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MENTONE'S LOG CABIN RESTAURANT AND DELI

by Paula Tally

According to the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel, this State's restaurants prepare "100 dishes to eat before you die." One of those dishes is Chili Corn Pone, and it is created and served Tuesday through Sunday in Mentone's Log Cabin Restaurant and Deli. Owner Collette Kerby and manager Rick Weber, her son, smile with pride when they talk about this and other items on their extensive menu served in a rustic 1800's log cabin on Mentone's Historic Hotel Square located on Alabama Highway 117.

Menu items range in price from \$2.00 for a banana sandwich to \$11.95 for the very large serving of the famous Chili Corn Pone. Homemade "Soups That Sing" open the menu followed by the ten Log Cabin specialty sandwiches—and that number does not count the five childhood favorites, including two varieties of the Southern favorite, a banana sandwich. Dinners of ham and red eye gravy, country fried steak, beef liver and barbeque come with a choice of two side items selected from a list of 13 and roll or cornbread. More "no frills" sandwiches precede a variety of salads and a long list of beverages served in Mason jars and frosty mugs. Then, there are desserts, all homemade, which include fudge cake, peach cob-

bler and even a root beer float.

It is not surprising to learn that when the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association recently searched for "Hidden Treasures of Northeast Alabama," its travel writers found The Log Cabin and awarded its highest rating of 5. *National Geographic*, *Country Living*, *Southern Living*, *The Atlanta Journal* and *CNN News* are among a number of media giants who have celebrated the great food, the mountain décor and the welcoming atmosphere found at The Log Cabin.

The casual warmth of The Log Cabin setting is created by a roaring fireplace in winter and the soft glow of apple basket light fixtures year 'round. Original, well-worn pine flooring and bright plaids on a screened porch large enough for a great party or family reunion reflect the menu's greeting – "Welcome Friends." Friends include bikers, campers, church groups and more. And great stories abound: Just ask Collette to tell you about getting a call



from The Big Apple for the recipe for her Cabin Cooler. This spicy specialty drink was to be served at the NYC opening of a movie made in Mentone. But, just ask her for the details because you want to be rocking by the Log Cabin fireplace, seeing her big smile—and drinking a Cabin Cooler—as you hear the story firsthand in Mentone's Log Cabin Restaurant!

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MAPA AUGUST 5, 2008 MEETING



President Jerome Stephens called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance. He asked members to sign the list being passed around to bring desserts to MAPA meetings and stated that MAPA will provide soft drinks and coffee. Fourteen people were present. Liz Stephens provided the desserts for the meeting.

Those present were reminded that dues were to have been paid in July and those who haven't paid, need to do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$10/year and \$15 for couples.

Several motions were brought before the members during the meeting.

JP Nation, Treasurer gave his report. Page Cunningham inquired about the budget. A motion was made to postpone the budget until the next meeting on September 2nd. Page Cunningham reported on the audit of The Groundhog books, which were in order. A discussion was had regarding the sum being paid by MAPA to The Groundhog for mailing Groundhog issues. Editor Evelyn Graves made a motion to discontinue the payment, which was seconded and passed.

Several motions were proposed concerning donations to various causes. A motion was made to amend the bylaws, which had no disposition. Several items were mentioned, with the postponement of the budget to the September

meeting.

Jerome proposed the following items to be voted on: donations to Mentone Boy Scout Troop 106, Moon Lake School, and The Wild Animal Preserve. Amelia Kirk Lolli made a motion to give donations, seconded by LC Moon, which passed.

The two MAPA festivals were discussed. Additional motions were proposed and a discussion was had to amend the bylaws to prohibit adoption of a deficit budget and if it turns out to have a deficit, the deficit would be carried over to subsequent years.

The dues for membership were discussed, including \$20 for couples, to begin in January. Motion made and passed. Motion to adjourn.

NOTE OF THANKS

Mentone Educational Resources Foundation-MERF would like to thank the Mentone Arts Community Council MACC and the talented local hands for the wonderful, fun mosaic bench placed in front of the community house. It will make everyone smile as they enter the premises with the colorful, decorative flowers. Thank you to all the kids that helped Linda Munoz, Heather Nicely and Lynn Cox create such a cheerful piece of art for our community to enjoy.



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COUNCIL PLACE 5 - GERALD BAILEY

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SLATE MCDORMAN - 39

COUNCIL SEATS:

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HEATHER NICELY - 56

PLACE 2, WESLEY GRIFFITH - 149

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Public Notice

The 2008 quarterly meeting dates for the Mentone Planning Commission, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 3rd Thursday of the following months:

Thursday, October 16, 2008
Thursday, January 15, 2009

All meetings will be held beginning at 5:00 PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 dates for the Mentone Waterworks Board, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be at 4:00 PM on the 4th Thursday as follows:

Thursday, September 25
Thursday, October 23
Thursday, November 20
Thursday, December 18

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Mentone Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board of the Mentone Town Hall, adjacent to the Water office. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 meeting dates for the Mentone Town Council, 5972 AL Hwy 117, Mentone, AL will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6PM, as follows:

Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 6:00 PM in the Mentone Town Hall meeting room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, or place, a notice will be posted on the bulletin board at the Mentone Town Hall. A notice of any special or called meeting will also be posted on the same bulletin board prior to the meeting date and time.

Public Notice

The 2008 meeting dates for the Valley Head Water Works Board, 101 School Street, Valley Head, AL as follows:

Monday, September 8
Monday, October 13
Monday, November 10
Monday, December 8

All meetings will be held beginning at 4:00 PM in the Valley Head Water Works office in the board room. Should there be any changes in the date, time, place, or there is a special called meeting, a notice detailing changes will be posted in the lobby of the Valley Head Water Works building prior to the meeting.

NOTICE

Senior lunches begin on Wednesday, September 10th through Wednesday, November 12th at the MERF Community House. Come join us at 11:30 a.m. for food, singing and fun. Anyone interested in helping with lunch, please contact Sue Henry at 634-4599 or Kathy McMunn at 634-4575.

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SEPTEMBER

- September 1 - LABOR DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- Mondays - September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 6:30PM,
N.L.M.V.F.P.D. Weekly Meeting
- Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 PM, MAPA Meeting,
MERF House
- Monday, September 8, 6PM, Mentone Town Council
Meeting, Town Hall meeting room, open to the public
- Tuesday, September 9, 10 AM, Rhododendron
Garden Club, MERF House
- Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 PM, Post 215 Meeting,
American Legion Hall
- Thursday, September 25, 4PM, Mentone Waterworks
Board Meeting, Board Room, open to the public

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 - Cynthia Luck;
Bernise Crow, in memory of;
Joseph "Buddy" Bell
- 2 - Huey Mathews
- 3 - Dorma Hutcheson;
Dianne Tindel
- 5 - Jim Gaylord, in memory of
- 6 - Cecelia Jackson
- 7 - Heather Nicely
- 8 - Joanne Crowe
- 9 - MaKenna Purvis
- 10 - Leola Owens
- 11 - Daniel Wilson
- 13 - Karen Wright; Ann Wright;
Chris Gaskin
- 14 - Brittany Blalock
- 16 - Brooklyn Wright
- 17 - Dylan Pannell
- 18 - George Lillich; Tammy Hill
- 21 - Jim Kendrick
- 22 - Gwen Foster; Dessie Bailey
- 23 - Dorothy Crow; Sam Sutton
- 24 - Wesley Chesnut
- 25 - W.B. McCurdy in memory of;
Bradley Wright; Collie Griffith
- 26 - Jim Jones; Samuel Roberts,
Chloe Griffith
- 27 - Angela Wood
- 30 - Harriett Lillich; Kaitee McGee

Anniversaries:

- 1 - Jack & Olive Jones;
Donald & Edna Morgan
- 5 - John & Jan Wilkinson;
Wayne & Cynthia Wooten
- 15 - Joe R. & Leola Owens;
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- 19 - Kathy & Bob Crow
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The Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The Valley Head Baptist Church invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship. Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer time. Located at 4212 County Road 751, Valley Head. 635-1001.

Visitors are always welcome at the **Valley Head United Methodist Church**. Please join us each Sunday morning for a traditional worship service at 9AM.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song service: 9:30-10:45 AM, Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor- Wilbur Atwood; Lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

The Harmony Grove Baptist Church located on County Road 239 invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM and worship at 11AM. Sunday evening service is at 5PM. Thursday evening service is at 5:30PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds Mass Services at 11AM each Sunday; Scripture and Communion Services at 6PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular Worship Services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, Pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 North of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at

10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30PM.

The Fort Payne Christian Center and Pastors Ken and Elaine Hollman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10 AM, Wednesday evening at 6PM. God Bless you.

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA), 5760 Gault Ave., NE, Fort Payne, AL. Rev. Billy Dempsey, Pastor, Sunday School 9:45AM; Sunday Worship - 10:55AM.

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10- and-11AM services and evening services are at 7-and-9PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM.

The Mentone Revival Center and Pastor LeRoy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM and 11AM, and Sunday night at 6PM. Wednesday night 6:30PM. Homecoming is August 10. Brother Charles Elrod will be preaching and the Faith Walkers will be singing. Everyone is welcome.

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

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church - a place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The Mentone United Methodist Church services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Daniel Lee of Rainsville is the pastor.

Moon Lake Baptist Church invites you to worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:45AM, with classes for all ages. Morning Worship is at 11AM. The Lords Supper is observed on the first Sunday of September, December, March, and June at the morning worship hour. Discipleship Training is at 5:00PM and Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00PM. On Wednesdays, Team Kids; Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting are all at 6:30PM. The interim pastor at Moon Lake Baptist is Rev. Terry Turner.

Alpine Community Church, 115 Hwy 337, Menlo, GA. Pastor and Rev. Tommy Pledger welcome each and everyone to worship service, Sunday morning, 11AM, GA time; Sunday School 10AM GA time; Wed. Night Bible Study, 7PM GA time.

Cove Road Baptist Church, County Road 631, Mentone, Alabama. Brother Marlin Starnes, Interim Pastor, welcomes all to Sunday School - 9AM (10AM GA time); Church Services 10AM (11AM GA time); and Sunday night services 5PM (6PM GA time).

Summit Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School-10AM; Morning Worship-11AM. Sunday evening-6PM. Wednesday evening-6:30PM. Randall Beagles welcomes all.

Mentone Community Church Schedule: Sundays: Sunday School 9:30AM; Worship 10:30AM; Family Service or Small Groups 6:30PM. Wednesdays at 6:30PM; Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group; Adult Bible Study.

Mentone Church of God of Prophecy regular service times are Sunday School at 10AM, with worship at 11AM.

Evening services begin at 5:30 on Sunday and 6 on Wednesday. Rev. Dean Clair invites everyone to attend.

New Pastor for Mentone Church of God of Prophecy Reverend Dean Clair began his term as pastor of the Mentone Church of God of Prophecy on May 1. Reverend Clair has a wide range of experience in the pulpit and in other facets of his life. He most recently served as pastor in Oregon. He and wife Evelene have five sons. Further information will be forthcoming in another article. Everyone is invited to attend our services and enjoy the inspired ministry of our new pastor.

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DEVOTIONAL

By Evelyn Graves

When my oldest niece was very young, I lay down with her in an attempt to get her to take a nap. I read her little Sunday School lesson to her, and the memory verse was, "Cast all of your cares upon Him, for He careth for you." I asked Jan to repeat the portion of the verse that she was to commit to memory, "He careth for you." She repeated in a very serious tone what she had understood me to say, "He carried it for you." I patiently repeated the correct words until she was able to say them. Her version of that verse has stuck with me all of these fifty years. By misunderstanding only two words in that verse, a little child was able to enlarge upon the overwhelming mission of Christ. He truly "cared" enough for us as individuals to "carry" the old rugged cross to Golgotha's Hill and there sacrifice His own life that we as sinful beings might be able to escape death, inherit life everlasting, and to live life more abundantly. What a loving, caring Saviour we serve!

LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

The big news this month is the book sale which was held in conjunction with the longest yard sale. On Wednesday, August 6, several members gathered to move the donated books from the MERF Community House to the front porch of the Moon Lake Library. The books were sorted and arranged on tables by other volunteers. Thursday morning the tarps were removed and the book sale was open for business. The amount of sales for every day was very good and the profit was deemed well worth the effort of all involved. We are now in need of more donated books for the February book sale. Bring them to the library during open hours only, school is in session and we do not enter the library or leave books by the doors during school hours.

The Board of Directors held the regular meeting on July 17. The main topic of discussion was the 2009 calendar. It is now time to renew the ads and all of the information inside the calendar. Once again, I want to urge you to send any corrections to the address below or call any member of the BOD. Expect a member of the Board to call on you soon if you have taken an ad in the past. Ads and cost of calendar will remain the same.

It was announced that there are now twenty-three FRIENDS of the Library. You can join them for a donation of \$20.00 or more to the library. In return you will receive a pen and, if you ask for it, a book bag with the library logo and name imprinted on them. This money is used to buy new books and other needed items for the library. Several Christian fiction series have been completed recently. Special events are planned during the year for this group of volunteers.

We need volunteers to work in the library. This has proven to be an enjoyable experience for our volunteers. You will always be working with Beverly Ashley, librarian, or some other volunteer. The procedure of checking books in and out is very simple and easy to learn. Write, call or tell Beverly if you are interested in this program.

I am asking the Groundhog staff to print the form for a calendar again. Watch for it and send it to us. Thank you.

Write to us: Moon Lake Community Library, P.O. Box 481, Mentone, Alabama 35984

RHODODENDRON GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By Linda Brown, Secretary

The Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone met August 12, 2008, at the M.E.R.F. Community House. Nine members and one guest, Cynthia Asbeck, were present. President, Martha Wood called the meeting to order by leading everyone in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America immediately followed by the reading of the Club Collect.

Margaret Baker introduced Annette Mason, manager of Petal Pushers Nursery in Fort Payne. Annette reviewed the plants that are available at the nursery and recommended some for fall planting. She led the members in a discussion of what gardening does for our mind, spirit and body. Everyone agreed that gardening has a very calming effect on the gardener. She spoke of the many joys and pleasures derived from gardening. The members pelted Annette with many questions regarding gardening and landscaping.

Refreshments were served by Lucette Dix and Peggy Roark. The theme was designed around a beautiful purple orchid which was given as the door prize.

Martha surprised the members with the announcement of the winning of the Jessie M. Conner Award #54-A, Education Award from National Garden Clubs, Inc. The best part of the award was the check enclosed with the Certificate of Award.

The VFW Fair fall flower show was discussed. The members signed to help with the registration and judging for the show.

Several announcements were made and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be:

September 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.E.R.F. Community House.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of Northeast Alabama Federation of Garden Clubs; District II; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.; and the Deep South Region.



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Students ages 11 and older will enjoy live music, Christian dramas, a message from the youth pastor and ice cream sundaes afterward. The youth service will begin at 7:00.

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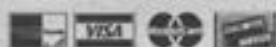
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The Train

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It is Thursday morning, June 14th, 2007. I am sitting outside on the deck of a mountain cabin that sits high on the Ridge in Mentone, Alabama. The birds are singing and the sun is shining. I hear a woodpecker and a mockingbird. The wind blows, releasing the rain from the leaves from the night before and sprinkling me as I wait on prayer time. Everyday is a new day, a new baptism, promise of a new revelation of God's love. I wait expectantly for a word from my Lord. I ask for a more personal relationship. He is drawing me close.

I have been like the puppy, needing a leash lest I go running off to the pleasures and pressures of this world. God has drawn me to himself with His steadfast hand and now I come and sit at His feet or even in His lap waiting to be fed and comforted, trusting I will be given love and comfort. He now trusts me with the deeper mysteries of the spiritual world. I wait with anticipation the

secrets to be revealed today.

I must confess there have been many days that I have not had this quiet peace. I would awaken with dread and fear and not want to even face the day. I have been experiencing strange symptoms that cause difficulty when swallowing and speaking. Other symptoms like cramps and pains in my arms and legs would scream that there is something terribly wrong. Anxiety would turn to fear and fear would turn to panic. I would become like the girl in the old silver tone movies that was tied to the train tracks with ropes and the train was coming down the track. All the crying and screaming did not release me. I had no control over my situation. The cords that bound me held firm. The only relief came when I was utterly exhausted and there were no more tears.

This morning in the mountains my spirit is lifted and I thank the Lord for the day. Far down in the valley I hear a freight train. Even though it is many miles away I can hear the clack of the wheels and the whistle blow as it nears the crossing in Ft. Payne. Finally I see the train between the trees and watch as it slowly rolls down the valley. Then I hear a voice speak to my heart. It is very forceful and demands attention. "Barbara,

the train! The train! Barbara, the train!" I lift my hands and question. "The train.. what do you mean?" "Think, Barbara, think." Immediately, I see a flashback in my mind of a scene from a silly movie that I had watched with Gracie, my granddaughter the night before, "Night in the Museum" with Ben Stiller. He takes a job as a night watchman, but what he doesn't know is the museum characters come to life at night. He experiences many funny and sometimes fearful situations as he encounters the animals and people that have mysteriously come to life.

The one scene that came back to my mind was in the Wild West area of the museum. The tiny wax figures with their angry attitudes reminded me of Gulliver's Travels. They tie up the watchman, Lilliputian style with their tiny cords and cause him to fall onto the railroad tracks. The cowboys shout, "Kill him. Throw the switch." The locomotive starts down the track toward the watchman. He struggles. The train blows the whistle and keeps coming. The music in the movie reaches a loud crescendo. He looks doomed. There is no help in sight. Just as the train is about to roll over him, the watchman turns his head and with his nose knocks the

train and it topples over like the toy that it is. The watchman also realizes at this time the cords that bind him are only threads which he can easily break. He breaks them and he is free.

As I sit in the cool of the mountain air, I think about the sweetness of the Lord to give me a simple word picture so I could understand that fear has no substance. I am reminded of scripture that tells me fear is not from the Lord, but love and power and a sound mind. He has given me the power to topple a train of fear. Many verses start coming to mind like sweet old songs that have lodged deep in my memory. From Philippians I remember, "Be anxious in nothing." A verse I carried with me through all the hard medical tests can be found in Isaiah 41: 13. For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you." In the book of Hebrews God reminds me, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

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FROM THE REAL SOUTH

John Baty

Traditionally writers from other latitudes have pictured the South as a land of Magnolia blossoms, white fields and watermelons.

Movies about the South, starring alleged Southerners, have had their actors and actresses trying to affect the Southern speech to the extent that the result was some grotesque and ludicrous failure.

I (and most of the people I have known on a first-name basis) am from the South. If one were to draw a circle with radius of 300 miles and place the center somewhere around these parts, he would circumscribe a whole bunch of what I feel is the so-called Southeast. So, I guess, at least geographically, I qualify as a Southerner. And note that I spell "Southerner" with an **R**.

I am not so young now, so do recall times when people claiming a heritage of "Old South" could be found around small towns and who apparently felt a need to eliminate all the "R" sound from their speech.

Now, that practice was perfectly benign and entirely within the confines of the First Amendment. We have no criticism of anyone who wishes to indulge in the image.

It has been, and is puzzling, though, how the movie industry grabbed a characteristic which represented only a small percentage of us and superimposed it onto the all of us.

My experience has been that when one leaves the small towns (and larger ones) and travels the so-called "Back Roads," the speech on average runs counter to that which we are told by people from elsewhere is standard here.

I was raised in a land where yellow was "yaller" and each spring and summer we inhaled the aromas of Crepe Myrtle, Forsythia, Rose of Sharon and Wisteria. No Magnolia except the Poplar tree. In the fall, we ate punkin pie and talked about the big Spreadnatter (Spreading Adder) we killed last summer. Parents rapped their newborn in a pillar case and weighed the little fellar on a set of Stilliards (Steel Yard). In the winter, we sat by the farr place and waited for the time when ol' Sainty would come. We cracked Hickernuts for treats and listened to Roy on the Grand ol' Opera. So much for the reminiscing.

We are told today that we are living in an age of cosmopolitanism, regional pride is non-existent, Nationalism was yesterday's temporary dream, and we are part of a global community. If we abhor inferior products not made in America and haven't read *Pale Blue Dot*, then we are behind the times. And we really orta start using more R's.

I once was experiencing some discomfort in the scary chest area and went down to see a heart specialist; a fellar sporting more latitude. He looked a lot like the actor on the old television series, "Who's The Boss."

After his exam, he went across the hall and spoke to someone. He left the door to my exam room open and I heard him say to his nurse: "No, I think Southerners are just lazy and don't want to work hard at speaking."

The doctor ordered a Chemical Stress test and I duly presented myself for the procedure.

The doctor was not there, and after considerable delay, a classy young lady appeared. She was wearing heels, a two-piece suit and had a fresh hair-do. She had no name tag or other identification. She could have been the technician who administered the procedure, or she could have been the cleaning lady headed to a funeral.

I opened my mouth to verify, but they shot something into the IV and I forgot what it was I was planning to ask.

I experienced considerable difficulty getting the results of my test. Finally I was told that "everything was negative" and I should "continue doing what I had been doing."

It is with grim reminiscence I recall that three weeks after the above exam, I underwent cardiac by-pass surgery for "near-complete" blockages. Please excuse the personal.

The next cardiologist I saw said his name was "Bubber" and that he was raised up thar in Polecat Holler.

I don't understand though, if the South is such a butt of ridicule why the people from yon city are buying up all the little moonshine hollers and building mansions to beat Hollywood.

I love all people, even the ones who try to perpetuate some antebellum accents; even the ones who eat cone pone.

We are canning today. We were able to grow a few vegetables this year as the season and rain were friendly. We planted four kinds of corn: Some mixed white-yellow sweet corn, some Trucker's Favorite, a small amount of multicolored "Indian" corn, and a very small circle of popcorn (in the yard).

Some okra was planted in one row "internally" to the corn. That was a mistake. The corn robbed the okra of light. What did survive, the deer ate.

But our tomatoes did well and we had plenty of corn despite two visits by a family of Raccoons. In one place in the sweet corn, it looked like someone had driven a bush-hog with a dull blade through a couple of rows. Now, I consider myself a conservationist (of sorts) and I try to keep peace with hungry and marauding animals, but those 'coons! They would pull down a stalk, rip back the shuck, eat two bites then haul down another stalk. I knew that well-fed grandchildren sometimes have a hard time deciding, but hungry coons?

We still had plenty though. I did put a wire trap in the patch. Didn't set it, just a reminder that even the most stoic conservationist has a limit to tolerance.

Today, we are making soup. She is boiling, dipping, pouring. I am well - - I'm writing right now. I did peel some tomatoes and burn my thumb. Glad it wasn't my fingers I use to note the guitar. One can sorta wrap the thumb over the big E and get by — by faking it a little.

We discussed how our mothers canned and preserved. I asked if she had ever heard of a "Community Canning." "No," was the answer. I told about a big day of canning at the old Bankhead School-Church building. I was very young but remember the mood of the event and the lasting impression it had on me. My Mother went and helped though later she summed it up by saying that she could have done her vegetables at home for less work. But it also served as a social event. World War II was in progress and most every mother there had a son, or sons, in service.

I think, but do not know for certain, that the wartime canning operation was an attempt to revive a custom which had languished and fallen out of favor.

I wonder: Is there anyone else who was there and remembers that day(s)?

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SEPTEMBER, THE NINTH MONTH OF A.D. 2008

by John S. Whitaker

The word September comes from the Latin word *septem*, which means seven. This month will have some warm summer days as summer wanes, and then comes the season of autumn, or fall. Many areas recognize it as a harvest season.

The flower for this month is the morning glory, and the sapphire is the gem.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

1* Labor Day is a day set aside to recognize the working people of our country. My father often said, "Hard work never hurt nobody." There have been a few times I questioned his statement, but basically it is true.

*German troops invaded Poland in 1938, starting WWII.

* Republicans begin their convention today in their final attempt to gain the presidency.

2* Japan signed the unconditional surrender papers, and thus WW II was ended in 1945. This day is known as VJ Day (Victory over Japan Day).

3* Great Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, 1783, and this ended the Revolutionary War. The 13 colonies were now free and independent.

6* President William McKinley (1843-1901) was shot by Leon F. Czolgosz, and the two slugs he fired caused the President's death on September 14, 1901. During President McKinley's term,

America had fought and won the Spanish-American War. This resulted in America's becoming a world power.

7* Brazil proclaimed its independence in 1822. This break from Portugal was achieved without bloodshed. Pedro I was proclaimed emperor.

*Grandparent's Day is a day to recognize our grandparents. We owe them a great deal of respect for their leadership and courage.

8* St. Augustine, Florida, was settled by Spaniards and became the first permanent settlement in America in 1565.

9* California became the 31st state of the Union in 1850.

12* The U.S.S.R. launched the first rocket to the moon in 1959.

14* In 1814, as British forces bombarded Fort M'Henry, Francis Scott Key wrote the words of our national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner.

15* British armed forces, in 1916, became the first to use military tanks in war.

17* The U.S. Constitution was signed on this day in 1787.

* Constitution Day and Citizenship Day are observed in America on this date.

Every citizen of America is native born; and those who are naturalized have an obligation to be good citizens.

19* The Battle of Chickamauga during the War Between the States began in 1863. Confederate States of America troops won this battle under the guidance of General Braxton Bragg.

* President James A. Garfield (1831-

1881) died from the two shots of his assassin, Charles J. Guiteau. He had been shot on July 2, 1881, but doctors could not find and remove the fatal shot. Infection from the shot actually caused his death in 1881.

22* Today is the first day of autumn. (Maybe we'll have some cooler weather now.)

* Nathan Hale was put to death as a spy by the British in 1776. His "words before his hanging, 'I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country,' inspired courage and faith in other patriots.

25* Vasco Nunez de Balboa (1475?-1519) discovered the Pacific Ocean in 1513.

* The first American newspaper, *Publick Occurrences*, appeared in Boston in 1690.

* Amendment 12 to the Constitution was proclaimed in 1804. It provided for the separate choice of President and Vice-President, and it fixed a time limit on the House of Representatives, in case they are called upon to elect a President.

29* Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset and is the first day of the Jewish New Year.

THOUGHT: Time is precious; therefore, use it wisely. Since we can't relive the past, neither can we always live our plans for the future, let us live wisely today. Good things are worth our doing; pursue them.

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St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Welcomes New Rector

By Joan Byrum

St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church is pleased to welcome a new rector who will begin her work with the Parish the first week in September. The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley-Jones will deliver her first sermon on September 7th. She and her husband Butch come to Mentone from Christ Church in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, where Rev. Wheatley-Jones served as Rector and Butch worked as the Director of the Mission on the Bay Recovery, which assisted in the clean up and recovery efforts after hurricane Katrina.

Rev. Elizabeth (she has requested that we call her Elizabeth) is a graduate of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and received her Master's degree in Seminary Studies in Austin, Texas. She served Christ Church in Bay St. Louis for four years leading the Parish through a difficult time of putting their lives back together after the devastation of Katrina. The Search Committee at St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain was looking for just such a Priest. A Priest who would want to reach out in a way that would bring St. Joseph's closer to our community. One who would live in Mentone and be an active part of our community. One who would work closely with the other churches in Mentone to help meet the needs of the people on our Mountain.

As the Search Committee did their job, Providence was hard at work, too. On a trip to Tennessee traveling north on I-59, Butch saw the sign to Mentone and made a quick detour in their trip. As a child, he had spent summers at Camp Alpine and wanted Elizabeth to see the area. They stopped at the Mentone Market for directions. Little did they know that those "directions" would lead Elizabeth to the church that was looking for her-straight to St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain.

The members of St. Joe's invite you to hear Elizabeth's sermon on September 7th. You are welcome each Sunday at 10:30 A.M to join us in worship. In the late 60s and early 70s, it was the people of this mountain who built St. Joe's out of recycled materials and gifts of windows, doors and pews from other churches. They had no idea their beautiful little church would become a landmark in Mentone and the subject of many photographs and artists' paintings. With Elizabeth's leadership, the members of St. Joe's want to honor that heritage through service to the community and by never forgetting the hands who built us.

Currently, one of St. Joe's outreach missions is a food cart positioned in the log room of the church. It is there all the time for those who are hungry to take what they need, leaving some for others. Because of current economic circumstances, there is a desperate need for this outreach program. If you would like to be a part of this mission, please contact the church office:

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The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center Celebrates 9 years!

The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center has just celebrated its 9th birthday. This local non profit organization is open to all. It is a spiritual community without religious focus. As such, the LMWC welcomes everyone! People from many different backgrounds have found a place where spiritual matters are central and differing religious viewpoints are welcomed and explored.

The group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month to live out its mission which is "To love, to serve, to learn, to teach, to heal, to pray, to play! To nurture and support each individual's search for spiritual truth".

The group is always on the lookout for ways to be of service. Small acts of service are plentiful and encouraged and each year the group also decides on several larger projects. At Christmas each year, gifts are purchased for families in need and for several years now, the group has made donations of laptop computers and printers to graduating seniors from Valley Head who have shown academic or vocational excellence.

Other projects have included community Spanish classes which were held at the Rock Ridge Retreat center in Valley Head, the group's home base, senior care and sponsorship of teacher training for the professionals at Moon Lake school. Over the past nine years, The Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center has given over \$30,000.00 in personal scholarships, donations to charitable organizations, individuals in need and to local groups.

One session each month is usually set aside as a time to come together and share and pray for each other, our selves, our community, the nation and the world. One Wednesday night each month features a presentation. Some presenters have come from as far away as England, when Carole Isis brought us her uplifting and beautiful music in a performance. Some presenters come right from our own group, allowing us to fulfill part of our mission "to teach". The group welcomes its own members to present what they are learning and passionate about.

Because the center is wholistic, and concerned with the "whole" life, not every presentation is on a spiritual topic. In July, Carolyn Lawson shared her professional tips and spiritual point of view on the art of Organizing and De-cluttering. In August 20, Susan Cheronas, who is a certified technician of the Digital Pulsewave Analyzer offered cardiovascular screenings and a program on cardiovascular wellness.

In our sessions we have explored everything from butterfly gardens to spiritual music, healing principles and different forms of prayer such as guided prayer while drawing, connecting our right brain to the prayer process, creating "visual prayers" through collage, as well as exploring different types of prayer methods suggested by different authors whose books we have shared together in our inspirational book club.

We even have an inspirational author in our group! The Rev. Edwene Gaines is the author of The Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity, a chart topping book outlining Edwene's basic prosperity principles which she has researched, lived and taught for 33 years. A Christian Unity minister since 1979, Edwene travels about 50 days of each year all over the country teaching, by invitation, these and other spiritual principles which have been the focus of her life. She made a commitment to God in 1976 to be 100% responsible for the transformation of prosperity consciousness on planet earth!

Edwene is a dynamic and open-hearted speaker whose amazing energy enlivens all who hear her. In 2006 she was honored by the International New Thought Alliance with the Torchbearer for New Thought Award. That same year she was also honored by the Association of Unity Churches International with the Light of God Expressing award at their annual conference on board an Alaskan cruise.

The group is kept together by Kathie Kirby who sees to it that everyone gets mail updates and notices when members of our group request prayer for themselves or loved ones.

This welcoming group invites you to be a part of their spiritual community where your spiritual background is respected and you are free to share your points of view with others who are spiritual seekers.

Contact Kathie Kirby for more information at 256-845-9585 or email bookmt@bellsouth.net, or join the group the 1st & 3rd Wednesday night at 6:30 Alabama time in Valley Head at the Rock Ridge Retreat Center.

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RAMBLIN

By Bill Crane

We got here as planned, but we are still awaiting the much cooler temperatures than those we left. 90 degree temperature is not cooler than what we left. The high temperatures have dropped into the high 80's, which is more like it.

Fall sports have awakened and will soon be in full swing. Football teams, amateur and professional, are practicing and getting ready for the annual "who's the best" schedule. Baseball is on the downhill side of the mountain, while the Olympics will be history in a few days. Basketball will soon get started. So, there will be something on the tube to suit everyone's taste.

Let's look at baseball first, since it will soon be World Series time. There is one thing for sure, and that is the Braves won't be in it, nor will they even make the play-offs this year. I don't know what happened to them. It looks like they have given up - from the top to the bottom. It must be painful to Chipper to play when there is no hope for tomorrow. True, they have been besieged with injuries. Their three top pitchers are out for the season, and several players, including Chipper has been on the DL. But, is that a reason to trade their slugging first baseman, and clean-up hitter, away for nothing in

exchange? Maybe time will explain what's up with the Brave organization. There may be a Chicago World Series as both the White Sox and Cubs lead their division. The best team in baseball at the moment is the Los Angeles Angels. The White Sox will have to get by them to get in the World Series. The Cubs will have an easier time as they will have to beat the Mets, Dodgers, and Brewers, which they have done in the regular season. I'm not forsaking the Red Sox, but I'd like to see a Chicago World Series if the Red Sox lose out on winning it. What has happened to the Yankees? Time does change things! And, not a word from George Steinbrenner. I must be dreaming! At the rate they are now playing, the Yankees won't make the play-offs. When was the last time that happened? I think the owner is finding out what a good manager he had last year.

Now for the Olympics. Unbelievable things are happening in Beijing. A U.S. swimmer by the name of Michael Phelps entered eight events and won all eight! That is a record, and won't be matched in our lifetime, I don't think. If you have never heard of Michael Phelps, don't despair for you are going to hear and see that name many, many times in the future. America has won more medals than China although China has won more gold metals to

place second on the list. I give China a 10 on hosting the Olympics this summer. Our athletes are in excellent shape and are performing greatly. All in all, our performers are getting better each year, so I'm taking back my thoughts of their being softies compared to past athletes.

Golf has a new star! His name is Harrington. He has won the last two contests in an impressive fashion. I don't know whether the absence of Tiger Woods has anything to do with his winning. We shall find out early next year when Tiger returns, but Harrington has taken the cake for now. What about Phil Michelson, Ernie Els, and the other old timers? They seem to have lost their touch. With Tiger gone, they had a wonderful opportunity to take over the top spot, but they couldn't do it. They may be over the hill, and Harrington is the new challenger to Tiger. Time will tell.

Now for football. Thought I had forgotten it, eh? Unbelievable things are happening in football as well as Olympics. Bret Favre, the Hall of Fame quarterback of the Green Bay Packers, is now the New York Jets quarterback! I thought he would spend all of his career with the Packers, and he did retire from them early this year. But then, he had second thoughts about retiring and decided to play again. The Packers already had a

quarterback, so they traded him to the Jets. No one will believe him the next time he says he is retiring. He has been a super quarter back ranking with the best through the years. He could thread a needle with his passes, and it will be interesting to see if he can still do it.

Probably the most unbelievable thing that has happened this year has been both AP and USA Today ranking the Georgia football team number 1 in their preseason poll. The pollsters are the only ones believing this as no one else does. In fact, the SEC coaches in their preseason get together said that Florida would win the East Division and Auburn the West Division with Florida winning the championship game. Georgia and LSU were rated second. The AP rated four of the SEC teams in the top ten in their preseason poll, with TN eighteenth and Alabama twenty-fourth. Ala has a big game with the preseason ACC champs, Clemson, on August 28. Who will win? It's a toss-up in my book. Will the Alabama coach justify his salary this year by beating Auburn, or is the \$8 million wasted again? I'll have to look at the local teams later for there is not much to be said now about them as they are playing their first games.

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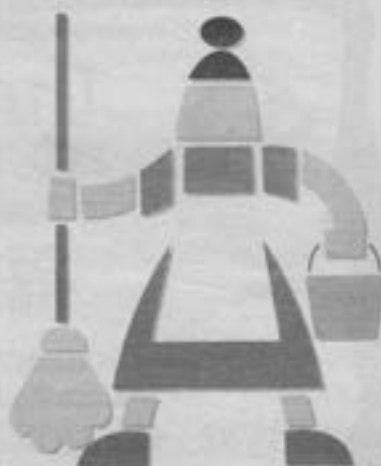
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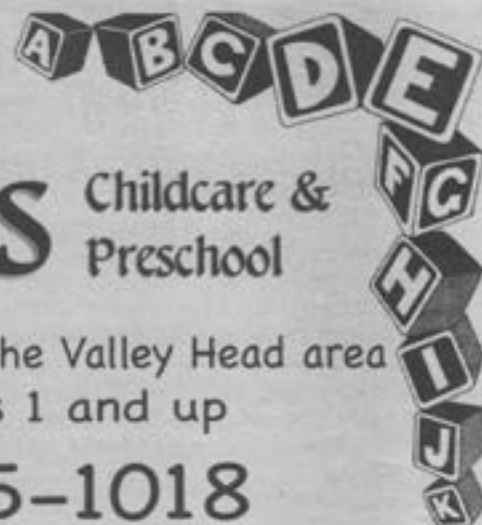
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The Civil War

September 1863, two years into the Civil War, was extremely dry; streams and ponds were dried up in Mentone and across the land. There was a thick layer of dust over everything. Little River and DeSoto Falls, called Indian Falls at the time, still had water, according to historians who wrote that Union forces camped along Little River.

The Union General W. S. Rosecrans' Army of the Cumberland had driven Confederate General Braxton Bragg out of Kentucky into Chattanooga, Tennessee, with the Army of the Cumberland in hot pursuit. General Rosecrans' three corps crossed the Tennessee River. The 21st Corps under Major-General Thomas L. Crittenden was sent in the direction of Chattanooga. Major-General George H. Thomas with the 14th Corps was ordered up Johnston's Creek near Trenton, Georgia, on the west side of Lookout Mountain into McLemore's Cove. Major-General Alexander McD. McCook with the 20th Corps was to cross Lookout Mountain from Valley Head to Alpine, Georgia, near Menlo with the intention of continuing on to Summerville, Georgia, to stop Bragg's intended retreat to Rome, Georgia.

Bragg waited and watched until all of Rosecrans' army was across the Tennessee River to make his retreat. He feared his supply lines might be cut off from Atlanta. The Federal generals thought that General Bragg would retreat to Rome, Georgia, but he retreated only about twenty-eight miles to LaFayette, Georgia.

McCook's 20th Corps crossed Sand Mountain with an estimated strength of between 20,000 and 40,000 troops. Arriving at Valley Head, September 3, 1863, the Union headquarters was made at the home of Colonel William O. Winston, and was under the command of Brig.-General Jefferson C. Davis. (No relation to Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy). The troops put up tents and camped in and about Winston and Allen Springs.

Ascending Lookout Mountain, the advance cavalry camped along Little River the evening of September 3, 1863.

By September 10, 1863, part of the 20th Corps had heaved and pushed wagons through brush and boulders, deep dust and sand across the mountain at Mentone to near Alpine, Georgia.

General Rosecrans was elated at the ease with which Major-General Crittenden took Chattanooga September 9, 1863. He quickly realized that he was no longer the pursuer but the pursued; that he had been trapped, his Army scattered between mountain ranges, and he was almost cut off from his supply-the railroad. Rosecrans had been outmaneuvered by Bragg. McCook's troops were ordered to join Thomas; McCook again crossed Lookout Mountain at Mentone. Following on September 19th and 20th was one of the

bloodiest battles of the Civil War, the Battle of Chickamauga.

Because of Colonel Winston's vote of loyalty to the Union not to secede during the Secession Convention, there was an order given by General Davis that nothing was to be disturbed at Winston Place. Other settlers of the area did not fare so well, as extensive raids were made by the Federal troops on the sheep, cattle, corn and other food products of the area.

The story is told that one hungry soldier disobeyed orders and sneaked into Mrs. Winston's kitchen and snatched a baked hen reposing on the oven door. The startled black cook raised the hue and cry when she saw the fleeing soldier with the baked hen in his hands.

Upon learning of the incident, an indignant but fearless Mrs. Winston marched down to General Davis' headquarters and informed him of the theft.

The punishment of the soldier was prompt and severe. He was strung up to the limb of a tree by his thumbs in the front yard of the place. To make the punishment even more severe, he was placed so that he had to face the afternoon sun.

Will, one of the Winston sons, was a cadet at West Point at the time the War between the States broke out. He became involved in a heated argument with fellow cadets. The argument ended when young Will broke a plate over the head of a cadet, stalked from the room, and returned home to Winston Place.

He joined the Confederate Army, formed a company of soldiers, and used a large field on Lowry Road (Valley Head) as his drill site.

Both Will and his brother George gave their lives to the cause of the Confederacy. Both are buried in the Winston family cemetery which lies at the back of the house.

Other than a small skirmish between opposing troops which took place in Winston Gap, no major battle was fought in the area.

History books state that thousands of troops camped in Valley Head, came up Winston's Gap, camped at DeSoto Falls and along Little River, crossed the mountain into Alpine, Georgia, and a week or so later returned by the same route.

The Old Alpine Road started at Price's Switch between Valley Head and Fort Payne; it was the mail route to Alpine, Georgia, and frequently used. There was a small station beside the railroad tracks for the railroad to drop off mail. All work on the railroad stopped during the Civil War and the trains came only as far south as Valley Head. Afterward work resumed and service was continued beyond Valley Head to Price's Switch and Fort Payne.

Allen's Spring and Winston Spring were in the vicinity. Early settlers could wave a train down going in either direction; the train would stop and pick up passengers. From Price's Switch, the Old Alpine Road meanders up from the valley to Mentone and is still used. DeKalb County Road 106, the Old Alpine Road, went up the hill by Camp Alpine to continue east to Flat Landing Ford to cross the east branch of Little River into Alpine, Georgia; part of the old road is now a trail.

The Union forces could have crossed Little River at many places during the dry season when the river was low. The area

south of the Old Alpine Road and between the East Fork and the West Fork of Little River was known as the "Forks in the River" community.

Evidence of the presence of Union troops has been found along Little River at camps and resorts. Minie balls used as rifle bullets in the nineteenth century have been found in Mentone.

And what is known of people living in the Mentone area around the time of the Civil War?

The U.S. Census of 1840 revealed that DeKalb County had 5,929 settlers. By 1850 there were 8,245, including 506 slaves and 9 free blacks. Most of these people lived in the valley where the land was more suitable for farming. The area around Mentone had more inhabitants than Mentone itself—communities such as Holly Springs, Forks of the River, Little River, and Head River, Georgia.

Built of logs some time between 1850 and 1865, the Holly Springs Baptist Church was used also as a school and as a public meeting place. Split logs were used for benches. The only known early teachers were Lawrence Dider Smith and his wife Lula Leola Blake Smith, who taught after the Civil War years.

The Little River Church was first known as the Baptist Church of Christ and was active between 1850 and 1859. The Kirby field house and members' homes were also used as meeting places. When the Kirby house burned, money was raised for a church building and land was deeded August 11, 1861 by M. J. Kingston, and a new church was built. Because of the war, no services were held between October 1861 and August 1865. The old church burned, and Little River Church was built in 1894 or 1895. It still stands in 1986.

One charter member of the church was John Christopher Crow, who was twelve years old in the Census of 1850. He was a Confederate soldier and had a grist mill at Little River about 1859.

In the 1850 Census, Hannah Crow, daughter of Isaac Crow and a sister of John Christopher Crow, was eight years old. She grew up to marry Greenberry Crow, no relation. At age sixteen, Greenberry enlisted in the Confederate Army, August 14, 1861. He was wounded April 16, 1864, shot in the left leg and right arm, and was a patient in the hospital in Rome, Georgia.

Jason C. Kirby married Elizabeth Crow in 1844 and moved to DeKalb County in 1851. They had nine children, one of whom was Thomas Nelson, born in 1849. During the Civil War Kirby was a soldier in the Union Army, stationed near Stevenson, Alabama. In 1864 he became ill, died, and was buried there. His wife Elizabeth left her fourteen-year-old daughter at home in charge of the younger children. She traveled to her husband on a mule, with her son Thomas Nelson walking beside her. She is buried in Little River Cemetery in Mentone.

William Calvin Perkins was born June 16, 1867, in Walker County, Georgia. As a young boy he moved to Mentone with his father Jim Madison Perkins, a Civil War veteran. He mentioned playing with Ned Jackson, a former slave who (in 1898) lived in the log cabin now part of Cragmere Manna Restaurant. William Calvin Perkins

carried mail from Valley Head to Mentone on horseback. He was a farmer and a sawmill and gristmill operator.

James Madison Blalock, a physician, was in the Confederate Army, but moved from Head River, Georgia, to the western part of the United States. Edith Blalock Lyday married John Miller Lyday, whose father, Edmond Socrates Lyday, was a young man during the Civil War. He told of stories of the wanton destruction of chickens, hogs, sheep and cows as the Union Army plundered through the Mentone area.

Lawrence Dider Smith married Lula Leola Blake, whose father Jack Blake owned a saddlery in Rome, Georgia, that was burned during Sherman's march through Georgia.

Charlotte and Francis Marion O'Rear had five sons, one of whom was John William O' Rear, born in 1850, and raised near Cloudland, Georgia. As a boy he climbed a tree and watched Union Army soldiers marching across the mountain; the tree was gray-white with dust.

Francis Marion O'Rear was deaf and was a non-commissioned officer in the Confederate Army. He was in charge of the commissary and for the most part found only thin cattle to slaughter for the troops.

Robert Vernon, born in 1845, built what is generally considered to be the first house in Mentone proper in 1864. It is the log cabin that in the 1980's forms the central structure of St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church.

"The Berry Patch" is the original home of Eldridge Jones who was born in 1811 and died of bullet shots in 1865.

Eldridge and William J. Jones married sisters. Eldridge married Elizabeth Lane and William J. married Julia Lane. The Lanes had extensive land holdings near Bankhead. They were one of the few families in the Mentone area who had slaves during the Civil War.

Eldridge Jones refused to take sides in the war. A Home Guard caught a Union soldier stealing fruit from the Jones' property and shot him. The following few hours or the next day a Union officer appeared on the scene to investigate. That night Eldridge was dragged from his home and shot to death and is buried in the Jones' cemetery.

Although Mentone was far removed from the issues of slavery and states' rights that are usually thought to have caused the Civil War, its impact on this small Appalachian town was heavy and direct.

Editor's note: Jan Pinson, niece of Evelyn Graves, Groundhog editor, was surfing the internet recently, and the Mentone page containing excerpts from Zora Strayhorn's book came up unexpectedly. Jan was delighted, not ever having seen this page, and sent it to her aunt immediately.

It is an interesting book, and since this excerpt gives an account of the Jones relatives (Evelyn's great-grandfather and Jan's great-great-grandfather Eldridge Jones, who died an untimely death during the Civil War), it is being shared with Groundhog readers. E.G.

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White Elephant Antiques and Gift Gallery

By Sarah Jacoway Chastain

White Elephant Antiques and Gift Gallery serves as a greeter ushering people into Mentone from the valley below.

After climbing the steps to the front porch, a necessary part of Southern heritage, the front door opens into an almost sensory overload of sights, smells and sounds. The sights include a part of southern history that includes antiques, quilts and glassware. A faint scent of muscadine from a nearby display furnishes the pleasant smell. The melodious tinkling of wind chimes and the refreshing sound of a fountain from the porch provide the sound.

If you ventured no further than the front room, the trip would be worthwhile but continuing through the 24 rooms and decorated halls brings so much more. Judy Pierce has owned The White Elephant, as those of us call it that are on "a first name basis", for ten years. She started off just renting a room in 1997. She then became assistant manager and finally owner. Explaining her journey to becoming owner she said, "The White Elephant just grabs you and takes hold of you."

The building was constructed in 1915 and was originally The Sunset Inn Hotel and later became the White Elephant. When Judy became owner and leased the building, the building's owner allowed her to keep the White Elephant name. Susan Akes is the assistant manager. She has also been an active dealer for seven years.

Nineteen people lease spaces and there are 12 on the waiting list so it's one of those places that you need to visit often because there's always something new. One of the most unusual items was an 1800's era wagon that had to be completely disassembled to get it in the building. It was then reassembled until it sold when the process had to be reversed.

Other unusual items include camel saddles, chastity belts, and a ball and chain from Alcatraz. One room is devoted to quilts, including classic designs, as well as more modern ones. Leo Poulimenos has leased a space for the entire time that Judy has been the owner. He specializes in antiques and copper items. Wes Chesnut, who specializes in antiques and difficult to find items, has also been a dealer for several years.

There is such a variety of beautiful glassware and it's enough to make the non collector with little space decide to make a purchase. The Village Boutique has occupied a room since 1999. It is full of unique jewelry, clothing and purses among other items.

Judy and Susan would like to invite their many loyal customers, as well as the entire area, to help them celebrate their 10th anniversary. There will be a sale the entire month of September with an opportunity to register for gift certificates.

The anniversary will culminate with the drawings for gifts certificates on September 28th. The grand prize will be a \$100 gift certificate with another \$50 gift certificate. The White Elephant Antique and Gift Gallery is open every day except Tuesday from 10-4.



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