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MT. LEMMON, ARIZONA

Mt. Lemmon's First Fire District Board to be Elected Tuesday

Tuesday, August 28 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the Mt. Lemmon Fire District Board of Directors will be elected. Voting will be in the lobby of the Alpine Lodge. The following candidates have filed for the three seats.

GARY MITCHELL

When asked why he had decided to run for the Fire District Board of Directors, Gary Mitchell said it was because he had fire fighting experlence and knows fire fighting equipment. "I feel that it is necessary to have qualified administrators on the Fire Board, but that one person should have fire fighting experience, rather than administrative experience



Mitch came to mountain on April Fool's in 1977. As he explained it, he received his income tax return so decided to take off and tour the west. He stopped by Mt. Lemmon because some staying here and hasn't left vet.

On Mt. Lemmon, Mitch is the Water Maintenance and Operations Manager for the Mt. Lemmon Water Coop. He is also an Assistant Scout Master and Co-Mayor of Mt. Lemmon, as well as being Assistant Fire Chief. He is also a Viet Nam Veteran.

This candidate got his original fire fighting experience as a Crash Captain in the Navy. After that he worked for the City of Philadelphia

for three years in the Fire Department. He has also worked in Civil Service as a Fire Fighter on a Navv Base for four years, and served eight years as a volunteer in the Glennside, Pennsylvania Volunteer Fire Department.

Madonna Miller

Mrs. Miller has served as the Fire Department: Committee Chairman for the Homeowners Assoc. this past year. She is the dynamo who has been behind most of the fund raising projects. She has also given the use of the Alpine Lodge and Vine Restaurant for meeting and fund raising dinners.

Madonna and John Miller bought their first cabin in 1968. The cabin was in Soldier Camp and was at first supposed to be a second home. But John Miller had a bout with Valley Fever years before and the climate on Mt. lemmon seemed to agree with him more than the climate in Tucson. For several years Mrs. Miller commutted to Tucson daily where she and John ran their own laundromat.



1972 John developed quite a following on Mt. Lemmon for his construction work, so the Millers sold their

laundromat, their home in Tucson, and their cabin in Soldier Camp. They purchased their current home in Summerhayen.

Now Big John asd Mama Miller (as they are called by most of their employees) have the Vine Restaurant and Alpine, Lodge in the Village. In addition Mrs. Miller is the Broker for Summerhaven Realty.

Mama has been very active in community service work on Mt. Lemmon. She has served twice on the Board of Directors of the Home-owners Assoc. The first time was in 1974.

In 1973 she was a founder of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club and served as their first treasurer, a post she held for several years. She is still active in the organization, currently organization, currently serving as Community Improvement Project Chairman and Chairman of the Committee to try to find a location for a community building.

Mutt-Edward Flaugher

Muff is another Viet Nam Veteran. He left military service in 1974, after serving seven years in the Air Force and 41/2 in the Army, where he was a member of the Airborne Rangers. He had been stationed in Tucson

A little more than two years ago Muff married Sarah Noonkester, a divorcee with two young kids, taking on a ready-made family. Heather is in the third grade and Joey is in the sixth at Zimmerman School. In addition, Sarah's older daughter; Linda and her husband have three children, making Muff a grandfather. Linda and Chriss are currently visiting the Flaughers and

hope to either settle on Mt. Lemmon or in



At the present Muff is working on a novel that takes place in Southern Ohio around 1890. In the past Muff has been involved in drama as a teacher, an actor, and a director. He was in "Mr. Terrific" and was a regular in the short-lived television series, "When Things Were Rotten." He also directed his own adaptation of Edgar Lee Master's, "Spoon River Anthology."

Sarah and Muff have lived on Mt. Lemmon for more than a year now. Previously they lived in Phoenix. He is serving as president of the Volunteer Fire Department at this time and was a Director of the now defunct Village Council.

FRANCES ZIMMERMAN Fran is currently serving as president of the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club. In addition she does a lot of volunteer work, including driving for Zimmerman School, She is also a real estate agent for Mt. Lemmon Realty, where her husband, Robert serves as broker.

Fran has two children at home. Chris is in the 8th aade at Townsend Jr. High and Jenny is in the

5th grade at Zimmerman School. In addition she has an older daughter who is married and living in Tucson.

Fran moved to Mt. Lemmon four years ago from Florida. Two years later she married Bob Zimmerman and became a member of one of the older Mt. Lemmon



Fran's interest in the fire department stems from her experiences with fires since coming to Mt. Lemmon. Shortly after moving to the mountain, a spark from her chimney caught the roof of her house on fire. Luckily no one was injured and the fire was contained to the immediate vicinity of the roof and chimney.

Then, two years ago the Mt. Lemmon Inn burned down. With it went years work and planning. Three months ago the fire at the Post Office caused heavy smoke damage at

Fran's real estate office. Fran's firsthand experience has made her see the importance of an active, well-trained fire

department.

FRED KEERS This candidate isn't really sure why he is running for a seat on the Board. He has worked with Madonna Miller on the fire fighting committee for the Homeowners Assn., where he is on the

Board of Directors. He is also president of the Mt. Lemmon Water Coop and these two organizations need to continue working closely with the Fire in the past.

Fred admits that before Mt. Lemmon he had no experience with Fire Departments. Presently he is owner and manager of Mt. Lemmon Security.

This candidate was awarded a medical retirement from the Marine Corps in after the Korean War. In 1959 he moved to Tucson from Indianapolis. At first he was a Title Examiner for Arizona Land Title. He and his wife, Mary, bought their first Mt. Lemmon cabin in 1972. It was on leased land and was strictly a summer home. He joined the Homeowners Assn.



It was four break-ins in three months that got Fred interested in a security patrol on Mt. Lemmon. "I couldn't find anvone to watch my cabin, so decided I'd have to do it myself." So in October 1977, Fred and Mary became full-time residents of Mt. Lemmon.

In Tucson Fred served as President of Milwright Machinery Erection Union Local and Vice President of the District Council of Carpenters Union.

Letters

Dear Editor

Shame on Mt. Lemmon Did you know your mayor is broke and is washing dishes?

Your bribes aren't coming in, while my expenses go on! I am having to go into a life of work in order to get spending money.

Send your tax deductable bribes to Mayor Jimbo Morse, P.O. Box 48, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619.

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P.S. I'm not worried about congressional censor.

Dear Frances,

Bob and I are now living in Green Valley. We would like to subscribe to the Mt. Lemmon Newspaper. Let us know the cost. We'll send it to you.

Our best wishes to you Jimmy and the children.

Sincerely,

Florence Reece

Frances,

I'm afraid I goofed and didn't put you on my comp subscription. list. However, you are now on it and will receive my Rag each month.

Please continue to send me the Echo.

Note the last page of this issue. "Wondering what is happening in Mt. Lemmon, Arizona? Well, the post office burned down last month. The post office is now temporarily housed in the town's cate. And, the

town drunk is conducting a contest open to females only. The lucky winner will win a date with Billy. The contest is open to the world (world of females, that is), so all you gals out there write to: Mayor Bill, General Delivery, Mt Lemmon, Arizona 85619. And, if you want to keep up with all the latest in Mt. Lemmon you should subscribe to the bl-weekly newsletter. Only \$5 for an entire year. Write: Mountain Echo, Box 48, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619. (No kidding, it is truly a fun thing to read.)

Hope Mayor Billy got his date!

Best wishes, Frank Ashley

Mountain Echo Box 48 Mt. Lemmon, Arizona Dear Sirs.

Enclosed please find my check in the amount of \$5 to cover the cost of an entire year's subscription to your bi-weekly newspaper.

i am very much interested in Mayor Billy'scontest and have entered it just this very day.

Do you think they will ever build the post office on the same location where the fire was? Its not really important for me to know that right

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Spotlight





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The following article was taken from a paper, "Riding for the Old C O Bar" written by Earle R. Forrest for the Arizona Historial Society.

"Another old timer I met at Oracle was Frank Webber, an ex-cowboy turned gambler and saloon keeper. He came up from Mammoth on the San Pedro, and started a saloon in an adobe house about a mile from Oracle on the road to Tucson. Frank was from Texas, and I did absorb some of the stories he told of his adventures, for he had plenty. He had ridden the cattle trails from Texas to the Kansas shipping towns, and like most cowboys he got into some in Kansas. I am not sure now just what it was, but it was enough to get a deputy United States Marshall on his trail. What made Frank so mad about the whole affair was the marshall was a half-blood Cherokee, To have a half-breed after him and an Indian at that. s just more than Frank thought he could stand.

When he told me the story he said that the half-breed marshal was the only man he ever made up his mind to kill. The marshal was absent on some other business, so Frank's affair could not have been too bad; and Frank stayed in Caldwell

Fifth from left — Frank Webber

waiting for him to return.
But something else
turned up and Frank hit
the trail for Texas. He
never returned to Kansas
and eventually wound up
in Arizona.

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Once I heard him say that he and two others spent ten years searching for the long lost "Mine With the Iron Door," the mine that gave Harold Bell Wright the title for one of his books; but neither of us had ever heard of Harold Bell Wright in 1903. One of the trio could read and speak Spanish fluently, so they raised enough money to send him to Mexico City to search through the old Spanish records for some clue. Frank declared that his partner found the record all right, but it simply said; "The Iron Door Mine; on the south slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains." They thought they had it once when they found an old shaft about eighty feet deep, and nearby were the ruins of, an old

Spanish arraste, but when they had the ore assayed it was not worth bothering with.

Bill Neal, who operated the Mountain View Hotel at Oracle, was a half-blood Cherokee. He certainly knew how to run a resort hotel and did a good business. In addition he was a fine man, I know that Neal and

Webber hated each other, and I have often wondered since then if Bill Neal was that half-blood Cherokee marshal.

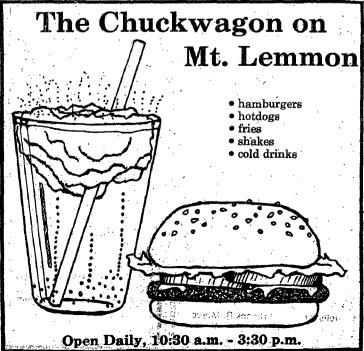
Editor's Note: For those of you who have not been readers before, Frank Weber was the gentlemen who homesteaded Mt. Lemmon. The Webber Camp was later renamed summerhaven.

Work to begin on Improvements to Water Coop

On August 27 work should begin on the improvements to the Mt. Lemmon Water Coop. These will include a larger line and pump in Upper Sabino where the tanks can be filled much quicker. The second

improvement will be installing a water meter at each cabin.

William H. Ferguson of Sierra Vista was awarded the contract. Work should be completed by the end of October.



Poet's Place

Sometimes the clouds Look like old ships of war Sailing off to do battle Moving slowly, solemnly;

But mostly they are peaceful.

As my Lady and I Watch those huge billowy plumes parade across the sky Airplanes seem to disappear into pillows... ...the sunbathers curse and frown As we see funny faces in white and purple over blue.

- Vance W. Chandler

WISCONSIN WEEKEND COUNTRY BOY

Late Summer ---

It's turning cooler, The green will soon start to fade. A chilly morning makes me Pull on a sweater as I'm walking down a wooded lane Watching a hawk circle, And dive.

From the Top of a Bluff -

The horizon is hazy The dew is starting to rise.
This evening it's back to the city; 'Til then I'm on this bluff top To pass the day, high. Watching a hawk circle

- Vance W. Chandler

Goings

August, 1979

24 - Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training

p.m., Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon.
— Mt. Lemmon, Fire District Election. Poles open at

Alpine Lodge from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.
31 — Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training - 7 p.m., Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon.

September, 1979

1, 2, 3 — Rummage Sale in front of Fire Station, Mt.

- School starts at Zimmerman Elementary and most others in the county.

5 — Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Meeting, Chriss
 Sheldon's house in Carter Canyon, 1 p.m.
 7 — Mt. Lemmon Fire Department Business Meeting, 7

p.m. Alpine Lodge, Mt. Lemmon. 14 — Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training

- 7 p.m., Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon. 15 — Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Board of

Directors - 10 a.m. Alpine Lodge, Mt. Lemmon.

19 — Tucson Four Wheelers - 7:30 p.m., T.A.G.R.A.
Club House 1500 E. Valencia, Tucson, AZ.
21 — Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training

27 — Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training - 7 p.m., Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon. 28 — Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department Training

- 7 p.m., Fire Station, Mt. Lemmon.

11 — Annual Meeting, Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assoc., Moose Lodge, 2180 N. Wilmot, Tucson. .

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Santa Catalina Mountain History

Forest Service employees have played an important part in the development of Mt. Lemmon since the early 1900's. Before a man could become an employee of this agency he was required to pass a forest ranger exam. Of the 23 men taking this test in July 1905, only three passed. Col. R.C. Mc-Clure, who gave the first test, made notations such as "drunk" or "ok" on an early list of candidates. Apparently many were not "ok."

1903 the newiv appointed forest rangers were hired at \$60.00 a month. Ranger Robert Rogers passed his test in 1906. He said that when he reported for work, he "was issued a heavy badge (about three inches across and made his 50¢ blue shirt sag — it was as heavy as boiler plate), hatchet with scabbard, and a U.S. on a pole."

One of the first Forest Rangers was T.F. Meagh-er who had been one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. James F. Westfall, Hidders, James F. Westfall, who with his wife Leta, built the first lodge on the mountain, and Ranger Rogers, who pushed to get the trail system throughout the mountains. tains, were probably the early Rangers whose influence was felt most by later generations.

By 1910 a few cabins were built on Mt. Lemmon for summer homes and for Forest Service personnel. Most were around the Soldier Camp area where the Ranger's headquarters was loc-ated. A few were located on the old Webber Claim which became Summerhaven later. One was the Huntsman Cabin in the later known Marshall Gulch.

Vn 1916 Summerhaven Land and Improvement Co. purchased the Webber Homestead.

in September 1916, orest Ranger Jim Westfall began operating the first sawmill on Mt. Lemmon. Prior to this there had been one operated at the head of Alder Canyon by Louis



Photo Courtesy of Arizona Historical Society

Knagge Mule Train Around 1910

Catalinas had long been discussed in Tucson. The principle argument for this road was that it would provide a route for those wanting to escape the desert heat. Under the socalled Bankhead Congress had provided a means for the construction of a road of this character and in 1916, 1917, and 1918. the arguments pro and con waxed steadily.

The first route proposed for a Mt. Lemmon (continued on page 4)



Photo Courtesy of Arizona Historical Society First Sawmill on Mt. Lemmon
Ziegles, but this one had the top of the

been abandoned after a short operation in 1905. It had taken almost two months to move the huge three, ton boiler for the sawmill up to its location. In 1917 this sawmill was also purchased by Summerhaven Land Co. Shortly after this 20 more cabins were completed in

Summerhaven. The first permits for summer homes on forest land were not issued until 1918. The first permits were issued at Soldier Camp under the Term-Lease Law. This law provided for the leasing of five acre plots for ten to twenty-five dollars per year for a maximum of

thirty years. By 1930, one-half to one acre lots were being leased for \$15 per year. It wasn't long before 57 of the 95 lots laid out on the mountain were being. used. Willow Canyon was opened about 1948 for fifty new homes, and permits for 60 more lots at Loma Linda were offered soon after.

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<u>mountain ears</u>

Leslie May, who is working in the Teton Mountains at Jackson Hole Wyoming this summer writes that the view is unbelievable. She'll be back around Labor Day with boxes of pictures to show to all of us "stay-at-homes."

Lydia French stopped by recently on her way to her home in El Granada, California. Lydia was a resident of the mountain several years ago when her name was Lydia Clute. She married another mountain resdent, Mike French, and they both left for California. She tells us that Mike and the girls, Cindy and Kathy, are all doing fine.

Soon the young people who have been gone for the summer will be returning. Chris and Jenny Hayes are home with their mother, Fran Zimmerman, now. They spent the summer in Florida with their father. Kenny Rinella has been with his father in California, but he should be returning soon. Wendy and Sherry Caton will be back soon too. They have been visiting their father in Florida also

From the grapevine I hear that Paula Guterriez

Both Dean and Paulia lived on the mountain two years ago. They have been together for quite awhile, so it's good to see them finally tie the knot.

Of course we'll all miss Mayor Billy terribly. (It just doesn't seem right to call anyone else Mayor, especially my son.) He'll be in Prescott where several former Lemmonites are hiding out now. Among those he'll see regularly are Mike and Pam Smaydy. Hopefully he'll come back to visit and bring some of them

Steve Sharpe and Mick Henry were both on the mountain recently. I missed them, but under-stood they are both living in New Mexico and doing great.

Congratulations to Joan and Ted Choate on their new granddaughter. Carrie Louise was born to Louise Choate Warner at 2:30 a.m. on August 15 in Flagstaff. Both ⊸Mother and Baby are doing fine. Father Bruce and Big Brother Bradley who is two this month, are thrilled. Grandmother Joan is in Flagstaff to help out and Ted says he wouldn't be surpris she never returned. She is so proud of those two grandchildren

Mary Ann Arford had a recent fall at her home in Tucson and has been off the mountain for awhile. She says her face is black and blue and she had quite a few stitches. lopefully she'll be back to the mountain soon.

Herma Lehan was back on the mountain recently with a group of friends at Katherine Lovett's house. The women were having a great time playing bridge until Mrs. Lehan took ill. There was quite a scare that it was a heart attack, but the doctor's diagnosis was angina. She is still weak, but is with her daughter in El Paso. Hopefully, she too will be back to the mountain

Janet Mobley who worked at Ski Valley last summer and is the daugter of Betty and Charles Mobley, has been working in Cripple Creek Colorado this summer where she was Reservations Secretary a the imperial Hotel. She is having a ball this summer. Cripple Creek is a summer community, staffed mostly by college kids. As a ghost town, it really comes alive in the summer where their melodramas have come famous. She should be back soon, though.









White-eared Hummingbirds bring Bird Watchers

An influx of visitors from all over the United States with cameras and binoculars have been flocking to the mountain summer. travelers are mostly members of the National Audobon Society and designate themselves as

Bird Watchers

For the first time since 1940 the White-eared Hummingbird has been seen on Mt. Lemmon. This bird is distinguished by white stripes over the ears on each side of the head. Both the male and female are a dark, almost

green color, but the male has a reddish colored bill.

According to members of the Audobon Society, it very rare to find this particular breed of humingbird this far north. Normally the bird is found in South America. According to Ted Choate around his house several times, the bird has been spotted in Ramsey's Canyon also.

Since Joan Choate is the official bird expert on Mt. Lemmon, she has invited the bird watchers to her house. There they are able to sit on the deck and watch her extensive collection of bird feeders. One seldom goes away disappointed.

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items for you. They need them for a big rummage sale they are planning for the Labor Day Weekend.

Goods in Tucson can be delivered to Bill or Regina Rhind at 3232 E. Flower. On the Mountain,

The sale will be in front of the fire station on September 1, 2, and 3. Bargains will be around, so stop by when you are on the mountain over Labor Day Weekend.

Santa Catalina Mountain History

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highway went right up along the wall of Sabino Canvon to the east fork and eventually across Pine Canyon to Soldier Camp. The Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors favored this proposal over the others because, although it was the most difficult route, it 30 miles shorter and would give the easiest access to the mountain, as well as save gas for travelers. So strong was the backing that, even by 1917, a \$100,000 bond issue was passed for this

Late in 1916 other roads leave Oracle and go up the north side of the mountain through mining areas to the top. A route up the west side of Oracle Ridge was eventually by passed in favor of the Oracle-Apache route along the east flank of the Ridge via the 3-C Ranch Peppersauce Canyon, Condon Camp, and joining a road built by the Stratton Copper Company. Since this latter route would open new mining. country, as well as facilitate the transport of supplies to existing mines, the Daily-Arizona Consolidated Copper Company offered to build the section of the proposed road to the Pima County line if this route were accepted. Pima County and the Forest Service would have to build the last ten miles from the county line to Soldier Camp; how-ever, Stratton Copper ever, Stratton Copper Company had aiready built two miles of this last ten. Another advantage was that, by opening the resort area atop Lemmon to residents of another county, they would have to share in the burden of building the

Chief Forester Graves declared his preference for the Oracle-Apache route, along with the Tucson Chamber of



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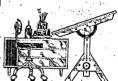
Traffic on the New Road to Mt. Lemmon was controlled. Cars went up from midnight until noon; down from noon until midnight. It was commonly referred to as the "control road."

Commerce and other groups. That ended any controversy over the various routes. Between the copper companies, Pima and Pinal counties.

and the Forest Service, the road was finished in 1920 after three years of work: The mountain was now accessible by a 31/2 hour trip from Tucson.

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