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The Other Mentone, The Pearl Of France

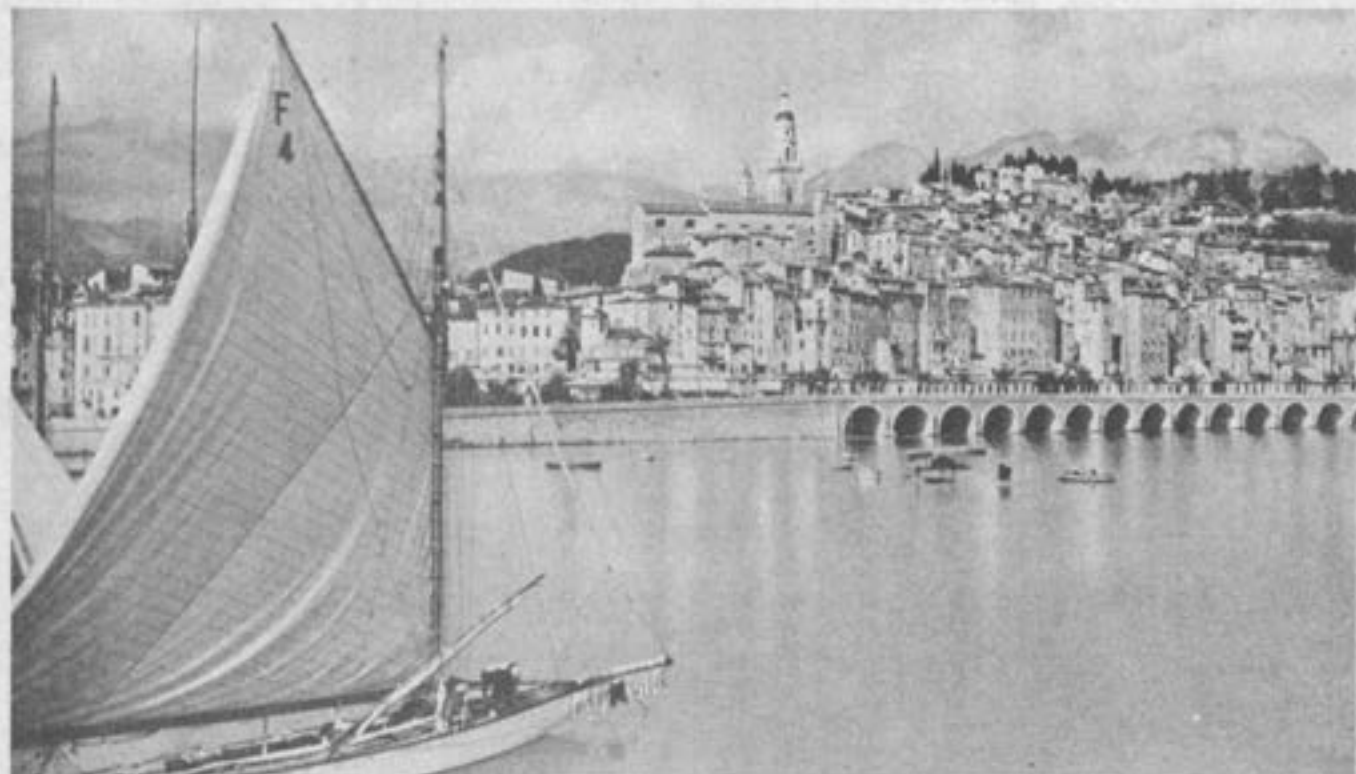


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There came a certain day in 1884 when Ed Mason had completed the laying out of the town and Dr. Frank Caldwell, builder of the new hotel at the top of the mountain, began plans for a celebration. The obvious question arose.

"What shall we call this new town?"

Dr. Caldwell was staying with the Masons at the time. The assignment of naming the town was given to Ed Mason's sister Alice, who was mother of Ruby O'Rear and Jessie Whitehead, beloved local residents of our town today.

Alice had been reading about a visit of Queen Victoria of England to the vacation spot of Menton, France. The word Menton means "Musical Mountain Springs." To Alice this was descriptive of the hotel near the springs reported to have curative powers. From that time on this community has been known as Mentone. Because of the importance of this French city to us, it only follows that we learn more about it.

On maps of France and in the travel brochures the city on the riviera is listed as Menton. The addition of

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MAPA's Holiday Dinner At Cragmere December 6th

Cragmere Manna Restaurant will be the site of the second annual festive holiday dinner of the Mentone Area Preservation Association on Tuesday evening, December 6, at 7 p.m.

All interested Mentone citizens are invited to join with MAPA members for this joyous occasion. Reservations must be made with Bernise Crow or with host Randy Still by Friday, December 2.

Menu for the evening is as follows: ham, three vegetables, cobbler, and drinks. The price is \$5.95 for each person.

Because the emphasis will be on fellowship and joy, there will be only a brief business session, presided over by Director Homer Crow.

Town Council Hears Water Project Report

At the November 7 meeting of the town council Mayor Rob Hammond announced that the first steps have been taken in implementing the \$191,000 water grant recently awarded by the state. In signing the agreement, Mayor Hammond said there is a great deal of work to be done. The actual water facilities will cost \$141,050. \$23,250 will go to design engineering and inspection. Another \$10,000 will be for administrative personnel. There is a \$16,700 contingency fund included in the grant. The town must match the total grant with \$35,000 of its own funds.

On Saturday, October 29, Jimmy Wright was sworn in by notary public James Johnson, witnessed by council member Lee Davenport and Mayor Hammond. At the November meeting, council member Hobson Kirby was still hospitalized for his recent eye injury.

Mentone resident Wayne Meadows asked permission to dig his own water line. The council members present voted unanimously to allow him to do this, while reminding him that the line up to his own property will belong to the town of Mentone. Mr. Singletary will secure new water cut-offs within two weeks.

Homer Crow, MAPA director, brought up the matter of the new shelter at the brow park. Mr. Crow stated that MAPA is willing to go one-fourth of the cost if the town, the Garden Club, and the Crafts Festival will also help in the construction costs. Council members thought it best to wait to see if the funds might be available from the state. The council has no objections to MAPA's pursuing one of its goals — the laying of sidewalks from the Hitching Post to at least the Post Office.

Secretary Catherine Bailey announced that dues were payable to the Top of Alabama Regional Council. Based on the 1980 census, there were 476 people in town. Dues are based on population. This was unanimously passed.

Policeman Colquitt Jones was commended for his fine work during the weekend of the October Festival.

Mayor Hammond will write letters to Governor Wallace for the water grant and to Mrs. Mildred Linder for her concern about brow park. The mayor and Lee Davenport have made a street survey about possible repairs.

Ken Hammond has been invited to attend the December 5 town council meeting. He is director of economic development in DeKalb County and will discuss ways to get money for roads and other capital improvements. At the next meeting also will be present Ken Towry, consultant with Public Systems, Inc., who will outline steps and answer questions about the water improvement project.

After the meeting was adjourned, a new audit was passed out. The total town funds are \$49,000, which will be depleted greatly when the work commences on the water improvements.

Who Will It Be? MAPA's Member 100

Who will be the honored person?

With the membership now totalling 89, according to secretary Marie Shadgett, the organization nears the magic number of 100. If you are the 100th local member, your check will be refunded and your photograph published in *The Groundhog*.

Watch the next issue or be at the December meeting at Cragmere Manna for details of this honored person.

New members or those inadvertently overlooked in the change of officers are listed here. MAPA is anxious to have an accurate listing of members. If you still have not been included in our lists and believe you are an up-to-date member, please get in touch with Marie Shadgett, secretary, at 634-4542.

Barbara Cameron, John Hilderbrand, John Morrison, *Grace Crow, *Jean Houston, *C. D. Keith, *Kenneth Kirby, *James H. Tate, Eleanor Moerlins, *Mrs. Cleveland Porter, Drew Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lowman, *Guy Salord, *Dr. Allen Lowman, *Ralph Hammond, *Terry Murphree, *Mildred Burgess. *Indicates out-of-town members.

1983 Holiday Festival Will Illuminate Mentone Dec. 10-11

Mentone's gala and sparkling 1983 holiday celebration on December 10 and 11 is called a "Wintery Wanderful Christmas," to be produced and coordinated by local merchants, residents, and the Men-



tone Area Preservation Association. Decoration and lighting themes will reflect Mentone of the 1920's when the area bustled and shone with natural radiance.

Activities will begin on Saturday, December 10. Santa will be in Cabin Village (behind the Log Cabin Deli) from noon till 8 p.m. Christmas wreaths will be for sale in Santa's special cabin. MAPA members will make and donate wreaths.

The Candy Cane Circuit tour of homes will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. This will also be repeated on Sunday, December 11, except for Cragmere Manna.

Saturday afternoon at 3 there will be a skiing exhibition at Cloudmont. At 6 p.m. The community Christmas tree will be lighted on the lawn of the Mentone Inn in Historic Hotel Square. There will be a choral group singing. At 9 o'clock there will be candlelight skiing at Cloudmont.

Chairpeople of the celebration are John Hilderbrand, Randy Still and Amelia Brooks.

Merchants and residents wishing to enter the lighting contest should contact Amelia Brooks at the Mentone Inn, 634-4836, or John Hilderbrand at the Cameron Craft Cottage. The first place award to residences will be \$50 and to businesses, \$25. The judges will concentrate on the appropriate naturalness of decorations and lighting. They urge the use of native greenery. Judging of the lighting and decorations will take place on Friday, December 9.

There will be coupon books available for sale with discount prices from special participating local merchants. Proceeds will go to aid MAPA in implementing its various community projects.

Southern Living Features Mentone

Photographs of DeSoto Falls, the Log Cabin Deli, the Hitching Post, and Mentone's Country Charm (Now Ruby's Variety) are features of the article entitled "Mentone—Return of a Resort" in the November edition of *Southern Living*. Many of the visitors on recent weekends have stated that they came to Mentone because of the article.

The article refers to Mentone as a fashionable summer resort 80 years ago that went into decline as air-conditioning replaced its cool mountain temperatures. Referring to the recent resurgence of vitality, the author of the article wrote: "As different as the projects and people of Mentone may be, they all have one thing in common—a feeling for the past and plans for the future of Mentone."

Readers of *Southern Living* will learn about Bruce Bon Fleur coming to Mentone on a rafting trip, falling in love with the area and purchasing Cragmere Manna, now operated by Randy Still as a country gourmet restaurant; Bernise Crow and Jean Elrod who grew up in Mentone opening The Hitching Post and Crow's Nest Antiques; Jack Jones coming to Mentone as a boy, later returning to develop Cloudmont as a summer camp and ski resort.

Lowell Barron Winner, Dramatic Writein Race

In the special election on November 8 in which Senator Lowell Barron made history by winning a write-in contest, two hundred one votes were cast in Mentone. Local votes cast 152 votes for David Stout and 59 for Senator Barron.

In the state representative contest Ralph Burke, a teacher at Valley Head High, defeated Benny West by a vote of 127 to 75.

Mentone balloting was at the Fire House. Election officials were Lee Davenport, Linda Brown, Nancy Brown, Leonard Shigley, and Bill Pullen. Returns officer and beat committeeman was Sammy Cash. The election workers give special thanks to Amelia Brooks of the Mentone Inn for the fine dinner she provided.

Following the election Mentone's Mayor Rob Hammond stated that Senator Barron had been extremely helpful in securing the \$191,000 grant from the state for upgrading of the local water system.

Garden Club Urges Gare of New Plants

At the Rhododendron Garden Club's November meeting, president Helen Hill asked that members living near those rhododendrons planted along highway 117 mulch them with pine or leaves at this time. The plants have survived the summer drought quite well, and of over 200 planted only two or three have died.

Members voted to send \$20 to a CARE program in Guatemala, to be used for reforestation. The county council urges members to begin saving ten ounce throw away glass bottles for next year's fair displays.

Because the club is growing and does not wish to be divided into two groups, Mrs. Hill will call a special executive board meeting to discuss meeting places larger than homes.

The December meeting will be at the Mentone Inn. Members are reminded to bring canned goods and staples for needy persons.



December Groundhog Award

St. Joseph's on-the-mountain Church was chosen as the December recipient of the Groundhog Award for the most improved structure in the Mentone area. The building actually had its beginning in 1870 and is generally considered the oldest building in town. It was moved to the present site in 1880. Under coordination of the St. Joseph's rector, the Rev. Graham S. Glover, the remainder of the church was constructed of wood from old buildings, many of which were the same vintage as the cabin, torn down and moved to the spot.

It was dedicated as an Episcopal church on September 1, 1974. The long dark pews were hand rubbed and stained by George Washington Carver, gift of the Tuskegee Episcopal Church. Nave of the church is dedicated to Charles Kirby who built that section of the church single-handedly.

St. Joseph's is a favorite site on tourists' visits to Mentone. The Groundhog Selection committee is composed of Nelda Howe, Marty Griffin and Max Cash.

ATTENTION:

The Bloodmobile will be at the Fire Hall December 10th from 9 until 3 o'clock. Please mark this on you calendar and come to give blood Dec. 10th.

from your director

By Homer Crow

The Mentone Area Preservation Association has had a year and a half of exploring ideas to add to the community and to benefit all people who live in the Mentone vicinity.

I am proud to be a charter member of this association. It is moving forward in membership. Also, it is generating ideas for greater togetherness. A great leader of all times said, "I came not to destroy the law, but to add to the law." MAPA was organized to extend support and give strength to the reality of a blinking light at a dangerous intersection.

The Groundhog gives us a chance to become more knowledgeable about our community and its people. The Color Festival was fun and enjoyment to the many who came. The lighting of the Christmas tree reminds us of a time for sharing of good tidings for young and old. Appropriate signs have been placed on highways to guide folk into and through Mentone. All of this is good.

The above thoughts in conjunction with other active bodies — churches, schools, crafts, and clubs — will bring about an abiding friendliness with kindred minds to our "mountaintop above the clouds."

SEASON'S GREETINGS

This is a time of remembering special friends, old time friends, renewing friendships, and making new friends. It is a season to be joyous.

May the new year bring fulfillment of all our brightest hopes. May the challenges yet to come be met with an inspirational insight, leading us onward to the guiding star.

Mabel C. Kirk, Associate Director, MAPA

Groundhog Finance Report

November Issue

INCOME

Ad Sales	\$530.00
Balance in account	476.24
Error from April and May	1.11
	\$1007.35

DEBITS

The Summerville News Co	359.25
U. S. Post Office	53.93
Donna Buckley (sales)	43.50
Jean McGehee (sales and \$10.00 photos)	46.10
	\$502.78
	\$494.57

MAPA Minutes

John Hilderbrand and Barbara Cameron were present and joined MAPA at the meeting. As of November 1st, 1983, there are 80 members — 48 are local active members and 32 are out of town members of good standing. Ann Climer's treasurer's report listed income of \$816.63, expenses of \$350, and a balance of \$1,805.56. Jean McGehee's *Groundhog* report showed sales of \$530, expenses of \$502, and a balance of \$504.57.

Amelia Brooks' report on the Classic Run cited 124 entrants and declared the event a success. It was agreed that Stuart McGehee be written a thank-you letter for his fine suggestion that we hold a run. Randy Still explained that the original cost of the T-shirts was \$3.50 each, but that extra shirts will be done at \$4.50 in order to fulfill the promises of a T-shirt to each entrant.

Bernise Crow reported that \$80.50 was made on the Cake Walk. Avline Brown declared that everyone seemed to enjoy the hot dogs, chili, and ice cream at the Sidewalk Cafe and gave a donation of \$25 from the cafe. She stated that \$200 had been collected from local merchants to pay the Malibu Mountain Band which played Saturday, Saturday night at the dance, and on Sunday. Sandra Padgett said that enough had been made on the dance and food to pay \$150 for the band.

Sammy Cash said he had spoken with Representative David Stout about repairing the rock wall on 117 down the mountain. It will best be done in the spring. An organization similar to CETA will do the work but Mentone must provide a supervisor. Sammy said that the roads should not be striped until they had been resurfaced.

Randy Still attended the last DeKalb County Commission meeting, reporting to the members that the parkway is in a bad state of repair. Mr. Buttram promised that paving was in the works for our streets. Bruce Bon Fleur will report later about the Endowment Fund.

Sandra Padgett reported that as of October 20 the Mentone Springs Hotel is on the National Register of Historical Places. Amelia Brooks suggested that Porta-Toilets be provided for future events of the Color Festival magnitude. Bruce Bon Fleur was thanked for his efforts in arranging the *Southern Living* article about Mentone.

MAPA appropriated \$500 for the Musical Mountain Christmas, which John Hilderbrand, Randy Still and Amelia Brooks will co-chair. Bruce Bon Fleur will arrange for Mentone signs to be placed at strategic locations.

The Christmas meeting will be held at Cragmere Manna (see story elsewhere.) Refreshments were provided by Ann Climer and Randy Still.

— Condensed from the minutes of secretary Marie Shadgett

The Groundhog

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— BROW BRIEFS —

Did you know about The Hitching Post Club? On the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Homer and Bernise Crow and a group of their friends and relatives meet for a covered dish supper and just plain fun — sometimes music. If you'd like to participate, call Bernise (634-4664) for further information. All you have to do is bring a covered dish. The November meeting was at the Rock Castle. December probably at Brownies'. In good weather, at the Hitching Post.

The December luncheon meeting of the Mentone Christian Ladies Fellowship will be held at Cragmere Manna at 11:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 14. The speakers this month will be Wayne and Barbara Day of Centre, Alabama. Please call 634-3471 or 634-1730 for reservations for lunch before Dec. 12. The public is cordially invited.

All Mentone celebrates with Mayor Rob Hammond and his wife San on the arrival Thursday, November 17th, of their first child, a son, Jordan Styles Hammond.

THE GROUNDHOG welcomes to its staff Eleanor Moerlins, a new MAPA member, who has already proven herself highly valuable in gathering basic information for regular and special features.

The Moon Lake School Harvest Festival was a huge success, according to PTA chairman Bill Berry. It raised approximately \$7,000. Fourth grade member Andrea Powell was elected queen and Chris Stallings, king.

Two welcome new businesses in town are John Hilderbrand and Barbara Cameron's Cameron Craft Cottage and Ruby's Variety, formerly Country Charm. Both join the other top of the mountain merchants in displaying gifts for the holidays.

Local, State Officials

Warn of Drunken Driving

Local citizens are alerted to the rigid punishments involved in the new state DUI law which was approved by the local town council and which will be implemented in monthly court sessions presided over by Judge Terry Bush at the Town Hall.

Mentone's emphasis on this DUI law (driving under the influence of liquor and drugs) begins with the state level. Governor George Wallace recently reiterated its stages:

For first offenders the law mandates a 90-day license suspension, with a minimum fine of \$250 and the offender required to attend a DUI driving school.

Second offenders within a five-year period receive a minimum fine of \$500 with a license suspension of one year. The motorist puts in 20 days of community service work and 48 hours in jail.

Third time offenders receive severe punishment if the offense is within five years. There is a compulsory jail term of at least 60 days with no chance of probation, plus a minimum fine of \$1,000 and a three-year license revocation.

Drunk drivers involved in a fatal accident face from one to five years in prison. Those previously convicted of DUI face a six-month jail sentence if caught driving while their license is under suspension or revocation.

Mentone arrests are carried to the DeKalb County jail for tests to determine intoxication. Both Mayor Rob Hammond and Policeman Colquitt Jones state they are determined to enforce this new law.

Parents in particular are urged to be alert to the driving habits of their young people.

ViewPoint...

By Charles White McGehee

Some time ago a friend asked, "How do you feel about yourself? Are you where you want to be in life? Are you happy?" Before answering I gave the matter a great deal of thought. Was he expecting a long philosophical discourse about the meaning of life? How could I condense it into a few well chosen words? Then I impulsively said:

"When I was young I often said there were two things I really wanted — a log cabin and to complete a novel. Well, I have a log cabin, and I have completed two novels; neither of them published, may never be published, but the writing of them gave me a tremendous sense of accomplishment."

In fact, these two things are related. I thought that if I had a log cabin somewhere in the deep woods, I would write the great American novel.

Given more time for the reply to my friend, I naturally would have added other items — a happy marriage, two fine sons pursuing diligently their dedications, a number of friendships which have continued across the years, a general satisfaction with what I have chosen to do in life.



One more thing — a barn.

I always wanted a barn of my own. Now I have one, a very special barn. When I was a child I found my grandfathers barn in Amite County, Mississippi, a fascinating place. On rainy days my brothers and I sometimes hid in the hay, high up in the loft, listening to the rain. We'd tell ghost stories to frighten each other and dangerously smoke rabbit tobacco in the flammable hay.

Down below the mules and cows lumbered about the stalls. The rusty old Chevrolet touring car maintained its own hidden identity. There was a kind of sensuality about the barn, which I later recaptured in some of the scenes in Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under the Elms." The challenge of good and evil might somehow be related to the Satanic implications of the ever-present pitchfork.

Fascination with barns continued on drives across the rolling Pennsylvania Dutch countryside, where barns are often more eloquent than residences, decorated with gay colors and mystical designs. Once we visited friends in upper Vermont. Their barn, typical of many New England barns, adjoined the house. During snowstorms the cattle could be fed and milked and the firewood procured without having to brave the elements.

Too many of the barns in the Mentone area have been allowed to deteriorate. The Rock City signs are faded. Some of the fine barns have been torn down, which brings up the subject of barnwood, which I truly love.

Some of the best furniture in our house is made of barnwood. There is a hutch made by a friend, and a couch which Scott Holleman and I made — highly functional and possessed of fine lines. We also made bookshelves of barnwood, artificial beams, and a coffee table, all of which fit well into the Morgadanes cabin. The supply of barnwood has about run out now, Scott is in the Marines, and I am equally sorry about both.

Now about my barn. It came about when we were restoring the cabin. We needed a place to keep tools and lumber and for me to rest. Ron Godbois was available to work with us on Thursdays. Ron and Gay had a real barn for their goats and fowl. Dick Speed had designed it. When we saw it, we wanted one similar to it.

A principal item I wanted was a tin gambrel roof. The lumber we used was sometimes sawed the day before at Baty's sawmill and delivered Thursday mornings by Bob Baty. Scott Holleman helped and later his brother Jeff.

Ron and I naturally made comparisons with Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond. Later the Godboises actually built a cabin similar to Thoreau's. My barn's dimensions are twelve by eighteen.

It was a joyful day when the roof was raised. Ron followed the ancient tradition of affixing a pine branch to the tip of the roof. He thought the gambrel roof should be of wooden shakes, but I held out for the really flat tin which we got in Chattanooga.

The barn, over the past two years, has outgrown its purpose. Its loft is a storage place. We added a utility room. Now there is a nice tongue and groove ceiling, electricity, water for the bathroom, and an electric heater.

Its function? I go there most afternoons to write, usually taking our dog Caesar. Sometimes Jean does writing stints there. It is available as a guest house. Someday we may give in to materialistic needs and add a couple of rooms and place it on the market — a sad day indeed.

How good these lines from James Hook's poem, "A Soldier's Return:"

A little farm well tilled
A little barn well filled
A little wife well willed
Give me, give me.

Mountain Cookery

Two of the first contributions to the "Groundhog Mountain Cookbook" are featured this month. The first is from Dick Springer:

HOME BAKED BREAD — TWO LOAVES

6 cups bread flour
3 cups water
2 tablespoons shortening
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon salt
2 packages dry yeast

In a large mixing bowl, pour 2 cups of flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, and 1 tablespoon salt. Warm 1 cup of water to 120 degrees; add 1 tablespoon sugar, 2 packages yeast, and let set. Warm 2 cups water; add 2 tablespoons melted shortening. Using an electric mixer, in the large mixing bowl, thoroughly mix the flour, while adding the yeast and water mixture. Keep adding the flour and the water with melted shortening until mixture begins to thicken. Remove mixer and use large spoon to mix additional flour, until mixture does not stick to bowl. Remove and knead on floured board for 3 minutes. Replace dough in bowl, cover with cloth, and let rise in 85 degree area, approximately 30 minutes. Remove, and knead one minute, cut in two, roll, and place in two greased bread pans. Cover with cloth, place in 85 degree area until dough rises above top of pans (approximately 1 hour).

Place bread in cold oven, set to 375 degrees, and bake for 45 minutes or until crust is brown. (Memo: on cold days, warm oven to 85 degrees — about 30 seconds — and place bread dough in oven for first and second risings.)

The second recipe is from Paula Leftwich, and is for a cake she says is "very moist, very rich, serves a crowd, and keeps well."

CHOCOLATE OATMEAL CAKE

Mix together and set aside: 1 cup oatmeal, 1 1/2 cup boiling water, and 1 stick margarine.

Mix together 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 large eggs, 1 1/4 cup flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon cocoa, 1/2 package chocolate chips, 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts.

When margarine is melted, mix all together. Sprinkle remaining chips on top before baking. Bake in a 9 x 12 pan for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Send your favorite recipe or recipes to Box 50. Don't be left out of the "Groundhog Mountain Cookbook"! Just jot them down on cards or any kind of writing paper. Use pen, pencil, or type. We need your input.

American Legion Presents Flag to Moon Lake



Leonard Shigley, Commander of American Legion Post 215 of Mentone, is shown presenting a new flag to Moon Lake School students Andrea Kirby, president of the girls' 4-H Club, and Keith Langston, president of the boys' 4-H Club. Post members shown are Sammy Cash, Clarence Sheffield and Leland Cox. Principal Charles Bell looks on at the October 28 assembly.

For Your Protection

To reach your Mentone policeman call

634-4467 (Home)

Weekday mornings 634-3705 (Town Hall)

Other times: 1-845-3801

One of the listings in the current Mentone telephone directory is inaccurate. Do not call the 634-4444 number.

Families Of Mentone

The Crowes

Sixth in a Series

Isaac Crow and his brothers Clark and Thomas moved to the mountain from North Carolina originally, in 1849. Isaac settled about three miles north of Mentone in an area that came to be known as Crow Gap.

Isaac Crow fathered twelve children by his first wife, married his second wife who had two children already, and fathered nine children by his third wife — altogether twenty-three descendants. One of his children was Hannah, who married Greenberry, from another Crow line.

It's Greenberry and Hannah Crow's sons Morgan and Eli who fathered most of the Crows in Mentone today. Hannah's brother John Crow's family included Blev, father of Dorothy, Mabel (Kirk), Leonard, Beatrice, Mary Lee, Paul, Forest, and Grace. Their mother was Maggie Clarkson Crow.

The Rev. E. L. Crowe is from still another set of Crows. He is descended from his grandfather George and father Finn Crow.

Readers may be interested to know that the family name is spelled variously with and without the final e, depending upon preference by family members.

Back to Greenberry Crow: his son Morgan was the father of Lee, Nettie, Nick, and Annie. Son Lee Crow married Fannie Magnuson. Their children are Clyde, who married Frances Jones and had a daughter, Lila Fay; Homer and Bernice Cooper Crow are parents of Barry, Coy, Joyce and Doreen.

Chester married Lucille King; they are the parents of Leroy, Cecil, and Olen. His twin brother Lester married Anise Shows. They are the parents of Curtis, Patricia, and Brenda.

Jesse Crow married Ruth Shraeder; both Mrs. Crow and their son Larry are deceased. Then Jesse married Marie Smith Green.

Mildred Crow married Dennis Burgess. They are the parents of Darla, Mark and Sherry.

The last of Lee Crow's children is Dewey. He was married to Leona Langston. Their children are Tony, Andrea, and Marty.

Greenberry's other son Eli was the father of Monroe Crow. Monroe and Sally McSpadden Crow's children are Ralph, who married Ruth Russell and had a son Wayne; Gene married Imogene Harper; their children are Linda, Pat, Janet and twins, Steve and Stanley.

Buddy Crow and Shirley Ledford Crow are parents of Walter.

Curtis, another of Monroe's sons, married Edna Neams. Their daughter is Monica.

Norman and June Pullen Crow are parents of Bryan.

Clara Crow and James Pell were married and are

parents of Cathy and Nancy.

The late Lee Crow, son of Morgan and grandson of Greenberry, was foreman on the rock wall up the mountain. His son Homer remembers the wall's being built because Moon Lake school had burned, and Mentone children had to walk back and forth to Valley Head school, alongside where the men were building the stone wall.

Lee Crow began his stone home (one of several he built here) the year Homer was born. This house is on the highest elevation of any residence in Alabama. Lee Crow was an ingenious, innovative man. He had his own electric power plant, bought from David Jones a 1923 T-model, and had one of the earliest radios, then TV sets, in the area.

This pioneering spirit remained with Lee Crow throughout his life. He was a master of several trades — carpentry, welding, and electricity as well as stone work. When he was in his seventies he taught himself to type. And at age 82 he built a chimney on his home, mixing his own mortar and laying the stones.

Like the previous families *The Groundhog* has surveyed, the Crow family has enriched Mentone by the nature of the characters and personalities engendered by the first Crow settlers here.

Additions and corrections to the article on the Cash family in the November *Groundhog* include the following:

Albert and Cassie Jones Cash's children are Max, Dorothy, Eva Helen, Edmond and Edward. Other children listed as theirs are Max's.

Jody and Eula Rose Cash's family listing omitted George and two deceased children, Frances and an infant.

Thelma Cash Smith and her husband Clyde are Clyde's parents, of Clydel's Beauty Shop. After Clyde Smith's untimely death, Thelma married Kelly O'Rear and they were parents of children listed previously.

Louie Cash married Gladys Key in 1929.

Bill Cash was first married to Imogene Thomas. They were the parents of all of the children listed except for Kim and Kevin, children of Bill and Joan Wood Cash.

Grace Cash Scott and husband Oscar's children, Nina Fay and Grayla, live in Mentone, too. Mr. Scott's name was omitted previously.

And, oh, yes! It was Grandpa Willingham — not Grandpa Scott — who had those 18 surviving children.

The *Groundhog* sincerely regrets the errors and is happy to correct them.

JAM

Rhododendron Garden Club Members Hear "Flowers of Bible" Program

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on November 8 at the Hoyt home off the parkway. Linda Brown, head of the DeKalb Federation of Garden Clubs, gave the program on "Flowers of the Bible." She left her position as clerk of elections to come to share her research with club members and guests. Linda is director of the board of the United Methodist Church, serves as a volunteer at the Fort Payne nursing home, and is president of the Crafts Festival. She is also an enthusiastic square dancer.

For her presentation, Mrs. Brown chose flowers, herbs, shrubs, and trees that she thought her listeners would be most familiar with, either through scripture or from their own experience in gardening.

After the crucifixion, Jesus' body was anointed with salve from an aloe plant, similar to the aloe we have, but the aloe of Jesus' time and area was much larger, having a tall lily-like flower made up of bell-shaped clusters.

The bitter herbs mentioned by Moses as part of the Passover Seder meal included dandelion (so called because of its jagged leaves like a lion's tooth), chicory, and sorrel.

In Job a cockle flower is mentioned (as in the Mistress Mary nursery rhyme). It had four foot stems with large pink flowers.

Ecclesiastes mentions a flower termed desire, which is the white flower of the caper shrub. It was used to stimulate the appetite, especially in the elderly.

In Second Kings a tiny bulb flower with which we are familiar today and call the star of Bethlehem was then called dove's dung. Its bulb was used for food and was dried and used like a flour.

Isaiah mentions fitches, very like fennel today. Its seeds were threshed and used to flavor, like nutmeg. It has tiny blue flowers.

Fields of blue flax grow all over Israel and are described in Joshua, among other books of the Bible. It, too, had blue flowers and grows to be three feet tall. Linen, of course, comes from flax. Jesus' burial shroud was made of linen.

So-called lilies of the field are similar to present day anemones. Club member Mary Crow remembers seeing vast beds of these lilies growing under the olive trees. They are brilliant reds and blues, like windflowers, and

grow all over Israel.

Another lily is in the Song of Solomon, similar to our spider lilies in shape and in color. Interestingly, a rose described by Isaiah is today called the narcissus. Its name comes from the cup-shaped flowers. The word for cup was narcum.

A spice, onycha, is also called a rock rose and has three inch white and red flowers on a three foot stem. This flower has a sticky resin on its leaves and stem that would stick to goats' beards when they grazed near the spicy flowers.

The rose of Sharon, which to day we also call althea, in Solomon's time was more like our present day tulips. Its name came from the shape of the flower, like a turban.

Other lilies mentioned in the Song of Solomon are more like our water lilies and were depicted in carvings and decoration in the temple. The root and seeds of these lilies were useful. The flowers were heavily scented.

Frankincense, which the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus in Matthew, is a tree like our mountain ash, having pink flowers. The incense comes from the resin. It was used to cover the smell of the slaughtering of sacrificial animals in the temple.

Myrrh is also a gum resin from an aromatic bush or tree with spiked thorns. Its salve and oil was used to anoint people in birth and in death.

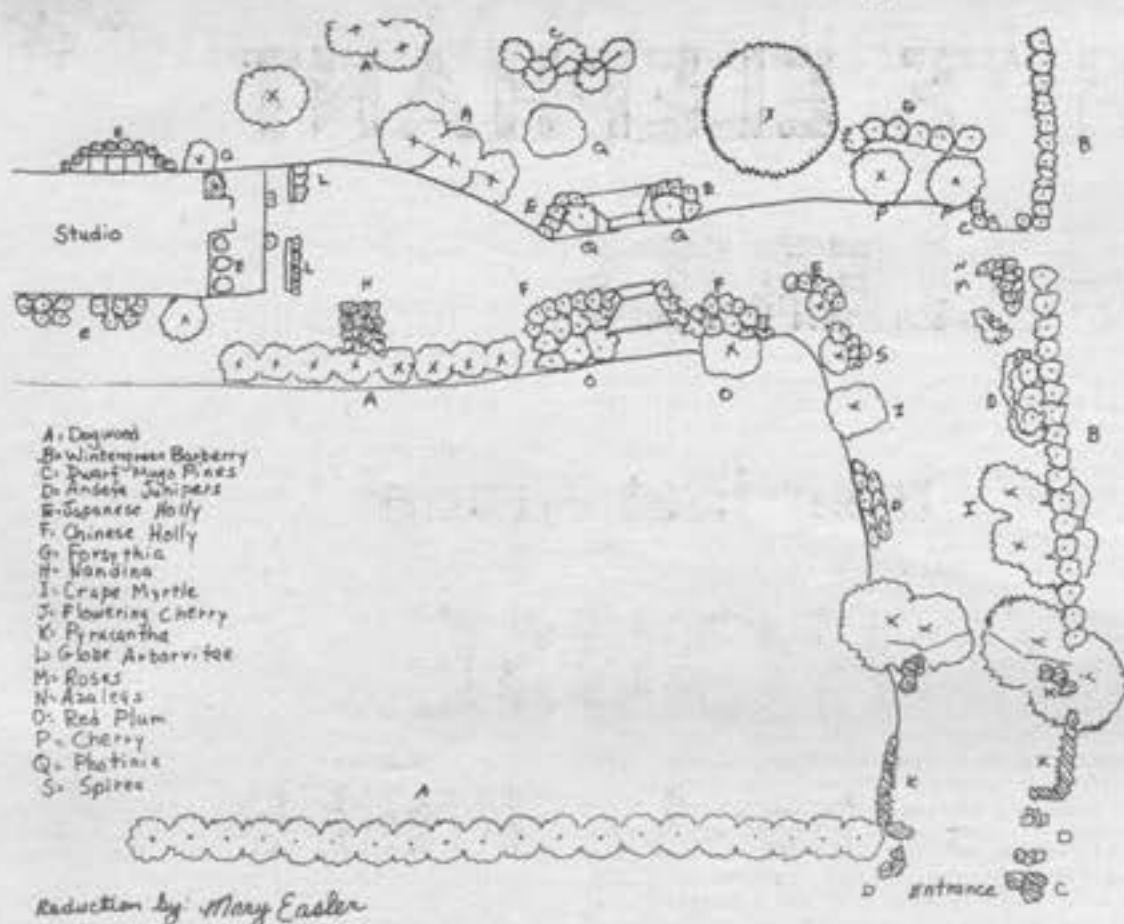
At the crucifixion, a sponge of vinegar was raised on a cane of hyssop. Hyssop was also used like parched corn. The bitter gall given Jesus came from the juice of the opium poppy.

In Jeremiah balm is mentioned — a false balm of Gilead. This is a small tree or shrub with tiny white blossoms. Its oil, used as a salve or an ointment, comes from the resin in its bark.

Wormwood, in Dueteronomy and Revelations, is today called mugwort. It is bitter and used to flavor absinthe, a now illegal alcoholic drink.

Finally, Mrs. Brown told of the shittah tree, whose orange colored wood is highly prized. It darkens with age and is closely grained. It is the wood from which the ark of the covenant was fashioned. It looks like our minosa trees and is of the acacia family.

Mountain Greenery



Each year the horticultural portion of the General Agricultural Program at Valley Head High School adopts two landscaping projects, houses or business, as part of the training program. For the year 1982-83 the challenges were Burt-Whitmore Funeral Home and Cook South Studios, operated by Jeff Cook of the group Alabama.

The major challenge was Cook Sound Studio. Ninety students, many from Mentone, were involved, all from grades 9 through 12. In the overall landscaping design I was assisted by a former student, Edwin Stanley. The landscaping area included about five acres. Over the summer some 700 hours were spent on the design work.

Actual planting occurred in October of 1983. The students worked daily in 2-hour stretches. VH students received \$2,000 in return for their labor and materials. These funds go into the General Ag program, with a portion going to horticulture.

The accompanying design displays the location of the various plantings. Pink and white dogwoods are placed along the highway leading up to the entrance gates. In the area of the gates are planted green and white variegated privet, dwarf Mugo pines, and Globe Arborvitae which are evergreen conifers.

A sloping hill to the right of the studio features plum trees, spirea, forsythia, with interspersed azalea and rose beds. A major feature of these areas is that something will be blooming during all seasons. Crepe myrtle and five different types of junipers are included in this portion.

At the side of the driveway that separates the

Cooks' residence from the studio we planted 60 sargeant barberry bushes.

These bushes will eventually climb to a height of 6 to 8 feet tall. Their one to 1 1/2 inch needles will eventually create a barrier for privacy. The leaves turn red in winter.

Barrels were placed at the front of the studio and filled with Chinese holly and yews.

In addition to the shrubbery listed above, other materials used were the following: five rolls of plastic for mulching (approximately 5,000 square feet), eight loads of rock (which was placed atop the plastic) and several barrel planters.

We are extremely proud of the fine work these students did in this project.

Another project the VH students are involved in is the sale of quality poinsettias in the first week of December. This strong tropical American species is a popular holiday item, appropriate for gifts or for your landscaping program. The plants, available at the VHHS greenhouse will be wrapped with foil and decorated with bows—providing a special gift. Cost is \$3 to \$3.50 each.

For future care of these plants or for poinsettias you may already have, these suggestions are offered:

(1) Keep moist but not wet. Extreme wetness causes roots to rot.

(2) Keep away from heat. Too much heat causes the brilliant red to turn pink and continue to lose color.

(3) Fertilize with Peter's 20-20-20 water soluble about every other week. Yellow leaves indicate not enough fertilizer. Brown around the edge of leaves means too much.

Until these plants bloom they are very sensitive to light. After blooming, they may be placed anywhere.

—L. A. Smith, Agri-business teacher, VHHS

(In this regular feature Mr. Smith will be pleased to answer any questions submitted from readers, or to include any views or experiences they have had in the areas of mountain greenery.)

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Steering Committee



Avline Brown and Dorothy Crow, along with Sandra Padgett (see Page 6), formed the Steering Committee for all of the October Color Festival. Avline ran one of the Sidewalk Cafes in front of Brownie's, her shop in the Hitching Post, in addition to all of the administrative duties of the festival.

Rescue Squad

Next meeting of the Rescue Squad will on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall Annex.

The current staff includes sixteen active members, two Emergency Medical Technicians, and one registered nurse available. But new participants are needed. If you are interested contact Captain Larry Gary (634-4635).

DeKalb Tourist Officers

When the new officers of the DeKalb County Tourist Association were installed in Fort Payne on Nov. 16, Mentone's Amelia Brooks became vice-president and Marjorie Ferguson, Donna Bukley, Sharon Barron, Olive Jones, and Randy Still were activated as member of the board of directors.

Other officers were the following: President, Billy McDow; Secretary-treasurer, Diane Connel and members at large — W. C. Buttram, Kenneth Pennington, Gaynell Pitts and Charles Walker.

Clogging Along



John Robinson, seen frequently on the porch of the Hitching Post caving chairs, is shown here at the October Color Festival as he clogs across the parkway to the music of the Tony Goggans' Malibu Mountain Band.

Mr. Robinson has Uncle John's Basket House in LaFayette, Georgia. (Brisindine's Photography)

Run Committee Member



Amelia Brooks, owner-manager of the Mentone Inn, was with Marty Griffin and Randy Still (see Page 7) in charge of the First Annual Groundhog Classic Run.

This busy lady is also on the steering committee with Randy Still and John Hilderbrand for the Wander-ful Mountain Christmas Festivities.



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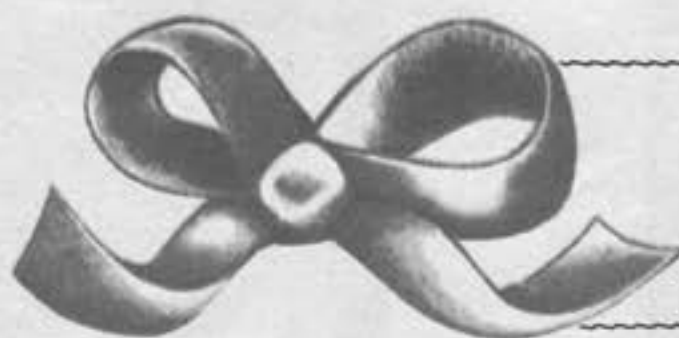
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"The leaves have been waiting all summer to fall on this weekend," said Tony Goggans on the PA system. "It's the most people I ever saw in Mentone," said Fire Chief Sammy Cash, a view echoed by merchant William Blackburn. From throughout the Southeast people came to the Second Annual October Color Festival October 28-30, climaxed Sunday afternoon with the Groundhog Classic Run, which attracted 124 entrants, including our mayor. People converged at Old Hotel Square, wandering onward to various shops and businesses. A coordinating factor was the Malibou Mountain Band, with Tony Goggans cordially announcing upcoming events and plugging items available at the business establishments which underwrote the cost of the festival. Two gentle horses pulled Ed Jones's Hayride wagon back and forth along the Parkway. Mentone Maggie's motorized buggy weaved among the crowds. Policeman Colquhoun



Ed Jones and his hay wagon.



Tony Goggans and the Malibou Mountain Band.



Scenes from the Night of the Tenth Moon Costume Ball, including Bruce Bon Fleur and Sharon Barron; Ray and Sandra Padgett, and Mickie and John Cooper.



Ray Padgett boils the peanuts.



Bruce Bon Fleur minds the Gourdiess.

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DOBER COLOR FESTIVAL

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Jones and his assistant maintained constant traffic control, even with the influx of one well-dressed and orderly motorcycle club on a dozen machines or so. Good nutrients were available at the Sidewalk Cafes at the front and side of the Hitching Post and they were well patronized. Ray Padgett served boiled and roasted peanuts at the Mentone Springs Hotel. "Little Miss Color Fest" was chosen, the cake walk moved merrily along, ghost stories were told and the bonfire lit at the Menton Inn, and a fellow from out of town won the "Prettiest Legs" contest; the costumes were innovative, and the dancers merry at the Tenth Moon Ball. THE GROUNDHOG is grateful the following photographers who were on hand to capture for posterity some of the principal events: Doc Long, Milton Howard, Donna Bukley, Jean McGehee and Richard Steinberg.



Marty Griffin gives instructions to the runners. MAPA Director Homer Crow is in the foreground.



Little Miss Color Fest," Tamra Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hall.



Mayor Rob Hammond, Ron Godbois holding his son Zack, and Josh Godbois, youngest entrant. And below, as they begin in the race.



Randy Still and Polly Cameron at the registration and prize tables.



Run winner shown at the finish was John Payne, employee of Central Soya, who of the pack at 21:17. On the previous day, McCartney had won the Color Cruise formerly a member of the Georgia U. run in Huntsville's Rocket City Marathon.



Just before the start.



They're off!



Marty Griffin waits for the winners.



A close-up of the winner.

The Other Mentone, The Pearl Of France

(Continued From
Front Cover)

the "e" forms the anglicized version, which will be used in this article.

The geographer Elise Reclus called Mentone "The Pearl of France." In his book MENTONE Edward Van Andel wrote: "If the climate is mild and kindly, so are the people. Their manners are simple and artless, and to all comers they show the same polite, amiable and hospitable dispositions." Many of the facts about our French mother city's early background were derived from Monsieur Andel's book.

Mentone is located in Southeastern France, bordered on the South by the Mediterranean, the north by the French Alps, and to the east lies the border with Italy. It is sometimes referred to as the gateway to Italy. Along the coast, between Mentone and Nice, are situated Monaco and the famous gambling resort Monte Carlo. Until the revolution of 1848 Mentone was under the rule of Monaco.

The harbor was begun by Napoleon III and is protected by a rocky amphitheatre which rises on three sides to a height of 4,300 feet. In 1959 an artificial beach was built between the old port, from which small ships sailed to many European ports, and the Garavan pleasure harbor which is in process of being enlarged.

Rue Logue, Mentone's main street, was built in the 17th Century and is still lively. A monumental cobbled stairway to the left leads to the Place de l'Englise, known as St. Michael Parvis, where musical concerts are held and from which there is visible a stunning panorama of both the bay and the highlands. St. Michael's was built in the 17th Century.

In effect there are two cities, the old town that has narrow streets, covered alleys, old bridges and mills, towers, crumbled walls and Capuchin and Franciscan monasteries; there is now a modern town, stretching westward out to the open plain.

In the area leading up to the rocky slopes are narrow underground passages which in time of war were used as refuge. One such tunnel led from the fabled cave of Saint Bernard to the safer plains above. There are also caves along the rocky slopes that have evidence of prehistoric people.

Early inhabitants of the Mentone region are thought to have been the Ligurians, followed by the

Phoenician navigators and the Greeks who were attracted by the bays which formed natural harbours along the coast. The Romans expelled the Greeks in the second century. After the fall of the Roman Empire the area was invaded by successive waves of barbarians.

During the Middle Ages the riviera region was ruled by various counts, a papal seat, and in 1815 Napoleon landed from Elba at Golfe-Juan with a small troop. Until the revolution of 1848 Mentone was under the power of Monaco. In World War II the French Fleet was scuttled at nearby Toulon and the German occupation followed. Allied liberation came in August 1944.

Menton has been visited by Roman Catholic popes, queens of England, and emperors of Austria. It was here that Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "Ordered South."

Few spots on earth have more perfect climate. There are usually 246 perfectly serene days. Average winter temperature is 51.8, with rarely a freeze. There are occasional heavy rainfalls in spring and fall.

There are spring flowers in Mentone: violets, anemones and others. It is especially known for its lemon and olive trees. At one time 40 million lemons were produced annually. It is said to grow the largest olive trees in Europe. Also are to be found palms and figs and graceful pines that thrive upon the rocky slopes leading to the Alps.

The coastal areas produce cork, rice, and salt. Tropical flowers and vegetation flourish. A Botanical garden surrounds the Villa Val Ramah.

Because of the mild climate, the beaches and other natural attributes, Mentone, like Nice, has long been a popular resort and holiday center. Tourist facilities are replete with equipment and instructions for scuba diving, horse back riding, skiing in the nearby Alps, fishing, and sailing. In both the old and new ports there are berths for more than a thousand boats.

Visitors may join citizens in two major festivals. "Fetes Des Citrons." The Feast of Lemons, is held in February after completion of the picking of the lemons. Citrus fruits are prominent in decorating the floats, streets, and automobiles of the festival.

The International Festival of Chamber Music is held in August on the square of Saint-Michael's Church. Evening concerts are at the Place de l'Englise.

Mentone is the site of two major museums. At the Musee Municipal there is an unusual prehistoric collection, as well as paintings from the 14th to the 18th Century, the Paris School of Art, and modern art representations. Antique furniture and costumes are also on display. The Musee Cocteau displays tapestries, drawings, and gouaches by this distinguished artist.

Outlying areas of Mentone provide many attractions. Three Cornishes, or scenic roads stretch along the riviera: One along the exotic coast, one at the mid-

dle level, and one high mountain road.

Promenade George V extends opposite the Casino, a wide vista of terraces where citizens and visitors gather. Quai Napoleon III is a jetty, flanked by a 16th Century bastion.

If an organization you are associated with chooses to have its annual convention in Mentone, France, the Palais de l'Europe has a total capacity of 1,500 rooms, a theatre seating 750, several reception rooms, six rooms with audio-visual facilities, and a total capacity of 1,000. If this is too ostentatious, you may choose 60 other hotels in many categories.

One associates a place like Mentone with outstanding food. More famous restaurants are found in this region than anywhere else in France. Since Mentone is on the sea, fish dishes are prominent: bouillabaisse (a fish stew using several kinds of fish), red mullet with rosemary, sea bass with fennel, and an onion and anchovy custard. Salade nicoise also originated in this area — a salad featuring tuna and anchovies.

Vegetable dishes here include ratatouille (tomatoes, green peppers, onions, and eggplant), a sweet spinach pie, and vegetable soup flavored with basil. Local cheeses are made from goat's or ewe's milk. Desserts included candied fruit and pumpkin flower fritters.

The wines from the Mentone area include ones that are robust and ruby colored as well as those that are light. One of the region's most famous drinks is made from aniseed or anise, and has a licorice-like flavor.

Unless someone wants to go on a culinary jaunt to our French counterpart, we have no means of making comparisons of Mentone restaurants with our own Cragmere Manna, Log Cabin Deli, and the Lookout.

As for other comparisons, our Mentone cannot equal the Mediterranean coast, but we do have the Cloudmont skiing facilities. As for the validity of the Musical Mountain Springs of both towns, who knows if our visitors from New Orleans and other southeastern cities clinically benefited from our Lookout Mountain Springs? In the 1880's Dr. Bonnet de Malherbe gave first place to Mentone, France, as the choice of a winter resort for the treatment of chronic chest complaints.

As for friendliness, kindness of our people, and the grandeur of our view of the valley and Sand Mountain beyond, we have no apologies to make. Our heritage is rich; our community, although smaller than our counterpart across the ocean, is a match for any town of any size.

Research for this article involved many sources: The French Embassy in Washington, the French Consul in New Orleans, the book Menton by Desverignanes, The French Government Tourist Office, materials provided by Sandra Padgett, a copy of The National Geographic Magazine (October 1926) courtesy of Bruce Bon Fleur, and a book on Mentone and Monaco by M. Abel Rendu.

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Monday, Dec. 5 — 6 p.m. — Town Council meets at Town Hall. Rob Hammond Mayor

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — 7 p.m. — MAPA has festive Christmas dinner at Cragmere Manna, \$5.95 each. Homer Crow, director. Phone Chef Randy Still for reservations, 634-4677.

— 7 p.m. — Rescue squad meets at American Legion Hall Annex. Larry Gary, captain.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — 10 a.m. — Bookmobile comes to Town Hall.

Friday, Dec. 9 — Judging of lighting and decorations for residences and businesses participating in the "Wintery Wander-ful Christmas."

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3 p.m. — Skiing exhibition at Cloudmont.

6 p.m. — Lighting of community Christmas Tree at Mentone Inn.

9 p.m. Candlelight skiing at Cloudmont.

Sunday, Dec. 11 — 1-4 p.m. — Candy Cane Circuit of homes.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 — 10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at the Mentone Inn. Helen Hill, president.

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The Rev. Graham Glover, minister
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 P.M.
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MENTONE REVIVAL CENTER

The Rev. Dewey Oswalt, minister
Sunday School: 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service: 11:00 A. M., 6 P. M.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 P. M.

CAMP SADDLE ROCK: Marty Griffin, director; Girls' Summer Camp; June 19, July 17, July 31. 634-4608.

CAMP WOODMONT: Jane Bennett, director; Boys' and Girls' Summer Camp; June 26, July 10, July 24. 404-284-5369.

CAMP SKYLINE RANCH: Susan C. Hooks, director. Girls' summer camp. June 16-29; July 1-26; July 29-Aug. 11. 634-3201.

CAMP ALPINE: Richard O'Ferrail, director; Camp for boys; June 13 and July 11. 634-4200.

CAMP DeSOTO: Sue Henry, director; Camp for girls; June 14, July 14. 634-3411.

CAMP LANEY: Rob Hammond, director; Camp for boys; June 18, July 2, July 17, July 31. 634-3561.

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COMER SCOUT RESERVATION: Bob Dunaway, director; Boy Scout Camps June 12-July 16. 634-3445.

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