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By the time you read this, our Rummage Sale and the Labor Day weekend will have come and gone. Your Board hopes that you have had a good summer on the mountain. I plan to stay up at least until early October if it does not snow! Last year I went down on a Monday. and Tuesday night it snowed, so I timed it just right. Sorry friends, I lived in North Dakota for too many years to enjoy snow.

I have received almost mountains of material from Senator Goldwater in relation to our permittee fees. As nearly as I can determine, the decision to set fees at 5% of full market value was a Forest Service ruling, not a Congressional statute. It will be some time before we hear the result of the Administrative Review. When we do hear. you will all be told the results. Don't give up hope yet!

> Joyce Howell. President Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Assoc.



We have ordered six more fire hydrants, and they should be arriving soon. Loma Linda ordered six for their area. too. We will be getting them in before winter.

On August? The Brookey cabin in Soldier Camp burned inside, approximately \$30.000 damage. The cause was a defective wall heater. It might be wise for all cabin owners to have their wiring in their cabins checked for defects and to have proper screens for their fireplaces, and spark arrestors on their chimneys. We have been very fortunate this year that we have not had more fires. We also purchased two more MSM air packs the day before the Brookey fire, which was fortunate as we had only one operable and they needed all three of them in the fire.

We had a false alarm call on the 1st of September at the Garcia home. It was only the water on the roof from the previous night's rain making steam as the morning's sun hit it, and the children thought the house to be on fire.

The rotating red lights have been installed on both trucks and a top put on the tanker. Thanks to John Miller.

Madonna L. Miller, Chmn.

BOUQUETS TO M_L_V_F_D_

Dear Editor:

We recently had a fire in our home. We would like to thank the Forest Service and the Mt. Lemmon Volunteer Fire Department, who both responded so quickly. They saved many of our possessions, and we are so thankful. We would also like to thank everyone who has offered their kindness and friendship in our time of stress.

Sincerely, David& Linda Brookey Soldier Camp Mt. Lemmon, Arizona

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to the Volunteers of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department for their quick response to what was fortunately a false alarm at our home. We feel more secure knowing that this capable organization is so ready and willing to be called upon by Mt. Lemmon Homeowners.

Although it was a false alarm, we are pleased that the local children are aware and concerned enough to react quickly to what could have been a tragic fire.

Thanks again to all involved.

The Roy Garcia family

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Centennial Fame

Did any of you happen to catch the "TODAY" show on Friday, September 4th? Thanks to some great PR work by Francie Morse, there was a small feature announcing the Centennial Celebration on beautiful Mt. Lemmon, "a charming little mountain community just thirty miles north of Tucson." Thanks to all for making this such a special summer to be on the mountain. Sarah Lemmon would have delighted in this gala Centennial Celebration.

Liz

LEAPING LIZARDS !!!!

Imagine looking out your Mt. Lemmon cabin window and seeing a Gila Monster out for its morning stroll! That's exactly what happened to me about two weeks ago. We temporarily detained the creature for inspection and verification. A quick call to the Desert Museum consoled us that. indeed. a Gila Monster could survive atop Mt. Lemmon in the winter by burrowing in for hibernation just as it does in the desert. They had had only one other report of a Gila Monster at this elevation in many years. Past resident. Gloria Bell, reported seeing a Coral Snake near the top of the mountain. So. desert creatures do indeed find their way to Mt. Lemmon for a summer vacation. Have you had any such unusual sightings ?

Liz



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CHERUB CHIPMUNKS

A distant cousin of the Abert's Squirrel, of which I wrote last month, is the Western Chipmunk. This little critter is most prolific here on Mt. Lemmon. It is generally grayish in appearance with fine striping on its face and a fairly long tail. Western chipmunks have a wide range and their habitats include spruce, fir, redwood, and pine forests, brush covered mountain slopes, sagebrush plains and rain forests of the Pacific Northwest. Depending on its habitat, a western chipmunk's home may be a short burrow tunneled in soft, loose soil or beneath a rotting log, or a crevice in or under rocks. Although they usually build their own burrows, they are also known to build outside nests of grass and leaves in shrubs or to occupy old woodpecker cavities. They make their nests of shredded grass, frayed pieces of bark and moss. Forest dwelling western chipmunks are known to be quite sociable. They often become quite bold at campsites and picnic areas. I am sure many of you have found a chipmunk as an uninvited guest in your cabin if you happened to leave your door open for more than five minutes.

Chipmunks spend much of the day foraging for food, looking for seeds, nuts and berries. Perishable foods are eaten at once, but much of the food is stored for future use during occasional waking periods of hibernation. Each chipmunk lays away its stores in so many scattered spots that some are never recovered. The buried seeds then sprout and grow. In this manner. contrary to its neighbor squirrel. the chipmunk is beneficial to the forest lands in that it aids in forest propagation by carrying conifer seeds into burned over areas of the forest so that new trees will soon sprout. Chipmunks also eat many of the insects that are harmful to forests - beetles. aphids, and caterpillars

Chipmunks are quite vocal little fellows. Their call may be a low-pitched, resonant "cluck" or in alarm they tend to give out a rapid high-pitched chipping sound.

Chipmunk enemies include snakes, hawks, and the most dreaded of all, the weasel.

Breeding season for western chipmunks begins at these higher eleva - tions in May. The babies are born a month later and by August, the baby chipmunks are out foraging on their own. From about mid-November until the middle of March, western chipmunks go into hibernation.

To me, the chipmunks are just another delightful addition to my daily animal watching, as they dart in and out of our woodpile trying to snare nuts away from the dominant squirrels, or as they dash across my window sill trying to snatch a forgotten sunflower seed. They are part of Nature's endless variety that makes Mt. Lemmon such a special place to live.

Liz

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Fall is upon us. Leaves are thinking about changing color; squirrels are storing up, and Mike Stanley is out winterizing. It is always a nervous time for the maintenance person, because the amount of work to be done always seems far greater than the time allowable for it. For the first time, Mike has been busy with a back hoe burying old "summer" lines.

The financial condition of the Coop. is, as normal, in fairly weak condition. The rate increase and special \$50.00 fee approved by the general membership last May is before the Corporation Commission for approval. We are told that approval should be forthcoming by the end of October. We have shown the new rates on the latest billing and hope that everyone will pay the new rates although it must be said that your paying the new rates is strictly voluntary at this point. am sure that those of you who are as concerned about the Cooperative as I am will do what you can to help.

Not only is the current rate schedule inadequate to meet the current obligation, the cooperative is faced with a great deal of deferred maintenance. A very common complaint is that many of the membership is still on summer water.

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The main topic that dominates each
Board Meeting is to determine a course
of action that will provide funds to
update the system, to reduce maintenance
and operation costs to a reasonable
level and to provide funds for an
office and storage facilities.

One bright spot is that we are progressing towards having a new office. As you may remember, the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club purchased the old Coop. cabin. Bob Swaim, architect, with the help of George Sheldon, has drawn up plans for the remodeling of the Club's cabin, which includes space for the office and storage for the Cooperative. With a little luck, we should have an office sometime next summer.

One of the ideas being considered is to form a Water District as has been done with the Fire Department. There is no question that this leads to increased taxes for Mt. Lemmon property owners; however, doing so will provide sufficient revenue to properly operate the Water company. My greatest concern is the deferred maintenance. A great deal of the pipes underground are in very poor condition and inadequate in size. Replacing them is an expense no one wants to think about and, yet, one day, whether anyone likes it or not, the pipes will have to be replaced.

Bob Zimmerman, President Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water, Inc.



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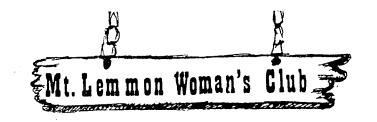
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On August 5 at their Mt. Lemmon home. Barbara Quaid and her mother were our hostesses for a Pot Luck Luncheon and our Charter Membership Ceremony. We were honored also at this time to have as our guests. Mrs. Dean Wagher. State President, Mrs. Robert Peck, State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George White, Southern District President with her Third Vice President, Mrs. Joseph Cordaro, and Veronica Arnold, Corresponding Secretary. The State President was presented with a bonnet in honor of our Centennial and Mt. Lemmon rocks were given to other guests.

I am afraid that this meeting turned out to be more pleasure than business. Chriss Sheldon and Francie Morse conducted the Charter Member Ceremony. They were the only Charter Members present, so Chriss read the history of the Club, and Francie lit the candles and cut the cake.

However, we are moving right along with our plans for our final event in the Celebration of our Centennial. This will be the Logging Days of Labor Day. We are also planning a Voters Registration for that weekend and are assisting the Homeowners with their Rummage Sale.

We had hoped to be able to accomplish more on our remodeling of the Club House this summer, but one thing after another has prevented this. As the Centennial Year draws to a close, we do hope to devote most of the rest of this year to this project.

Regina Rhind President, M.L.W.C.



MT. LEMMON REALTY

Although the selling market has held strong, typically, about this time of the year real estate activity reduces. There are less properties on the market and a smaller buyer pool.

If you are interested in renting your cabin this winter, let me know and I will put you in contact with people desiring to rent.

Two of my clients are interested in trading Tucson real property for deeded cabins. If trading is better for you than selling, give me a call.

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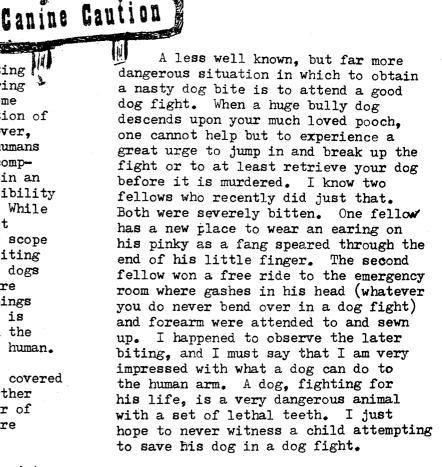
WHEN THE DOG BITES!

Creatures are constantly biting each other (in fact often devouring one another) without having to come before the law or being in violation of some regulation or another. However, when the creatures happen to be humans and/or dogs, a large variety of complications can arise. Proceeding in an analytical manner, the first possibility could be biting upon each other. While this is a very interesting, if not exciting, topic, it is beyond the scope of this article. As for humans biting dogs (consult a psychiatrist) and dogs biting each other, these topics are of only mild interest. Most nippings come under the philosophy of "all is fair in love and war" except when the biter is a dog and the bitee is a human.

Dogs biting humans is a well covered subject and one that warrants further discussion. Because of the danger of rabies, all dog bites of humans are required by law to be reported to Pima Animal Control or to a Peace Officer. The biting dog is required to be quarantined for ten days for observation. Under some certain circumstances the dog may be quarantined at home, but most likely it will have to be held at Pima Animal Control or at a Vetrinary office. In most instances, the owner will have expenses for boarding to pay which can become considerable.

Being human, it is of interest to avoid dog bites. An excellent place to get a dog bite, which is well known, is to ignore the bark and enter onto the dog's home turf. Normally, unless we are dealing with a sneaky dog, it will give adequate warning before sampling your socks. If you have a friend who owns a dog which is hooked on the taste of your ankles, let him know that he has a choice between you and the dog. Nine times out of ten you can cross him off your Christmas list.





Obviously, a very good method of avoiding dog bites on your person is to stay out of dog fights. A hose, rake or something long is much better to put into the fight than parts of your tender body. A much more sensible and responsible solution is for owners to keep their dogs home or leashed. Not only are fighters a danger to the community, they could, under certain circumstances, get the owner involved in a law suit.

If you know of a dog that you feel needs to be checked out or have witnessed a biting, contact Darrell Raburn at Pima Animal Control at 743-7550.

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2 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 3 tbsp. lemon juice, 2 tbsp. flour, ½tsp. salt.
Mix all ingredients. Pour over hot crust (Part 1)

Bake for another 20 minutes at 350. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Katherine Lovett
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

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If you or your child happen to be a poet, artist or short story writer, please share your art with the "Echoes." This paper makes a very personal forum for your child or for you to express yourself. This is your newspaper, and all contributions of creative endeavor will be gratefully accepted. Please send your items to:

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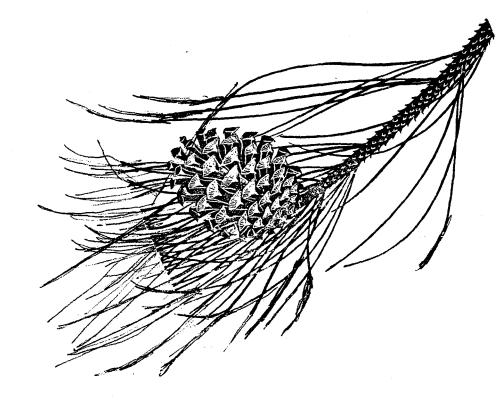
The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.

-Richard Bach-

Learning is finding out what you already know. Doing is demonstrating that you know it. Teaching is reminding others that they know as well as you. We are all learners, doers, and teachers.

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