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Presents

"GRANNY'S ATTIC RUMMAGE SALE"
(Proceeds to Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Sept. 1, 2 & 3, 1979 LABOR DAY WEEKEND In the VILLAGE-11:00AM-4:00PM

We are in need of items for our Rummage Sale and are appealing to Homeowner Association Members, Volunteer Fire Department members, and all city and mountain folk to check through their closets and see if they have items we could use. Collection points will be located both in Tucson and on the mountain for your convenience. In Tucson, if you have something to donate please contact Regina Rhind, 326-1267 - she is accepting items at her home, 3232 E. Flower. On the mountain boxes will be at the Alpine Lodge, please contact Francie or Madonna at 791-9882 at the store and they will direct you to the proper location.

We are in need of Jewelry, Paperback books, Toys - games and puzzles, Kitchen Gadgets, Linens, Blankets, Housewares, Sweaters and Jackets (no shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, etc.), Hand-made items, Knick-Knacks and miscellaneous priceless treasures.

We request that any sweaters or jackets be clean and on a hanger for better display and that puzzles have all their pieces - lack of same could lead to a lifetime neurosis! We also ask that pots, pans, small appliances, etc., be clean and suitable for resale - your contribution may find a happy home in the cabin of a friend. Everything will be greatly appreciated as well as tax-deductible for you.

For further information call 325-1190 or 791-9833

Betty Mobley, Chairman
Granny's Attic Rummage Sale

FIRE DEPT. REPORT

As of August 1, 1979, the Volunteers have raised \$4,760 toward their goal. We have two months to get the additional \$1,000. We are still selling pens, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and tee-shirts. On August 18, Saturday, we plan another of our famous dinners. This will be a "Buffet". Price will be \$3.50 for adults for all you can eat and \$2.50 for children. Labor Day Weekend will be set aside for our Rummage Sale.

Every Saturday and Sunday we have a table set up in front of the Fire House to sell items for the Fire Department. It isn't hard work, but it does take a little time. We need volunteers to sit at the table on the weekends. If you are planning to be on the mountain and have a few extra hours, give us a call at 791-9882 or 791-9779.

Two of our volunteers are now certified by the State as Emergency Medical Technicians. They are Sarah Flaughner and Jennifer Willett. These girls put in long hours of schooling to get this certification and we really appreciate it.

We are all set for our Fire District Election on August 28th. The polls will be open at Zimmerman School from 7:00AM until 7:00PM. The election judges are Ray Zukowsky, Jeff Myers, Jennifer Willett, Mary Ann Chilson, George Sheldon, and Sarah Flaughner.

Five candidates have filed for the three seats on the Fire Board. They are Madonna Miller, Fred Keers, Frances Zimmerman, Muff Flaughner and Gary Mitchell.

Madonna Miller
Fire Department Chairman

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MT. LEMMON SECURITY REPORTS.....

A word of caution from our Resident Deputy Merrick:

If you are using a hasp and padlock assembly to secure your door, make sure the hasp is properly anchored; in the majority of break-ins, it has been the hasp that was broken not the padlock.

If there is anything stored in your cabin that you do not want to part with - don't leave it.

If you see anything in the cabin areas that make you suspicious, report it!

Update on the Water Co-op.....

Pres. Fred Keers and Sec. Gerry Hackney signed the loan papers for the improvements on the water system Aug. 2, 1979. After all the necessary forms were filled out, they handed Fred a check for \$50,000.00 which really pleased Fred - he felt that wasn't bad for a days work! Unfortunately, they took it back - they only wanted his signature on it. Seems there were bills to be met. At any rate, construction on the Miners Ridge pump and line should begin within the next couple of weeks. During this construction period, the water meter will be installed at all Co-Op cabins.

We felt this might be a good time to give you the phone numbers of our "Question and Answer Men"....Gary (Mitch) Mitchell (791-9785). Mitch is our Maintenance man. The Co-Maintenance and Service Chairmen are: Leroy Scalf (791-9710) and Ted Choate (791-9778).

From our 'You've Got to be Kidding Dept.'....

We hear the County does NOT intend to begin road work on Upper Sabino and Carter Canyon roads until SPRING!

Fred Keers, Mt. Lemmon Security
791-9804

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BE CAREFUL OF THAT CABIN

Every year we have on the mountain proud new cabin owners and how wonderful it is to have them with us. However, owning a cabin on the mountain is much more than sitting on your neat new porch, drinking your cup of coffee (or whatever!) and looking at the forest and the blue, blue sky. Here are a few tips that may help you keep that Treasure House safe and snug for years to come. Some of the tips come from the Forest Service publications, some from other cabin owners and, mostly, just plain common sense:

1. Destroy or haul to the dump rags, newspapers (aside from those stored safely to start your fireplace fire) and other rubbish as they are fire hazards.
2. Clear dry grss, weeds, branches and other flammable material from around your cabin.
3. See that leaves and pine needles do not collect on your roof and keep a mesh screen spark-arrester over the chimney.
4. All cleaning fluids, gasoline and paint thinners should be stored in a safe and well-ventilated place. Definitely not near bottled cooking gas.
5. Check all electric cords and replace frayed ones. Do not overload circuits and do not run extension cords under rugs.
6. In the event branches are rubbing against the power lines to or near your cabin, have the power company remove them. This is dangerous work to attempt yourself and they are as interested as you are in keeping the power lines clear - the same for telephone lines.
7. Remember that children and matches are a dangerous combination - keep an eye on them as well as yourself when you are smoking cigarettes or cigars. (Also be careful of candles when the lights go out.)
8. Keep flammable curtains away from stoves or heaters, use a screen in

- front of the fireplace and never light a match when you smell gas.
9. Extremely important are smoke alarms and fire extinguishers (for both electrical and general fires). Have shovel, rake and water handy for fighting small outdoor fires. Smoke alarms should be centrally located on the ceiling at the highest part of your home. Should you have any questions regarding placement of smoke alarms contact our Fire Chief, Jack Chilson, and he will be more than happy to advise you.
10. Know where to report a fire. Current telephone numbers are:
- Post Near Telephone
- | | |
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| Jack Chilson - 791-9870 | Sheldon - 791-9731 |
| Flaughter - 791-9754 | Ski Valley - 791-9721 |
| May - 791-9705 | Merrick - 791-9707 |
| Morse - 791-9733 | Forest Service - 791-9861 |
| Miller - 791-9779 | Fred Keers - 791-9804 |
| Jim Chilson - 791-9740 | Mitchell - 791-9785 |

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MEDIA DELIVERS THE MESSAGE

Something we have long suspected was verified by a little happening the week of July 30th. For some months small blurbs have appeared from time to time in the Tucson newspapers about the horrendous situation regarding the sewer system in Summerhaven - never good at best, the dilemma was exacerbated considerably by the floods of December, 1978. It would appear for all the good these items did that Pima County personnel were incapable of reading. Things had been going from bad to worse this whole summer long when suddenly on the morning of July 30, 1979, an article appeared in the Arizona Daily Star complete with picture that told of our worsening problem. County officials were interviewed and quoted, the result being a lengthy composition of fact, semi-fact and outright fiction. All of us who live up here and are affected by this could but scratch our heads and hope the article might shake up the gh and the mighty.

That same evening on the 5 O'clock Eyewitness News, Channel 4, KVOA, there was Mark Sanchez with a television report and accompanying film footage showing the mess in Marshall Gulch, broken sewer pipes emptying into the creek, a short interview with a knowledgeable member of the community - the whole sad affair and pointing the finger directly at Pima County. Would you believe that by ten o'clock the very next morning Pima County was up here pumping out the overloaded septic tanks so fast it would make your head swim. One shot from TV and all officialdom remembered the 'little' problem they keep shoving on the back burner. The County says they will have the mess cleaned up in 30 days - to quote Mr. Sanchez on TV - but that the long-run solution is a new plant! So what else is new? Never question the power of TV.

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MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Annual meeting will be held October 11, 1979, at the Moose in Tucson. Circle this date on your calendar and plan to attend. As we have printed before, this is a VERY important meeting as revisions in the By-laws are to be gone over and relevant changes made as well as election of new officers for the Board of Directors. The September-October issue of 'The Mt. Lemmon Echoes' will carry further details as to time, agenda and program.

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Eighth in a Series

****WHISPERING PINES****

A Bit of History

MT. LEMMON FIRE GUARD - 1920 (Con't)

A fire was spotted west of Marble Peak which is where the Stratton Mine as located. The Ranger came to where I was working and told me that they were going to the fire and that if they were not back by the following morning for me to bring down water and grub. The next morning they were not back so I told Mr. Reid I would have to leave. I caught the burros, packed water and grub and went down the Red Ridge Trail. They did not need the water because there was a running stream in the canyon, but they were glad to get the

food.

The fire was completely out of control so the ranger told me to get back to the top as fast as possible, call Tucson and tell them to start sending help and keep sending help until the ranger told them to stop. The officials stopped the fire from spreading down below so the ranger came up and took charge at the top.

The University was ready to have their final exams but agreed to let any student fighting fires to take the exams later. (I believe if the road had not been built the entire top of the mountain would have burned.) One of the students had been a cook in the Army so he was given the job as cook, others gathered firewood and carried water up from Sabino. My job was packing water and food along the fire line.

The range decided to backfire from the top of the ridge where the Ski Lodge is today. A wide path was raked clear of pine needles and fire started on the downhill side. There was a man about every eighty or one hundred feet along the fire line to watch for sparks and keep the fire from jumping the line - when the fires met the heat began to lessen.

After the students left I had to patrol the top, picking up tools where they had been left and watching for sparks jumping the line. In some places the fire smoldered for five or six days.

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****PINE NEEDLES****

The community does not seem quite the same without the presence of our own "Mayor Billy" wandering about dispensing his pearls of wisdom and good cheer. We hope he finds Prescott to his liking and considering the fun he brought to our Mt. Lemmon Fourth of July Celebrations he should be right in his element for the Prescott Frontier Days held each July. Lottsa luck, Bill. come back and see us.

The Arizona Highways Magazine is noted world-wide for its interesting articles and dazzling photographs. It is mailed all over the world to folks who were former Arizonans and many who have never been near our U.S. shores let alone the boundaries of Arizona. The September issue of the magazine takes a look at Mt. Lemmon Highway and should be of great interest to those of us who live here all year, just in the summer or merely wander up for an hour or two of coll respite from the heat among the pines. Look for it on your newsstand.

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