

Mt. Lemmon Echoes

MARCH 1990

HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM

The program is scheduled to start at 8 pm, following cocktails at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm.

Master of Ceremonies and Stand up Comic: Steve Coppock

Homeowners Board: Mary Moran, Chairman

Transfer Station Task Force: Cathie Brown, Chairman

U.S. Forest Service: Steve Plevel/Bill Lewis

Water Co-op: Norm Ulmer, President

Fire Dept: Chuck Hammel, Chief

Door Prizes will be awarded throughout program.

SAVOY OPERA HOUSE

By Sheri Lee

The response to Savoy Opera House was so favorable last year that we decided to have our annual dinner there again. If you have never been to Pinnacle Peak or visited in Trail Dust Town, then come early and browse the shops.

The town square has a gazebo, an antique street clock, gas street lights, hitching posts, and wagons. Many of the old buildings are authentic

and have come from far away places.

When you enter the Savoy Opera House notice the French beveled glass doors imported from London's Savoy Hotel. Inside note the two traditional bars. One of these was an 1800's soda fountain. The pressed tin ceiling and the chandeliers are Victorian replicas. The tavern ball glass windows are reminiscent of London's pubs.

AND Once again we will have a sit down dinner and you will have a choice of mesquite broiled chicken or steak. Remember, this establishment is operated by Agro Cattle Co. and the steaks are voted the best in Tucson year after year.

There is plenty of parking way in back behind the buildings.

See the back page for reservation instructions.

FOREST SERVICE

by Steve Hensel

The Forest Service is planning to put out for bid a small salvage timber sale. The timber is scheduled to be cut and removed during the spring and summer of 1990. The trees included are mostly dead and dying in developed and dispersed recreation sites. The trees have been marked with

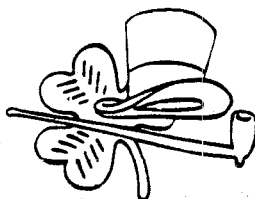
paint and are located in the following areas: Rose and Spencer campgrounds, Sykes Knob picnic area, Middle Sabino Summerhome area and Marshall Gulch picnic area to the Zimmerman school house.

If you have any questions, contact Steve Hensel at 749-8700 or 576-1272.

MT. LEMMON WOMAN'S CLUB

by Danielle Hayhurst

If you enjoy using the rural mini transfer stations (this is our garbage dumpsters) on Mt. Lemmon then help us support them. How, you ask? Simply write your favorite member of the Board of Supervisors and ask them to support the funding of these minitransfer stations in the Pima County solid waste management's budget for 1990. Easy as picking up your pen! The dumpsters, with funding, will be back on the mountain from May through October. TPAC (Tucson Pima Arts Council) hopefully will be displaying the traveling arts show at the community library and Woman's Club building in May. Some of our budding artists from Zimmerman Accommodation School have art work displayed in this show. We'll keep you informed



through the Echoes on the date.

A donation in memory of Sarah Feldman was made to the library this December. This donation will be used to buy more children's books. We are grateful for this contribution and thank the Forrester and Feldman family for their generosity.

The genealogy program at February's meeting by Nancy Goodwin has us interested in investigating our family past. When you're visiting the library this spring and summer, bring your questions to her. Next month we will need a nomination committee for new officers. Be sure to come or you might find yourself elected. Keep saving your soup labels for the Z.A.S. labels can be deposited at the post office or with Sharon Thomas.

ZIMMERMAN ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL

by Florence Koch, Teacher

Note: A number of articles written by the students were furnished to the Echoes. We have taken this information from them.

Clara Peterson wants everyone to know that student artwork contained in the Pima County Arts Council Rural Art Show can be viewed on the mountain over Memorial Day weekend at the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club clubhouse.

Nick Ilka's excitement was over the science fair

in which they all participated. Six are taking their experiments on a Tucson science fair in March.

Corey Chesleigh is one of six students sending original stories to the Young Author's Conference in March. All students keep daily journals as a part of their school day.

Jacob Lauser is proud of his win in the geography bee and waiting word to see if his written test score will get him into state competition.

Alexey Buglewicz is concerned about that wonderful playhouse on the school grounds needing repair. Lee Vought has been helping but it still needs new screens.

P. J. Buglewicz thought you might want to know they weighed an icicle that fell off the school roof. It was 48 lbs. Don't stand under icicles!

Leland Vought enjoyed his part in the school Christmas play, "What Will the Toys Say?" (Note: The entire community always looks forward to this annual event. It was a delight!)

New student Jessica Lauser is in fourth grade and thinks it fun to write letters to other students all over the country in what they call the Great Mail Race.

Daniel Vought thinks it's great when community members come to school and read to them. Andy Chesleigh likes to get Pizza Hut certificates for reading four books a month.

The Forester's donation to the school in memory of Mrs. Forester's mother, Sarah Feldman, who loved the mountain, will be used to purchase new software for the school computer.

Campbell's Soup Company will trade the school premiums for soup labels. If you use Campbell Soup products, please save the labels and send them to Zimmerman School, P. O. Box 790, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619. They will be greatly appreciated.

MT. LEMMON MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

by Steve Coppock, Pres.

Through a series of shrewd maneuvers and mistaken assumptions involving the Arizona Office of Tourism, the Mt. Lemmon Visitor's Association, an offshoot of the Merchants Association finds itself in debt over a thousand dollars.

The debt is to pay for advertising run in the various Southern Arizona visitor's guides.

We have been whittling away at this amount and keeping the wolf from the door. Now however, the bank account is getting thinner and the wolf is getting hungrier.

Does this situation get your hardy merchants down? You bet! Instead of whimpering and whining, though, we decided to do something about it. Snivel!

St. Patrick's Day



Seriously though folks, we decided to do what every organization faced with the same situation would do hold a fund raiser.

We'll be featuring drawings for two different original water colors commissioned for the ads we need to pay for along with other goodies and surprises donated by participating merchants.

This whole program is to kick off in late April. Watch these pages and your Mount Lemmon Merchants for details.

NOTES FROM THE CHIEF

*by Chuck Hammel,
Fire Chief*

As we start into the new year, it seems the types of calls we are getting are the same as last year. The only difference is now there are more of them. This year, as last, the calls are dealing with people playing in the snow. Most of the problems are with tubing and sledding accidents. So far this year, we have responded to 26 calls, only one was a resident of Mt. Lemmon. For this reason, we are trying to get Pima County to pick up part of the tab for running your fire department. Last year we responded to 179 calls. Of those calls,

only 16 rescue and 7 fire calls were for residents or their guests. It does not seem fair for you, the tax payer, to foot the bill for the fire department when you only use 13% of the service.

More bad news. The state is trying to eliminate the fire district assistance tax. This tax, which is paid by all residents of the county, is what keeps our doors open. This year it amounts to \$56,000. Without it the

badly needed and will assist us during both forest fires and building fires. We are putting together specs for a new fire engine/tanker. We hope to get the funds for this through a grant. The engine we are using is fine for fighting small fires, but is not built for the fighting of structures fires. The new truck will carry 1250 gallons of water and have a pump that will pump much more water than the old

pump. This will really help when we get fire hydrants.

P.S. The bill Chuck spoke of in the above article attempting to eliminate the fire district assistance tax has died in committee.

MAYOR MISTIE SPEAKS!

My Vice Mayor Psycho Manley has informed me that there is a rumor that I am a do nothing Mayor and in the same breath tells me that he is getting many supporters to put him back in the Mayor position. I wonder where the rumor got started? I looked at the Mayor Duty Book that was given to me by him and it has all blank pages, so what have I not done? I do my homework and I do some housework and I do take my teen years as a teen.

Do know I am the Mayor and if there is something I can do to help the community I will try!

Do have a Happy Easter!.

Mistie Quigley, Mayor

SNOW STORMS

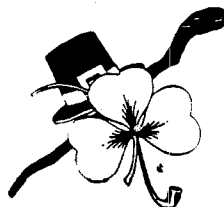
*by T. H.
Zimmerman*

Anyone who has had experience in traveling and exploring the rugged mountains of the western U.S. during the winter season has learned, if he survived, to revere and to respect the calamities that can befall anyone in one of these terrific storms.

History notes the Donner party in 1848 in California where 42 out of 87 perished in ten feet of snow. Hunger and freezing

Mt. Lemmon Fire department would have to close its doors as a manned fire station. We will keep you informed to the progress of the bill #2251 in the House of Representatives. Hopefully, it will be tabled in committee. This in effect will kill it for the next year.

Now for some positive news. We have 2,000 feet of new hose. This hose was purchased with funds donated by residents of Mt. Lemmon. This hose was



were the causes. Another example was John Fremont who, not unlike Custer, had his head in the skies instead of on his feet that could have carried him to safety. It is recorded that Fremont with 30 men, horses and mules attempted crossing the San Juan Mountains in southwestern Colorado in the dead of winter. A sudden blizzard forced him to stop as the animals were floundering in the deep snow. It is also recorded that the mules cried like babies before the end. This tragedy should have haunted Fremont the rest of his life. He had had several trips in these regions. He and the survivors finally reached a small town in New Mexico.

The mountains of Arizona are by no means exempt of these dangers. Only recently two young ladies suffered severe frostbite and lost toes and feet in a stalled car in the mountains near St. John, Arizona. Again, a most tragic end came to two Boy Scouts in the Santa Rita Mountains south and east of Tucson in recent years. As usual, a storm developed almost instantly and these two lads became separated from the rest. The survivors stated how the gale drove sleet and snow into their faces with such force that

it made eyesight impossible. The boys' bodies were found two weeks later. They had gone the wrong direction.

The Catalina Mountains north of Tucson have been somewhat more fortunate in this regard. A vigilant "search and rescue" group is on call at all times.

In the early twenties the U.S. Forest Service ran a phone line from Tucson via the south slope of the Catalinas to the Palisade Ranger Station and on up to the top of Mount Lemmon. This was useful for the firewatchers in the summer months. They

age and unable to try walking out.

Sometime later Mrs. R. B. discovered the phone outage so she asked for help. Four men drove to Oracle taking snowshoes and a strong sled. On arrival at the store they found themselves on top of eight feet of frozen snow completely covering the little store. When they finally broke in they found R. B. in fair spirits but entirely without food. He was then strapped to the sled and given a ride of his life down the north slope to the cars.

SPRING PLAY! The Muses Will Out!

Art Defilippo, a previous Zimmerman Elementary School teacher, has agreed to produce a play chosen by Gerry Ilka, a local of some repute. The play is reported to combine salient elements from War & Peace and East Side Story. Times for auditions to be announced. Opening is set for sometime in Spring.

In 1948 the new highway came to Summerhaven. No more was this a "no man's land." People began remodeling their cabins for winter

installed phone service in four areas; one of which was at R. B. O'Neil's little store in Summerhaven.

As a rule everyone left the mountain for Tucson schools in September. One year R. B. decided to stay on longer as the fall weather was so beautiful. One night late in the fall, a real duzzie of a storm with wind and snow hit the area. The phone line was downed by falling trees and branches. In the morning R. B. found several feet of snow at the front door with no letup on wind and snow. Mr. R. B. was of advanced

use. The rush was on to play in the snow. Even though Pima County did a fair job in keeping the road open, Curt Guthrie (my carpenter foreman and general handyman) and I purchased a D-6 Dozer for the logging business and also to clear side roads to various cabins.

In 1953 the Mt. Lemmon school opened. By law the county was obligated to keep certain roads opened. In the early sixties the U.S. made plans to erect a radar station atop of Mt. Lemmon. Now numerous construction firms brought in machinery, materials, and

workers, some with their families. At once every room, cabin and trailer was rented to workers. If a blizzard came on, a few days shutdown followed.

On December 15, 1962, a real blizzard with winds ranging from 60 to 80 miles an hour came in from the south bringing in a blanket of snow and sleet. This blizzard pelted us without a let up until December 22nd. For a whole week doors were hardly opened, as six feet of snow blanketed Summerhaven. Of course, the winds piled snow in some canyons 15 to 20 feet in depth. At the sawmill the lumber shed was entirely covered. The mill opened up again April 15th. Our post office was entirely covered. On December 22nd Pima County broke through with large equipment to open a one way path.

Where to put the mountains of snow was a big problem. Most of it was pushed off the road. However, through the cuts some D8s had to tow 2 cars at a time as the wind blew in 3 and 4 feet deep in moments. The 16 vehicles in the village and the 30 at the Ranger Station that were marooned finally began their slow crawl to Tucson which required twelve hours.

Only through actual experience can one feel the complete helplessness when disorientation sets in. Often the lost victim will travel in a large circle, but by the time he comes to the place of starting, his mind is so irrational

that he does not even recognize it.

WATER CO-OP NEWS

by Michael Stanley

Is it spring yet? Seems like our winter has been more severe than usual, but the water table and springs have been slow to respond. I keep hoping for more snow.

At a meeting of the water companies' regulatory agencies a cycle of seven years of drier weather was discussed. According to some, we're into the third year of this period. If this is the case, it's going to get worse before it gets better. I'm asking all the Co-op and Forest Service water users to exercise all conservation measures as a matter of course. Expect to be out of water periodically and take precautions before this occurs. Have sufficient drinking water on hand and some extra for a few toilet flushes and cleaning.

FIRE PREVENTION TIP

When the snow has melted, rake the weeds and pine needles back from your cabin at least ten feet. It will give us a better chance to save your cabin, if there is a fire nearby.

Chuck Hammel, Chief

The Co-op's construction project is still planned for spring though no start date has been

set. This will depend on the weather. The 500,000 gallon Miner's Ridge tank will have to be emptied to allow installation of the new 8" tap into the bottom of the tank. According to the contract, this was to be done at the end of the main installation, leaving us with an empty tank in late June or early July, the driest time of year. The resulting major outage during our highest usage and most serious fire danger season could not be tolerated. The decision was made to do the tap into the tank in late winter, putting less strain on the system, but more cost into the project due to the difficulty of such a task in the winter.

The construction project from Miner's Ridge tank to the pump house will cost \$175,000; the new tank at Loma Linda \$70,000. To defray this expense it is necessary to apply for additional funding through a loan from Farmers Home Administration and hopefully, a grant from Pima County Community Services. I may need your calls and letters to show support for the grant program. I will give you more information as it becomes available.

The Co-op has tentative plans for its annual meeting on May 27, 1990 following a potluck dinner at the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station. Three new members will be elected to the board. If any member is interested in serving as a board member, please call Roy Garcia at 576-1468.



If you have any questions about the water system, please call 576-1538 and leave a message.

LEASE LAND EXCHANGE

by Ross A. Quigley

Many of you may have already heard rumblings about a possible land exchange with the Forest Service which would allow many cabin owners on lease land to own the land under their cabin. It's true, however, it's not as simple as it may sound!

Some months ago the

Forest Service was approached by David Ulfers about the possibility and they reacted quite favorably. A company in Phoenix that has handled many of these exchanges over the years was suggested and then contacted. Their expertise is invaluable as there are many criteria to be met before the exchange can be finalized.

The simplified procedure is as follows: The affected areas had to be determined first, and it was decided that Loma Linda and Middle Sabino as well as a small tract on the Eastern boundary of Summerhaven where encroachment has occurred would be involved. These are all contiguous and already border private land so no new islands of private land would be created

in the National Forest. Next an appraisal of this parcel must be done as if it were totally undeveloped. Following this a parcel of equal value must be identified that the Forest Service considers more advantageous to own. After several studies required by Federal Law have been accomplished that affected cabin owners would form an organization much like that of a town house or condo owners organization to set their own deed restrictions and rules. These must be done in agreement with the Forest

LEMMON SEWER USERS

Those cabins that are connected to Pima County Wastewater sewer on the mountain, don't forget to have your annual inspection of low flow devices to lower your sewer rate.

Contact Charlie Maish, Field Engineering 740-5440 for an inspection and more information.

This is to be done the months of July, August and September.

Service as they are anxious to guarantee that no new cabin sites are created by such an exchange and that all existing undeveloped common areas remain that way. Keep in mind also that there are many County laws which must be adhered to as well as other private concerns. All will be addressed and hopefully satisfied. If this can be accomplished the organization would then purchase the other parcel of land and exchange it for the affected land in Loma Linda and Middle Sabino.

The organization would then deed the appropriate small parcels to each individual cabin owner. Any cabin owner wishing not to participate would have his or her current lease honored by the organization, which would own the land.

As you can see, this is not an easy procedure as there will be many stumbling blocks along the way. Our first step was to see if there was a sufficient number of cabin owners interested enough to proceed. We have had a very strong positive re-

sponse to a survey which was mailed shortly after Christmas and we will now proceed with trying to determine more closely what the cost per owner will be.

A few negative reactions have

occurred to this possible exchange, but only one was by a lease land cabin owner. If this exchange can be completed, it will have a very positive affect on everyone in the Summerhaven area as it will greatly help our tax base and thereby directly aid our fire department! No one, including myself, will receive any commissions of any sort in this transaction except the Phoenix based company F.L.E.X.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel free to



contact me at 576-1461 or 749-0361. I don't have all the answers, but we are just in the beginning stages and we'll do our best to get answers for you as they are available.

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ENTERTAINERS FOR MT. LEMMON AREA TO ENTERTAIN SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS WHO VISIT SUMMERHAVEN DURING MAY TO AUGUST. FOR MORE INFO, CALL KEN KANTAK 327-5886

THE ULTIMATE LOAF OF BREAD

By Mary Moran

During the past few years, I've written of several new businesses on the mountain. It is sheer pleasure to tell you that I, too, am joining the ranks of Mt. Lemmon entrepreneurs.

Good fortune partners me with friend Geraldine Ilka in The Ultimate, a Delicatessen and Bakery. Gerry has studied with both James Beard and Elizabeth David, England's foremost cooking authority, as well as in numerous European cooking schools. She has taught at The Common Market in Cincinnati and Parisienne Kitchen in Tucson. Currently Gerry is executive chef for the Phelps Dodge guesthouse in Morenci.

Our business philosophy is to provide the best of the freshest low sodium,

low saturated fat foods ready for table or oven. The finest available ingredients will be offered in wonderful soups, beautifully prepared vegetables in all forms, meats, seafoods, homemade pastas and breads. We have perfected a high altitude french loaf and it will be one of our mainstays along with a tantalizing array of condiments ranging from exotic chutney to cactus caviar.

Upon request we can put together an antipasto tray for sunset on the deck or provide the Ultimate feast for your picnic, weekend house party or mountain wedding (complete with wine suggestions).

Appropriately, we'll offer traditional Irish fare for our opening weekend, March 15.

- * Puree of potato and cabbage soup (Gerry's grandmother's recipe from Tipperary)

- * Pressed corned (or fresh) brisket simmered in Guinness stout

- * Apple and pear chutney
- * Seasonal fresh vegetables

Oatmeal soda bread
Heavenly mother bread pudding with fruit sauce

We can't recommend green beer but try instead a ale. We know the Rumrunner on Speedway has these in stock.

Just follow the aroma of fresh baking and just brewed coffee to our door. It will always be open by 7:30 am at 12781 N. Sabino Canyon Parkway (Pine Cone Suites bakery space).

Homeowners will automatically be given a 10% discount. Just introduce yourself. Open Friday through Monday now; every day after April 15.

ITS TIME AGAIN! ROAD CLOSURES THIS FALL!!

Starting Labor Day, Federal road construction will commence for the next 3.5 miles.

From 4 Sep to 1 Nov and 17 Dec to 14 Mar the road will be open from 6:30 am to 5:00 or 5:30 pm and 10:00 pm to 11 pm.

From 5 Nov to 13 Dec and 18 Mar to 26 Apr the road will be open from 6:30 am to 8:30 am, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, and 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

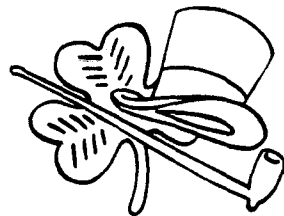
From 29 Apr to 13 Jun the road will be open from 7 am to 11 pm.

From 14 Jun to 2 Sep the road will be open all the time unless the contractor gets behind and has to continue road closures.

It was suggested that the road to Oracle be improved and kept open year around. According to Paul Steinert, Pima County Traffic Engineer, he did not see Pima County plowing the road and Steve Plevel, District Ranger, said the Forest Service will not. Many mothers expressed concern about how to get to a hospital during an emergency.

The Forest Service is to schedule monthly meetings for continued public input throughout the construction.





MT. LEMMON HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL DINNER
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1990
SAVOY OPERA HOUSE
TRAIL DUST TOWN
6541 E. TANQUE VERDE

COCKTAILS 6 PM.....DINNER 7 PM.....PROGRAM 8 PM

ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATIONS

Since there are two different entrees offered this year and at two different prices you must specify whether you want:

12 ounce Cowboy Steak for \$16.00

or

1/2 Mesquite broiled chicken for \$14.00

(If you need a special diet, we will try to arrange for you. Please call Sheri Lee, 299-7143 to inquire.)

Both menus include salad, baked potato, their famous "Pinnacle Peak" pinto beans, thick sliced bread, coffee, iced tea, and Texas cake. There will be a cash bar.

You need to indicate the NAME of each person and his choice of entree. We will be making up name tags in advance. Red for steak orders, and blue for chicken. Please cooperate so we do not have to call you for this information.

Our contract with the Savoy says that we will give them a final guest count on APRIL 13. We must have your checks by then. An questions, call Sheri Lee 299-7143

Mail your check to Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association
P.O. Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, Arizona 85619

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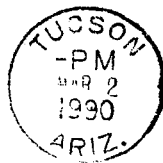
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