

The Mt. Lemmon Echoes

October 1991

Tom Quinn new Catalina District Forest Ranger

As of August 12 we have a new Catalina District Ranger. He is Tom Quinn. Tom, his wife Sue and 2 year old son Will, come to us from the Olympia National Forest on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington state.

Ranger Quinn has been with the Forest Service for 11 years in Oregon, Idaho, Michigan and Washington. He has a B.S. from Rutgers in Forestry and a M.S. in Forest Management from Idaho. He has completed the course work for a Ph.D., but he hasn't had time to work on his dissertation.

The portion of the Olympia Forest Tom came from receives over 200 inches of rainfall annually. Boy, is he in for an arid surprise here! But so far he thinks the desert is beautiful, and he's looking forward to encounters with our scorpions, tarantulas et al .

It comes as no surprise that the Quinn family likes hiking, camping and bicycling. (Be careful, folks.

Calendar of Events

- >Oct. 5 & 6 Oktoberfest at Ski Valley - German bands, beer and Bratwurst
- >Oct. 12 & 13 11:30 to 4:30 MLWC meeting at the Clubhouse
- >Oct. 5 1:30 p.m. 1st Annual BYOW
- >Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. "Halloweenie Roast" @ Summerhaven Suites & Sweets

Don't run over our Ranger bicycling on the Catalina Highway.) As for other hobbies, Sue and Tom especially enjoy studying the American Indian culture.

We all look forward to welcoming Ranger Quinn as he gets acquainted with Mt. Lemmon.

Bill Lewis, who did a fine job as acting District Ranger, is back at his old job in Lands & Minerals at the Sabino Canyon office.

Philip O. Anselmi is hired as new Fire Chief

By Mary Moran

The Board of Trustees of the Mt. Lemmon Fire District announces the award of the fire chief's contract to Philip O. Anselmi of Longmont, Colorado. Mr. Anselmi is a twenty five year veteran of the Boulder Fire Department and will assume his duties immediately. Next time you are on the mountain, stop by the fire station and make him feel welcome. A profile of the new chief will appear in the next issue of the Echoes.

Of Birds and Trees Flowers and Bees.. and Autumn Leaves

By Sheri Lee

These days all over the mountain folks are saying, "Fall is in the air", or "It really feels like fall today". Our hummers and grosbeaks have already gotten the fall urge and flown south. The trees feel that fall is in the air too, for a few are tinged with color.

All summer the trees have been using sunlight, water and carbon dioxide to make chlorophyll and oxygen. When the days grow shorter and cooler, they simply stop production. That is why the gorgeous yellows, reds and oranges appear.

The yellow xanthophyll and the red and orange carotenes have been there all along, but they have been obscured by all of the green of the chlorophyll.

We would have colored leaved any fall, regardless of the weather. On sunny fall days the leaves make a lot of sugar which helps produce the red color anthocyanin. But bright



colors depend upon the frosty cold nights. If the days and nights are warm, the leaves send the sugar down to the roots to store as food. With frost the process stops and we get to see the beautiful results remaining on the branches for a while.

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Our trees usually are at their prettiest the second week of October. A walk on the Aspen Trail near the ski area will prove a golden delight.

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News from the Club

By Danni Hayhurst,
Pres. MLWC

October is the LAST month we meet on the mountain this year. Sheri will have additions ready for your yearbook this month. The library will still be open this month. The Southern District fall workshop in Bisbee is this month. I have writer's block this month. Sooo... let me keep this short and sweet by thanking Viv

anielson and Helen Quigley for their organizing the rummage sale. We made around \$500. That will sure help pay the bills. Thanks to Cathie Brown and Fran Zimmerman and B.J. Singh for putting together the photo sessions. Thanks to Nancy Goodwin, her husband Phil, and Florence Wilhoite and her husband Joe for all their work with the community library. The nicest part of being a member of M.L.W.C. is seeing the volunteer efforts of so many altruistic neighbors in the community.

I understand eating chocolate helps overcome writer's block. I'll let you know next month.

Special Thanks!

Thanks to Becky Moens for donating the use of her cabin to our new Fire Chief, Philip Anselmi, while he was here for his first week getting acquainted and looking for a place to live. Her donation is greatly appreciated.

Homeschoolers enjoy learning

By Sarah Roads

The children have settled in at the new school. Our days have been filled with many activities which the children have chosen to write about for you.

We are participating in the traveling artists program this year. There will be five artists coming to our school to work with the children. This program is funded by a grant from the Tucson/ Pima Arts Council and is only costing us \$100. What a deal! Keep your eyes open for a

fund-raiser by the kids to cover this program.

They have all written something to include in the Echoes this month and are excited about their contributions being published. Their work is being published just as they wrote it, and we hope you enjoy it as much as they enjoyed writing them!



It is loney being
 the only girl.
 There are 10 boys and I don't
 like to play with them, I need
 a friend to play with.

3RD GRADE

Respecto. Marcos Favian

Quenos respetamos unos a otros
 honos peliamos y Jugamos mu-
 agusto Sin Peliarnos Pero lo mas
 importante es Quenos respetamos

6TH GRADE

We respect each other.
 We don't fight. We play
 together without fighting,
 but the most important
 thing is that we respect
 each other.

We are researching mushrooms
because the kids are interested in
would be fun. We are looking for
mushrooms on a hike with our
scout leader.

7TH GRADE

Math

In math we get to write
in are books. We got the books
from a teacher in Phoenix.

4TH GRADE

Lee

We are looking for
to many one to help
especially one to help
to visit a big solid land.

3RD GRADE

Dan

every
challenge

Jace " School is really fun for me because I like the projects that Sarah gives me. I like being six years old and I like this being in the newspaper. "

1ST GRADE

Andy: There five hundred seventy five books in the school. People donated or loaned them to us. I want to say thanks for the books.

5TH GRADE

P.S We are learning Spanish and we have two kids from Mexico who are learning English.

3RD GRADE

Paul Hopkins September 19, 1991
 Tobias Mander is an artist who visited
 for two days. He taught us how to do
 Hoho (clay) pottery. We ground
 up sand and then made our pots
 and then put them in a bonfire
 that looked like a teepee. We
 cooked lunch over the fire
 too.

4TH GRADE



Tom Sawyer Buglewing
 Teachers Pet

Leah is our only teacher's pet. Leah is
 a Golden Retriever. Leah helps with fire wood
 and she is shedding hair.

5TH GRADE

Jugar mas tiempo en el
 rancho entre los sauces
 Todos si corren y juegan
 nos dan mas tiempo
 para jugar

8TH GRADE

We play most of the time in the creek in
 the bushes where we all fall down. We are
 given more time to play..

Darius

A winter trip to the Tropics... By Sheri Lee

Ah ha! So you always thought bird migration meant that OUR birds flew south for the winter? Well, the folks who study birds for a profession say what's really happening is southern birds fly north for a few months each summer to feed and breed. They breed where the weather is more favorable (cooler than the tropics) for raising chicks. This is clearly evident with our black-headed grosbeaks which are gone the moment their chicks are strong enough for migration. The other reason they come north for a while is our daylight hours are longer thus allowing more time to search for food.

Migrating birds fly fast and high. Size seems to have little to do with either speed or altitude. Both hummingbirds and geese reach the same maximum speeds. Cruise speed ranges from 20-30 m.p.h.. As birds lose body weight during the flight they can cruise at higher altitudes. Altitude for a long distance flight begins around 5000 feet and progressively increases to maybe 20,000 feet with a few species getting to 29,000 feet (that's 5 1/2 miles up

there folks!). Ornithologists believe birds fly very high to slow dehydration. I'm not sure I follow that reasoning.

Most long distance fliers, especially the smaller birds like all of our warblers, fly at night (it must be awfully cold up there). They land at sunrise to rest and forage. When over water, or other unsuitable terrain, birds must fly non-stop for extended periods. Our violet-green swallows and white-throated swifts feed in flight and do not stop at all.

There are five known ways for birds to find their routes and destinations: 1) topographical features including wind direction which can be influenced by major land forms, 2) stars, 3) sun, 4) the earth's magnetic field (which especially applies to our band-tailed pigeons), and 5) odors.

Birders are finally realizing the destruction of tropical forests for short term grazing is drastically reducing the habitat for our songbirds. One researcher states at the current trend those forests will be gone by the middle of the next century. So where will

songbirds live 60 years from now? Or will they all be gone?

He also says part of the blame lies with us North Americans and our demand for cheap beef in hamburgers, TV dinners and meaty dog food. Poor southern ranchers need money and selling beef is one of the only ways many third world families ever find to make a little money for once in their lives.

Grazing in these denuded forests is said to actually be quite poor and the land becomes a complete wasteland within 10 years. "Save the Forests" has suddenly taken on a new meaning for me. It seems even more urgent that we help our southern neighbors find better solutions to their economic problems. I can't imagine a world someday without songbirds. ---All information was taken from various essays in The Birder's Handbook by Ehrlich, Dobkin and Wheye; Simon & Schuster; 1988



Mt. Lemmon History Corner

Camp Lawton, Boy Scout Camp

Part 1

By Otis H. Chidester

After the first charter was issued for Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the 31st of August, 1919, one of the first projects was to secure a site for a summer camp. A.J. Christenson, "Uncle Al", a cotton farmer and cattle rancher in the Florence area took on the task. He hiked the Mt. Bigelow area of the Santa Catalina Mountains and located four springs. He filed on three of these for the Council, so the title for the most important water producing ones are still the property of the Council.

On July 11, 1921, the Forest Service issued a permit for 3.8 acres for a Scout Camp in the area now occupied by the Palisades Ranger Station. The camp site included spring #2 just across the highway from the Rangers' Station and down as far as the present camp gate. The Brush Corral Trail, as the trail from Soldiers Camp was known, cut through the camp and is now the present highway. The Mt. Bigelow fire tower was about one-half mile to the north.

In 1922 the first camp was established at the new camp site. This was a "pack camp" as everything needed in its operation was brought over a four mile trail from

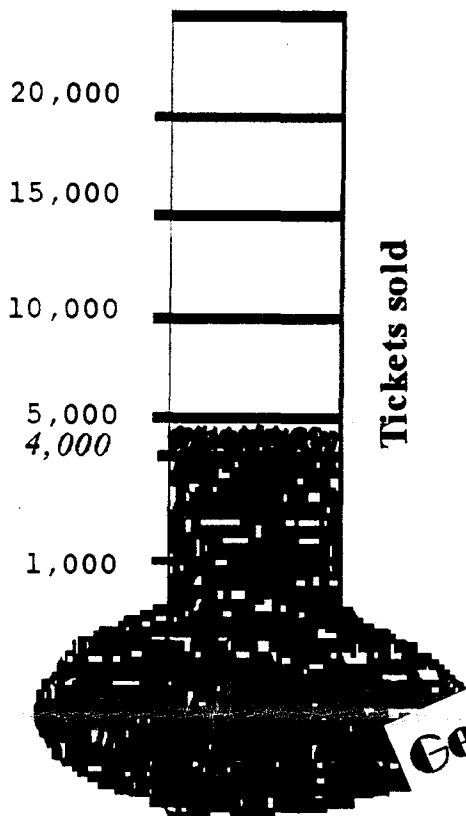
Soldiers Camp by burro pack train. Many interesting experiences occurred during these trips. On one occasion the train was spooked by an electrical storm and the burros ran away scattering Scout luggage and camp supplies for half a mile along the trail -- some things were never recovered and a number of Scouts had to double up in sleeping bags until replacements could be secured.

Most of the Scouts hiked from lower Sabino to camp over the 18 mile trail. Only the more experienced Scouts made the trip in one day; the others took two days, camping at Mud Flats. A few Scouts were lucky enough to have parents or friends drive them to Soldier's Camp via the torturous 75 mile road through Oracle and up the north side of the Catalinas to where the 4 mile trail to camp started. The last seven miles was one-way, and there were certain hours when traffic moved up or down. About every half-mile there was a wide place where you would turnout and wait until the time changed and you could go on. There were clocks at each end of the control road which gave the time that the road could be used in each direction. There was a \$50.00 fine for moving in the control against the clock.

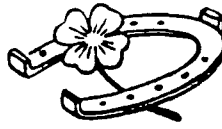
The summer of 1933 Camp Lawton was turned over to the Federal Prison Camp to be used as a summer camp. That summer the road was extended from Soldiers Camp to the Palisades Ranger Station. The summer of 1934 was the first time it was possible to drive all the way to Camp Lawton. The camp had been named after James M. Lawton, a Certified Public Accountant in Tucson, who was the first Council President and had done so much to help develop Camp Lawton and Catalina Council.

As late as 1939 the only building at camp were the 18'x24' kitchen and an 8'x12' frame building covered with five or six layers of burlap which was kept wet. It stood by the red fire hydrant which is at the corner of the present screened garbage shed. When the modern kitchen was completed the shed was moved to the west side of the showerhouse, covered with sheeting metal and is now used for storage. This is the only building that remains of the early camp.

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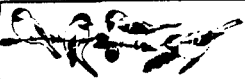
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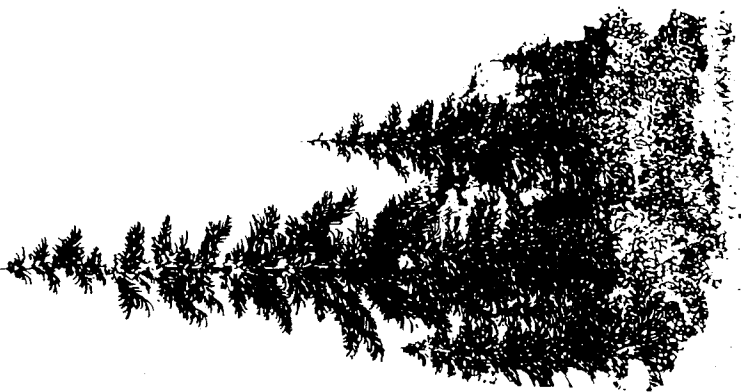
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