

Mentone Public Library



Mentone, Indiana

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Miss Nancy Gondek
New Carlisle, Indiana

Dear Nancy:

We have no pamphlets or booklets about the town but I will give you a few facts about the town.

The present population of Mentone is 798. The town location was surveyed and platted and the first house built in 1882. The town was named for the City of Menton (English spelling is Mentone) France which is called "The Pearl of France" and is a beautiful resort town near Monte-Carlo, France.

The town of Mentone was incorporated in 1885. For many years Mentone was noted for the great number of livestock shipped to market and for its— the poultry producers which industry which had its beginning at White City Egg Farm near Mentone early in the century and spread all over the community. The Manwaring White City Egg Hatchery pioneered in the development of the poultry industry and in the breeding and development of the White Leghorn Laying Breed of poultry. There are several other commercial hatcheries near Mentone but the best known, now, is that of Mr. Hobart Creighton who has one of the largest producing hatcheries in the U.S. E

Every fall The annual egg show is held in Mentone and egg producers of the entire community display their eggs and compete for prizes. Each year An egg show beauty Queen is chosen from candidates chosen from surrounding schools and towns. about twelve high schools of nearby towns.

The late Lawrence Bell, head of Bell Aircraft Co. of Buffalo, gave the Mentone High School a beautiful new school library and in his will left his Museum of Aircraft to the school and that museum will be housed in the Mentone School Building. Mentone was the boyhood home of Mr. Lawrence Bell. Mr. Bell also left a considerable amount of money to the town of Mentone but I cannot tell you the exact amount.

There are three churches in Mentone and a large, up to date school building with a large gymnasium included. There are three factories and two large elevators and numerous stores.

Dr. Dan Urschel, well known heart specialist, also has his office in an
Mentone.

I hope this is the type of information you want.