

the GROUNDHOG

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Jessie O'Rear Whitehead: A Living Heritage Of Wisdom And Wit

"Instead of writing about me," Jessie Whitehead said, "You should write about the kind of people who were first attracted to Mentone."

Mrs. Whitehead remembered that the Tylers came from Portland, Maine, at the same time the Libbys did. Mrs. Tyler was responsible for her family's returning to New England. She missed the social life there, complete with its calling cards.

The Purdons lived where Camp Laney is now located. They were English gentry who had brought their Irish servant here with them. Dr. Purdon was an English army physician who had served on several continents. Mrs. Whitehead remembers that one of the Purdon girls married a Mr. Brown, an uncle of MayBelle Cox's, and moved to California; their descendants visited here two or three summers ago.

The Sproules had their Irish servant, too, and Mr. Sproule was in line for an English title. This family had a parrot, and Mrs. Whitehead says that Mr. Sproule always wore a checked waistcoat and had the air of a gentleman.

Once Mrs. Whitehead's mother said to her after visiting at the Mentone Springs Hotel, that Col. Loring's daughter "didn't let a foot show," she was such a lady. But the Loring's were old Southern aristocracy from Louisiana, so this was to be expected of their daughter.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could read some of Uncle Ed's promotional material?" In a scrapbook Mrs. Whitehead has a letter her grandfather wrote to answer a request for information about Mentone from England.

Uncle Ed was the promoter in the family. His



JESSIE O'REAR WHITEHEAD

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Directions And Objectives At September MAPA Meet

What are the latest developments in the proposed sidewalk between Old Hotel Square and the post office? What about the repairs to the historic rock wall at the crest of Highway 117? What should be the basic role of the Mentone Area Preservation Association in the community?

These are some of the things to be discussed at the next meeting of MAPA on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at the Mentone Springs Hotel at 7:00 p.m. with Director Homer Crow presiding. Director Crow states that this is a meeting for progress reports on the various projects along with evaluation and discussion of the future direction of the organization.

There has been recent consideration from various sources of the formation of a Merchant's Association, a step which would allow MAPA to concentrate more fully on its stated purpose of preserving and protecting the heritage and natural environment of Mentone. A tentative meeting for such a purpose was held on July 21, 1983.

All committee heads are urged to be present at the meeting, prepared to submit a report. Refreshments will be served. All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate.

Water Shortage Continues Top Council Attention

The water shortage was the principal topic of discussion at the August 7 Town Council meeting. Mayor Rob Hammond read two letters from the supervising engineers concerning the grant monies to improve Mentone's water supply.

The first suggestion was to sign a contract with a St. Clair County company to construct a new 100,000 gallon holding tank for \$40,300. This was confirmed unanimously by the councilmen present (Kenneth Crowe was absent).

The second letter stated that the DeKalb County road commissioners believed the road bed along DeSoto Parkway would be damaged if the proposed water lines were laid alongside it. Some \$7,000 more will be required by the engineers to redesign the lines. They also recommended new bids on the lines. The proposed new route would follow the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative easement, mostly along the Libby property.

Councilman Max Cash suggested firing the engineers, putting the line in, and drawing up plans later. Mayor Hammond thought this would not be feasible because of the federal guidelines. The mayor proposed calling a special meeting to discuss the water crisis further. No date was set for the meeting.

Several guests were present at the council meeting, including Rudolph Bell, Paul Purvis, H. J. Wurtele, Ted Holleman, Nelson Ellis, Sandra Padgett, Sharon Barron, Bruce Bon Fleur, Leroy Snyder, Homer and Bernise Crow, Amelia Brooks, Randy Still, and Eddie and Gail Worthey. Frank Bower and Jean McGehee were present for *The Fort Payne Times-Journal* and *The Groundhog*. There were frequent comments and interruptions from those present.

Mayor Hammond explained that the present water shortage is because of the dangerously low level of water in the tank at the Comer Scout Reservation. Planned improvements to the Fort Payne system and the addition of the 100,000 gallon tank in Mentone, should alleviate the problems by next summer.

Visitors present wished to be notified before the water was to be cut off; especially those with businesses desired this service. They also suggested going to Montgomery in person rather than attempting to solve the water crisis over the telephone.

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Kirby will check into the possibility that Mentone could hook onto Bear Brown's springs in the valley. Doubt was expressed by all of those present as to the necessity of new water lines in Mentone.

Nelson Ellis requested permission to hook onto town water for two new residences; the council will make a decision by September 20.

In other business, income reported for the month of July was \$8,015.65, with expenses of \$6,786.17. The council signed a resolution unanimously adopted to certify Hobson Kirby for place 4, unopposed in the election. The council also certified the election results and voted unanimously to place an ad in the Valley Head High School football program. The possibility of liability insurance for Police Chief Colquitt Jones and Leroy Snyder will be explored.

While the county road men are resurfacing the DeSoto Parkway, they will do some \$5,000 worth of repairs to the road just south of 117 behind the Hitching Post.

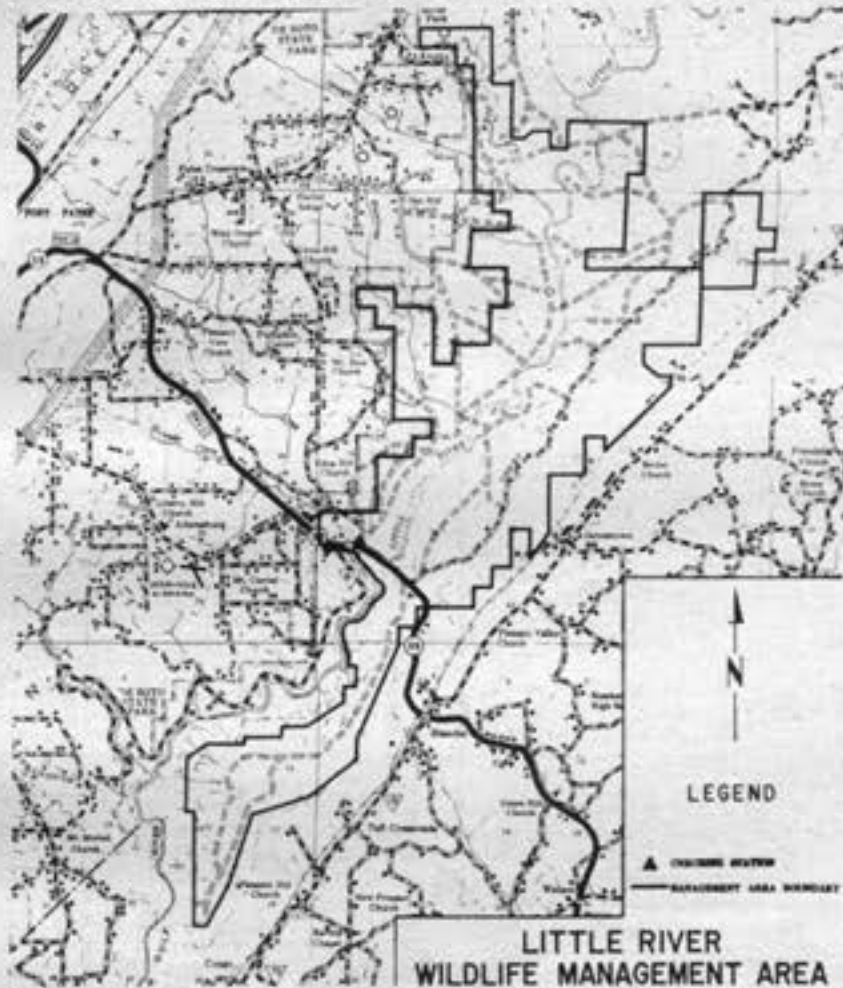
Big Barbecue

Get set for the Greater Mentone Barbecue on Saturday, September 1st beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Historic Hotel Square.

This is a benefit for the restoration of the Mentone Springs Hotel which is celebrating its Centennial, along with the town of Mentone.

Choice barbecue, other foods and drinks, along with family fun, cloggers, and other entertainment will be available.

A Wilderness At Our Doorstep



Beginning just south of Camp Alpine, the Little River Wildlife Management Area skirts DeSoto State Park, borders Little River Canyon, and almost reaches Weiss Lake in Cherokee County. Its 18,000 acres of virgin pine and hardwood forests represent an ecological treasure for the Mentone area and a virtual paradise for hikers, hunters, and campers.

Hiking trails move southward from Comer Scout Reservation, including the recently dedicated and blazed John F. Kennedy Appalachian trail. Camping is allowed in designated areas up to fourteen days. There are specified hunting seasons for deer, squirrel, raccoon, opossum, quail, wild turkey, duck, and trapping. Old logging trails provide generous accessibility, but warning is given of steep, rugged slopes.

One might see a bobcat or coyote, a gentle dove, or the breath-taking spectacle of a bald eagle. One bald eagle is now in the Little River gulf area being monitored by Georgia radio. The pastorate course of Little River flows through the Management Area, and

fishing is reported good. More serious fighting is at Weiss Lake, where bass, crappie, and catfish especially are found.

This project was established in 1967 when Georgia Kraft Timber Company and Alabama Power, along with several private owners, leased forest areas to LRWM. Currently in process of surveying and leasing is an additional 2,000 acre section of DeSoto State Park. Deer stocking began in 1961-62 when two bucks and 29 does were released near Centre. Deer population in 1965 was 1,000 and now is considerably higher. Wild turkey from nearby private property now abound in the preserve.

Refuge Manager Frank Russell of the Alabama Game and Fish Division generously provided material for this article to features editor Eleanor Moerlins. For schedules and regulations he may be reached at Centre, Alabama, Route 3, Box 322 (35960). Phone 927-5603. Hunters should see the September edition of *Alabama Game and Fish* for Marvin Tye's article.

Centennial Week Near

It's only a month and a half away.

On Saturday, October 13th, the big week of celebration begins, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the town of Mentone and the building of the Mentone Springs Hotel.

Eight big days of celebration and festivity will involve the entire community. If you are a man, start growing a beard. If you are a woman, get together a period costume. If you want to participate, get active in one of the many committees involved in this big event.

Bernise Crow and her committee are meeting regularly to draw things together. Each of the eight days is sponsored by a specific group.

You can get your centennial plate at the Hitching Post or ordered by mail from Linda Brown, secretary-treasurer of the Centennial Committee (Route 1, Box 271). The Centennial Brochure being completed by Bruce Bon Fleur is almost ready for distribution. Both the plate and the brochure will some day be historical treasures. Get yours without fail.

A major event will be the second annual Mentone Groundhog Classic Run, co-sponsored this year by the nationally circulated publication *Runner's World*. This nationwide coverage is expected to draw runners from throughout the Southeast.

Kickoff is on Saturday, October 13th, at 1:00 p.m. when CHILDREN'S DAY, coordinated by the Mentone Fire Department and the DeSoto Rescue Squad, presents a parade through downtown, along with other events.

Sunday, October 14th, is CHURCH DAY, beginning at 2:00 p.m. with community singing sponsored by all area churches at Brow Park.

MERCHANT'S DAY is on Monday, October 15th. Breakfast will be served at Mentone Inn. Specials will be available at local business establishments.

Old Hotel Square is the site of CRAFTS FESTIVAL DAY. The Crafts Festival Committee is arranging exhibits of the life style of 1884. Mark this on your calendar: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 16th.

On the following day, Wednesday, October 17th at

2:00 p.m. a POLITICAL RALLY will be sponsored by the Town of Mentone and the American Legion. This will be staged at the Mentone Inn Parking Lot.

The feature on Thursday, October 18th, at 5:00 p.m. is DINNER-ON-THE-GROUNDS AND COSTUME CONTEST at Brow Park, arranged by the Centennial Steering Committee.

Citizens and spooks will gather Friday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. for the GHOST STORY TELLING AND BONFIRE at the Mentone Inn Parking Lot, coordinated by the Mentone Area Preservation Association.

The biggest influx of out-of-towners is expected on Saturday, October 20, for the SECOND ANNUAL GROUNDHOG CLASSIC RUN and MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL DAY. Tours of the hotel and other events will be sponsored by MAPA in cooperation with owners Ray and Sandra Padgett. It all begins at 9:30 a.m.

Final event, on Sunday, October 21st, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. will be of social and historic significance, a CENTENNIAL TEA, honoring descendants of the founders of Mentone. Sponsored by the Rhododendron Garden Club, this event will appropriately be in the Mentone Springs Hotel Dining Room.

The Centennial Steering Committee is composed of the heads of local organizations. Bernise Crow is chairperson. Linda Brown is secretary-treasurer. Other members are Helen Hill representing the Rhododendron Garden Club; Homer Crow, MAPA; Leonard Shigley, American Legion and the Rescue Squad; Sammy Cash, North Lookout Mountain Fire District; Ray and Sandra Padgett, owners, Mentone Springs Hotel; Donna Bukley, Rhododendron Festival; Marty Griffin, coordinator of the spring and fall runs.

Special committees are Brochure, Sandra Padgett, Sharon Barron and Homer Crow; Logo, Marty Griffin and Rob Hammond; Events, Ray Padgett; Publicity, Donna Bukley and Charles McGehee; Museum and Welcome center, Bernise Crow.

MAPA Minutes

The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on August seventh, with Homer Crow, Director, presiding. The speaker was Representative Ralph Burke, who enlightened us on bills being passed and stated that he would try to help Mentone all he could.

Following reading of minutes, the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,530.76 as of August 1, 1984. The Groundhog balance of that same date was \$536.33. It was announced that Donna Buckley will be paid \$30.00 a month to deliver the issues to advertisers and area businesses.

Centennial needs more workers and ideas but is doing well. Mr. Wayne Tombaugh of Mentone, Indiana, who visited a recent meeting, stated that they would be happy to bring their antique fire truck to our parade if invited.

It was asked that renewal notices be sent out for membership. Benny at the post office needs renewal of his supply of cards for the bulletin board. A motion by Randy Still was passed that MAPA appropriate \$125 for membership in the DeKalb County Tourist Association. He reported that they receive frequent requests for information and could use assistance in the postage involved.

— Digested from the minutes of Amelia Brooks, secretary

Groundhog Finance Report

AUGUST ISSUE

INCOME:

On hand \$506.30
Ad Sales \$531.00

\$1,037.30

DEBITS:

Shurlee Froehler, labels \$10.50
Homer Crow, film 5.00
Donna Buckley, ad sales & delivery 109.50
Summerville News Co. 323.25
U. S. Post Office 52.75

\$500.97

Balance on hand \$536.33

Congratulations, Landmarks

Once again the Groundhog editors congratulate Editor James Kuykendall for an exceptional Summer-Fall edition of **Landmarks News**. This is the Fifteenth Anniversary edition of the publication of Landmarks of DeKalb County, recently named the outstanding historical society in Alabama by the Alabama Historical Association.

Walter Summer of Mentone is a Landmarks trustee.

Other items of interest to Mentone are the following:

An article on Ray and Sandra Padgett for their role in rescuing "from almost certain oblivion" the Mentone Springs Hotel. Luther Keith's feature on Howard's Chapel especially calls attention to Lydia Speed's role in maintaining the Chapel — arranging flowers and providing custodial care. "Mrs. Speed's late husband, Richard Parker Speed, was responsible for many of the boxwoods and native shrubs used in landscaping the historic site."

In her usual competent fashion Elizabeth Howard writes of "Joseph William Biddle — Mentone's English adventurer." After a highly adventurous career, including a role in bringing to prominence the writing of author Jack London, Biddle moved to Mentone in 1906. "A close friend of Milford Howard's, he was the Colonel's favorite craftsman. He built the Alpine Dam, the huge overshot water wheel, and large rustic building known as Alpine Lodge. Injured in a fall while roofing this resort building, Biddle died on November 15, 1926, as a result of these injuries." According to Mrs. Howard, Biddle was a progressive farmer, advocating vertical farming and organizing the New Union Mutual Cooperation Association, as well as helping establish New Union School.

Bernise Crow, Centennial Chairperson, is pictured holding one of the Centennial commemorative plates which are now available at The Hitching Post.

The Landmarks camera focused on senior citizens Jessie O'Rear Whitehead who said, "This mountain community has always been very special to my family"; Eula Rose Cash who proudly stated that for 17 1/2 years she had driven a school bus from Moon Lake to Valley Head and worked in the summers at Camp Skyline and Camp DeSoto; and James and Opal Flarity, who until recently operated a flea market in the Hitching Post.

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.

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September Groundhog Award



The Groundhog Award for September goes to Dorothy Crow's home. Uncle Erskine Crow left the house and workshop to Dorothy. Various members of her family have lived in the house, built some sixty years ago.

Dorothy Crow began a little over a year ago to remodel the home. With the help of builder Ralph Brisendine and her friend Avline Brown, Dorothy enlarged the living room, put in a new kitchen and bath, and built on three large bedrooms and baths, as well as a large carport and utility room. First a barn was built to store furniture while the new building was being completed.

A principal feature of the barn, house, and workshop is the handsome cedar siding which covers all three buildings. Dorothy has plans for extensive landscaping.

The Groundhog Award Committee is composed of Mabel Kirk for MAPA, Neida Howe for the Rhododendron Garden Club, and Max Cash for the Town Council.

Brow Briefs

Congratulations to Amelia Brooks for the Mentone Inn and to the Disneys of Nippersink Lodge who received the only 100 ratings for the hotel/food service inspections in DeKalb County for the month of July.

David Mays, local potter, conducted a potter's class at the School Days for Retired Persons on August 21 at the Williams Avenue School in Fort Payne.

Attractive bumper stickers that state, "Alabama's best kept secret — Mentone, Alabama," ordered by Amelia Brooks, are for sale at local businesses.

Lynette and Jimmy McCary are still maintaining the triangle planting, one of MAPA's continuing projects. This bright spot and the flowers at the Mentone Inn certainly enhance the town.

A Mentone Museum

In connection with the Centennial Celebration, announcement has been made by Chairperson Bernise Crow that a museum is being established at the front-corner room of The Hitching Post.

Citizens are asked to bring to the museum all items they think may be of historical interest: photographs, old documents, artifacts, tools or items of furniture. They may either be on loan for the duration of the Centennial, or given permanently to the museum.

Volunteers are needed to help establish and maintain the new Mentone Museum. Plans are underway also to utilize the Museum as an Information Center, particularly on weekends and for special events.

VIEWPOINT

By Charles White McGehee

Mentone is a town, a gathering of people. How and why are towns formed? Usually transportation is a factor. New York and New Orleans are placed where rivers arrive at the sea and there are safe harbors for ships. Atlanta and Rome, Italy, are places where people say all roads lead TO, and you have to change planes AT.

Natural resources are important. Do precious metals await mining, is there good farm land? When railroads were being built in America, boxcars were often placed where the locomotives should be refilled with coal. Towns were built around the boxcars and the towns grew in relation to the network of roads that converged there.

Anthropologist Levi-Strauss at once defines a city as a "natural object" and "something to be cultivated." By "natural object" he apparently means those physical and geographic reasons which caused the earliest inhabitants to settle there.

Mentone's earliest inhabitants seem to have been those pre-historic creatures who wintered in the caves below DeSoto Falls. The caves provided security — protection from winter winds and a natural defense against enemies. Around 1170 the Welsh explorer Madoc built a fort in the bend of Little River above the falls. Historians believe Madoc and his men moved toward the midwest after a few years here.

Obvious inhabitants of Mentone for many years were the Cherokees. In the mid 19th century they were driven away from the land they owned by the U. S. government. The Cherokees also likely used the caves both in winter and in time of conflict. From established and civilized communities in the valley they probably carved out and used a trail up the mountain along the general course of highway 117.

Up this trail Cherokee hunters came toward the present site of Mentone, headed toward the river to fish or to hunt deer, bear and other game. From the rock formations of Brow Park they could observe activities in the valley or merely gaze in exultation. Movements of invaders could be watched.

After the Indians were driven away, settlers moved westward across Appalachia, eastward from Georgia, downward from Tennessee. The first homes seem to have been built shortly before the Civil War in the Moon Lake and Berry Patch areas.

Present-day Mentone began gathering at the mountain's edge around 1873 when H. B. Gillette built a boarding house near the present site of the Mentone Inn; Ed Mason built a store, where the first post office was established; and of course in 1884 Dr. Frank Caldwell built the Mentone Springs Hotel and Ed Mason laid out the town.

A natural factor was obviously the springs at the top of the mountain, near the new hotel. Early historical accounts describe travellers, after the trip up the mountain road, pulling off at the springs and watering their animals. When the hotel was built the springs were advertised as having curative qualities.

Most likely there was a cross-trail along the top of Lookout Mountain, where the DeSoto Parkway now is, and where the John F. Kennedy trail forms the southernmost link of the Appalachian Trail that stretches to Maine.

So much for Levi-Strauss' "natural objects": converging trails, exotic scenic beauty, abundant timber, available water. What about the other factor — "something to be cultivated?" What do the people of Mentone want their town to be?

It has become over a hundred years a resort spot, where hotels and inns have been built, summer camps have been developed for young people, where tourists come, are intoxicated by the beauty and simplicity and return to build summer homes, retirement homes, and permanent residences. The populace is a rare blending of early Appalachian stock, talented and artistic persons, New Englanders, New Orleanians, Birminghamians, and other derivatives.

There are few evidences that this crossroads at the top of Lookout Mountain would ever become an uncontrolled tourist mecca. Its topography is not conducive to that kind of growth. Back along the sideroads, hidden away along the river and the brow, are cozy and remote homes. It is like a New England town where I once lived: local ownership of township property was a protective measure.

Other protective considerations are some 18,000 acres of the Little River Management Area adjacent to DeSoto State Park to our south, a game preserve and forest area, cared for by the U. S. Forestry Rangers. Northward toward the beautiful brow areas of Eagle's Cliff there are verdant wilderness areas, now privately owned, which embody a natural proclivity to privacy.

There is possibility of commercial development on 117 toward the Georgia line. But this is a matter of individual ownership and choice, not necessarily affecting "downtown" Mentone.

So, Mentone is really two things: (1) Something natural, enduring and beautiful; (2) Something possessed of the human qualities, something to be cultivated. The important thing has already been cultivated — a certain friendliness, spirit of cooperativeness and warmth in its people that asserts itself when needs arise; that is yet buttressed by an admirable attitude of individuality, independence, and sometimes truculence.

Archibald MacLeish, who loved the small New England town where he spent most of his life, once defined a town as follows: "It's a meeting — a meeting of minds. And how do you get a meeting of minds? Meeting of people."

Mayor Hammond Meets The Press (The Subject Is Water)

Beyond doubt the number one topic of conversation and concern in Mentone these days is the water situation. With this in mind **The Groundhog** editors contacted Mayor Rob Hammond and suggested that he answer for us some of the questions most frequently asked. He cooperated and here are the results:

EDITORS: Granted that for various reasons the water may be cut off again, is there any way advance notification can be given — perhaps with a telephone network?

MAYOR: We are asked to cut off our pumps when the level at the water tank at the Corner Scout Reservation drops below four feet. Unfortunately this does not always happen in a given schedule. In the future we will give serious consideration to the development of a neighborhood telephone notification system.

EDITORS: Is the council receiving expert professional advice concerning the letting of the contracts and the handling of the federal grants?

MAYOR: Professionally advising the council on every phase of the Community Block Development Grant is Ken Towrey of Public Systems, Inc. of Huntsville, Alabama, and Calvin Cassidy of Almon Associates (engineers), of Tuscaloosa.

EDITORS: Where do we now stand on the contracts?

MAYOR: The bid for the new water tank was accepted by the council, and the contractors have been notified. The council has decided at this time not to pursue the enlargement of the line from Tutwiler Gap to Alabama 117. We are asking our engineers to consider the following options in using the remaining grant money:

- (a) a package water treatment plant at either the site of our old water works or at DeSoto Falls;
- (b) the possibility of a hook-up with Valley Head if the Valley Head Water Board ever feels that they are in a position to supply water to Mentone;
- (c) investigation of private sources of water, such as a spring in the valley or an underground stream in

a cave at the foot of the mountain;

(d) improvements to the existing system — fire hydrants, river crossing, etc.

EDITORS: Was the water cut off on July seventh because of an overload from the camps?

MAYOR: Naturally, the camps increase our demand for water. But it seems that the three camps on the Mentone system used approximately the same amount of water as last year.

EDITORS: Who turned the water off?

MAYOR: The town voluntarily cuts its pumps off when asked to do so by the Fort Payne Water Department.

EDITORS: How was this different from the problem that caused the cut-off last January?

MAYOR: As I understand it, last winter's shortage was caused by the sub-zero temperatures. Many pipes, mains, and sprinkling systems burst all over the Fort Payne system.

EDITORS: Do you think the Fort Payne arrangement will work in the long run?

MAYOR: I would hope so.

EDITORS: Will not the Fort Payne mayor, David Stout, who takes office in October, be especially responsive to Mentone's needs?

MAYOR: First, let me say that Bobby Howard, manager of the Fort Payne Water Works, and his people, have been very cooperative and polite during the shortage. Fort Payne's new mayor, David Stout, worked with Barron and the Town Council in helping Mentone receive the CBD grant. David, as representative, has long been aware of the problems and the needs of Mentone. He realizes that Mentone is a natural extension of the Fort Payne economy. We have enjoyed working with him in the past and look forward to working with him in the future.

EDITORS: What are your personal feelings about this crisis?

MAYOR: Naturally, I'm as frustrated by the water shortages as you are. Adequate water is vital to the survival of our community. Neither myself nor the council can afford to stop working until we find a solution to this problem.

The Unbelievable Bees: They Dance, They Work

Did you know that bees communicate by dancing? A round dance indicates a pollen or nectar source within 100 yards; a wag-tail dance tells that the source is farther away — just how far away depends on the excitement of the dancer.

These and other interesting facts about bees were presented at the August 14 meeting of the Rhododendron Garden Club, held at the Bartlett home, by W. D. Mullins, insurance executive from Greensboro, N. C., who has a summer cottage at Mentone.

Bill Mullins is a master beekeeper, having taken courses at the University of Alabama, the U. of N. C., and N. C. State University. He showed two sets of slides, the first on pollen and nectar plants in the Southeast, and the second, an overview of beekeeping. The latter set of slides included several pictures of Mr. Mullins's six year old son, an active beekeeper.

Honey bees are gentle and easy to manipulate. They do not sting unless provoked, since a sting ends the life of the bee, the stinger remaining in its victim. One-third of the U. S. diet comes from bee pollinated plants. Honey is easily and quickly assimilated by the body and is used for medicinal purposes since it is a good anti-bacterial agent.

It takes 80,000 bees to produce one pound of honey. A single hive has within it at a given time between 40 to 50,000 bees. Bees vary in personalities and live in a harmonious, organized colony.

There are three castes in the bee society, the queen, who lays up to 1,500 eggs a day; the drones, several hundred, of which a few mate with the queen (these have no stings and excess males are driven off in the autumn); and thousands of female workers who live an average life of six weeks.

The workers create the hexagonal cells in the wax hive. The cells are used for storage and as brooders for young bees. Beeswax is used in candles, in dental work, as wood and metal polishes, and for cosmetics.

Appearing to work haphazardly, the workers move from chore to chore, such as storing pollen and nectar, communicating, and standing guard duty.

The final stage of the worker's life is spent collecting pollen or nectar. The pollen is stored in baskets on the bee's hind legs. It is 23 percent protein and contains numerous vitamins and minerals. The nectar is stored in an abdominal sac. Bees cluster tightly in winter, maintaining their 98 degree temperature. They divide or swarm in the summer.

Some plants make honey that granulates quickly, and all of the plants produce honey of varying flavors. Wildflowers depend upon honey bees for their pollination, and the melons such as pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, and watermelons all depend upon bees for pollination. Some of the plants shown were the willows, trout lily, adder's tongue, fruit trees, dandelions, mustards, cresses, berries, locust, mints, roses, clovers, chicory, alfalfa, burdock, poppy, salvia, marigolds, butterfly weed, bee balm, fireweed, spider plant, bergamot, button bush, heart-sease, milkweed, loosestrife, Japanese knotweed, dogbane, soybeans, sumacs, thistles, butter-and-eggs, sourwood tree, Chinese tallow tree, galiberry, buckwheat, sunflowers, chokewoods, ironweeds, goldenrods, and the asters, which give the bees nectar that aids them over the winter.

Mr. Mullins reiterated that the honey bee is not vicious or dangerous. If a person or an animal is allergic to a bee sting, so will he or she be allergic to the sting of any other insect.

Beekeeping is a good family hobby, particularly popular in Great Britain. Bees are kept on apartment patios in London and there is one beekeeper on the twenty-third floor of a New York city apartment building.

Bee stings are being experimented with as a treatment for arthritis; honey may be effective as a deterrent to hay fever, if taken daily and made in the vicinity of the sufferer. Royal jelly, the substance that nurtures infant queen bees, is popular just now as a medicine. Mr. Mullins stated that Julius Caesar took honey along on military expeditions since it is good for wounds. Today our military uses honey for the same purposes.

During the business portion of the meeting, President Helen Hill welcomed visitor Barbara Woolf, daughter-in-law of recently deceased member Alice Woolf. Members were told that the family had requested that anyone wishing to remember Alice Woolf with a gift may do so by giving to the Rhododendron Fund of the garden club or to the American Cancer Society.

After a devotional by Ruby Daniel and yearbook changes given by Mrs. Hill, members were urged by Federation president Linda Brown to participate in the flower show at the county fair. Registration will be on September 30 from 11 to 5 p.m.

Mabel Kirk reported on the tea to be arranged by this garden club as part of the Centennial Celebration, at 4 p.m. on October 21, at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Members were requested to wear long skirts and white blouses for the occasion. Anne Wright will be in charge of decorations; Marie Shadgett will arrange the food donations; Jane Meadows will sign up hostesses. Mrs. Kirk is chairman of the event, and members of her committee are Betty Chapman, Peggy Tutwiler, and Nelda Howe.

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Crafts Festival Meeting At Long Last

Nine members of the Crafts Festival Committee met at the United Methodist Church on August 9 for election of officers and evaluation of the eighth annual Mentone Crafts Festival. Incumbents were reelected with the exception of treasurer Grace Howard, who asked for a leave of absence. Linda Brown will continue as president; Stanley Brown, vice president; Barbara Brown, secretary. The position of treasurer will be filled later, appointed by the president.

Although more money was taken in, not as many people attended this year's festival because of the rain on Saturday. Some 2,444 people paid to attend the event. In addition to having paid for the larger portion of the new brow park shelter, the Crafts Festival Committee has some \$7,000 in savings.

Ovie Blalock and Stanley Brown were chosen to build a shelter over the concrete slab erected last year. This will help entertainers and exhibitors in case of future rainy hours during the festival.

The new display area east of the park will be continued next year, with better walkways, possibly of bark. Exhibitors will be warned of collection of sales tax. Walkie-talkies will be used to facilitate communication among festival officials.

Next year's festival, to be held July 6 and 7, will feature varied entertainment, with possibly new clogging groups and a string band. The committee needs a photographer to volunteer from the community and someone to help with program advertisements.

The Crafts Festival Committee is responsible for Tuesday during the Centennial week celebration. Old time crafts will be demonstrated, such as blacksmithing, making of hominy and soap, quilting, basket weaving, pottery making, and a cider still.

President Linda Brown urges all local residents to consider working on the ninth festival. Mark now the date of the next meeting — March 14, 1985.



THE GROUNDHOG camera caught the above scene from the newly resurfaced DeSoto Parkway, to which has been applied layers of tar and gravel, topped off by a second layer of tar and finer gravel. Many complaints had been registered concerning the rough surface and potholes along the Parkway.

Chattanooga YMCA Names Bruce Bon Fleur To Post

Bruce Bon Fleur has begun duties in Chattanooga as Program Executive of the Northeast Extension, Young Men's Christian Association.

Principal founder of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, he is commuting to Chattanooga for his new position.

Because there is no YMCA family center in this area of the city, a branch is expected to be established within a year. Bruce is at present establishing an advisory board. Over the next several years he will be developing broad-based community support, involving citizens in the task of building a full-fledged YMCA in Northeast Chattanooga.

Bon Fleur was a candidate for mayor of Mentone in the recent election. Prior to moving to this area he was a YMCA program director in Daytona Beach and Marco Island in Florida.

Throughout the nation there are 2,170 YMCA branches, units, organizations and camps, serving over 12-million Americans. It is the largest health and social service network in the United States. It operates 1,332 swimming pools, 1,027 health and fitness centers, and 251 residences with 35,353 beds.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Sammy Cash reminds residents of Mentone that the aluminum can drive is over by September first. Bring in cans until then. There have been no fires reported for the month of August.

Malibou Mountain Band Plays For Western Dance

Donna Bukley will coordinate the DeKalb County Tourist Association Country and Western Dance that features the Malibou Mountain Band on Saturday, September 22nd, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Fort Payne.

Those who attend this benefit performance for DeKalb Tourist Association are urged to wear western clothes. Prizes will be given to the best-dressed. Refreshments will be available.

Association members are needed to help with arrangements. They should contact Donna at 634-4678.

Another Mentone Celebration

(Our Sister City)

Our town has a sister city, Mentone, Indiana. Its Centennial Celebration was observed in 1982. Named also for the resort town of Mentone, France, our sister city calls itself The Egg Basket Capital of the United States, because eggs represent the major industry. Its history really began when the village of Yellow Creek moved to the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. It also was formerly Indian country. Lawrence D. Bell, builder of the first plane to fly faster than sound and the military helicopter, was born in this Indiana town. Because Mentone, Indiana, is twice as large as its Alabama counterpart, its Centennial Celebration was much more elaborate. At a recent meeting of the Centennial Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tombaugh brought voluminous evidence of the Indiana activities. They promise to bring a delegation for our October Centennial Week, perhaps driving down their antique firetruck. On this page the GROUNDHOG shares with you some of the scenes from the parade.



1984 Groundhog Classic May Draw Record Crowd

Little River which flows through Mentone is said to be the only river in America that runs its entire course atop a mountain.

The Mentone Groundhog Classic Run, a major feature of the Centennial Celebration of the town of Mentone and the Mentone Springs Hotel, may well be the only run of its kind that runs its entire course atop a mountain.

On Saturday, October 20th, the Second Annual Groundhog Classic Run may attract the largest crowd ever to gather in Mentone.

Just when the autumn foliage in lower Appalachia is at its verdant peak, the entrants in the run will follow a course which begins at Old Hotel Square, continuing down DeSoto Parkway, now resurfaced to a new finish, underneath a canopy of dogwood, red-bud, oak, and maple.

At the DeSoto Falls turnoff, the course circles and returns past such scenic attractions as Windward Inn, St. Joseph's Church which is built around the log cabin believed the oldest building in town, to the Hitching Post.

This four-mile run begins at 9:30 a.m., preceded by a 1-mile fun run at 9:00 a.m. Specially designed T-shirts and **Runner's World** hats will be given to all participants. Pre-registered runners are guaranteed hats and shirts the day of the race. **Runner's World** post-race certificates will be given all participants and **Runner's World** medallions to the three top finishers in each division.

All proceeds go toward the work of the Mentone Area Preservation Association.

See entry blank on page 7.

A Centennial Tour Of Mentone (For Our Visitors)

At the top of the mountain where 117 intersects with DeSoto Parkway (89), you are at Old Hotel Square. Within walking distances are the following points of interests: (Maps are usually available around town).

(a) MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL, focal point of the Centennial, built in 1884, a classic example of Victorian architecture. It is not operated at present as a hotel, but there are gift shops worthy of a visit.

(b) THE WHITE ELEPHANT, formerly an annex of the hotel, now a fine gifts and antiques shop. Behind the hotel to the east.

(c) THE MENTONE INN, operated as a Bed 'n' Breakfast. Lunch Mondays. Built in the 1920's. Available for parties.

(d) THE HITCHING POST, once a place of festive dances, site of the post office and various stores; now houses a number of gift attractions. Browse here at your pleasure, ask questions about the area. Also has Crow's Nest Antiques; Gourdi's and art objects; Back Door custom framing.

(e) THE LOG CABIN DELI, a place to eat if you're hungry. Excellent food. Closed Mondays.

(f) ST. JOSEPH-ON-THE-MOUNTAIN CHURCH, usually open for visitors. Its center unit is a log cabin thought to be originally the oldest residence in Mentone.

Time now to get in your car and head down DeSoto Parkway, checking points on the map:

(g) DESOTO FALLS, a natural landmark.

(h) CRAGSMERE MANNA RESTAURANT AND

GARDENS, originally a log cabin residence of a former slave. If you're hungry and it's after 5 p.m. (and not Monday or Tuesday), a top-notch meal; suitable for parties.

(i) CLOUDMONT SKI & GOLF RESORT, southern-most ski resort in America. Grass skiing in summer. Much natural beauty; chalets for rent; nine holes.

(j) DESOTO STATE PARK RESORT, good restaurant, camping areas, swimming, various accommodations, etc. Hiking trails.

(k) HOWARD'S CHAPEL, a small structure built during the Depression by Col. Milford Howard. Unique stone design, flowing from a huge boulder. His ashes are buried here. He was an author, movie producer, nominated for President, and did much for the development of Mentone.

Now return to your car and make the beautiful drive around highway 165 to 117, carefully consulting your map. If you're hungry, turn right on 117 past the Georgia line to the Lookout, an excellent family restaurant (closed Sunday night and Monday).

As you return to downtown Mentone, we call your attention to the following establishments who have supported **The Groundhog** through their advertisements:

Taylor's Trade Center; Cloudland and Lookout Nurseries; Whatley's General Store and Service Station (mechanic on duty); Tom's Drive In; The Owl's Roost (jewelry and antiques); The Red Barn (browsing); the Superette, friendly grocery and gathering place; McGee's Gulf Mart (old timey general store); in the Town Hall, Grann's Junque and Antiques; Ferguson's General Store with Drive-In Charcoal Burgers; just across the Deli parking lot, Clydell's Beauty Shop.

Camping Season Ends



A look into the past: do you know these counselors? They were at Camp Alanita in 1926 (photo courtesy of Mrs. Josephine P. Ware).

From throughout the southeast they came during the summer to Mentone, where is situated almost certainly the largest concentration of youth camps in the nation. They sang their songs, hiked their trails, went on their excursions to scenic and entertainment places in nearby cities — and now they have returned to their homes and their schools.

What kind of season have they had? The citizens of Mentone are proud of the camps and interested in their progress. With this in mind the **Groundhog** features editor Eleanor Moerlins conducted her survey of the just concluded season and here are the results:

Sue Henry, Director of Camp DeSoto, says "We were very pleased with a successful summer. We had a full house for both sessions."

Ponderosa Bible Camp Director Glenn Miller reports that they "had lots of good fellowship. We were disappointed in a few empty beds, but we are not through compiling our statistics yet. Basically, we had a good summer."

From Camp Laney Director Rob Hammond says, "We had a very good summer — except for the rain!" "Our campers, especially enjoyed the new additions," reports Director Susan Hooks of Camp Skyline. "They loved our waterslide, sailing and computer classes. We were real pleased with the summer season."

Nancy Jones, Director of Valley View Ranch, says, "We had a wonderful summer — fun with new and old friends. Each girl advanced her riding abilities."

Lookout Mountain Christian Conference Center Director Anne Morrison stated, "We had a very busy summer. We had an excellent turnout for day camp this year with 125 attending."

Marty Griffin, director of Saddle Rock, which completed its initial season, was exuberant. "The summer was a blessing to us," she said. "Because this was our first year we naturally expected some problems, but they were minimal. It was a safe summer. The parents were pleased. We're ready to go another year."

As the camps were contacted for this report, the following directors were either out of town or unavailable: Richard O'Ferrall, Camp Alpine; Bob Dunnaway, Comer Scout Reservation; Cathy Holley, Camp Juliette Low; and Jane Bennett, Camp Woodmont.

But from other friends and staff persons, it was apparent that 1984 was one of the best of all years for Mentone camps.

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Rescue Squad

Captain Leonard Shigley announces that the Rescue Squad has purchased a lot adjoining the American Legion Hall for expansion. A date for the CPR course will be announced later. Captain Shigley attended a state rescue squad meeting the third weekend in August.

Living Heritage Of Wisdom And Wit

(Continued From Page 1)

eloquent brochures and ads in New York publications attracted such persons as Dr. Frank Caldwell who built the Mentone Springs Hotel. With his surveying skills Uncle Ed also laid out the town.

It's a familiar story: at breakfast one morning the Masons, he brought up the question of a name for the town and the hotel. Jessie's grandmother Alice (later O'Rear) had been reading in *The New York Times* about the vacation visit of Queen Victoria to Mentone, a Riviera resort spot in France, which like the new Alabama town, had springs of a reputed curative value.

The O'Rear home is gone now, but Mrs. Whitehead's present home contains the wide boards from the old home and some of its windows. Highway 117 split the acreage, but Mrs. Whitehead has fond memories of the place.

Grandfather O'Rear had "lots of smart ideas." Water was pumped into the kitchen. Balconies were outside the bedroom windows, and a huge rock ramp led up into the barn loft. Mr. O'Rear wanted an expansive lawn, but his Vermont wife prevailed, and a picket fence enclosed a small area around the house. Even the croquet court was outside of this yard.

Jessie O'Rear Whitehead is the middle O'Rear girl. Ethel (Davenport), the older daughter, liked the horses and outdoor life on the farm. Ruby, the baby girl, enjoyed company and wildflowers, but Jessie was the real scholar. She always preferred reading, studying, and going to school over any other activities. One good friend was Mrs. Catherine Bailey's aunt, Willie Brown (Shigley). Mrs. Bailey, of course, is town clerk today.

"One of the greatest blessings of my life was having intelligent, literate parents," Mrs. Whitehead states. Mrs. O'Rear wrote the local news, just as her daughter Ruby does today. She also belonged to the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. She taught Jessie her Greek letters from one of her home study books. When she was six or seven years old, struggling to read Shakespeare, her mother gave her a copy of *Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare*.

She went to school in the Bankhead community (renamed Nightingale because of the other Bankhead, Alabama) for the first five grades. She and a sister stayed in Valley Head one winter for the sixth grade.

The family went where the schools were. For ten years they stayed in Menlo next door to Mrs. Joe Pless's grandparents. The high school at Menlo was a fine school, and pupils were grounded in the classics. Four years of Latin were required. Young Jessie also studied French and had strong courses in English. One of her treasures is a solid gold medal she received for the highest average her first year in high school.

She was graduated from the State Normal College at Florence (North Alabama State now) in 1915. Since

then she has taken courses in early childhood education at Mississippi State, and at the Universities of Mississippi and Chattanooga.

Her first teaching job was on Sand Mountain in 1915-16. Her salary was \$35 a month, but she didn't receive any money (other than \$10 at Christmas and her monthly board, worth about \$6 or \$7 a month) until the end of the school year.

Mrs. Whitehead taught mostly in the western part of the state. In Winfield she met Paul J. Whitehead, whom she married Sept. 18, 1922. In Mississippi she taught in Belmont, Tupelo, and Amory. Descendants of her friends there still attend summer camps here in Mentone.

Mr. Whitehead worked for the railroad, and the family lived in Memphis and in Fort Worth, also. On Nov. 5, 1924, their only child, James Beverly, was born. For a time Mr. Whitehead managed the Southern States Utilities Company, but when the Crash came in 1929, telephones (whose exchanges were run by his company) were dispensable. Coming back to Mentone, her husband sold industrial insurance in this area, and Mrs. Whitehead taught at Moon Lake School for four years.

After her mother's death, Mrs. Whitehead taught in the Fisher community. Later, after her husband had died and James had gone overseas in World War II, she went to Amory, Mississippi, and taught for six years. She rounded out her teaching career with five years in Ider. "I was blessed to teach," Mrs. Whitehead says. "My only grandchildren are children of those I taught."

She is deservedly proud of her ancestors. Neither grandfather belonged to a formal religious organization. Grandfather O'Rear liked the Mormons, whose missionaries had been to this area, because of their emphasis on work and on taking care of their own. Grandfather Mason admired the Quakers; he was pacifistic and liked their attitude of "Let us reason together."

Ancestor Daniel O'Rear served in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Whitehead's Uncle John remembered that when he was a little boy, he had been taken to a patriotic celebration in Chattanooga where Daniel O'Rear, 100 years old, was carried on a chair on a platform. "Every now and then, this little bitty man would raise his fist and declare, 'Death to the Tories!'"

During the Civil War Grandmother O'Rear became a refugee to Rome, Georgia, because of the guerilla band, led by John Law, on the mountain. The regular Union soldiers were polite, but the guerillas were greatly feared. Her grandfather was a Confederate soldier, but his wife was from New York. During the time of the war, she tanned leather to make shoes for her four sons.

During her years of retirement Mrs. Whitehead has enjoyed membership in the DAR, in the Valley Head Women's Club, and in the Rhododendron Garden Club, which she helped found. She enjoys her

lovely home, with furniture from her husband's family home that he refinished. She is still an avid reader, preferring English mysteries nowadays. Because of an overflowing number of books in her home, she plans to donate some volumes to the new Fort Payne library.

Mrs. Whitehead and her sister Miss Ruby O'Rear enjoy excursions with James, Mentone's assistant postmaster. Mrs. Whitehead is quite active as a homemaker, enjoying putting away vegetables for the winter as she has always done.

No town could have a finer descendant of its founding families than Jessie O'Rear Whitehead. At age ninety, she cherishes her past, relishes the present, and looks forward to the future.

Honored guests along with Mrs. Davenport's daughter, Mrs. W. Paul White, the two sisters will be present on the final day of the nine days' celebration of Mentone's Centennial on October 21 at the tea in the Mentone Springs Hotel.



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September Election Staff Appointed By Sammy Cash

Beat Committeeman Sammy Cash has announced the following officials to conduct the Democratic Primary Election on Tuesday, September 4th: Linda Brown, Edmund Crowe, Lee Davenport, Eleanor Tate, and Jean McGehee.

The election chooses nominees for U. S. Senator, 4th Congressional District, Places 1 and 4 Criminal Appeals Judge and State Board of Education member of the old 7th Congressional District.

County nominees will be superintendent of education, tax assessor, tax collector, coroner, DeKalb board of education districts 1 and 4, county board of education, district 2; and constable, beat 18.

Dekalb Tourist Association

New office secretary of the DeKalb Tourist Association is Sonja McDow. John Taylor is no longer director of the association. We are still in the black and would appreciate new members in order to meet our grant for new brochures scheduled in September.

It is hoped that all members and their friends will attend the Country and Western Dance at the National Guard Armory in Fort Payne on Saturday, September 22nd, from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Prizes for the best western costumes. Volunteers are needed to help Donna Bukley with arrangements.

— Amelia Brooks, vice-president
DeKalb Tourist Association

Calendar

Tuesday, Aug. 27 — School begins.
Saturday, Sept. 1 — 11 a.m. — Big Barbecue for the Mentone Springs Hotel. Y'all come!
Tuesday, Sept. 4 — 8-6 — Democratic Primary Election, Fire Hall.
7 p.m. — Town Council meets at Town Hall. Rob Hammond, Mayor.
7 p.m. — Rescue Squad meets at American Legion Hall. Leonard Shigley, Capt.
7 p.m. — MAPA meets at Mentone Springs Hotel. Homer Crow, Director.
Wednesday, Sept. 5 — 9:30 p.m. — Bookmobile at Town Hall. Judy Dowlat, Librarian.
Thursday, Sept. 6 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Department at Fire Hall. Sammy Cash, Chief.
Saturday, Sept. 8 — 9:30 a.m. — Centennial Committee meets at the Hitching Post. Bernise Crow, Chairwoman.
Tuesday, Sept. 11 — 10 a.m. — Rhododendron Garden Club meets at the Meadows home. Helen Hill, President.
Wednesday, Sept. 19 — 9:30 a.m. — Bookmobile. Groundhog deadline for October issue.
Thursday, Sept. 20 — 7 p.m. — Volunteer Fire Dept.
Saturday, Sept. 22 — 9:30 a.m. — Centennial Committee.
8-12 p.m. — Western Dance at Ft. Payne National Guard Armory.
Friday & Saturday — Sept. 28 & 29 — Atlanta Antique Car Club comes to Mentone with their cars and period costumes.

Mrs. Linda Brown, Secretary-treasurer,
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groundhog classic

Distance: 4 miles
Course: flat to gently rolling hills
Location: DeSoto Parkway
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Awards: Specially designed t-shirts and Runner's World hats will be given to all participants. Pre-registered runners are guaranteed hats and shirts the day of the race. Late registrants will be mailed t-shirts. Runner's World post race certificates will be given to all participants and Runner's World medallions to the top three finishers in each division.
Splits: Called at half way mark. Water available on course.
Organized By: All proceeds go toward the goals of the Mentone Area Preservation Association, an organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural heritage, environment, and other unique qualities of Mentone.

Entrants will be enchanted by the scenic course of this four-mile run, which begins at historic Hotel Square, continues down DeSoto Parkway underneath overhanging autumnal splendor of dogwood, redbud, oak and maple. The course then circles at the DeSoto Falls turn off and returns past Windward Inn, St. Joseph's Church and ends at the Hitching Post. The Groundhog Classic will cap off the fall "Colorfest" and Centennial celebration.

Mentone is located on Lookout Mountain, halfway between Chattanooga and Gadsden on highway 117. There are exits on I-59 north and south. Follow 117 through Hammondville, Valley Head, and up the mountain. From the east, Mentone can be reached through Lafayette, Summerville, Georgia, through Menlo to Cloudland to Mentone.

Detach and mail or bring to: The Mentone Groundhog Classic, Box 50, Mentone, AL 35984. Entry fee of \$6.00 per run must accompany each application. \$7.50 after October 15th. Make checks payable to M.A.P.A. (Mentone Area Preservation Association)

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CAMP LANEY: Rob Hammond, director; camp for boys; June 16-Aug. 11. 634-3561.

LOOKOUT MT. CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER: Anne and John Morrison, directors; 634-3471.

PONDEROSA BIBLE CAMP: Christian youth camp. Glenn Miller, director. 634-3795. June 16-Aug. 11.

CAMP SADDLE ROCK: Marty Griffin, 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, director; boys' and girls' camp. 404-284-5369. June 17-Aug. 5.



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