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DECEMBER NAPA MEETING

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL

Tuesday, December 7, 1982, 7:00 p. m.

Join us for a purely festive holiday dinner. If you have not already been contacted by program coordinator Marianne Schroeder, bring either a covered dish, salad, or dessert. This is the first holiday meeting since NAPA was organized. There will be no business or program. Let's get to know each other better in a joyful leisurely fashion at this holiday dinner. For additional details, call Marianne at 634-4881.



"MUSICAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS"

Friday, December 17 through Sunday, December 19



Organized and sponsored by the Hotel Square merchants, this holiday celebration includes a community Christmas tree, a tour of homes, churches, and historic buildings, a culinary cookoff, hay-sleigh rides, and the annual Christmas parade, followed by the Festival of Carols-Lessons. See inside page!

CHRISTMAS GIVING: Members and friends of NAPA are urged to bring canned goods and other gift items for baskets to be distributed to needy families in the community. Mabel Kirk stated the belief that our organization, in the mood and spirit of the season, make such an outreach. So along with the delicacy you bring to the covered dish supper, bring something for those in need.

A HOLIDAY GREETING

When the next edition of this newsletter is issued, the Christmas and New Year's holidays will have passed. The elected directors of the Mentone Area Preservation Association wish you heartfelt greetings of the season. This organization, embedded in the heritage and hopes of Mentone, is composed of persons who love this community. Your input and support is needed. Happy Holidays to you all!

Bruce Bon Fleur, Director
Sandra Padgett, Associate Director
Bernise Crow, Secretary-Treasurer

TRANSFORMATION: One of the brightest events of the year has been the face lift of the Mentone Springs Hotel. Wood is being repaired and painting has begun. Bob Wright came forth with a gallon of paint and suggested that others might want to do so. A list of honor will be posted, memorializing those who donate paint. Send your donation of \$10 or more to Sandra Padgett. Meanwhile, plans continue for recognition as a historic landmark, which would make state and federal funds available. There is no certainty that this will be accomplished. We generally agree that what's good for the Mentone Springs Hotel is good for Mentone, and vice versa.

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OF INTEREST: Our concern has been with Graham Glover, who underwent major surgery at University Hospital in Birmingham. He is now home and recovering nicely...Best wishes and much success to the new Montone policeman, Ed Worthy... We were sorry to learn of the death of Sis Martin's mother in Pennsylvania last week...For items you'd like included in the next issue, call Charles McGehee at 634-3737.

AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING: Ed Disney reported that the NAPA representatives were cordially received at the City Council meeting, learning that the traffic problem has been under consideration for the past six years. Because the \$1,000 cost for a power pole for the traffic light is beyond the city's ability to pay, help may come from the Sand Mountain Coop. A sign at the yellow blinker will have to be done by the county or state. The council is establishing guidelines for accessibility to the new policeman. Graham Glover is getting the necessary application forms for designation of Montone as a historic district. Bruce Bon Fleur thinks this is the No. 1 priority for NAPA. He wants us to strike a balance between preservation and progress...Charles McGehee has completed filing by Probate Judge Paul Thomas our status as a non-profit organization. The \$10 cost was voted...Homer Crow is working on a tourist map. Suggestions are welcome...Sammy Cash has been in contact with Rep. David Stout, who believes signs will be placed, without cost to Montone, of the remaining miles to the city, along with a caution light at the intersection of 117 and 86. Lee Boyd and Sandra Padgett declared the October Colorfest a huge success. 110 persons were present at the bonfire ghost story telling. German food at the Log Cabin Deli and drawings by Moon Lake students were given high ratings. It was agreed that the event should be an annual one, but that the events should be condensed to fewer days. Donations included a \$10 gift certificate from the Summerville Red Food Store...In reporting on the covered bridge project, Ann Climer said the people on the road were against the proposal. Grace Howard reported that Ruby O'Rear's family owns the land and would have no objection to a foot bridge there. Eddy King offered to try for National Guard help for reconstructing the old bridge. A motion passed, after much discussion, that a committee secure more information, work closely with involved property owners, and check on city and state jurisdiction...Marie Shadgett wants suggestions for the directory of information for the city...\$20 was appropriated for the turkey for the holiday potluck at the December meeting...In discussion of the newsletter, Bruce announced that the use of the Mountain View duplicating machine had become too expensive and that it should be done at a commercial establishment. A special committee will seek outside commercial opportunities... There was discussion of the Christmas celebration (See elsewhere).

From the minutes of Bernice Crow, Secretary-Treasurer



NOTE: Because of the holidays, there will be no newsletter for January. The next issue will be prior to the February NAPA meeting.

To: MONTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50

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

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How's
about it?**

Santa

