

MT. LEMMON ECHOES

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PERMITTEE FEE PROGRESS

Very soon representatives of each of the Homeowners Associations in the Catalina's (there are five of which I am aware of) are meeting to pool our information and plan what seems best to do next in our campaign to have our proposed lease fees on Forest Service land reduced.

I have heard from each of Senators (two letters from each one) and they are both in touch with the Forest Service.

We have mailed large packets to both Senators, our Congressman, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief the Regional Director, and the local Supervisor of the Forest Service.

This will be the third copy of our Mt. Lemmon Echoes which we have mailed to everyone of the permittees on the list the Forest Service furnished us. The extra cash has been about \$75.00 on each issue. For those members who have not yet sent in your dues, PLEASE ! we need the money. And for those of you who do not belong, remember we are making this effort for every permittee in the Catalina's. Of course belong to your neighborhood Association, but also please join the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association. We are the only one to which ALL cabin owners in the Catalina's may belong. Many of you now belong to both associations.

We have spent about \$750.00 just to date, and have no way of knowing how long this struggle will last. I prefer not to call it a battle; I like living on Forest Service land; I like personally the local people of the Forest Service whom I know. It may be that from now on we will be able to send the Echoes only to those people who are members.

We are encouraged by the number of you who came in to sign the petitions to be sent to the Appraisal Institute and to the Society of Real Estate Appraisers.

Keep writing the letters; let them know how many of us are really concerned.

THANK YOU,

JOYCE HOWELL, PRES.

WOMANS' CLUB NEWS

Our goal for the last 3 years has finally been reached. In February we submitted a bid and it was excepted to purchase the Water Co-op cabin, this will be the Mt. Lemmon Womans' Club house, to be used for the benefit of all the community. We hope eventually to be able to provide a more workable library, a place for all the organizations to meet, to provide a place to hold Religious services on Sunday. Right now however if any of you are familiar with said property you know that we have alot of painting, nailing, remodeling, landscaping, cleaning and

all of that, before we can say (YOU ALL COME). This dream was not ours alone, Vesta Pfliger, the Postmaster at Mt. Lemmon for years shared this dream. When she past away it was discovered, she had left her entire estate to be used for this purpose, making it a probability a reality. The building will be known as the Vesta Pfliger Memorial Center. It has been brought to my attention recently, that several ladies of the mountain who are planning to become a summer resident or who have just recently purchased a cabin are interested in joining us, but did not know who to contact. You may contact me at 326-1267, 3232 E. Flower St. 85716 or call Betty Mobley, call 325-1190, 4051 Calle Chica, 85711, we would love to have you to attend one of our meetings and join us in our projects and the Centennial celebration for this year.

REGINA RHIND, PRESIDENT

Mt. Lemmon Womans' Club wishes to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association for the publishing of the Mt. Lemmon Echoes. It is our opinion that this paper with it's articles from all the organizations is one of the nicest things to happen since Sara and John Lemmon climbed up there. A few years ago when attending a Homeowners meeting one of the Supervisors of the County remarked that it was difficult to achieve anything on the mountain, because the people of the mountain would not work together and immediately after a member of the Forest Service said that in their attempt to acquire more private land they depended on the lack of cooperation of the people to accomplish their goal. Well in making some of our reports most of us referred back to the past years publications and it told a story of sharing, one organization contributing to another, business and private donations being made to benefit the Village, labor by individuals just lending a helping hand, reminds us to keep the mountain clean, safe for driving, fire and crime prevention, and water conservation. Articles of Fun on the mountain, business prospects, meetings with County officials and Board of Supervisors, and now Joyce Howell seems to be not only meeting with County and State officials on the lease fee increase, but is taking it all the way to Washington. Isn't it nice to read each month that something is being done. Information on the Fire Department, the Water Co-op and the Mt. Lemmon Security are all in here, but most of all it is the little things, who just got married, whose cabin the fire department just saved, how many children are in school, who just had a baby, activities for the boy scouts, who just bought a cabin and who will be a full time resident, for all of this and many others. We would like to thank the Editor, typist, stamper, mailer outer, and publisher, Madonna Miller.

MT. LEMMON WOMANS' CLUB

MT. LEMMON WATER NEWS

We are still experiencing trouble with the water transfer system that was financed by the Farm Home Administration. The main pump has burned out again for reasons which neither the engineer or contractor seem able to pinpoint. Pump experts at Ronstadt Hardware have expressed the opinion to members of the board that the sump and sump supply line is inadequate to meet the demands of the pump. Ronstadt Hardware is to install a new pump which should shed a little light as to what is going wrong.

\$20,100.00 in disaster aid has been received by the Cooperative. Most of the money is slated to go to Fergerson Construction and Ruiz Engineering for the design and replacement of the main trunk lines lost during the last flood in Carter Canyon. The balance will be used to make a number of

small repairs of damage caused by the same flooding both in Carter Canyon and Sabino Canyon. The disaster aid can only be used to repair flood damage with the stipulation that the repairs result in no improvement in the system. All repairs must be completed by 1 July 1981.

The annual meeting will be held 30 April. We are hoping to use the Moose Lodge as was done last year. Notice of the meeting will be sent out to the membership about 10 April.

At the last annual meeting the membership was given an operating budget which indicated that the unpaid bills plus the operating expenses would exceed the income as provided by the water rates set by the Arizona Corporation Commission. This has proven to be an accurate prediction. It now appears that this year will run about \$4,000 to \$5,000. in the red. With the imposed rate structure, the Board had accepted operating in the red as an operating condition for this test year. The challenge to the Board has been how to keep the Cooperative solvent. I don't think any Board member had any idea of how much work would be required to meet that challenge, but it was met.

It is clear to all concerned that in order to keep the Cooperative in operation two steps must be taken in the very near future; (1) assess the membership to bring the current deficit back into focus and (2) apply to the Corporation Commission for an appropriate rate increase. Both these matters will be on the agenda of the annual meeting.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT

FIRE DEPT. NEWS

If you will remember back in Nov. I told you of a letter that I had wrote to several political offices and the Regional Officer of the Forest Service about the way the Forest Service personnel were doing with the Fire Dept. And that I had received a letter from Jim Hickman of the Regional office, telling of an investigation that he had been assigned to in this matter. On Feb. 25, 1981 this meeting was held at Palisades Ranger Station with Mr. Hickman, Steve Plevel, Ken Weisenborn, John McKelvey, Carl Jones of the State Land Dept, and from our side were Charles King, John Montgomery, Katie Dusenberry, Freddie Hershberger, of Senator Goldwater's office, Fran Zimmerman and myself. Also were our chief and several members of our department and also several other Forest Service employees.

We discussed the positions of each department and the complaints that were in the letter I had sent. We spent about 2 hours discussing and understanding the unique situations of each on the mountain. We now have full cooperation from the Forest Service, from Albuquerque on down to Tucson and the Mountain. They will be furnishing us cash to help fight forest fires and their men can train with us and attend our meetings. We feel real good about this accomplishment and the Forest Service personnel has ask for other meetings to organize better communications between the two departments. Their two leading trainers will be training our men and their films on forest fires have been made accessible to us to use for training. We will be signing a Mutual Aid agreement with the State Land Dept. so that we can help the Forest Service with fires outside our District, should they need us. This is another first for the Mountain.

Now the hole has been dug for the Fire hydrant and hopefully it will be installed in the next day or two. If it proves satisfactory we will be purchasing more.

The Van is being equipped inside and will be completed in about 45 days. This will be made accessible to the Forest Service too. This will be ready for the summer heavy traffic on the mountain. It is being equipped for State Certification, this way if we have to take someone off the mountain we will be equipped for it.

Saturday the 7th. and accident resulted in our department aiding and doing the wash down. This was one of the results of our meeting with the Forest Service the 25th. It is a shame the impatience of the human race. They don't acknowledge a red light, a fire truck, or sheriff vehicles. There was a fight amongst some, a man at the Ski Lodge was thought to have a heart attack, but wasn't. The road was lined with cars on both sides and the ambulance trying to get to the Ski Lodge. Also vehicles passing the fire truck and other vehicles in all the traffic. Mike and Doug our Deputies handled it very nicely.

Madonna Miller, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE

Our membership is below what it should be at this date. We had 221 last year and with 49 new members this year we only have 212 total. There are 49 of our last year members who have not joined as yet this year. We are hoping they will as this would bring our membership to 261 and this isn't too far from our goal. For those of you who have not joined there will be a note enclosed in your Echo, to remind you of what your membership helps to do and what you get in return.

There have been notes of gratitude in many of the membership checks which is greatly appreciated. These will be given to the rightfull person. Thanks.

Percentage wise Willow Canyon has the most members in the organization. If we have missed anyone with a sticker, please notify me.

Madonna Miller, Chairman

After waiting all this time for snow, I wonder why it all had to be dumped at once. The County is to be commended for the terrific job of removing the snow from the road. M.L.M.

HOW TRUE

Death and Taxes may be the only certainties in life, but nowhere is it written that we have to tax ourselves to death.

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