

William (Billy) Mollenhove  
erected the Opera House in 1885.  
It seated 500 of the 700 inhabitants.  
It was a place to hold meetings  
where community interests were  
discussed. Every one turned  
out to find out what was going  
on. This is not the case today. ✓

The first locally owned auto in Mentone was  
a one cylinder Cadillac belonging to Carlin  
Myers.

Straus Brothers, a real estate firm from  
Ligonier, Ind., was perhaps the first to  
drive an automobile in Mentone. They took  
care of their real estate business in  
this area. They got the jump on others  
by getting around in their automobile.