

# Mt. Lemmon Echoes

DECEMBER 1989

## HOMEOWNERS BOARD

*Mary Moran, President*

Any fool would know it was winter; December is already here. But, I'm no ordinary fool and the cold air that stung my face caught me by surprise. So, too, did the sight of Sabino Creek wearing its sparkling icy top coat. Just for emphasis the howling winds blew in a few dry flakes of snow.

Thanksgiving has segued into the Christmas season and another year is nearly gone. The past one had brought so much turmoil to too many lives and seemed interminably long in the living. In retrospect it whisked by like all those before it.

Most of you have long ago closed your mountain homes to enjoy the blessings of a desert winter. Before we say goodbye till the annual meeting in April, I would on behalf of your entire Board of Directors like to thank you for your support and encouragement.

Our particular thanks to all for the support of our fund raising efforts. We now have \$1,286.50 in

the fire hydrant fund. The "In-Home" dinners were wonderful fun for hosts and guests alike. Those of you who wanted to join in, but found October too busy, will be given the opportunity again next summer.

Count your blessings and pray for snow.

## ECHOES FROM THE PAST

*by Sheri Lee*

When watching the "earthquake" news on television, I learned that in May of 1887, Mt. Lemmon felt a big quake. It is now estimated as a Richter 7.6. A little research at the Historical Society led me to this Forest Service account: "When the quake struck the Old Santa Catalina Mountains great slices of the mountain gave away, and went tumbling down into the canyons, huge clouds of smoke or dust ascended into the blue sky high above the queenly mountains.

In less than one hour, all the mountains in view

in this section had forest fires in several places started by rock avalanches, which caused a friction setting fire to dry trees and leaves. Over the summit of Mt. Lemmon for quite awhile after the shock hovered a huge dark canopy of smoke or dust until it gradually faded away."

From other accounts I also learned that all those huge beautiful boulders in the yards of the homes in Skyline Country Club came down from the mountain tops during that quake.

So what would happen to your cabin, where would it slide to, if we had another "big one"?

## MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

*by Danielle Hayhurst*

December is here so mark your calendar for the upcoming events. First, every Monday afternoon at 10:00 A.M., weather permitting, Nancy Goodwin will open the library for those of you who want to snuggle up with a good book on these cold nights.

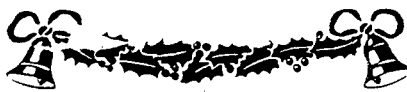
December 9th at 10:00 a.m., Midge Swanson will hold her annual Christmas

## HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

*by Mistie Quigley, Mayor*

Well, The Holiday season is here again and I would just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that Santa brings everyone what they want and your New Year be fulfilling.





ornament beading class at her residence in Tucson.

All you'll need is a pittance to cover the cost of the beads, a sack lunch, working tongues and fingers. This gathering has always been fun and your reward is a lovely ornament to take home and an opportunity to admire the sparkling beaded ornaments on Midge's Christmas tree.

Don't forget the Christmas brunch at Sheri Lee's on December 16th starting at 10:00 A.M. We have a special holiday surprise in store, so be sure to attend. Sheri will be sending out postcards to help remind us.

We made a snowman to stand in front of our building and will try to get together to decorate the door or banister with pine boughs and dried sliced apples on Saturday, December 2nd around 1:00 p.m.

Here's the recipe if any of you want to try it:  
Apples for your boughs:  
Slice unpeeled apples about 1/4 inch thick, right through the core. Mix one part salt to six parts lemon juice (fresh or bottled) and dip into mixture. Lay slices in a single layer on a cookie sheet or oven rack in 150 degree oven. Leave door ajar, bake for 6 hours, turning once, until they begin to curl. Thread to hang.

We've cancelled our January meeting so everyone can catch their breath and recover from the holidays. There will be one day set aside in January

for report writing at a date, not yet decided. Then we'll start in again in February. But that's another Echoes. See you soon and congratulations to Nancy Goodwin who won the \$100 gift certificate during the fashion show at the Cachet after our November meeting, she's planning to wear her new dress to our Christmas brunch. Hope to see YOU there

The following is the recipe from the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Holiday Brunch last year.

#### CLASSIC CHEESE STRATA

(to be made a day ahead)

12 slices white bread  
3/4 lb grated sharp cheddar  
10 oz chopped broccoli  
2 C diced cooked ham  
Combine:  
6 eggs, beaten  
3 1/2 Cup milk  
2 T minced onion flakes  
1/2 t salt  
1/4 t dry mustard

Trim crusts from bread. Using donut cutter, cut out 12 donuts and holes. Take remaining scraps, tearing them up into small piece, and place in the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish. Top them with all but 1/2 C of the grated cheddar. The next layer is the cooked and drained broccoli; the last layer is the ham. Top this with two rows of six each overlapped "donuts".

Arrange the 12 "holes" down the center between the rows of "donuts" and in the four corners. Pour

the egg mixture over the top making sure that all the bread is soaked. (the dish will be very full)

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 6 hours or overnight. Bake 50 minutes at 325. Top with the last 1/2 C of cheddar and return to oven for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

#### ZIMMERMAN ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL

by Florence Koch, Teacher

When the students were polled as to the big happenings since the last writing for the Echoes, they thought of lots of things that were important to them. Little things mean a lot to children any attention given to them seems to be appreciated.

Items mentioned during a brainstorming session were: new student Nick Ilka; meeting some girls who joined them in playing games during lunch at the meadow; having going away parties for Christina Cooper and Chelsea Moore who moved away; finding a box turtle and keeping it for a few days to study it; receiving a caterpillar from Joyce Lemke and watching it spin a cocoon which we hope will mature into a luna moth; having Bill and Jill Hill bring a "giant grasshopper" to school; celebrating Leland Vought's birthday with cake and ice cream; making paper mache' masks and





sculpting bears after doing research about black bears.

Amy Peterson is assisting with the book reviews needed to qualify for an individual pizza furnished by Pizza Hut. Once the children have read four books within a month, they are eligible for the treat. For extra incentive Amy treated them to cupcakes following the first week of Book It. This is a five month program to encourage reading for pleasure.

Gerry Ilka had the students come to the Mt. Lemmon Cafe to decorate cookies. Cookies and frosting were plentiful and the cookies were brought back to school to be shared at the Halloween Party that night. Thanks to Gerry for a fun activity.

The annual Halloween Party was held on October 31 with 35 people masquerading. The games planned by the students were in keeping with the theme and the building had been decorated by Mark Hopkins, Debbie Vought and Amy Peterson. Special treats were brought for the children by Joan Klinger, Chris Coppock and Mary Grace Wendel.

The winning entry in a poster contest, You "Auto" Buckle Up, was created by Alexey Buglewicz. His poster said, "Don't Wear Out Ambulances, Wear Your Seat Belts".

Jacob Lauser won the local spelling bee with Corey Chesleigh as runner-up. Jacob is eligible to

enter the district contest of Pima County.

Mark Hopkins took time from his busy schedule to share two books with our students by reading aloud to them. The books were "Follow the Drinking Gourd," and "The Wise Man on the Mountain."

We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels in hopes of being able to have some computer software to add to our present resources. We appreciate any help you've given so far. Keep turning the labels in to Helen Quigley, Sharon Thomas or the Zimmerman Accommodation School.

The Christmas program is still in the planning stages, but you can be sure the children will make you feel in the spirit of the season, so put this date on your calendar. Be at Ski Valley Iron Door on Friday, December 15, 6:30 P.M.

The Tucson-Pima Arts Council is sponsoring the third annual Rural Traveling Arts exhibit of which our school students will have five works of art included. The exhibit will travel throughout Pima County from January through June and include a week at the Board of Supervisors offices.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!**



## DUES GOING UP!

Next month January your dues will increase to \$25 a year. (\$20 for associate members). Dues will still be prorated by trimesters.

Our major expenses are insurance, and the typing, printing, and mailing of the "Echoes". We have been told by the County that we are considered the most effective and respected homeowners organization in the entire county! The membership of 250 homeowners extends all the way into Willow Canyon.

Board members put in many volunteer hours working on programs and policies to protect the interests of the entire area.

## MT. LEMMON MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

*by Steve Coppock, Pres.*

It's the time of year when even profit driven merchants pause to contemplate and appreciate many things.

We appreciate the support of the area homeowners. We appreciate the beauty and majesty of our natural surroundings. We appreciate the efforts of those people who try to keep our area safe and beautiful. In short, we appreciate being here.

We also, some few of us, appreciate the brave souls who journey to dangerous, desolate places to trap the treacherous mince.



The mince is the main ingredient of mincemeat pie. It is also the chief source of the fuzz that goes around rear view mirrors. It is, at once, a fabulous and terrible creature.

The dangerous thing about the mince is its combination of extremely powerful teeth (they eat rocks) and an instantaneous digestive system. A full grown mince is only one inch long, but it can devour, digest and dispose of a full grown human in under 30 seconds. So let us salute those intrepid people who venture out so that the few people who actually like mincemeat pie can enjoy their holiday feasts (and fuzz surrounded mirrors).

While we're at it, how about a warm thought or two for the people who cultivate mock turtles for their necks and the delicious soups they make.

Next a look at the hard working Welsh Rarebit ranchers.

Happy Holidays!!

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#### MOUNTAIN POST OFFICE

*by Mark Hopkins,  
Postmaster*

Seasons greetings folks! Your mountaintop post office is ready and waiting with no lines for your Christmas mailing.

We have plenty of Christmas stamps and a large variety of other pretty stamps and postal products. Lots of padded envelopes, mailing boxes,

tape and other retail products are available.

Come look at our selection of stamp collecting kits and books. We also have stamp pins depicting some of the nicer postage stamps issued. They make great gifts! Don't forget Express Mail for those last minute surprises. If you want to reduce your holiday hassles in a friendly professional atmosphere come to the Mt. Lemmon Post Office. We also do stamps by mail. Just send your check to Postmaster, Mt. Lemmon, Az. 85619.

Remember: Support your mountain post office and mail early. Phone: 576-1427 Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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#### NOTES FROM THE CHIEF

*by Chuck Hammel, Fire  
Chief*

On November 19th, we had a cabin fire that came within one minute of killing two occupants. This fire was caused by an accumulation of tars in the chimney and failure of the stove pipe to contain the over heated gases. I implore each and everyone of us to check our chimney system and have it cleaned by a professional sweep. All systems in place for more than one year or prior to the new codes may have an improper installation. When you have a chimney fire the fire may vent to the outside and your alarm might not work.

This is one of the many problems that can kill..

We at the fire department would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and fire free holiday.

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#### JUST A NOTE

*by Ex-Mayor Psycho*

Most Lemmonites' realize I'm in charge of vices on the mountain. Well, I'm here to tell you vices are still running rampant. I'm doing a very good job of keeping them going. Sure its a hard job, but someone with a total underhanded hand must keep these things in full swing.

Not to say anything about our beloved, trusted and young Miss Mayor, but have you heard anything from her? If you have, its sure news to me!! I've heard through the grapevine that she's really lazy, doesn't do her homework, housework or as a matter of fact any work. There have been rumors of impeachment and refund of the protocol fund. Her biggest supporters are in her messy bedroom which she refuses to clean up and refers as her staff's problem.

I know it is still early and sometime before the 4th of July election, but all of the Lemmonite voters had better take a good look at the vices possessed by our little Miss Mayor. Perhaps, you should consider now to





launch a big support effort for Ex-Mayor Psycho Manley. You all know he's crazy to have the job.

## BIRDS AND BEES FLOWERS AND TREES

by Sheri Lee

This Fall I fed the hummingbirds until they all left. The last to go were the largest...the Bluethroats. One stayed well into November. They will begin to return in mid-March.

Some of the birds that stay around in the winter are the turkeys, owls, doves, pigeons, and woodpeckers. All of the jays are permanent residents. The Yelloweyed Junco is joined here by the grey-headed and Oregon Juncos. The Mountain Chickadee and the Rufoussided Towhee stay all year, as do the Pygmy and Whitebreasted Nuthatches.

Few bear sightings have been reported lately, so they must be napping. They do get out in the winter, and they can break into cabins for food. Yes, even when it's in cans.

If our meteorologists are right, this winter will be dry like the last and we will have thirsty and hungry bears bothering us again next summer. We are all older and wiser and we know a lot of things not to do that attract bears. And the bears won't have forgotten the tricks they learned

last summer, including how to avoid being trapped.

Rumor has it that the bear bait was so tasty in one trap that 24 skunks converged on it at one time for a big picnic. I have not been able to find out just who stayed around to count them!

Bill and Amelia Huggins have had skunks and raccoons eating side by side from their cat's dish.

And speaking of cats, the stray cat problem is very bad. Some folks are thinking of trapping them and taking them to the Humane Society. That seems like a good idea as winters are too cold and food is scarce. If you see a cat with its ear tips missing, it has probably lost them to frostbite.

Have you noticed lately the thick ear tufts and fluffy tails on the Abert squirrels? They are ready for a very cold season.

Let's all do what we can to help our little friends through the winter. Put out a pan of water on warm days and seeds anytime, but especially after a heavy snowfall. Sunflower seeds provide protein when there are no bugs to catch. And everybody loves sunflower seeds, even the bears and raccoons.



## TELEPHONE MESSAGE

by Danielle Hayhurst

Have you looked at your U.S. West phone bill for your cabin phone lately? Seems a little outrageous, doesn't it? Could be there's a mistake or two on it. Computers do make mistakes you know.

I have been charged a city tax for who knows how long before I noticed it. I asked the phone company "When did Mt. Lemmon get annexed into Tucson?"

The people who handle inquiries about your phone bills at 884-2355 were extremely helpful and informative. Make sure your monthly service charge is correct (from \$16.25 for a 4 party line to \$24.00 for a private line). One of my neighbors on a 4 party line was being charged a 2 party line rate.

Speaking of party line, if you're not on one now you never will be! U.S. West is phasing out the 2 and 4 party line system and not just on Mt. Lemmon. If you are on a party line presently, you have a grandfathered line. You can stay with that party line until you request a change. Then the only service available to you will be a private line. Other customers on your party line may exit from the line but no one can be added. You may very well be the only party on the 4 party line and because your service is grandfathered, you will continue to pay at the 4



party rate with all the privileges of a private line. So, get out those bifocals and read the fine print in your bills. You might just save yourself enough to take me out to dinner.

## WATER CO-OP NEWS

*by Michael Stanley*

Welcome to winter. The coldest weather so far this year struck the week after Thanksgiving. The temperature dropped into the teens and some minor freezing took place. All cabin owners and renters are encouraged to shut off their water meters when they leave for any length of time. If we continue to have cold weather and no snow the freezing problems will probably surpass last year. Everyone should have extra water on hand for use during outages.

The lack of snow has caused less flow into the spring systems. This is and will continue to be a problem with supply to our systems storage tanks. Conservation measures may have to be implemented in the summer. THINK SNOW!

There have been problems with our construction projects. There were three bids that came in \$628,000. \$344,000. and \$338,000. We have approximately \$220,000 to spend. The Board and engineers juggled the projects to be approximately \$50,000 short of funding. At a membership meeting on

November 12th the borrowing of an additional \$50,000 from the Farmers Home Administration was approved. This is now in progress. We still hope to start construction on the 8" main and 100,000 gallon water tank in the spring. If you have questions or solutions on this subject, please call me at 576-1538. I'll attempt to direct you to the board member that can best answer you.

Another change is our company phone number. As of January 1, 1990 our answering service will be discontinued. The new phone number is familiar to most of you 576-1538. There is a recorder on 24 hours a day. Please leave a message. Our C.P.A. firm is also moving from their Pima Avenue location to 4646 E. 2nd Street. Their billing telephone number will remain the same.

The Board of Directors and employees of your water co-operative wish all of you a HAPPY AND MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON and wish to thank you for your continued support.

## UPON ENTERING A NEW ERA

*by Mary Moran*

What a grand lady she is! All heads turn magnetically toward her. She is the first they notice upon entering the room. Florence is her given name, although she has been known affectionately as H.B., short for Hot

Blast, which for some reason she has tattooed upon her anatomy. She's a flashy one alright.

I sit here contemplating her demise. It's late afternoon in early December. The cold has taken up winter residence already; but of course, the snow hasn't really begun. Mt. Lemmon's weather is like that, no real snow until about New Year's. Then only for a couple (maybe a couple and a half) months. We're just too far south of the jet stream. Anyway, winter doesn't go on forever the way it does where you came from.

Nevertheless, it's been cold enough for a fire since October and it promises to stay that way until May. I measure my time on this mountain in winters. This is my sixth. I've pretty much decided to stay. Okay, I have definitely decided to stay.

It was that decision (to stay) that led to another decision to install a central furnace. My winter comfort level should rise appreciably. Not that I was miserable before, mind you. I came here with heated water bed. Shortly thereafter I discovered the down comforter, then the sheepskin slippers. But, gosh, I hate coming home to find ice in the cat's water bowl on the kitchen floor. And the cat, not on the bed, but in it, under the comforter.



Which is why I'm sitting here considering Florence's end. Tomorrow, God willing, Bob Conant and I will have all the duct work connected and, as if by magic, warm air will fill the house. No more wood to cut. And haul. And split. And stack. Nor more ashes to empty and soot to clean from hands and clothes. No more getting up in the middle of the night to feed Florence. But tonight, like untold nights before, nights that reach back into the 19th century, Florence is the

one who sheds the warm glow to fill the corners of my home. Good Night, Florence. Rest in peace.

Note below: A fine example of utilitarian art from bygone days, Florence is a wood stove par excellence. Her full name is Hot Blast Florence No. 77 and she stands nearly 6 ft. tall. Although liberally gilded in nickel plated detailing, this is not just another pretty face. Her eisenglass windows reveal a pot belly large enough to heat a hall. Many is the time I've had to throw open

doors and windows to cool off a suddenly too hot house from firing and forgetting Florence. For the time being, she'll remain the centerpiece of the living room. And, the fire will burn again in her breast. It's hard to imagine warming my soul by hugging up to a register.

2nd Note Below: This story was written two winters ago in the heat of emotion. Since then I have greatly appreciated the magic warm air central heating provides. And upon installation of a new "soulwarmer" in the form

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## CLOSURE OF THE CATALINA HIGHWAY - MT. LEMMON

The decision to close the highway will be made by the Rincon Rural Sergeant, or his designee. This decision must not be taken lightly. Prior to closing the road the individual making this decision must have ample justification and, when possible, confer with the Supervisor at the County Department of Transportation Maintenance for the Catalina Highway.

Upon making this decision the Sheriff's Department Command Post, manned by S.A.V. volunteers, will be stationed at M.P. 0 turning back all traffic. (see EXCEPTIONS listed below) The S.A.V.'s will be acting at the direction and with the authorization of the Rincon Rural Sergeant or his designee at the scene. This is pursuant to A.R.S. 13-3801 (Preventing Offenses/Aiding Officer). When the S.A.V.'s are not available, "Road Closed" signs will be placed across the road and anyone passing that point will be cited for A.R.S. 28-644 (Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device). (see EXCEPTIONS listed below)

### EXCEPTIONS:

1. On-duty law enforcement personnel.
2. Emergency equipment, ambulances, fire engines, etc.
3. Department of Transportation maintenance workers.
4. Residents, owners and employees of business or governmental concerns on the mountain, under the following conditions ONLY:

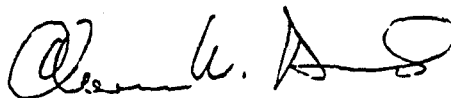
- a. When the road conditions are such that for public safety reasons it must be closed to the general public (but conditions are such that properly equipped vehicles, on a very limited basis could safely traverse it), those people falling under Category 4 listed above may be granted access under

(1) THRU-5 11 (3) BILLOW.

- (1) Must be able to provide proof that he or she falls into the above category. If the Command Post is at the base, the S.A.V.'s will contact the Rincon Rural Sergeant or Designee available and pass on whatever proof the person possesses. Based on this proof a decision will be made.
- (2) If the roadblock is not manned, the person desiring access must phone Sheriff's Department Communications at 622-3366. Communications personnel will then contact the Rincon Rural Sergeant or Designee and go through the verification of status. If no Rural personnel are on duty, Communications will contact the on-call Mt. Lemmon Deputy and proceed as stated above.
- (3) Assuming the person(s) requesting access do fall into one of the above categories, the Rincon Rural Sergeant or Designee will then make a decision. This decision will be based on the weather/road conditions, type of vehicle the person is driving, availability of equipment i.e. tire chains and any other pertinent facts.

In conclusion, rest assured that no member of the Pima County Sheriff's Department wishes to prevent anyone access to the Catalina Highway without very sound public safety concerns. We will do our best to insure safe, continuous access, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation when we are unable to do so.

Sincerely,



Clarence W. Dupnik  
Sheriff of Pima County



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