



## MT. LEMMON ECHOES

January, 1982

It is with great sadness that the Board of the Mount Lemmon Homeowners Association accepted the resignation of Joyce Howell. Joyce has spent many years as a driving force in behalf of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, and we are very grateful to have benefited by her energy and persistent efforts to help all who enjoy the mountain. Thank you, Joyce. We will miss your leadership.

As the new President of the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association and a relative newcomer to Mt. Lemmon, I would like to introduce myself. I am Judith Maximov, who runs a business, Judith's Computer Works; shares a family with Michael Maximov, Justin, (14), Marc, (12), and Hannah, (10); and is active in numerous organizations in Tucson. We have had our cabin for several years, and we like to get up there as often as possible.

My personal goals for the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association are: 1) a substantial increase in membership, 2) expanded influence with governmental entities and 3) since there are several projects in various states of completion about the history of Mt. Lemmon, I would like to see them all combined, finished and published.

Power for change comes from many people joining together for things like better roads and improved services. If you would like to join with this organization to get some things done, please join us at our next Board Meeting on January 19 at 8:00 P.M. in my home at 5602 E.S. Wilshire. (south of Bdway. on Craycroft, take your fourth left.) Please come. We need everyone's input.

JUDITH MAXIMOV  
PRESIDENT, Mt. Lemmon Homeowners

## Ruminations

Tony Zimmerman is one of Mt. Lemmon's foremost pioneers. Upon the insistence of his children, Tony has set out to write his memoirs, most of which are reflections of the early days on Mt. Lemmon. I am most grateful to share with you a portion of his writings. -Liz

### THE MOUNT LEMMON INN

As the Tucson schools were coming to a close in the spring of 1943, I came face to face with a serious decision to make regarding my future. I, therefore, decided to discuss the problem with C.E. Rose the superintendent of the Tucson Public Schools. I told him how I had enjoyed my 30 years of teaching and especially the years under his administration. I then told him of my involvement on Mt. Lemmon; that I was investing considerably in real estate there and that I could no longer do justice in both theaters. After discussing both alternatives, he agreed that the mountain offered a great future. The result was that I turned in my contract and devoted my energy toward developing a resort on the mountain.

As I knew we would be doing a considerable amount of construction here and as there was an abundance of trees available here, I began inquiring around for a saw mill. Bill Hughes, the Mt. Lemmon Forest Ranger, informed me of a mill that was for sale south of Gallup, N.M. at Fence Lake.

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I then made preparations for the trip to Gallup in my half ton pickup. At Fence Lake I found the most desolate land I had ever seen anywhere. The houses and fences attested to the fact that at some time in the past this had been a prosperous country. Now it had a mere population of a half dozen senior citizens. When I found the owner of the mill, I was convinced that he had also been of voting age for many years. We concluded a deal for the purchase of said mill. My next concern was a way to transport the machinery to Mt. Lemmon. A hauling contractor agreed to haul the mill to Mt. Lemmon for the sum of \$100. We then loaded my pickup with the smaller parts. When I blew a tire on my pickup on the way back to Gallup, I had to go through much red tape to buy a new tire because of the war. Tires were very scarce.

In a few days, the whole saw mill was unloaded at Summerhaven near where the present Post Office stands. I was indeed fortunate now in being able to secure the services of a man named Jack Stevens, who was an old saw mill operator from Oregon. He set up the mill for me, and in a week we were grinding out beautiful smelling lumber.

When I bought the "saw mill tract" from R.B. O'Neil it had three rental cabins and a small store with living quarters in the rear. This store I rented to Mrs. Louise Utt for the years 1943 and 1944. Jack and I were busy cutting and hauling trees to the mill to process into lumber for a new store and restaurant. The plan for the new building was 32'x60' with a six foot porch running the entire 60" length. This porch, which faced the highway, afforded ample room for long benches. What a haven for "Senior Citizens." All kinds of whittling, spitting, yarning and affectations of bravado were exhibited here. Well, it was worth a show at anytime even though it was quite evident that their manner of speech and behavior were foreign to their actual personalities and capabilities. The bronco buster, the killer with his rifle butt notched, the famous hunter, the lumber jacks, the fishermen and the politician, they all spun their weird fabric.

By having the plans for the new building, I could cut the logs into the desired lengths for the various pieces needed for the store. By November of 1944, we had the foundation in, the sub floor laid, the outside walls up, and I was hoisting the log beams up in place for the ceiling joists and roof rafters when my work was suddenly brought to a halt by the first snow blizzard of the

season. Work was resumed early the next spring. First we had to shovel the floor clean of snow. We then laid sissle paper over the sub floor, then put on tongue and groove flooring that I was able to purchase the previous year and which I had stored in the lobby of the Ponderosa Lodge. The Lodge I had an option to buy from Leta Westfall while renting it.

The roof was of gable type and sheathed with rough lumber then covered with two layers of roofing paper. The sides of the building were enclosed with edged slabs nailed over felt paper. The inside was all finished with knotty pine lumber from my mill. At this time, I did not have a planer, consequently, I had to haul the rough lumber to Tucson to be surfaced. The front of the store had large plate glass windows. This provided good light for the building.

By the first of June, we opened the store fully stocked and the hamburger joint in conjunction. Of course, we had to initiate that beautiful new floor with a dance, which, by the way, evolved into a weekly occurrence until April, 1977. By the time cool weather came, we had our large fireplace completed in the middle of the back wall.

In 1950, we completed an addition to the store, 70' long and 35' wide. The lower floor was divided into two parts. The front room with two fire places was the dining room. Here we served many delicious charcoal broiled steaks. The large auditorium was used for our weekly dances, two church services on Sundays, many picture shows and dining room for large groups. This hall had one large fireplace and several large logs as pillars as supports for the twelve room hotel for the second story. The hotel had both inside and outside stair wells. The rooms were tiled, finished in knotty pine, beds, chiffaniers and stools were made of rustic native material. The rooms with baths were all electrically heated. All doors were made by Bill Neil of 2x6 lumber from our mill. These rooms were very comfortable during the coldest of winters as the walls and ceilings were well insulated.

In 1961, I sold this complex to two couples who operated it for seven years. I should perhaps modify the word operated because they ventured into a new field. By the time the last couple left, the whole building and contents were in a deplorable shambles.

When we regained possession again, we spent a great deal of time and money to recoup our business. It was not long before the Inn was once again thriving.

### Mt. Lemmon Inn, Cont.

During the night of April 29, 1977, a real tragedy occurred. The Mt. Lemmon Inn and Store burned to the ground in 45 minutes time. This ended the life of a structure, which was a place where thousands were made to feel at home for the good food and service. The fire can never erase the memory of the forty years of toil, happiness, and friendship experienced in this venture.

## **Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club**

With the coming of the New Year, we start a whole new century on Mt. Lemmon, bringing to a close our Centennial Celebration. The Mount Lemmon Woman's Club wishes to thank all the residents, the businesses, the pioneers, the school children, the Boy Scouts, the Mt. Lemmon Homeowners Association, the Water Co-op, and the Fire Department, for all of the assistance you gave us to make this celebration a success.

Although Francie Morse, our chairman for the Centennial, has moved, she will continue to be a member and to write our report for the General Federation in the hopes that we may gain some national recognition.

Our December meeting at Midge Swanson's proved to be one of our better meetings; business was conducted, a fantastic array of food, an international report, an essay on Christmas in hard times, a display of handcrafted items and we welcomed a new member.

Our Christmas party at Katherine Lovett's was attended by 25 ladies. The food was wonderful, the gifts distributed were received with delight and Christmas caroling under the direction of Diana Borne was accompanied on the piano by Linda Brookey. Christmas wishes were extended to us by Francie Morse and Liz Hardy.

Plans for the coming year are mostly to finalize decisions on the club house, get permits and start building, provide a working library again, accommodate the Water Co-op with an office, hold church services, continue to contribute an article to the "Echoes" and to once again conduct a July 4th Celebration.

So many have asked how to get in touch with Francie Morse since they moved in November. Mrs. James Morse, PO Box 165, St. Johns, Ariz. 85936

REGINA RHIND, President  
Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club

## **our pride is showing**

This holiday season was a very festive one in this tiny mountain community and the school and its activities became a natural focal point for community enthusiasm this year. We all have taken such pride in Art's achievement in being selected as Teacher of the Year for the State of Arizona, and all of his students and a large segment of the community made the long journey to flatland (Phoenix) to honor him at the State Board of Education meeting. Art's parents traveled proudly from Connecticut for the occasion, and it was a very emotional moment when Art accepted his award, because we who know him realize the energy and caring he puts into his life's work. All of our children are so fortunate to have been touched by him.

Mr. Art and his class gave a very special Christmas offering to the Mt. Lemmon community this year - a very professional rendition of THE WIZARD OF OZ. The dining room of Ski Valley was standing room only. As an extremely objective parent of two in his classroom, I can only say that Art and his munchkins gave us a truly marvelous evening.


Liz

Art has asked that I enclose the following letter to the community:  
Dear Fellow Lemmons:

Due to our Broadway success of the Christmas play "The Wizard of Oz", the cast and I would like to thank the following who helped make it all possible:  
Linda Brookey - master accompanist  
Roy & Art Garcia - lighting and stage  
Ski Valley - "our" theater  
Pam Haskell, Jonelle Palmer, Jean Martin - makeup  
Ben Kutz - sound effects  
Chriss Sheldon - choreographer  
And a special thank you to our moms and dads who helped practice our lines and create our costumes.

Love,

Mr. Art, Director and the "Wizard of Oz" cast

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## Animal Anecdotes

Mount Lemmon residents have been buzzing with news of mountain lions over the past six weeks. Since the snows, tracks have been sighted in Carter Canyon. A lion was even spotted on Miner's Ridge and at Pallisades Ranger Station. Along with the sightings have also come the questions about mountain lions and their potential for danger, attack and just why are they suddenly appearing.

I contacted Eddie Cocking of the Game and Fish Department who is in charge of wildlife for the Catalina Range. He filled me in on some interesting information concerning the habits and habitat of our mountain lions. First of all, mountain lions command a very large territory - 30 square miles for a Tom and about half that for a female. So he believes that the tracks that have been seen and the lion that was seen all belong to one lion. The only exception might be if a younger lion travels through an established lion's territory trying to find its own claim. But this lion would be chased out promptly by the existing lion. We can all rest safely in Summerhaven knowing that we have one noble beast protecting our domain! Mr. Cocking feels the reason that tracks and the lion itself are being seen is, in fact, due to the snows. This tends to move its food supply closer to civilization and often to lower ground. Lions are not picky eaters; they are carnivorous and are known to eat anything from field mice to deer. Alas, even your trusted dog or cat could be a tasty meal for a mountain lion if there is absolutely no food supply in his natural hunting grounds. However, Mr. Cocking emphasizes that there has never, to his knowledge, been a case in Arizona where a mountain lion has attacked a human for food. In fact, he continues the mountain lion is one of the least studied wild animals in the forest because it is extremely shy. He believes that, unlike so many wild animals, there is a large population of lions in the state. The mountain lions mate year round but only produce a litter every other year. Twins and triplets are not an uncommon occurrence. An average female will reach between eighty to one hundred pounds while the Tom will average about one hundred twenty five pounds. Mr. Cocking stresses that if you do see a mountain lion in your lifetime, you are most fortunate. -Liz-

## Be Water Wise

Do you remember that in the last issue of the "Echoes" I suggested that we were all going to be out of water if someone did not shut down or winterize their system or if a meter was just left on????Well, it has happened two times this New Year. We had had about six or seven days of below freezing temps and it will get worse.

We lost 37,000 gallons of water through a cabin in Loma Linda. A lot of water was lost because someone neglected to shut off their meter!!!

Everyone who lives on Mt. Lemmon in the winter and has to rely on having water has had the problem of not having any. Sometimes this happens because of renters or people using a friend's cabin for a weekend. They leave the water on and it freezes. Soon everyone is out of water.

With the new system of using Miners Ridge tank for our main supply, it is easy to lose our water in a cabin or on the ground. PLEASE make sure your system is shut down and drained when you leave. It is nearly impossible to check for water leaks in the snow. Sometimes, you cannot even find the meters or house valve because it is not marked. A visitor or renter cannot usually shut down a cabin that has a major leak, even if he lives there.

If you rent your cabin or loan it to friends I) mark your meter location  
2) purchase a tool to shut off the meter  
3) write instructions on how to start and drain your system.

The other problem of losing great amounts of water in cabins is not having pressure regulators or not having them adjusted properly. If they stick, you lose water because this causes the hot water pressure relief valve to stay open and run hot water under your house. Another problem is that cabin owners cannot check the regulator without having the proper equipment. I am trying to set up a program to aid the Co-op by checking regulators and cabin systems for a fee; \$10 to check cabins and adjust the pressure regulator, and discuss your particular winterizing problems. If interested in such a service, please send in a card with your name, lot and block number and phone number. Send no money, but the information can come to me via your Co-op bill. I hope to start this service in April. Any questions, give me a call. 628-9621

MIKE STANLEY, Maintenance Mngr.  
Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water, Inc.

# Hit the Slopes

Finding ski equipment has developed into an expensive and bewildering proposition. Skis come in a variety of lengths and flexibilities. For an area like Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, one should find a ski with a good amount of flex for the moguls but yet stiff enough to hold through the crust. The length depends upon your aggressiveness and ability. The shorter the ski, the easier they are to turn whereas length adds stability and speed. If you have any doubts, rent a pair of demo skis from the shop you are thinking of buying from, the cost is usually applied to your purchase, then you can try them out before buying them. Boots, I feel, are the most important factor in skiing. If your feet hurt, you cannot very well concentrate on skiing. So, if you find yourself making a choice on where to spend your money, buy a good pair of boots that fit well and you will find yourself skiing better. If you have any questions, feel free to come up and talk to me.

JEANETTE COWLING,  
Asst. Area Mngr., Ski Valley

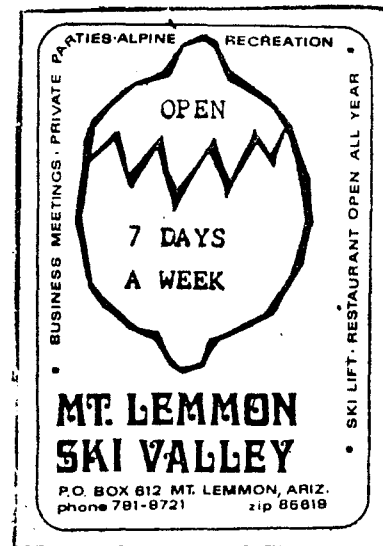
Editor's note: Jeanette is a resident of Mt. Lemmon, and I have found her most helpful when I have had questions about anything to do with skiing for myself or for my children. I thought her wealth of information might also be helpful to those of you who are, perhaps, just taking up the sport. Jeanette has kindly agreed to write a monthly column on skiing during these winter months. The following are some exercises that she thinks are great conditioning for skiers. Liz.

- 1) Ham string stretch: Sit on one chair and put your right foot on another chair, with the leg fully extended and the knee straight. Keep your left foot on the floor. Point toes on right foot straight up. Bend forward and try to touch the right knee with your forehead. Sit up. Repeat 8 times. Do the same with the left leg.
- 2) Parallel knee bends: Stand with your hands on your hips and your heels 2 feet apart and point your toes out. Sink into a deep knee bend until your thighs are parallel to the floor. Straighten up. Repeat 5 times, increasing to 12.
- 3) Running in place: Stand with your hands on your hips and run in place, lifting your knees above your waist.

In this exercise it is important to lift your knees high. Count each time the right leg hits the ground. The rate will vary from 60 to 90 times per minute, depending upon your physical condition. Start out with a half minute increasing to 2 minutes.

- 4) Ankle range of motion with towel: Sit on one chair and put your right foot on another chair with the leg fully extended and the knee straight. Wrap a towel around the ball of your foot. Then pull on the towel while you describe a wide counter clockwise circle with your foot. Do this 2 times increasing to 12.

More exercises next month.....



## ALPINE LODGE

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### RESTAURANT HOURS:

Mon-Thurs: 9-5  
Friday: 9-9  
Saturday: 8-9  
Sunday: 8-7

### BAR HOURS:

Mond.- Thurs: 4-12  
Friday: noon to 1:00 A.M.  
Saturday: 11:00- 1:00 A.M.  
Sunday: noon - midnight

### STORE HOURS:

Sund. - Thurs: 8:30 - 6:30  
Friday and Saturday:  
8:30 - 7:00



## Water Works

On December 2, 1981 the Department of Water Resources with William G. Barnes presiding, conducted a hearing in regards to two complaints against the Co-op's application for the two most important springs the Co-op owns. It has been estimated that approximately 90% of the Co-op's water supply comes from the two springs. A number of years ago, Cella, Barr & Evans, along with recommended spring improvements which were later completed, had the Co-op submit applications to perfect the spring rights. As a matter of course both the Forest Service and the city of Tucson entered protest.

At the twelfth hour, the city attorney agreed to withdraw their protest. A similar agreement was reached with the Forest Service although a representative appeared to clarify the Forest Service's position. Their primary concern appeared to be to determine the exact location of the springs and the amount of water to be allotted for use. The Forest Service Representative stated "that he hoped the cooperation seen between the Co-op and the Forest Service would continue." So do I! It is assumed that since there were no protests against perfecting the applications that the Department of Water Resources will allow perfection of the permits. We were advised that the decision would be forthcoming in 60-90 days.

The Corporation Commission heard the Co-op's application for an emergency rate increase on November 19, 1981. The state protested our application on the basis that since we have a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit from the sale of the Cooperative cabin, that the Co-op should spend this cash and then, when truly destitute make an application for an emergency rate increase.

The members of the Board feel that this money should not be used to pay current bills or be used for operational needs, but saved for a disaster contingency fund. Had the Co-op had \$10,000 during the last flooding, the water outages would have been far less than they were. The decision from the Corporation Commission regarding our emergency rate increase will be made on the 20th of January.

About 80% of the users have contributed the \$50.00 special fee which is earmarked for system improvements. If the emergency rate increase is denied a portion of this money will most likely have to be used to remain solvent.

A few members have written questioning how the Cooperative's income has been spent. I noticed that it is those people who do not attend the annual meeting where the year's expenses and next year's budget is handed out. However, if you would like to have a copy of the current treasurer report, send me a self-addressed return envelope and I will send a copy by return mail.

I am really looking forward to the construction of our office this year in the Woman's Club building. It will be located downstairs. Having an office will solve many of the problems associated with where to pay bills and where to go for complaints or service. As it is now, members of the Board and employees are having to use their own homes to conduct the business of the Cooperative.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, President  
Mt. Lemmon Cooperative Water, Inc.

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### WELCOME WAGON!!!

We are most delighted to welcome into our Mt. Lemmon Community, Mrs. Jean Martin, the new owner of the Alpine Lodge. Jean comes to Mt. Lemmon via Glencoe, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and after thirteen years spent in Tucson with her husband and three children. Mt. Lemmon was not a regular stomping ground for Jean until some close friends, who had purchased the Lodge from the Huggins, Bob Thorsen and Sylvia Skye, invited her to visit. She instantly fell in love with Mt. Lemmon and the people, says Jean. She felt that this was a place where she belonged, the lifestyle being something for which she had yearned. Jean is most shy in telling about herself, but we all know she will make loving contributions to Mt. Lemmon. Her hospitality speaks for itself. She cordially invited all Mt. Lemmonites to join her for a buffet in the Lodge to celebrate New Years Eve. Pam Rinella's fine cuisine was only outdone by Jean's graciousness in hosting such a marvelous event. She, in conjunction with Bob Zimmerman and Joan Klinger and several others have organized a Businessman's Association, calling it the Mt. Lemmon Future Development Association, its purpose being to revitalize our village in a positive way. Surely, Jean Martin will be a welcome addition to our tiny community. Welcome!!

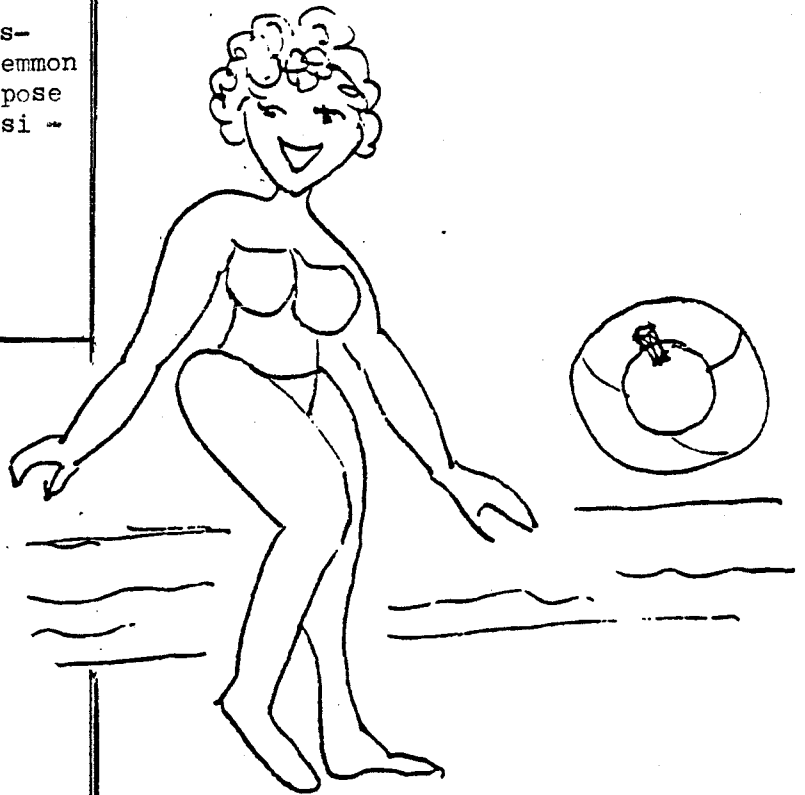
Liz

Jim and Nell Copeland have been constant contributors to the "Echoes" with their wonderful poems and art work. I would like to personally thank them for their marvelous creations and again share with you a timely poem, considering we are sitting atop Mt. Lemmon, buried in two feet of snow.

Liz

### REFLECTIONS FROM THE POOL

Some stirring facts beyond control  
Have made of me a troubled soul,  
Or maybe all those naked butts  
Have driven me completely nuts!  
Especially you, without a care  
display your gorgeous derriere.  
I think that I shall never see  
A more perfect, balanced symmetry,  
Except for my enchanted stare  
Beauty wasted on the desert air.  
I'm sure no one would understand  
If I should pat it with my hand,  
So only, only in my mind  
I'll pinch your lovely tanned behind!



### CLASSIFIED:

My mother is looking for a cabin to rent for three months next summer; must be well equipped, accessible and have all conveniences. Call Betty McCabe at 297-0309 or Liz Hardy at 791-9897.

**FINAL NOTICE:** This will be your last complimentary copy of the "Echoes" if you do not send in your dues to the Homeowners Association this month for the year 1982!!!! Membership is \$15.00 a year and renters may pay \$7.50 for associate membership and still receive the "Echoes". Also the Homeowners sticker on a vehicle can be very helpful in enabling you to get up the highway when it may otherwise may be closed due to bad road conditions, etc. If you have questions, please call me at 791-9777.

FRAN ZIMMERMAN, membership chmn.

## All Calories Removed??

Year round Mt. Lemmon residents found that we did not have to descend from the mountain to become well saturated with holiday gatherings. At one such party, resident Jim Chilson brought a sumptuous looking giant eclair for all to taste. My husband, Wendell, tried desperately to get to the table so that he might sample Jim's delicacy, but all was in vain, and Wendell's sweet tooth went unsatiated. A phone call to Jim proved most fruitful, and so I happily offer to you, and especially to Wendell, Jim Chilson's Chocolate Eclair.

Crust: Boil together 1 cup water and 1/2 cup butter. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup of flour. Beat in 4 eggs (one at a time) Pour out on cookie sheet and spread out thin. Bake at 400 degrees for 45 mins. or even less (should be a golden light brown)

Topping: 2 1/2 cups of Half and Half  
2 small pkgs of Vanilla Instant pudding  
2 tsp. vanilla

Blend together until pudding thickens. Fold in 1 8 oz. carton of Cool Whip and spread over crust.

Icing: Melt 2 tbsp. butter (not margarine) and 3 squares of semi-sweet chocolate. Mix in 1 cup powdered sugar and just enough milk to make it runny enough to drizzle over filling.

Jim presented his Eclair on a large silver platter. It was lovely!

Liz

### THE OUTER VIEW

For those of us who get up and down the highway from time to time, not only is Winter Here, but also that which seems to have become a perennial problem, namely, you guessed it: the 'snow-plowing' efforts of our ne'er to be outguessed Highway Department.

Which shall be, must needs, the subject of this column.

First a few pointed questions, just to get your attention.

1) Why must it be like making your first million to get the Highway Department to plow the highway, much less down in the village?

2) Then, after they finally do get to it, why don't they understand that two-way traffic requires, would you believe, two lanes of cleared roadway? Perhaps I am mis-

taken, but is it not true that where the plowing is only one lane wide is precisely where you can't see twenty feet around the next curve?

I know, I know, the devil makes them do it that way...

3) And didn't it take them six hours to get to work in response to the New Year weekend snowfall? And that with personnel who had never even driven in snow before?

Nay, you say. Impossible, you say. But, alas, 'tis the Lord's own truth.

It is to be noted that Pima County has been offered, last year already, the services of a Mountain resident, from his very own mouth as it were, to take of the job of 'first attack' during pending heavy snowfalls. This gentleman, who goes by the initials 'D.M.', would hire on with the County part time so as to save them money, and, needless to say, would respond in times much shorter than six hours. (My God, Six Hours!) Why? Because he lives up here, that's why. Because he can see snow coming almost before it hits the ground, that's why.

Makes too much sense to have a guy like that around, what?

4) Why, pray tell, must our humble, yet hard-working and reliable (never missed a day) Postmaster have to resort to your basic Yelling and Shaking of Fist(s) to get those @#%\* snow plow guys to plow the Post Office parking lot? Not to mention the Fire Chief (who goes by the initials D.M.) having to bribe said @#%\* guys with booze to get them to clear a path in front of the Fire House so that the fire truck could exit said Fire House?

AAAAIIIEEE! 'Tis enough to make even sweet kindly old Irish grandmothers mad.

Well, enough of that. Let us get on to more pleasant things. For instance, not all County employees treat us like the lumpier inhabitants of septic tanks. There are our three Sheriff's Deputies, who, this writer feels, do an absolutely stupendous job on our highway and in our village. Time after time this writer has personally witnessed them taking the most abrasive abuse with calm, handling unbelievably miserable traffic situations with tremendous skill and aplomb, and, in general, devoting much more in the way of unpaid overtime and energy to the maintenance of peace and security in our little town than even we, its inhabitants, would ever think about doing.

This writer's hat is off to you, Deputies Michael Duffey, Steve Merrick, and last, but definitely not least, Dougla Myrvold.



## The Outer View, Cont.

And least we forget, Deputy Rick Sturgeon, whom many of us may not have met, is called upon frequently to help out on the highway. He, too, does a fantastic job for us. Ladies and gentlemen, these four men are of the finest police officers I have had the privilege of meeting.

Then, too, the Forest Service has provided us with superb emergency medical service in the person of Greg Lelo.

So, the next time we see these guys, why doesn't each of us simply take a second and say: "Thank you"?

Thanks guys.

J. Julian Benét  
(Benét J.J. Kutz)

## **Save Water Wisely**

Last month, we shared with you our experiences with the modified water saving shower head. Some of these are still available at Bob Zimmerman's Mt. Lemmon Realty Office.

One of the extra benefits of using this showerhead (in its modified form) is that a very small water heater is sufficient for normal needs. When we built our cabin, we built in two electric water heaters - the primary one has a ten gallon capacity and the backup unit is a 30 gallon water heater. We have never used the 30 gallon heater, never needed it and will remove it. Theoretically, the 10 gallon water heater will supply enough hot water to allow the modified shower head to be used on a continuous basis without discomfort to the bathers. Another advantage of using a small heater is the fast heating rate (both initial and recovery). It takes one hour after switching the heater on to obtain hot water and because we wrapped the heater in 6 inches of fiberglass insulation, the heat loss is minimal. Whenever we leave the cabin, we turn off the water heater, but due to the extra insulation (app. \$1 worth) we can return 2 days later and still take a comfortable shower without turning the water heater on. When one realizes that as much as one half the energy used in a home is consumed by the water heater (space heating not included), the water heater becomes a very important part of our energy consumption consideration.

In conjunction with the small, well-insulated electric water heater, we installed a water and energy saving dishwasher which uses only 7.3 gallons of hot water to run a full load through on the normal cycle (compared to the 18 gallon unit in our Tucson home.) At first we did not

want to install a dishwasher, but then we compared the efficiency of these new units available now with washing dishes by hand. Guess who was wrong? We do not like washing dishes by hand, and these newer dishwashers do not even need the dishes to be rinsed by hand before loading the dishwasher. Some people are now using more water to rinse the dishes before loading a dishwasher than the new dishwashers use to wash an entire load of dishes. So for the sake of water and energy savings, we installed a dishwasher. One has to be careful when shopping for a dishwasher - not all units available today are energy conscious.

And finally, the greatest water waster of them all (besides the human) is the water closet, invented by Sir Thomas Crapper in 1872 in England. This greatest of inventions is responsible for the largest share of our water consumption - nearly 40% in the average home and probably exceeding 50% in the typical Mt. Lemmon cabin. There are many alternatives, such as the outbuilding, the electrical, gas, chemical, recirculating and composting toilets. When designing our cabin, we looked at and considered all of them. We then settled on the marine or more aptly named, the RV toilet. This unit has proven itself in the RV industry for many years and has evolved into an acceptable, low cost (about \$80.) relatively durable (one unit has a porcelain bowl), and practical unit. We experimented with three different makes and even though all are satisfactory, we personally prefer the unit with the ceramic bowl, which we purchased in Tucson at Paulson's. All of these units are readily available at all RV supply stores. The attractive part of these units, is of course, the water saving aspect - 1 pint to 1 quart per flush instead of 3½ to 8 gallons for a regular unit. Other attractions are the simplest of mechanisms (therefore the ease of maintenance), the reasonable cost, and the ease of installation using standard plumbing hardware. As a consequence of using these units on Mt. Lemmon, we are replacing one of our normal toilets (a low boy using 8 gallons) in our Tucson home (the one used mostly) with an RV unit. This will result in a savings of about 2,000 gallons of water per month. One caution - even though these RV units will fit when replacing a normal toilet, they may not work properly in some instances due to the very low flow of water,

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but in many cases a small modification to the underfloor plumbing (if accessible) is all that is required.

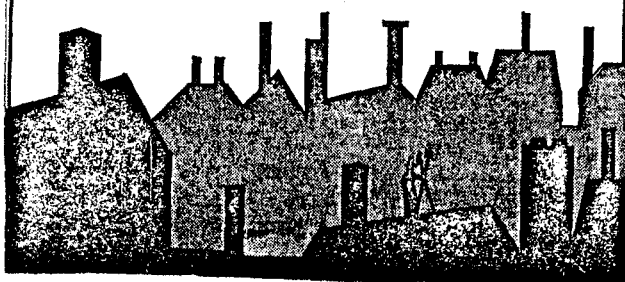
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