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VFD Seeks Input on Funding

by Sarah Flaughter

With the help of our Fire Chief, Jack Chilson, and the financial help and encouragement of the Homeowner's Association of Mt. Lemmon, the Volunteer Fire Department has made great strides in the last four months. Despite the high winds in November which put a tree through the roof of the newly completed firehouse, floods, and more snow than we have seen in many a winter, we have come a long way.

With the outstanding effort of Mrs. John Miller, the Homeowner's Association representative to the Fire Department, who has put a lot of her time and money into getting

the department on the road, we have qualified for matching federal funds. These funds will enable us to better equip our department.

Up to now the Homeowner's Association has footed the bill but they need our help. Fire equipment is expensive.

Where are the young people who are always complaining about not having a voice on the mountain? Where are those who rent?

Where are the old-timers who have seen so many things destroyed by fire?

Come to our next business meeting on Friday,

April 6 at 7 pm in Room 11 at the Alpine Lodge. Bring your suggestions on how we can raise money.

Here are a few for you to think about: a \$5.00 donation from every homeowner and renter on the mountain, a bake sale, dinners, or dances. In the past, we have sold ball point pens and Christmas trees.

At the March 2 business meeting, the training sessions were changed to every Friday evening at 7 pm at the firehouse. This will give more of our volunteers a chance to get to the training sessions. The business meeting will continue to be the first Friday of each month.

Public to Speak Out On Future Plans for Coronado National Forest

Coronado National Forest is giving the public a chance to speak up on what they want in their forest. Forums are being held throughout southern Arizona. Two of these meetings will be held in the Tucson area. The first is March 13 at 7:30 pm in Amphitheater Jr. High Cafeteria, 315 E. Prince Road. The other Tucson meeting will be March 22 at 7:30 pm at Fickett Jr. High School, 7240 Calle Arturo.

Plans will be based on what southeastern Arizona will be like in 1995. A study team from the Forest Service has been working on their findings.

Five ideas of the future have been worked up with suggestions on what should be done for each of these alternatives and an estimated cost.

Areas of study include archeology and historic sites, forest products and timber, land ownership, and recreation facilities. Anyone interested in any of these areas is urged to attend the meeting nearest them. For additional information contact Santa Catalina District Ranger, 250 N. Pantano, Suite 126, Tucson, 85715, or call 296-6245.

Other meetings in the area will be March 12 at 2

pm in Green Valley, CRAVG East, Sabrego Drive; March 12 at 7:30 pm in Sierra Vista, Jr. High School; March 14 at 7:30 pm in Patagonia, Stage Stop Motel; March 15 at 7 pm in the Elks Club Ballroom, Wilcox; March 19 at 7 pm in the High School Cafeteria, Douglas; March 20 at 7:30 pm in Apache School; March 21 at 7:30 pm at the Armory County Extension Service, 921 Thatcher Blvd., Safford; March 26 at 2 pm in the Arivaca Community Center; and March 26 at 7:30 pm at the Nogales Ranger District Office, 1410 Rio Rico Drive, Rio Rico.

St. Patrick's Day Feast To Benefit VFD

A spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the Vine Restaurant on Saturday, March 17 at 6 pm. The women of the Volunteer Fire Department are planning the evening with all profits to go to the fire fund for equipment.

Price for the "all you can eat dinner" will be \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

In addition, keg beer will be available at \$2.00 an individual for "all you can drink." So put on your green clothes and plan on spending your St. Patrick's Day on Mt. Lemmon to help our Volunteer Fire Department.



Roads Shot!

With two roads on Mt. Lemmon completely washed out and the main road full of holes, things don't seem much better on the mountain. The county was able to open most of the side roads to four-wheel vehicles and for walking. But broken down equipment and a shortage of diesel fuel stopped work before the worse damage could be repaired.

Hopefully, by the time our readers receive this paper, the county will be back to work on the mountain roads. Federal funding is still coming and we are told that within a year drainage will be improved so that residents are not faced with washed out roads every three months.

This year has been a bad one, so be sure and check with the county highway department

before you plan on driving up to a cabin with a load of furniture. Anything you cannot pack in on your back, should stay in Tucson. As the weather turns warm in Tucson and you start thinking about your summer home on Mt. Lemmon, remember you'll probably be walking for awhile, especially if the cabin is on Upper Sabino or Carter Canyon Roads.

Ball Postponed

The Firemen's Ball scheduled for March 16 has been postponed until warmer weather. At this time the Ball has tentatively been set for sometime in May or June. Read The Mountain Echo to get the exact date.



Jack Chilson stands beside the Mt. Lemmon fire truck, a 1946 Dodge. Behind him is the recently completed fire station.

New Fire District In The Offing For Mt. Lemmon

Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association is attempting to organize a Fire District for Mt. Lemmon. As a preliminary step, Madonna (Mama) Miller is attempting to register every qualified voter on the mountain. If you aren't currently registered or are registered in the wrong district, see Mrs. Miller and she will get it straightened out.

As soon as everything is ready, we will have an election on the mountain for the Fire District. Hope-

fully this can be accomplished before the end of the summer.

In addition, the Homeowner's Association is continuing their membership drive. Members are furnished a window sticker showing they are a current member of the group. A newsletter is also mailed bi-monthly to each member. Join now. Mail the form below with your check for \$10.00 to Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Association, Inc., Box 99, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

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Zimmerman School News

With so much snow on Mt. Lemmon this year, many residents have been practically snowbound. Most still have to walk to their cabins and many of the cars are still covered by several feet of snow. A trip off the mountain is often a major excursion. The students at Zimmerman School have let their imagination run wild with their own personal ways of overcoming "Cabin Fever."

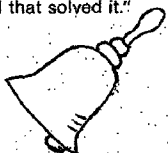


Kenneth Rinella: "My look at cabin fever is being in the same school as everyone else and also my road being washed out, then fixed, then washed out again. The only remedy I can think of is to sleep. When I woke up I went and got the "U" and the "C" encyclopedias and ate them. When I had eaten all of the United States and Canada, I got rid of cabin fever. But now I had United Canada fever."



Joe Noonkester: "I was getting sick of shoveling snow all the time and cutting wood every day. Then when I am finished, more snow comes in and then I've got to shovel more and cut more wood. I was getting so sick of that that I flew to Florida and didn't come back until summer. I went swimming and do you know what I did? I brought a shovel and I started shoveling dirt. So

then I bought a rocket and lived on the moon. And then my heater went out so I went back to earth and jumped off the Empire State Building and that solved it."



Jenny Hayes: "It was a windy night and the lights went out when I went to bed. It was about 2:00 a.m. when a tree lifted up my brother's roof. He screamed and got my Mom. When we packed our bags and went to Tucson, we stayed the night in the Smuggler's Inn. We got back up the mountain and cut some trees down so no more will fall down on our house. Then we moved to Hawaii and got Volcano Fever, so we got so sick we jumped in the volcano and sunk to the bottom. And there was a little house. We lived there and never got Cabin Fever again."

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Jimbo Morse: "The only remedy to cabin fever is to put a snow shovel in front of your house and dig your way out or, as in my case, to own your own backhoe. You see my road has been washed out since before Christmas. And we also had to dig a trail out. Because the first two days I had to stay home and I was bored. I did things like count my comic books. And went mad. So I figure the only way you can get by it is to sleep it off."

Spotlight

"WILLIAM CLARK"

by Frances Morse

"I like to sit in front of a large mirror, make funny faces and do interpretations. I am one of the few people who do interpretations without using their voices." This is Mayor Billy's idea of a good way to pass the time.

As for sports, his favorite is wrestling. He calls it, "One of the few honest sports I have seen. They are hitting each other and there is blood all over, but no one really gets hurt. Boxing is too vicious. People can die."

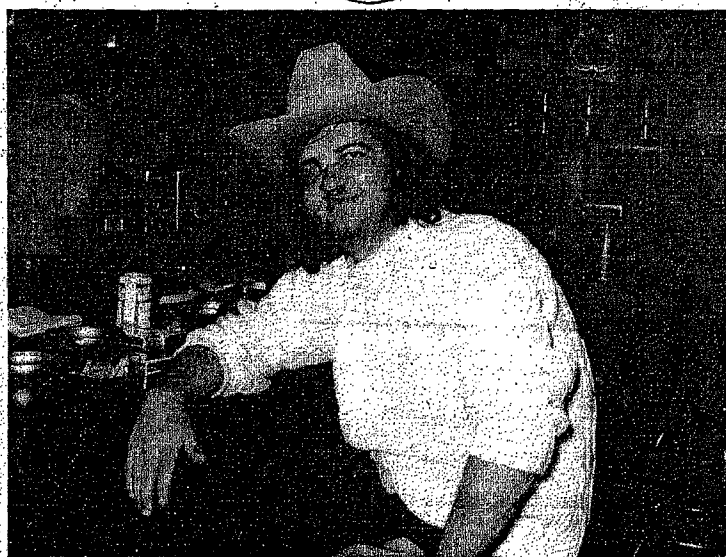
Born 30 years ago as just plain William Clark, Billy has accumulated a number of titles in these years. His first was Marine Sergeant William Clark. This was given to him by the Commandant as he lay in a hospital bed of the U.S. Marine Corps. "I didn't realize what a big honor this was until I saw a picture of the same guy who gave me the promotion in 'Mad Magazine'!"

His next title occurred several years ago when he and some friends were sitting around drinking. "Wonderful the Billy" was officially bestowed on him.

"Mayor" Billy came about shortly after he moved to Mt. Lemmon. He decided the Mountain needed a Mayor so one day he started campaigning. Since no one else was running, the next day his friends appointed him Mayor. Now he is on his fourth term.

He is also the official town drunk. That, he explains, was strictly by accident. The town drunk is chosen from those residents of Mt. Lemmon who spend most of their time making sure the bar at the Vih's Restaurant doesn't float away. It is their official job to sit there each evening and hold it down. Of the three original candidates for town drunk, he is the only one left. The others have moved off the mountain.

About two years ago, Billy picked up another title. He is now "The Reverend Billy." For \$20 Billy was officially ordained in the "Universal Church of Life." "I think Mt. Lemmon would be a wonderful place to get married and spend a honeymoon. Now I can legally perform a marriage ceremony."



Even though he speaks of marriage for others, Billy has no plans to settle down. "Right now if I feel like getting married, I get real drunk. Then, the next morning I feel completely different."

His plans do include officially running for Town Drunk at the annual Fourth of July Election. As for Mayor, he's not too sure. "I'll run if they want me, but I don't plan to do any heavy campaigning."

Despite Billy's light-hearted outlook on life, he has had bad times. His tour of duty in the Marine Corps was only one and a half years, and only six months of that was in Viet Nam but it changed his entire life.

As a mortar expert and interpreter, he knew his job was dangerous. His group of six Marines worked with 15 draftees from the Viet Namese Army.

"We were on 24-hour watch," he explained, so every few hours someone woke us to take a turn at guard duty. When I first woke up I thought someone was tapping me on the head to tell me it was my turn. But then I felt my teeth falling out of my mouth and I knew what had happened. My tent was completely gone and the other Marine was dead. I wanted to go back to sleep. For a moment I thought it was a horrible nightmare and going back to sleep would make it go away."

Sgt. Clark continues his story, telling how he crawled through fire to get help, was taken out by chopper to Quangnai

where he spent two or three weeks in intensive care, mostly unconscious.

"Periodically as I regained consciousness in the hospital I could hear one soldier screaming. He was black and had both legs off at the knees and both arms off at the elbows."

"One day one of the nurses told me what a wonderful patient I was since I never complained. I couldn't talk then, so I motioned for a pencil and some paper. I wrote 'Look, I'm not feeling too great about this either, but if I was in that shape I would be complaining too.' I didn't like that nurse's attitude."

Billy remembers when he first looked in a mirror at the hospital. He was so glad he still had his nose. The nurse, worried about his reaction to the loss of an eye, quickly assured him that plastic surgery would have him looking just as he had before the war. Sgt. Clark looked at the nurse very seriously and replied, "No! If I can't be made to look like Cary Grant, there will be no plastic surgery." And Billy continues with that philosophy, although he now claims that it is because he could not stand the years in and out of hospitals. With over 500 stitches in his face

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Mountain Men Visit Sabino Canyon Center Sunday, April First

The first Sunday in April brings the Tucson Mountain Men to Sabino Canyon. The colorful civic group consists of about 30 people who portray the mountain men and squaws of the free trapper era of the early 1800's.

In 1976, the horse-mounted group represented the State of Arizona in the Bicentennial Parade. Here in Tucson, the group has been the feature attraction at many rodeos and parades.

On Sunday, April 1,

from 10 am to 4 pm, the mountain men and squaws will be at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at the canyon entrance. They will greet the many friends of the forest, answer questions, and even pose for photographs.

Most people fail to realize that the Old Pueblo was once known for its fur trapping. Kit Carson, probably the most famous of mountain men, lived in Tucson in the early 1800's.

These portrayals of those hardy men of long

ago, dress in authentic buckskin clothes. They wear the wild fur hats and arm themselves with pistols and long rifles. Also a part of the scene are the squaws who don the buckskin Indian dress.

This Spring, the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center will stage the comeback in honor of the mountain men. A fur trapper's village camp complete with lean-tos, fur racks, and a campfire, will bring to life those free trapper days of a century decades past.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I have two children who attend Zimmerman School on Mt. Lemmon. This being the first year that my children have seen snow, I am most grateful to Mr. Davies of Ski Valley for giving the children of Zimmerman School ski lift tickets. Both my children have learned to ski this winter. Without Mr. Davies' generosity, it would not have been possible.

Sarah Flaughner
Mt. Lemmon

Dear Frances,

Enclosed is \$5.00 for a year's subscription. It was a pleasant surprise to receive the paper.

CONGRATULATIONS! After being on the Mountain over 50 years and all the pleasant memories, I'll always be interested in its happenings.

Sincerely
and Good Luck,
Ruth White,
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Mount Lemmon Highs & Lows

The highest temperature recorded on Mt. Lemmon in the past 14 years was 94°. The lowest was -8°.

June is usually the warmest month with an average high of 76.15° and an average low of 49.18°. January has the coldest weather with an average low of 24.76°. But January's average high temperature is higher than either December or February. January's high runs 48.29° with December's at 44.37° and February's at 45.41°. Average lows for the same months are December 26.8° and February at 25.48°.

Other months are March with a high of 49.5° and a low of 28.76°. April warms up a little with an average high of 56.47° and a low of 32.12°. May continues to warm up with 66.57° and 40.6°. July is almost hot with 75.74° and 49.18°. August continues warm with 74.5° and 51.34°. September starts to cool with 69.37° as the high and 47.15° as the low. October continues cooling with 61.03° and 38.72°. By November winter has returned with a high average of only 51.34° and the low average of 32.44°.

These statistics are compiled by the Palisades Ranger Station from the year 1965 through 1978.

VisionQuest Goal: To Help Kids Cope

Editor's Note: the author of this article is a 17-year-old female involved in the VisionQuest program on Mt. Lemmon. It was written voluntarily and brought to me by the directors for VisionQuest on Mt. Lemmon, Steve and Martha Bloom.

by Lou Ann Holt

VisionQuest was started in 1973 by Bob Burton, the founder. The VisionQuest office is downtown at 1613 N. Swan in Tucson. Our administration office is located on 5th Street.

What is VisionQuest? Good question! VisionQuest is a place to help troubled kids from ages 10 to 21 years. There's different kinds of homes for the kids. Five or six kids would live in one house and have a mother and a father (houseparents) to deal with their feelings, their ups and downs and their families. They go on weekend trips to movies or skating and eating. There are several different kinds of group homes, but kids are dealt with instead of being thrown in jail.

Four of the group homes are up on top of Mt. Lemmon. Here kids help people work together as brothers and sisters and care about others. They get into sports, but are never seen alone at Summerhaven. They



One of four group homes on Mt. Lemmon. The young people themselves completed these cabins.

have volunteered to push cars out, get the library started again, and help the community in any way they can. They're always there as a group.

Some kids go to their parents and deal with things and come back to the Mountain feeling great because once they start something there, to see it come back good in the long run. They help Mr. Zimmerman, the lumber man.

Some kids here on Mt. Lemmon don't have homes to go to, but they deal with that. Some will go on independent living, G.E.D., and of course some go back to their parents. Kids join sports, go on survival for two weeks, and just go through a lot of good times and bad times.

There is also the Wagon Train. Jake Devonshire is in charge of the VisionQuest Wagon Train. It has traveled 2,500 miles with white covered wagons and horses. They left from Tucson, went to Colorado and around the State of New Mexico. Think how hard those kids worked.

Some go to Colorado because there's a VisionQuest program there and in New Mexico there's a VisionQuest program. There are different places for all kinds of troubled kids.

If there is one place troubled kids don't belong, it is in jail. VisionQuest is the place because a lot of troubled or runaway kids don't need to be locked up, they need attention.

Think about it.

Bloom Thanked

Steve Bloom, Director of VisionQuest's Mt. Lemmon homes, was publicly "thanked" recently by an unidentified lineman in "The Livewire," a publication for Trico Electric Co-op members.

Steve called Trico to report a flash he had seen. Later he met the workmen and showed them the area. A small wire was hanging over the power lines. The linemen had walked past the wire before but failed to see it against the trees.

Because of Steve's help, Trico was able to restore service in a relatively short time.

4-Wheel Display

Park Mall Shopping Center will be the site of a display of four-wheel drive recreational vehicles on March 10th and 11th.

The program, sponsored by the Tucson Four

Wheeters, will also include a slide show of club trips, literature on safe four-wheeling and conservation. Members of the local club will be available to answer questions.



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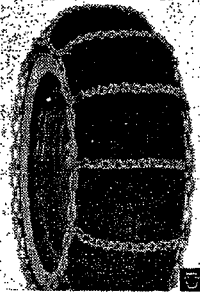
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Winter Driving Safety

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The snow covered and icepacked winter roads that are part of the winter scene create the most hazardous driving situations any driver is likely to meet. Despite the danger, many drivers believe radial tires will provide the needed traction on slippery highways. Modern tires do have better traction than earlier types did, but they are no match for severe winter driving conditions.

Independent tests by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards, and others conducted by manufacturers of cars, tires, and tire chains, prove the value of winter-time traction devices. And among the various kinds available there are clear indications reinforced steel link tire chains offer the greatest driving safety. Tested on radial tires, they increased pulling traction on ice 10 to 20 times more than other traction devices. The



same reinforced steel link chains also reduced stopping distances substantially and were as much as four times as effective than some of the other devices.

Chain manufacturers say proper mounting of tire chains is a must for good performance as well as extended chain and tire life. One maker, Campbell Chain Co., offers a helpful booklet, "How to Put Your Car in Chains." For your copy write: Tire Chains, Box 3056, York, PA 17402.

Poet's Place

SPACEY EVENING

My eye lingers upon the wall
slowly following its lines to infinity.
My eyes blink. I notice the cigarette
between my fingers needs flicking.
My eye wonders, slowly fondling the thoughts
like gambling dice.
My eyes twinkle as the sounds of harmony
dip into my soul as sympathetic waves.
My eye lazes. A lump in my throat
brings to my mouth a heady swallow of brew.
My eyes flicker. Someone has turned on a light.
He's softening the music.
My eye glazes, tingling with anticipation
as the echo of his mood shines through.
My eyes dilate as I toss off my drowsiness
and blissfully await his tenderness.

— Fannie A. LeClerc



LEMMON

Love became an
Envelope of the
Morning and rain a
Memory to relish
Often in the
Night before the sun.

— Muff



LETTING GO AGAIN

Picking up the phone
I find second thoughts.
How will your voice affect
me?
It's been so long honey.
The operator questions
me.
My voice responds.
My fingers play with the
change.
I suddenly stop.
I fumble with an excuse.
Apologizing to an alto
tone.
I replace the receiver
and toss my head.

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and legs, plastic surgery
would be a major
problem.

His ego gets the credit
for his attitude about his
injuries. "My ego is big
enough for me to be satis-
fied with myself." He also
remembers as a young
man, working in a state
mental institution, as a
psychiatric attendant.
"You can't take anything
that happens to you too
seriously or you'll turn out
just like those patients."

Bill has also had some
trouble being accepted
since he came back from
Viet Nam. Once in a bar a
man came up to him,
looked at his face and
said, "car wreck?" "No,"
the Mayor replied, "I was
in a bomb wreck in Viet
Nam." The man moved
away. Another time he
was refused service in a
restaurant in Illinois. The
manager said he would
"disturb" the other
customers.

"I used to curse and use
shocking language to
retaliate against this,"
Billy said. "Then I realized
that that didn't hurt them,
only me. Now I wear
funny clothes and do
dumb things. I can put
any non-acceptance I
might receive to the way I
dress and act."

A group was gathering
at the bar and urging Bill
to come over for a drink.
But before he left he
wanted to give the
readers his motto. "Ask
not what Mayor Bill can
do for you; ask what you
can do for Mayor Billy."

Rain

The average precipita-
tion on Mt. Lemmon in a
one year period is 32.05
inches. 1978 holds the
record with the most
moisture. During this past
year 61.44 inches of water
fell on Mt. Lemmon in
some form. And 1968 was
the driest with 24.22.

On the average June is
the driest month with .6 of
an inch and July is the
wettest with 5.1 inches.
Other wet months are
August with 4.3 inches
and September with 4.03.
December precipitation is
usually in the form of
snow, and the average is
4.55. October, November,
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March average between
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Save 21st For Trico Meeting

Three new members
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Electric Board of Direc-
tors at their annual
meeting March 21st. The
meeting will be held at the
Trico Building, 5100 W.
Ina Road in Tucson at
7:30 pm.

The incumbents nomi-
nated are C. Ray Honea
and Edward L. Anway,
both of Marana. Barbara
Stockwell and Donald
Honnas, both of Arivaca,
are the other two nomi-
nees. Honea has served
on Trico's Board since
1959 and Anway since
1973. Mrs. Stockwell has
been active in numerous
organizations in and
around Arivaca. She is
currently treasurer of the
Pima County Cooperative
Extension Homemakers
Council and secretary of
the State Council. Mr.
Honnas has served on
the Sopori School Board
and the Sahuarita District
School Board. He has
also been active in church
work.

Guest speaker for the
Co-op meeting will be
Lori Cox. Miss Cox, a
junior at Arizona State
University, will speak on
"My Plea for Patriotism."
Lori has received numer-
ous honors and awards
for her patriotic activities.
She has also received
letters of commendation
from former President
Gerald Ford, a Governor's
Citation from the State of
Arizona, and letters of
commendation from
several United States
Congressional leaders.

Other highlights of the
annual meeting will be an
energy display, cartoons
for the kids, and door
prizes.

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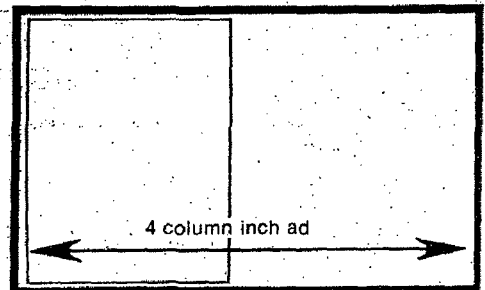
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