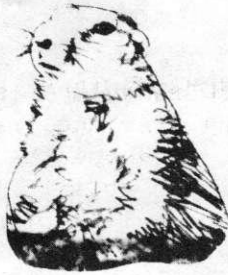


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DECEMBER MAPA MEETING

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL

Tuesday, December 7, 1982, 7:00 p. m.

Join us for a purely festive holiday dinner. If you have not already been contacted by program coordinator Marianne Schroeder, bring either a covered dish, salad, or dessert. This is the first holiday meeting since MAPA was organized. There will be no business or program. Let's get to know each other better in a joyful leisurely fashion at this holiday dinner. For additional details, call Marianne at 634-4881.



"MUSICAL MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS"

Friday, December 17 through Sunday, December 19



Organized and sponsored by the Hotel Square merchants, this holiday celebration includes a community Christmas tree, a tour of homes, churches, and historic buildings, a culinary cookoff, hay-sleigh rides, and the annual Christmas parade, followed by the Festival of Carols-Lessons. See inside page!

CHRISTMAS GIVING: Members and friends of MAPA are urged to bring canned goods and other gift items for baskets to be distributed to needy families in the community. Mabel Kirk stated the belief that our organization, in the mood and spirit of the season, make such an outreach. So along with the delicacy you bring to the covered dish supper, bring something for those in need.

A HOLIDAY GREETING

When the next edition of this newsletter is issued, the Christmas and New Year's holidays will have passed. The elected directors of the Mentone Area Preservation Association wish you heartfelt greetings of the season. This organization, embedded in the heritage and hopes of Mentone, is composed of persons who love this community. Your input and support is needed. Happy Holidays to you all!

Bruce Bon Fleur, Director
Sandra Padgett, Associate Director
Bernise Crow, Secretary-Treasurer

TRANSFORMATION: One of the brightest events of the year has been the face lift of the Mentone Springs Hotel. Wood is being repaired and painting has begun. Bob Wright came forth with a gallon of paint and suggested that others might want to do so. A list of honor will be posted, memorializing those who donate paint. Send your donation of \$10 or more to Sandra Padgett. Meanwhile, plans continue for recognition as a historic landmark, which would make state and federal funds available. There is no certainty that this will be accomplished. We generally agree that what's good for the Mentone Springs Hotel is good for Mentone, and vice versa.

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