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NEWSLETTER

This being the First Edition of our newsletter, it is with great pride that we present it to you. We hope you will find it most informative and helpful. We invite your suggestions and criticism.

I am sure we all have a right to be proud of our newly formed organization, The Yucca Mesa Improvement Association. The name alone tells our objective - improvement for our community - and all working together we shall attain this goal.

This organization was formed Saturday, September 16, 1961, at 8:00 P.M., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Woodall, on Vine St., Sec. 4. There were 85 in attendance from this Hi Mesa Area, representing Sections 4-5-6-8-9-10-12-20 and 30. One hundred members signed up the first few days. To date, one month later, our membership has increased to 230.

This Association was founded on an Inspiration of Fairness and Justice toward all. There is no place here for Greed, Selfishness nor Idle Gossip. We shall attract only righteousness and fair dealings, and we SHALL succeed in all our undertakings. Let us fully appreciate our fellowman and consciously try to make his paths peaceful and harmonious.

We, the people of this Hi Mesa Area, know what we want and need. Let us turn to God for all our wisdom.

The world stands ready to help the person who sets out to help himself or to bring about needed reforms that help all men..

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This organization is not a one-man organization. It was formed to benefit everyone living in this High Desert Area who want improvements and a better way of life here. The only way this can be accomplished is for everyone living here to join this organization and WORK! WORK! WORK!

You are going to receive your fair share of the improvements, the same as John is, so don't lie down and expect John to give you a free ride on his back.

One of our senior members and a man who has just had a bad sick spell, a Mr. J. T. George, has been going out every day for the last week and a half signing up new members for this organization. The last count I heard was close to 55 to his credit. This record should put some of you to shame. How many have you signed up? Mr. George asks if he is the only one working. He says he has enjoyed every minute of it and has become acquainted with all of his neighbors, and met some very interesting people. Three Cheers - for this fine gentleman! May we please have more Mr. George's.

The stark and realistic truth of the matter is - no benefits will be gained, and no real progress made until all of us are willing to back this organization and make it work.

Don't be A CRITIC UNLESS YOU ARE WILLING TO BE A DOER.

EVERYTHING COMES TO HIM WHO HUSTLES WHILE HE WORKS.

Thomas Edison

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am grateful to see the rapid growth and supreme spirit of our members in the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association. And, furthermore, I sincerely hope it will continue to remain the same as time goes by.

We members are blessed with many grand talents, so all we need for continued progress is cooperation from each and every one. However, we must keep in mind that patience is a virtue. We must be thankful for the fine cooperation and extremely valuable information we are getting from local subdividers and utility companies.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner, and we have much in store for everyone during these Blessed Seasons. "

We must always strive to better our association with our neighbor.

Your Chairman - Bill Murray

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board has been consulting lawyers on the incorporation of this Association as a non-profit organization.. None have been engaged as of now. More about this in a later issue.

The printing of the BY-LAWS is being held up at present, waiting for the incorporation.

The membership voted at the October 7th meeting to accept the present building as a meeting place, the first and third Saturdays of each month.

The Membership Roster shows a total of 230 members.

Some of the Chairmanships of Committees and Committee Members are still open. If some one wishes to volunteer for a particular Committee, please contact Bill Murray, the President, and make your offer.

Edna Skeith - Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report will be given at the next regular business meeting.

B. E. Wooten - Treasurer

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Ways and Means Committee have been busy thinking up ways and means for making money for this organization. As we all know, it takes a lot of money to get a new association of this kind on the road.

By-Laws must be printed for members, attorney's fees paid for incorporation, rent paid in advance. Liability Insurance taken out, not to mention stamps, stationery, and lots and lots of extras.

The Christmas cards and plastic sponges sold by Mrs. Bentrud and Mrs. Reiterer at the October 7th meeting, plus the Coffee Kitty, brought in a substantial amount. The outcome of our BAKE SALE at The Alamo Market on October 14th, was very gratifying.

We have some beautiful Nylon aprons, made by our good member, Julie Doyle, which will be sold at a Dutch Raffle, Saturday night - also more Christmas cards.

We do not wish to work a hardship on anyone, but if you are able, please cooperate in any way you can to help us swell our treasury. We appreciate any and all suggestions.

Bill Cole - Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Chairman requests that money and memberships be turned in promptly, so that we can keep our list up to date, and get members' cards mailed out to them. Please use care in getting proper spelling of names and mailing addresses, also Sec. #.

We now boast of 230 Members. Please DO NOT LET DOWN - Keep the good work up! Ask everyone you come in contact with who own property in this Hi Mesa Area to join our organization and become a part of its future plans. Remember - WE have strength in NUMBERS. Our goal is 500 members by January 1, 1962.

We are now starting a campaign for each member to sign up one couple during the month of November. Give them your receipt when paid the \$2.00. Make it out for 1 year's dues in The Yucca Mesa Improvement Association, and sign your name. Use this form when handing in the membership to the secretary:

NAME: _Mr. _____ ADDRESS; _____ Sec. # __

Enclosed: \$ _____ Membership dues for one year in Yucca Mesa Improvement Association

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J. T. George - Chairman

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

A get well card and good wishes were sent to our Treasurer's lovely wife, Mrs. B. E. Wooten, who had major surgery in a Glendale Hospital the 5th of October, All our Love and Best Wishes go out to her. May she soon be returned to us.

Anyone wishing to write her may do so as follows;

Mrs. B. E. Wooten
c/o Mrs. W. L. Spangler
500 Hampton Rd.
Burbank, Calif.

Emma Pressley - Chairman

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Chairman asks that everyone park his car in the specified area to the right of the Club House Building on meeting eights. Cars unloading - drive close to the building, so that others may pass, then proceed to the parking lot. Follow the arrows.

Committee Members:

Andrew Larson
George Skeith
Garsten Bentrud

Please be on hand early to open up, and leave building in order after meeting.

NEWS ITEMS

The first Business Meeting of The Yucca Mesa Improvement Association was held Saturday, October 7th, at 8:00 P.M., in Sec. 12, at the Club House, on Nelsons Lane. The meeting was well represented - 87 in attendance.

The Membership Drive was discussed, and a special recognition given Mr. J. T. George of Sec. 20 for his outstanding achievement in signing-up 55 new members.

The house voted to accept the present building as the permanent meeting place of this Association on the First and Third Saturdays of every month. It was also voted to Incorporate this Organization as a Non-Profit Association. Also approved, was a monthly News-letter to be printed the First of every Month.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis of Sec. 10, who operate The Northeast Mail and Mimeograph Service at 4909½ Eagle Rock Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., made the generous offer to print our membership cards and print our monthly paper plus cost of mailing, free of charge for three months. Three CHEERS for Mr. and Mrs. Davis!!

Mr. Floyd Church accepted the House Chairmanship, and Mr. Bill Cole of Sec. 20, the Ways and Means Chairmanship.

Mr. Walter Jinkins spoke to the group in regard to signing up for telephone service with the HI DESERT TELEPHONE & WATER GO. Mr. Jinkins offered to-pay the postage for mailing our Newsletter the second three months. THANKS, Mr. Jinkinsi

The next meeting of our association will be Saturday, November 4-th, at 8:00 P.M. Same Place. Please bring your chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rodewald and Mrs. Rodewald's sister from San Diego have been vacationing in Grand Canyon, Ariz., for a week. They have returned home in Sec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Garsten Eentrud, Sec. 4., have put their home up for sale in Lynwood, and are planning to build on to their present home in Sec. 4 and make this "Desert Retreat" their permanent home.

THANKS to our neighbor. The Landers Homestead Valley Association, for their kind words and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Teigen of Sec. 4 were out to their cabin for a week's vacation. They spent the time making improvements and fixing things up in general - real nice. They reside in Temple City, Calif. They also joined our association and attended our first meeting October 7th. We welcome these nice people and hope they will return again soon.

PLEASE send in your News Items to:

Pearl Benrud, P. O. Box 986, Yucca Valley, Calif.

Members: Please pick up your Membership Cards from your Secretary, Edna Skeith, at the next Business Meeting.

Have you noticed the beautiful white snow on Mt. San Gorgonio? How privileged we are to live in this beautiful scenic area.

As you no doubt have heard, Mr. Walt Campbell, Division of Roads Superintendent, and Willard F. Carris, Assistant Road Commissioner, call our President Bill Murray and Our Vice President Jack Coffman the first of October ?

For those who are new, the location of our Club House meeting place is in Sec. 12 (New Horizons) on Nelson Lane, Mr. Harrod's place. It is completely fenced. The front of the house faces East. You may reach it by going West on Vine St. to the end of Vine - there is a jog in the road about 20' to the right, continue on West on North Road to Nelson's Lane, approximately five streets, turn left on Nelson's Lane. It's the second house. The building is in the rear.

We wish to thank the Management of the Alamo Market for extending us the privilege of having our Bake Sale in their fine establishment on Saturday, October 14-th. I am sure we all patronize this splendid Food Center.

A big vote of Thanks to Benny Benrud, for making our Black Board, Bulletin Board, Banner and Signs. THANKS, BENNY !

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Bake Sale held Saturday, October 14th, at The Alamo Market, was a Great success.

A special thanks to the ladies in charge, Edna Skeith, Katherine Reiterer, and Mrs. C. O. McQuown, who stood by until the last pie was sold. A great big thanks to all who participated in making this, our first Bake Sale, a success.

A very dear member, Julia Doyle, has made for the Association, 8 perfectly beautiful Nylon Aprons, to be raffled off at our next meeting (Dutch Raffle).

A definite date has been established for the Board to meet. It is the 2nd and 4th FRIDAY of every month, at 7:00 P.M. Consult your local paper for the place.

All Special Events and Proposed Projects will be discussed at Open meetings, and the group will have the deciding voice.

SOME PEOPLE USE LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS THOUGHT
SOME TO CONCEAL THOUGHT
AND SOME INSTEAD OF THOUGHT

Do you know what Jack Coffman, our Vice President said to me today? He said, "Why, some day you will have a grocery store, a service station, industries and a regular little city up there where you live - and all the water you want." What a wonderful person, this Jack Coffman is. What an inspiration to our organization - what foresight and faith!

I beg of you, fellow member, do not give up HOPE - our Jack can see what lies ahead of us.

How fortunate we are to have him in this organization. How invaluable is his knowledge and wisdom.

At the October 21st Meeting, it was moved to have a Turkey Pot-Luck Dinner -
Members - \$.50 Guests - \$1.00

THAT IS ALL, HOPE YOU LIKE IT - P.B.