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DROUGHT

According to Dave Baum of the U.S. Forest Service, Mt. Lemmon has less moisture content in the soil now than ever in the history of the mountain. Hopefully, by the time you receive this we'll have gotten some rainfall, but it is going to take quite a bit to take us out of the fire danger we're in right now.

All of you have probably picked up the Fire Hazard Use Restrictions passed out by the Forest Service personnel at the foot of the mountain. Read it thoroughly. It pertains to cabin owners as well as visitors. Also, the restrictions imposed by the Forest Service on their permittees are good advice for all of us. All chimneys on the mountain should have a spark screen, should extend at least one foot above the roof ridge and should have all joints permanently sealed. The roof of your house should be kept swept clear of leaves, twigs and pine needles and these should also be raked back at least 15 feet from your house. For interior protection, everyone should have a household fire extinguisher and open fireplaces should be equipped with spark screens.

Also, use common sense anytime you are using an open flame of any sort. Our mountain is beautiful when it is green, but can be awfully ugly when it is blackened by fire.

ZIMMERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

By: Malinda J. Bell
Debora L. Jackson

School is out and everybody is happy. We are going to a swimming party and are really looking forward to it. A couple of weeks ago we went on a field trip to the Bee Farm. We had a really fun time.

Everybody is coming back to their summer cabins and people who have horses are bringing them up.

All the kids are looking forward to another great year here in three months. We all think Zimmerman School is the BEST!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Community Pride--Its Clean up time

Now that school is out and many home owners are returning to the mountain it's a good time to turn our attention to the condition of our mountain homes. Does your cabin need a coat of paint and general sprucing up? Do you still have that trash and rubble out back that has been destined for town for the last two years?

This year, before you settle in for the summer, stand back and take a good look at the appearance of the Mt Lemmon communities. One doesn't have to travel far before seeing conditions in the communities, particularly the deeded land areas, which are detrimental to the ideal of the community and the community improvement goals of the Homeowners Assn and the Woman's Club. The Forest Service is the first to general rundown conditions as one good reason to remove all single family dwellings on Mt Lemmon. If we are to preserve our communities, one of the first things we must do is to show that we have pride in our community.

Sincerely,

ROBERT T. ZIMMERMAN

P.S. The "abandoned dog problem" I spoke about last month has worsened. One morning last month one of our female employees came to work as white as a ghost. She explained that while walking to work on the Sabino Canyon Parkway a pack of dogs descended out of the forest and came at her barking. One dog, described as a small white animal, was successful in biting her on the heel.

On another day a pack of dogs descended on a small herd of goats slaughtering several kids.

It seems to me that we have gone beyond the question of whether there is a leash law or not. Loose dogs mean dog packs -- and dog packs are dangerous as demonstrated. An adult can no doubt stand his own against angry dogs, but what about a frightened, fleeing young toddler? Does a pack of dogs know the difference between kid goats and your kid? I hope we don't have to find out the hard way. Dog owners -- keep your dogs in your company or tied up. Enough is enough.

MT LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS

Have you seen what our Women have been doing to our mountain. If you haven't, drive to the village and look. They have planted flowers and trees. As soon as the rains come they'll be doing even more.

They still meet the first Wednesday of each month and any woman who thinks she might be interested in joining the group is invited to come. Incidentally, they won a state award for the largest increase in membership.....20 to 48.

The library is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wed., and Friday. The thrift shop is open at the same time.

There was also a voter registration drive on Saturday, June 29th. Workshops for a fall bazaar are also scheduled periodically.

On July 17th the Woman's Club is having a Rubbormaid Party at Jay Davies' cabin at 7:30 p.m. This should be fun and a fund raising project as the club gets a percentage of all sales. There will also be a drawing for a door prize. Tickets will be 25¢ and the prize will be a \$15.00 item.

Also, the club has two of their white burch trees left to sell. These trees are regularly \$4.98 each, but they are urging everyone to beautify their own property, so are selling these at two for \$5.00. Call Joan Choate at 623-6570 if you want these last two.

MADERA CANYON NEWS

As you must have heard, Madera was turned down on their appeal to the Forest Service for a reconsideration of the ruling that they must be out by Dec. 31, 1982. Their appeal now goes to Federal Court. This is a costly undertaking, and it definitely influences long range happenings on Mt Lemmon. Elsewhere in this paper is a letter from Gerry Hackney for the Board of Directors of our Association. This is a very important letter. Read it, consider it, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to call one of us.

U. S. POSTAL SERVICE NEWS

Vesta E. Pfligler, our Postmaster, is training an additional substitute. She'll be going in the hospital soon for a knee operation. She'll be off her feet for sometime. Mrs. Leland (Donna) Evans, whose husband is with the University of Arizona at the old Radar Base, is going through her training program now. We hope that Vesta heals quickly and won't be out too long. In the meantime, give Mrs. Evans all the moral support you can, and be patient. It takes awhile to recognize everyone's face.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS JULY 21 at the Mt Lemmon Inn at 2 p.m. Try and Come!

SOCIALS

Our May potluck picnic in Marshall Gulch was a success despite the moderate size of the crowd. We hope future social events will be well attended. It's a lot easier to work together on important projects if we at least know the face that goes with each name.

Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m. (after the Homeowner's meeting), Everyone meet at Loma Linda picnic grounds for a Watermelon & Beer Bust. Strange Combination? We're making everyone happy - child or papa. Bring a blanket, and if you'd like to help, give Jay Davies a call at 623-6509.

On Sunday, September 15th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ~~(before the Homeowner's meeting)~~ a Mt Lemmon Work Day is scheduled. We will plan worthwhile projects (not just picking up trash,) so be prepared to wield your hammer or shovel. Lunch will be provided at the school yard at 12:30 for all laborers.

MT. LEMMON COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday, June 9, at 11 a.m. in the large recreational room at the Mt Lemmon Inn, the first Protestant service of the season was held. These services are sponsored by the Tucson Council of Churches and the Mt Lemmon Community Church. Preachers from all different walks of life and different denominations bring services every Sunday during June, July, and August.

Casualness is the keyword with everyone wearing their Mt Lemmon Work or Play clothes. Attendance has dropped off this year, but we are hoping that with a little more publicity, more people will attend. On July 7, immediately after the service the Mt Lemmon Community Church will have their annual meeting. Our goal is to someday have our own Community Church building.

Congratulations to Mrs. Royal Irving for all the work she puts into this every year.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS

Starting in July, the Sheriff's Office will again have 2 deputies stationed on Mt. Lemmon. Both deputies will be bringing wives and small children to the mountain, and have found homes for the year they will be stationed here. We welcome the Stevens family and the Smith family and hope that they will enjoy their stay on our mountain.

"THE WATER MOLE"

With no rain for more than three months now, everyone is feeling the water pinch. We can only urge you to conserve more than usual. Report it immediately to the proper person if you are out of water, and then be patient for a little while.

Also, if you see any leaks or unauthorized usage of water, question it.

Most springs are not flowing healthily now. The Forest Service is being very conservative about filling tanks because they must keep a large reserve for fire fighting. So those of you in Loma Linda and Soldiers Camp are feeling the pinch too.

Mt Lemmon Water Coop is now drilling horizontal wells. These seem to be the most economical, most modern, and most dependable system for our mountain. They will be getting a detailed letter out to their membership soon detailing their problems and what they have done and are hoping to do.

SPOTLIGHT

MARY H. BLENDER

It was no surprise to those of us who know her when Mary

was chosen "Woman of the Year" at the recent Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs Convention in Phoenix.

Even so, the four other delegates from Mt Lemmon held their breath while the winner's credentials were being read. The judges all concurred that there was really no contest. Mary's list of community services can tire you out, just from reading it.

One woman, while congratulating Mary on her award, said "Admit it Mary, I bet you're behind in your ironing." Mary's quick retort was that she used to be. "But when your son is 21 and there are still baby clothes in your ironing basket, you can just forget it."

The Benders moved to the mountain back in the fifties for their son Jake's health. Jake grew up on the mountain where he went to school and was on the Junior Ski Racing Team.

Both John and Mary Bender were active in community activities on the mountain. She worked with the Community Church and John served on the Board of Directors of the Water Coop. They both worked hard toward the founding of the Homeowners Association.

As Jake got older, his health improved and the Benders moved to Tucson. But Mary still kept the cabin on Mt Lemmon ready where she could pop in at a moment's notice summer or winter.

In Tucson it didn't take Mary long to get involved again. She served two years as President of the Tucson Woman's Club, the largest Woman's Club in the state, and is now serving as the House Chairman for their beautiful new building which has been used by several of the mountain organizations for group meetings.

In addition she organized the Old Pueblo Woman's Club and served as their first President.

Last year she organized the Mt Lemmon Woman's Club, but turned down the Presidency and consented instead to serve

as Parliamentarian.

Mary has always felt that Mt Lemmon needed a library, so when the Woman's Club discussed starting one, she collected books from all over Southern Arizona and donated the boards and concrete block to make shelves. With Mary behind you, there is no way a project can fail.

Now serving her second term as Secretary of the Board of Directors of our Association, Mary has attended all of the Board meetings and general meetings. She has also represented the organization at Forest Service meetings and State Land Department meetings since the first public hearing on the Long Range Usage Plan for the Santa Catalina Mountains back in 1970.

Currently Mary is President of the Southern District of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs and Leadership Development Chairman of the Arizona Federation.

As a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Mary teaches in the deaf and blind department and is active in the Church Woman's group.

In addition Mary serves as: Secretary of the Board of the Old Pueblo Boy's Club; Chairman of the Advisory Board for La Casa de los Ninos, the Tucson area Crisis Nursery; a night teacher for volunteer workers at the University of Arizona; a volunteer worker at the Community Christmas Center, repairing and delivering bicycles to the needy; Fund Raising "Luncheon is Served" Chairman for Dorothy Forbes Foundation.

In her spare time Mary has been visiting her relatives in Pennsylvania and Washington, securing the start of a family history she hopes to write.

If there were more women like Mary, the world would definitely be a better place. Aren't we lucky to have her on Mt Lemmon. Half of Mary is better than all of most women.

PETITIONS RARE ON THE IMPORTANCE

During the meeting with the Forest Service in Washington, it was stated that local and Regional Forest officials are responsive to public opinion in forming policies and taking action to implement them. This, of course, would include a policy such as the one we're fighting to terminate summer home land leases and/or acquire private land in a specific area such as Madera or Mt. Lomon. The Washington officials went on to say that it was quite likely that Regional Forester Hurst was pursuing and implementing this policy because he felt that public opinion favored it and that because these matters are subject to review, it may be that some feedback from the public in opposition to the policy might bring about some policy changes. Indeed, Mr. Hurst has told us that the policy received "strong public support" in public meetings and that is one justification he uses for the policy; in a letter answering our protests, against a particular land exchange, he said he had received only 4 protests, and again he justified the overall policy and disallowed our protest because it was 4 against versus the general public in favor.

Mt. Lomon Home owners have been gathering signatures on a petition for about two months, but suddenly because of what was said in Washington, the petitions seem to be a much more potent weapon than we realized. It seems clear that if we can show that there is strong public opposition to the policy, we have an excellent chance of inducing the Forest Service to reconsider and perhaps change the policy. Because the petitions seem to be vitally important a copy is enclosed for you to circulate. If you feel you can get more than 20 signatures (surely you can approach 100) make a Xerox of the blank original or call or write me for more. The sources are many - try the managers and employees of your bank, stores, businesses you deal with, your doctor, etc. It is strongly urged that the Directors of the various Home-owners Associations, or the lady members thereof, give serious thought to setting up a table at grocery stores, shopping centers and appropriate public gatherings. We need signatures literally by the thousands (we only have 600), and that is an easy way to collect signatures in mass. Completed petitions should be sent to me. Note they are for Arizona residents only to sign. WE NEED TO BE HEARD!

CHRIS'S KISSES & MISSES

Got lots of "kisses" (happiness, fun, joy) to send your way in this, the first column of odds and ends and tit-tat news - covering almost everything!

Natherine Lovett has had a dream since a freshman in college --- to go to Alaska. This will materialize when she and a friend will leave for a 25 day tour by bus, boat and train.

Opel and Ellie Mayfield (our football coach at Tucson High) are in cool Colorado working for the Parks Service during the summer months. Bet Colorado is no cooler than our own Mt. Lemmon!

Joe and Ellie Dyer, as usual, are touring the northwest as they do each summer. They have attended Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington and now are at Sagle, Idaho. They've got lots of space to "Roam on the Range" for they own over 40 acres.

Another mountaineer, Craig, seventeen year-old son of Roger and Gloria Bell, is in Colorado also. He is taking his training in "Outward Bound", a truly tremendous organization for young people. Next year he will be a full counselor. Good luck, Craig, know you'll do well.

The first Story Hour was held Monday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Library. Chris Sheldon wishes to have all pre-schoolers attend this fun gathering for our small tots. She also hopes it will prove to be a bit educational too.

Back to the vacationeers - John & Donna Miller have just returned from their first vacation in over eight years. This trip included New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and up into Canada, stopping at Vancouver and Victoria which they say is beautifully spotlessly, immaculately CLEAN. They returned down the coast from Oregon to San Francisco and then entered into our home state via Iuna. They visited John, Ronald, and Harold. But the highlight was seeing their 10 month old Granddaughter for the first time.

Kisses and best wishes to Lynn Thomas (now Mrs. since she and Steve Parsons were united (in what I hear from Shirley Howell) in a simple, but most beautiful wedding atop our mountain near the Radar Site. (Boy, you can tell I'm an old timer with that statement!) Steven is a Counselor for the Indians in Tucson in a Federal Government Program. They were married last Thursday (June 20). Lynn does the beautiful stained glass work at the "Trading Post" and works there with Shirley Howell.

Youns truly is soooo excited that she can hardly contain herself. You see, she also is about to have an IMPOSSIBLE DREAM COME TRUE. August 29th Chriss Sheldon flies away on a chartered flight from Windsor, Canada to Preswick, Scotland - her birthplace for she was born in Edinburgh, but I won't tell you how many years ago! While there she will visit all her Aunts, Uncles & cousins who live scattered throughout the small country. Who knows, she might even see the famous "Loch Ness Monster". Even plans to "rail" down to London for a whirl of the countless historical fascinating places to be seen in that area. She'll be absent from this fair state about two months.

Got more news, but I'm saving some for next month. Let me know what's happening with your family. Catch me in the street, drop a card to P. O. Box 68, Mt Lannon or call 298-4460 and leave your phone number. Don't want to overlook anyone. See you next month.

Chriss Sheldon

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Again I feel we have a good littlepaper this month. Hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed reading all the articles submitted. The paper is a little late, but I had a good excuse.

Perry Mackney, at his own expense, flew to Washington D.C. to talk to the Under Secretary of Agriculture who is

directly over the Forest Service. Upon his return a special meeting of the Board of Directors was called. The information in his article and in the letter enclosed is very important and we wanted to include that.

Welcome to some newcomers to Mt Lemmon. If you know of others let us know:

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Colseth
Mr. Kirby Anderson
Mr. Jim Guthrie
Mr. Kingsley Rush

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Send them to the address on the front page.

Corrected phone numbers for George & Jay Davies: Work - 622-2200. Homes 623-4509 or 795-4053. Sorry. I goofed last month.

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