



## MT. LEMMON ECHOES

February, 1982

### WATER CO-OP SEEKS

### BOARD MEMBERS

With the Spring weather we have been enjoying on the mountain, it is hard to imagine that most probably there will be more freezing weather before Spring. Although there has been relatively little water loss due to frozen pipes this winter, please continue to turn off your water at the meter box when leaving the cabin.

The Corporation Commission refused to grant the requested emergency rate increase as requested by the Cooperative. It was felt by Charles Giddings, the Cooperative's attorney, that the main reason for the denial was due to the money held in CD's from the sale of the community cabin. At the last meeting, the board elected to make application for a normal rate increase, which has been done. A public hearing has not been set.

Although the exact date has not been set for the annual meeting, it will occur sometime in April. Roy Garcia, nominating committee chairman, has sent out letters to all members asking for those interested in working on the board to answer his letter. If you are not satisfied with matters concerning the Cooperative now, it is the time to speak up.

BOB ZIMMERMAN, PRESIDENT  
MT. LEMMON COOPERATIVE WATER, INC.

### FIREFIGHTERS

The Fire Department is moving right along on training. The Forest Service is training our men so that they can be certified and help with the Forest Service fires. The training sessions are being held on Wednesday evenings at the Alpine Lodge. So, if you are on the mountain and hear the siren at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays you will know what it is. Also, on every Friday night at 6:30 P.M. the regular training sessions are still going on.

On Wednesday of last week we had a practice drill. This took alot of the fighters off guard, which was good.

We had a cabin fire on January 24th. The cabin was completely destroyed, as there was so much snow that the trucks could not get to it.

The Emergency Van has been used this winter for tubing casualties, mostly on the Bear Wallow slope.

The department has started a building fund, for the purpose of getting a building for the vehicles. We have some very fine equipment and it is a shame that it has to sit out in bad weather. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can mail your contributions to Mt. Lemmon Fire District P.O. Box 686, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes. This is being put into a special account so that it can be used for a building only. With shelter for the equipment we can get a better rating and you can get a reduction on your insurance.

We did not get the matching funds from the State this year as we have advanced so rapidly that there were other districts that needed it more than we did. We can apply for the funds for next year.

MADONNA L. MILLER, CHAIRMAN  
MT. LEMMON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED

On Wednesday, January 20th, past battles and grudges were laid aside as a group of concerned Mt. Lemmonites met with county authorities and government officials at a luncheon provided by Jean Martin, owner of the Alpine Lodge.

The guests included; Pima County Supervisor Katie Duesenberry, Pima County's Chief Deputy Stan Cheske, Major Bob Gibson, and Lt. Jim Rose of the Sheriff's Department, County Transportation representatives Trini de la Garza and Tony Saldivar along with Santa Catalina District Ranger Steve Plevel and Recreation Director Allen Jaten of the U.S. Forest Service. All these officials came to the mountain to discuss what can be done to solve our mutual problems.

The here and now problems came down to three inter-related areas: the maintenance and plowing of the Mt. Lemmon Highway, traffic congestion and parking.

A general spirit of co-operation led to many good beginnings. A group of mountain volunteers will train with the Sheriff's department so they can assist our deputies with chain-up check points and traffic control. This will allow the deputies more freedom to patrol the road and fulfill their regular duties.

Many suggestions to improve snow plowing were contributed and District Ranger Steve Plevel offered to make level road side areas available for parking if another agency could do the plowing. If this can be coordinated, it will provide snow visitors with an alternative to parking in the middle of the highway.

The new direction based on co-operation has already produced some very positive results as evidenced by a much greater effort on the part of the county road crews.

There are those who will not only remember past attempts at progress that have failed, but will cling to those negative memories and claim that attempts to improve current conditions are doomed to fail. I would like to say that everyone is welcome to those opinions based on the past, and entitled to hang on to them.. after all, they were justly earned in bloody combat. Past experience of any kind is extremely valuable in achieving a successful present and future. The re-creation of past wars, however, is not productive nor is it welcome.

What this effort is saying is...now is now... the past is past. We have all seen what past experience of warring factions and butting heads gets us... it gets us warring factions and migraine headaches. So, it's

time to give the opposite approach a chance. By cooperating with each other and all the agencies involved in facing our common problems we can create present solutions and lay the foundation for the future direction of the village.

The group that promoted this meeting is not an elite group. It is a core of residents and business people with positive direction that welcomes all with similar intentions and energies. Future meetings will be posted and volunteers will be welcomed. A constructive beginning was made, now it is time to prove our good intentions.

The problems related to being a tourist attraction are not going to go away. The people and the congestion will continue to happen. So, instead of fighting the obvious direction of more and more people in Tucson, therefore, more and more visitors on "our" mountain... let's take charge of the flow and channel it to the benefit of all who love Mt. Lemmon.

Richard Bach, author of "Johnathan Livingston Seagull" says, "You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however." We now have the power of a co-operative beginning...so, let's go to work!

After the January 20th meeting, the following people signed a pledge to assist in the creation of a working plan for the success of the village: George Davies, Fred Keers, Benet J.J. Kutz, Joan Klinger, Jean Martin, Leslie May, Robert Murphey, Fred Neasham, Doug Seaver, Bob Thorson, Josh Tofield, M.D., Jim Vaughn, Lee Voight, Robert Zimmerman, Ray Zukowski.

LESLIE MAY, MEDIA CO-ORDINATOR

Editor's note: The next meeting of this community association will be on Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 A.M. in the Alpine Lodge. All interested parties in the future planning for Mt. Lemmon are encouraged to attend and share your ideas with members of your community.

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On Wednesday February 4th, all the Department Chairmen met at the home of Thelma Barnard carrying all their paper work and a brown bag lunch, prepared to work all day. Somehow, even when the ladies of the Lemmon decide to put in an all day session of going through the years' files, making reports, handing out material and completing the years' projected goals, it turns out to be a fun day.

Thelma contributed tea and coffee and Freida Botkin showed up with a 6½ gallon can of six different kinds of popcorn (bet you never had chocolate pop corn.) Between mouthfuls of popcorn and sips of coffee, we decided your year's accomplishments. After eating our brown bag lunches and the arrival of other members, Thelma led us to her dining room which looked like a large red and white Valentine. The table was beautiful, centered with a large cherry cake decorated with white icing and red hearts made of candy. Red and White Valentine plates and napkins completed the look.

Then we got down to the serious business of the day. Reports were given, minutes read, another donation of \$10.00 was given to Care, once more the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club will do the Cake Walk at Pioneer Days for the Festival Society, Candidates for next years' Officers were selected and we are happy to report that work has begun on the Club House.

Don Miller has started on the Library Room and we hope to have it all ready to be used by the first of May and that work is progressing on the rest of the Building. This will be our main project during the next two years.

REGINA RHIND, PRESIDENT  
MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) recognizes that the American Family is a natural resource of International understanding. GFWC is entering into its second year of cooperative agreement with the Experiment in International Living (EIL) the oldest international educational exchange organization - to provide an opportunity to host international visitors from forty countries for a three week period between now and through August 31, 1982.

During our visitors homestay with us, they will become members of our families, taking part in all the important and ordinary events of our lives and learning about us as we learn about them in a family setting. The host family furnishes room and board for the visitors during the homestay. The visitors are responsible for getting to and from the host family and for all incidental expenses during the homestay. The visitors speak English and are covered by insurance.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs' Experiment in International Living program can enrich our individual lives and the lives of our families and contribute to greater understanding among people everywhere.

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club has joined this program and needs host families. If you are interested in our International Hospitality Program and would like to be a host or to learn more about EIL, please contact me.

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# A HIGHLAND FLING

"Off we go into the wide blue yonder." This was the theme song for Katherine Lovett and Chriss Sheldon as they took off from the Los Angeles Airport last September, winging their way across 5,000 miles of land and sea, on their way to a memorable European vacation, highlighted by extensive touring through Scotland, the birthplace of Chriss and George Sheldon. Much of their visit was spent in Ayr, where Chriss's parents were born, best known as the birthplace of Robert Burns, Scotland's Shakespeare. While there they visited the Brig O' Doon; a Broadway play and also a movie were made of this famous bridge over the River Doon. One of Chriss's great grandfathers, Robert McKill, Chriss's maiden name is McKill, was the first of her family to be buried in the Auld Kirk (Old Church), the churchyard where Robert Burns was buried. Chriss and Katherine also visited Culyean Castle, a point of history to Americans in that in 1945 the National Trust of Scotland, to show the nation's gratitude to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, General Eisenhower, asked him to accept the tenure of the National Guest Flat in Culyean Castle for his lifetime. General Eisenhower stayed in the castle many times and once when he was President of the United States.

Chriss and Katherine rented a car in order to better see the countryside. Aside from trying to adjust to opposite driving, they were very pleased with the low expense of renting a vehicle and the freedom it gives you. Chriss estimated that the Escort averaged forty miles to the gallon and that gas was selling at L1.69 pence, \$3.12 per gallon, with England and Scotland having the lowest gas prices in Europe. Chriss explains that they also have the imperial gallon, which is a fifth more - so for every four gallons used, they got a free gallon. They figured that it cost no more than driving in the states in a medium sized car averaging 18-25 miles per gallon.

A phenomenon rising in popularity in the United States for travelers is B and B (bed and breakfast.) It is thought to make traveling more accessible for the moderate income traveler. Chriss and Katherine were very pleased with their experiences with B and B, finding them to be a very personal and reasonable touch to their foreign journey. They were private homes with lovely, warm cozy rooms. Most of them had coffee, tea in either the hall, livingroom or sometimes in your own room - to make whenever they felt like a "wee cup." They said that the Scottish breakfasts were fit for a Lumberjack: sometimes juice or "parriage" - always eggs and bacon and toast or scones with marmelade. Their best bargain for a B and B was \$7.50 with the highest being \$17.50 a night. In the United States, the average price of a B and B is \$30.00. Chriss maintains that Scotland is still a "thrrrrrrifty" nation.

Chriss has been back to Scotland before, but any time one takes a trip back to your roots, it is most memorable, particularly with grandchildren home awaiting mementos from Grandma's and Grandpa's birthplace. Chriss loves to shop at the very reasonable woolen mills for family Tartans for her granddaughters. Chriss even brought me back a sprig of Heather for my Heather, a plant native to Scotland. Chriss's journals are filled with fascinating sidetrips and points of great historical value. I know this trip will be a wonderful memory for Katherine and Chriss.

Liz

OOOOOOooops..... I'm a little late this month getting out this issue of the "Echoes". I'll blame it on Spring fever. If you've been looking in vain for your copy of the "Echoes" I apologize. One thing that would be most helpful to me in meeting a deadline for the paper is if you would each month send in your articles by the 10th. Advertisers: if you could committ yourselves to more than one month of advertising at a time, it would save me many monthly phone calls. Business card size ads are \$5; twice that size is \$10; and triple the size is \$15per month. Please give me a call or drop me a note and send a check for the amount of time you would like to advertise

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## SKI TIPS

One of the most important aspects of skiing is caring for your skis, which is a relatively simple process you can learn to do yourself rather proficiently. To begin with, you will need a pair of small vises, two files, a cross cut or double cut for rough spots and a 10" mill bastard or mill file to smooth the edges out, any of which can be picked up at any hardware store. A metal scraper, P-Tex, wax and wax remover will have to be purchased at a ski shop.

Your skis should be filed and waxed on a regular basis. You will definitely find an improvement in the skis performance. I will explain two procedures used in tuning your skis filling in gouges and filing. First of all clean the bottoms of the skis with a metal scraper and wax remover if necessary. Large gouges should be cleaned out with a pick or knife. Then light the P-Tex candle holding it horizontally over the ski letting the candle run into the gouge (not drip.) Hold it as close as possible to preheat the gouge making a better bond. Allow to cool to room temperature and then scrape until the surface is smooth. With large gouges more than one application may be needed, as too much P-Tex at one application may pop out when the ski flexes. To file the edges, position the file at a 45° angle on the ski putting equal pressure on both edges with your thumbs. File with long, smooth strokes. Use the fast cutting file if edges are fairly rough and then the mill bastard to smooth out, always filing from tip to tails. Remove filings often from skis and file. Your edges should be flush with the base. Then turn your skis on the side and file making a right angle with the bottoms. Line your thumbs parallel with and on top of the file positioning your hand so that the tips of your bent fingers rest on the ski base. Again file from tip to tail with long smooth strokes. With just these two basic procedures you should maintain better edge control and stability with your skis. Hope it helps out!

JEANETTE COWLING, ASST. AREA MNGR.  
MT. LEMMON SKI VALLEY

I promised you some more exercises from Jeanette this month that she considers excellent conditioning for skiing:

- 1) **TRUNK CURLS** Lie on your back with your knees bent, feet flat on the floor, hands behind your head. Press the hollow of your back at the waist line close to the floor and tighten the buttock muscles. This will raise the buttocks slightly, curl up to a sitting position. Do not hook or support your feet. If you can't make it all the way, curl as high as you can. Repeat 8 times, increasing to 15.
- 2) **HEEL WALKING** Wear tennis shoes or do this exercise on a carpet. Put your hands on your hips and stand on your heels with the toes pulled up as high as possible. Walk on your heels without letting your toes down. Start out with one minute, increasing to 2 minutes.
- 3) **TRUNK ROTATION AND SIDE BENDING** Sit on a chair holding a broomstick across your shoulders behind your neck. Twist from the waist as far as you can to the right and then to the left. Stopping momentarily at the midpoint. Repeat 6 times, increasing to 12.
- 4) **LOW BACK STRETCH** Lie on your back with the hollow of your back at the waist lying close to the floor. Pull your knees up and hold on to them with your hands. Keep your head on the floor and pull your knees as close to your chest as you can. Release Repeat 8 times increasing to 10.

## FOR THE BIRDS

This recipe is indeed for the birds. Mt. Lemmon resident, Mary Keers, shares this special recipe with us. It is guaranteed to rid your eaves of those pesky woodpeckers without harming them. Mary found this recipe in a magazine and shares it with us this month:

### WOODPECKER STEW

Make a slurry of flour and water. Mix finely chopped Jalapeno peppers, chopped cayenne peppers and a small bottle of Tobasco sauce - with just a touch of turpentine (mmm, mmm good!) Paint the mixture over and around the vulnerable sections of your home. ....Please send me your special recipe to print in future issues of the "Echoes".

Liz

## THE OUTER VIEW

by  
J. Julian Benet (Benet J.J. Kutz)

If any readers of this fine newspaper have decided that all this writer does is chop away at Pima County organizations (based on my last two columns), be advised that such is definitely not the case. Indeed, that very organization which this writer had not a single good word to say about last month, has, in-between times, become much beloved of us all.

Why, you may ask? Well, if you have not noted the roughly 1000% improvement in snow removal operations on our highway lately, you haven't been driving on it. Those now-cherished highway guys have even gotten around to patching potholes already, which admittedly may be a rather dubious activity at present, considering that winter is only about half finished with us. Still... they are trying; we gotta give them that.

We need now only improve response time; at last count it still seems to take them up to six hours to get up here, a far cry from "as the first flake is falling..."

Let me put this question to you, my readers: Do you think it is necessary for the Pima County Highway Department to follow up on the alleged "misapplication of gratuities to snow-plow guys" charge levied by this writer last month? For instance, does anyone need to be fired?

I say: no. Let's not let this thing come to a public forum, such as a courtroom. This writer shall volunteer no further information on the charge, for that would be only damaging to the Highway Department, our snow-removal needs, and the future good will between them and us.

While I am lauding instead of my usual lamenting, let me compliment the Mt. Lemmon community on its efforts in establishing our brand-spanking-new Mt. Lemmon Community Council. This embryo organization represents the first hope I've seen since arriving here that we might actually have a Real Community going for us.

Do you realize what the Community Council has been doing? Sitting around drinking coffee, you say?

No. They've been planning, that's what. Planning to: clean up, beautify, integrate environment and village, provide a theme for business district architecture, and, in general, trying to create a climate in which we can be a community.

In line with this sort of activity, I would ask you, my readers: Do you want us to be a community? Do you want us to be pointed in one direction? If so, we can certainly use all kinds of help in conducting bake sales, music events, clean-up, what have you. Such endeavors always run short of bodies, and money. The root of all that is good (and evil?) will be necessary at some point in our travels down the rough road of progress.

So please, those of us interested in Mt. Lemmon: Let us run with the ball!

## THIS AND THAT

DID you know that if you have a cabin fire or a medical emergency while on Mt. Lemmon you may now dial 911 for assistance. There is also a printed list of emergency numbers here on the mountain that you may wish to call. Call Jonelle Palmer for a copy of that list and then post it in a conspicuous spot in your cabin (Phone 791-9821)

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THERE is now a Pima County Ordinance enabling the Sheriff's Deputies to ticket unleashed dogs who are a nuisance in the village. The fine is \$15.00 for offending dogs. Unfortunately most of us do not have dogs who are wage earners, so have a heart-to-heart with your wayward friend, as many citations have already been issued.

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YOU all know that Mr. Art was chosen Teacher of the Year for the State of Arizona. As a result, our children, the school, the community, and not to mention, Mr. Art have received a great deal of press and television coverage in past weeks. Once again, this Saturday evening, February 27, be sure to tune in to Channel 9 between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. to see another segment about the school. In January, a T.V. crew from Channel 9 spent two days up here with Art and spent a great deal of time and film to cover the story. One segment was already aired in early February. Lynn Ketchum did a fine job in capturing the spirit of the school. Be sure to catch Saturday's broadcast.

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I HAVE no "Animal Anecdotes" in this month's issue. I am trying to do some research on raccoons, coati mundis and ring tail cats for future issues. If you have some expertise or have had experience with any of these animals, please give me a call or drop me a note. I will appreciate the input.

Liz