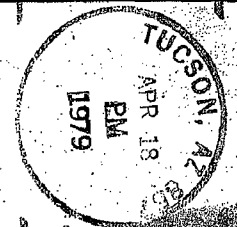


# THE MOUNTAIN ECHO



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APRIL 18, 1979

## "All You Can Eat"

### Chicken/Dumplings - Beer

### Saturday, April 21

With the large turn out at the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department fund-raising dinner March 31, more than \$440 was raised. Total now is \$1,186.00

Congratulations for the delicious Mexican food go to Jim Chilson, Walt and Connie Rich, Madonna Miller, and Jack and Mary Ann Chilson, Leslie May, Fran Zimmer-

man, and Annie Atkinson.

Thanks again go to Madonna Miller for the use of her restaurant for this event.

The next dinner will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 1979. Chicken and dumplings will be the main dish with all you can eat for \$3.00. Again there will be all the tap beer you can drink between 6 p.m.

and 10 p.m. for \$2.00

In addition, the Volunteer Fire Department is selling smoke alarms. They are urging each cabin owner to put at least one smoke alarm in their cabin for the summer. These are \$20 each and all profit goes to the Department. You can get one at the Vine Restaurant or through any of the volunteers.



While parents eat and drink, the children play a game of foosball during the recent fund raising dinners.



John McClarren and Muff Flaucher cut up behind the bar for the Volunteer Fire Department.

## MOUNTAIN WOMEN TAKE DISTRICT HONORS



1978-79 officers for the Mt. Lemmon Women's Club are:

Florence Wilhoite, Treasurer; Mary Ann Arford, 2nd Vice-President; Regina Rhind, Secretary; Katherine Lovett, President; and Fran Zimmerman, 1st Vice-President.

by Chriss Sheldon.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club did it again! At the recent Southern District Convention held at the Tucson Woman's Club in Tucson, our own Mr. Lemmon club with Katherine Lovett, President, walked away with 20 awards and one Honorable Mention.

With Neil Copeland reporting, the Arts Department took First Place. The Visual Arts Division took a First Place with Creative Arts and Performing Arts each taking Second Place.

In the Public Affairs Department Eden Hackney's report took First Place. Honorable Mention went to the club in this department's Safety Division and First Place in the Citizenship Division.

Chriss Sheldon reported in the International Affairs Department. First Place was given to the club in the International Hospitality Division.

Home Life Department

was another Department First Place award with Chriss Sheldon reporting again. In this Department First Place was also taken for the Family Living and Health Divisions.

Education Department also took a First Place under Frances Morse. School Priorities and Continuing Education Divisions each took a Second Place, with the Leadership Division taking Third Place.

Joan Choate's reports brought the Conservation Department another First Place department award. Division awards were Second Place in Environmental and Thirds in Beautification and Energy Conservation.

In addition, the Mt. Lemmon group took First Place in Pressbook for their membership category. They also won the Sweepstake Award for most complete coverage in all media, plus the quality of reporting.

There are five districts in the Arizona Federation

of Women's Clubs. They are Southern, Northern, Western, Eastern and Central. The AFWC is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest woman's organization in the world with a membership of more than 10,000,000.

The theme of the Fifty-eighth Annual Southern District Spring Convention was "Preserving Our Values Through Service." Mrs. Henry O. Dupes of Fort Huachuca is President of the Southern District, which is comprised of 35 clubs from Casa Grande to Nogales. Mrs. Orville Cook, President of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs, was guest of honor.

The Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club was represented by seven members. They were the President, Frances Zimmerman, 1st Vice President, Mary Ann Arford, 2nd Vice President, Regina Rhind, Secretary, Florence Wilhoite, Treasurer, Chriss Sheldon, Parliamentarian, Vernette Force.

# Letters

Dear Editor,

Good luck with your new enterprise, "The Mountain Echo"! The name brings to my mind the evenings in the 30's and 40's when folks would sit on their porches and play guitars, harmonicas, etc. The echoes would enable the whole canyon to enjoy it — also the unforgettable whirp-poor-wills at night!

Memories! There are many wonderful ones for this person and of experiences told by my folks, Charles and Ruth Stewart, as I was but a babe in arms in a "company cabin" until they purchased the Kimball cabin about 1930.

Needless to say, the mountain is hardly recognizable to me now — last time there in early '78, and have read about all the storm damage in December '78. I agree with Buster Bailey who put my feelings quite aptly in the "Spotlight" column about "seeing it again."

Here's hoping the present residents and "guests" are storing up their wonderful memories for their future!

Sincerely,

Eleanor Biddle  
P.O. Box 156  
Oak Harbor, WA  
98277

## United States Senate MEMORANDUM

Dear Frances,

So glad to see a newspaper about my favorite place in the galaxy. Thanks for sending copies to the Senator's Tucson office. Please add my home address to your mailing list, and best of luck in your venture!

Sincerely,

Hans Laetz, press aide  
to Senator DeConcini  
1035 26th Street South  
Arlington, VA 22202

P.S. I will be moving back to Tucson in two months, and will inform you of my new address. Thanks.

Dear Ms. Morse:

I would like to personally thank you for supplying this Department with

free issues of the Mountain Echo. It has helped me to understand the Community's personality, and hopefully, better serve its interests.

Thanks, also, for the article on the new Mt. Lemmon Wastewater Facility. It has helped me in trying to keep the Community up to date about the new Facility. I must point out that the photo accompanying the article actually shows the overflow tanks; the location of the communal septic tank will be on the opposite side of Sabino Canyon Park and approximately 125 feet north of the photo site.

If I can be of any help to you regarding this Project, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

Pima County, Arizona  
Department of  
Wastewater Management  
Peter J. Wojdyla  
Project Coordinator

Dear Editor,

I'd just like to inform all Lemmonites that I have officially joined the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department. Because of this I thusly decree — THERE SHALL BE NO FOREST OR CABIN FIRE WHATSOEVER AT THESE TIMES OF THE DAY —

12 noon until 12:30 p.m.  
(when I am hungry)  
12:32 p.m. until 10 p.m.  
(when I am drunk)  
10 p.m. until 11:59 a.m.  
(when I am asleep)

If you must start your cabin or whatever on fire it SHALL BE DONE ONLY AT THESE TIMES:

11:50 a.m. til noon  
(when I am just waking up and have no idea what is happening)

12:30 until 12:32 p.m.  
(when the aspirin take effect and I've gotten down my breakfast beers)

Punishment for those not strictly adhering to these hours will be the offender must listen to me sing for one hour each day for 23 days.

Yours meaningfully,

Reverend, Mayor,  
U.S.M.C. Retired,  
Volunteer Fireman &  
Official Town Drunk  
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# Spotlight



## "ED KNAGGE"

by Frances Morse

"There's an old trail that goes on the east side of Sabino Canyon and up that long ridge there. Where it goes up in those big walls there, you can still see it — the Plateau Trail." Ed Knagge sipped a cup of Sanka as he reminisced about the days his father, brothers, and he operated a pack train from Sabino Canyon to Mt. Lemmon.

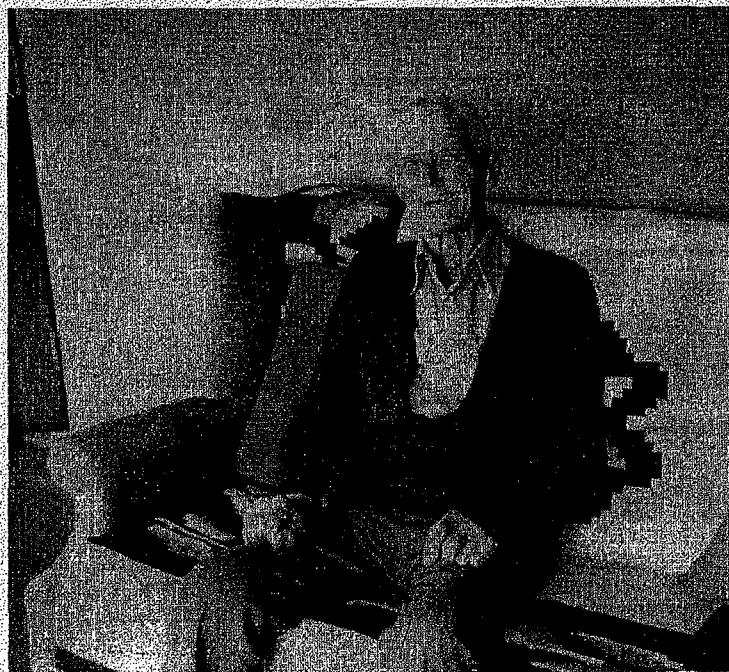
"When we first started you used to go up the stream bed. We crossed the bed 14 times in between the boulders and sycamore trees. Then we'd climb up to what they call the dam site. It's about six miles beyond where the road stops. We used to unload and give the horses a rest at the Great Basin. The Great Basin was in the front range of the Catalina Mountains. There is a split there and Mt. Lemmon and Soldier Camp are in the back range. From there the trail gets very steep with a lot of switchbacks. Those mules were very sure-footed and they turned carefully on those switchbacks."

Here Mr. Knagge stopped to look for a picture, but decided it was included in some he had given to the Arizona Historical Society. "We used burros to pack building materials up the mountain. We had this picture of the burros lined up, but you couldn't see the burros, just the building materials and the legs at the bottom of the picture."

Ed Knagge's life in Arizona started in 1908 when he was just a child. His father was in the heating and ventilating business in Indianapolis. The company for which John Knagge worked received a contract on a new high school they were building in a little desert town in Arizona called Tucson. "Dad came out here. Later he wrote my Mother that he had homesteaded. Mother didn't even know what a homestead was."

"Our homestead was at Trail Dust Town. Actually it was along Wilcox Road from Pima to Grant Road. I remember when Dad gave the county the right-of-way for Pima Road in 1910. It was rough back then. No telephones, few cars, and the nearest people were at Ft. Lowell."

There were three boys and one girl in the Knagge family at that time. Ed was the oldest. Mrs. Knagge died when the fourth son was born shortly after they came to Arizona. For a while an Aunt came out to take care of the children, especially the



new baby. Later John Knagge remarried.

It was Dick Knagge, though, the third son who really caused the uproar around Tucson shortly after they moved here. Dick was only three that year and it was February — not cold, but definitely not warm either. "Mother sent us out on a Friday to collect wood to cook with in the old cook stove. We got back around sundown, but Dick wasn't with us. We all went out calling him, but there was no answer. I rode into Ft. Lowell on my old mare bareback to get help. Since there were no telephones, someone rode into town to get the Sheriff. Everybody turned out looking for Dick."

"There were a bunch of farmers down around Ft. Lowell. The next morning they brought out some Indians and Mexicans who worked for them to trail Dick. Those Indians trailed Dick across the railroad tracks in a westerly direction almost to San Xavier Mission. He wasn't found until Sunday morning."

"A man by the name of Duffy lived out by the Mission. He was a policeman and had been on night shift. He had just come home and gone to bed when his wife woke him to tell him the dogs were acting funny. He got back up, put on his clothes, went outside, and found my brother. Dick was alright. He had taken his shoes off and walked barefoot. When they brought him into the house he saw some candy on a shelf. His first words were, 'I ke candy.' He was tired and hungry but not hurt."

But back on Mt. Lemmon there were only about 15 cabins. "Some King boys tried the pack team first, but they quit. So in 1914 our family took it over. I continued to do

this until I went in the service in 1918. Then in 1920 the Oracle Road was completed and the pack mule team was a thing of the past.

"The schools would close the last day in May and everyone that had kids and didn't go to the coast would go to Mt. Lemmon for the summer. Some owned their places, some would camp in tents and some would rent what few cabins there were. First I took the families up the mountain. Then, all summer I would bring up fresh supplies twice a week. On the last day of August I would bring the families back down the mountain."

"I also used to cut 100 to 200 Christmas trees the first of December to sell in Tucson. That was a pretty good little sideline."

"I remember once going up in the winter to rescue two stranded men. They had gone up on New Year's Day with livery

stable horses to jump some mining claims. It snowed for about a week and they couldn't get out. So they broke into the Ranger Station at Soldier Camp and called for help. Then they broke into all the other cabins up there to get food and stay warm."

"First of all, Ranger Jim Westfall tried to snowshoe in and get them. Of course, I don't know how hard he tried since it was his mining claims they were trying to jump. When he couldn't make it, the Forest Service called me."

"We took 2-1/2 days to make it from the snow line to Soldier Camp. My horse couldn't move through the snow, so I had to get off and break a trail for him. I would walk ahead about 100 yards and then come back and lead the horse. The last night we camped where the Ranger Station is now

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# Mountain Is Monument To Sara Plummer Lemmon

by Frances Morse

In November, 1880 a train came to Tucson. It was met by almost everyone in the fledgling town because it was the first train to arrive here. Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, was on the train. Another person on that train was Professor John Lemmon. He had visited Tucson many times before, but this time he was accompanied by his new bride, Sara Plummer. It was Sara Plummer Lemmon, though, who was to leave her permanent monument in the Catalina Mountains.

At 44 she was a strong and healthy woman with an insatiable curiosity and determination. Born in Gloucester, Maine in 1836, she was educated in Worcester, Mass. at the Female College and Normal School. For several years she taught school and practiced her art in New York City. But the cold weather did not

agree with her. After a bout with pneumonia that almost killed her, she headed for the milder climates of the Southwest. It was a friend who recommended Santa Barbara, California.

Leaving New York in October 1869, Sara had little knowledge of the Southwest. The trip took her by steamer through the Isthmus of Panama to San Francisco and from there by coast steamer to Santa Barbara.

Still weak from pneumonia, Sara set out to regain her health, by hiking. At first her walks were short, but the fresh air and beautiful countryside soon drew her on longer and longer walks. At first she gravitated to the beach and foothill regions. But soon the mountains called. As she walked she collected and sketched plant specimens for future study. This was the start of her interest in botany which

was later to bring her to Tucson and the Santa Catalina Mountains.

With her health greatly improved, Miss Plummer began to look around for more intellectual stimuli. There was little in Santa Barbara for the tourists that were beginning to come in and even less for the people moving there for their health. The major attractions of the day were watching to see who stepped off the stage-coach as it came in from Los Angeles and watching the cock fights in the public square. Neither of these entertainments was particularly of interest to Miss Plummer.

Turning to an old friend, Dr. Henry Bellows of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York, Sara wrote for help on an idea she had. His reply was prompt. Along with 200 books and suggestions for setting up a public library, the Doctor sent his good wishes and a

note saying that it was "a happy thought to take up the work of establishing a public library."

With the cooperation of local citizens and a subscription fee of \$5.00 per member, the library was opened in March 1871 with over 400 books. In addition, she sold children's books, yarns, toys, stationery, paints, crayons and sheet music. As time passed she added more articles such as Valentine cards, school supplies, and a variety of articles catering to tourists.

But Sara's primary goal was to make it a haven for the intellectual development of Santa Barbara. A visitor in June 1874 wrote:

"About halfway up State Street is a little bijou of a place called 'Miss Plummer's Library,' a cozy retreat where you can sit down and revel to your heart's content in the latest novels, poems or magazines. Quiet nooks, cushioned seats and

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## 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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No news yet on the Mt. Lemmon Water Co-op rate change request that went before the Corporation Commission last month.

According to Bruce McKeller of the Board of Directors of the Water Co-op, there were approximately 8 people at the hearing and each had his own recommendation for the new rates. The Commission has taken the request under advisement and will make a decision soon.

The annual meeting of the Water Co-op is tentatively scheduled for the second or third week in May. Notices will be mailed to the membership in advance.

Carter Canyon: Named for Ira Carter who homesteaded on Mt. Lemmon in 1882. He left before the homestead became his.

## Zimmerman School News

by Jimbo Morse

There is a good possibility that Zimmerman School will be getting an addition this summer. If we do, it will include a recreation room, 13' x 30'. Estimates from contractors are being submitted to the County now.

We have needed the recreation room ever since I have been there. For instance, when the weather is bad, we have no place for PE.

We are still waiting for

the weather to clear and the snow to melt so we can have our field trips such as the one to the Observatory that had to be cancelled because of snow.

We have really enjoyed the free lift tickets from Mr. George Davies at the Ski Lodge this winter. Without them none of the kids would have been able to go skiing this year. Because of the size of our school we have a lot of advantages over the students in larger schools, and this was one of the biggest.

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# Poet's Place

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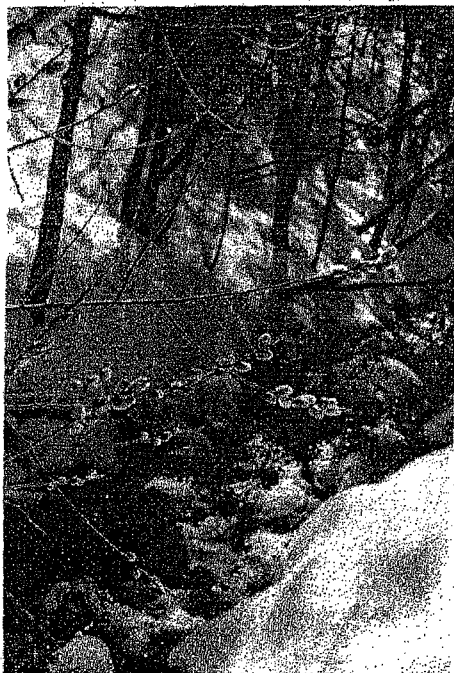
The Earth Goddess molded a sentinel tall  
And bristled his armor of green  
Then placed him in a land where the Sun God passed  
High on a hill and far from a stream.  
The God saw the gift at dawn next day  
And was pleased with the warrior knight  
Who followed his gaze, as he passed his way,  
On his journey through day out of night.  
The warrior grew strong in the warmth of the sun  
And stretched up his arm the God to praise.  
The wind blew his song to the God in the sky  
Who smiled down on that land throughout the days.  
When the Goddess returned she found the land warm  
Where the sun smiles bright each day  
On her towering gift with arms outstretched  
Singing him on his way.

— Bernice O'Crotty

## HAIL AND FAREWELL — II

I saw a great monarch topple and fall  
Who stood in grandeur above us all  
He was crusty and old from ages of strife  
With the wind and the rain and the cold.  
That gentle giant fell to the earth today  
He was twisted and gnarled and bent,  
Flickers still nested in his towers strong  
Where the wren warbled her plaintive song  
And doves paused on their way.  
A breeze sprang up on the desert at dawn  
It played and sang in his towers high,  
The old giant swayed and danced to the song  
And I saw the Saguaro fall and die.

— Bernice O'Crotty



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# SANTA CATALINA MOUNTAIN NAMES

**Soldier Camp:** In 1882 this area was called Turkey Roost because of the birds roosting thickly in the low branching pines. When soldiers were tracking Geronimo in 1885, they camped at this spot, hence the latter name.

**Sabino Canyon:** According to a man who was born and raised in the canyon, the name came from a type of desert shrub known as savino or sabino which grows abundantly there. The United States Forest Service claims the canyon was named for Sabino Otero who had a cattle ranch at the mouth of the canyon in the 1870's.

**Mt. Bigelow:** Named for Lt. John Bigelow, Jr. of the 10th Cavalry. He was a

scout in the Santa Rita's in the early 1870's. In 1885 he led a command in pursuit of Apaches to Stockton Gap in the Grahams. He was the son of John Bigelow, Ambassador to France from 1864 to 1867.

**Butterfly Peak:** Located on the east side of the Catalinas, 3 miles from Soldier Camp. A natural area was established here to preserve one of the largest varieties of trees and shrubs to be found anywhere in the Southwest.

**Hitchcock Highway:** Named for General Frank H. Hitchcock, publisher and former Postmaster General. He devoted a great deal of his time and energy to getting the road up the front side of the Catalinas to Mt. Lemmon.

# SPOTLIGHT

(continued from page 2) located and made the final three miles the next morning. When we got there they were really glad to see us. Both men were starved and almost frozen.

"I tried my hand at mining too. Elmer Staggs and I filed mining claims up in Carter Canyon. We built a cabin there in 1924. Later I bought out Staggs interest for \$500. In 1937 I sold out to Pat Jenks.

"Once a year you had to do assessment work on a mining claim to hold it. We thought at first we had a rich ore find, but that little chimney of copper set right on the crest of the peak was only 10 or 15 feet deep. We figured that the copper had been heaved up there during an earthquake millions of years ago.

"Pat Jenks mined it awhile. He shipped some high grade ore out of there, 12 percent I believe. Later he got the property patented."

Knagge finished his cup of coffee. It was getting late, but he continued to draw from his wealth of stories about Arizona in the early 1900's. He told of his boyhood working in the family sheet metal business on Stone and told of

listening to Bob Leatherwood, who had been a sheriff in territorial days, tell of the Indian wars.

He talked of Frank Cole and hunting trips he took with his old guide. The names he uses are like "who's who" of Mt. Lemmon history. He has stories of the Westfalls, Kitts, Childs, Huntsmans, and Weber who originally homesteaded on the mountain. I ask questions until I suddenly realize it is getting late and I still have the article to write.

With promises that I'll come back again, I leave Ed Knagge, his charming wife Helen, and their beautiful adobe home off Soldier Trail.

# SARA LEMMON

(continued from page 3) sofas invite you. While the pleasant welcome and greeting you receive from the fair and ladylike proprietress is indeed charming and homelike."

In 1874 she advertised that French, German, Spanish and English were all spoken in her library which became the gathering place for public socials. Classes were given in art, writing, music and botany. Art shows and literary socials were also held. It was from here that Kate Douglas Smith, later Kate Douglas Wiggin, sold her first story, "Half a Dozen House-Keepers," which she later expanded into "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

In addition to her library, Miss Plummer worked in the Natural History Society, contributing specimens and papers on botany. It was this interest which led to an acquaintance with John Gill Lemmon who visited Santa Barbara first in 1874.

In March of that year Professor Lemmon said he was "having a grand

exploration of the country around Santa Barbara and getting acquainted with its incomparable and most hospitable people."

On July 25 there was a farewell reception for Professor Lemmon "at Miss Plummer's cozy study." In June 1878 John Lemmon returned again to Santa Barbara to deliver an address before the Natural History Society. In November 1880 Sara Plummer became Sara Lemmon and her library was purchased by the Odd Fellows who moved it into their lodge, marking the end of "Miss Plummer's Library."

This is Part One of a two-part series to be continued next issue.)

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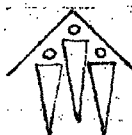


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