

The Mt. Lemmon *Echoes*

August 1991

Kolbe Community Forum at Fire Station Aug. 24

Homeowners & friends urged to attend

Jim Kolbe, member of Congress from Arizona's fifth congressional district, will conduct a community forum at the Mt. Lemmon fire station on Saturday, August 24 beginning at 1:00 p.m..

His agenda will cover the next road construction project and progress on the Islands in the Sky program together with any other items the audience may wish to address.

Steve Plevel of the USFS and Pima County Supervisor Greg Lunn plan to be in attendance.

All homeowner members and friends are urged to attend. We can have an effective voice. Now is the time to be heard.

Calender of Events

Aug. 24 1:00 p.m. Jim Kolbe Community Forum @ Fire Dept.

**Aug. 31 10 to 5 & Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club
Sept. 1 10 to 4 Annual Rummage Sale**

Sept. 1 5:00 p.m. MLHA Potluck Dinner @ Fire Dept. followed by "CHUCK ROAST" @ 7 p.m.

Oct. 5 1:00 p.m. MLWC meeting @ clubhouse

Fire Chief Hammel to leave Mt. Search for replacement being conducted by Fire Board

By Mary Moran

Charles P. Hammel, Fire Chief of the Mt. Lemmon Fire District has resigned to return to Tucson. Citing that he had finished what he set out to accomplish in the department, Chuck submitted his resignation effective "whenever a suitable new chief has been hired and orientation accomplished".

Hammel has been chief since December of 1988. Fire Board members indicated to us that Chuck has been a hardworking, goal oriented chief who has brought Mt. Lemmon's fire department operations into the "modern age".

A farewell CHUCK ROAST will be held at the fire station on Sunday, September 1 in conjunction with the Homeowners' Potluck. All of Chuck's friends and neighbors are invited to join everyone in having fun wishing him well.



Ribbon cutting officially opens Catalina Highway

Trouble Free in '93 is new slogan of Merchants Assoc.

The latest stage of the Catalina/Hitchcock Highway was officially opened on Friday, July 26. The big event was emceed by Charles Houser of Federal Highways from Denver. Among the speakers were Rep. Jim Kolbe, Acting District Ranger Bill Lewis, County Supervisor Greg Lunn, Director John Bernal of Pima County Transportation and Flood Control, and our own Debbie Vought of the Living Rainbow Gift Shop representing the Summerhaven Merchant's Assoc.

Kolbe assured us there will be money to complete the entire 24/25 miles. Lewis thanked the Merchants for putting up with the slow down of their business, the contractors for doing such a great job with so few problems and Kaneen Advertising for keeping the public aware they could still drive to the top to see the sights and visit the local merchants. Lunn thanked the merchants ...he even thanked the zillions of bumblebees and wasps for not stinging anyone during the ceremony. Debbie

thanked the contractors for being especially cooperative. She told us the Merchants' slogan is "Trouble Free in '93".

Smokey Bear was there. He helped cut the ribbon and posed for pictures with babies, all the time wearing a heavy furry coat...and it was a hot day! Poor Smokey was soaked.

The ribbon was cut by Kolbe, Lunn, Lewis, Houser, Bernal, Debbie and Smokey. Then Debbie went off to be interviewed for the television news.

The whole affair was staged at the new Molina Overlook by Rick Kaneen and Joan Cleary of Kaneen Advertising and Public Relations. Refreshments were provided by Suites & Sweets and Alpine Inn. All the decorations were Lemmon yellow. Both the

bumblebees and the new highway wore their yellow stripes!

Community Library

September Hours

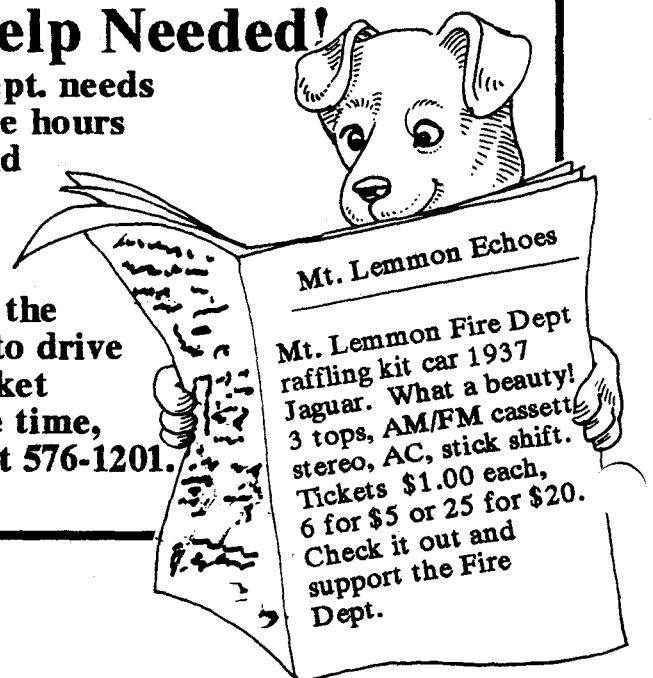
Mondays 1 - 4 p.m.
(Closed Labor Day)
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Some Saturdays 1 - 4 p.m.
BLUE FLAG will indicate which Fridays and Saturdays.

Winter Hours
Mondays 1 - 4 p.m.
When weather permits

Mt. Lemmon Woman's Clubhouse

Volunteer Help Needed!

Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept. needs people with a few free hours to sit with the Jag and sell raffle tickets on the weekends. In exchange, Chuck has been known to allow the volunteers a chance to drive this beauty to the ticket location. To arrange time, call Chief Hammel at 576-1201.



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Mt. Lemmon Fire Dept raffling kit car 1937 Jaguar. What a beauty! 3 tops, AM/FM cassette stereo, AC, stick shift. Tickets \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5 or 25 for \$20. Check it out and support the Fire Dept.

Notes from the Chief...

By Chuck Hammel, Chief MLFD

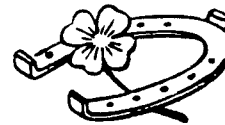
As you have probably heard I am leaving the mountain next month. It is with mixed emotions that I leave. I have enjoyed my stay on Mt. Lemmon and feel a lot has been done to upgrade your fire department. This has been accomplished with a great deal of effort by the Fire Board, the paid firefighters, the volunteer firefighters and many of the residents of Mt. Lemmon and Summerhaven.

I would like to single out a few who have spent many hours helping us. First the Fire Board, Bob Zimmerman (Mr. Budget) has spent so many hours trying to keep the budget in line with the money that we don't have and keep the chief from purchasing every item that United Fire Supply has. Roy Garcia who assisted in screening all the new firefighters and donated so many items during the construction of the inside of the building as well as his expertise in rebuilding the new tender. To Mary Moran for her work when I first came to the mountain in getting the books turned around so that we could make heads and tails out of them. And to Sarah Roads who yelled at me and kept me in line. Most of you have no idea how hard Sarah works for very little money.

To Joan and Max Klinger, who without their help in raising donations we would not have much of the equipment that we now have, least of all Engine Two. To Bea and Joe Shirley who gave us cash and the Jag that we are now selling raffle tickets on. To Fred Pace for getting Tender One painted and selling Big Red plus his expert advice. To Alex Carrillo, Sue Garcia, Sandy Ostapuk and Mike Stanley, all who have helped the fire department from behind the scenes.

Karen and I are going to miss all of our friends that we have made over the last three years. You can be sure that we will visit the mountain as often as possible. (I know it is going to be hard to do without Karen's hugs, but you will cope.) Thank you all - we will miss you.

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Annual sale of recycled goods just around corner

By Dannie Hayhurst,
MLWC

Yes, it's true. We've all been secretly recycling our junk with other members and a few luck outsiders - but we've decided to let the secret out! Our Annual BAKE, BOOK AND RUMMAGE SALE is Saturday, August 31st and Sunday September 1st at the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Clubhouse, 12888 Sabino Cyn Parkway. We start around 10 a.m.. Bill Rhind, Cathie Brown and Helen Quigley are our best customers, but there's always something for everyone.

If you have anything to donate, bring it to the clubhouse by Friday, August 30. Contact chairman Viv Danielson if you want to help in any way!

If you see more women walking lately, it's because we had another successfully fattening Membership Tea party at B.J. Singh's cabin. This is getting to be a real love/hate relationship. We love the Tea party and

hate to face the bathroom scales the next morning. Thanks to Olga Pace, we had another group of talented musicians to entertain us, and hopefully entice more community involvement in our organization.

The dumpsters, the library, helping with the educational needs of our young people are just some of the ways we try to be involved with our community. We encourage you to get involved by voting in the upcoming elections if you're registered in the city or in congressional district coming up for election.

No regular business meeting this September. Last meeting on the mountain will be October 5th. Enjoy the a cappella singers at the

Homeowners' Potluck!

Sunday Sept. 1st 5:00 p.m.

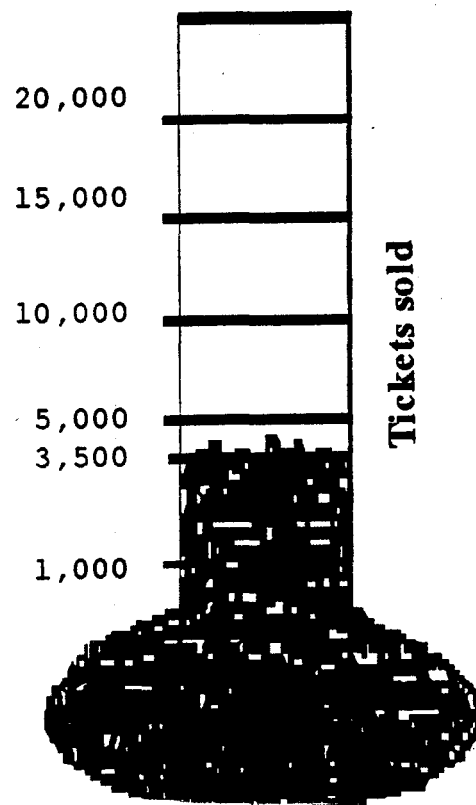
Entertainment by A Cappella Singers from 5-5:30
Ice Cream will be sold after dinner and donations will go for Education Fund.

CHUCK ROAST begins at 7 p.m.
Join in wishing Chief Chuck Hammel good luck and best wishes as he leaves the mountain.

Bring a dish to share and serving utensil. The Firemen will sell soft drinks. No alcoholic beverages.

Homeowners' Potluck dinner on September 1st. They'll be singing from 5-5:30 p.m. compliments of Sharon Thomas and the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club.

Jaguar Raffle Update





Mt. Lemmon

Part 1

By T. H. Zimmerman

Mount Lemmon with an elevation of nearly 9,200 feet stands as a pristine jewel serving as a sentinel over the surrounding desert of the southwest. This Alpine range with several tall peaks is known as the Santa Catalina mountains. This range is well covered with douglas and white firs, ponderosa and white pines, madrones, black alder, quaking aspen, maple, ash several species of oak and cottonwood. Also the range is well carpeted with shrubbery such as manzanita bushes, dogwood, red raspberries, gooseberries and various thorny brambles and vines.

For a thousand years, the only inhabitants were the Apache Indians. They spent the winters on the north slope of the Catalinas where the winters were less severe. Here they picked acorns which they hulled and ground into flour and baked for their winter's breads.

Their summers were enjoyed on top where they found running

Home schoolers appreciate local support

By Sarah Roads

The home school has found a home thanks to Susan and Roy Garcia. They have donated the from unit of their triplex in downtown Summerhaven for the school. Many other community members and organizations have come forth with their support as well. A special thanks goes out to the Homeowners' Association, the Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club, the Merchants' Association, the Living Rainbow Gift Shop, T&S Tree Service, Bob Evison and Dannie Hayhurst for their donations on behalf of the Mt. Lemmon children.

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue... No, I'm not getting married, it's just my wish list for the school. We will take old stuff, new stuff, I'll return borrowed stuff, and I'll take any color stuff you want to give. Please look around for pencils, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, markers, construction paper, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, throw rugs, pillows, file cabinet, typewriter, picnic table, volunteers, visitors...

School starts Wednesday, August 21. The children attending will be Jace in first grade; Jody, P.J. and Daniel in third; Paul and Leland in fourth; Alex and Andy in fifth; and Corey in seventh. Our door will always be open. So if you are in the neighborhood, please stop by to visit. Thanks again for all your support.

streams with lots of native trout. Here they also hunted deer, bear, turkeys, coyote, raccoons and javelina pigs. In addition, these Apaches were in a habit of raiding the more peaceful Indians in the Santa Cruz valley south of Tucson for their grain and livestock.

In 1539, Coronado made his disastrous quest for the seven rich cities of Cibola. His search took him as far as Wichita, Kansas. When he learned of the Indian's ruse, the poor devil was hung on a tree. Coronado gave the Catalina range only a cursory inspection

because unlike Cortez and Pizzaro, he saw no gold decorations on the Apaches.

During the second half of the 19th century a number of prospectors found small pockets of gold, silver and copper in the area of what is now called "The Control Mine". Two of these prospectors were Stratton and Leatherwood. Mr. Leatherwood also maintained a nice orchard of fruit trees, selling the fruit to the to the miners.

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Remnants of this orchard are providing fruits today.

In 1880 John and Sarah Plummer Lemmon pulled up to the Stratton Mine in their horse and buggy. John and Sarah had met in Santa Barbara, California where they fell in love and were married. John, a botanist and Sarah who shared his interests set out for Arizona and the Catalinas in particular to study the flora and fauna of this area while enjoying their honeymoon. Upon arriving at the mine, Mr. Stratton volunteered to guide the couple to the top of the high peak. While Stratton lead the way on foot, John Lemmon followed on horseback and Sarah brought up the rear on foot. (John was recuperating from a sad experience in the infamous Andersonville Prison in Georgia where 43,000 Union soldiers were penned up in deplorable conditions during the Civil War.) The Lemmons reached the highest peak in the Catalinas, and in honor of Sarah Lemmon, the first Anglo woman to make this trek, it was named Mt. Lemmon.

Somewhere around 1885, Frank Weber, his wife and others arrived on Mt. Lemmon and began building the

first cabins. Mr. Weber applied for and in 1890 received his patent to 160 acres located on both sides of Sabino Canyon, mostly north of Carter Canyon. After his death, Mrs. Weber sold about twenty parcels of the homestead to various people and the rest she sold to seven men who named it the Summerhaven Land and Improvement Co.

The new owners then decided to have their land surveyed. They hired T. H. Stevens who spent two years surveying and staking the corners of every lot - 765 all total. When Mr. Stevens completed his work, he presented his bill for \$4300, but by this time several of the seven had moved away and money was scarce. Pima County then put a lien on the properties for the delinquent taxes.

About 1937 Randolph Jenks, an ornithologist from the U. Of A. paid off the lien and took title. Pat, as he was called, then engaged me as his salesman.



Birds and Bees Flowers and Trees

By Sheri Lee

Sunday was 'a good day at the birdbath'. We saw a black-throated gray warbler, and Townsend warbler, a Virginia warbler, and two brown creepers at our birdbath all within 15 minutes. None of these birds is common around our cabin and probably not yours either. The creepers were young and didn't know about bathing, but they spent a lot of time watching the other birds and trying to imitate them. We didn't see the warblers bathe, they just came to

Birds and Bees cont.

drink. Other special birds which visit our birdbaths (we have two) are the Western Bluebird, Western Tanager and the Western Flycatcher.

You may be watching birds at your seed feeders and seeing only the juncos, nuthatches, jays and grosbeaks. There are many birds out there which don't eat seeds...the bug eaters. The way to see them is to have a birdbath, or at least a huge flowerpot saucer, always filled (a supply they can depend upon everyday) and located in sight of your favorite window. If there are branches for perching within a couple feet your bath will be even more popular. We see most of our uncommon birds during midday, maybe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

From my Birder's Handbook I will pass on to you a few excerpts I found interesting and applicable to our birds.

We all can guess that bathing keeps the feathers functional and discourages lice. Without bathing (or dusting as with our desert quails) the feathers quickly become matted and lose their insulating and water repelling properties.

Typically, a bird wades into the water, fluffs its feathers to expose the skin beneath and rapidly flicks the wings in and out of the water. I dunks its head then tilts it back, dousing the feathers on the back.

Birds with weak feet, such as swifts (we have White-throated) and swallows (we have Violet-green), which spend most of their time flying, dip into the water in flight, thus getting their baths "on the wing". Flycatchers (we have Western and Greater Pewee) dive repeatedly from their perches into water. Vireos (we have Solitary and

Bell's) alternate the dive and dip method.

Chickadees (we have Mountain) dart in and out of the water, immersing and rolling briefly, before returning to a branch to flick their wings and vibrate their feathers and then they jump in again.

Woodpeckers (we have Hairy and we have Red-shafted Flickers) which have stubby weak legs, simply expose their feathers in the rain by extending their wings and spreading their tails.

Although we have never seen a hummingbird in a birdbath, we have seen them bathe in running streams. A Broadtail hummer can get so water logged that it makes a dull buzz, not the high pitched whine, when it flies.

On a hot summer day titmice (we have Plain) and chickadees may take as many as five baths; in midwinter they still may bathe several times a week, often in snowmelt found in protected areas.

Now if you don't have a birdbath you don't know what, or who, you're missing. And the squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons and bears like to drink from them, too. (The bears are rather klutzy. One upset and broke our pretty Mexican pottery bath two years ago.)

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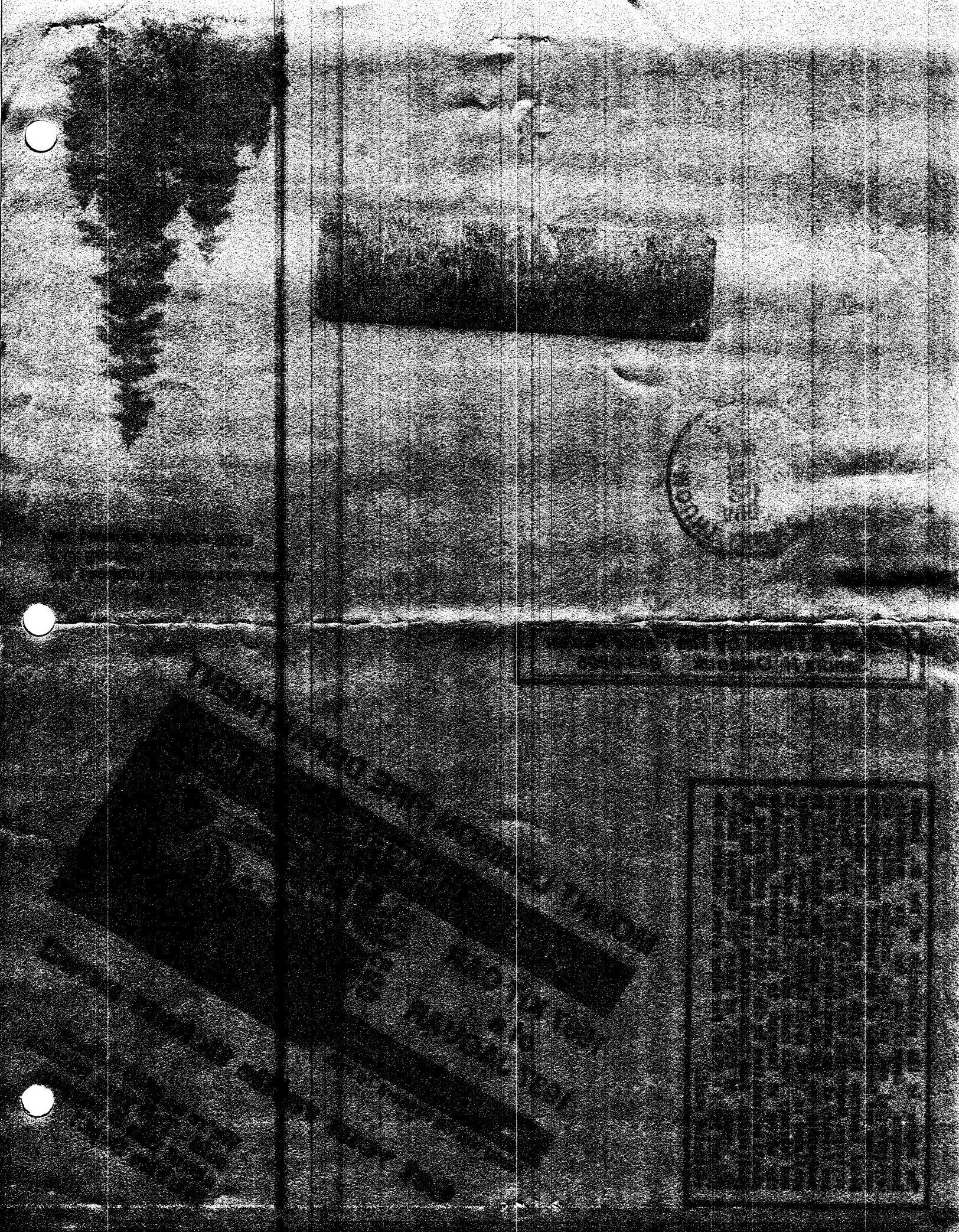
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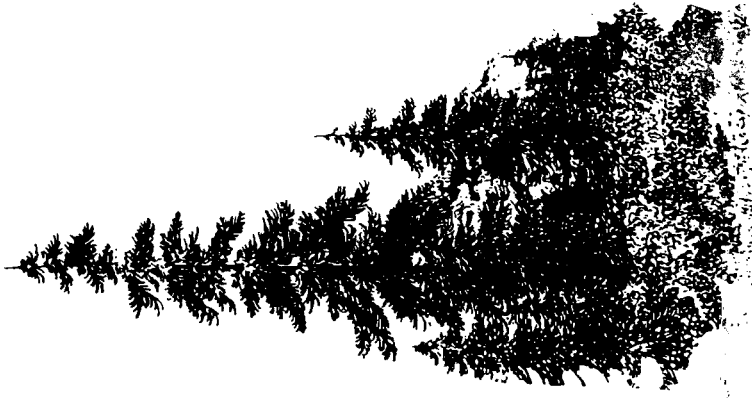
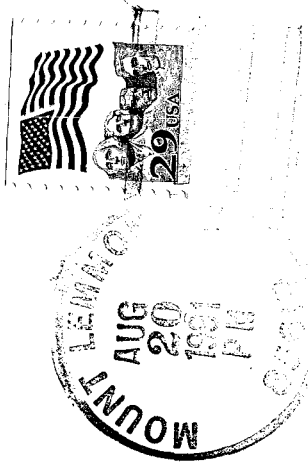


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