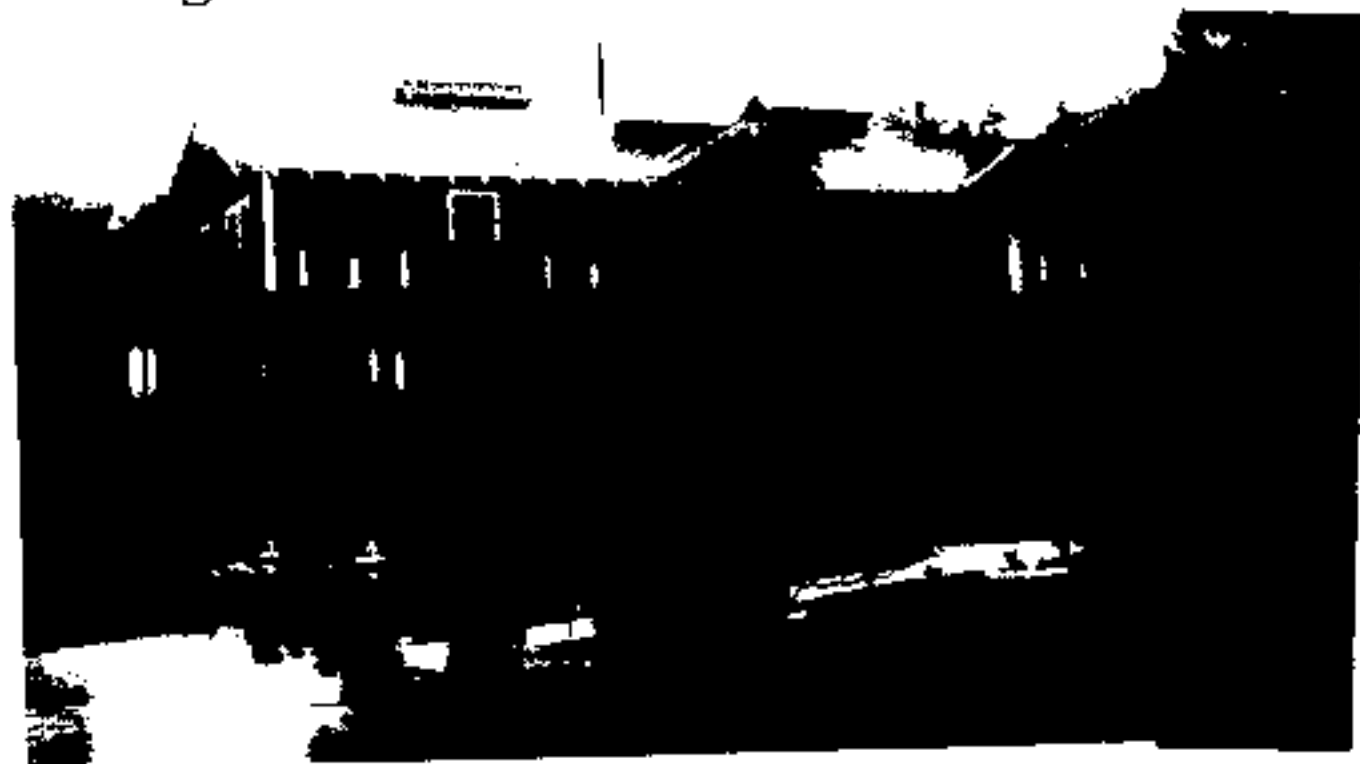


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Recognition Comes: Super Inn, Super Town



The roots of Mentone continue to reach deeply into the soil of history.

Windward Inn, Howard's Chapel and the Mentone Springs Hotel were already listed in the Alabama Registry of Landmarks and Heritage. At one time "The Mentone Resort Area" was listed on this same Registry. Earlier this year the Mentone Springs Hotel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Now we celebrate the latest listing — the Mentone Inn, now officially incorporated into the Alabama Registry of Landmarks and Heritage. Thus it is that a visitor arriving atop Lookout Mountain at Old Hotel Square can look to the left and right and see a significant landmark on both sides of Highway 117.

Amelia Brooks, who now owns and operates the

inn, provides The Groundhog with the following historic background on this unusual structure:

Around 1873, H. B. Gillette built a two-storyed house on the site of the present inn. A store was on the western edge of property, probably built by Ed Mason, who ran the first post office there. Mr. and Mrs. James Huron family moved to the mountain in February, 1899, using the store and running the post office until 1900 when they returned to Indianapolis, India.

The Hurons moved back to Mentone in 1903, buying back the store and boarding house (now as the Gillette property) from P. K. Smith. It operated as a summer inn where people from many states came to escape the summer heat of Illinois, often staying several weeks or months.

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Presidential Election Changes MAPA Meeting

Because of the Presidential election, the Monthly Meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday evening, November seventh, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House.

Director Homer Crow, who will preside, states that the meeting will deal with an evaluation of the 9 days of the Centennial Celebration and outline plans for the Musical Mountain Christmas. There will also be discussion of the annual MAPA Christmas party.

Water Tank Underway



The new water tank is almost completed. Construction had just begun when this photo was taken. There will be a fence around both tanks; the old one is being scraped and painted.

Praise From the Judges: Thomas and Cole at Brow Park

"A blend of both the old and the new, a mixture of the native son and the transplant, a society of white gloves and calloused hands." So spoke Circuit Judge Randall Cole in his Centennial address at Brow Park. Probate Judge Paul Thomas cited the town for having two nationally known congressmen, Miles Allgood and Milford Howard, and commended Mentone for maintaining Moon Lake School while other towns of comparable size are failing to support elementary schools.

Presiding at the event on Wednesday, October 17th, was Mayor Rob Hammond. The rally was sponsored by the Town of Mentone and the American Legion, with Leonard Shigley working with the mayor on arrangements.

The national anthem was played by the Valley Head Band. Members of the Moon Lake 4-H Club sang "God Bless the USA" and "God Bless Mentone." Barbecue was served at the picnic shelter.

The first speaker was Judge Thomas. Full text of his remarks follows:

Thank you, Mayor Hammond, for inviting me to share in Mentone's Centennial Celebration.

When I was a teenager growing up on Sand Mountain, I thought of Mentone as a place where the wealthy people lived. When I campaigned for Probate Judge in 1976, I found that there were some wealthy people in Mentone, such as Sammy Cash, but I also found Mentone to be a friendly town, with a lot of community spirit, a place where I would like to live.

I commend the people for keeping Moon Lake School open. I know that it has not been easy and has been made possible by a lot of community effort.

The first recorded land owner at Mentone was John Mason. Mentone has been blessed by having two nationally known congressmen — Congressman Miles Allgood and Congressman Milford Howard. I commend you for preserving the dreams of Dr. Frank Caldwell and James Huron, namely Mentone Springs Hotel and the Mentone Inn.

Mentone is known for having the best summer

camps anywhere. Mentone is also known for having one of the best ski slopes in the South.

I enjoy reading *The Groundhog* each month and congratulate you on the quality and contents of the publication. I also commend you on the establishment of a museum for Mentone.

I congratulate you, Mentone, for a great 100 years and look forward to celebrating your 150th Anniversary with you in the year 2034.

Thank you again for inviting me to share in your 100th Anniversary.

Judge Thomas was followed by Circuit Judge Randall Cole. Here is the text of his speech:

Thank you, Mayor Hammond, for that nice introduction. I am indeed honored to have this opportunity to share with you in celebrating Mentone's 100th birthday.

A poet once wrote that God makes countries but men make towns. That may be true of New York City and Los Angeles, but God certainly had a hand in making Mentone, Alabama. Mentone is a special place. It is special to you or you would not be here today. It is also special to me. One reason Mentone is special to me is the fact that it is located on Lookout Mountain. My family is a Lookout Mountain family. My dad has farmed the soil of this mountain, and as a child I built toad frog houses in its sand. Mentone is also special to me because a majority of the people of this community have voted for me every time my name has been on the ballot, and I am grateful for that.

Mentone is special to us all because of its rustic charm, its invigorating air, its tranquil beauty, and its lovely people.

Mentone is known for these virtues far and wide. I have frequently had the experience when traveling in some distant place of saying that my home is Fort Payne, Alabama, and the person to whom I was talk-

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Groundhog Now Mailed Only to MAPA Members

Effective immediately, we are unable to mail *The Groundhog* to persons who are not members of the Mentone Area Preservation Association. Those who have previously made donations less than the \$10 membership fee will continue to receive the publication until July 1, 1985.

In the past, mailings have been made to persons making small donations to MAPA. This has created bookkeeping problems that a volunteer staff has found unable to handle. We have tried a number of systems, involving a half dozen persons. Errors continue in which those who have contributed miss occasional editions.

The only answer we know is to limit the out of town mailings to actual MAPA members. In this way we are working with one set of records, instead of with sporadic contributions.

Annual membership from July 1 to July 1 is \$10. Those joining MAPA after January first may pay \$5.

MAPA is a non-profit organization which cannot sell subscriptions to *The Groundhog*. It is a bonus to those who are MAPA members. The cart-sort system provides a free copy to all mail boxes served by the Mentone Post Office.

Memberships may be mailed to MAPA, P. O. Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984.

Convalescent Aids Pool

During Grace Howard's recovery after having broken her leg, she and Maggie came up with a great idea. Mrs. Howard discovered while chatting with Mrs. Cordell that the latter had a wheelchair she was willing to lend. Why not start a pool of convalescent aids for residents of the Mentone area to share? Items such as canes, crutches, potties, foam pads, etc., are expensive to rent or to purchase.

PLEASE CALL GRACE HOWARD AT 634-4506 IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WILL SHARE WITH OTHERS FOR A TIME. She will make up a master list to be posted at the Town Hall building.

Thanks From the Centennial Chairman

The week of celebration of our Centennial is now history, and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I. Everything moved along smoothly, thanks to the background preparations by each group of Mentone residents.

First, I would like to thank our editor, Charles McGehee, for his excellent advertising of the events. He was able to get things well publicized in periodicals all over the South. Donna Buckley worked well with Charles and had reporters with cameras and pens in hand, running all over the place. I received numerous letters and phone calls for added information. The Decatur paper did an interview with me over the phone.

We (the Centennial Steering Committee, composed of Linda Brown, Leonard Shigley, Sam Cash, Rob Hammond, Sandra Padgett, Helen Hill, Ferne Fitzgerald, Homer Crow, and I) divided the days between the different organizations in order to distribute the jobs of getting entertainment for each of the days, from Oct. thirteenth to the twenty-first.

The first day was the parade, organized by the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department, well done, thanks to Leonard Shigley and Sammy Cash. Also, Dorothy Crow arranged for the Shriners to join them. The Hillbilly group was hilarious. Our thanks to all of you.

The fourteenth, gospel singing at Brow Park, was enjoyed by everyone attending. Jane Meadows did a wonderful job of coordinating this, and had a beautiful choral arrangement of community singers and groups from churches.

The fifteenth was Merchants Day. We had 20 percent off our prices at the Hitching Post. Thanks to Tony Goggans for splendid emceeing that day and all through the week. He covered all businesses with a special public announcement of their wares.

The sixteenth — Linda Brown, we thank you for arranging crafts booths that day. David Mays for pottery; Maggie Cordell quilted. Robert Lee was blacksmith. Marie Shadgett had her wood crafts and jellies. Darlene Keith had beautiful blue pottery.

Wednesday, the seventeenth, was the town's day. I want to thank the American Legion for working with the town officials and arranging to have Judge Cole deliver the Thomas speech at Brow Park. It was well attended by the council members and Mayor Hammond. The Legion members also presided. Thanks to posting them throughout the town.

On the eighteenth our community flags and most enjoyable, and I thank everyone who prepared a dish, made a costume to be judged, or helped to set up the tables. Homer did background work up the tables. Homer did background work up the tables. Special thanks to the Rev. Drew Wolcott who did a repeat performance of "The Crea-



tion." Thanks to Blanche Jones, Linda Miller, and Sunny Mays for judging the costumes. The winner was Sharon Barron.

On the nineteenth many words of appreciation are due to Lydia Speed for rounding up story tellers and going to the schools and making announcements for our ghost story session on the vacant lot at the Mentone Inn. Thanks to Bob and Amelia Brooks for allowing us to use the lot all week. Thanks to Ed Jones for bales of hay for seats, to Homer Crow and Phil Howard for hauling it.

Hotel Day, on the twentieth, we thank MAPA for a successful full day. Thanks to Marty Griffin, Polly Cameron, Rainey Therrill, and others for a well organized Groundhog Classic Run. My sister, Jean Elrod, won second place in her age group!

For the twenty-first, thank you, Helen Hill and the Garden Club for the exceptionally Ray and Sandra. We had a beautiful tea at the Mentone Springs Hotel. We thank you for inviting me to share in your 100th Anniversary.

MAPA Minutes

Homer Crow, director, presided at the monthly meeting of the Mentone Preservation Association at the Mentone Springs Hotel on October 2, 1984. Following reading of the minutes, the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,710.63 as of Oct. 1. The Groundhog balance as of that same date was \$721.25.

Centennial chairperson Bernise Crow reported that more plates have been ordered; the corner yellow building has been made available by the Joneses for a Museum and Information Center. It is hoped the brochures will be ready.

Donna Bukley was appointed to head a committee to find a meeting place for the winter. The garden club was given \$200 for the planting of more rhododendrons around town. The Valley Head School was given \$200 for improvement of the athletic facilities. A committee was appointed to look into the possibility of street signs for Mentone.

At the conclusion of the meeting James Kuykendall of Landmarks presented Amelia Brooks with a plaque in recognition of the listing of the Mentone Inn in the Alabama Historical Register.

— Digested from the minutes of Amelia Brooks, secretary.

Groundhog Finance Report

October Issue

Income:	
On hand	\$491.66
Ad sales	1,265.00
Postage	25.00
Donations, Crows' Nest	11.51
Donations, Mountain Stuff	4.05
	\$1,797.22

Debits:	
Campbell's Florist	\$25.00
Donna Bukley, sales and distribution	219.75
U. S. Post Office	58.77
The Summerville News	736.89
	\$1,040.41

Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1984 \$756.81

Brow Briefs

One of Mentone's grand ladies died Sunday, October 14th. Mrs. Willie Fox Allgood, who reached the age of 90, was widow of our town's distinguished congressman, Miles C. Allgood, who was highly instrumental in development of the TVA. Much sympathy to her family.

Welcome and success to Ruby Sully who has begun duties as successor to Ruby O'Rear for providing the Mentone personals to **The Fort Payne Times-Journal**. Her first column was excellent, commenting on the Centennial, weather, and other relevancies.

Sammy Cash, local Democratic committeeman, photographed in **The Times-Journal** at the opening of the Fort Payne campaign headquarters.

According to Principal Charles Bell of Moon Lake School, the 14 percent increase in enrollment over the past 3 years will necessitate additional property in the future.

Captain Leonard Shigley of the local Rescue Squad, which was part of the Centennial Parade, states that there have been no recent emergencies — just the way they like it. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Girl Bags Biggest

HEADWATERS, VA. (UPI) — There were 429 men competing in the groundhog hunting contest, but the winner was a 12-year-old girl. Shannon Lee Case bagged an 18-pound, 14-ounce groundhog to take first prize — a new varmint rifle.

"I've been shooting since I was six or seven years old," she said. Her goal this fall is to bag a buck during hunting season. Together with her father, who won second place last year, she shot 157 groundhogs during the four-month contest.

Her father, Larry Case, said, "She beat me out completely this year." Contest sponsors said several long-time contestants had a hard time accepting the fact that they were outgunned by a girl.

(Clipped from the **Charlottesville Daily Press** by Stuart McGehee, 9/18/84).

TO MENTONE AREA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, BOX 50 in support of the objectives of MAPA, desiring to join with others in preserving and protecting the heritage, natural environment and other unique qualities of life in the Mentone area, I enclose \$10 for voting membership for one through June 1985.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____



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November Groundhog Award



Honored for the month of November as recipient of the Groundhog Award for the most improved home is the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Gene (Sherry) Gray.

For 25 years Dr. Gray practiced as a physician in Birmingham. They have now retired to Sarasota, Florida. They have four children. The Grays spend their summers and holidays at Mentone. The house is on the adjacent lot to Peggy Howe.

Many improvements have been made to the house under the direction of David Blalock. It has been painted inside and out. The interior has been extensively improved. Bathroom fixtures are new.

The selection committee is composed of Max Cash (town council), Nelda Howe (garden club), and Mabel Kirk (MAPA).

Letter to the Editor

I continue to be delighted and fascinated by each monthly appearance of **The Groundhog**, which I think must be the best small local monthly in America. I hesitate to take issue with you about anything.

I am disturbed, however, by the repeated reference to the name "Mentone" as meaning in French "musical mountain spring," and I have been waiting for an explanation that would justify that translation. I am grateful for Zora Strayhorn's explanation, but I must confess I remain unconvinced.

In my rudimentary French "Mentone" or "Menton," the French spelling, simply means "chin." The original Menton in France juts out into the Mediterranean like a thrust chin on the ~~Blue~~ ^{French} Riviera. In between Monte Carlo and ~~Vent~~ ^{Vence} town protrudes somewhat like ~~fash~~ ^{chin} it a "brow," another bit of from the ~~themy~~ ^{themy}.

To be sure, "chin" is not as semantic or poetic as "musical mountain spring" but in the interest of accuracy I submit these thoughts.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Drew Wolcott

VIEWPOINT

By Charles White McGehee

It was a beautiful autumn day, a slight chill in the air, with the leaves at the peak of their color. At around 11:20 a.m. the space shuttle **Challenger** streaked invisibly overhead, minutes away from its touchdown at Cape Kennedy. Later in the afternoon Alabama would defeat Penn State in football, 6-0; Detroit would win game four of the World Series from San Diego.

It was Saturday, October 13, the opening day of the Mentone Centennial Celebration. Some 50 miles to the east over in Georgia the city of Rome was celebrating its 150th birthday. Old Hotel Square was a scene of much activity. Visitors were going from place to place, shopping for crafts items. The eleven visitors of honor from our sister city Mentone, Indiana, sat leisurely in chairs on the lawn of the Mentone Inn.

As if by pre-arrangement, jet planes from the Alabama National Guard flew low over our town. There was an air of expectation about the parade. Shala Barron, enticing as a clown, moved about the Square, giving away lollipops and posing for photos.

Finally the parade appeared from the street behind the Hitching Post, pausing at the blinker light on 117, turning down toward the center of town — our big fire truck, the vehicles of the Rescue Squad, boat and all, Mentone Maggie's antique motor buggy, the motorcycle clowns of the Shriners.

The Abraham Lincoln look-alike failed to show up for his presentation, but no one seemed to mind. Visitors marvelled at the unique architecture of the Mentone Springs Hotel, looking from the porch at the expanse below of those things which have been wrought over the past 100 years by the combined efforts of people, nature, time, and unfolding history.

We were celebrating ourselves.

It was a celebration that continued for nine days. It was an unqualified success, a success not necessarily measured in numbers, although the events were generally well attended. The significant thing is that Mentone manifested itself as a community.

The events that impressed this writer most were those which evoked a sense of ingathering, a uniqueness about our township. Sunday's singing at Brow Park, which was so capably organized and emceed by Jane Meadows, established what should become an annual event for the October Festival.

The Political Rally was a masterpiece of celebration of the richness of our heritage, against the backdrop of the natural panorama — highlighted by the singing of the 4-H Club and the national anthem played by the Valley Head High School Band. The remarks of Judge Thomas and Judge Cole spoke to our pride.

Thursday afternoon there was a sense of family at the picnic shelter at Brow Park. The food was superb, the sunset seldom equalled, and as if by pre-arrangement, a train passed far below in the valley. This was one of the times when the children were given memories that will long remain.

There were good reports from Merchants Day, Crafts Festival Day, and the Ghost Story-Bonfire gathering, but the climaxing exhilarating event occurred Sunday afternoon, the final event, when descendants of the town founders were honored in the dining room of the Mentone Springs Hotel. Estimates of those attending ranged upward of 200. Garden club ladies in long skirts, some in period costume, served punch, sandwiches, and cookies. In all, thirty garden club members participated. Guests were present from all over the state. Hymns were sung after the presentations. The talented voice of Polly Cameron was heard. Left-over juice was given to Moon Lake School.

Bernise Crow and the Centennial Committee did an excellent job. Many, many persons contributed in various ways. The final event of the year of the Centennial will be the Musical Mountain Christmas.

Meanwhile, as of this writing the first freeze has not come. We can only hope that this coming winter will not bring upon us another 10 below zero temperature. The signs are difficult to interpret. The squirrels seem busier than ever. According to the CBS news, Centennial week was the time of the hibernation of the chipmunks.

THANKS FROM THE CENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN

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None of these things could have been done without community cooperation. A special thanks to Maggie Cordell for coordinating and planning and quilting our Centennial quilt. To Grace Pullen and Polly Chambers for quilting the most. Marie Shadgett, Grace Howard, and I did some. Maggie also sold most of the 399 tickets. Mrs. Simpson of Fort Payne won the quilt. She is the grandmother of Mona Lackey, the Rhododendron Queen.

Thanks to Mona Lackey for coming from Auburn University to ride in the parade.

A big note of thanks from all of us to Jack and Olive Jones for providing the building free of charge to house the Bon Fleur for the fine, well done brochure. It is something we can be proud of for a long time.

To Fern Fitzgerald and Arlene Fowler for typing an excellent mailing list.

Thanks to the ladies who were hostesses at the museum, arranged by Helen Hill and the garden club.

Thanks to Bobby Brown for putting up the banner and to Marty Griffin for getting it painted. Again, thanks to everyone who worked and to everyone who came to the events. It was a wonderful nine days!

— Bernise Crow, Chairperson for the Centennial.

Mentone, Alabama, Chapter II, A Description of the Mountain

Alabama lies between 84 degrees 51' and 88 degrees 28' 03" west longitude and 30 degrees 13' and 35" north latitude; it is about halfway between New York and Mexico, near the southern end of the North Temperature Zone which puts Alabama in a semitropical zone. The growing season in North Alabama is measured at Valley Head and is 198 days. Valley Head has the dubious distinction of registering the coolest spot in the state. The annual average temperature in North Alabama is 60 degrees F. The yearly average of rainfall for the whole state is 53 inches, northeastern section 55 inches.

Lookout Mountain has its own air conditioning — winds. Winds are usually the friends of mankind but turn into enemies when they sweep through Alabama in the form of tornadoes or hurricanes. Mentone has not been known to have had many violent storms.

Lookout Mountain where Mentone is located on the southern end of the Appalachians is a long, narrow mountain. Three states own a portion of Lookout: Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. The northern tip, in Tennessee, is a long, narrow plateau. The Indians named it "Chatanuga Mountain," the Muskogean Indian word meaning "rock coming to a point." The widest part of Lookout is the nine miles between Cloudland, Georgia, and Mentone, Alabama.

On a fairly clear day looking toward the west from the brow at Mentone, one sees low-lying hills, softly contoured, and a wide valley below. The shades of color of the trees range from chartreuse to jade green. Two-thirds of Alabama is in forests. Below is Willis Valley that starts north around Trenton, Georgia, and extends south for about seventy miles.

To understand and appreciate the beauty and good life of present-day Mentone, Alabama, one must dip into the mysterious geological past.

During the Cambrian period of the Paleozoic Geological Era or about 600 million years ago, there was a vast tropical sea covering portions of this area as evidenced by marine life trapped before ridges were elevated. Hundreds of millions of years later during the period known as the Carboniferous period, named for the "fossil fuels," petroleum, coal, and natural gas developed as the result of the reptiles, sharks and amphibians, and large marine animals falling and dying in the swamps, as did numerous scale trees and seed ferns. At this time sedimentary rocks were laid down, such as sandstone, limestone, shale, coal, and conglomerates under water. There is little evidence of volcanic action or lava flow.

At the end of the Paleozoic era, mountain folding in eastern North America produced the heights which constitute today's Appalachians.

One of the five types of rocks in Lookout Mountain is Devonian black shale. During the Devonian period, more than 400 million years ago, amphibians, ammonites, and fish were abundant. On top of the Devonian black shale is a big block of Fort Payne chert. It is called Fort Payne chert because it is found in good form in our nearby city. On top of that is a huge block of Floyd shale, named for Floyd County, Georgia. Next is Bangor limestone. The three-named rocks: Devonian black shale, Fort Payne chert, and Bangor limestone are called subcarboniferous, or Mississippian measure. Millions of years passed between the formation of these three layers. Then came a heavy stratum of Lookout sandstone. Walden's sandstone, after Walden's ridge, caps the rocks. The last two layers are called Coal or Pennsylvanian measure.

Little River with its spring-fed river beginning at Head River, Georgia, flows peacefully through Mentone, Alabama, and is the only known river in this hemisphere to flow along the top of a mountain. It meanders along the high plateau of the eighty-three mile-long narrow Lookout Mountain, plunging over a precipice one-hundred feet to form DeSoto Falls, in DeSoto State Park, about three miles from downtown Mentone. There are about fifteen falls in the Park, but DeSoto Falls is the most famous. DeSoto Falls was originally called Indian Falls as recorded by Federal troops in September, 1863, and later changed to DeSoto Falls by Sarah Force O'Rear. The river

flows through a rock-cliffed gorge, Little River Canyon, and merges with the Coosa River, one of the three main river systems of the state.

The mountain is considered by spaleologists (from the Latin root word "spelaeum," cave) to be one of richest regions for caves in the world. When the overlapping of the crust of the earth occurred during the time the mountains were uplifted, faults formed. At the ground level of the mountain is several hundred feet of limestone. As water seeped into the faults, the limestone was gradually dissolved by the carbonic acid found in weak solutions in rain water. Huge caverns and caves were carved out as the water made its way through the lime substrate, leaving only ledges of rock that were resistant to erosion. There are miles of winding passageways, caves, caverns, pools of water, waterfalls, and underground streams running the entire length of Lookout Mountain.

Below the brow of Mentone in Valley Head is a large cave that was supplied at one time with emergency rations by the Civil Defense for use in the event of a disaster.

The Southern Appalachians have a rich deciduous forest that is varied. Among trees found to be native to this area are ashes, birches, cherries, dogwoods, elms, gums, hawthorns, hickories, hollies, lindens, locusts, magnolias, maples, mulberries, oaks, pines, plums, poplars, black-walnuts, redbuds, sourwood, sassafras, and willows.

Shrubs found natively around Mentone include azaleas, rhododendrons, blueberries, thorns, grapes, honeysuckles, huckleberries, hydrangeas, ivies, laurels, roses, sumacs, and viburnums.

At the Rhododendron Garden Club of Mentone in May, 1984, Margaret Persons was the guest speaker, a past president of the Blanche Dean Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society. She stated that there are some 3,000 species of wildflowers in the Southeast. About 1,000 of these are in northeastern Alabama.

In this area are found the natural crocus, shad bush, spring beauty, false anemone, trailing arbutus, Dutchman's breeches, foam flower, shooting star, trout lily, dog-toothed violet, bloodroot, May apple, the trilliums, ferns, Virginia blue-bells, euonymus, chickweed and yellow jasmine.

Also found here are the wild geranium, iris, jack-in-the-pulpit, trumpet honeysuckle, the woodbines (which Ruby O'Rear said are yellow on the brow because of the lime and pink farther away), Indian pipes, pipsissewa, mountain laurel, azaleas, rhododendron, tulip poplar, oak leaf hydrangeas, spider lily, and lady slipper. A carnivorous plant found on Little River in the vicinity of DeSoto Park is the pitcher plant.

When the Europeans first arrived here, the Indians were growing and using such vegetables and fruits as hickory nuts, pecans, chestnuts, walnuts, strawberries, huckleberries, blackberries, peaches, cherries, muscadines, grapes, potatoes, pumpkins, peas, beans, squash, tomatoes, and okra, and corn.

In the Mentone, Alabama area, fishing is a popular sport in the ponds, creeks, and rivers. Some of the fresh water fish caught are bluegill and shellcracker brim, large-mouthed bass, crappies, and perch. Cat-fish are found in places that have been stocked.

Wildlife found in the Mentone vicinity includes deer, quail, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, fox, racoon, opossum, and mourning dove.

In 1982, when John Paul Verdon was twelve years old, he caught a four and one-half pound large-mouthed bass in a pond off Alabama Highway 117 on property formerly owned by Jimmy Jones. John Paul's grandmother, Mrs. R.C. Gilbreath, had it

mounted for his wall.

Sammy Cash, Mentone's fire chief, before he retired from the Forest Service in the late 1970's, had a call from a woman in Valley Head; she was frantic: "Have you ever killed a bear?" she asked Sammy. "One just went through my yard."

"No," Sammy replied, "but I can try."

When he arrived in Valley Head, children in a black church were wild with excitement as the black bear put its paws up on the window frame. Sammy saw its tracks, but didn't see the bear.

In 1977 Paul Leldon Johnson of Cove Road was returning home from work on Highway 157 about six or seven miles from Mentone. He thought he saw a black object that might be a 50-gallon drum; it moved. Following him was a friend from Sand Mountain who saw the bear. It was a black bear because it walked off on its four paws. Returning to the scene, both men said it had disappeared into the woods.

In 1981 T. F. (Mack) Blalock also of Cove Road, one evening about 2 p.m. looked across his field and thought that his neighbor had acquired a black calf, until it started toward him; the bear lumbered off into the woods nearby. Mack Blalock shot a red fox by his barn a couple of years ago and sold it to someone who wanted the skin. Stanley Brown, Methodist lay-preacher, was exploring an old cave called the Council Cave at DeSoto Falls about 4:30 in the evening on October 9, 1984. He looked up and saw a magnificent red fox on the cliffs. It ran off in the direction of Little River.

In the neighborhood of Lake Lahusage, Taylor Collins and his wife built a home. On Sunday night, October 14, 1984, they heard a bobcat crying like a woman in travail.

A bobcat was sighted in the summer of 1984 by Betty and Scutter Smith when they were on their way to Cloudland, Georgia. The cat dashed across the highway; the hour was daylight. Returning home after dark, the Smiths saw the same cat cross in front of them on the highway.

Scutter Smith is a professional trainer of dogs. He is in the woods much of the time. A couple of miles from his home on Alabama Highway 106, in the area the Government is reclaiming after stripmining, he saw a large bobcat; it was early in the morning.

In the 1940's the Tri-State Fox-Hunter's Convention met at the Mineral Springs Hotel, and after an all night of hunting, dogs yapping, they would have breakfast at early daylight at the Hitching Post.

The reason there is little fox-hunting now on Lookout is because the dogs spot a deer and follow it for miles, sometimes into the North Georgia woods, with the hunter unable to retrieve his dogs. There is still fox-hunting on Sand Mountain.

J. R. Bain, Grandpa Bain's oldest son, recalls the bon-fires in the woods while hunting with his family and friends as a child, "possum, skunk, coons, J. R. was a young boy fishing at the site of Lake Lahusage the day the dam broke because of the heavy rains; the water of the lake went down dramatically.

On May 10, 1975, a bird count was made in the Mentone area north and south of Alabama Highway 117 to the Georgia State line, and the most frequently recorded birds were mourning dove, chimney swift, barn swallow, blue jay, common crow, Carolina chickadee, tufted titmouse, Carolina wren, robin, wood thrush, red-eyed vireo, prairie warbler, eastern meadowlark, red-winged blackbird, common grackle, summer tanager, cardinal, indigo bunting, rufous-sided towhee, chipping sparrow, and pileated woodpecker.

Although the soil and rugged contour of the land in Mentone has not been particularly good for large areas of farming or raising of livestock, it is a good recreational area. The early Indians set this part of the land off for hunting. Today the area remains a Happy Hunting Ground for year-round residents and for vacationers.

— Zora Shay Strayhorn

Mountain Cookery

Somehow the headline over Mountain Cookery last month was transposed into Mountain Greenery. Staff member Donna Bukley said not to worry since the Martha Pickles discussed were green. **The Groundhog** does hope people will save and use the recipe next summer since the pickles are absolutely tops and require no canning or freezing or putting into jars.

Loy Langston gave **The Groundhog** editors a large pumpkin from his and "Shine" McNew's garden. On a welcome rainy day the associate editor cut up the pumpkin. It filled the large canning pressure cooker twice.

Beginning with Grandmother Devine's **United Daughters of the Confederacy Cookbook** and going through many others, several recipes were consolidated to arrive at this:

Into a pie pan lined with your favorite pastry, put (mixed in order given):

1½ cups pumpkin
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
2 eggs
¼ teaspoon each of cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, cloves
1 cup milk
½ cup cream

Bake at 450 for ten minutes, then 325 for 45 minutes. From our huge pumpkin we got ten eight-inch pies and two four-inch "samples." This was real mountain cookery!

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An Explanation

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davenport wish to make it clear concerning Bernise Crow's article on The Hitching Post in the Centennial Edition that while they operated The Hitching Post at no time was liquor sold on the premises.

American Legion Notes

Commander Leonard Shigley of the local American Legion Post states that the membership drive goal of 200 percent has been reached, plus four. Membership is now 46. It is hoped that additional members will join prior to November 11, Armistice Day, at which time the Mentone, Valley Head, and other regional posts have been invited to a special service at Pleasant View United Methodist Church by its minister, the Reverend Drew Wolcott.

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

Correction

In the last edition which commented on the death of Julie Jones, it was stated that she was the daughter of Nancy and Jack Jones Jr. Julie's mother is Ann Jones.

Brochure Arrives

Above is a reproduction of the cover of the new brochure published by the Mentone Centennial Steering Committee. Jointly financed by the Centennial Committee and the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel at a cost of \$3,400, the brochure extol the natural beauty and tourist attractions of Mentone.

One-fourth of the 20,000 copies will be utilized by the Bureau of Tourism and Travel, in mailings and its Welcome Centers. The remaining 15,000 will be placed in regional businesses, mailed to those requesting information about Mentone from the DeKalb County Tourist Association, and circulated in various ways.

The brochure was compiled for the Centennial Committee by Bruce Bon Fleur, former director of the Mentone Area Preservation Association.

Governor George Wallace recently pointed out that Alabama's growing tourist industry brought \$2.9 billion in 1983 and will likely exceed that amount in 1984 by 20 percent. The tourist industry provides full-time jobs to 65,000 people in Alabama hotels, motels, restaurants, and transportation facilities. This revenue goes to sales tax which is earmarked for education.



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When Guy Jones's aunt Eva Parker passed away in Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. Jones brought back some old photos from her home. This is of Guy Burgess's Mentone Store, taken in 1912. The store was located where the Hitching Post is now.

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Children's Day, Oct. 13 - The Parade



The Gourdie Shop's contribution to Children's Day was a clown, Shala Barron. Here she is with the little queen from the Rhododendron Festival, Tamra Hall, who rode in the parade along with Mona Lackey, the senior queen, now in Auburn University.



Hostesses at the Museum were ladies from the Rhododendron Garden Club. Shown here is Theresa Bosworth.



Shown here are friends from Mentone, Indiana: Olive and Dearn Tucker, Dorothy Krull, Mary Teel, Miriam and Bill Boardman, Wayne and Audra Tombaugh, Mary Severs, Jim and Lois Miller.



Here is the beautiful Centennial Quilt (one of them — another is being assembled) coordinated by Maggie Cordell. The grandmother of the senior Rhododendron Queen won the quilt in the drawing a week after the parade.

ial Celebrations Recalled

Oct. 14, Church and Singing Day at Brow Park



Jane Meadows was in charge of the singing. The Community Chorus sang under the direction of David Mays. Kathy Crow was pianist. Others who led the group were Roy Crow and Dorothy Crow. Soloists were DeVan Jackson, George Walker, Jean Gauld, Johnny Bain, Jean Jones, Janet Cooper, and Ethel Manifold. Nine year old Rachel Harville from Albertville sang, accompanied by her sister Kim. The Rev. Drew Wolcott was dressed as a 19th century preacher and gave a reading of James Weldon Johnson's "Creation."



Merchants Day, Oct. 15



Above is Evelyn McGee. McGee's Gulf Mart featured bargains on jeans and egg flats. To the right are the Furgersons, Helena and Charles, who had specials on Cokes.



Crafts Festival Day, Oct. 16



Shown here are potter Darlene Keith and blacksmith Robert Lee.



The Political Rally, Oct. 17



Above, the Valley Head High School Band played the "Star Spangled Banner," and (below) the Moon Lake School 4-H Club sang patriotic folks songs.



Community Day, the 18th



125 Episcopal ladies gathered at St. Joseph's-on-the-Mountain Church on Thursday of Centennial week.



Left is Tony Goggans whose musical talent and emceeing held things together all week. Above are costumed citizens at the dinner on the grounds: Zora Strayhorn, Linda Brown, Sharon Barron, Drew and Corinne Wolcott, Bernise Crow, and Jean McGehee. To the right is winner of the costume contest, Sharon Barron, who was given one of the Centennial plates.



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Super Inn

(Continued From Front Cover)

Mrs. Huron grew a great variety of vegetables in the garden, raised chickens, pigs, and kept milk cows. One entry in a journal she kept describes her setting some of her hens in the ladies' toilet and putting baby chicks on the back porch to keep them warm. The boarders looked forward to the excellent country meals. Mrs. Huron ran this establishment until her death in 1920.

At that time Hal Howe rented the property with an option to buy. The purchase was made in 1922. He converted the store to a kitchen and dining room, operating it until the fall of 1927 under the name Hal's House. In 1927 Hal's House burned and was immediately rebuilt and opened in June 1928 under the new name Hal's Hotel.

Later the name was changed to DeSoto Hotel. In September 1954 it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Plotts of Coral Gables, Florida. They changed the name to DeSoto Lodge and ran it until 1976, when it was purchased by Mrs. Robert Brooks who changed the name to Mentone Inn. It was operated by Mrs. Brooks for two years, then sold, leased, and sold again.

"Somehow it was meant to be that we should run it," says Mrs. Brooks. So in 1982 Amelia Brooks opened the Mentone Inn as a Bed 'n' Breakfast. The new operation has steadily grown.

The inn's interiors are all tongue-and-groove, clear-grain pine from Mississippi. There are twelve rooms, each with its own bath. In addition there is a three-bedroom cottage with baths, sitting room, and porch. Most of the individually decorated rooms include iron beds; the bathrooms have clawfoot tubs.

The living rooms contain comfortable sofas, chairs, and color TV. A wide porch across the entire front is an excellent place for relaxation, viewing the valley and events in Old Hotel Square.

Amelia Kirk-Brooks's background and inclination seem to have conspired to make of her an innkeeper, especially of an inn at Mentone. She and her husband were impressed with the inns of Europe while traveling on the continent. This prompted them to change the name from "hotel" to "inn."

Amelia was born in Mentone, daughter of the Frank Kirks. Her mother was a Crow. The family resided in San Diego, California, while Amelia's father was in the navy. In high school she was violinist in the school orchestra. In college she majored in music and speech arts.

In 1954 she married Robert E. Brooks, whom she had known since the age of eight. He entered the air force, during which time she was president of the Wives Club, The Committee — a family service organization, and a chapter of the national Assistance League.

Bob Brooks is now a business consultant at Game Time in Fort Payne. At one time he served as Director of General Services for Ronald Reagan while

he was governor of California.

Amelia always wanted to return to Mentone. On visits she increasingly admired the Mentone Hotel. Once there was a "For Sale" sign. She and Bob decided to take the step.

Many improvements have been made to the inn, particularly the landscaping, which includes some very fine stonework. Amelia is a devoted gardener. According to her mother, she has been an enthusiastic cook since childhood.

With the assistance of her aunt, Dorothy Crow, a qualified caterer, she has established a catering service for weddings, banquets, social, and business groups. Assisting in many of the activities of the inn is Barbara Crow.

So successful is the Bed 'n' Breakfast aspect of innkeeping, Amelia warns that reservations are necessary a week in advance, and sometimes more, from May first to after Thanksgiving. She offers lunch to the public on Mondays only. An innovation this year is a special Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving dinner requires reservations for two seatings.

Since returning to Mentone, Amelia has involved herself in community activities, particularly as secretary of the Mentone Area Preservation Association and as vice-president of the DeKalb County Tourist Association.

The Brookses have three children: Kathy, a stockbroker in Sacramento; Larry, in the navy; and Cindy, working in Phoenix, Arizona.

Once when asked that occasional question about whether Mentone may become another Gatlinburg, Tennessee, or Helen, Georgia, Amelia Brooks said, "I just want to make it a super country town."

Corrections

For benefit of future historians *The Groundhog* editors are anxious to correct any factual errors in the Centennial edition. Please call the McGehees at 634-3737.

The date was wrong under the picture of Huron's Store. Instead of 1890 as given, we're told 1910 would be more accurate. In Bernice Crow's article about the Hitching Post, the Burgesses sold the store to Davy (not Doug) Jones.

- BULLETIN -

At the special called council meeting on Tuesday, October 30th, council members met with Ken Towry of Public Systems, Inc., and Calvin Cassidy and Foster Fountain of Almon Associates to discuss amendments to the grant to improve the water system. Result of the decision was to put in larger lines from the Hitching Post down to DeSoto Camp and on to Moon Lake School, with fire hydrants along the way and between Clydel's Beauty Shop and the Log Cabin Deli. A smaller line will be installed on the road slanted behind the Superette, and down to Camp Laney. These renovations are in lieu of the original decision to install an eight inch line down DeSoto Parkway from Tutwiler Gap to the Hitching Post. The new tank is almost completed.

Award Presented



Shown above at the October meeting of the MAPA are James Kuykendall of Landmarks of DeKalb County, who presented the certificate to Amelia Brooks, owner of the Mentone Inn, for recognition into the Alabama Registry of Landmarks and Heritage. At right is Nelda Howe, widow of the original owner of the structure.

In Appreciation

Thanks to the following who assisted Jean McGehee with photographs of the various Centennial events: Richard Steinberg, Donna Bukley, Amelia Kirk-Brooks, and Bruce Bon Fleur.

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Wednesday, Oct. 31 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile comes to Town Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 1 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Department meets at Fire Hall. Sam Cash, Chief.

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

7 p.m. — Community Chorus meets at Moon Lake Baptist Church. David Mays, Director.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 — 8 to 6 — Election Day. Fire Hall.

7 p.m. — Rescue Squad meets at American Legion Hall. Leonard Shigley, Captain.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — 7 p.m. — MAPA meets at Fire Hall. Homer Crow, Director.

Thursday, Nov. 8 — 7 p.m. — American Legion meets at American Legion Hall. Leonard Shigley, Post Commander.

Sunday, Nov. 11 — Veterans' Day.

Monday, Nov. 12 — 7 p.m. — Community Chorus at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 — 10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at Methodist Fellowship Hall. Helen Hill, President.

Wednesday, Nov. 14 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile at Town Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 15 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Dept. at Fire Hall.

Monday, Nov. 19 — 7 p.m. — Community Chorus at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Wednesday, Nov. 21 — Deadline for December GROUNDHOG.

Thursday, Nov. 22 — Thanksgiving Day.

Monday, Nov. 26 — 7 p.m. — Community Chorus at Moon Lake Baptist Church.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile comes to Town Hall.

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ing would respond by asking, "Isn't that near Mentone?"

We have gathered here today to celebrate Mentone's centennial. Why do we celebrate a centennial? Harry Truman made a statement one time which I think helps us answer that question. Harry Truman did not have a college education, but he was one of the most learned men who has ever served as President. As a child, Harry read books instead of playing sports. He particularly liked history. His knowledge of history, not only our history but the history of many troubled spots around the world, gave him special insight in dealing with some of the problems he faced as President. Based upon his study of history and his experiences of life, Harry Truman once made this statement, "A man must always keep in mind who he is and where he came from. A man who can't do that at all times is in trouble as far as I'm concerned."

And so, I think it is reason enough to celebrate a centennial that it helps us keep in mind who we are and where we came from.

A man by the name of John Mason from the State of New York was traveling through this area of the country about 100 years ago. He recognized the virtues of this community and founded the town of Mentone in 1884. You realize, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mentone was founded by a Yankee, but we won't fault him for that because he demonstrated considerable intelligence in leaving the State of New York and coming to the State of Alabama.

I thought it would be interesting to know what was happening in this country 100 years ago, and so I went to the encyclopedia and this is what I learned:

(1) They were having a Presidential election. Chester A. Arthur was President. He was a Republican, but his party did not give him the nomination to run again and in November, 1884, a Democrat, Grover Cleveland, was elected President.

(2) In 1884, a young financial wizard by the name of John D. Rockefeller was making a name for himself in the oil business.

(3) In 1884, *The Ladies Home Journal* published its first issue.

(4) In 1884, the Brooklyn Bridge was opened in New York City after 13 years of construction.

(5) In 1884, P. T. Barnum and Mr. Bailey combined their circuses to give birth to Barnum and Bailey's Circus.

Since 1884, Mentone like most cities and towns has experienced periods of economic prosperity and periods of economic status quo, but one of the things that has always made Mentone such a special place, regardless of its economy, is the people you find here.

There have been many nationally famous people associated with Mentone: Martha Berry, Colonel Milford Howard, Congressman Miles A. Allgood, and others. Congressman Allgood, who made Mentone his home for many years prior to his death in 1977, served as Chairman of the Irrigation and Reclamation Committee in the United States Congress during the Franklin Roosevelt years. Congressman Allgood proposed to President Roosevelt the idea of TVA and rode with the President in his private railroad car inspecting the area that would be served by this proposal. Congressman Allgood was honored by Congress in 1970 as the man who did more than any other to introduce and develop hydroelectric power in the United States.

The list of prominent people who have chosen to live in Mentone goes on and on; but equally as important to the history of Mentone are those residents who were born and reared here. I will not attempt to name the many families of prominence who fall into this category, but they are names that stand for honesty, hard work, love of God, and respect for law.

Another very important component in the makeup of Mentone is the camps and campers. Youngsters from all over the Southeast and from throughout the nation have spent their summers in Mentone, and it has been my observation that these youngsters develop an attachment for Mentone that abides with them all their lives.

Mentone is a special place. Another reason that makes it special is this tremendous newspaper you've got called *The Groundhog*. Where else in this country could you find in a town the size of Mentone a newspaper so well written and interesting as *The Groundhog*?

Mentone is special because it is a blend of both the old and the new, a mixture of the native son and the transplant, a society of white gloves and calloused hands. Mentone is special because life slows down a little here.

Harry Truman tells us that we should always keep in mind who we are and where we came from. Let me conclude by saying that if you can say that you come from Mentone, Alabama, you can do so with pride because you come from a very special place.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this celebration.

The Lady Is a Chef

For Kelley Soder, the new chef at Randy Still's Cragmere Manna restaurant, food is definitely not a trivial pursuit, although she does think the promoters of the famous game should release a new edition based on food.

For her, food is definitely a serious business. She comes to Mentone from Chattanooga where she operated a small restaurant on Signal Mountain named Nibbles, which seated only 20 people. It was truly a one-person operation with Kelley doing all the cooking, serving, and cleaning. At Nibbles the specialties were Beef Wellington, duck, and manicotti.

Kelley's training as a chef came principally from Chef George McReynolds of the Gazebo in Chattanooga, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Prior to opening her restaurant, Chef Soder was at the Gazebo for 2½ years, eventually becoming assistant manager.

After attending Brainerd High School, she attended Erlanger School of Nursing for a while. Now divorced, she has two children — Jeffrey, 7, and Jenny, 5, who are with their father and attend school on Signal Mountain. Looking forward to making Mentone her home, the new chef will reside in the

second-floor apartment at Cragmere. Randy Still has moved to the cottage at Mentone Inn.

From childhood Kelley Spder has liked to cook, learning early from a mother who was excellent at southern cooking. Asked what she enjoyed cooking most, she replied: "Hollandaise and bearnaise sauces, and especially cheese-based dishes such as manicotti. I like trying new recipes."

Under the new chef, there will be creativity and experimentation, particularly at the parties, banquets, and weddings which are increasingly becoming popular at this historic setting.

In introducing his new chef, Randy Still announces that a slightly revised menu soon to be introduced will include Shrimp Provencale. The Sunday buffet will continue to feature a salad bar, choice of meats (always fried chicken), vegetables, and desserts.

"We will definitely be open all winter," says the Cragmere owner-operator. "I'm anxious for the people in the Mentone area to discover the skills of our talented new chef. Richard Brill will continue as assistant cook. We're open weekdays 5-9 and Sundays 12-3."

The *Groundhog* editors quizzed the new chef about the age-old contention that men are better cooks. "I think they're about the same," she said. "Women are neater in the kitchen. Someday I'd like to continue my studies with someone like Julia Child. I always want to experiment and innovate."

So, Cragmere Manna on DeSoto Parkway has a new chef who is rapidly falling in love with Mentone. She likes to walk and wants to learn to ski.

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Sunday Services: 11:00 A.M., 7:00

P.M.

Sunday Training Union: 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30

P.M. Telephone 634-4587.

MENTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Ann O. Lohr, minister

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Service: 11 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study Group: 6:00 P.M.

Telephone: 335-6561

MENTONE WESLEYAN CHURCH

The Rev. A. C. Clemens, minister

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship: 10:50 A.M., 6:00

P.M.

Wednesday Evening Service: 7:00

P.M. Telephone: 634-4210

ST. JOSEPH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Blackwell, minister

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship: 11:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 P.M.

Telephone: 634-4476

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 ALPINE: Richard O'Ferrall, director; camp for boys; 634-4200.

June 1-Aug. 11

COMER SCOUT RESERVATION:

Bob Dunaway, director; Boy Scout

camps June 17-July 14, 634-3445.

CAMP DESOTO: Sue Henry, direc-

tor; camp for girls. June 19-Aug. 15,

634-3411.

CAMP JULIETTE LOW: Kathy Holly,

director; Girl Scout Camp in

Cloudland, Georgia. June 17-Aug.

11. 404-428-0446.

CAMP LANEY: Rob Hammond,

director; camp for boys; June

16-Aug. 11. 634-3561.

LOOKOUT MT. CHRISTIAN CON-

FERENCE CENTER: Anne and John

Morrison, directors; 634-3471.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP: Chris-

tian youth camp. Glenn Miller, direc-

tor. 634-3795. June 16-Aug. 11.

CAMP SADDLE ROCK: Marty Grif-

fin, director; girls' camp; June

16-Aug. 11. 634-4608.

CAMP SKYLINE RANCH Susan C.

Hooks, director; girls' camp; June

16-Aug. 11. 634-3201.

VALLEY VIEW RANCH: Nancy

Jones, director. Cloudland, Georgia;

June 17-Aug. 11. 404-862-2231. Girls,

CAMP WOODMONT: Jane Bennett,

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