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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

You all, I hope received a Forest Service letter about the purposed lease fee increase and the meeting at Mansfield Jr. High. Would you believe I didn't receive one. If you were there you would probably felt pretty frustrated. I have tried to see Steve Plevel more times than I care to count, but he seems to be either out of town or in all day meetings, however, I did spend about 2 hours with Alan Jatan, who is in charge of all the recreation on the mountain. Some of the questions I ask (and these were all suggested by members were):

- 1- How can you put a fair market value on land that is not for sale?
The land has no market value if there is none for sale.
- 2- If the Forest Service does not agree with the premise and apparently you don't, then we suggest that you use a figure similar to the Co. Assessor, in a new appraisal, the County has set a full cash value on similar lots of \$4,500.00. Even this does not seem just, as we may do nothing to the addition of our cabins or on the land without permission; Yet we are told to allow strangers to picnic on this land which we pay a fee.
- 3- The Administration has talked long and loud about reducing inflation. If current dues are raised, more and more people will try to buy the remaining lots on private land, thus driving the cost etc.etc. It becomes not a vicious circle, but an appalling upward spiral.
- 4- We understand the Forest Service is again buying deeded lots, is this the beginning of an apparent effort as in 1974 by the Forest Service, to buy as much private land as possible, then perhaps condemn the rest?
- 5- What is the charge per acre for grazing and mining purpose of Forest Service land?
- 6- I have recently received copies of, FOREST FEEDBACK, which is a study which cost the Forest Service \$500,000.00, LAND and RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING, and THE PUSCH RIDGE WILDERNESS PLAN. Are you people so busy writing these surveys, that you have neither time nor money left for the services we used to receive? Such as annual inspections, the daily trips to each area, the grading of roads at the beginning of the summer instead of at the end?
- 7- How many men and women in the Forest Service are employed directly or indirectly for the Calalinas?
- 8- Will you give me a breakdown of what you spend each year on those of us on leased land what your income from it is? (This he told me would not be too difficult to do).
- 9- Please place trash cans in all picnic areas, we did not see any last year.
- 10- Please seriously reveiw the purposed charges for the Willow Canyon area, they seem to be disproportionately being discriminated against even more than the rest of us. They also report that the Forest Service has been felling trees in Willow Canyon. People with permits saw the wood and leave the mess of branches on leased land. Let's face it. Would these people like it if we came in their yards for picnics, dig up plants, or perhaps cut down a tree or two, or would

any member of the Forest Service like these things to happen in their yards?

- 11-It would not be too difficult to work out a fairly fool proof system of charging those who come up for the day to (we hope to enjoy the mountain, but who do 99% of the littering and damaging to the road. Since we now do the policing and the cleaning, whatever cleaning and policing is done, please don't add another burden to us. He promised to give me answers.

JOYCE HOWELL, PRESIDENT

WOMANS*CLUB NEWS

Well the ladies of the Lemmon keep moving right along, eating, laughing, learning, teaching and achieving our goal to benefit the residents of the mountain.

Florence Wilhoite, Chris Sheldon, Frances Morse, Katherine Lovett and I attended the Southern District workshop at the Western Look Resort in Tucson. Besides enjoying their famous chicken crepe' and carrot cake- two of our members Chris Sheldon and Frances Morse were part of the program, instructing the ladies on conducting contest we will be involved in the coming year.

Our International Chairman, Mary Ann Arford, hosted us in such a manner that Nov.5, will be known as the meeting of the year. At her home Mary Ann had a young student Fuad Al Jashamy of Iraq prepare and serve a luncheon native to that country. Iraq dish seasoned with raisins and the most unusual spices highlighted the table, accompanied by pastries filled with spinach and lemon, stuffed grape leaves, and a layer casserole of meat, potatoes and fresh tomatoes, followed by a custard desert.

Then Fuad showed slides of the most famous temples, churches and buildings with scenery of her country. It's hard to describe the almost hesitate humor, a scence of pride and a saddle of fear that she protraid as she showed the slides that maybe some of the scenes her friends and members of her family were no longer there. Our THANKS to Mary Ann for this program.

Katherine Lovett reported that several of our members, as a part of the E.S.O. division have read and reported on 100, 200, and even 600 books. I think we have set a recordon the number of readers and achievements.

The tumbling mat needed for the Zimmerman School has been put in a price range and the members voted to donate \$300.00 for this purchase. Also an ad in the Dandy Dime to secure more labels from the products mentioned last month, in order to acquire more equipment for the students.

We are still trying to acquire property in the Village suitable for us to establish a community hall, more workable library, and a place for religious services to be held on Sunday's and a better way to make life a little more enjoyable for all on the mountain.

REGINA RHIND, PRESIDENT

FIRE DEPT. NEWS

The Fire Dept. had a donation by Bob Murphey, of \$891.30 for the transmission for the tanker. It was being picked up after completion and the wiring when out on it and we had to spend \$579.00 to have that taken care of. On starting to take it up the mountain and only getting

one block from Bill Breck Dodge, the transmission went out again and has been in the shop since. A call this morning we found that it is supposed to be ready in the morning.

If all goes well we will have 18 hydrants installed in the Loma Linda area and the Summerhaven area and 1 in Middle Sabino. Loma Linda is paying for 12 and the Fire Dept. paying for 6.

We have good insurance on everything the Dept. has and are in the process of getting Workmens Compensation for the fighters.

So things are progressing in this Dept.

We have had no fires of any kind since the Gavitt fire, which we consider GREAT. We have more training sessions coming up and are hoping for several to turn out for these sessions as they will be put on by the State and National Fire Academy.

MADONNA L. MILLER, CHAIRMAN

WATER NEWS

Fall has fallen and Winter is with us! Donald Miller, our new maintenance person is very busy trying to beat the first hard freeze. Donald has taken over the maintenance job and Fred Keers is now the maintenance chairman. It's a good team--- they will get alot done.

Bob Swaim has accepted the Board's invitation to fill a vacancy on the Board. We are very happy to have Bob because he is known as a man who gets things done. Bob and his wife Donna, purchased the old Ray Zimmerman cabin.

Bob is well known in Southern Arizona for his architectural skills. One of his recent designs is the Western American Bank building on the corner of Speedway and Wilmot. Bob and Donna plan to spend a good deal of time on the mountain. Bob is planning to make a few changes to the cabin to enhance its rustic charm. He is very excited about the designs in the works that he is doing for the Mohr's. For you old timers, the Mohr's are planning to build on the old "Mac" property. The mountain home will be all wood construction.

The Board has put the Co-op cabin up for sale. It is in the form of sealed bids, with a minimum bid of \$26,000.00. It will be sold "as is". Any details can be got from myself or Madonna Miller and the phone numbers are 791-9772 or 791-9779. We will accept bids until Nov. 30th.

Bob Zimmerman, President

THINGS OF INTEREST

The road work is coming along nicely. It seems good to see men working instead of beating in time.

The County has put up signs on the turn-outs to notify drivers that is driving slowly that they can pull out ahead. This is quite an improvement, but I have already found out that some people can't read, or maybe just don't understand that the yellow signs that read "Slow Traffic Use Pullouts" are for them.

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