

# DAR installs new officers

Anthony Nigo Chapter DAR met in the home of Mrs. David McGuire with Mrs. Donald Boggs as co-hostess. The regent, Mrs. Mary Cox, opened with the ritual and pledges. Mrs. Glenn Clauss gave the national defense on the Cost of Panama Canal treaty by Phyllis Shafley. Mrs. Frank Smith reported that the Bell Museum construction has started. Mrs. Yolande Riner gave the resolution on Trade Inbalance. Mrs. Lena Igo gave a short report on the district meeting.

Members were reminded of Flag Day and were also reminded that all should fly flags every day.

Rosie and Annabel Mentzer gave a talk on the history of Mentone and the upcoming centennial celebration.

Mentone filed for incorporation in 1882 and was granted it in 1886. The town was named after a town in France because of its beauty. At this time there were plank sidewalks and dirt streets. A town pump in front of the hotel provided water for the businesses and homes. The business district was planned after a railway route was established. There was no settlement except for a church and a school when talk of the railroad began during the 1880s. The church was located where the Legion now stands and the school was located where Utters now stands.

Electric arches over the main street provided lights for the streets. The lights were turned on at dusk and turned off at 10:00. Homes and businesses were charged for electricity by the number of lamps they had in use. The town board worked hard for an electric plant to provide electricity for the town.

In June, 1899 the town board issued permission to put an electric railway in town. The railway was to be completed by September 1901, no further action was taken by the board and the railway did not become a reality. Eventually the taxes on the roads, schools, and dogs were turned over to the town board to distribute.

A school building was built for the sum of \$8,000. Mentone started with a two year high school then progressed to a three year and finally to the now traditional four year high school. The first two year graduating class was in 1892. The first three year class to graduate was the class of 1896. In 1934 classes were moved to the present school. The completion of a gymnasium in 1926 made it possible for Mentone to host a county tourney.

The talk also included the reading of the minutes of the first town board meeting's minutes. Duties of the town board officers were listed in the minutes as well as the payments and the fines that were imposed on them.

Being a store clerk was considered to be a top job during this time. A store clerk worked twelve hours each weekday and fifteen hours on Saturday.

Fire has destroyed many of the buildings that stood long ago; consequently, much of the business district has been replaced.

A. C. Manwaring was always interested and instrumental in pushing town interest.

Installation of officers was held by Elaine Fugate: Annabel Mentzer, regent; Shirley Smalley, vice regent; Jeannie Clauss, chaplain; Pat Gross, secretary; Mary Ettinger, treasurer; Agnes Tibbets, registrar; Lilly Tucker, historian; and Rita Funk, librarian.

Members closed by repeating the American Creed. Refreshments were served to the 16 members and 2 guests present.

The September meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Charles Tucker. The meeting date has been

changed to the 1st Monday of the month. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Max Holloman, and children of Mrs. Mary...

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