

THREE BIG DAYS

Mentone Egg Show

September 23, 24 and 25, 1953

MENTONE, INDIANA
September 9, 1953

PROGRAM—

Delford Nelson, *Chairman*
 Paul Jackson, *Co-Chairman*
 Charles Manwaring
 Hobart Creighton
 Gordon Rapp
 Wayne Detwiler
 Walter Kent
 Frank Tucker

FINANCE—

Kenneth Riner, *Chairman*
 Ed Ward, *Co-Chairman*
 Joe McGinnis
 Ken Dolan
 Harold Nelson

Mr. Arden Poor
 Etna Elevator
 Etna Green, Indiana

DECORATIONS—

Everett Besson, *Chairman*
 Robert Ferguson, *Co-Chairman*
 H. V. Johns
 Wayne Nellans
 Everett Long
 Frank Nellans
 Eugene Sarber

Dear friend Arden:

With regard to your telephone call, I have looked through some of the Mentone Egg Show information that I have in my file and I find the first Mentone Egg Show was held in 1936. A notation that I have taken from the second annual Egg Show catalog states that 400 sat down to a banquet at the 1936 Mentone Egg Show, and this was the largest banquet ever held in Mentone.

TABLES AND CHAIRS—

Robert Hibschan, *Chairman*
 Freeman Gruenwald, *Co-Chr.*
 Miles Kesler
 Chester Christian
 Philip Lash

I find such names as Roy Rush, Ken Dolan, C.O. Eiler, Oliver Teel, Royce Tucker, Forest Kessler, Mace Nelson, Chester Manwaring, Hobart Creighton, and Cecil Long on the various committees connected with the second Mentone Egg Show. As far as I know the same group were instrumental in getting together and starting the first Mentone Egg Show in 1936. At least, some if not all of these members were instrumental in starting the first Mentone Egg Show.

PREMIUM—

Leo Seltenright, *Chairman*
 Elwyn Weiss, *Co-Chairman*
 Frank Merkle
 Fred Beeson
 Lewis Waltz
 Herbert Shipley

The seventh annual Mentone Egg Show came in 1946 after having dropped the show for a few years during the war.

RECEPTION—

Kyle Gibson, *Chairman*
 Mahlon Mentzer, *Co-Chairman*
 Charles Hammer, Jr.

In 1946 the surrounding communities putting on the Mentone Egg Show used on all advertising a map of Indiana centered in the middle of the picture a large basket of eggs and each egg named for a surrounding community, and this all called, "Egg Basket of the Middlewest". The communities surrounding this territory which participate are Rochester, Argos, Milford, Hamlet, Etna Green, New Paris, Leesburg, Pierceton, Claypool, North Manchester, Denver, Chili, Akron, Plymouth, Bourbon, Atwood, Warsaw, Burket, Silver Lake, and Mentone.

PUBLICITY—

John Frederick, *Chairman*
 M. O. Bryan, *Co-Chairman*
 Artley D. Cullum
 Milo Clase
 Loyd Waeckler
 U. E. Fitzpatrick
 Larry Hanson
 Paul Jackson
 Arden Poor

BANQUET—

Carroll Eiler, *Chairman*
 Jerry Kralis, *Co-Chairman*
 Tommie Witham
 John Huttar
 Elmer Sarber
 George Osman
 Rex Witham
 Robert Flenar
 Dale Nellans
 Robert Merkle
 S. G. Schenk
 Gale Creighton
 Cecil Long
 Paul Cumberland
 Joe Swanson
 Leonard Eiler

COMMERCIAL DISPLAY—

Miles Manwaring, *Chairman*
 Leo Valentine, *Co-Chairman*
 Richard Manwaring
 Elery Nellans
 Kirk Livengood
 Ora McKinley

TICKET—

Eldon Horn, *Chairman*
 Zanna Hammer, *Co-Chairman*
 Frank Nelson
 James Beeson

"Mentone, the Egg Basket of the Middlewest"

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The enclosed papers published in March by the Farmer's Exchange gives the little high light to the beginning of the poultry business in this section which might give you some information for publicity.

Hoping the above information gives you a little bit of news concerning the early Mentone Egg Shows, and if I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

MENTONE EGG SHOW


Charles L. Manwaring

CLM:jb
Encl:

cc: Mr. John Frederick
Warsaw, Indiana