

Mentone, Ind., Apr. 12, 1961

## TO IMPROVE MENTONE PARK

The Mentone Park Board, which has taken certain initial steps, since its appointment, to create an inviting and usable municipal park was pleasantly encouraged by an offer from the Mentone Lions Club.

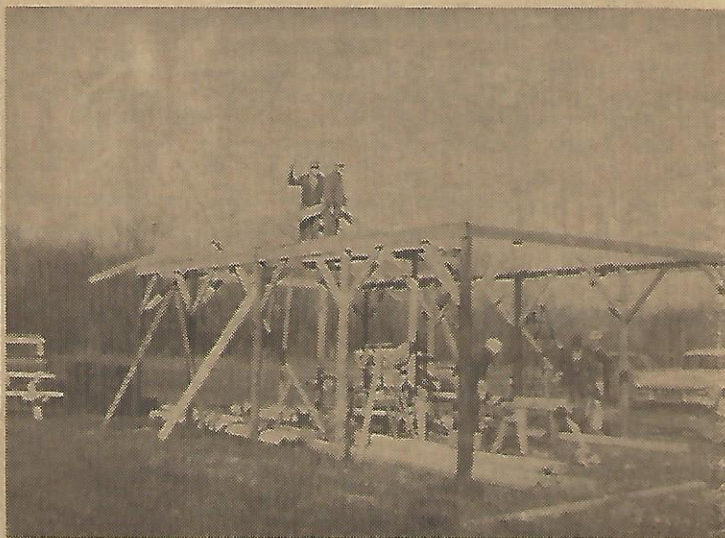
On Wednesday evening two members of the Park Board were guests of the Lions Club, for the express purpose of discussing mutual goals and how to attain them. The Lions Club, an organization dedicated to local betterment has taken an active interest in the Park and have been the first to offer money and labor to accomplish this very needy work. For this the Park Board is very grateful.

Tentative plans drawn up by the members of the Park Board include clearing the land and seeding areas, the installation of a baseball diamond; to be completed as soon as possible, and skating rink to be finished by winter. Also it is desired with the help of interested citizens, to have available this summer various picnic tables, charcoal grilles and games.

It is hoped these goals can be reached. However, as the Park Board is operating on a very limited budget it is going to be necessary for various community efforts as displayed by the Lions Club, if a realistic program is reached this season.

The members of the Park Board consisting of Mr. William Rathbun, Pres., Denton Abbey, vice Pres., Ned Igo, Supt., and Marie Coleman, Sec. and Treas., are happy for the opportunity of serving their community. They feel that a local park is a worthwhile addition to the city of Mentone, and extend an invitation to all to help in this community task.

## BUSY ON CITY PARK SHELTER SATURDAY



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In the picture above citizens were busy Saturday building a shelter at the City Park. Denton Abbey and R. O. Jones are on the roof, and below are C. O. Eiler, Adam Cochran, Arthur Kendall, and (behind a post) is Leroy Cox. Lloyd Bowerman was back with the News cameraman, Tom Harman,

Saturday's work completed the erection of the roof rafters and sheathing was started.

Saturday will be another work day and the Mentone Lions Club and the park board extend an invitation to you to come out and help on the project.

Let's help build a park we will be proud to show others.

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## PARK WORK DAY HUGE SUCCESS

The Park Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank all those who turned out on Wednesday with saws, axes and miscellaneous equipment for the clean-up day at the park.

Fourteen volunteers were counted at one time by your author, each working vigorously and good naturedly at his own particular task. In fact, with just a little more help from the "Friendly Neighbors Society of Mentone", the entire river bank might have been cleared. As it now appears, another work day will have to be instigated to finish the north end.

As this article goes to press we would like to list the following accomplishments with an outlay of \$136.70.

The entire east section has been bulldozed and cleared of brush and small trees. Dead trees along the river bank eliminated and the rest trimmed. The east section has been disced, harrowed and planted with blue grass. NIPSCO has donated twelve 40 foot poles for the use of the park. There have been several good suggestions from interested parties as to ways of developing the park, and we invite more. A number of people and societies have made additional offers of financial aid.

The Girl Scouts have made arrangements to plant the first tree in the park. This will be a tulip tree, the state tree of Indiana.

We again wish to thank all those who participated in this work, and especially wish to extend our thanks to those that brought power tools. Art Kendall for his power saw and help, Darrel Tucker for tractor and disc, Herman Olson for tractor and spike toothed harrow, the Manwaring Leghorn Farms for use of tractor and float and Adam Cochran for time in seeding the plot.

We would also ask, that as far as possible, folks would avoid any undue travel on the seeded area until the grass is high enough to mow. Thank you.

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## PARK WORK DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Mentone Lions Club, in cooperation with the Mentone park board and other interested citizens, announce that a workday will be held at the city park next Wednesday evening, April 26, starting at five o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of clearing the area and providing for the construction of suitable park facilities. Chain saws, axes and ambitious citizens are invited to take part.

Rain date will be Friday evening.





**PARK "CLEAN-UP" DAY IN MENTONE.** — A big project in Mentone, but well worth the effort, exclaimed Art Kendall, Paul Rush, and Denton Abbey, left to right, at their park clean-up day Wednesday at the southeast section of town. The Mentone park board and Lions club are endeavoring to go all out to make their seven-acre plot of ground one of the finest parks in the county. The ground is divided by a river separating two acres on the west side and five on the east and plans are underway to seed the ground in the near future. Abbey, vice president of the park board, said a little league field will be constructed soon. Plans are also underway to construct a polyethylene surface to be used for a badminton court in summer and ice skating rink in winter. Playground equipment will be moved in soon. Several volunteers from the town came to the "work-day". The Lions club offered a \$600 donation for use on the park. — (Times-Union Photo by Derry.)