

the GROUNDHOG

Newsletter of NAPA
Mentone Area Preservation Assn.
P. O. Box 50
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JULY MEETING
Tuesday, July 6, 1982

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL
7:00 P. M.

SPEAKER: State Representative David Stout

Representative David Stout of this 24th District will bring us up to date on the special session of the legislature, the status of tourism (especially in Northeast Alabama), and related subjects. To deal with concerns of our area, Representative Stout will provide a question and answer period. NAPA members and visitors also will be shown a film, "Alabama the Beautiful." Sandra Padgett is Program Director. Acting Director Bruce Bon Fleur will conduct the business session.

? NEW OFFICERS ?

During the June meeting at St. Joseph's Church, Nominating Committee Chairperson Marie Shadgett presented these officers for the coming year to be voted on Tuesday:

Bruce Bon Fleur, Director
Grace Howard, Associate Director
Bernise Crow, Secretary-Treasurer

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the July 6th meeting.

AT THE JUNE MEETING: NAPA voted to donate \$200 toward a bulletin board to be erected at the post office. It is currently being installed.

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ANNOUNCED AT THE LAST MEETING: Help is needed in providing security at the Crafts Fair. Contact one of the officers. A concrete slab has been poured for the cloggers and square dancers, which later can be used for shuffleboard and other activities. Crafts Fair proceeds are being returned to the community. Some funds are earmarked each year for a future Community Center. Indications are that the City Council will re-do the shed at the brow park...The Garden Club has plans underway for the planting of rhododendron along the roadside in the town proper and later along Desoto Parkway. Arrangements may be made to have individual plants donated as memorial tributes. They cost \$5 each. They will be planted in November...Ellene Lee expressed need for a large directory at the intersection on which would be listed area attractions.

--From the Minutes of Bernise Crow, Secty-Treas.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CRAFTS FAIR

Saturday, July 10-----Sunday, July 11, 1982

Fifty-one exhibitors from five Southeastern states have registered for the Sixth Annual Mentone Crafts Fair at Brow Park, according to Chairperson Linda Brown. Also present will be five exhibitors of such crafts as quilting and beekeeping. During both afternoons there will be clogging and square dancing.

THE FOOD BOOTH (Saturday)	Church of God
THE FOOD BOOTH (Sunday)	Valley Head Athletic Club
BOOTH FOR BAKED GOODS	United Methodist Church
BOOTH FOR CUPCAKES	
and other goodies	Wesleyan Youth Group
PROVIDING THE DRINKS	The Fire Department

Committee for the Crafts Fair: Linda Brown, Chairperson
Raymond Brown, Vice Chairman
Grace Howard, Secretary-Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone concerned on publication of "Mountain View," a magazine and visitor's guide focusing on people, places, and happenings in Northeast Alabama and Northwest Georgia. Mentone is prominently featured in this spring-summer edition. Copies are available at various business establishments. The staff is H. Bruce Bon Fleur, Editor-Publisher; William T. Dillard, Associate Editor (who wrote a superb article on Mentone); Sandra Padgett, Advertising Director; Montie Phillips-Dillard, Creative Director; and William R. Nunn, Business Manager.

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL

A focal point of Mentone activity since the gay nineties has been the Mentone Springs Hotel. Ray and Sandra Padgett, the new owners, have embarked on a significant 10 year plan for total restoration. The initial five years has already embarked with the new roof; emphasis this summer is on painting the outside. The downstairs and grounds have already seen such bustling activities as the first of the DICKER DAYS on the second Saturday of June (next is scheduled for the second Saturday of August); and the Horseshoe Tournament and Barbecue which was this past weekend. Watch for details of an exciting three day Octoberfest.

* YOU ARE NEEDED *

MAPA desires to expand its membership and thus its effectiveness. It ascribes to these purposes in its bylaws: "To preserve and protect the heritage, natural environment, and unique qualities of the Mentone area; and to actively involve area residents and visitors in the improvement of the quality of life in the Mentone area." Membership is \$18. Drop by the Hitching Post and place your membership with Bernise Crow.

THE GROUNDHOG: This newsletter is an organ of the Mentone Area Preservation Association. It will be issued monthly, preceeding each meeting. In addition to MAPA activities "The Groundhog" will provide details of other community ventures such as the Crafts Fair and the Garden Club activities. Our title derives from the historic fact that MAPA was organized on Groundhog Day, February 2, 1982, at Cragmere Manna Restaurant. Send us any items of general interest. This publication is designed to support the officers and members of MAPA in the fine work they are doing to enhance the beauty, natural environment, and quality of life of the Mentone area.

--Charles White McGohee, Editor

p.s.

M.A.P.A. meets the first Tuesday of every month
at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.