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NOVEMBER MAPA MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 1982

MENTONE SPRINGS HOTEL

7 p. m.

Again we gather about the huge fireplace at the old hotel, to discuss implementation of the goals established last month and to hear a special presentation by Garry Trotter, "The Chimney Sweep" arranged by Marianne Schroeder. All Mentone citizens are welcome to attend, enjoy the program, and express their views on the goals. It's a town meeting approach. Actual voting is only by dues-paying members. There will be plans for Christmas festivities, evaluation of the Color Fest, and other matters. Bruce Bon Fleur presides. Refreshments are by Michael Robins, the new Cragmere Manna chef.

**HOLIDAY POTLUCK:** Marianne Schroeder, program coordinator, asks you to mark on your calendar the meeting of MAPA on Tuesday, December 2nd, with a holiday potluck at the regular meeting. This will be a real social occasion. Notification will be made later concerning what dishes to bring.

**NEAT MEETING:** Local musicians Rufus Colquitt Jones, Glenn Baty, Leonard Keith, and Ernest Baxter performed at the meeting of NEAT 5 at the Mentone Springs Hotel Thursday evening, October 20th. Food was provided by Cragmere Manna. This new organization includes Chamber of Commerce and tourist representatives from the Northeast Alabama counties of Cherokee, Etowah, Marshall, Jackson, and DeKalb. Some forty members of the NorthEast Alabama Tourist Association and their wives were present.

**AUTUMN SKETCH:** As the leaves turn, we year-round Mentonians settle down to preparations for another heavy winter. At a time of nation-wide unemployment, our builders and construction workers are apparently busy. Several houses are under construction. The new businesses seem to be evolving into their routines. Cragmere Manna has reopened with a talented new chef, Michael Robins. The Garden Club's project for planting rhododendrons through town has resulted in sixty orders already. You can still call Mrs. James McCary (634-4478) to arrange a plant as a gift or memorial.

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