1/2 C Grits
- 1/2 C butter
- 3 eggs well beaten
- 1# Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1-3 Cloves Garlic, minced
- Cayenne Pepper to taste

Bring water to a rapid boil with salt; gradually stir in grits with a fork. Cook until all water is absorbed. Stir in butter bit by bit; carefully add eggs, cheese, garlic and cayenne pepper. Put into a greased 2-1/2 quart casserole; bake at 350° for 1 hour 20 minutes. This dish may be frozen before baking, then thawed and baked.



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**Record Attendance at American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 215 Regular Meeting**

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 at Mentone is a small group, so small numbers in attendance at regular meetings are nothing unusual. However, there are a good many ladies on the roster, but, for one reason and another, most of them seldom ever show up at one time. The August 12 meeting of Unit 215 was an event in that it saw eleven of the ladies on hand for the proceedings.

President Syble Tipton called the meeting to order, and Chaplain Anne Climer offered a prayer. The ladies said the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Local and District President Syble Tipton reported on representation from Post/Unit 215 at the thirteenth District Meeting on Thursday, August 7, 1997, at Albertville. Mr. Ed Ringer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson, and Mrs. Tipton had gone as the Mentone delegation. At that particular gathering, the ladies had been addressed by Department President Mrs. Vickie Rutherford Thrower who has been a life long member of the American Legion in one capacity or another.

The ladies of Mentone's American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 regularly support two projects per year—Girls State and providing sunshine for the DeKalb County veterans who are living in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville—and the ladies are convinced that those two endeavors are as much as they can handle and do proper justice to the efforts. The general idea is that anything worth doing is worth doing well, and the ladies of Unit 215 do those two things quite well rather than giving numerous other projects little more than the proverbial "lick and a promise."

With Girls State over for the year, the ladies have turned their attention back to the local veterans in the Fann Home. All year long, as their turns come, the ladies send birthday cards to the gentlemen from this County who are residents there. The ladies also send cards to the gentlemen for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Once per season the ladies have been following their plan to go and visit the veterans from DeKalb County who live at the Fann Home. In their August meeting session, the ladies made tentative plans for a visit in September. Summer has been so busy for everybody that a visit was not feasible any earlier.

The Thirteenth District Meeting in October will be at Guntersville, and the ladies considered a plan to get together as big a delegation as possible to attend as a group. The American Legion is like many other organizations in that younger people are not joining like they used to; and, as the older members die off and become disabled, the active membership of the American Legion posts and units both are dwindling, which is noticeable on the local level, but it is on the district level the awareness of that attrition is really acute. When roll call occurs at those district gatherings, it is not uncommon for some units to have only one person to answer, whereas other units have no one there at all.

Mentone's American Legion Unit 215 is a small group, yes, but, from the point of view of percentages, the ladies at Mentone are as active as any group in the district if not more so. The Mentone ladies can look with pride on the projects they support, and the memories of those smiling faces of the veterans at the Fann Home are enough to warm hearts any time of year.



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Austin DeFur

Austin DeFur celebrated his **FIRST** birthday on July 19. His parents are Jennifer and Perry DeFur of Acworth, Ga. Grandparents are Barbara and Benny Palmer of Valley Head; and Barbara and Robert DeFur, of Chattanooga, TN. Austin has an aunt and uncle, Suzanne and Rob Smith, in Trenton, Ga.



FIVE GENERATIONS

Ruby Kirby, Summerville, Ga.; Dot Hancy, Valley Head, Ala.;
Denita Manifold, Toby Manifold, and Alexis Manifold,
all of Mentone, Ala.



Alexis Grace Manifold

Alexis Grace Manifold, 3-1/2 month old daughter of Toby and Judy Manifold of Mentone, was born May 20, 1997. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Judith Underwood of Ft. Payne, Leight Vaughn Kean of Ft. Payne, and Butch and Denita Manifold of Mentone. Great grandmothers are Ethel Manifold of Mentone, and Dot Hancy of Valley Head. Great, great grandmothers are Dessie Burt of Fischer and Ruby Kirby of Summerville, Ga. Alexis is being held by doting Grandmother Denita and Alexis is a mighty happy little girl!

Health Nugget By Darlene Keith

All of God's creatures, even the tiniest insects, require rest. We humans need 7-9 hours of sleep every night. Without enough quality sleep, we can't think clearly to make sound decisions, our will power is weakened, and we may become irritable and impatient. There is something to the old adage, "Early to bed and early to rise." Sleep before midnight is considered to have twice the value of sleep after midnight in terms of the good it does our body. For example, growth hormone, essential for repairing and healing the body is mainly reproduced while we sleep, when it is dark and before midnight. For better sleep, try eating a light supper no later than 4 hours before bedtime. You'll have a clear mind with more energy in the mornings.



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Rhododendron Garden Club

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell

L. A. Smith Speaks To Garden Club

Tuesday afternoon, August 12, 1997, the regular meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club took place at Mentone Town Hall. President Jan Wilkinson called the meeting to order, and Hope Walker gave the devotional; Lynette McCary led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Mrs. Wilkinson welcomed the ladies, recognized the guests--Sarah Wilcox and Lois Pearl (who joined as a member); and thanked the hostesses. Peggy Roark, Lynette McCary, and Gladys Crane, who had provided the ladies with delicious refreshments. After calling the roll, to which the ladies answered with landscape terms or conditions, Marilyn Blanton Campbell read the minutes of the July meeting, and those were approved and accepted. Barbara Blalock gave the treasurer's report and conducted the drawing for the hostess gift. Mrs. Ann Wright was the winner, and the club realized \$23.00.

Most people are aware of the advantages to using mulch; Marilyn Blanton Campbell from the Horticulture Committee gave a report on the disadvantages. Flo Kirby from the Flower Show Committee reminded everybody to be sure and sign up for the flower show at the fair in Fort Payne October 1-4. Jo Beambe from the Litter Control Committee talked about the successful trash pickup the ladies had on August 4 and announced that the pickup date for next month would be September 15. Since Labor Day falls on September 1, that first Monday will be omitted. Ann Wright from the Special Projects Committee reported on the plan to meet at 8 a.m. the morning of August 20 for the purpose of building the bridges that are needed in Ed Mason Park next to Town Hall in Mentone.

Betty Chapman reported on the upkeep of the sidewalk. The Mentone Area Preservation Association has agreed to help with the care of the walkway area across from City Hall in Mentone in an amount not to exceed \$200 per year.

President Wilkinson announced the availability of Free Soil Testing at Fort Payne Feed and Seed on September 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the fair in Fort Payne October 1-4. She also told about an Awards Workshop scheduled for the afternoon of October 27 at the Albertville Library. DeKalb-Cherokee Federated Garden Clubs meeting is scheduled for August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Western Sizzlin' in Fort Payne. District II Fall Meeting will be September 18 at the Tom Beville Center in Rainsville.

Vice President Flo Kirby introduced Mr. L. A. Smith, who has his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Auburn University and teaches agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, shop, etc., at Valley Head High School in the position where he has been for twenty-two years. Before coming to Valley Head, Mr. Smith was at Jacksonville for five years.

Mr. Smith brought his board and markers so that he could share the basics of landscape design with the ladies of the garden club. He drew diagrams and made suggestions as to what to do and how to do it to make the most of the area around a house or any other building. He talked about the various spaces--private, public, and service--that must be addressed. Most of what Mr. Smith had to say was perfectly logical in that there were no deep dark professional secrets to it--just plenty of common sense. One of the best points he made during his talk was on the worth of dwarf trees, plants, etc. When ordinary trees and shrubs are planted, they grow so much after a few years that they have to be removed, and the whole landscape has to be redone. It is little more than a matter of economic self preservation on the part of the homeowner to plant the dwarfs and thus make the landscaper's work last as long as

possible.

Mr. Smith pointed out that the cardinal rule was NOT to detract from the doorway, which should be made inviting and draw people to it. People today are spending more time at home, so the private areas are becoming far more important than they have ever been in the past. Plantings can tend to screen areas that residents do not especially want to have on public display such as trash cans, clotheslines, and dog pens, etc.

Corner plantings tend to make the structure blend better with its environment. Foundation plantings tend to dress up a structure as well as aiding with heating and cooling and offering the homeowner a certain degree of esthetic enjoyment. When a concrete driveway is broken up as opposed to being one long single unit, that seems to soften the starkness of it.

Plantings with color and texture can be used as accents to draw attention to various points. Mr. Smith pointed out that plantings on both sides of the driveway serve a definite purpose in that they mark the place so to speak and help the homeowner with turning in at the correct place when he arrives home after dark or in bad weather.

Mr. Smith gave a whole series of hints on how to lay out a landscape. He told how to do plantings on center and how to make circles intersect to give optical illusions. He talked about the Push-Pull and other designs.

Learning new plants is very important to Mr. Smith because he enjoys it so much. He had several specimens with him that he showed and discussed. Mr. Smith is in the process of developing his own nursery, so his affection for plants was no surprise to anybody. Among the specimens the ladies found most enchanting were Patio Peach and Lamb's Ear. He had a sample of birch with him and pointed out that birches like water, so those particular trees should be planted in wet areas. There are many different maples that become extremely colorful in the fall, and Mr. Smith discussed the Autumn Blaze, October Glory, and the Norway. He talked about numerous pines too. After Mr. Smith's talk the ladies felt a lot better about their yards and their choices of plants, trees, and shrubs.

Bridges installed in Ed Mason Park

The Rhododendron Garden Club has long since adopted the upkeep of Ed Mason Park next to the Mentone Town Hall in beautiful downtown Mentone as their pet project. In Ed Mason Park, there are several small streams that have needed to be bridged safely. The morning of the August 20, 1997, saw the installation of those badly needed bridges.

Everybody has heroes, and the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club are certainly no exception. Leslie Blalock and the fine people of the Menlo Lumber and Pallet Company donated the heavy planks for the bridges. Mark Wright did the actual sawing, hammering, and nailing involved with the building of the bridges that are four feet wide, thus allowing for wheelchairs, as well as the expected foot traffic. Bill Wright hauled the wooden bridges to Ed Mason Park and, with the help of H. P. Goss, Mentone's town maintenance specialist, put them in place. There is a little more work to be done at the ends of the wooden bridges to avoid erosion and make the transition from the bridge surface to the surrounding terrain smoother, after the inevitable settling. John Corey and the good people of the Little River Hardware are reportedly donating the necessary wood preservative for treating the bridges at Ed Mason Park and that will be applied when the atmosphere is dry enough, so the efforts will last as long as possible.

Garden clubs everywhere had as their theme several years ago "Second Time Around," and that involved using things over and over again in various ways. In that context, everybody who is even remotely interested in the environment is aware of the benefits of recycling. Rhododendron Garden Club's major hero, Bill Wright, took recycling to new heights when he used part of an old cast off water heater as a culvert letting the water run through it and placing dirt and rocks over the top to provide a walk way over one tiny little stream that was neither big enough nor deep enough to warrant a big wooden bridge like the others. However, that particular stream was big enough to create a dreadful muddy mess when it was not properly dredged. The ladies had taken care of that particular chore on their work day back in June.

Mrs. Flo Kirby, Mrs. Mickey Gough, and Mrs. Ann Wright were also there for the installation of the bridges, and Marilyn Blanton Campbell arrived late. John Wilkinson came and made the pictures.

Bill Wright became an even bigger hero to the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club when he promised to supply them with the Christmas ferns and some other plants that they plan to set out in the park. The plants that are being tended in the park are all natives, and they have been labeled so that people walking in the park can look at the various plants and appreciate them more, purely because they know what they are seeing. The need for that labeling came through very acutely several years ago, when some people drove up, stopped, and got out of a car with out of state license plates, and a man with an accent asked which was the rhododendron and which was the mountain laurel.

Ed Mason Park has always been a lovely place, and the Rhododendron Garden Club encourages everybody to enjoy it. However, those using the park should treat it with the same care and respect you would your very own personal property. DO NOT LITTER. Nobody wants to go to a place that is messy and dangerous. Please be especially careful with glass jars and bottles, because, when families with small children go to a picnic site and find broken glass, they do not want to go back there again. The DeSoto Rescue Squad has their annual Easter Egg Hunt in Ed Mason Park, and all the children in Mentone want to go to that, so it is quite necessary that the park be kept safe for everybody.

When the general populace gets fed up with littering in general--and in the park in particular--to the point where they see fit to report the people who are actually doing the littering, word will spread that we are not going to put up with that any more, and people will become more reluctant to make messes on public property. Littering is one of the offenses against nature that could well be prevented purely by everybody's making proper use of trash cans. Trash bags in cars are a worthwhile investment as well. If everybody concentrated on NOT throwing down, there would be no need for litter pick up campaigns.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; Deep South Region; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; Garden Clubs of District II; and DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs.

The next meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club will be September 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Nippersink Lodge. Refreshments by Gerry Disney, Alyce Springer, Dorothy Cyr, and Eleanor Teverino. Benny Campbell will be doing flower arrangements to help the ladies prepare arrangements for entry at the annual DeKalb County VFW Fair, Sept. 29-Oct. 4.

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The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

August had some warm days, but there were some lovely cool days with fresh mountain breezes to revive us after a busy summer.

You have not fully experienced life until you have gotten all your boxes of "stuff" and gotten into the 450-mile yard sale! We had never done this before, until this year, and we had a ball! Last year, I observed more than participated and was amused at what merchandise we saw on trucks, tops of cars, etc. We closed shop at the Crow's Nest because we didn't do well last year, and I lost some things. People are out looking for yard sale prices and are not interested in what is in my shop. We met some very nice, interesting people from many different states who were excited about our mountain more than they were about buying things. Many people were looking for an overlook to view the valley, and we don't have many. I took them through our house for a view from the deck. A couple was here from Myrtle Springs, TX. They're about six miles from where our son Coy lives, and they were excited because we had a son living near them.

One couple from California had heard about this big sale and had flown to Atlanta, rented a car, and toured the area. They were delighted with the mountains and southern culture. Homer sold barrels full of old tools, old rusty kerosene lanterns, fishing lures, chairs, insulators, and many other things he was about to take to the dump.

We had crowds of people—I believe more than we have ever had in Mentone. Food places were hard pressed to feed everyone. I looked out once and saw three Dune Buggies with trailers hitched onto them to carry the goodies they purchased. It has always been said that "one person's junk is another person's treasure," and this sale is certainly proof of the adage.

It was the 20th anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley, and we had WQRX radio station coming through loud and clear on an old radio-record player (the tube type), and I was

enjoying it—until someone bought it! We should have had entertainment and lemonade booths for our many visitors. It was hot weather and everyone was thirsty. The outdoor sale starts in Kentucky and continues down Hwy 127 to Chattanooga where the Lookout Mountain Parkway picks up and continues the length of the mountain to Noccalula Falls.

Greg and Linda Frith (owners of Hanging Rock Cottage here in Mentone) traveled the entire route and had a truck load of goodies. Greg said this is the ninth year he and Linda have done this sale.

Next year, we would like to ride and do some buying, but I doubt it would be as much fun as we had sitting in the shade with a breeze coming through, a glass of iced tea, and letting the people come to us.

Now is the time to think about next year's sale. Do not toss out anything. Just store it in boxes and get ready to have fun selling when the time comes around again. People will buy anything, but they want to barter with you for the "least amount" you will take for any given item. We had a barrel full of old small wooden cheese boxes that sold like hot cakes. Clothes don't sell very well, but I gave away some blue jeans that were all right for school wear.

Tony and Eleanor Teverino just came by my shop and invited us to the Raven Haven to pick blueberries and grapes. What a treat! The last weeks of summer produce these luscious treats we are so fond of, and our friends, whom we love, are so gracious and generous to share their bounty with us. We will be able to make grape marmalade again and enjoy it with hot buttered biscuits.

The August full moon was spectacular. The night it was completely full, we were in Chattanooga, and we were amazed at how large and glowing it was, due to a haze surrounding it. I see a beautiful lady, from the profile, when I view the moon, instead of a man.

The cicadas are singing in perfect cadence, summer is winding down, camps are closed, and another chapter of our lives has been closed. Schools have opened, and we begin a different kind of atmosphere.

I would like to ask people who are driving to work to be very careful and watch for children getting on and off school buses. Some child can dart out in front of you before you realize it, and some get hit in other towns every year. So far, we have had no accidents of this kind here, and I pray that it never happens.

Frances Crow, who has been visiting her sister, Betty Johnson, came by to visit with me recently, and we enjoyed lunch at the Dish Tearoom, while catching up with our visiting.

Please observe the beautiful potted plants when you pass Eloise Burnett's home. They are beautiful. She knows how to grow things.



Zora Strayhorn

Zora lives in a retirement center in Dover, Delaware. She does paintings, collages, and is writing a book. Zora misses her friends here at Mentone, but enjoys keeping tabs on them through reading *The Groundhog*. Zora produced the paintings and collages in the picture. Her book, *Mentone, Alabama: A History*, has recently been revised and is on sale in several Mentone shops.

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MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

By Evelyn Graves

Moon Lake School welcomes new and additional staff members! The 6th grade teacher is Leslie Bunch. The former 6th grade teacher, Nancy Frost, is now teaching 3rd grade. Another new staff member is Deborah York. She is a Special Services Aide in 1st grade, and Karen Prestwood has moved from Title I teacher to 1st grade teacher, and the new Title I teacher is Wendy Haynes.

For the first time, Moon Lake has a Physical Education teacher, Frank Hambrick. He is assistant football coach at Valley Head, and provides instruction for Moon Lake daily. Each class has thirty minutes of PE instruction.

This year, the school is having a new program for Kindergarten and First graders called, "Writing to Read", taught by Brenda Wisner, who also teaches the same program at Henagar.

This summer, another new building was added to the campus which will serve as a multi-purpose building primarily for itinerant teachers such as Special Education, Speech, etc. Construction was also begun this summer on a covered sidewalk to connect the buildings.

Future Eagle Scout Ken Miller is currently constructing a walkway from Head Start to the cafeteria as his Eagle project.

The first PTO meeting will be on September 9, at 6:30 PM, in the school cafeteria, and the meeting will also be Open House.

Now the students are utilizing a library computer program to look up books, and to check books in and out.

Dr. Berry, principal, expresses to librarian, Pat Schoen, his appreciation for the many hours she spent during the summer cataloging the books put into the computer program.

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Kasie Hicks and Marjorie Harper

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Kasie participated in the Valley Head Beauty Pageant and won many honors, including most photogenic in her division. Marjorie attended investiture at Girl Scouts, and is now a Brownie Girl Scout.

Kasie is the daughter of Dennis and Gail Hicks of Valley Head. Marjorie is the daughter of Mike and Nicolet Harper of Valley Head.

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—Helen Steiner Rice

submitted by Christine Brooks

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The
**Menlo
News**

BY OVIE "BO"
BLALOCK



•The Menlo Elementary School began their first day of classes Thursday, August 14. Be watchful for children as they go to and from school and drive carefully.

•Liberian Episcopalian priest James Timba delivered the August 17 Sunday morning message at the church of minister James Wofford, who James Timba to come conduct services at his church.

•Congratulations to Mark and Billie Bethune, of Menlo, on the birth of their daughter, Jordan Cassidy Bethune, who was born on June 13, weighed six pounds and 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Dewayne and Katherine Bethune, Trion, and Robert and Marietta Hughes, Lyrly.

Deepest sympathy to the families of:

•Frances Locklear, 74, of Menlo, who died July 16.

•Mrs. Dorothy Jane O'Connell, 75, of Huntsville, formerly of Cloudland, Ga., who died August 11.

•Robert Pledger, 80, of Menlo, who died Aug. 12.

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FIVE GENERATIONS

Shania Thomas is shown being held by her great grandmother, Mildred Whittle. Clockwise are: great-great grandmother, Nellie Rogers; grandmother, Susan Wilcox, and her mother, Kelly Thomas. They all live in Cloudland.

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A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

"School days, school days, dear old golden rule days--reading, and writing and arithmetic, taught to the of a hickory stick--" Remember that oldie? Schools and everything change with the years--for better or worse?

The Valley Head Baptist Big Blowout Bonanza Bash, (not an exaggeration) happened Aug 16 at Pickett's Thicket. About 75 or 80 attended. They had a fishing rodeo, golf tournament at their new Valley Driving Range, a dunking tank, races and games with prizes awarded. They had barbecue and food galore, and a wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Becky and Nicole Stott took Gladys Cobble to visit her sister, Mac Kean, in Columbus, Ga., for her birthday; then, on her birthday, Aug. 26, Selma McElhaney, Betty Bracken, and Ruth Pickett took their Aunt Gladys to the Little River Cafe at Fischer Crossroads for a sumptuous birthday lunch.

Mary and Ted Holleman, Elizabeth and Nelson Ellis and John Holleman, spent the week end in Birmingham, recently, and enjoyed the Smithsonian Exhibit at the Civic Center. They also attended the Carmichael-Vanaman Wedding, Saturday, Aug. 23.

Adelaide Biddle had another busy week--(She has them most of the time). She celebrated her birthday at the Olive Gardens in Atlanta, on Thursday night, Aug. 21, with her daughter, Mary Lou Carmichael, and granddaughters, Tara, Kellie, and Melissa. They had a good dinner and the waiters sang "Happy Birthday" to her in Italian (at least, she hopes they were saying "happy") and presented her with a birthday cake. Friday night, she attended the rehearsal dinner for her granddaughter, Tara, at Fleming's Restaurant in Hiram, Ga., then the wedding of her granddaughter, Tara Carmichael to Jeff Vanaman at Poplar Springs Baptist Church, and the reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mary Lou and David Carmichael in Dallas, Ga. The newlyweds will reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

Laura Margaret Allison's children have all visited her recently at different times--Tom and Irma Allison from Asheville, NC; Peachie and David Cearley from Roswell, Ga.; and Ansley and John McGinnis from Florence, SC.

Venna Livingston had as weekend visitors, her niece, Marcie Norwood from Guin, Ala.; her sister, Zula Waddell, also from Guin; and her brother Woodrow Young and his wife, Lois, from Gadsden.

The Valley Head UMW met Aug. 7 at the home of Jane Kerby, with Mary Crow and Marjorie Gray as co-hostesses. Melinda Adkins held an interesting program. Others present were Laura Margaret Allison, Peachie Cearley, Margaret Murphy, Venna Livingston, Adelaide Biddle, Mary Holleman, Jean Wright, and Eloise Brown.

Robert Hawkins, of Brewton, Ala., visited his parents, Geraldine and Howard Hawkins for a few days recently. Howard was bruised and shaken up in a car accident recently.

Rickey Gilbert invited his grandparents, Walter and Christine Brooks, and all the family over to the Jackson County Park where his camper is parked (He is a paramedic.) for a cook-out and boat ride. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Adelaide Biddle, Mozell Crow and Christine Brooks, from Valley Head, attended the "Kroger-Senior Expo recently at the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville. There were many exhibits, free health screening, cooking schools informative seminar, entertainment, and lots of food. It will be an annual event.

Christine and Walter Brooks spent a while in Panama City and went deep sea fishing. Walter caught eight fish. They also went to Fort Walton Beach and enjoyed some animal shows.

Al Hammond took his mother, Velma Hammond, to Batesville, Miss., to visit her sister-in-law Katherine Hulan. Katherine's son, Bob Hulan, and his wife, Gwen, from Baton Rouge, La., also visited them. Velma's niece, Lynn

Roberts, from Memphis, joined them and brought Velma home. Nancy Hawkins came from Birmingham and spent that week with her mother-in-law, Vesta Hawkins.

Geneva Smith returned home from a week's visit with her daughter, Patricia, in Chattanooga. While there, she visited her doctor for tests.

Hazel Johnson, from Chattanooga, is spending a few days with her niece, Sadie Cooper. They took a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream and gift to Geraldine Hawkins' home, Mon. Aug. 25, to help her celebrate her birthday. Venna Livingston and I joined them. Geraldine received several pretty cards and nice gifts, and seemed to enjoy it.

Venna Livingston and all of her family (except granddaughter Carmen) had a condominium at Destin, Fla., for week, which they enjoyed very much.

Al Hammond, Geneva Smith, Vesta Hawkins, and Velma Hammond made a sad trip to Helene, Ala., for the funeral of Charles Robert Hawkins, Tuesday, Aug. 26. He was the son of Nancy and the late Robert Hawkins and the grandson of Vesta Hawkins. Charles died suddenly at his home. He was only thirty-nine years old and was married Dec. 12. It is so tragic. Deepest sympathy to his family and relatives. Also, sincere sympathy to the family of Alvis Gass, who died at the age of fifty-four.

Dr. Robert Ringer and wife, Myrtice, from Marianna, Fla., were hosts at a dinner party honoring Joyce and Harold Allen from Centre, Ala., at The Cliffs in Mentone, on Sat. Aug. 16. Sunday, Aug. 17, was their golden wedding anniversary. (Incidentally, they were married on Sunday, Aug. 17, 1947, at Valley Head Methodist Church.) Those enjoying this delightful celebration were: Robert McReynolds and Josephine Story from Marianna, Fla.; Norbert and Sara Schmidt and son, Mike, from Fayetteville, N.C.; David and Ashley Spencer, and Laura from Florence, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall from Pensacola, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller, and son, Mathew, and daughter, Meg, from Anniston, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Allen from Owens Cross Roads, Ala.; and Ed Ringer from Valley Head. Sara Schmidt and others gave a reception for the Allens on Aug. 17, at Fairview Methodist Church at Centre. May they have many more happy years together.

The Valley Head UMW met Mon., Aug. 25, at the home of Melinda Adkins in Henagar with Helen White as co-hostess. Melinda led an interesting program on John Wesley and Methodism. Others present were Mary Holleman, Laura Margaret Allison, Margaret Murphy, Venna Livingston, Adelaide Biddle, and Eloise Brown. We enjoyed the antics of little Amelia Adkins and Patrick Murphy. (Little Patrick will be one year old Aug. 28. Congratulations!) The program concluded by all singing the Methodist anniversary song that I wrote.

The Sunshine Club is looking forward to their annual picnic Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Out Back Inn at Pickett's Thicket.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend.

School Days

School days are here once more,
They open wide each mind's door
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The Church News

By
EVELYN GRAVES



The Valley Head United Methodist UMW met on Monday, August 25, with Melinda Adkins and Helen White. The 5th Sunday singing will be at 10 AM on Sunday. The September meeting of UMW will be held at the home of Mary Holleman.

August 31 will be Promotion Day in the Valley Head Baptist Church. It will also be the 5th Sunday communion service after the morning worship. That evening from 6-8 PM, there will be a vesper service with a Back-to-School theme. September 7 will be the beginning of a whole month of Sunday School emphasis. It will be "Blast off Day" with 2 baptisms. The first Sunday will have emphasis on family; the second Sunday will emphasize Neighbors; the third Sunday's emphasis will be on Friends; and the fourth Sunday will emphasize Associates. During these weeks there will be competition to arrive at the best percentage in the Sunday School classes. September 13 the Brotherhood will meet at the church at 8 AM. Operation Christmas Child, a shoebox ministry for children overseas who are deprived, will be observed during September. September 28 will be the 4th Sunday Hymn Sing.

St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain Episcopal Church has Sunday worship at 10:30 AM, with fellowship at 10 AM each Sunday. Everyone is invited to attend.

Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Sunday morning worship at 9 AM each week with Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith speaking on alternate Sundays.

New pastor, Reverend Butch Tanner, of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy invites you to Sunday School at 10 AM each Sunday, with Worship at 11:30 AM.

The Union Hill Baptist Church is preparing for a new church year with new teachers and officers. There will be an installation service on Sunday morning, September 28. The monthly singing will be Sunday, September 14, at 6 PM. There will be a baptismal service on Sunday, August 31, for four new members who have joined the church recently. Sunday School is at 10 AM. Worship is at 11 AM. Adult Choir practice is at 4:30 PM. Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, and Evening Worship is at 7 PM. Wednesday evening at 5 PM is Youth Choir practice with GA's, RA's, and Acteens meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. The final summer church-wide picnic at DeSoto State Park will be held Friday, August 29, at 4 PM. This is a church ministry to tourists and others who may be in the park, as well as a time of fellowship for the church. There is always singing, food, and a great time. Everyone is invited.

The Mentone United Methodist Church is having a covered dish dinner on August 31, the 5th Sunday, immediately following the morning service. Everyone will be bringing a favorite dish to share with others while they enjoy the fellowship. The five-week Bible study on the book of James led by Pastor Linda Tucker has ended. A Bible Study on the book of Hebrews begins Wednesday, September 10, at 11a.m. You do not have to be a member to attend. Everyone is welcome. UMW meets September 3 at 2 PM at the fellowship hall.

Harmony Grove Baptist Church invites everyone to come and join them on the 3rd Saturday of September (Sept. 20), at 6 PM, for their 1st singing of 1997. The Faith Walkers from Hammondville, Ala., will be the featured group. Bonnie Easler from Mentone will also minister in music on this night, as well. Pastor Richard D. Pope and the members of Harmony

Grove extend a special invitation to anyone that does not attend church regularly to come and experience the difference at the old country church, a house built by God. Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Service 11 AM, Evening Service 6 PM, and Wed. Night Prayer Service 6 PM.

Mentone Wesleyan Church celebrated the opening of their new sanctuary last Sunday, August 24, followed by a covered dish dinner. There were 97 people in church, what a blessing!

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently meeting every Saturday at the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. Sabbath School - 9:30-10:45 AM; Worship Service - 11:00-12:00 AM; Pastor Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastor Bill Pyke. Join our vegetarian cooking class on Thursday nights. Thursday night Bible studies will resume Sept. 11. For information, call 634-4650 or 634-4021. We have had several mission reports this past month. Lew and Darlene Keith have returned from a 10-1/2 month trip to the Philippines. We have enjoyed hearing their testimonies of how the Lord blessed their work there. Also, Bill Wynn has recently returned from several months in Ukraine and has shares some wonderful experiences and ways in which the Lord is working in that country. We ask that you pray for God to continue to work through our missionaries to win many souls to Christ.

The Mentone Revival Center, and Pastor Junior Fleming and his wife Doris, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10 AM. Wednesday evening worship begins at 6:30 PM.

Howard's Chapel (Church in the Rock) has regular services at 10 AM each Sunday. You are invited to attend these services or visit the church at other times. Casual dress is always acceptable.

The Mentone Church of God invites the public to attend both morning and evening services on Sept. 14, when Shawn Johnson from Lee College will preach, and again on Sept. 21, when Richard Fuller, a senior in high school, will preach at the evening service.

RAINSVILLE BIBLE INSTITUTE CLASSES

Classes at Rainsville Bible Institute began on Thursday, August 14, and will run for 16 weeks. Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., at the DeKalb-Baptist Mission Center on Parker Avenue in Rainsville. Rev. Charles Jones is teaching the book of Ezekiel, and Rev. Kevin McCreless is teaching the book of Luke. College credit is given by Samford University. The cost of the studies is \$37.00 per course, with \$8.00 for registration fee. Students age 65-up receive a 40% discount. Licensed or ordained ministers may apply for scholarships. It is not too late to begin these classes. If you have no other absences, you will not be required to make up the two missed classes.

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Hanno Perry (Valley Head High School), 17 years old, is from Kuddewoerde, Germany, and is staying with Al and Jan Cherbonneau in Mentone.

Julia Hesselmann (Valley Head High School), 16 years old, is from Grevin, Germany, and is staying with Jean Gaud in Mentone.

Raah Jens (Plainview High School), 18 years old, is from Bad Dürkheim, Germany, and is staying with Dale and Sharon Goggans in Rainsville.

Sandra Henders (Valley Head High School), 17 years old, is from Nossbro, Sweden, and is staying with Kim and Randy McNutt in Mentone.

Miriam Raber (Valley Head High School), is 16 years old, and is from Kussnacht, Switzerland, and is staying with Larry and Rhonda Smith in Mentone.

Linda, a late arrival. (Plainview High School) from Sweden, who is staying with Billy and Janice Galloway in Rainsville.

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Judith Kunstmann (Fyffe High School), 17 years old, is from Kiel, Germany, and is staying with Sue Reed in Fyffe.

Sandra Muñoz (Fyffe High School), 17 years old, is from Popayon, Columbia, and is staying with Junior and Willa Steeley in Fyffe.

Daniel "Danny" Farhat (Section High School), 17 years old, is from Guarujá/São Paulo, Brazil, and is staying with John and Shary Stark in the Section school area.

Daniel Herschel (Plainview High School), 17 years old, is from Olching, Germany, and is staying with Tommy and Bettye Wells in Rainsville.

See pictures and profiles in the October issue. These students are exceptional and will be assets to the schools they are attending. The host families are already being blessed with their temporary additions to their family units.

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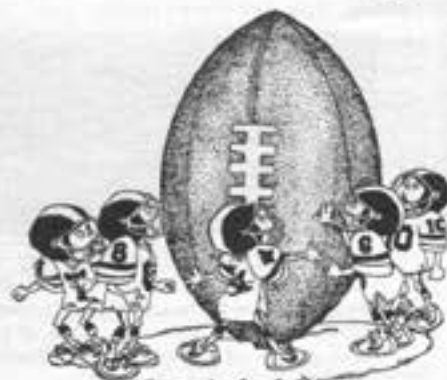
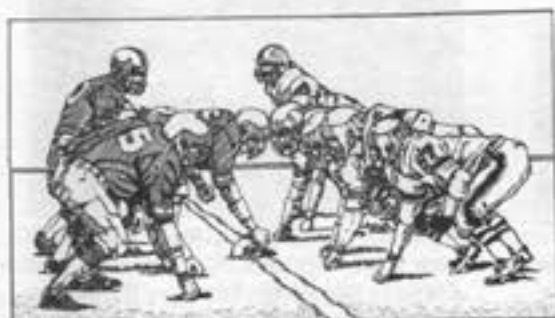
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Starling-Pursley Wedding

The wedding of Tracy Starling and Ben Pursley at Howard's Chapel in DeSoto State Park on Saturday, August 9, was unusual and unique. Tracy, the daughter of Hugh and Penny Starling, grew up in Largo, Florida. She received an engineering degree from the University of Florida then attended the University of Cincinnati, where she earned a Master's in engineering. After working for four years, she went back to the University of Cincinnati Medical School for her M. D. in orthopedic surgery. Tracy is now a fourth-year resident.

Ben Pursley, son of Judy and Alex Pursley, grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana. After graduation from Ball State University, Ben accepted a job in Cincinnati.

Ben and Tracy met, fell in love, and became engaged. Their careers did not allow much time off for a wedding, and Howard's Chapel was about midway between the homes of their parents.

Tracy's aunt and uncle, Penny and Jim Lyday, live in Mentone, Alabama, near DeSoto State Park, and Tracy had always loved the Alabama mountains and the area around the chapel. Ben had visited the park, and they both thought the little quaint chapel would be an ideal and lovely setting to have their wedding.

It was a rainy, rainy day in the mountains, which created a problem for Ben's family. They flew into Fort Payne on a private jet

but, due to heavy rain, had to make four attempts trying to land before they finally touched down. All ten people aboard the plane were rather shaken up, and even the pilot was ashen.

However, after a delicious luncheon at the home of the Lydays everyone got over their fright and was ready for the wedding which was beautiful. The chapel was decorated with flowing English ivy and a white floral arrangement created by Mrs. Ann Wright of Mentone.

Diane Welling of Cincinnati was maid of honor, and Ben's brother, Ted, was best man. Little Robbie Weigand, Ben's nephew was ring bearer. Todd Starling, of Savannah, and Larry Weigand of Fort Wayne were groomsmen. Miriam Evans from Tallahassee assisted the bride.

Soloist was Margaret Cunningham of Birmingham, accompanied by Marilyn Sims of Sand Mountain. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Fred Higgins of Fort Payne, pastor of Howard's Chapel.

After the wedding, all the guests and wedding party enjoyed dinner at The Cliffs. The wedding cake was served by Sarah and Amalie Lyday, cousins of the bride. The wedding was photographed by Marion P. Boyles of Atlanta and Kathy and Beau Lyday of Lenoir, North Carolina.

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MOVIE, "SOUTHERN HEART," TO BE MADE IN MENTONE, ALABAMA

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Kyle Collins and Jamie Collins, President and Vice-President, respectively, of The Isaac Group, L.L.C., Entertainment Enterprises, a film company, Wetumpka, Ala., spoke at the MAPA meeting on Tuesday evening, August 5, 1997, at 7 p.m., at Dessie's Country Chef. The other members of the Isaac Group are Emily Carpenter and her husband, Rick Carpenter. All four are the producers of the movie to be made in Mentone.

Jamie was born and raised on Sand Mountain. Her father is J.L. Hendrix, and her grandfather is Abe Hendrix. Mrs. Collins told the MAPA members that, about nine years ago, in Nashville, a friend and she, while working as actresses, decided that they wanted to make a family film and portray Mentone as it is.

Areas that will definitely be in the film are DeSoto State Park, DeSoto Falls, the town square of Mentone, Cragmere Manna, where Kyle proposed to Jamie, and other locations. Jamie said they plan to hire a helicopter to take pictures of Little River Canyon. Riverview

Camp for Girls, owned by Susan and Larry Hooks and The Dude Ranch, owned by Jack and Olive Jones, will be the setting for the movie.

Kyle, who is an attorney and real estate developer in Montgomery, Alabama, told the MAPA group that they all "have a passion to do a wonderful, romantic story and film it in the enchanting place known as Mentone." The crew will consist of 15-25 people with sound equipment and cameras who will come and live in Mentone while doing the filming. The crew plans to be all over Mentone from early morning to dusk. After all the scenes are shot, a lot of editing will take place, and then the film will be shown to major distributors to be placed in theaters everywhere. The film is to be a quality film and the Isaac Group plans to do it right. The name, Mentone, Alabama, will be used in the film; and, at the present time, the title of the film is Southern Heart, but they are looking at other names that will portray their feelings. The movie will be a light-hearted, romantic comedy.

Charles Grant, born in Ozark, Alabama, is a well-known Hollywood actor and producer. Mr. Grant portrays the character, Grant Chambers, on The Bold and The Beautiful, and he is scheduled to star in the movie. The film will be shown in movie theaters all over.

Open casting will be done on September 6, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. They will be using some local talent. So come and see if you can be one of the local actors used in the film.

The plan is to make the film in a 21-day period with the main part of the filming to be done in the month of October, beginning October 20. The October Colorfest will be held the weekend of October 17-18-19, and many scenes will be shot during the festival. Plan to be in town for the festival, and you just possibly will be in the film. Whether you are in the film or not, please come and enjoy the October Colorfest, including boat rides at DeSoto Falls to enjoy the fall color splendor.

See you at the Colorfest!