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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association Wish each of you ---
A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON, and
MAY 1981 be your Best Year Yet!

We have little news for you, Alan Jaten of the Forest Service has written me that he presented our points to others of the Staff, including Steve Plevel, and that we will be hearing from them soon.

I spent a little over an hour in Senator Goldwater's Tucson office. Please, the more of you who make contact with our Senator's and Congressman, the more apt they are to listen, and when the new Secretary of Agriculture is named, Please write to him.

JOYCE HOWELL, PRESIDENT

WOMANS' CLUB NEWS

As 1980 moves into 1981 two things are uppermost in our plans for the coming year: Celebration of Mt. Lemmon Centennial and acquiring a location suitable for a library, Church Services on Sunday, and a place to hold Community events.

Celebrating a Centennial always brings history of the past and plans for the future together. When Mt. Lemmon Womens' Club organized in 1973, the ladies dedicated themselves to the betterment of the Community and the idea to make Mt. Lemmon a better place to live because a Womens' Club is there.

At that time the news media had labeled Summerhaven as Hippie Heaven and printed a full page of pictures to prove it. The ladies with their families started a Clean-up-Fix-up Project that brought Mt. Lemmon the honor of being the first Johnny Horizon project in Pima County during the Nation's Bicentennial. As a result of this the Mt. Lemmon Project is included in the Time Capsule to be opened in the year of 2025. That year and later years also saw the Civic Improvement Project plans include establishing a Library, promoting the attendance of Church Services on Sunday, starting a Fourth of July Celebration, Our Biggest Little Parade, introducing Mt. Lemmonade to the World, writing, producing and starring in a play at the Little Theatre in Tucson, taking the school children to Freedom Train, donating books to the Zimmerman School, holding Pot-Luck dinners to help the Community get better acquainted with each other, and as the years moved the Civic Plans got bigger and better.

After the Clean-up, flower boxes, trees, decorating the Village for Christmas all began to happen. Then disaster in the form of a fire destroying the Inn and a flood destroyed most of our work, but we can do it again.

The Ladies have joined in all Civic happenings of the Village, assisting the Homeowners with their annual dinners for the past five years, cooking, serving, and contributing most of the food. Several members have served on the Board of Directors for all the Organizations, twice we have come to the Financial Aid of the Water Co-op, Raised money to assist the County Sewage Problem, attended all County meetings in regard to this matter, sponsored Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, of the Mountain, continued to support all school projects, have donated flags, helped raise money and made contributions to the Fire Department.

As the Womans' Club begin their plans for the Centennial year of 1981 at our next meeting, we hope to be able to bring you a complete agenda for all events and ask that all organizations, cabin owners, cabin renters, businesses and all those who love and enjoy the Mountain join in the Celebration of Mt. Lemmon's Centennial and any assistance or advice on acquiring our Dream Building will be gratefully accepted.

REGINA RHIND, PRESIDENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The new fire hydrants have been ordered and it will be about another 2 weeks before we get them. We think they are great. Maybe the weather won't be too bad when they arrive. We have also ordered some slides for training that have the sound to them. We ordered 3 different ones so that the fighters can get some different training. This is things they can learn this winter while it is bad weather and can't train outside.

Speaking of training you just might be interested in knowing that Steve Plevel and Howard Jones of the Forest Service have told their men that live on the mountain that they can not help us, train with us or they will be fired. This was told directly to one of the men and hinted to the others. I have written to Senator Goldwater, Senator DeConcini, Senator Laxalt, Senator Rhodes, Congressman Udall, Forest Service Regional Officer Milo Hassell, State Fire Marshall Paul Saunders, Katie Dusenberry Co. Supervisor, and Charles King our attorney. We were told to get out at the brush fire on Nov.10th. If we had not of been there first it could of very easily gotten out of control. It seems we have to fight the Forest Service in every way on this mountain. Will let you know if I hear anything back on these letters.

Everything the Dept. has is now insured and we are working on a better rating on the department and Workmen's Compensation for the fighters.

Just received a letter from a Jimmie Hickman in response to the one to the Regional Officer Hassell, and he informs me he will be meeting with me soon as it has been turned over to him for his immediate attention and investigation. Maybe something can be done. Will let you know as things progress.

Also on Thanksgiving Day there was a fire broke out in the Bigelow area, by a camper, our dept. handled it very nicely, as all the Forest Service fire fighters were in California at those fires. I believe that will have a great deal to do with Mr. Hickman's decisions.

Madonna Miller, Chairman

THINGS OF INTEREST

This is an article from the Star Nov. 7th. which if you didn't get the Star you just might be interested in.

"KEY REAGAN aid promises "HOUSECLEANING" at INTERIOR

One of President-elect Ronald Reagan's closest advisers has promised "a wholesale housecleaning" at the U.S. Department of Interior.

"The current no-growth philosophy at the Interior Department is out," said Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev. "The hostility to the West is finished.

"The West will have a strong voice in the new Reagan administration," Laxalt said yesterday in an interview with the Arizona Republic. Let it be known that there will be a wholesale housecleaning at Interior. We're going to take a look at every single position in the department and those hostile to our programs are going to go.

Laxalt, a member of Reagan's transition team, said many of the water and energy policies adopted by Secretary Cecil Andrus would soon be reversed and promised presidential support for the "Sagebrush Rebellion," a move to turn over 700 million acres now held by the federal government to Western States.

Laxalt, who was re-elected to a second term in the Senate during the Reagan landslide, offered no indication as to who might be the eventual choice for interior secretary.

He said Reagan wanted an individual "who didn't need the job, who wasn't an empire builder."

Laxalt also said it was too early to say if Rep. John Rhodes, R-Ariz. had a "real shot" at the speaker's post in the new House, with its diminished Democratic majority.

"It's possible that he could win, but we have to do some counting first," Laxalt said. "Obviously, we won't know for some time."

M.L.M.

MEMBERSHIP

Notices have been sent out for the coming years dues. We are hoping for a membership of 275. Last year we reached 221, and our goal was 250, so we came up short. Let's all get in and help to get your neighbors as members this year. We may just need some of this money to help keep the Forest Service from raising the rates so high. With only one week past sending the notices we have over 50 dues in already so keep them coming.

If you have any questions PLEASE feel free to call me about them. Please wait until I can talk, as I have had no voice for over a week now.

M.L.M. Chairman

WATER NEWS

I guess there is no news in this department as Bob did not get me anything. I do know we have had a lot of leaks due to people not winterizing their cabins like they should be. This is a great waste. Will try to catch Bob next month. Sorry.

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