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Introducing Our Leader

Meet his honor, the mayor!

He's proud of the town that he has served four terms as leader. Meet Sam Barrett.

He calls himself a "synthetic orphan" who found a home with roots.

When asked by the interviewer what he was proudest of in connection with his role as mayor, he readily answered: "I'm proudest that our people are getting closer together. They're cooperating, getting things done."

He said he didn't take any special credit as leader. "The purpose of a leader is not to take sides too much."

Born in Pike County, Georgia, his mother died upon his birth. His father, a farmer, banker, and cotton gin operator, died when Sam Barrett was fourteen. He has little recollection, then, of his parents.

He first attended North Georgia College, a military school. "I'm in favor of young people having at least one year of military training. It

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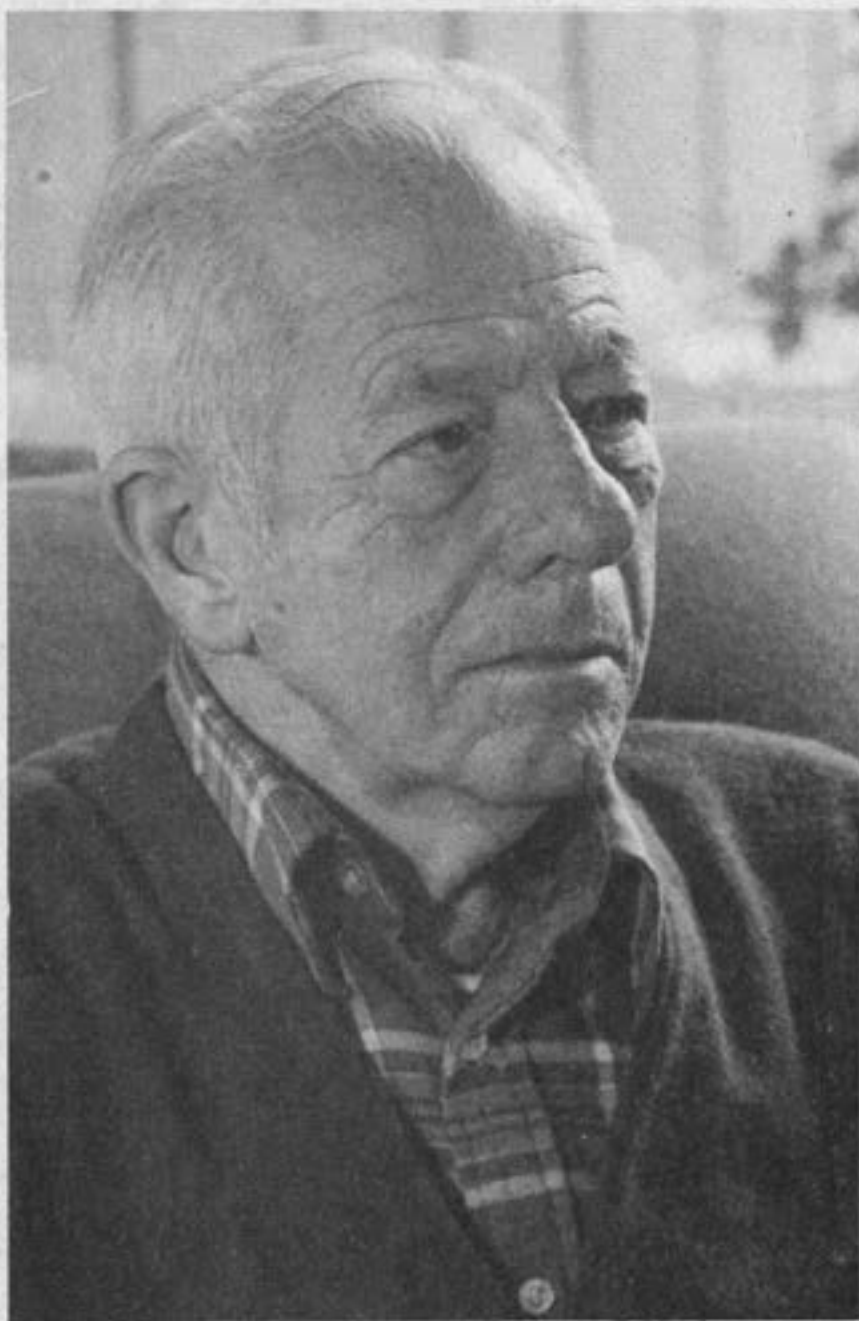


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SEE OUR TOWN ON PBS — *First Thursday, June 2, 8:30 p.m.*

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TVA Speakers Address June MAPA Meeting

Presenting the program at the June 7th meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association at 7:00 p.m. at the Mentone Springs Hotel is James A. Berry, local citizen who was recently reelected to the board of directors of the Alabama Rural Electric Association. For a number of years Mr. Berry has been a member of the state board and has represented the Mentone Area on the Sand Mountain Electric Co-op.

Appearing with Berry will be Dail Gibbs, executive vice president of AREA whose column and photograph appears in each issue of the AREA MAGAZINE. All local citizens are urged to attend the meeting, address questions to the speakers, and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Owner of a large commercial egg operation in this area, Mr. Berry is a past president of AREA and has been a leader in the field of electric co-ops for some twenty-five years. He and his wife Marjorie are members of the Moon Lake Baptist Church. They have a son Billy. Mrs. Berry is a part-time nurse at DeKalb Baptist Medical Center.

A native of Birmingham, Berry settled as an adult in Mentone. He is a member of the American Legion and has been a director of Northeast Development Company, Alabama Farm Bureau, and the DeKalb County Poultry Association.

Presiding at the meeting will be Director H. Bruce Bon Fleur. Refreshments will be served afterward. The public is invited to attend.

Seventh Annual Crafts Fair All Set For Big July 9 & 10

Mentone's Seventh Annual Crafts Festival is slightly over a month away — July 9-10.

In addition to craftspeople and their exhibits from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee, there will be square dancing, clogging, demonstrations by a blacksmith and beekeeping.

At its May meeting, the Crafts Festival officers and board voted to sell quality sun visors promoting the annual arts and crafts fair. Linda Brown, chairman, reported that the Valley Head Band Boosters will have a food booth and that all local churches have been notified about selling food at the festival.

Milton Howard will post more signs than in previous years so visitors will find the park more easily. Local Boy Scouts will be asked to assist in parking cars. Plans have also been made to clear off the sides of the roads leading to the festival site to insure easier parking. The group will meet again on June 14 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

First Thursday Features Our Town Thursday, June 2

Five days of on-the-spot filming of Mentone places and people by Joe Terry, producer of Alabama Public Television's **First Thursday**, will result in a half-hour feature on our town at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 2. It may be seen on Channel 25 Huntsville, Channel 10 in Birmingham, or Cable 7 in the DeKalb County area.

Numerous individuals were interviewed and many scenic and historic spots filmed. **First Thursday** features Alabama towns in their historical perspective, interviews with citizens, and scenic appeal.

Mentone's restoration process and historical background continue to draw attention of the media. Saturday evening, May 28th, Channel 48, Huntsville, Hoyt Harris' **Back Home Again**, concentrated on Mentone. At this time, the Don Welch feature on Channel 9, Chattanooga, has not been aired.

May 2, the **Birmingham Post-Herald** featured an extensive interview with Sandy Padgett about plans for restoring the Mentone Springs Hotel.

Council Asks \$191,900 To Improve Water Pressure

At the meeting of the town council on Monday, May 2, papers were signed for application for a Community Development Block Grant as provided under the State of Alabama Small Cities Program.

The application was formally submitted on May 9 to the Office of State Planning and Federal Programs. As currently proposed the city will request \$191,900 in grant assistance to install an eight-inch water supply main from the Fort Payne Water Company to the town's water storage tank to increase pressure.

Ed and Geri Disney, MAPA observers at the council meeting, report also that plans are still in effect for paving and repairing certain streets. This project has been delayed because of the rains.

Mentone Citizen Miles Allgood Vital Factor In TVA Founding



Mentone's Congressman Miles Allgood is shown in photo above directly behind President Franklin Roosevelt at the signing of the legislative bill authorizing TVA on May 18, 1933. Others in the front row are Senator Smith and Representative McSwain, S. C.; Senator McKeller and Rep. McReynolds, Tenn.; Rep. Oliver and Senator Lister Hill of Alabama.

A Mentone man who served five successive terms in the United States House of Representatives was a major factor in establishing the Tennessee Valley Authority. Miles Clayton Allgood, who also served terms as Alabama State Auditor and Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, moved with his wife to Mentone in 1923 and resided here during his history-making career and his subsequent years of retirement.

In recognition of Congressman Allgood as an authority on agriculture, President-elect Franklin Delano Roosevelt invited him to Warm Springs, Georgia, for a visit. During that visit Allgood persuaded FDR to visit the Muscle Shoals area with the possibility of reclaiming some of the unused World War I facilities to benefit the Southern farmer.

During this journey through the Shoals area in FDR's private railroad car, Allgood stressed the advantages of hydroelectric power. A fertilizer plant was eventually established there. Later in a speech on the floor of Congress he described the visit: "I will never forget the great throngs of people who gathered at Tusculum, Sheffield, Florence, Decatur, Birmingham, and Montgomery to hear President-elect Roosevelt speak or to catch a glimpse of him."

"The long-continued depression had left its effects on the appearance of our people, and although thousands of them were poorly clad and had not had sufficient food, yet I could see a spirit of new hope and encouragement in their faces as we passed through the immense crowds."

Mentone's leading citizen was born in Blount County and graduated from the State Normal College at Florence. After teaching for a time in Blount County, he served as tax assessor, member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and as Blount County agricultural demonstration agent. Moving to the level of Alabama state politics, he served as state auditor, commissioner of agriculture and industry, and in 1920 was elected as a delegate at large from Alabama to the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

In 1923, after moving to Mentone, he was elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-eighth Congress and to the five succeeding Congresses. From 1935 to 1943 he served as a member of the Farm Security Administration. He and his wife, the former Willie Cox, were parents of three children: Miles Sr., an engineer who lives at Mentone; David, a dentist who practices in Henagar; and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Boisseau of Leehall, Virginia. Mrs. Allgood, at age 89, resides at their Mentone home, recovering from a recent fall, but alert to the world about her.

Many local citizens have vivid memories of Miles Allgood — this man of history, walking daily from his house on the brow to the post office, a basket on his arm to receive his mail and any groceries needed for the family larder. As a true spirit, he often did these chores barefoot.

His 100th birthday would have occurred on Feb. 7,

1978. One year short of the goal, he died on March 4, 1977, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Fort Payne.

It is difficult to choose from this eventful life the incidents most worthy of notice. He was a skilled speaker who could shift the tides of an issue. When the Boulder Dam project was hanging in the balance, he delivered a speech on the site which shifted the opinion. Studies of the Congressional Record show that when the TVA legislation was threatened with defeat, his remarks were crucial. He was a member of the committee investigating the Wall Street Crash which resulted in the Stock Market regulatory legislation and the insuring of bank deposits.

Specifically he influenced our lives. Without his political skills there may have been no TVA or Sand Mountain Co-op. He once said: "I look upon the power of the rivers as I do the sunshine, air, and the water of the seas and oceans. It is a right that is inherent to our people and should be used for the welfare of all the people and not in the interest of the few."

In the **New York Times** the year 1933 was described by Wendell Rawls, Jr.: "Land was selling for the amount of tax owed. Children had empty stomachs, parents had vacant eyes. The per capita income in the

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June Groundhog Award

The Mentone Inn, one of the oldest structures on Old Hotel Square, is winner of the Groundhog Award, presented monthly to the business or residence showing the most improvement during the past month. For its painting, landscaping, awnings, and general improvements, this structure, operated by Amelia Brooks, was chosen by the special committee consisting of Mayor Sam Barrett for the City Council; Betty Chapman, representing the Garden Club; and Ferne Fitzgerald for MAPA. (See the special article about the Mentone Inn elsewhere in this issue.)

from your director

By H. BRUCE BON FLEUR

Sometimes it is best to leave things well said (or written) alone. I think that's true in the case of the statement reprinted below.

One of MAPA's strengths since its beginning has been the ability to state, clearly, its goal and purpose. At our meetings we can deal with the specifics of preservation through open discussion; here let us remind ourselves what our ideal goal is, in writing. Perhaps we can use it to refresh our memories from time to time.

"There are many values to preservation. It's important to preserve samples of architecture, handicrafts, and patterns of life. And it gives continuity to families by sharing of cultural patterns and historical education of youth; it provides a cultural and sociological link to the past.

"Not all the benefits of preservation concern the past, however. It is more economical to preserve than to destroy. Preservation does not mean 'keep slums.' It does not mean fewer job opportunities, but rather it means more skilled workmen. Craftsmanship improves when there is a feeling in society that the craft will be preserved because of its quality.

"And social or economic status does not depend on how big or how new a house or building is, but how well it is maintained."

— Statement of Joan Franks to the Chattanooga News-Free-Press in connection with the restoration of Brown's Tavern, which is now the home of this talented woman and her husband, Dr. Herschel Franks, May 8, 1983.

New MAPA Directors To Be Announced

The new slate of directors for the year 1983-84 will be announced at the June 7th meeting of the Mentone Area Preservation Association at 7:00 at the Mentone Springs Hotel.

The nominating committee appointed at the last meeting is Olive Jones, Sammy Cash, and Mabel Kirk. Election and installation of the new officers will be at the July 5 meeting.

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Lee Webb, Valedictorian Neil Cash, Salutatorian

Fourteen students from Mentone were members of the graduating class of 1983 at the exercises at the Valley Head school auditorium on May 20th. Lee Webb was valedictorian and Neil Cash was salutatorian.

Other Mentone students in the class are Stephen Battles, Tiger Bell, Denise Brown, Karen Brown, Allen Chambers, Darlene Easler, Steve Hawkins, Bush Kirby, Debbie Nailer, Chris Smith Coots, Larry Smith and Chris Wright.

ViewPoint...

By CHARLES WHITE MCGEHEE

Spring came to Mentone this year in unusual splendor, the annual awakening full of invigorating radiance after the two late freezes. Lance Morrow in the May 2 *Time* could well have been describing us when he wrote: "Things occur in a Southern spring, in north Alabama or Tennessee or the Shenandoah Valley, that go beyond the entirely picturesque: a time-lapse film of blossoms opening, that sweet, rich awakening, a sensuous slow motion of nature."

That same issue of *Time* included an ad inviting Americans to visit one of the Alabama Super Resorts, with a photograph of Desoto Park. Our Mentone resort facilities are tooling up for what hopes to be a fruitful season.

Jean and I knew that spring had arrived when the pair of starlings returned to their accustomed nesting place under the eaves of our cabin. Cardinals, wrens, pesky jays, and sparrows began competing at our feeder.

One day we were especially excited at the visit of nine indigo buntings. We considered ourselves truly blessed. Then I remembered that in a phone conversation with Ferne Fitzgerald about the Groundhog Award for May she had excitedly announced that nine indigo buntings were gracing her yard.

This reminded me of the mallards at Kingsley Lake, where we spent some time one summer in Florida at a friend's cottage. Late each afternoon they appeared at the wharf, friendly and eager, fawning, giving the impression that we were their best and only friends on earth. This naturally caused us to go to the kitchen, get choice morsels, and feed these gregarious creatures. Whereupon they then moved along to the next cottage, recreating the scene, manipulating people all around the lake.

Our spring euphoria at Mentone was further enhanced by the seeming healthy condition of the Martin Luther apple tree. Perhaps you'd like to know the story of this, one of our favorite plants.

One afternoon we received a call from a friend who was attending a conference in Atlanta. "I have a present for you that I want to deliver in person. I'll be there in a couple of hours to deliver it. I can't stay for dinner. I must be back in Atlanta this evening."

Excitedly we awaited her arrival. What would it be, this treasured object which must be delivered in person? Late in the afternoon she entered our living room bearing a small plant in a coffee can. It was a seedling she had raised from an apple she had eaten.

"I once heard you say in Jacksonville that Martin Luther said it best," she said. "If I knew the world were going to end tomorrow, I would still pay my debts and plant my apple tree." Then she bid us farewell and drove back into the night to Atlanta.

The following day we set the seedling just down the brow off our deck, where we could watch it grow. By the time we decided to move to the Morgadanes cabin across from the park, it was about five feet tall. But we decided to risk moving it. Now thriving at the corner of Jean's vegetable garden, it's almost eight feet high.

Meanwhile, as spring merges into summer, I shall enjoy watching the growth of some sixty dogwood trees I have supervised transplanting around the borders of our property. So much for the planting of my dogwoods. As for the paying of my debts, I shall not speed up the process. Although at times the world seems in a rather bad mess, I don't think it's going to end anytime soon.

Brow Briefs . . .

Important . . .

All citizens are urged to examine the Directory on the back page for clarification on the numbers to be called for the police and fire departments.

For both fire and police, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., call 634-3705. This is the City Hall, where the town secretary, Mrs. F. S. Bailey is on duty during weekdays. She will make contact for both departments weekday mornings.

At all other times, call the other numbers listed. It is suggested that these numbers be pasted on the bottom of your telephone.



Computers . . .

Last month when it was reported that Attorney John Cooper had installed a computer in his office it was stated that it was a moment in history because it certainly would not be the last. Thus it is that we report the installation of a computer at the Mentone Inn, which Bob Brooks will use in operation of this resort hotel.



Real Estate . . .

Sandra Padgett, who was a real estate agent in Atlanta before ascending to Mentone, is celebrating the feat of passing the Alabama licensing in real estate.

Mentone Rescue Squad . . .

The Mentone Rescue Squad holds its monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall annex on Tuesday evening, June 7, at 7:00 o'clock.

The officers are Larry Wright, captain; Leonard Shigley, lieutenant; and Barbara Blalock, secretary-treasurer.

Eight persons are currently involved. Captain Wright states that other volunteers are needed for this organization which is often literally a matter of life and death for our citizens.



June Jam . . .

When the Alabama June Jam is held in Fort Payne on Saturday, June 11, Mentone will be involved.

The Pharmacy Concession will be coordinated by the Moon Lake Elementary School. The printed program is being developed by MountainView Communications, H. Bruce Bon Fleur, editor/publisher.

The first annual June Jam made financial gifts to the North Lookout Mountain Fire Department District.

MAPA Membership Increases To 44

Membership in the Mentone Area Preservation Association is now forty-four. Newest members are the Rev. Drew Walcott, Marie P. Rogers, J. A. Vann Jr., and Tom Huron.

At the last meeting a motion was made for a change in the bylaws to give the MAPA membership power to change the dues assessed for membership as conditions warrant. Present bylaws specify an \$18 annual membership fee.

The bylaw change will be voted on at the June meeting. Indications are that motions will be acted upon to reduce the current membership fee.

Motion was made and passed to authorize the painting of a sign, not to exceed cost of \$50, to be placed in rotation before structures given the Groundhog Award.

— Condensed from the minutes of Bernise Crow, secretary-treasurer.

Groundhog Finance Report

MAY ISSUE

INCOME	
Ad Sales	\$515.00
Balance from April Issue	\$97.15
DEBITS:	
The Summerville News (printing)	\$314.00
Postmaster (mailing)	\$51.35
Doc Long (developing)	\$21.00
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Definitive History Of Old Hotel

Louis Jackson, a student of historic preservation at Middleboro State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has made an exhaustive study of the Mentone Springs Hotel. The following is a historical sketch of this venerable structure:

The Mentone Springs Hotel is an important part of the history of DeKalb County, Alabama, and Lookout Mountain. The beginnings of the hotel date to 1872 when the Mason family of Iowa settled in what is now Mentone. The Masons were attracted to the area by the pleasant climate and healthful mineral springs. These attractions would eventually bring the Mentone Hotel and thousands of tourists to the area. In 1884, Dr. J. Frank Caldwell of Pennsylvania arrived at the mountain and boarded with the Masons. Dr. Caldwell was so impressed with the region that he stayed. In the summer of 1884 he purchased the mineral springs and land nearby to begin construction of a health resort. The hotel was completed between 1884 and 1887. The hotel and the community were named after Menton, France, a mountain spring resort patronized by Queen Victoria. In 1890 the hotel was purchased by Charles Loring and became known as the Loring Springs Hotel. This appears to be the period when the hotel first became popular for its scenic location and mineral springs.

The Mentone hotel was a very well-known and popular resort, rivaling those on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. It attracted guests from as far away as New Orleans, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, Philadelphia, and New York. The vacationers were often fleeing from the stifling hot summers in cities, and heading to the cooler temperatures of Mentone. Many of these were honeymooners seeking a quiet retreat in the mountains.

A number of things attracted people to the Mentone Hotel and made it such a popular resort. The most important among these were the natural wonders of the Mentone area, especially the mineral and beauty springs. These springs, located on the hotel property were well-known for their "curative powers." The springs were referred to as "ever oozing, life restoring fluids" that could "restore a run-down patient to health and strength in a remarkably short time."

Mentone, being 2,000 feet above sea level, was the coolest spot in the state of Alabama. In the days before air conditioning, the Mentone Hotel was one of the few places in the south where lowlanders could "beat the heat." The area surrounding Mentone is and was an attraction in itself, boasting a number of sites that served as drawing cards for the hotel. The best known of these was Desoto Falls, located six miles from the hotel and named for the explorer who is reputed to have discovered them. The Little River which passes over the falls provided hotel guests with excellent fishing, swimming, and boating. Nearby Signal Point and Eagle's Nest provided magnificent views of the surrounding countryside.

The hotel itself provided guests with many opportunities for recreation, including tennis, croquet, bowling and a large two-story gazebo used as a viewing and band stand. The rest of the hotel's facilities were quite good even though they may seem simple by today's standards.

The Mentone Springs Hotel and Realty Company renovated the hotel in 1915. At this time there were 57 guest rooms, each with hot and cold running water, oak furniture and carbide lights. The hotel was on the "American Plan," which included meals, for a daily rate of one to three dollars.

In 1915, an annex was built to accommodate the ever increasing number of guests at the hotel. The annex had 27 rooms, each containing a private bath. It is believed that a now-missing building, which housed bowling alleys, was converted to a bunk house for male employees at this time.

The Hotel's dining area was a lavishly decorated room. The hotel was famous for its food, which included vegetables grown on the hotel's own farm. The waiters, dressed in red vests and black bow ties, gave an elegant air to the dining room. A five-piece band provided lively entertainment for diners. The kitchen staff consisted of at least one cook and a pastry chef. Other staff members of the hotel included maids and bellhops, totaling about 30 in 1919.

In 1921 the Alabama Baptist Convention started using the hotel for its summer encampments. Due to a provision in the Baptist charter which prevented them from purchasing the hotel, eight Baptist leaders formed the Mentone Springs Company. The company allowed the Alabama Baptists to use the hotel for several weeks each year over a seven-year period, through 1931. Use of the hotel by the Baptists was discontinued after 1931 because of the Depression. The hotel was also patronized by other guests during the years the Baptists used it.

The hotel's business declined through the 1930s and early 1940s until 1946 when the Mentone Springs Company sold it to Edward H. Moore to cover debts. During the last two years of company ownership the hotel had been leased to Norville Hall. Mr. Hall was able to continue his lease until 1950, when it was sold and ceased to be used as a hotel. In 1950 the hotel went through four changes of ownership. In 1961, Norville Hall purchased the hotel. He used the hotel as a residence and a home for his organ repair business until his death in 1979. The property is currently owned by Ray and Sandra Padgett of Atlanta. The new owners are presently in the process of restoring and adapting the hotel to give it a new life.

Knotty Knots Park Now In Progress



Marie Shadgett, who with her husband Bill, operates the newly-opened Knotty Knots Arts and Crafts Park.

Mentone's growing stature as a center for arts and crafts was expanded with the opening on May 7 and 8 of the Knotty Knots Arts and Crafts Park, four miles east of town just behind Ed's Gulf Station. Operated by Marie and Bill Shadgett, the park will be open on alternate weekends through Oct. 1-3.

Purpose of the Knotty Knots Park is to provide in this area a continuing outlet for quality craftspeople. Principal emphasis is on woodwork, paintings, needlecraft, metal crafts, pottery and shell crafts; all categories are accepted.

Dates for June are the 4th and 5th and the 18th and 19th.

Artists set up from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30. The show is in progress from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Artists interested in more information should write the Shadgetts at Route 1, Box 120A, Mentone, Ala. Or call 634-4542.



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Letters . . .

Editor, *The Groundhog*
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I enjoyed reading the *Groundhog* recently. I especially enjoyed the story about Sammy Cash. I believe all of DeKalb County loves and appreciates Sam as Mentone does.

I am glad that the Mentone heritage is being preserved. Please include me on your mailing list for the *Groundhog* and mail me a statement of the cost.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Thomas

Judge of Probate of DeKalb County
Fort Payne, Alabama

Dear Bernise:

Thank you and your committee for all the good work you are doing for MAPA. When I got up here Wednesday I picked up my mail and found your most interesting and helpful copy of the *Groundhog*.

I learned more about Mentone in this one issue than I've ever known. I am delighted to have the invaluable directory on the back. I enclose two checks — one for extra copies of the *Groundhog*, and another a contribution to the work of MAPA.

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Mentone Inns and Lodges

Where to Stay . . .



Mentone Inn

The Mentone Inn, directly across 117 from the White Elephant and operated so many years by the jovial Hal Howe, is now open with 12 rooms and a cottage available. It is nationally listed for bed and breakfast. By June lunches and Monday night dinners will be served.

Amelia Brooks is manager, assisted by her daughter Cindy, and Barbara Crow. Daughter of the Frank Kirks, Mrs. Brooks was born at Mentone, but resided in San Diego, California, for many years while her father was in the Navy. Her husband Bob is a business consultant and at one time was Director of General Services for Ronald Reagan. Their son Larry is in the Navy in Japan. Daughter Kathy lives in Sacramento and has two children. She has said that she eventually wants to move to Mentone.

While a Navy wife, Mrs. Brooks was president of the Wives Club, The Committee — A Family Service Organization, and of a chapter of the national assistance league. Once on a visit to her parents she saw the old inn and said, "If it ever goes up for sale, let's buy it."

She is deeply involved in Mentone affairs and is confident of the future of the community. "I don't want it to be another Helen, Georgia, or Gatlinburg, Tennessee," she said. "I just want us to make it a super country town."

The Mentone Inn is deeply embedded in the history of Mentone.

Around 1873 a two-story boarding house was built near the present site of the Mentone Inn. Nearby was erected the first post office, to which mail was brought from Valley Head by horseback. These properties were purchased by the James Huron family and exchanged hands several times. Finally Mrs. Huron operated them until her death in July, 1920.

Hal Howe rented the property in 1920, making the purchase in 1920 and operating it as "Hal's House." It burned in the fall of 1927. Immediately Mr. Howe started rebuilding. It reopened in June 1928 under the name "Hal's Hotel," then later as Desoto Hotel. After Mr. Howe's retirement, the property changed hands several times until it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, the present owners.



Nippersink

"Nippersink" was built in 1934 as a summer home by Mrs. Eugenia Taylor of Murphreesboro, Tennessee. Situated among the rhododendron along the banks of Little River, it was named Nippersink which is the Cherokee word for "little river."

Built entirely of native materials, with the exception of cedar posts shipped by flat car from Lebanon, Tennessee, the lodge has a foundation and living room walls of stone. The remainder is of native wood. Much of the original hickory furniture is still in use, built by Robert Pullen of Mentone. The fireplace in the living room was built by Lee Crow, one of the finest stone masons of this area.

In October 1944 Nippersink was bought by Miss Annette Tucker and Miss Elizabeth Lowe. These two innovative schoolteachers who had spent summers at Mentone as camp supervisors were determined to transform it into an inn. They converted sleeping porches into guest rooms, added baths, and enlarged the dining room. Tuclo Cottage was built near the main lodge in 1952, Hope Cottage in 1960.

When the teachers retired, Nippersink was purchased in 1973 by Mrs. Osceola Hauge, an accomplished musician who was especially interested in quality food preparation. She and Mr. Hauge built a cottage for themselves just upriver from the lodge.

In 1977 Geraldine and Ed Disney bought a cottage near Nippersink and became friends of the Hagues. Ready for retirement in 1979, the Hagues were confident of the ability of the Disneys to carry on the tradition of quality innkeeping and sold Nippersink to them.

This season the Disneys are joined in the management by Desmond and Kathy, their son and daughter-in-law. Other members of the staff are Bessie McSpadden, cook, now in her eighth year at Nippersink; Donald McSpadden, dining room and housekeeping; and Frieda Smith, housekeeper, now in her fourth year.

The Disneys report a record-breaking registration for the month of May. Reservations must be made sufficiently in advance. It is estimated that 95 percent of their guests are those who return from the previous summer.

For those in the immediate area who might desire meals in the well-known Nippersink dining room, reservations should be made 24 hours in advance, although you might take a chance on calling in the early morning.

Over the years Nippersink has earned a reputation as one of the finest inns in the Southeast.



Windward Inn

One of the finest examples of rustic architecture in Mentone is Windward Inn, owned by Millie Moerlins, and located on Desoto Parkway. The original deed for Windward's land was given as a land grant to an Indian just after the Civil War.

The structure was built in pre-Depression days. Miss Clara Moorman came with her family from Mobile around the turn of the century. She was a graduate of Wheaton College, an artist. Her father built her a small log cabin, still standing, overlooking the valley. She used to offer cool water to horseback riders from the big hotel. Later she served them ice cream. Visitors commented that it would be lovely to spend the night on the spot. This is what gave Miss Clara her idea to build the inn. She never married, but worked for years as a county home visitation lady.

Miss Clara was so successful that she was listed with Duncan Hines as one of the choice places in the state to dine. She ran the inn until some time in the '50s. She passed away recently in the Fort Payne Nursing Home.

Present owner Millie Moerlins has guest books kept by Miss Clara with names from all states and from many countries abroad. The Moerlins are transplanted Yankees from Long Island, New York. Millie and husband Bill (now deceased) came to Atlanta in the early '40s when their children were small. Mr. Moerlins was a safety engineer with the government. They lived in Atlanta and then in Birmingham. Mrs. Moerlins taught art at the Birmingham Museum of Art and also gave private lessons in her home. All three Moerlins children married Southerners.

Daughter Nancy married an Anniston boy whose grandfather, Cy Young, an architect, created the entrance to Comer Scout Reservation. Daughter Jill is married to Jamie Howard, an artist from Birmingham; and son Pete, who passed away last year, married Eleanor who lives next to Millie.

For several years Bill and Millie Moerlins lived in Windward. Here Millie had her shop and offered classes in painting, pottery and stained glass. Today the inn is open to families and groups by advance registration only.



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General manager of the facilities is Steve Parker, a native of Fairhope, Alabama, a graduate in Hotel Management with an MS from Hinds Junior College near Jackson, Mississippi. Other staff members are Pat Koehler, accountant; Brenda Fuller and Marianne Young, front desk clerks; Elmer Gilliam, maintenance supervisor; and Effie Bland, kitchen manager.



Cloudmont

At Cloudmont Resort Jack and Olive Jones have facilities open all year round. Chalets and cabins are open to the general public. There are also group accommodations for churches, bands, and other organizations; these require the various groups bringing their own supplies.

"However," says Mrs. Jones, "the six chalets are all made up, air conditioned, and carpeted like the finest motels." Each chalet houses from four to six guests. Two are on Little River and the others are around the golf course.

There are four log cabins, with the largest housing up to 10 people. The cabins are fully equipped and have fireplaces.

In the winter when temperature permits there is snow skiing, and grass skiing, tennis, hiking, and fishing are always available. In the summer guests can also enjoy swimming.

Saddle Rock Golf Course is open seven days a week. One can play 18 holes, teeing off from a 30-foot high rock tee to the first green. The par 63 course offers a challenge with water hazards and sand traps. The Joneses rent clubs or carts.

Alabama Historical Commission Votes Mentone Springs Listing

At its meeting Thursday, May 26, in Montgomery, the Alabama Historical Commission voted to recommend the Mentone Springs Hotel for listing and recognition in the National Register of Historical Places.

This historic structure was purchased by Ray and Sandra Padgett of Atlanta and restoration begun in 1981. In a recent extensive interview with Mike Harris of the *Birmingham Post-Herald* Mrs. Padgett outlined plans for opening twenty-five guest rooms on the first and second floors, establishing a restaurant in the dining hall, and opening a small crafts shop on the ground floor. She estimates that some \$500,000 will be needed to accomplish these goals.

Listing in the National Register will aid possibly in securing grants or endowment funds to complete in about two years the restoration that could require from 10 to 15 years if done with out-of-pocket money.

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New Businesses

Duncan's Country Store, located beside the Log Cabin Deli, has opened with collectibles, gifts, and crafts. Barbara Duncan has Mentone souvenirs, an assortment of glassware, hand-made pillows, pot holders, quilt tops, some furniture, and other items.

Barbara and her husband, John, moved to Mentone from Fort Payne in March. John works at the K-Mart in Fort Payne. They have a son in college in Carrollton, Georgia, and another son, Mike, in the Air Force, stationed in Plattsburg, N.Y. Mike and his wife, who have two children, recently spent a week with the family in Mentone.

Brownie's Gift and Snack Shop opened May 28 in the large East Room at The Hitching Post formerly occupied by MountainView Communications. Avline Brown, a talented lady in many ways, is moving to Mentone from Chattanooga. She has worked in cosmetics for years, done catering, and made customized dolls of every variety.

Avline makes the "engineer" dolls for the Choo Choo in Chattanooga and has worked overtime to meet the supply. Needless to say, she is an accomplished seamstress, making most of her own clothes.

Brownie's will have home-dipped ice cream, sandwiches, cheese, popcorn, all kinds of snack food, plus a complete line of Ava Care cosmetics and Aloe Vera products. We welcome Avline Brown to Mentone.

— Bernise Crow

Mountain Cookery

When we came to Mentone, we planned to serve true mountain food — such as soups made from homemade stocks, fresh vegetables, pinto beans, and homemade desserts. These things have proven to be our principal success.

Along with our mountain foods we've decided to add a little Mexican flavor with a dish that makes a hearty nutritious meal:

CHILI CORN PONE

Small pan of corn bread
6 slices of hot pepper cheese
1½ cups chili (homemade or canned)
½ cup of grated Cheddar cheese
1 cup shredded lettuce
1 fresh tomato chopped
2 tablespoons sour cream
Nacho chips

Slice corn bread into two layers. Place on two plates. Place three pieces of hot pepper cheese on each slice. Heat till cheese is slightly melted. (May be done in microwave). Pour ¾ cup chili over each pone. Cover each with grated Cheddar, then lettuce and chopped tomatoes. Add one tablespoon sour cream to each with Nacho chips around the outside of each plate. This makes a delicious and beautiful plate.

You may want to experiment with onions, hot peppers, and guacamole for extra toppings. Serves two.

— Barbara Boyd
Log Cabin Restaurant and Deli

News items and ads for future editions of *The Groundhog* may be placed in a prominently marked news box at The Hitching Post. This will also be the receptacle for the listings for "Sell, Swap and Service." (Classified ads, \$1.00 per line). Bernise Crow will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. On news items, editorial judgments will naturally be exercised by the staff.

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Introducing Our Leader

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teaches them to act respectfully, stand erectly and speak clearly — something many of our young folks today don't do."

He then went one year to Georgia Tech, followed by another year at Georgia State. His first job was editing the *Cyclops*, the Georgia State annual. He established and edited the monthly publication at Georgia State.

This brought him to the subject of education. "I believe in education," he said. "You can take a man's property away from him, but you can't take his education."

He returned to his enthusiasm for education later when he was asked what else he was proud of about Mentone beyond the fact that the people are "working together and accomplishing things." There was no doubt in his mind. He was proud of the Moon Lake Elementary School. "It's the best of its grades in the state of Alabama. Its teachers are best. It's been done without federal and state funds."

The mayor was too young for World War I. He did serve for a year as a lieutenant in the reserve at Fort McPherson.

His principal employment was with the Atlantic Ice and Coal Company, especially as district manager for South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Later he was transferred to Birmingham.

He married Edris Low, a Mentone native. They had three sons: Sam, Jr., in construction in Atlanta; James, at the University of New Hampshire with a doctorate in forestry; and David, a sports writer in Durham, N. C.

Sam Barrett was never active in sports. "I was too small. Averaged 130 pounds."

When Mrs. Barrett's health declined they decided to move to Mentone, where her family had owned property since around 1918. Her brother Ralph W. (Buck) Low was here and her four sisters: Lila Vanzant, Vennie Pierce, Katherine Couch, and Madeline Warren.

"That fellow who said you can't go home again was wrong," said the synthetic orphan. "We found home here and have never regretted the move."

He is not especially a joiner. Beyond the Rex Fraternity in college, he is a United Methodist and an Independent in political matters. "I vote for the best candidate. I guess it has been more often the Democrat, but that just happened."

Barrett entered the local political scene when Mayor Glenn Harvey resigned because of ill health. The council appointed Sam Barrett as Mentone's mayor. He was reelected to four-year terms in 1964 and 1968. Robert Daniel was mayor from 1972 to 1976 when Mrs. Ethel Manifold was elected to the four-year term. His present term ends next year.

"When Glenn Harvey resigned because of ill health," the mayor said wryly, "nobody told me anything. I just had to pitch in and find out for myself."

Mrs. Barrett died in 1977. Although members of her family live nearby in a somewhat cozy complex, the mayor lives alone. "I'm not a very good cook," he says frankly. "The more expensive foods seem the easiest to fix."

Around 9:00 a.m. daily he walks along the path from his house which fronts 117, arriving at the City Hall to go over the mail. Mrs. F. S. Bailey, who has been town clerk since 1976, says, "He's very pleasant to work with. I get concerned sometimes that he may be trying to do too much."

His domain is largely within walking distance. He may drop in at the Hitching Post, Charles McGee's, Blackburn's, or the firehouse. Once he enjoyed his vegetable garden. This year he has a few tomato and pepper plants. He especially likes flowers which he tends carefully — particularly petunias, zinnias, and marigolds.

The lines in the face of the mayor are those of kindness, patience, and a quiet warmth. He is proud of his town: the new post office, the efficient fire department and its fire house and equipment, and the 100,000 water tank which has improved pressure.

Mostly he is proud of his people, how they are working together. For the future he wants the town to grow but he is confident that growth comes from within.

\$2,052 Is Raised For Fire Department

A total of \$2,052 was raised Saturday at the Rummage and Bake Sale, May 14, according to Marty Griffin, coordinator of the event and chairwoman of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District. Marty wants to thank those who donated items for sale, those who made purchases, the persons who made cash donations, and the staff-persons.

A breakdown on the earnings is rummage sales, \$600; bake sale, \$220; chances on the \$100 bill, \$232; and the cash donations, \$1,000.

In a progress report to the citizens of the service area of the North Lookout Mountain Fire Protection District Chairwoman Griffin gives reminder that last spring the Insurance Service Office of Alabama approved a Class 9 rating as opposed to the old classification of Class 10.

This should represent an approximate 15 percent savings on your fire insurance rating. Your insurance company should be aware of this change.

Due to specific contributions from some citizens and the camps of Mentone, the Fire Department board is in the process of purchasing pants to go with the firemen's coats and two backpack breathing apparatus. These would allow two firemen to go inside a burning building to rescue someone.

"We have once again renewed our note at the Bank of Fayette at an interest rate of 10 percent," Marty reports. "We were able to reduce our debt from \$13,500 down to \$11,000. This was partially due to the contribution from Alabama's June Jam Concert of \$2,000. The mayor and city council also approved an appropriation of \$150 per month for six months for the department. This money comes from taxes the TVA pays Mentone in lieu of property taxes. We want to again thank the Council for making this money available to the citizens of Mentone."

Marty urges local citizens to use some of their fire insurance savings to make a donation (tax free) to help continue these efforts in fire protection.

Serving also on the board are Sam Cash, vice chairman, Buddy Williams, Colquitt Jones and Dick O'Ferrall. Maxine Cash is secretary; Eleanor Tate is treasurer; Patrick Tate is attorney.

Mentone Citizen Miles Allgood Vital Factor In TVA Founding

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region was \$168 that year, about 45 percent of the national average. The birth rate was about a third above the national average.

"About 30 percent of the residents in some area of the valley had malaria. More than half the three million people lived on farms, and half of them were sharecroppers. About 97 percent of the farms had no electricity. Fires burned about 10 percent of the forests each year, and floods ripped along the rivers. About 7 million of the region's 12 million cleared acres were severely eroded."

Since TVA was formed, our region has seen personal income average some 50 times greater, employment increase five times, and above all, the quality of life has been appreciably enhanced.

We can only speculate. What if FDR had not invited Congressman Miles Allgood of Mentone to Warm Springs? What if they had not taken that ride in the President's private railroad car across the Tennessee Valley?

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DeKalb Tourist News

On May 25 the Alabama Welcome Center on I-59 was opened. This handsome contemporary stone and cedar building will provide tourists with information and a comfortable resting area. The picnic grounds are beautifully landscaped and include hiking trails lined with rhododendron and wild flowers. The lobby area is highlighted by a massive stone fireplace and is accented by works of local artists. The east and west ends of the building are glass to take full advantage of our Alabama sunshine, and the rocking chair porches provide a peaceful setting to enjoy the scenery. Drop by for a visit. You don't have to be a tourist to take advantage of this treat. We also hope you will encourage your out of town guests to sample some of the Alabama hospitality being offered at the center.

Events to watch for in June include the "June Jam" being held at the Fort Payne High School football field on June 11. Be certain to purchase a souvenir program which is being jointly published by DeKalb County Tourist Association and Mountain-View Communications. Twenty thousand copies of the program will be printed. Sixty percent goes to Alabama Band; 40 percent goes to the DeKalb County Tourist Association.

"Ben Hampton Appreciation Day" will be observed in Fort Payne on Thursday, June 16, concluding with a banquet at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. This event honors this outstanding Tennessee artist who has donated his painting print *Plum Thicket*, depicting the old Wells' family home, to the DeKalb County Tourist Association. All proceeds from the event will go to DCTA.

Later in the month, Sequoyah Caverns and DCTA will jointly sponsor the "Green Corn Festival." Festivities will be held on June 25 and 26 and will include entertainment to celebrate the Indian heritage that is so much a part of DeKalb County. There will be dances, contests, a play, a replica of an Indian village, minerals and artifacts, and jewelry. Food and beverages will be offered — you really don't want to miss the fun and excitement of this two day celebration. The cavern grounds will provide the perfect setting and the Cherokee Indians will provide the perfect subject.

— Sandra Padgett, President DCTA

The Birds Of Mentone

If you've seen a lot of cardinals, blue jays, and robins this spring, you're right on target. On May 10, 1975, an Audubon group counted birds around Mentone and found these three to be in the top seven most frequently seen in this area. Almost everyone recognizes cardinals, blue jays, and robins, of course. But can you recognize the red-eyed vireo, chimney swift, eastern meadowlark, and indigo bunting? These also shared top billing in the 1975 bird count led by Gregg Jackson, Percy and Helen Thigpen, with Gussie Arnett and Mildred Linder.

The group counted some 103 different species that day in May. Leading the list was the cardinal — they saw 88; indigo buntings came in second place. They're the delightful little dark blue males with their brown mates. The eastern meadowlark is a "chunky" brown bird with patches of white on each side of its short wide tail, according to the Peterson *Field Guide to the Birds East of the Rockies* book. This bird also has a yellow breast crossed by a black "V."

The red-eyed vireo has a gray cap, an olive-colored body, and looks as if it has dark black eyebrows and white eye-shadow make-up. They saw chimney swifts that day. Peterson says they look like cigars with wings. You can't see their tails unless they're spread. It holds its wings bowed, crescent-shaped, and appears to beat its wings alternately, but that's just an illusion.

A good summer project might be to readily learn to identify these top seven Mentone inhabitants, if you already don't, and to add the next 10 on the list of those 103 who take advantage of sanctuary here: the carolina wren, rufous-sided towhee, tufted titmouse, carolina chickadee, chipping sparrow, barn swallow, common grackle, prairie warbler, summer tanager, and the wood thrush. They also saw a lot of mourning doves and common crows, but you probably can already recognize them, too.

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Thursday, June 2 — 7 p.m. Volunteer Fire Dept. meeting at the Fire Hall. Sam Cash, chief.
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Sat. & Sun. June 4-5 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Knotty Knots Arts and Crafts Show.

Monday, June 6 — 6 p.m. City Council meeting at City Hall. Sam Barrett, mayor.

Tuesday, June 7 — 7 p.m. Mentone Area Preservation Association meeting at Mentone Springs Hotel, H. Bruce Bon Fleur, director.
7 p.m. Rescue Squad Meeting at American Legion Hall Annex. Larry Gray, captain.

Wednesday, June 8 — 10 a.m. Bookmobile at City Hall.

Saturday, June 11 — Alabama Band June Jam, Ft. Payne High School Field.

Tuesday, June 14 — 10 a.m. Rhododendron Garden Club meets at Peggy Tutwiler's.
7 p.m. Crafts Festival meeting. United Methodist Church. Linda Brown, Chairman.

Thursday, June 16 — Fire Dept. meeting, Fire Hall. Sam Cash, chief.

Sat. & Sun. June 18, 19 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Knotty Knots Arts & Crafts Show.

Wednesday, June 22 — 10 a.m. Bookmobile at City Hall.

Sat. & Sun. June 25, 26 — Green Corn Festival, Sequoyah Caverns.

Sat. & Sun. July 9, 10 — Seventh Annual Mentone Crafts Festival.

Garden Club to Restore Beauty Springs Bridge

At its May meeting the Rhododendron Garden Club made plans to restore the bridge at Beauty Springs. Grace Howard is in charge of the project and will see that the bridge is as much like the original one as possible, conforming to a photograph in an old Mentone Springs Hotel folder.

In addition to this community project, the club will restore planters at the Fort Payne Nursing Home and donated two hanging baskets to the Rhododendron Festival in Fort Payne. Next year the group plans to establish a scholarship to a deserving Valley Head High School graduating senior who plans to further studies in some aspect of horticulture.

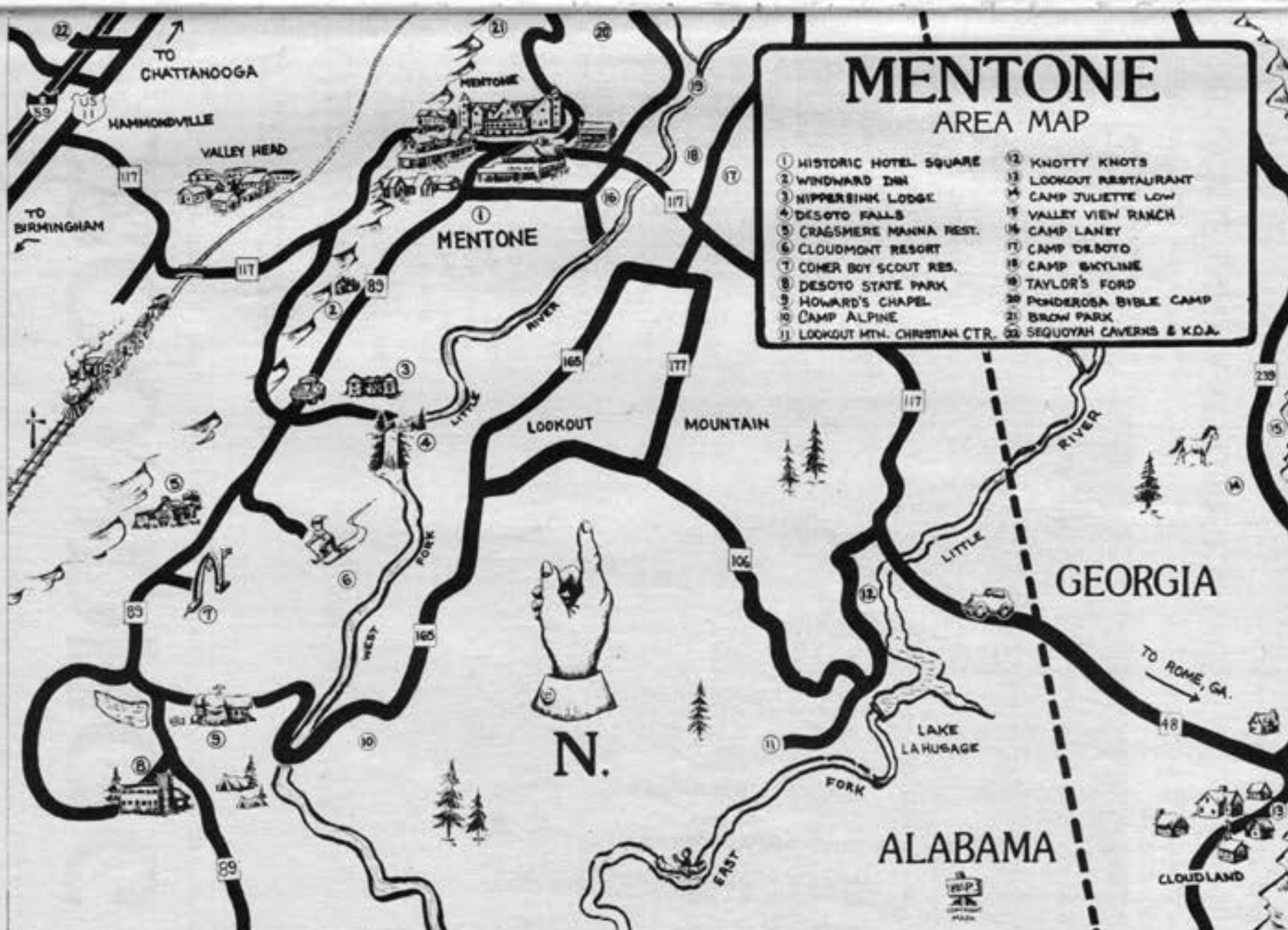
Mabel Kirk, presiding at her last meeting after a two-year term as president, urged members to continue their rhododendron planting program, enlarging it to include Desoto Parkway, and to consider planting redbuds along 117 within the city limits. She also suggested the group might plant flowering fruit trees and suggested the ladies continue their plantings at local churches and at Moon Lake School.

During Mrs. Kirk's tenure as president, the club printed and sold a booklet about Mentone's history.

Members received their new yearbooks; dues of \$6.50 are payable at the next meeting, June 14, at Peggy Tutwiler's home, at which time the new president, Mrs. Helen Hill, will preside.

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