



**PLAN BIG DAY AT MENTONE** — Mentone residents are preparing for a big event July 18 — a chicken barbecue and dedication of the town park. Denton Abbey, seated center, is chairman of the project. He is assisted by Everette Rathfon, left, president of the Lions club, and Forrest Miner, right, president of the Chamber of Commerce. These two organizations are sponsoring the event. Gerald Romine, standing, is in charge of the barbecue, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dedication of the town park is scheduled for approximately 4 p.m. Other activities are also planned for the day, including a square dance. All persons in the Mentone area are invited to participate in the July 18 program.—(Times-Union Photo by Sharp)



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## MENTONE PARK BOARD REVIEWS

The Mentone Park Board,  
which has been operating for  
the past year under the leader-  
ship of Bill Rathbun, Ned Igo,  
Marie Coleman and Denton Ab-  
bey, wishes to take this oppor-  
tunity to review its accomplish-  
ments as well as to thank many  
of those who helped in these  
endeavors.

A quick glance at the past  
will show that we have, in our  
first year, graded the east half  
of the park, trimmed trees and  
brush along the river bank,  
erected the backstop for the  
ball field, built a shelter build-  
ing, which will eventually con-  
tain a fire place, started the  
fence for the parking area on  
the north side, built six picnic  
tables, trash barrels have been  
obtained, fire places for cook-  
ing have been built and the ice  
skating rink. This last item on  
the agenda has seemingly met  
with great popularity this past  
month. For this addition we  
want to give credit to the Lions  
club, which both sponsored and  
paid for the rink. It is hoped  
this can be improved in the  
next year. Also, in the very  
near future there will be lights  
for the entire park. The NIPSCO

is now engaged in getting poles  
and service for this project.

For all this we are grateful.  
To the Lions club, which has  
sponsored many of these pro-  
jects and to those individuals  
who have spent considerable  
time working on them—Clarence  
Eiler, William Schooley, Tom  
Harman, Art Kendel, Leroy Cox,  
Adam Cochran, Paul Rush, Jim  
Tibbetts, Roger Wrigley, Lloyd  
Bowerman, Kenny Romine, Gil-  
bert Griffith, Dave Bowser, Ber-  
nard Cole and Marion Smith. A  
number of others helped, for  
which we are happy, but right  
now their names escape us. So  
to all who helped we say thanks,  
and we will see you come spring.

We also want to thank the  
Manwaring Farms, Herman Ol-  
son, Darrel Tucker, Ralph War-  
ren, Raymond Lewis and Dan  
Urschel for the loan of machin-  
ery and labor.

The Girl Scouts, the first or-  
ganization to participate, plant-  
ed a tulip tree last spring. This  
is our state tree. The Girl Scouts  
hoped this would be a symbol  
of civic unity and achievement.

We want, at this time, to  
thank the Mahlon Mentzer estate  
and his many friends. It was  
the wish of Mahlon that some-  
thing be done in his memory,  
rather than flowers that bloom  
for a day. So at his request  
many of his friends gave money  
to the park to extend this area  
of civic improvement. At this  
writing, the Park Board has  
received an amount in excess  
of \$500.00 from this cause. And  
so we want to convey a special  
"thank you" to all those who re-  
membered Mahlon so well in  
giving to the park.

We want also to acknowledge  
gifts from interested persons in  
memory of Curt Riner and Jack  
VanGilder.

Financially the Park Board  
has spent about \$550.00 this  
past year. We have enough cash  
on hand to carry on some ad-  
ditional work in 1962. The ex-  
tent of this program again de-  
pending on the labor and money  
donated by those of you who  
are interested.

All in all, it has been a good  
year for the park, and for Men-  
tone. We hope we can continue

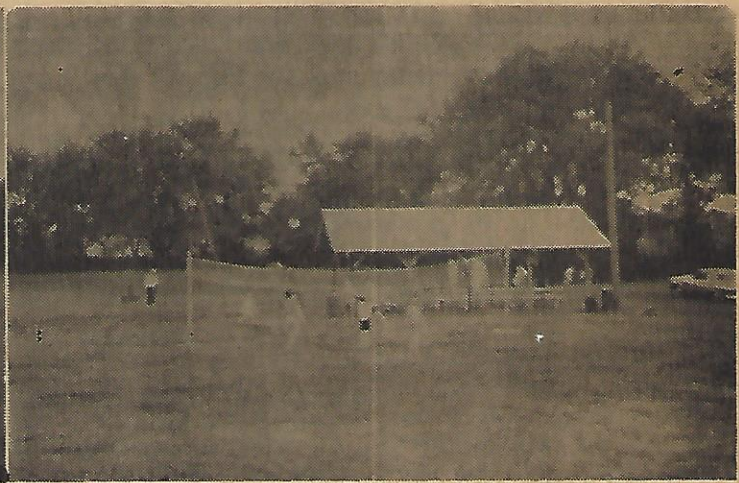
the improvements in the years  
to come. There is much to be  
done so it behooves us all to  
examine our civic pride and  
help do those things that will  
make Mentone, in the years to  
come, a town that our children  
can be proud to say, is MY  
HOME TOWN.



## Lions Entertain 4-H Boys and Girls

A very enjoyable affair took  
place at the Mentone city park  
last Wednesday evening when

the Mentone Lions entertained  
the boys and girls of the Men-  
tone 4-H clubs. Over 75 boys  
and girls were on hand to par-  
ticipate in the sports and games  
before the picnic lunch. There



were games of baseball, and vol-  
leyball, as can be seen in the  
News photos here. The shelter  
built by the Lions and other citi-  
zens is shown in one of the pic-  
tures.

A number of outdoor cookers  
were ready to warm up the  
"tube steaks" that were supplied  
along with other delicious foods  
and drinks.

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# D.A.R. Donates \$100 To Park Fund

Nov 18, 1964

The Anthony Nigo Chapter, DAR, met at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith for the November 10 meeting. The opening ritual service was led by Mrs. Paul Shireman, regent. Mrs. Glenn Clauss read the president general's message for October and Mrs. Lena Igo read the November president general's message.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Wayne Smalley, after which the chapter voted to donate \$100 to the Mentzer Memorial Park Fund.



Mrs. Shirley Smalley, treasurer of the Anthony Nigo chapter DAR, presents a check for \$100 to Denton Abbey, treasurer of the improvement fund for the Mentzer Memorial Park.

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## Psi Iota Xi Donates \$100 To Park Fund



Mrs. Barbara Ross is shown here presenting a check for \$100 from the local Psi Iota sorority to Denton Abbey, treasurer of the Mentzer Memorial Park fund.



## Park Board Seeks To Raise \$1,000 To Get \$1,500

As many of you know, following the dedication of the park, Jim Mentzer offered to give the Park Board \$1,000.00 if the people of Mentone would subscribe a like amount. Since Jim's letter of intent was published in the Mentone News a few weeks ago another distinguished citizen has come forward with a second offer.

Chet Manwaring informs me that he will give an additional \$500.00 to the Park if the folks of this town raise the necessary funds to match Jim's offer. Simply by raising \$1,000.00 we can now obtain a total of \$1500.00.

The Park Board, at its August 17th meeting, felt that these offers were most generous and should be accepted by the town of Mentone. Therefore, steps have been taken to contact the various service clubs in order to plan methods of raising the \$1,000.00.

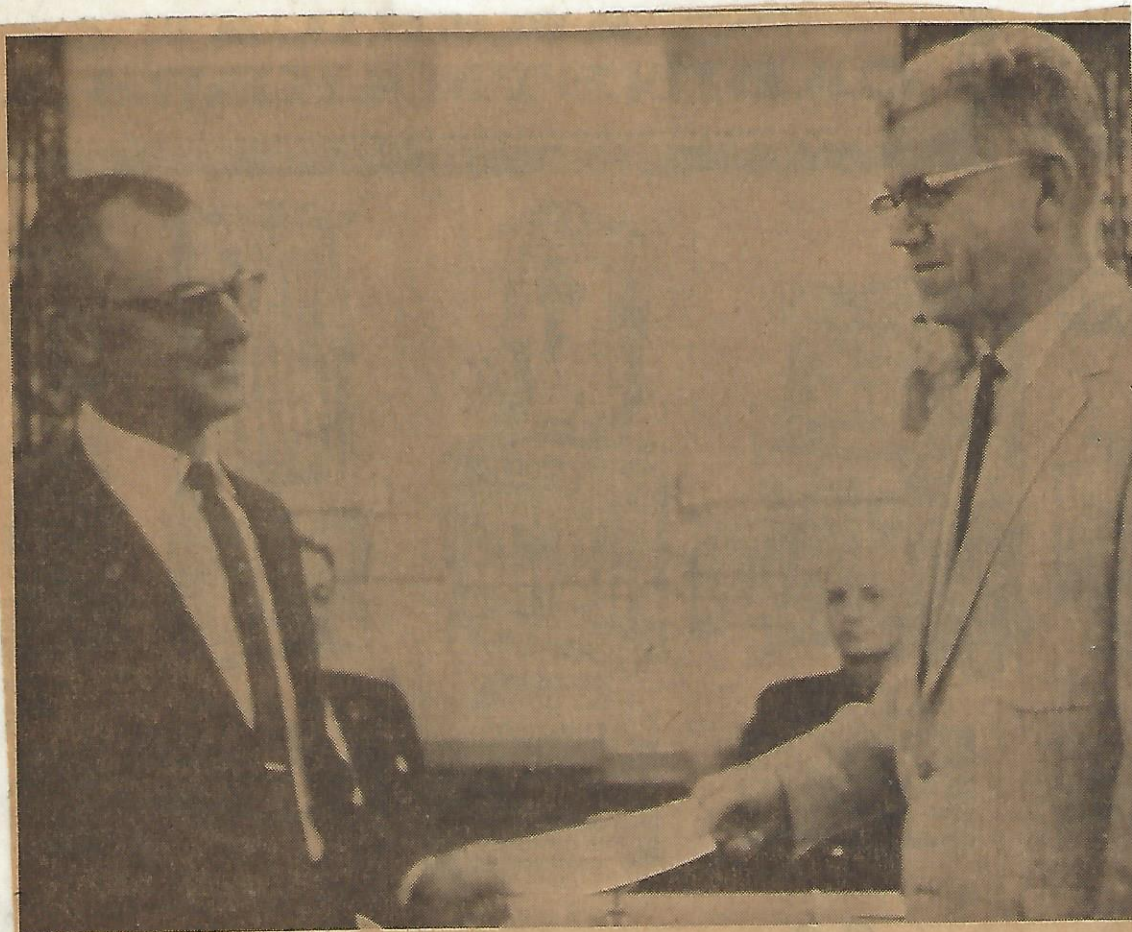
The Park Board hopes that the money will be available through these offers to finish the skating rink, start work on the ball field across the creek and sponsor some activities at the Park. It has been the consensus of opinion of the Board and interested citizens of our town, that the Park could best be utilized if some kind of programs could be undertaken that would appeal to various are groups.

The Park Board also voted to erect some kind of a stone memorial that any gift of a hundred dollars or more might be acknowledged, and the donors

name so inscribed if they wished.

As we to to press we are glad to announce that a check for \$100.00 has already been received to apply on the fund of \$1000.00.

Denton Abbey



**LIONS GIVE DONATION** — Eldon Horn (left), treasurer of the Mentone Lions club, is shown giving a check of \$250 to Denton Abbey (right) for the Mentzer Park Project. The money will be used by the park board, headed by Abbey, for improvements. The presentation was held at a recent meeting of the group in which Lawrence Castaldi, president of the Midwest Spring Co. of Mentone, was guest speaker. The next meeting of the group will be held Tuesday. Lions members will join the Parent-Teachers Assn. for the annual school Christmas party after their evening meal. — (Photo by Rathbun)