

# Mentone to welcome Historical Tour

The town of Mentone will play host to the Kosciusko Co. Historical Tour on October 2 with two area homes and the library included on the tour route.

Laid out in 1882 by Albert Tucker, the town grew from a population of four to 700 in four years, according to the Kosciusko Co. Historical Society, sponsors of the tour. Mentone's early enterprises included a mill that ran day and night, producing 100 barrels of flour per day.

Mentone is also the hometown of

Lawrence Bell of aircraft fame who left \$20,000 to the town that was used to build the Bell

Memorial Library. The town also has his personal collection of memorabilia and is working to raise money for a museum in which to house and display it.

An exhibit of antiques organized by the Merry Mollys and the Mentone Home Extension Club will be on display at the library.

Entertainment will be supplied

by the Tippecanoe Valley High School music department.

As tour guests leave Mentone for the Hammer house they may stop and inspect an old strap metal jail cell, one of four that at one time made up the town jail. Parking will be available.

More detailed information about Sunday's tour can be found inside this week's NEWS.



**MENTONE TOWN BOARD** president Frank Hardesty signs a proclamation to welcome the Kosciusko Co. Historical Society's tour to Mentone as chairman of the day Connie Harney watches.