

the GROUNDHOG

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Hold the Press! SPECIAL ITEM... Mentone on TV, Pm Magazine, Mon, Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m., a special feature on skiing at Cloudmont, AND, again on Wed, Feb. 9th - a special focusing on Historic Mentone - also at 6:30 p.m. Hosts Debbie & John do us up right!

FEBRUARY MAPA MEETING
Tuesday, February 1, 1983

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL
7:00 p. m.

This meeting has significance. On Groundhog Day of last year, the initial meeting was held at Cragsmere to discuss Mentone's heritage and future. Thirty-seven people set in motion the groundwork for formation in April of the Mentone Area Preservation Association. At the February meeting we will review our goals and find that a remarkably high ratio have been achieved. Also an amendment to the by-laws will be proposed to set in motion a limit to the amount of money the executive committee (directors) may spend between meetings without full membership approval. We hope to see you there for these and other matters to be acted upon.

HOLIDAY WRAPUP: The Musical Mountain Christmas was an immense success. Events were well participated in. A good spirit prevailed, beginning with the covered dish supper at the MAPA meeting, where there were generous contributions to needy families. The Candy Cane Circuit of homes, churches, and historical places brought many visitors. Proceeds have been pro-rated to the hosts for their designated charities. Community Christmas tree coordinator Grace Howard thanked Judge Maddox for the trees, Homer Crow for the electrical connections, and help from the Climbers, John Morrison, Marie Shadgett, David Simms, Lee Boyd, and Milt Howard. Donations for the lights included \$5 from the Fire Department; \$50, MAPA; \$25, Garden Club; and \$50 from Camp Skyline. It was recommended that next year there be one tree instead of three, perhaps a live one at the Mentone Inn corner.

HALLELUJAH: Joy abounds! The traffic light has been installed at the Old Hotel Square intersection. Congratulations are in order to the committee composed of Sammy Cash, Lee Boyd, and Bernise Crow. They facilitated a major contribution to highway safety in Mentone.

OTHER GOALS ACCOMPLISHED:

Mrs. Mabel Kirk announced that the Garden Club planting of rhododendrons has occurred throughout Mentone. Healthy plants may be seen at well chosen spots. Mrs. Hilburn will donate more rhododendrons...The Superette triangle has shaped up nicely, according to Marie Shadgett. Thanks to Milton Shinbaum for the treated logs and three large stones; Hobson Kirby and Bob Baty for hauling the dirt; and the spreaders -- Ray Padgett, Cleo Smith, Duncan and Ken Perry, and Steven Weisner.

GOALS COMMITTEE SCORECARD: Accomplished-- non-profit status; traffic light; communication with City Council; Superette triangle; support of Garden Club rhododendrons project. Pending--Historical Commission Recognition and Endowment Grants; securing land for recreation and public uses; area map and information piece; Mentone directory; highway signs; covered bridge. The officers and committees deserve our hearty commendation for their progress.

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