

# the GROUNDHOG

Newsletter of MAPA  
Mentone Area Preservation Assn.  
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August Meeting  
Tuesday, August 3, 1982

Cloudmont Resort  
7 p. m.

SPEAKER: James R. Kuykendall, Acting President,  
Landmarks of DeKalb County, Inc.

We welcome one of the principal founding members of Landmarks, organized in 1969 for the purpose of "increasing and diffusing knowledge of historical information and to encourage preservation of structures of historical interest in DeKalb County." Accomplishments of Landmarks include restoration of the Fort Payne Opera House. Mr. Kuykendall will bring us up to date on Landmark activities. Introduction will be by Mary Ann Schroeder, program coordinator. The business session is presided over by director Bruce Bon Fleur.

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

DICKER DAY: Second of the Dicker Days at the Mentone Springs Hotel will be August 14, beginning at 7 a. m. Featured again will be antiques and primitives, country crafts, bric-a-brac, fresh produce, collectibles, and good food, especially hot dogs and cakes. Call 634-4741 for information about booths or anything else. In the future, Dicker Day will be on the second Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS: The following new officers were elected at the July meeting: Bruce Bon Fleur, director; Sandra Padgett, associate director; Bernise Crow, secretary-treasurer. Marie Shadgett was chairperson of the nominating committee. Grace Howard withdrew her nomination as associate director. Mary Ann Schroeder was named program coordinator. A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LIMIT TERMS OF OFFICERS TO THREE YEARS WILL BE ACTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SUCCESS STORY: The Crafts Festival was the best ever, according to president Linda Brown, who thanks the many, many persons who contributed to its success -- especially the groups from the Church of God and the Valley Head Athletic Club for the good food booths, United Methodist Church for the baked goods, the Fire Department for the drinks, and the Wesleyan Youth Group for the cupcakes and other goodies. On August 5th (Thursday) at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church at 7 p. m., a meeting will be held to evaluate this year's festival and to begin plans for next year. This is the last meeting of the Crafts Festival Committee until next March. All persons interested in the festival are invited to this meeting. Raymond Brown is vice president and Grace Howard, secretary-treasurer.

# CONGRATS!!

SIGN UP!

To MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50

In support of the objectives of MAPA which are  
 "for the purpose of preserving and protecting the  
 heritage, natural environment, and other unique  
 qualities of life in the Mentone area," I enclose  
 \$18 for voting membership privileges for one.

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JOIN US!

**STOUT SPEAKER:** "Everyone has heard about Mentone. They may not have been here, but they've heard about Mentone." So said Representative David Stout at the July MAPA meeting. It was like a Town Meeting in which widespread comments and penetrating questions indicated a deep interest in our community. He promised to look into the possibility of funds in helping implement a sidewalk from the Hitching Post to the post office...He expressed concern about the rough surface on DeSoto Parkway, but pointed out it is not a state thoroughfare, and county officials should be contacted...He noted concerns about undue noise from National Guard jets and continued pollution at Lake LaHousage, particularly from Brush Creek...It is difficult, he said, to apply pressure toward heavy-tonnage trucks on 117...The welcome center on the expressway is about 1/3 rd completed and should be finished by fall.

**PROGRESS REPORT:** The bulletin board at the post office, toward which MAPA contributed \$200, is now in use. See Benny Goss about having items posted. The Rhododendron Garden Club has made progress with beautification along the wire fence at Moon Lake School. Following cleaning of the area, shrubbery and flowers are being planted. Thanks to Billy Lee of Mentone's Country Charm for the flowers at the Fire House.

**BEAUTIFICATION:** Mrs. Frank Kirk, president of the Mentone Rhododendron Garden Club, reports that plans continue for planting of some 100 rhododendron plants along highway 117 in Mentone. Beginning at the Mentone Inn and the White Elephant and continuing through town, the planting begins around Nov. 1st. Memorial plants may be arranged for \$5 each. Call Mrs. Kirk (634-4108) or Mrs. James McCary (634-4478).

**PROGRAM IDEAS:** To assist in keeping programs at the MAPA meetings relevant to our goals, call program coordinator Mary Ann Schroeder with your ideas, 634-4881.

**OCTOBERFEST:** Discussions began at the last MAPA meeting about a gala Octoberfest to combine Dicker Day, horseshoes, Hallowe'en, and foliage watching. Volunteering as coordinating committee for planning this gala festival was Lee Boyd, owner of the Log Cabin Deli, chairman; and Mike Minden, chef at Cragmere Manna. Give them suggestions, and watch for details.

**THE GROUNDHOG:** Expense involved in the mailing of this newsletter is a major factor. At the last meeting it was voted to reimburse Bruce Bon Fleur for the \$52 cost of mailing the first edition to the entire community. It was decided by the membership to send one more GROUNDHOG to the whole area, following which notices would be mailed to members only, or other arrangements which may be discussed at the next meeting. Be prepared to enter into the discussion.

Charles White McGhee, editor

## CALENDAR

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 7 p. m. MAPA meeting at Cloudmont Resort  
 Thurs., Aug. 5 7 p. m. Crafts Fair open meeting at Methodist  
 Church Fellowship Hall.  
 Sat., Aug. 14 DICKER DAY, monthly event at Mentone Springs Hotel.  
 REMEMBER: MAPA meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m.

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