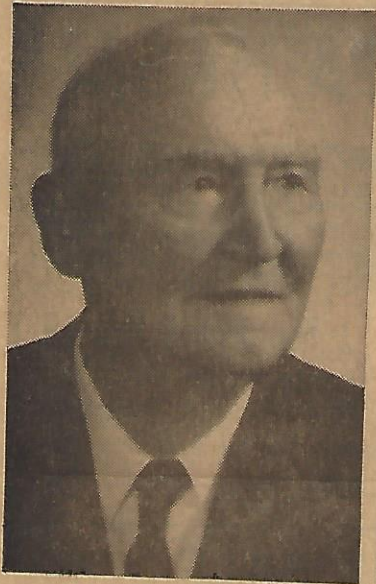


Name Park At Mentone After Mahlon Mentzer; Dedication July 18



MAHLON MENTZER

Mentone Park Commissioner Denton Abbey has announced that the Mentone park will be dedicated on July 18 and will be named "Mentzer Memorial Park" in honor of the late Mahlon Mentzer. Dedication ceremonies are sche-

duled at 4:30 p.m. The event will be part of an all day affair that will feature a chicken barbecue, a ball game, square dance, helicopter rides and other events.

Abbey issued the following release on naming the park:

"Mahlon Mentzer, for whom the park was named, was a lifelong resident of Mentone. He was a community-spirited individual and much of the progress of the town can be traced to his efforts. Because of his love of fellowmen and desire to see a better community the town's people voted to name the park after him.

BORN WEST OF TOWN

"Mr. Mentzer was born Oct. 6, 1877 about a mile west of Mentone. He moved to Mentone in 1884. One of his first positions in the community was with the sawmill owned by A. T. Mollenhour.

"He also worked at the Summerlands heading mill later, then during summer months for Homer Rockhill in the grocery store. He entered Valpariso College where he took accounting. He and his father went into the dry goods and grocery business in 1901. The store was located where the new post office now stands. In 1930 the Mentzers quit the dry goods business and carried groceries. This continued until Dec. 10, 1940 when the elder Mr. Mentzer died.

"Mahlon Mentzer was treasurer of the Baptist church, also clerk-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. He helped with the renovation of the water company a few years ago.

HAD 4 CHILDREN

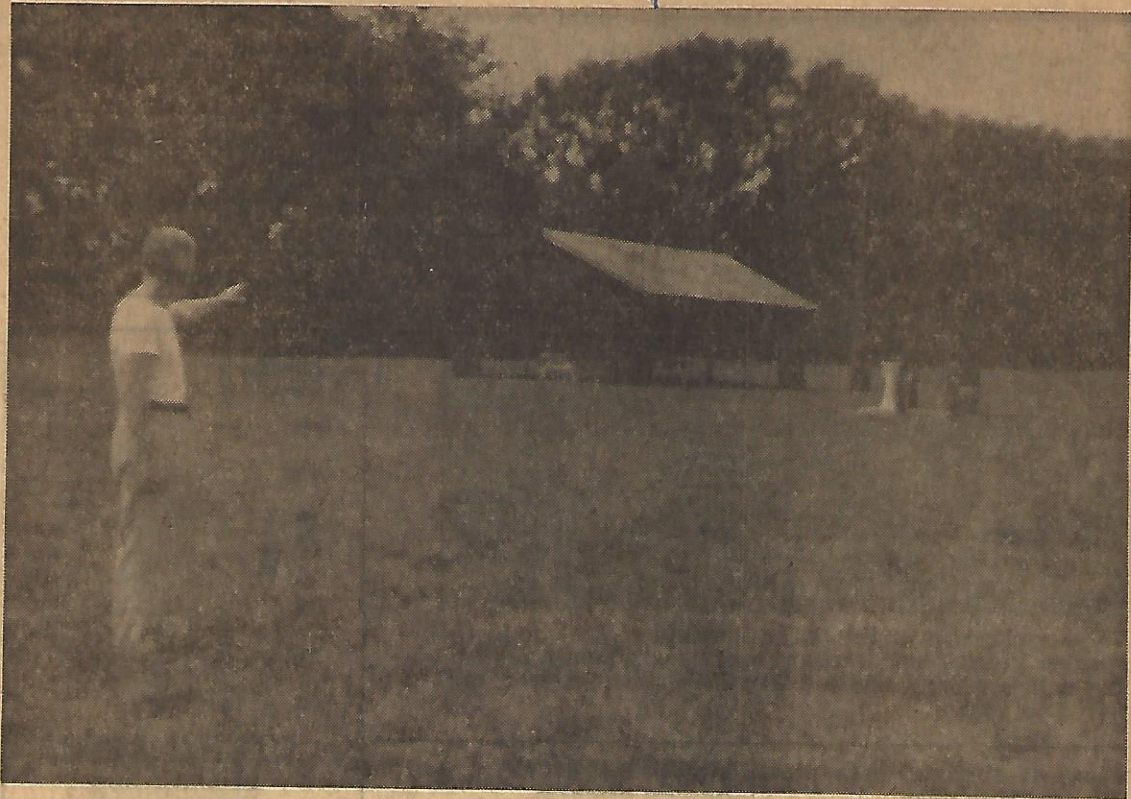
"For all his activities he was best known for his position as ambassador without portfolio for Mentone. He married Minnie Blue who died in 1942. The couple had four children — James, Annabel, Rosland and Margaret.

"Mr. Mentzer died in 1961."

Abbey stated that the community was fortunate that it had a park that could be named after such a man. He was one of the few re-

maining pioneers who knew and loved the country that sprang from a wilderness to bustling world of cars, airplanes, medical and scientific advances in one generation.

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PICTURE OF PARK — Denton Abbey, of Mentone, points to the newly-constructed pavilion at the Mentone Park. Dedication ceremonies and an all-day program will be held Saturday, July 18 in Mentone. The park will be officially named "Mahlon Mentzer Memorial Park."

List Program For Mentone Park Dedication

The Mentone Park dedication ceremonies will start at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, it was announced today by Denton Abbey, who will be master of ceremonies for the event.

The Mentone Junior High School band will provide the music. The Mentone American Legion color guard will officially raise the flag

at the park. An invocation will be given by Rev. Francis Rogers. Various past and present members of the park board will be introduced and acknowledged for their work on the board. Special recognition will be paid to Ora McKinley, founder of the park.

SON TO BE THERE

The park board president, Dr. Orville McFadden, will then present the park in Mahlon Mentzer's name. James Mentzer of Park Ridge, Ill., will be present to accept the park in his father's name. Accompanying him will be his three sisters, Rosaland, Annabel and Margaret.

A final number will be played by the band to conclude ceremonies. Park board members in addition to McFadden and Abbey are Marie Coleman and Arthur Kendal.

The park dedication will be part of a full day of activities for the community. A chicken barbecue will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. A ball game will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and square dancing will be held in the evening. Other activities are also scheduled.

The event is co-sponsored by the Mentone Chamber of Commerce and Lions club.