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## Mentone to extend Water to Lee Crowe and Baty Communities

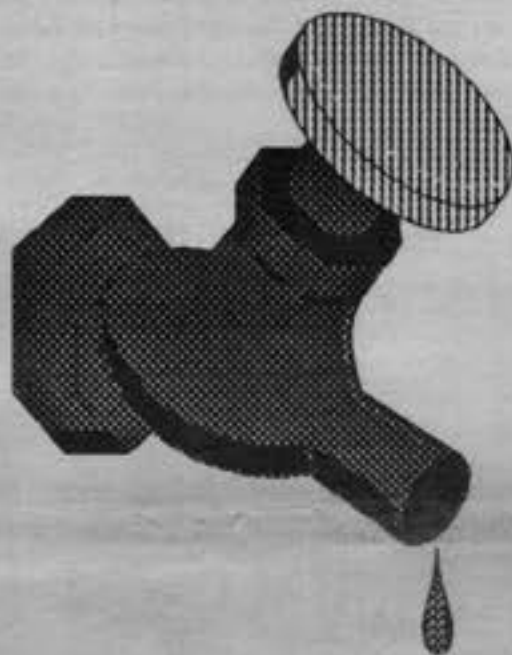
By Marie S. Dillenbeck

Beginning in 1993, the Town of Mentone has been seeking funds to provide water to outlying areas. On May 6, 1994, then Mentone councilman Don Brock made a presentation to Congressman Tom Bevill entitled "A Need for Water in Mentone, Alabama." As a result of this presentation and lots of hard work by Mr. Brock and others, the Town of Mentone has been awarded two grants for the extension of water to the Lee Crowe and Baty communities.

Mr. Brock's report stated that "Mentone is a small rural community. It is also an old historical town whose life-stream was tourism in the grand days of the Mentone Springs Hotel. The primary life-stream today is the camping industry with thirteen camps in the Mentone area and no industry.

"Up until approximately eighteen (18) years ago, the Mentone public water system took water from Little River. That water supply system was condemned by the state. Subsequently, a water supply line and pumping station was constructed from Fort Payne to Mentone. A Mentone storage tank was constructed to consolidate the two systems. Water has been supplied by Fort Payne Water Works since that time.

"Over the years, the existing system has become inadequate. The pumping station and main supply line are at least twelve (12) years old and require constant maintenance. Several residential areas around Mentone have never been supplied with water. In 1994, the pumping station at DeSoto Falls was pumping the maximum amount of water possible to the Mentone storage tank due to the line capacity (size) and was barely able to maintain an adequate level of supply. As new families have requested water service, the supply line has become even more overloaded.



"At the same time, many Mentone area residents who depend on wells have contamination and low level supply problems with their wells, and some wells have gone dry. It seems that the water table drops each year. A few of the residents have testified at Town Council meetings that they attempted to drill new wells at a different location on their land and at a greater depth in order to get water. Those attempts failed and their money ran out before they hit water."

Because the terrain, large rock formations, and type of rock make construction of new or replacement water mains very expensive to construct, the Town of Mentone applied for grants to extend water to the Bankhead area.

On April 1, 1996, the Town Council of Mentone passed a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA),

to supply water to the Bankhead and Lee Crowe areas. The first application was not successful, although many residents outside the city limits in both areas submitted letters in support of water being available to their homes. In 1997, applications were again submitted, along with letters from residents in support of the request. Mentone Mayor Max Cash was notified by Governor Fob James' office in December 1997 that a grant was approved in the amount of \$374,000. The total grant is for \$618,100, of which the Town of Mentone is obligated to pay \$144,100.

A second request was submitted to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), through the U.S. Department of Agriculture--Rural Development. Governor Fob James informed the Town of Mentone by letter dated January 30, 1998, that the ARC grant in the amount of \$117,200 had been approved by the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Town of Mentone has to match that and contribute \$117,200. This grant is for the installation of an 8" water line from Tutwiler Gap to Cutler Avenue and renovation of the existing booster pump station to better serve water customers in the Mentone area. This 8" line will be parallel to the present water line on County Road 89 (Scenic Highway).

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- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m. MAPA meeting, Dessie's Kountry Chef
- Monday, Sept. 7, LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, Drawing for 1967 VW Beetle (see notice on back page)
- Sunday, Sept. 13, GRANDPARENTS DAY

- Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Mentone Council Meeting, Town Hall
- Saturday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m., \$10,000 Drawing, Moon Lake School Gym Floor Jackpot Jamboree
- Monday-Friday, Oct. 5-9, VFW Fair and Flower Show

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## HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY



AUSTIN DeFUR

Austin Defur celebrated his 2nd birthday on July 19th with a "Barney" party. His parents are Perry and Jennifer DeFur of Acworth, Ga. Austin's grandparents are Benny and Barbara Palmer of Valley Head, Bob and Barbara DeFur of Chattanooga, Tn. His aunt and uncle are Suzanne and Rob Smith of Trenton, Ga.

## HAPPY 2nd BIRTHDAY



Michael Carey Langston celebrated his 2nd birthday on August 15, 1998. He is the son of Nicky and Tina Langston, Mentone, AL. Grandparents are Alfred and Eddie Langston, Mentone; and Ralph & Carolyn Baine, Ft. Payne, Ala.

## HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY



CASEY GREGORY AND MEGAN GREGORY

Casey celebrated his 4th Birthday on August 22, 1998. His father and mother are Tommy and Pat Gregory of Valley Head. His grandfather is Joe Gregory of Mentone.

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## Retreat will be held on Sept. 14-15 in Mentone

A Family Enrichment Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 14-15 in Mentone. Formerly known as Homemaker's Camp, these two days are packed full of fun, educational activities. The price of attending (with meals included) is less than \$30... even cheaper if you are a "day camper" only!

Tentative schedule included down-home theatrical drama, snowmen pins, radon awareness, money management, and a concert of musical plumbing pipes.

Last year, nearly 50 participants were involved with the retreat, representing four different counties.

For more information, call the Extension Office (256) 845-8595 for registration details. Everyone is welcome and invited.



## SPORTS AFIELD

By  
PHIL HARRIS



### SPORTS ON THE SCENE

#### 1A AREA 14

Collinsville returns the most experience and has a new coach. Cedar Bluff has dominated the area in recent years. Gaylesville, well, they are just Gaylesville. Cedar Bluff gets the nod again.

1. Cedar Bluff; 2. Collinsville; 3. Gaylesville

#### 2A AREA 14

Fyffe and Ider are clear cut favorites to earn playoff births. I have a sneaky feeling Fyffe may be a bit overrated. Ider is solid, though not very big. The Tigers could be the dark horse. Section is going to be one of the top basketball teams around, come winter.

1. Ider; 2. Fyffe; 3. Valley Head; 4. Section

#### 3A AREA 13

Sand Rock is always the best bet. Coach Russell Jacoway wins year after year. Keep an eye on Geraldine. Coach Raymond Weaver has a pretty good team. West End is rebuilding and Cleveland is weak.

#### 3A AREA 10

May as well annex Crossville into Marshall County. I'm sure Crossville would rather be in DeKalb County playing games. This year, the Lions are in Area 10 with St. Clair County, Litchfield, Ashville, and Sardis. This is more of a guess than my other picks.

1. St. Clair Co.; 2. Crossville; 3. Litchfield; 4. Ashville  
5. Sardis

#### 3A AREA 14

North Sand Mountain has the potential to be very good. They need to become more physical. Pisgah is very young and may be a year away. Coach John Kirby's team may surprise some folks. They got a big taste of success last year. Sylvania is looking forward to '99. New Hope will guarantee the other four teams will not be winless. Plainview has tradition and numbers on their side. The Bears are talented as usual.

1. Plainview; 2. NSM; 3. Pisgah; 4. Sylvania; 5. New Hope

#### 5A AREA 15

Scottsboro still has to be the favorite. The Wildcats have been solid the last three seasons. Tradition is there. Gone is Keith Trimew, winning tradition is not. Fort Payne is led by Daryl Prater and Johnathan Dryer. Fort Payne is much like smaller schools, one major injury would be critical. J.O. Johnson moves down from 6A. They lost heavily to graduation. North Jackson is improved. They lost Dedrick Hardrick; he carried the team last year. Buckhorn and Hazel Green are better at basketball.

1. Scottsboro; 2. N. Jackson; 3. Fort Payne; 4. J.O. Johnson;  
5. Buckhorn; 6. Hazel Green.

One note to all you football fans. Be sure and go to the rest room and concession stand before halftime. Watch the bands, they are better than the football teams. You may laugh, but it's no joke!

The Valley Head Tigers move to 2A for the 1998 season. Coach Jerry Brown's Tigers are coming off a 1-9 season with optimism. The Head has moved to 2A Area 14 with Fyffe, Ider, and Section. This area is tough, so the Tigers better come out fighting.

Valley Head may be the biggest surprise in DeKalb County. They have a lot of experience returning and the schedule is not near as grueling. C'mon, Valley Head, it's time to get off the door mat and start knocking down a few doors!

Toby Crider, Kyle Freeman, Frankie Lewchuk, Josh Shelton, Dustin Holkem, Paul Hawkins, Jason Owen, Mark Stanfill, and Josh Miller are going to be counted on heavily to turn the losing skid around.

GO TIGERS! Upset special: Tigers 20, Sylvania 18.

The fall season for softball has begun for CBS and Mentone. They will play each other twice, and they compete

in the same league. Round one went to CBS (3-0) as they defeated Mentone (1-1) 14-4. The CBS experience showed as they lead the all time series four games to none.

Team members for Mentone are Kevin Worthey, Phil Harris, Bobby Browder, Randy White, J.J. Wigley, Shaun Flannigan, Scott Meadows, John Wright, Jim "Pizza Boy" Phillips, Brent "Sleeper" Hancy, Jason Goss, Shannon Nix, and Chris Smith.

Team members for CBS are Allen Smith, Tommy Harrison, Kevin Cash, Anthony Brown, Phil Owen, Aaron McKenzie, Eric Kirby, Dennis Manning, Timmy Burt, Eddie Twilley, Eddie Rains, and Michael Frazier.

Pee-Wee Football begins a new season September 5. Coaching the 9-10 year old team is Jeff Bain, Shane Grider, and Jason Gregory. Brent Wilborn is coaching the 11-12 year old team.

Good Luck, young Tigers!

### NATIONAL SPORTS AT A GLANCE

#### SEC FOOTBALL

Most experts have penciled Florida and LSU as shoe ins for the SEC Championship. Remember one fact, since the SEC Championship was adopted, no teams have rematched in the title game. Florida and LSU play during the regular season. Florida has to win at Knoxville. That may not be as easy as it looks. LSU can lose to Florida and still win the weaker west-east division. *Groundhog pick: Tennessee vs. LSU*

East: 1. Tennessee; 2. Florida; 3. S. Carolina; 4. Georgia; 5. Kentucky; 6. Vandy.

West: 1. LSU; 2. Arkansas; 3. Auburn; 4. Miss. St.; 5. Alabama; 6. Ole Miss.

#### NATIONAL PRESEASON TOP TEN

1. FSU; 2. UCLA; 3. Nebraska; 4. Michigan; 5. Florida; 6. LSU; 7. Tennessee; 8. Ohio St.; 9. Arizona St.; 10. West Virginia

#### AUTO RACING

Jeff Gordon then Mark Martin. Mark Martin then Jeff Gordon. Each week it seems one or the other finishes first and second. The NASCAR points title is going to be just as competitive as last. Dale Jarrett is still in the hunt, but Martin and Gordon have been so consistent.

#### PRO FOOTBALL

The NFL has so much parity it's hard to playoff teams much less the Super Bowl. Denver and Green Bay have to be the pre season favorites. Jacksonville, Kansas City, and Pittsburgh challenge a very talented Denver team for the AFC title. Green Bay is still the team to beat in the NFC. Tampa Bay, San Francisco, Detroit, N.Y. Giants, and Minnesota pose somewhat of a threat.

*Groundhog Super Bowl Pick: Kansas City vs. Green Bay*

#### BASEBALL

The Atlanta Braves are on a collision course with the N.Y. Yankees in the 1998 World Series. The Yankees have kind of overshadowed the Braves. Atlanta may have the best Brave team of all times. You heard it here first. The Yankees are going to fade and the Braves are going to win the World Series. Yeah, and Tennessee is going to win the national championship! (I'm only hoping!)

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## From Between the Counters

By  
BRUTUS



Dearest loyal readers, the "Dog Days of August" have passed and Moi is surely glad he wasn't required to sit out the heat amongst all those flatlanders who appeared and covered Mentone during the 450 mile long yard sale.

The new business, *Serendipity*, that opened up next to the Superette enjoyed quite a crowd during that weekend, too, along with Rovene Truett's *Ro's Kreations* and Pam Baggett's *Cottage Collectables*, across the street. Word reached the great one that there was no room in the Superette area to drive or walk, nor was there much room anywhere. People were all over the craft village. There were so many people and so much "stuff." But Moi hasn't seen much of his writings in *The Groundhog*, lately. Guess his "muse" has escaped him. Not so, the magnificent one! Even though Moi is not physically present in Mentone, Moi's heart is, and this perfect specimen of the canine world continues to keep in touch with the faithful readers and fans. *Moi misses the children*, though. Soon, maybe, Moi will be there to be *ADORED* by the children, and all others, of course.

I've got to tell you readers that whatever a *VACATION* is, it's NOT for the Great One. Moi likes the comforts of home: beds, couches, soft spots, people waiting on the flawless one, etc., you know the kind of treatment!

Guess Mentone is going to get ready for the next festival, the *Colorfest*, that is to begin on **Friday, October 16, and go through Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18.** Flatlanders all over the place, again.

Well, time to get back to other important matters. Remember to keep a watch out for the children as they go and come from school. They're too precious to let any harm come to them. See you next month!



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# Mentone Grapevine

By Marie S. Dillenbeck

**John and Jan Wilkinson** have returned from London, England, where they enjoyed the world famous Chelsea Flower Show and many interesting sites throughout London. Jan's aunt, Mrs. Freiza Rogers has returned to her home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, after spending two weeks traveling and visiting with the Wilkinsons.

**Betty Chapman** is home after an extended trip to be with her son who is recovering from severe injuries and surgery as a result of an automobile accident.

**David and Karen Lee and their two boys** have been welcomed to Moon Lake Baptist Church. If you have not heard David play the piano, you have missed a real treat.

Welcome home to the **Mentone Boy Scouts** of Troop 106 who report a great trip to Philmont, New Mexico.

**Hope and George Walker** enjoyed a wonderful trip to south Florida, where they attended the annual lobster fest.

**Georgia, Danny, Samantha, Robin, and Peter Stevens** enjoyed a vacation to Orange Beach.

Have noticed the new signs on the hotel square? David and Claudia Wasson of the Mentone Springs Hotel and Caldwell's Restaurant, and Paul Whitmire, owner of White Elephant Antique Galleries have been working very hard to beautify the square and have done a great job. Thanks for all your hard work.

**Kerstin Formhals**, a foreign exchange student from Germany, has arrived and is currently living with Lisa and Beth Moore. They are very excited that Kerstin has chosen them as her host family. Kerstin is in the band at Valley Head where she plays clarinet. Back home in Germany, she has one older brother and she lives with her mother and father. She also has two cats, which she says are very spoiled, and a pet snake.

**Mrs. Virginia Livezey** had a big scare recently when her garage caught fire and had to be extinguished by the Fire Department.

A wedding shower was given for **Larry and Cindy (Scott) Kitchens**, July 19, at the home of Hugh and Clyde Tallent of Mentone. The hostesses were Lisa Scott and Clyde Tallent. The guest list included Renea Deering, Glenda Scott, Jo Ann Cash, Billie Faye Brown, Barbara Crow, Dowe Foreman, Jason Dean, Holly Kitchens, Tammy Davis, Holly Wright, Betty

Scott, June Scott, Fawn Kitchens, Guy McCarty, Lisa and Justin Scott, Clyde and Hugh Tallent. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchens!

A new bed and breakfast has opened up in Mentone. Bill and Christina Wise have accommodations overlooking the falls, where one can "Sleep to the sound and awake to the sight of DeSoto Falls." You can call 256-634-4025 for reservations.

On the back page of this issue of *The Groundhog* is a notice about a drawing for a VW Beetle. The proceeds go for a worthy cause, the Lookout Mountain Animal Rescue. Please support them.

Also on the back page is the notice about the \$10,000 Gym Floor Jackpot Jumboree by Moon Lake School PTO. Help them put a floor in the gym and enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner, too.

**John and Bobbie Smith** will be grandparents again in November. They are anxiously awaiting the birth of their second grandchild, a boy. The parents to be are Stanley and Dana Smith. Congratulations, John and Bobbie!

Out at Whatley's curve (5.1 miles east of the blinking light in Mentone on Hwy 117) can be found fine art for the home and garden in a dark green building. ARION features a fine collection of original sculpture, paintings, and ornamental garden accessories. They have excellent quality goods and unusual items. Their hours will be expanding to seven days a week. Being on the internet, items for your home and garden can be located quickly.

Congratulations to **Elliott Yamada**, grandson of Ms. Maureen Hammond of Valley Head. Elliott recently received a certificate and letter from the HOPE Scholarship Program informing him of his eligibility for the program. This program is possible because of the Georgia Lottery. Any student in the state of Georgia is able to receive this scholarship by maintaining a high grade average throughout high school. The program pays mandatory fees and a \$100 per quarter or \$150 per semester book allowance at any of Georgia's public colleges, universities, and public technical institutes. Should Alabama choose to have a state lottery, our graduates would have the same opportunity. Elliott has received a certificate of achievement from the Hilton after successfully completing the "Hilton Guest Satisfaction Training Program." Elliott is working in Florida during the summer months before college.

Congratulations to **Tammy A. Cooper** of Valley Head who was named to the Dean's List at Athens State College in Athens. To qualify, she earned a 3.75 to 4.0 grade point average and completed at least 15 credit hours.

Congratulations also to **Laura Ann McKenzie** of Valley Head, who graduated this summer from Jacksonville State University, cum laude/special honors in finance. She had to obtain a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.69 on hours attempted.

Congratulations to four young Valley Head artists whose drawings appeared in the *Times-Journal*: Mary Elizabeth Taylor, 10; Anne Lyle Shugart, 9; and Brandy Ellis, 11; Tylor Harrison, 10.

Thanks goes to **Diane Sanders** at the *Times-Journal* who helped me complete this issue of *The Groundhog*. My printer at home stopped with the message, "replace the drum," and there was no more print! Thank you, Diane!

Belated anniversary wishes to **Linda and Frank Villalpando**, who celebrated their 4th anniversary on Aug. 17. Max and Roberta Cash returned from a visit to Alaska where they were visiting their son and his family.

**Dessie Newberry** at **Dessie's Kountry Chef** had a record crowd during the 450 mile yard sale. Dessie has recently purchased property adjoining the restaurant and there is parking available on the east side of the restaurant. Keep up the good work, Dessie. You and your staff provide some wonderful food.

**Hattie and George Lide** had a visit from their daughter, **Carol Aleski** and husband **Dave** and two children **Dana** and **Michael**.

Deepest sympathies to the family of **Arthur LeeBerry "Bill" Young**, 79, of Valley Head, who passed away on August 3.

For all you internet users out there, **Jim Gaylord** is trying to get a local server. See his ad elsewhere. Several people have stopped in at the town hall in Mentone to inquire about a server. Maybe if enough people in Mentone and Valley Head get together, anything is possible.

Congratulations to **John Marvin Johnson** and **Kimberly Suzanne Worthey** who were united in marriage on Saturday, August 29, at 4 PM at River Oak Garden in Mentone.

**Happy September Birthdays/Anniversaries to:**

●1 - Connie Bell, Treva (Cox) Lindsey, Matt Croxton, Bernise Crow; ●2 - Mrs. Kenneth (Gail) Chambers; ●3 - Kerstin Formhals (16), Dorina Hutcheson; ●4 - Vance Carden, Marketta (Goss) Crane; ●5 - Allen Scott, Trenton Green, Halie Westbrooks, Joey Combs; ●7 - Angela Stalvey, Benny Palmer, Mrs. A.J. Lindsey; ●8 - Adele Phillips, Mary Crowe; ●10 - Mickey Gough, Pam Blevins Ogle; ●11 - Matt Williams, Calvin and Marie Blansit (anniv.); ●13 - Calvin Blansit; ●14 - Chris and Stacy Warden (anniv.); ●16 - Skippie Mathis, James Bradshaw, J.J. and Mary Wiggley (anniv.); ●17 - Lynette (Lindsey) Tolbert, Angie (Bell) Carden; ●18 - Jimmy Owen; ●19 - R.B. Blalock; ●21 - Jorene Nelms; ●23 - Dot Crow; ●24 - Paula Cooper, Tab Westbrook, Adriana Miranda; ●25 - Gail Bell, Scott Kyle, Nicole Stott; ●26 - Kenny Bushy, Amy Harrison; ●27 - Ruby Brock, Scott Baty, Alfie Chambers, twins: Jack and Jacob Meadows; ●29 - Rusty Chambers, Allison Williams (3), Louise Harrison; ●30 - Ethan Lewis, Hayward Hester, Colton Lewis (1 year), Andy and Karen Harcrow (anniv.)

We can never show too much kindness to one another. As Dr. Pat said in one of her columns, let me leave you with this thought on kindness from Alexander Pope:

Teach me to feel another's woe,  
To hide the fault I see,  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me!

## VALLEY HEAD SCHOOL NEWS

By Lisa Moore

The Valley Head Youth Baseball teams would like to thank everyone who has helped them to raise money for the new field. When completed, the field will be a great asset to all the youth in Valley Head as well as the whole Valley Head School. A great big THANK YOU! goes out to all who have helped and will help with this project.

The Valley Head Marching Band held its band camp during the last week of July. Luckily, the weather wasn't quite as scorching as it was during last year's band camp, although it wasn't cool, either.

The Valley Head Marching Band will march at a contest on September 26th, in Douglas. They will also compete in the DeKalb Marching Festival on Sunday, October 4th, which will be held at Fayette, this year. We hope you can all come out and give them your support.

The band is getting really excited about the purchase of the duplex across from the school, which will be renovated and used for a new band room. Hopefully, the building will be vacated and ready to be renovated soon. Mr. Smith and the whole band are looking forward to the much-needed space, which will be provided in the new facility.

If anyone would like to volunteer to work in the concession stand with the PTO and Band Boosters during one of our home football games, please contact Lisa Moore at the Valley Head Water Works Board. A list for workers is there. Lisa is the treasurer for the PTO this year, and would like to let everyone know that they may pay their PTO dues there, also. Dues are \$3.00 for a single membership or \$5.00 for a couple. Please help out with PTO. At the present time, the PTO is in the process of getting picnic tables put out behind classrooms for the students to use during break. The first PTO meeting will be held Monday, September 14th. This meeting will be open house, so you will be able to come meet with your child's teacher.

Good news for Valley Head School. Work should begin soon on the new science lab. We have also been informed by Mr. Talley that one of the teachers has contacted TV Channel 19 about installing a Weather Net Weather Station in the new lab. Now, the whole Tennessee Valley will know just how cold Valley Head really is.

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Edward Jones

## MOON LAKE SCHOOL NEWS

Moon Lake School boasts its largest enrollment ever, 150 students in K-6, plus 21 Head Start students. In addition to new students, other new faces can be seen around Moon Lake.

We welcome familiar faces in new positions.

Donnis Barkley shifted from 2nd to 4th grade.

Former aide, Myra Mills now teaches 2nd grade.

Former lunchroom aide, Brynda Hopper, now serves as lunchroom manager.

Sandra Brazier has changed from custodian to aide.

Michele Kincer now assists as lunchroom aide.

The school is introducing accelerated reading at all grade levels, the Shurley method of language instruction in grades 1-6, and Saxon Math in grades 4-6. Also, grades 4-6 are now departmentalized with Leslie Bunch teaching math; Joyce Smith teaching social studies, and Donnis Barkley teaching science, in all three grades.

The school staff greatly appreciates the many hours of volunteer work donated by parents Ray Davis toward creating beautiful new office spaces for the school and by Lyle and Heather Nicely toward mowing and landscaping during the summer.

The following is a schedule for September:

Mon 9/7 - Labor Day Holiday

Tues 9/8 - Next PTO meeting and open house, 6:30 PM

Fri 9/18 - School pictures will be taken

Tues 9/22 - "Critter" Program featuring a variety of animals will be presented at 1:45 PM. Admission is \$2 per person. The public is invited.

Fri 9/25 - We are excited that former Japanese teacher Yumika Muramatsu will visit the school during her first visit to us since she taught here at Moon Lake.



Logan Chambers and Papaw Milton Chambers

Logan Chambers celebrated his 9th birthday on July 23rd. He and family enjoyed a trip to Florida and deep sea fishing, also a trip to Atlanta to Stone Mountain and saw the Braves. Logan is pictured holding the octopus.

## Health Nugget

By Dowe Foreman  
What Am I?

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## Vegan Recipe

By Dowe Foreman

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**\$325,000.00 GOAL SET FOR 1998 UNITED GIVERS FUND CAMPAIGN**

A \$325,000.00 goal for the 1998-99 Campaign was recently approved by the UGF board of directors. Campaign plans are well underway according to Campaign Director, Barbara Turner, who says this year's campaign theme, "40 Years of Caring" was chosen to call attention to the organization's 40th anniversary.

The agency was organized and incorporated in October, 1958 with the first UGF campaign kickoff set for a Monday morning in early November 1958. The campaign goal that first year was \$31,200.00 which was divided among the 16 communities within the county.

Jonnie Justice, this year's Campaign General Chairman, says she is impressed with the Campaign Steering Committee and other volunteers recruited so far and is looking forward to working together to reach this year's challenging goal. Serving with Ms. Justice on the Steering Committee are: Joyce Clotta, Campaign Treasurer; Doris Hobbs and Sara Graves, Campaign Awareness; Liz Wheatley and Pat Pack, Community Awareness; Scott Bateman and Steve Eberhart, Employee Participation; and Chris Kuykendall, Bill Mitchell, and Bill Jordan, Leadership Giving Clubs Chairmen.

Those heading up the five divisions are: Linda Sterling, Industrial Division; Pam Gibson, Commercial Division; Jim Houston, Professional and Special Gifts Division; Shirley Gorham, Public Service Division, and Virginia Wright, Town and County Division.

A combination Kickoff and 40th anniversary celebration will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the DeKalb Theatre in downtown Fort Payne. A special program is being planned in appreciation and recognition of past leaders of the organization. Anyone who has served as President or Campaign General Chairman of UGF from 1958 to the present is asked to contact the UGF office at 845-4006.

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1998-99 CAMPAIGN

**HARVEST DAYS**

# About Our Town

By  
LINDA BROWN



It is hard to believe that the summer is over!! I knew it was over when I was going home the last day of regular camping at Camp Laney and saw a woolly worm crossing the road, and the wildflower called Iron Weed was blooming on the side of the road. The summer passed very quickly this year. I'm sure one reason was that the camping program moves so fast. It seems that we have just checked one session in when we have to check them out and check another session in. Dealing with the parents (and lots of times, grandparents) of 800 little boys is very challenging. In the eight weeks that camp is in session, I meet so many interesting people and answer every question you can imagine they would ask. Ken Shigley, who spent part of his growing-up years in Mentone, brings his son to camp. He and I always start to talk about the history of Mentone and how it used to be. I really enjoy getting to see him and his wife.

So many things are happening in Mentone, now. The last big thing was the 450 mile long yard sale. This brought so many people into town that it was really dangerous to be on the roads those days. I know that most local folks tried to stay on the back streets whenever possible. I understand that many people have a lot of fun buying and selling on this weekend, but I think more control of the traffic needs to be enforced. The biggest problem was parking on the sides of the highway, especially Alabama Highway 117. I am glad that we did not have anyone hurt, but I did hear that a pet dog pulled from his leash and was killed. I hope that someone who can find a solution to this problem reads this and will do something about the situation before next year.

The Town of Mentone is in the process of running water lines to two communities in this area. These areas are the Lee Crowe community and the Baty community. I know that a lot of people in both of these areas have wanted and needed water for a very long time. The contractor was in Mentone recently, and the starting of the project seems to be right on time. It is good when the town can do something that helps the area this much. This project has taken a lot of people doing a lot of work to get to this point. The grant was applied for many months ago, and someone has worked on this project every day since then.

The DeKalb County VFW Fair will be here before another issue of *The Groundhog* is out. As I have done for many years, I urge everyone to enter something in the fair. The list of items that can be entered is endless. You can enter vegetables from your garden, canned vegetables, baked goods, flower specimens and floral designs, craft items, sewn items, and many other things. There is a special category for children and seniors to enter many items. Look for a fair book at various places in Fort Payne. Read it from "kiver to kiver" and enter something. Entering is not hard, just get your best specimen of something and carry it to the VFW Fair building in Fort Payne. The people who will be there to help you are super nice and will answer any questions you may have. The best day to do this is Saturday as the lines are not as long. Each person who enters something will get one free pass to the fair, this is another incentive to make an effort.

I hope that everyone will enjoy the autumn season as much as I plan to. So many things will be happening when the weather cools a bit. (Today, I was in Fort Payne to attend the Arts and Crafts Fair there, and it was 109 degrees on a thermometer in Union Park!!) The Rhododendron Garden Club and all of the other clubs in the county are planning some interesting fall events. If you already belong to a club, take notice of all of these; and, if you would like to join a club, call a member that you know, and tell them. All of the clubs need more members, especially hard working ones.

School has started in the county, which means Moon Lake is in session. Please watch for the little ones and obey the NEW TRAFFIC LAWS at the school. I have heard that our local policemen are doing a wonderful job of seeing that you do! This community is so fortunate to have a local school. The Moon Lake PTO is planning a major event soon that will need the help and support of everyone. Keep this in mind and respond generously when you are asked to help.

Recently, someone sent a note to Whitney, who is assistant director at Camp Laney, that stated, "Be happy, and that's an order!" This is the thought I will leave with you this month.



**Brent Cooper, 11, of Valley Head, placed second in his division at the 1998 Alabama Golf Association State Junior Championship.**

## Local golfer, Brent Cooper, of Valley Head is second during championship

Brent Cooper, 11, of Valley Head, took second place in his age division at the 1998 Alabama Golf Association State Junior Championship, held at the Mobile Country Club on July 28-30. Brent received a crystal platter engraved with his finish at the event.

Cooper was tied for the lead after the first round with a 40. The second day he was third with a 41. The final day, Brent shot a 39 to finish in second place.

Cooper recently played in the Future Masters tournament in Dothan, Ala., in early July. He said the experience helped him during the championship. "I became more focused and realized every shot counts," Cooper said.

Brent was in the lead group every day, and was among several local players who participated. They are: his brother, Patrick Cooper; Stan Cole; Kyle Miller; John McDowell; Matt Moses; and Jake Hill.

Brent is the son of Jimmy and Janet Cooper of Valley Head.

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## Wedding Announcement



Jasper Pat Wagner III  
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Mr. Lexley Blalock of Mentone and Ms. Betty Blalock of Valley Head announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shannon Leah, to Jasper (Jay) Pat Wagner III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wagner Jr. of Valley Head.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Blalock of Mentone and the late Mr. and Mrs. Levance Carden. She is the great-granddaughter of Ms. Catherine Bailey of Mentone.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pullen of Mentone, Ms. Lillie Wagner of Fort Payne and the late Jasper Wagner Sr. He is the great-grandson of Ms. Ethel Adams of Fort Payne.

Miss Blalock is a 1993 graduate of Valley Head High School and a 1996 graduate of Auburn University where she received a degree in Accounting. She is presently employed by Diamond, Roller, Taunton & Carmichael, P.A., in Montgomery.

Mr. Wagner is a 1994 graduate of Valley Head High School and a 1998 graduate of Auburn University where he received a degree in Agronomy and Soils. He is employed by Cherokee Ridge Country Club in Union Grove.

The wedding will be an event of Saturday, September 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the Mentone United Methodist Church in Mentone.

A reception will follow at The Winston Place in Valley Head.

All friends and family are invited to attend.

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## The Recipe Corner

By  
SUE SCHWARZ

Summer is a great time and, if one enjoys fresh fruits and vegetables, there is no better time of year. I found a recipe for green beans that I had clipped from some magazine and hope you enjoy as much as we have. We have wonderful friends who have kept us supplied with green beans. The other recipe is for marinated squash.

### MARINATED GREEN BEANS

- 2 pounds fresh green beans
- 1/4 C olive oil
- 1/4 C rice wine vinegar
- 2 t lemon zest strips or grated lemon rind
- 1/4 C fresh lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/4 t crushed red pepper flakes

Cook beans until just barely tender (10-12 minutes); drain and cool. I cook the beans whole.

Combine remaining ingredients in a jar, cover tightly and shake. Pour over beans, cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. 6-8 Servings

### SUMMER SQUASH SALAD

- 3/4 pound zucchini, sliced thin
- 3/4 pound yellow squash, sliced thin
- 1-1/2 t salt
- 1 T fresh dill

### DRESSING:

- 1/3 C distilled white vinegar
- 1 t sugar or to taste

Toss zucchini and squash with salt and place in colander over a bowl on the sink and let vegetables drain for one hour. Rinse the slices well under cold running water and drain them well.

In a large glass or ceramic bowl, combine the dressing ingredients, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add the drained squash and the dill. Cover and chill the salad for 2 hours or longer. Toss the salad again before serving it.

*Editor's note: In last month's issue, the recipes did not match the introduction. The Groundhog regrets the error and prints those recipes that should have appeared in the August issue. Sorry, Sue.*

## GARDEN HINTS

By Madeleine Bullock

(Member of the National Home Gardening Club)

Nature has managed to transpire against me and quite a few other gardeners this past August in keeping us out of the backyard and gardens (flowers and veggie) by making this a summer of snakes and rain! Since the beginning of the summer season, we have had to do away with quite a few poisonous snakes (copperheads and rattlers). I heard on the local news that, not only here are we having a snake problem, but all over Alabama. They are blaming it on the mild winters and all the mess El Nino has made of the climate.

Since El Nino has retreated, we have had a fairly wet summer with unreasonably cool temps here in Mentone. This has caused the heat-loving veggies and flowers to suffer a bit, and there is not really much we can do about it. Another problem or blessing has been the amount of bumble bees, wasps and dirt-dobbers in the yards and gardens. For me, most of these pests are a blessing, not like the bane of the Japanese beetle attacks--thank goodness they have vanished for the season. We had only a few, but with the wet summer, I expect a bumper crop of them next year, as the grubs thrive in damp soil.

This summer, I also discovered that you have to "beat" the corn if there is not enough wind to pollinate the ears. A neighbor asked my husband if he has had to "beat" his corn this year. He had no idea what the person was talking about. So, I did a bit of research and discovered that most gardeners take a sturdy stick and lightly tap the corn stalks to ensure a full ear of corn, especially if the winds have been light. That was amazing to learn, especially since the info came from a young girl, so it goes to show that the old are not always the most knowledgeable and that there is always room for learning, especially from the young!

From my family and me, vegetable of the month goes to the sweet-potato pumpkin. It is the most delicious new vegetable that we have tasted this summer, and from now on, it will have its place in the garden and on the table, especially for the Thanksgiving feast that is about to come. The sweet-potato pumpkin has the taste and texture of a creamy pumpkin and sweet potato mixture, although its appearance is that of a huge sweet potato, like a sweet potato on steroids!

**A Seed of Truth** - I came across this tip concerning seeds from fruits. Seed grown fruit trees are almost always useless as they don't breed true, except when it comes to citrus fruit seeds, which are an exception to the rule, though seeds taken from a citrus fruit should bear good fruit in about 7-8 years. The tree will grow bigger than a grafted tree. They prefer a sunny spot that's out of the cold winter winds and frost.

**Tatty Ferns** - It's difficult to work out just what has damaged new fern leaves - over-feeding? hot winds? or frost? All can turn the embryonic ferns brown, and the damage will not be noticed until they emerge weeks or months later. Always feed ferns half or even quarter strength fertilizer, as too much will kill the plant. Try and surround the potted ferns with other potted plants to provide humidity and protect from harsh winds. Remember to water tree ferns from the top, base watering doesn't do it any good.

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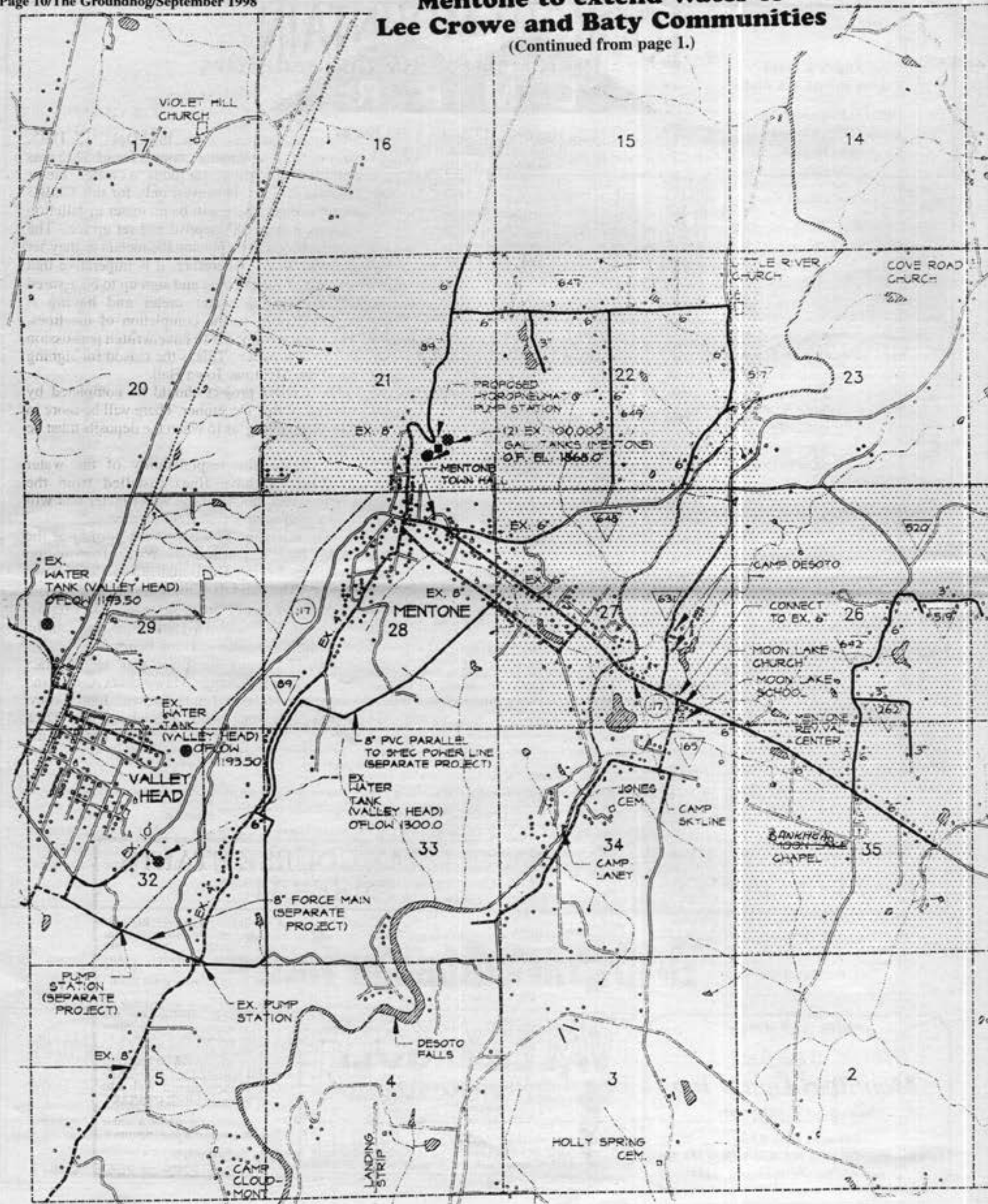
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# Mentone to extend Water to Lee Crowe and Baty Communities

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Ladd Environmental Consultants of Fort Payne are the consulting engineers for the Town of Mentone on both of the above projects, and Morton and Associates of Albertville are the administrators for the Town of Mentone on both projects.

Bids were let for the CDBG project, and on June 10, from the five submitted, Vester Hill of Hokes Bluff Construction Company, Inc., Gadsden, Ala., was the low bidder and was awarded the contract. As a result of his lower bid, there is a possibility of extending water to additional customers located in the same two areas. These areas were discussed at the August council meeting, but have not been determined yet. The areas will be considered at the next council meeting on September 14. Due to Labor Day falling on the 7th, the council meeting is scheduled for the following Monday, September 14.

All potential water customers in the areas shown on the map on pages 10 and 11 of this issue of The Groundhog, must come and sign up giving their names and 911 addresses. This must be done immediately, and no later than October 1st.

The cost to the new water customers in these two areas will be \$85.00, which is a meter deposit of \$50 and a set up fee of \$35 to get everyone entered on the computer for billing purposes. These water service charges and fees were established by an Ordinance passed on December 1, 1997. The charges include the above deposit and set up fee; a minimum monthly fee of \$14.84 for each meter, and customers can use up to 3,000 gallons for this amount; over 3,000 gallons the rate is \$4.00 per

thousand gallons. In the Dec. 1, 1997, ordinance, a new meter connect fee of \$225 was established, which includes a water meter deposit of \$50. However, only for this CDBG water project, there will be no meter installation charge, just an \$85 deposit and set up fee. The contractors will be placing the meters as they set the pipe lines. Therefore, it is imperative that water customers come and sign up to be assured of receiving a water meter and having it installed prior to the completion of the lines. The contractor needs to have written permission to install a meter. This is the reason for signing up at the Mentone Town Hall.

The CDBG project should be completed by the end of this December. There will be more in The Groundhog as to when the deposits must be paid.

It will be the responsibility of the water customer to have lines installed from the homeowners house to the water meter that will be located on the road right of way.

On this page is a copy of a portion of the plans for "Expansion of Water Distribution Facilities serving The Bankhead and Lee Crowe Areas." The solid dark lines are the areas where the proposed water lines are to be. The original plans are in the Town Hall office and can be seen during regular working hours.

If you have any questions, you may contact any of the following: Mayor Max Cash, and council members: Linda Brown, John Corey, James Johnson, Jean McGehee, and Dick Keefer. They have been working hard for the citizens of Mentone, and will assist you in any way possible.

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## MRS. SCHWARZ SPEAKS TO RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB ABOUT PREPARING NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Marilyn Blanton Campbell

The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club assembled at the Mentone Community House on Alabama Highway 117 at 12:30 p.m., August 11, 1998, for their regular monthly meeting. In the absence of President Jan Wilkinson, Vice-President Flo Kirby called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hope Walker did an inspirational devotional reading that had been contributed by Mrs. Norma Williams. While Mrs. Williams could not be present physically due to her persistent bout with ill health, she was most definitely there with the ladies in spirit as Mrs. Walker read a poem called "Kneeling In A Garden" by John M. Martin and an excerpt from "For Steadfast Friends" by Avery Brooke from *Plain Prayers For A Complicated World* that had been clipped from Reader's Digest.

After the devotional reading, the ladies served themselves a light buffet lunch featuring a fruit salad artistically created from cantaloupe, raspberries, blueberries, etc., a vegetable salad deliciously fashioned from cucumbers, miniature tomatoes, etc. Tasty canapes made from ham and cream cheese were delicious as well as beautiful. Also featured were sandwiches on white bread with a shrimp filling, and, as a bridge between the salad and dessert, yeast rolls with nut filling and sandwiches made on banana bread with a delicious cherry filling. Salted nuts added just the right accent to the table presentation. However, it was the sweets that captured everybody's eye with the focal point for the occasion being an impressive angel food cake split and dressed with fresh strawberries and a strawberry puree available to pour over individual servings. That sat next to an intense chocolate creation that was unquestionably delicious. The ladies drank tea, lemonade, and water with their wonderful repast.

When the meeting resumed, Mrs. Dallyne Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-President Flo Kirby then recognized visitor and guest, Phyllis Camall, and thanked the hostesses—Mrs. Peggy Roark, Mrs. Marie Dillenbeck, Mrs. Linda Whitney, and Mrs. Christina Wise.

Secretary Marilyn Blanton Campbell called the roll, and the ladies answered with the name of a native wildflower. There are lots more native wildflowers to be appreciated on Lookout Mountain than in lots of other places, and the ladies mentioned many of the prettiest. Secretary Campbell continued to read the minutes of the July meeting, and those were approved as read.

Treasurer Barbara Blalock read the financial reports. Under committee reports, Mrs. Ann Wright reported that the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs had won first place in State, Deep South, and National competition for the Book of Evidence they had submitted containing clippings about various local garden clubs and federation related activities. Congratulations are most definitely in order, because that col-

lection certainly represented vast amounts of work by a small army of people.

Under unfinished old business, the ladies heard a report from the Watering Committee that cared for the plants of various kinds that had been set out by the ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club at the Moon Lake School. Those ladies have really worked at keeping those plants alive, and they deserve lots of credit for their endeavors.

After such a wet winter and spring, suddenly the summer at Mentone turned off dangerously dry. The sky would look like it was going to just open up and pour the rain, but those times of actual measurable precipitation proved to be few and far between. Therefore, the ladies had no choice but to water, if they intended to keep their plants alive, and that was much easier said than done. Do the math for yourself. One gallon of water weighs 8.3 pounds, and these ladies of the Watering Committee were hauling no less than 60 gallons at a time. That is work, and the public needs to be aware that it was most certainly not magic that kept the grounds at Moon Lake School looking good.

Have you ever noticed that weeds seem to thrive under conditions that are adverse for flowers? The ladies of the Rhododendron Garden Club were also recruiting weeders at this meeting to go over to the Moon Lake School and reclaim the gardens from the weeds that had tried to take over during the dry weather of the summer.

Under new business, Vice-President Kirby reminded the ladies that **September 3 at 2 PM**, the various garden clubs in the DeKalb-Cherokee Federation of Garden Clubs will be meeting at Lookout Valley, Inc., in Valley Head for a demonstration of flower designs by Benny Campbell. In the past, each club has had Mr. Campbell attend its meeting, and this year the ladies are all coming together for one massive demonstration of ideas that can be implemented as part of the preparation for the flower show this **October 5 at the DeKalb County VFW Fair in Fort Payne**. Mr. Campbell is a natural with flowers, and all garden club ladies should mark their calendars now so as not to miss that particular gathering.

Vice-President Kirby also distributed forms for the **District II Fall Meeting** of the Garden Clubs of Alabama to be held **Monday, Sept. 14, in Fort Payne**, registration to be from 9 AM to 10 AM, followed by the meeting, a program on wildflowers by Ken Thomas, DeSoto State Park Naturalist, and lunch. Many of the ladies filled out their reservations and turned in their checks before they left the meeting. Thank you, ladies, for your cooperation. At those district meetings, a roll call of garden clubs is done, and each group tells how many are on roll and how many are present. That is where Rhododendron Garden Club gets into trouble. With 47 on roll

and only a handful of hard core faithful present, the percentage for attendance is way down, and it is the percentage that gets the recognition. Those clubs with eleven members and eight present get the awards for attendance.

The Sickness and Worry Report caught the ladies up on community misery—sickness, deaths, birthdays, etc. Jo Beube was the winner of the drawing for the hostess gift which was a lovely ceramic planter and matching watering can in white with blue accents.

Vice-President Kirby then introduced Mrs. Sue Schwarz who spoke on preparing for the coming holidays. Mrs. Schwarz brought with her multiple lengths of wild grapevine and showed the ladies how to use the simple things to make a base for a holiday wreath that can be used for years. The ladies actually had a lot of fun fashioning wreath bases from grapevines. Some of the lengths used were more pliable than others, and, since the pliability dictates the eventual shape of the wreath, the ladies soon discovered why a grapevine wreath is not always completely round. She also showed how to use commercially prepared bases for wreaths and other decorations.

A very important point Mrs. Schwarz made during her talk was that boxwood trimmings last a lot longer than other greenery for holiday decorations, so lots of people make their wreaths early using boxwood, and that lasts nicely through the entire holiday season. Even indoors—with a little misting from time to time—boxwood will hold up quite nicely.

Mrs. Schwarz also demonstrated how to use florist's picks to put various fruits into holiday decorations. She showed how beautiful ivy sprayed gold and used to decorate a green Christmas tree could be. During the program, the ladies made various contributions to the discussion, and many of those could well prove helpful. For example, one lady suggested displaying nandina and pyracantha berries outside, so that, when they fall, there will be no mess to clean up, while another lady said to dip nandina with berries in acrylic floor wax to keep it from drying out and dropping its berries.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the 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.

### **\*\*DATES TO REMEMBER\*\***

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 2 PM**—the next Rhododendron Garden Club meeting, which has been changed **MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 9 AM**, District II Fall Meeting in Ft. Payne (See above for complete information.)

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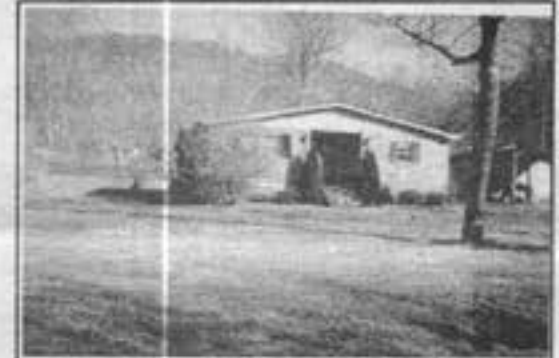
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## Happy Birthday



### Mozelle Crow

Some relatives of Mozelle Crow, including Brenda Traffenstedt, Mary Clark, Dot and Jug Crow, and Ginger Tuxbury, prepared a lovely surprise birthday party for her on Saturday, August 15, at Violet Hill Church. The table was beautiful with its birthday cake, punch, and all the "goodies," especially a beautiful watermelon basket of assorted fruits.

Others enjoying the occasion were Dwight Clark, Brenda and Buddy Burnett, Peanut Haney, Elaine Burt, Adam Ashely, Eloise Burnett, Grace Pullen, Venna Livingston, Christine Brooks, Elizabeth Romans Dorothy Crow, and Eloise Brown.

## HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY



### GARNETT BUCKELS HAMMON

Garnett will celebrate her 90th Birthday, Sunday, September 27 from 2 til 4 PM at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fort Payne, Ala. All friends and relatives are invited. NO gifts, please.



## A Friendly— Valley View

By  
ELOISE BROWN

August has given generous fruition, generally, for people's good nutrition and September is here in sorrowful contrition for Summer's fading, drying condition. There has been a good crop of tomatoes and okra and good vegetables, and I have good neighbors who are generous to share.

Juanita and Eugene Smith had a family reunion at their home Aug. 22. They had 34 nieces and their husbands and children and great nieces. Also, Eugene's sister, Barbara Sue and her husband, Dalton Ray and their 6 year old triplets from Ashland, Ala. They all came from Moody, Birmingham, Jemison, Harpersville, Ala., and from Roswell, Ga. They had a joyous time!

John and Jean Jones have enjoyed their grandchildren this summer. John Paul, Rebecca, and Kendra have each spent a month and Jean and John have had the pleasure of taking them home to Chesapeake, Va., and visiting their sons Roy and Douglas who are stationed at Norfolk in the Navy.

Christine and Walter Brooks took a trip across Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, and Arkansas. They were amazed at the large cotton fields—as many as 100 acres—in Arkansas. They came back by Huntsville and Scottsboro and shopped.

Robert D. and Michelle Brown and Billy have returned from a week's tour of the Bahamas. They especially enjoyed a day spent at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Martha Gibson and Dot Blackburn attended the silver wedding anniversary party honoring Tommy and Leedell Johnson at the home of their daughter, Myra and David Smith at Rainsville.

Bill Blackburn's sister, Ruby Humble and Clyde Crabtree from Chattanooga, and Agnes Roberts, from Lookout Mountain, spent Sunday, Aug. 23, with him and Dot.

Adelaide Biddle's children made her 75th birthday very happy and special. They all came to her house Sunday, Aug. 23, brought dinner, including a birthday cake and homemade ice cream. Congratulations, Adelaide, and many, many, more.

Mary, Ted and John Holleman, Adelaide Biddle, Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis enjoyed a long weekend at the Davenport reunion at Fairfield Glades. They are descendants of Maria Davenport Ellis. The descendants of W.O. Davenport Sr.—Ann Davenport Hamilton and Lawson from Charlotte, NC; Thomas Hayes Davenport and wife Ann from Tuscaloosa; Paul Davenport and Jane Davenport from Nashville; and Lucretia Davenport Rifai and husband Abbott, from Berea, Ky. all attended. They had a wonderful time recalling bygone days when they were all active in church and civic activities in Valley Head.

After the reunion, Mary and Ted Holleman and Nelson and Elizabeth Ellis went to Panama City for 6 days.

Dr. Robert E. Ringer came from Marianna, Fla., to visit his brother, Ed, and to attend the 48th year reunion of Company "C" 151st Combat Engr. Battalion, Aug. 16, at the V.F.W. Post Home in Fort Payne. He served as Supply Sergeant in the Korean War. 55 Korean War veterans, wives, and family members, attended the reunion. Also attending from Valley Head were Floyd Harper and John Liles.

The workers at Morgan Drugs surprised Donald Friday, Aug. 14, with a birthday cake, and the "fixins." His 55th birthday was Sunday, Aug. 16.

Maureen Hammond's grandson, Elliott Yamada, is quite an outstanding young man. He was a 4-year varsity football letterman on two region champion teams, as well as the baseball team. He won the "Most Improved Student" award. He was a 4-year member of the "D. Club," Varsity Letterman, Club Assistant Business Editor on Year Book staff, Secretary of Student Council, member of First Presbyterian Church of Rome, Ga., 4 year participant in Darlington's Christmas Charity for abused and battered children. He was an honor graduate of the Darlington School and plans to attend the University of Mississippi.

Venna Livingston recently attended the funeral of her son-in-law's (Sam Mosley's) sister who was brought from Florida to Rome for burial—another victim of cancer.

The Valley Head UMW met Tues., Aug. 25, with Melinda Adkins as hostess at her home. I had charge of the program, "Finding Hope, Love and Dignity." Others present were Mary Crow, Marjorie Gray, Venna Livingston, Velma Hammond, Margaret Lloyd-Murphy and Patrick, Sharon Kay and Tully, Laura Margaret Allison, and Peachie Cearley, who is visiting her.

Melinda Adkins has returned from a very interesting trip to China. It was a mission trip with a youth group from Camp Sumatanga.

Selma McElhaney and Ruth Pickett took Gladys Cobble to the restaurant of her choice, which was Western Sizzlin', for her birthday dinner and shopping afterwards. She is 87. Congratulations!

I am so happy to report that Bill Blackburn got a good report from his tests at a Birmingham Clinic and Bert Pickett's first test report was negative—sorry that he is facing more tests and surgery. We are hoping and praying for good health for these two fine men.

Congratulations to Norman Alexander Jones for being named to the President's List at University of Ala.; Daniel Marrenner Baker, who was named to the Spring Quarter Dean's List at LaGrange College; Laura Ann McKenzie, who graduated from Jacksonville State University with cum laude special honors in finance; and Tammy A. Cooper for being named to the Dean's List at Athens State College, all of Valley Head; and Joshua S. Woods, who recently graduated from the Communications Signals Collection and Processing Course at Naval Training Center in Pensacola, Fla.; and Sally Ann Sharp Wheat of Mentone, who graduated from Jacksonville State University with magna cum laude special honors in home economics—and all other special achievers. Keep up the good work!

Make the most of these last hazy, lazy(?) days of summer and enjoy them. They are fading fast away.

### Summer Unfulfilled

Summer, I would hold you close to me  
And do the things that mean most to me—  
Let your gentle breezes caress me  
Sweet perfume from your blossoms bless me.  
Bask in each golden moment you give,  
That awakens all perception 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 have left.

--Eloise Brown

### Time - (monometer)

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| Time plays<br>with days<br>always.        | Time lapse<br>in naps<br>collapse.    |
| Sweet time<br>all prime<br>sublime.       | Time flies<br>man cries<br>hope dies. |
| Time creeps<br>youth weeps<br>then reaps. | One time<br>done time<br>untime.      |

--Eloise Brown





Naomi Potts, Lt. Col. D. Dale Bain, and Dee Bain

Naomi Potts was treated to a vacation in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC, by her niece Pat McKenzie. While in New Jersey, she stayed with her nephew, Lt. Col. D.D. Bain and wife Dee on base at Fort Dix. Naomi also visited her niece Margaret Ann McKoy and family in Union, New Jersey.

Besides enjoying visiting with her relatives, viewing historical and beautiful sites in NJ, PA, and Washington, DC, Naomi took in many thrift shops, flea markets, and yard sales. Her only regret was that she didn't have a van to take advantage of more of the fantastic bargains.

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L/R: Lucille Bain, Addie Bain, Ruby Stalvey, Della Bain, Debbie Flannigan, Naomi Potts, Pat McKenzie, and Bobbie Smith



L/R: Alfred Sharp, Russell Bain, Emmett Bain, Dewey Bain, Grady Bain, Dolas Bain

Descendants and relatives of the late Ed and Lula Bain gathered for the Bain Reunion on Saturday, August 22, at the Cloudland City Park. Entertaining skits and great home-cooked food were provided. All enjoyed socializing and eating.

By Marilyn Blanton Campbell



### Leonard Shigley Fifty Years of Service

Mr. Leonard Shigley of American Legion Post 215 at Mentone has been awarded a certificate honoring his 50 years of continuous service to the American Legion. Naturally, all of those years were not at Post 215, purely because Post 215 is not that old, but Mr. Shigley does have in 50 years of continuous service. In World War II, Mr. Shigley served in the United States Army, and he is now a retired carpenter.

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Saturday, October 17, 1998, 4 to 8 PM

American Legion Home - the red building on Cove Road, the street up behind the Mentone Superette

**Price:** \$5.00 per person-all you can eat (with children six and under at \$2.50) Bring the whole family and enjoy a well balanced meal (fresh, crisp, garden salad, pasta with meat sauce, bread either plain or buttered and gently sprinkled with garlic, dessert of your choice, and a beverage)

Dine-in and take-out will both be available.

Vegetarian sauce will be available upon request.

Unit 215 invites one and all to come and join them for an affordable and well prepared supper in clean, pleasant surroundings.



### Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

President Syble Tipton and the ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 215 of Mentone have set Saturday, October 17, 1998, 4 to 8 p.m., as the date and time for their Spaghetti Supper fundraiser, and in so doing the ladies have faced reality head on.

Colorfest is that weekend, and lots of people will be involved in the festival to one degree or another. That means there will be families getting hungry, and people, who simply do not have the time to cook that particular afternoon, will be looking for a solution for that specific problem. If you find yourself in that category, by all means buy tickets for the entire family and come join the ladies of Unit 215 at the Legion Home-that is the red building on the street up behind the Mentone Superette-for an affordable (\$5.00 per person-all you can eat-with children six and under at \$2.50) well balanced meal (fresh, crisp, garden salad, pasta with meat sauce, bread either plain or buttered and gently sprinkled with garlic, dessert of your choice, and a beverage) to say nothing of convenient (dine-in and take-out will both be available).

Vegetarian sauce will be available upon request. However, the ladies do tend to frown upon people who ask especially for vegetarian sauce ahead of time and then fail to arrive to eat it.

The ladies of Unit 215 understand that there are people who need to eat supper in a hurry so that they can get on somewhere else for the evening, and they can guarantee an almost immediate serving time and/or seating for those who want to join them for supper. Furthermore, by starting to serve at 4:00 p.m. there is no doubt about the fact that folks who want to eat early will have plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely supper and still get home before dark.

Men have a way of complaining about their wives saying, "You never take me anywhere!" Well, Gentlemen, Unit 215 is offering you a golden opportunity to take the ladies in your lives out to supper. Not only will you not have to dress-up, but your lady will get an especially good meal in pleasant company in addition to being spared the ordeal of having to cook for herself that evening.

The ladies of Unit 215 have a reputation for being especially good cooks, so you can most definitely expect an outstanding meal. Their food has habitually drawn good reviews in the past, and there is no reason to believe that these ladies have lowered their standards.

The ladies of Unit 215 use their money from their infrequent fund-raisers to support their efforts on behalf of DeKalb County's veterans in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home at Huntsville, to help with occasional improvements at the Legion Home, and to send an academically successful girl to Girls State each year. Many of the young women who have attended Girls State in the past have used that as a springboard for their successes later in life, and the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary feel justly proud that they have been able to benefit the local youth in such a positive manner.

When the ladies of Unit 215 make their infrequent trips to see the DeKalb County veterans at the Fann home, they seldom ever stay long, but they do visit a little while each time when they go-usually once per season. In addition to actually visiting DeKalb County's veterans at the Fann Home, the ladies send cards seven times per year-Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, as well as birthdays.

These ladies do good work, and they need the entire community's support for their spaghetti supper. For various reasons, there are lots of people who will be needing a good, hot meal that particular evening, so Unit 215 invites one and all to come and join them for an affordable and well prepared supper in clean, pleasant surroundings.

When asked about the preparations for Unit 215's Spaghetti Supper, Mrs. Tipton said, "We know that there will be people in Mentone especially for the festival, and we would like to feed them too. We will be selling tickets, and we hope to serve lots of people that evening. Hope to see you there."

### Miss Brisendine Reports to Legion Ladies

Each year, the ladies of American Legion Unit 215 at Mentone send an academically successful rising senior girl from Valley Head High School to Girls State in Montgomery for a week during the month of June. The week that Girls State is in session, the young ladies are quartered in the dormitories on the campus at Huntingdon College.

The purpose of Girls State is to teach the girls about how government works. The girls run for office in their various cities, counties, and state, etc., and they learn about laws in the best way possible-by creating them.

Unit 215's 1998 candidate for Girls State was Tabitha Brisendine, and she reported to the ladies of Unit 215 in their regularly scheduled monthly meeting on August 11, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. at the legion hall on Cove Road in Mentone.

Miss Brisendine reported that, prior to her experience with Girls State, she had never found history and government in the least interesting, but the adventure at Girls State had shown her just exactly how interesting the legislative process could be. Miss Brisendine was extremely pleased that she had been involved in an endeavor of that magnitude. Not only did she learn a lot, but she had fun doing it and made new friends as well as getting to see the State Capitol from the inside. While she was not privileged to actually talk to Governor Fob James, she was in his presence, and she told of sitting in the seats the legislators occupy during their legislative sessions every year.

When the ladies of Unit 215 get positive reports from the young ladies they send to Girls State, they are encouraged to do whatever it takes to raise the funds necessary for the following year so that they can provide another girl with a similarly wonderful experience.

The ladies of Unit 215 offer emotional support to DeKalb County's veterans in the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville by sending cards and going to see them as often as possible. Usually, the ladies manage to make a trip once per season to the Fann Home.

Unit 215 is in the process of making plans for a fundraiser Spaghetti Supper October 17 at the legion hall on Cove Road. Everybody who attended the last one seemed to enjoy it immensely. The ladies hope that those folks will want to make plans to return. Those who were not there last time will want to be there too, because these ladies are good cooks and turn out a really fine meal for a reasonable price.

Mrs. Syble Tipton is President of Unit 215, and the work that Mrs. Tipton and her ladies do is the kind of thing that really needs to be done in order to make our world a better place for us all to live.

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Both Bobby and Trich believe in selling quality products that every day people can afford. They get new items in every week. Bobby specializes in electronics, and gives a 30-day guarantee on the electronic equipment they sell. They have a policy where they will give refunds or exchange item.

Trich gets many of her items from the home shopping network on TV, and sells them at reasonable prices - 1/2 price and less. She has a complete line of cosmetics - brands: Adrien Arpel, Connie Stevens, Marilyn Miglin, Jennifer Flavin Stallone, Jerome Alexander, I natural, ChanTal. Trich also has items for skin, hair and nail care. Dimitri James, Parthena and Amorphia are some of the brand names. Right now, they are having an "OUT-OF-ROOM SALE" on all skin care, hair care, and cosmetics: \$1.00 and 4/\$1.00.

For the house, they have cleaners: Oxiclean, Orange Glow, and Quick n Brite. Bobby's Variety also carries luggage; vacuum cleaners; pools; Magnavox Web TV; kitchen items, antennas, boosters, antenna rotators, JVC, Panasonic, Fax machines, just about any item you would need.

Bobby and Trich have been getting ready for the holidays and have a lot of good merchandise for you: toys, including brand new Toys R Us for 1/2 price; talking Bubba Bears, remote control cars and battery packs; Fischer CD players. Drop by their store in Hammondville and get your Christmas shopping done early, or pick up great birthday items, too. They have a lay-a-way plan, too.

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## HISTORY OF GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day- September 13, 1998

Because of the efforts of Mrs. Marian McQuade of West Virginia, a mother of 15 children, all 50 states have joined in the campaign to gain nationwide recognition for the observance of a special day honoring grandparents.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill designating the Sunday after Labor Day as "National Grandparents Day." The holiday continues to grow in popularity. September was chosen, signifying the "autumn years" of life.

This day has a threefold purpose: 1) To honor grandparents; 2) to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children; 3) to help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer.

Everyone is a grandchild and can be involved in the observance of this day. It is a time to discover one's roots and learn patience and understanding for the elderly. This is a perfect time to establish a communication that will never be broken.

Many times, only grandparents have a knowledge of answers to questions about family histories. When this information is passed down to the grandchildren, everyone can be assured of this heritage being preserved, a valuable and necessary asset in a day and age when close-knit families are becoming a thing of the past.

A suggestion was made by Carol Beddingfield, Director of Aging Programs, in DeKalb County, for people to dig out old photographs so grandparents can identify them. It is critical to accomplish this "while there are still people to ask." "I have a thousand regrets that I did not get my mother to name and label photos before her death. Besides, many happy memories can be derived from the sharing of stories related to the photos. Ask the Council on Aging for an adoptive grandparent if yours lives out of town or has passed away. We have many who would like to share a bit of their life with someone."

### Recipe For a Special Grandparent

(Author unknown)

Lots of love and kisses  
Lots of patience, too,  
Lots of time to listen--  
That's what grandparents do!

Tons of "I love you"  
That's what it takes to be  
A special grandparent - you!



## The Country Journal

By  
BERNISE CROW

The long 450 mile yard sale was probably a nuisance to some people because of congested traffic, but to those participating, it was "fun and profit." This is the time of year when we can clean our closets, garage, and basements, and put "treasures" out on the roadside, and someone will see a treasure where others see junk. It seems to get bigger every year, and I heard people talking about the bargains they found. I met one lady from Oklahoma who had met her two sisters from other states, and they had started in Kentucky and traveled the entire route. They had a great time. My cousin, Roland Burton and his wife, Elaine, came from Ocala, Fla. and set their wares on the front porch at the Hitching Post. It was a lot of fun to run out and visit with them in between customers. I stayed open part of the time and helped with the MAPA booth on Saturday. We sold donated items, but had a limited supply because we had no place to store items ahead of time. Maybe next time we will have another storage building. Homer had sheets of plastic tacked around our double carport and had it filled with everything from old tools and fruit jars, to antique clocks and furniture. The plastic was great, it kept out the rain that made a mess of some yard sales. It rained hard Saturday and part of Sunday. Homer has a good time with this sale. He did it last year for the first time, he had ever done this sort of thing, and he had so much fun, he got ready for it again. It made us clean out a lot of unneeded things from our basement. (Reminded me of Bill Schwarz's article about "stuff." All of us have "stuff.") The bad part is that I accumulated more stuff from the other yard sales!

Our family, all our children and three grandchildren, were here during this busy time. Everyone worked. Coy and son, Dillon, helped Homer with sales and directing traffic. Our parking area will never be the same. It rained, of course, and the place became very muddy. Greg and Lee Cooper helped two days, and Joyce Cooper supplied food and drinks for the salesmen. I ran back and forth to the Hitching Post, and did the evening meal. We had fun, and Coy said he was coming next year with a load of "stuff" and sell some for himself.

Summer is ending and I am reluctant to see it go. It's been a good one--not too hot here except for a week or two. It's pleasant to walk outside on an early summer morning and smell the freshly mown grass, the flowering plants, and observe the flitting about of butterflies and hummingbirds. We have had the most butterflies I have ever seen. Our flowers must have been the right kind. The butterflies love the tall sweet-smelling phlox, and the bright colored balsam and impatiens. One child said, "Oh, look at the flying flowers!"

Homer has been going to the Farmer's Market at the fairgrounds in Ft. Payne on Tuesdays and Fridays. He gets wonderful fresh vegetables, but has learned to go early, because the vendors go home when it gets too warm. We have decided that for three of us, it's easier to buy at the market than to try to battle bugs and disease to grow vegetables. And oh,

how good the fresh sweet corn has been! I have a corn cutter that makes wonderful cream-style just right. We had corn pudding one meal when we had choir practice at our house--delicious! Whatever food we have, it's twice as good when eaten fresh from the garden. No canned turnip greens for me, but a big pot of fresh ones is delightful served with creamed potatoes and hot cornbread. That is the height of southern country eating. I even add a little bacon fat to season the greens, which you purists and vegetarians would not approve, but for my age, my health is good. The secret of good health lies in being temperate in all things and never over-indulging. That's my philosophy for the day, and the best medicine is laughter. I have felt glum and not very well some days, and Andy Lea comes along with his comic remarks and I laugh until my sides ache, and forget my pain. It has even been proved that laughter is a good antidote for cancer. It seems to clear our minds and revitalize our thinking--gives us good vibes. Sometimes, our family laughs so much at each other that we tend to offend those who do not laugh at frivolous things. We can just look at each other and start laughing. We remember something humorous the other one has said.

Once when Coy was home, he decided to call his uncle Don Castleberry. I gave him the phone number, but we were all talking and I said, "I think it's the right one." When a man answered, Coy was talking like Festus on Gunsmoke and asked "Is this somebody else? The other fellow used a few choice words--and Coy said "Well, this is somebody else, too."

Our visitors for the month of August were Charles and Fay Roe, Roland and Elaine Burton, and Tim and Catherine Nesbitt. Catherine Frame and her daughter, Hartselle, came in just to say hello. Charles Roe has written another poem, Roland and Elaine sold beautiful handmade jewelry and other items; Catherine Frame and Hartselle live in Anniston, but have a lovely place where they spend time with us in Mentone. Tom Nesbitt operated the Mentone Inn for a while in the early 80s. We developed a good friendship, then. He has lived on Prince Edward Island in Nova Scotia, since then, and is now living in Jacksonville, Fla. He said he loved it on Prince Edward Island, but the winters were a bit harsh.

It was much pleasure to have our grandson, Dillon Crow, visit with us at the same time Lee Cooper was here. They had never spent much time together, because of living miles apart. They had a wonderful time together. Lisa Crow, their cousin, took them to all the scenic attractions, which they enjoyed. Dillon is our only Crow heir (male). The girls will change their names, probably. Dillon Clayton Crow is the one to carry the Crow name for Homer's family.

We had a man come in my shop who was looking for Kerbys (or Kirbys?). I gave him Mary (Kerby) Brown's home and Leta Mae Blalock's number. I hope they found some kinship along the line. Many people are doing genealogical research now. It's an interesting study.

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# The Church News

By EVELYN GRAVES



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 8:15 AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Reverend Jerry Davis and Reverend L. A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head United Methodist Church** Sunday School is at 9 AM each Sunday and Worship is at 10 AM.

**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.

**Mento Church of Christ** invites you to attend the 10 and 11 AM services and evening services will be at 7 and 9 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

**Union Hill Baptist Church** 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 and RA's meeting on alternate Wednesdays at 5 PM. Each 2nd Sunday evening, the church has a singing at 6 PM. Everyone is invited for the singing.

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.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** wants to invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is at 10 AM, with Worship at 11 AM. Evening services begin at 5:30 PM. Wednesday evening service is a time of prayer, worship, and to allow specialized ministries to be boosted. The first Wednesday night before Sunday is Youth services, the second Wednesday night is mission services, the third Wednesday night is Heritage services, and the fourth Wednesday night is Care Ministries (local missions). Pastor Tanner states they would most assuredly be blessed by your presence (Hebrews 10:23-25.) Women's Breakfast is every third Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Men's Brotherhood is every fourth Saturday at 8 AM in the church. Church cookbooks are now on sale for \$6.00. You may call any member to get a copy.

The time for the evening service at the **Valley Head Baptist Church** has been changed. The Discipleship Training is at 6 PM, with Worship at 7 PM. Sept. 20, 12:15 to 1:30 is the 3rd Sunday dinner to help build the new fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend the dinners. They are served potluck and are wonderful.

**Moon Lake Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM each Sunday and Worship at 11 AM. Youth Choir practice is at 4 PM each Sunday. Discipleship Training is at 5 PM, and Evening Worship is at 6 PM. The Men's Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 6:45 AM and Church Bible Study is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. Team Kid is 6:30-7:30 PM. The van runs at 5:30 and should return at 8:30 PM. The Youth and Youth Ministry team through Change Your World are available to do whatever they can to help you (cleaning, light construction work, etc.). A new pastor, David Lee from Louisville, KY, has been called.

**Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone** Chapter is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World hall in Valley Head. Pastor Wilbur Atwood, lay pastor, Bill Pyke. Song Service and Sabbath School 9:30 to 10:45, worship service is 11 to 12:15. Bible Study - every Thursday evening 7 PM. We've been having some great Sabbath schools this month! Lots of interesting visitors with personal testimonies, mission stories, and other interesting talks. Come visit and check us out! Everyone is welcome.

**Mount Calvary Baptist Church** Sunday School is at 10 AM, Worship is at 11 AM, Sunday evening service at 6 PM, and Wednesday evening services at 7 PM. (All times are EST) The church is located two miles behind the Lookout Restaurant at Cloudland. You may call 706-862-2651 for directions. Monthly gospel singings occur every fourth Saturday. Everyone is invited to join us for all of the singings and the church services and become involved in the life of the church.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church**, and Pastor Richard Pope, invite everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Road 259 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45 AM; Morning Worship is at 11 AM; Evening Worship is at 6 PM; Wednesday Night Prayer Service is at 6 PM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11 AM each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome.

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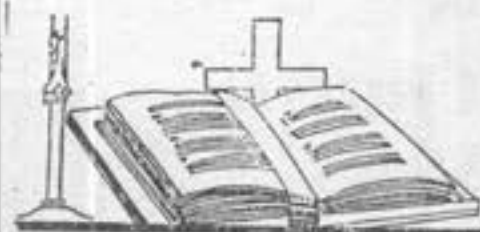
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at (256) 582-0093 for more  
information.



## God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Fret not thyself because of evildoers,  
neither be thou envious against the  
workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be  
cut down like the grass, and wither as the  
green herb.

Psa. 37:1-2

When we listen to the news or just look  
around us and see and hear the things that are  
going on in this nation of ours, you wonder  
what will be next? We find ourselves  
beginning to fret, but remember, it won't last  
long. They will soon be cut down like the  
grass.

What we need to do is try to win them for  
God. We all have friends and loved ones who  
need God. Let's help them find the better  
way.

## NEW SPEED LIMITS POSTED FOR HEAD START AND MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 12 all schools in DeKalb County  
began. In Mentone, new speed limits have  
been posted. During the hours of  
7 AM to 8 AM, and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM,  
the speed limit is 25 miles an hour.

On Alabama Highway 117, where the  
Head Start School has its entranceway,  
traveling both east and west, this is in effect  
500 feet on each side of the entrance,  
with the west side being 100 feet this side  
of County Road 631.

DRIVERS, BE ALERT FOR THE SIGNS.



## Help Moon Lake School put a floor in the gymnasium

The PTO is planning a fundraising event to raise money to  
put wood floors in the gym. They need support from  
alumni, and the entire community.

They estimate the cost to be \$25,000.  
Please help save the children's knees and heads  
from the concrete. Make your donation now.

\* Further details about the fundraising event will be  
announced as soon as the plans are complete.

When called upon, please support this effort.

Call 634-4113 for more information.

All donations are welcome.



## Ballroom Dancing

Lessons free of charge

**Thursday nights**  
**October 1, 8, 22, 29**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**At Moon Lake School  
Gym**

If you are interested, contact Jean  
Corey 634-4848  
or Kathy McMunn 634-4575

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