

THE NEWSLETTER

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GOOD MORNING! A tip of the ol' sunbonnet and a cheerful "HI!" to you folks who are looking forward to joining other future residents of SUN CITY WEST in sunshiny Arizona, near Phoenix and just a whoop-and-a-holler west of world-famous SUN CITY.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm a retiree after 28 years of public relations service with Del E. Webb's corporate offices in Phoenix, and I made my bow here in Sun City a few months ago as editor of the SUN CITY NEWSLETTER. And what better way for a retiree to make his bow? I was on hand when Sun City got its start in 1959 and -- along with the late Del Webb -- when the new Sun City community welcomed thousands of visitors on the first weekend of 1960. (What a shame Del Webb couldn't have lived to see the magnificent Sun City of today, and to witness the start of SUN CITY WEST. It would have been one of the happiest days of his life!)

Despite the many years I have resided in Phoenix and watched the growth of that nearby metropolis, it has been most pleasant to retire to Sun City on a part-time basis, working with Devco President John Meeker and his Public Relations staff.

Now, I'd like to invite letters to me from you future residents of SUN CITY WEST. Remember that the information you provide will help me make the SUN CITY WEST NEWSLETTER interesting reading for all! Let me know your future address in Sun City West. Perhaps, in printing your address in the Newsletter, we can locate among other readers some of your future neighbors-to-be. We're interested in knowing when you will be moving to Sun City West, about your vocation, avocational activities, and, once settled, what you will be doing here. Remember that we'd like to know about you and, unless you're single, about your spouse. Consider this a personal letter from your future hometown. And c'mon out soon and start living.

By the way . . . perhaps you'd like to name one of the future streets in Sun City West. Well, Del E. Webb Development Company is inviting future residents to submit suggested street names. Maricopa County officials, in an effort to reduce confusion and increase efficiency of emergency services, has ruled to disallow duplicate street names within county boundaries. As a consequence, finding good names for the streets of Sun City West has become a stickler, and we're hoping if Sun City West future residents get involved, they'll provide names we can use. In fact, they might wish to submit pleasant names of streets from cities and towns in which they formerly lived or now reside. Proposed names should not be proper or personal names, should not have unusual spellings or be difficult to pronounce. Send suggestions to: Street Names, P.O. Box 1705, Sun City, Arizona 85372.

For many reasons you can take pride in the state in which you probably have resided for years. Well, you will feel very good about the Grand Canyon state too. For those in your family who've never seen Arizona, I'd like you to read some excerpts from a letter recently sent to the editor of our state publication, Arizona Highways, by the Newport, Rhode Island, daughter of a Sun City couple.....

Editor,
Arizona Highways Magazine

To our new friends in Arizona,

When we spoke with my excited parents, almost a year ago now, no amount of conversation and salesmanship could convince us that Arizona was the fantasy world they believed it to be. They were making plans at that time to move from Wisconsin, their home state, to Sun City. We were certain their plans were wrong for them, and surprised that they could consider abandoning plush greenery and Lake Wissota for sand and heat.

Indeed...my own conception of Arizona was not unlike a vision of the Sahara Desert, with intermittent sprinklings of cactus, sagebrush and retirement complexes.

In November, my husband, David, and I journeyed from our home in Newport, R.I., a little sad to be away from the ocean, on our way to help my Mom and Dad with their move to Sun City and parched earth. At 55 years old, we felt them too young to move to a place which, we thought, would certainly increase their natural aging process.

As we drove our three vehicle caravan . . . U-Haul, station wagon, and Chevy Van into Arizona, David and I were stunned. At a scenic overlook near Flagstaff, we emerged from our separate vehicles with the same astonished look of delight . . . and a single word, "Trees!!" The sighting of my first prickly pear cactus was exciting and I was so amazed at what looked to be a forest of saguaro cactus of which my Mother had spoken so enthusiastically.

What followed increased our surprise - mountain, deserts, countless species of plant life, real houses with real people . . . towns! And suddenly orange and lemon groves and palm trees!

Sun City was a delight. The first days were spent viewing the area, since my parents' home was two days from occupation. I spent most of the tours "eating my words," and occasionally admitting I was wrong. I've never been so happy to be so wrong about anything!

The quality of the homes, the extensive recreation areas, the beauty of the land, the glorious December weather! The architecture pleased us (We live in a city that condones only Colonial and Victorian architecture!) and I was amazed at how lovely the rock lawns were.

My final words of approval for my parents were simply these, "If you get old, it's your own fault."

We had a wonderful and exciting December in your beautiful state. We didn't see much, but what we saw, Carefree, the Petrified Forest, Montezuma Castle, Sun City, was impressive, exciting, and enough to keep us going back until we've seen it all. Or better, become permanent residents!

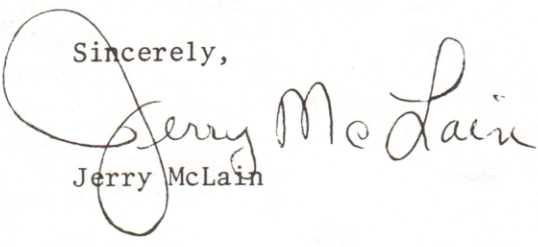
We thank your state for caring enough to preserve the natural beauty for people like us to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Robbins
(daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Hovland, Sun City, AZ.)

Thank you, Vicki, from your Newsletter Editor (himself 59 years an Arizona resident) for your great letter on the beauties of our state So, once you've established home in Sun City West you can begin exploring Arizona for yourself. In the meantime, let's make this two way correspondence. It's your turn.

Sincerely,


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It's the same as it was a hundred years ago.....that cry today of "Go West, Mister! Go West!" And the cry today is being heard in many parts of America.....in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin, and even in some of California's major cities, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. And they're all talking about the same WEST.... Arizona's new SUN CITY WEST!

Desert growth has been cleared from the land, construction stakes are down and foundation footings are being poured. In five months the lines on an architect's drawing have been transformed to what is slated to be a spectacular realization--a twin community to internationally-known SUN CITY, just a mile away.

Construction by our Company in Sun City West is underway on some major facilities, including the new Johnson Recreation Center, a sunken 18-hole golf course, and a Vacation Special Restaurant to accommodate future visitors who will occupy vacation apartments while looking over the community. The 5,697 acres of the first phase will include approximately 17,000 housing units to accommodate a population of 32,500.

Little more than 18 years ago the original Sun City had its grand opening. From miles around came an estimated 100,000 to 125,000 visitors, and during the first week-end some 272 homes were sold (an almost unbelievable accomplishment in 1960), based on what visitors saw in a half-dozen model homes, a recreational and community center, golf course, shopping center, motor hotel and small restaurant.

We've received correspondence from several future residents who are making plans for their arrival. Take, for example, the MARTIN S. ERBS (MARTY and VI, for Violet) who plan to arrive in May next year and reside at 19402 132nd Drive. Marty plans a May 1 retirement after 39 years in the purchasing profession, the last 27 years in the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand Corp. And the Erbs have an interesting avocation-domestic and foreign travel. Each of the past eight years Marty and Vi have hosted an international tour, working through local travel agencies to make arrangements and then leading the group on tour. Right now they're leading a tour through Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Once settled in Sun City West they'd like to continue that activity.

Another pair of future West residents, the FEOLAS (BRANDISIO AND ANN) of 49 Claireview Court, San Francisco, expect to occupy their Sun City West home the latter part of this year, and Ann says after 25 years in the Bay Area, her hubby is anxious to get back to the desert. She also is among a number of persons who have sent suggested street names for the new community, since the Del E. Webb Development Co. has been confronted with an edict of Maricopa County supervisors that ONLY street names not presently in use anywhere in Maricopa County can be considered for Sun City West. However, certain north-south thoroughfares MUST BE NAMED with numbers, the supervisors also have ruled, such as 100th Ave., 100th Drive and 100th Lane in Sun City. The Peolas number in Sun City West will be 19626 132nd Drive.

A recent request to Sun Citians as well as those planning to reside in Sun City West has brought more than 5,000 suggested street names. A Dallas, Texas woman submitted 1,100 suggested names for streets. Of course, in the flow of names from around the U.S., there were some real zingers, such as Hanky Panky, Kickapoo, Pollywog, Gizmo, Fattish, DoDo,

Wow, and even Unbelievable. But there were some beauties, too, which likely will be appearing on some new street signs, according to the Development Company's Dave Westmoreland, Chief Street Namer for some years. And Dave will welcome, with thanks, added street name suggestions.

Further news which likely will interest future Sun City West residents is that Sun City's very active Lions Clubs already have organized a first club for Sun City West, under direction of Tom Clewes, past International Director, and Dick Borchardt, past President of Suntowner Lions. Club President is Chatfield "Chat" Nielsen. The club meets noon, Mondays at Melody Lane in the Grand Center in Sun City. For more information contact Chat at 933-3695 or you may write him at 9413 Briarwood Circle, Sun City, 85351.

And word from the CARL G. REMMELS of 315 South Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana, 46514, is that they'll be retiring to Sun City West in a little over two years. A retired U.S. Marine Corps Fighter Pilot, he has for 16 years as director been endeavoring to "sell" the controversial Office of Civil Defense at Elkhart. Once in Arizona he hopes to do office work at a Phoenix airport, fly in an instructional capacity or to just fly his 1946 Piper J-3 "Cub" around the valley. Mrs. Rummel anticipates raising some beautiful roses at her new home after being a professional tax consultant 22 years. Carl wrote that he "cannot think of a name for your Sun City streets, but after flying so much in the Midwest and its crummy weather, I'd call my street 'Forever VFR' meaning 'Forever Visual Flight Rules', where the sun shines always."

Lifelong residents of the Chicago area, MR. AND MRS. CHESTER KRAJECKI will be moving to Sun City West this Fall following his retirement from the postal service. His 31½ years service included an army stint. They were introduced to Arizona and the Valley of the Sun when they accepted an invitation from friends for a January visit, left zero weather in Chicago and found sunshine in Sun City. They'll reside at 13234 Mesa Verde Drive in Sun City West, but may have to rent temporarily until their new home is completed. Mrs. Krajecki is interested in bowling and sewing, and Chester says both are thinking of taking up golf.

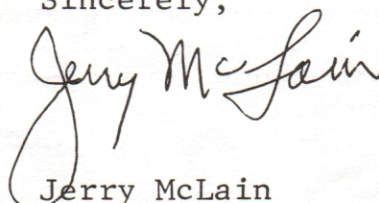
Our new Sun City West Newsletter has made MR. AND MRS. CHUCK RONDOT of Mishawaka, Indiana, feel closer to their new hometown of Sun City West, Marie Rondot writes. Chuck retires July 21 after 31 years at the Wheelabrator Frye Corp. Their Mishawaka home is sold, and they plan to rent until their Sun City West home at 13214 Shadow Hills Drive is completed. Marie suggests Mishawaka Drive as a new street name (easily spelled and pronounced), and explains their Indiana hometown was named after a Potawatomi Indian princess and was known as "The Princess City."

Anxious to get started residing at 13253 Pomegranate Drive are the ROBERT E. KINGSLANDS of Cedar Grove, New Jersey. Barbara writes that Bob has his doctor's blessing to continue his cardiac rehabilitation program (walk four miles a day) in Arizona. He had a triple coronary bypass operation at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City in October, 1976, forcing early retirement. He was a former Assistant General Foreman at the Newark News and later a printer at the Star-Ledger. Now he is looking forward to painting and sketching (his first love), in Arizona. Barbara already has her Arizona registered nurse's license with plans for duty in this area, where she feels Boswell Hospital will be "a new and exciting experience for me." Here's a hearty Sun City West welcome to the Kingslands!

ALLEN AND GLORIA SULLIVAN of 6707 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles, 90048, hope to be "on Cloud 9" in their new Sun City West home at 13247 Maplewood Drive "maybe by Thanksgiving" but certainly before 1978 goes into the history books, Gloria writes. Allen, a native of Milwaukee, moved to Los Angeles prior to World War II and now is retired from Northrup after 30 years service. Gloria, a Los Angeles native, recently retired as an escrow officer with Bank of America after 24 years service. As for activities in which they'll participate in, Gloria says: "I'm afraid our poor heads will be spinning for quite awhile before we come down off of Cloud 9." The Sullivans would like to hear from future neighbors!

Well, times up or at least space. More correspondence to share with you next time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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We've heard from them, and they're coming.....these first and future residents of Sun City West, Arizona. They'll be arriving soon from Ohio, California, Illinois, South Carolina, Kentucky, North Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. They're enthusiastic and they're looking for a new way of life! Yep, they're coming to the right place!

The GASKINS, CARSIE and HELEN of Uniontown, Ohio, first visited Sun City seven years ago and found to their amazement it wasn't difficult to make friends. Helen had learned a former neighbor and schoolmate of 50 years ago, John Polk, lived in Sun City. The Gaskins located John and his wife and became good friends. Then while Carsie and Helen were inspecting a house they met Frank and Gladys Falen who were moving in next door. To the amazement of everyone Frank and Carsie discovered they had been schoolmates 50 years ago. According to their plans the Gaskins will occupy an apartment in Glendale until their home at 12423 Vista Grande Ct. is ready in September or October. Carsie retired this summer after 37 years with Goodyear Tire as Manager of Industrial, Airplane and Race Tire Production, and the last two years as Manager of Waste Control and Safety. He's looking forward to considerable golfing and swimming, but Helen says after he builds considerable cupboard space at home. She'll busy herself in church work, visiting the sick and shut-ins, and acquiring new friends.

From Evanston, Ill., FRED L. LITRENTI writes that he's looking forward to a future in Arizona and Sun City West, and anticipates a year-end visit and key inspection at the new home. He's a handball "nut" anxious for action, and gets in three singles games a week. Right now he's in the automobile business in Evanston.

RAY ORWAT and wife LORETTA, of Berwyn, Ill., will be leaving behind five children and four grandchildren as well as many wonderful friends when they embark during the Christmas holidays for their new Sun City West home at 12806 Bonanza Drive. They anticipate having many friends as future visitors to their Arizona home. Ray will be retiring from his job as night Superintendent of a machine shop for a major conglomerate. In more than 38 years of such work, 23 years have been on the night shift. Both he and Loretta hope to do part-time work after his retirement. Ray is an avid golfer and Loretta also would like to learn the game if she can tag along. They enjoy dancing, want to attend Sun Bowl Shows, and both hope to do some bowling. Swimming, boating, fishing and outdoor activities will be included for both, and the Orwats also thoughtfully sent along a list of suggested street names for Sun City West.

PAUL A. CARTWRIGHT of St. Paul, Minn., one of the Deans of Engineering at the University of Minnesota, a Professor of Electrical Engineering, and an authority on retirement and what to do when retirement day comes, will be moving early in the summer of 1979 with his wife, Elizabeth, to their new Sun City West home (the Alpine) at 13010 Jadestone Drive. Some of Paul's hobbies include lapidary work, photography, guns, hunting and fishing. Elizabeth does a great deal of sewing, enjoys golf and bridge and has tried her hand at oil painting. And Cartwright has taken up tennis again after a lapse of 40 years.

A retired New York City police lieutenant and security director, CHARLES FRANKEL, and wife, ADELE, both native New Yorkers, if on schedule are now residing in their motor home in the Sun City area awaiting completion of their Sun City West home at 13234 Marble Drive. As campers, they also plan to revisit Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon and other Southwestern areas. Once settled in Sun City West, they hope to take in many recreational activities.

After spending 40 years with International Harvester in the Chicago area, FRED O. FANDORF and wife wanted to see something besides farm equipment so they're touring Northern Arizona and Utah while awaiting completion next spring of their new Sun City West home. Now they're renting temporary housing on Garnette Drive in Sun City pending arrival of their household goods.

The KRAMLICKS of Anaconda, Montana, EMIL S. and ADELINA, are looking forward to occupying a new Sun City West home possible late this year at 13224 Bellwood Drive. Adeline, says hubby, considers reading, sewing and "gabbing" her chief relaxation, but also intends to take up swimming, tennis and perhaps a bit of golf. Emil, a retired Metallurgical Engineer who still engages in occasional consulting assignments, likes woodworking and fishing for relaxation, and hopes to polish up his swimming and golf. And they're really looking forward to "life in the sun country."

MARJORIE J. BUTLER of Battle Creek, Mich., who retired last spring from the Veterans Administration Hospital after more than 30 years as a clerk-typist in the Medical Administration Division, is anticipating a late fall or early winter move to Sun City West and an apartment at 13405 Coppertone Drive. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, golf and hiking. She is looking forward to life in Arizona and hasn't decided whether to get a part-time job, do volunteer work or just loaf.

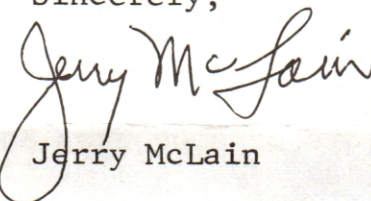
It seemed more like a dream for quite awhile, but now that they've made a down payment and are being contacted about changes and colors desired, that new home in SUN CITY WEST sounds more like the real thing, writes MRS. M. ELLEN FRY, who with her husband, GORDON, resides in Sherrodsville, Ohio. Gordon is semi-retired, having sold the grocery store and meat market he operated 37 years. But Gordon decided he couldn't quit altogether, so he joined a friend in the custom butchering business. Ellen, besides housekeeping and cooking, keeps occupied with sewing. They hope to get into their Sun City West home at 19414 133rd Avenue late this year of early in 1979.

They're MR. & MRS. NILES HELLER of 5801 Old Crain Highway at Mitchellville, Maryland, and they're moving to Sun City West this winter to start a new life at 13427 Castle Rock Drive. Niles was teaching math and science in a Pennsylvania high school when he married Dorothy. Five years later along came World War II. Niles joined the Naval Reserve as a radar officer on aircraft carriers. After the war he was stationed at the Naval Reserve Lab in Washington, D.C. Niles also did a lot of traveling for NASA as director of all tracking stations. Dorothy reports that Niles likes to swim and take walks while she favors ceramics, oil painting, sewing and gardening.

Then there are the SZYMANSKIS, of Toledo, Ohio. LEN (for Leonard), who's 57, and ALICE, 58, are coming to Sun City West to reside at 19022 133rd Avenue. They're of Polish descent and Alice, who speaks the language, enjoys maintaining Polish customs. And then Alice came up with the "biggie". Leonard has two brothers, Daniel and Frank, and the three are TRIPLETS! Widely known in Toledo, they joined the Navy in World War II and served together on the USS Helena. After that they worked 30 years in the jeep plant of American Motors, then all retired.

Folks, that's the news for this issue. Be seeing you soon with another Sun City West issue.

Sincerely,


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The first PERMANENT RESIDENTS of SUN CITY WEST are going to begin moving into their new homes during the first couple of weeks of OCTOBER, and more than 100 Sun City West residences will be awaiting their occupants that month. And there'll be more than their dream homes....for there's going to be MUCH, MUCH, MUCH.....and then some.... TO BE PROUD OF!

The original Sun City, which will greet its final residents about year end and achieve a population of about 48,000, has long been the talk of Arizona, of the U.S. and even visitors from many foreign countries. But with thousands of construction workers today streaming over Sun City West and its improvements, the time is near when this new retirement city will become the topic of conversation wherever people congregate.

With more than 9,000 reservations already recorded for its new homes, Sun City West is mushrooming 2½ miles west of world-famous Sun City, with more than 4,500 workmen striving to set new standards in resort-retirement living.

Already over 50 per cent complete is the Sun City West VACATION HEADQUARTERS. This complex will place visitors in 326 luxurious guest suites. There also will be a restaurant, cocktail lounge, banquet room, registration and information offices, a television viewing room, beauty salon, gift shop, swimming pool and tennis courts.

And today construction is well underway on the largest community facility ever built in Arizona, the R. H. JOHNSON RECREATION CENTER for recreation, arts and crafts, social events and cultural pursuits. It is named in honor of the President of the Del E. Webb Corporation and his dedication to the furtherance of the late Del Webb's ideals of vitally active living for people of retirement age. It is due for completion early next summer.

Also rising is the massive Sun City West LIBRARY BUILDING, featured by a Spanish style bell tower, and due to house administrative offices for the community library association, beautifully furnished reading areas, and space for 40,000 volumes.

And then there's the SUN DOME, a 6,800-seat center for the performing arts. Site work has been completed. Groundbreaking will signal construction in SUN CITY WEST of this largest theater building in Arizona.

A GRAND CHAMPION GOLF COURSE has been carved out of the desert and farm land. Some 2 million yards of earth were moved to create a rolling valley that is to become the first of six 18-hole golf courses in the first phase of Sun City West. and that first phase involves development of 5,700 acres for a projected population of 32,500. Total land area to be developed in Sun City West is approximately 13,000 acres (as compared to 8,900 acres in the original Sun City).

which means residents of Sun City West are going to have plenty to talk about and MUCH TO SHOW! And now about some of our Sun City West people.....

The ROTHENBERGS of Brooklyn, N.Y. (SIDNEY AND RENEE) are going to be delayed a bit in getting to Arizona to claim their Sun City West home, but Sidney isn't letting any grass grow under his feet. He dispatched to our Street Naming Department a list of 173 suggested street names and said he feels he can create some more if needed. Their delay, he says, is because they haven't yet disposed of their Brooklyn home. But they're packing for the trip and hope to be along in a couple of months or so.

FRANCIS D. SCALZA of Linden, N.J. is conscious of the campaign to obtain suggested names for streets in the new Sun City West, but he feels the community's new golf course is going to be every bit as important, and it, too, should be named. He sent along his suggestion--GRAND VIEW GOLF COURSE. Any others?

We're still attracting residents from Florida, and newest arrivals--this time to Sun City West--will be FRANCES T. AND NORMAN AUGER as soon as their garden apartment at 19007 134th Drive is completed. Thirty-year residents of Miami, Florida, they visited Sun City twice and, wrote Frances, "it seemed like the closest thing to Utopia one could find". They follow Phoenix temperature reports in Miami papers "and that has us a little concerned this summer, but we are looking forward to the low humidity!" Their main sport is golf (we're hackers, says Frances), but they hope to join in other Sun City activities "once we have lots of time (but) having lots of time will take a little getting used to!" Norman, an Eastern Airline mechanic nearly 25 years, is retiring. Frances has operated a beauty salon 29 years.

MILLY AND ART PETERSEN of Racine, Wis., should be in Sun City by this time, living in rented quarters at 12807 Sun Valley Drive until their new Sun City West home at 13212 Marble Drive is completed. They report they've been living in a beautiful state (Wisconsin) "but our winters seem to get worse each year, "and another Wisconsin winter is on the way." Art is a retired real estate broker and Milly a retired secretary. They recognize Sun City as "a paradise for golfers", and will be happy to get settled in their new home so their three children and families can vacation with them in the winters.

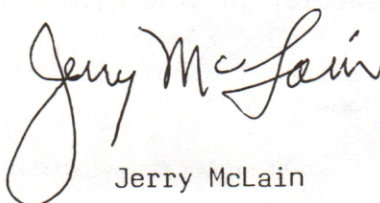
A note from PHILIP L. SMITH, San Francisco insurance executive, says he understands the Sun City home for his partner and family will be ready in October, but that his garden apartment in Sun City West won't be completed until early 1979. Sun City friends, he writes, keep them posted with news of interest.

By late next spring the CHARLES E. LACYS of Scotia, N.Y. hope to be moving into their new Sun City West home at 13246 Maplewood Drive. Mrs. Lacy (Denise) writes that husband Charles, a metallurgical engineer, is retiring early in 1979 from General Electric Co. after 32 years service. Denise's hobbies are crafts and art, the latter almost a vocation. Charles' interests center around sailing, golf and gardening. They'd like to do some part-time teaching and service work. They'd like to spend a few months relaxing and getting organized, but like most Sun City people "we don't intend to stay home twiddling our thumbs for long." A cheerful welcome to Charles and Denise!

GEORGE POLAKOWSKI and wife, GLADYS, of Milwaukee, Wis., are "living in high anticipation" of their move toward year-end to Sun City West to occupy their new home at 19219 131st Ave. They first visited Sun City in the fall of 1977 when they brought their son to enroll in Arizona State University. They didn't tarry about buying a new home. George is a retired divorce court clerk and Gladys will retire when they are ready for the Arizona move. George served Milwaukee County as a deputy sheriff 14 years and as clerk of the circuit court 17 years. He may even continue in his new home town his present vocation of selling insurance and real estate. He even sent some suggested street names. Polakowski also sent regards to their Sun City West housing sales representative, whom he described as "just a terrific guy".

Folks, that's the news for this issue. Another Newsletter soon will bring more interesting facts about new residents, and we'll add something about progress in the community itself!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry McLain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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They had been visiting Arizona, especially Sun City and Phoenix, for six years and always looking forward to the day when they could "make our move". Now it's about that time, and PAUL AND LORETTA REPKO of Maple Heights, Ohio, in the Cleveland area are anticipating arriving no later than late fall to occupy their home at 13246 Bellwood Drive in Sun City West. Paul will be retiring after 21 years with Sears Roebuck and says retiring to Arizona "seems like a nice dream come true" because he has a brother and many home-town friends in Sun City. Loretta, a registered nurse, "tells herself she is going to retire for good". Paul reports his sister-in-law, EVELYN REPKO, also visited Sun City with them in 1977 and "fell in love" with the community, bought a home, and expects to move west before year end.

Not a few Sun City residents became "sold" on retiring here after their first visit, they'll tell you today, but it also is becoming more and more apparent that such first visits many times have been the result of earnest invitations by friends to come visit and see for themselves what Sun City offers. Such, for example, was the case for DOT AND DON KLEMANN of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, who by December expect to be settled in Sun City at 17615 Lime Rock Drive. About four years ago while en route to California, the Klemanns stopped to visit HARRY AND IDA BRINKMAN, friends since World War II, who were residing in Sun City. Wrote Dot: "We only stayed three days in Sun City, but fell in love with it and decided it was ideal for us." The friendly people, city cleanliness, beauty, climate and activities sure convinced us. We thought this retirement would never get here, but at long last we are now down to less than six months of waiting. Don is an electrician at U.S. Steel and Dot works in the Physics Department at Princeton University. She says they need exercise, and in Sun City hope to enjoy golf, bowling, bike riding, swimming, gardening and dancing. Don is fond of big band music and is an aviation enthusiast. Dot plays cards and would like to learn some crafts.

A nice letter from MR. & MRS. ELWIN A. ANDRUS of Milwaukee, Wis., reports they're packing for the trip to Sun City "at long last." Three visits in three years with Sun City friends persuaded them to make the move. Elwin also has friends in Flagstaff, once lived there, and his son was born there in 1929. Wife Marion, once in Sun City, wants to learn to swim and also is fond of dancing.

It was strictly to satisfy their curiosity when GENE AND BILL BLANTON of 217 Debbie Drive, Waukesha, Wis., visited Sun City about 18 months ago after seeing a television feature on the retirement community. But, writes Gene, they "fell in love" with what they saw, came back in a few months for another look, and bought a home at 13218 Maplewood Dr. in Sun City West. Bill has spent 30 years with Industrial Risk Insurance, and Gene is a registered nurse. Both plan early retirement, but would like some part-time work after moving to our communities this fall. Gene writes that Bill has learned about 15 of his fraternity brothers reside in Sun City, but claims no surprise because he always knew "only smart fellows" are Sigma Phis.

A very busy MRS. ROBERT L. HAWKINS of 502 Oak Creek Lane, Ojai, Calif., is waiting only to sell her home and begin packing for the move to SUN CITY WEST where her "Castillo" home is rising at 13426 Castle Rock Drive. And from information she gleaned from past Newsletters she has already made contacts and received "wonderful letters" from some future neighbors. She's heard "everything is buzzing" in Sun City West and that her home already is under roof. Mrs. Hawkins worked more than 22 years for Douglas Aircraft in payroll, budget and forecast divisions, then as an auditor, and she still does accounting several days a week. She's active-- walks three miles every morning and does considerable gardening. Her hobbies are needlepoint, knitting, ceramics and she plays some golf. We feel Mrs. Hawkins is going to have a busy, eventful life in Sun City West!

WILLIAM P. MURRAY of Los Angeles and wife, ROSEMARY, have settled down temporarily in Sun City at 10050 Royal Oak Road while awaiting completion of their garden apartment at 13405 Desert Glen Drive in Sun City West. During the wait they have enjoyed a trip to Mexico. Mrs. Murray retired several years ago from the U.S. Senate where she was secretary to the sergeant at arms. Early retirement was taken by Mr. Murray three years ago as regional sales manager in Los Angeles for B.F. Goodrich associated lines division.

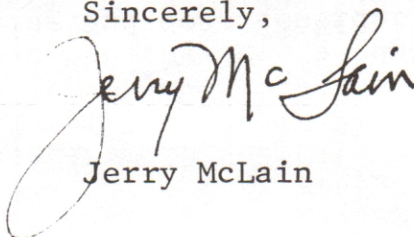
They're military people from Marble Falls, Texas, COL. AND MRS. JAMES C. CONINE, U.S. Army, Retired, after more than 31 years in service, and now better known as Jim and Harriet. Jim and Harriet purchased an upgraded Cranbrook model, which they smilingly refer to as the "Cranberry", at 18611 Maplewood Drive. Jim not only has a long history with the Retired Officers Association but also presently is a director and special assistant to the president of the Texas Council of Chapters, as well as being active in the VFW. Hobbies of the Conines are golf and bridge, though Harriet also has a flair for handcraft. They have friends residing in Sun City and, once settled about Thanksgiving in Sun City West, anticipate enlarging that circle of friends.

A brief item in our July Newsletter about BARBARA AND BOB KINGSLAND of Cedar Grove, New Jersey and their plans to move to 13253 Pomegranate Dr. in Sun City West brought some results for Barbara. Two nurses contacted her (Barbara already has her Arizona registered nurse's license and plans duty in this area). Another contact came from New Jersey folks who reside two miles away, but in Sun City West will be only 13 doors from the Kingslands. Not everyone, remarked Barbara, plans to work after retiring, but for those whose husbands have retired early, it's a chance to be of service to our new community. And she adds that Sun City's Walter O. Boswell Hospital, with its new circular nursing units is a beautiful, functional facility, which every nurse should visit and tour. Barbara is a graduate of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City and when she gets to Sun City West she'll be looking for a former classmate she now understands is moving there. Barbara also felt it would be helpful to nursing interns if we printed the Phoenix address of the Arizona State Board of Nursing, which is Room 254 at 1645 West Jefferson St., Phoenix, 85002.

And another couple slated for residence on Pomegranate Drive are MERVYN AND WILLIAM A. COPPOCK of Healdsburg, Calif., who'll be at 13230. Mervyn also sent along a couple of "pretty names" -- Heather Lane and Primrose Way--for possible use on Sun City West streets.

If you lost your wristwatch while visiting in Sun City, take heart and communicate with HARY SEXTON, 10337 Twin Oaks Drive. He found a wrist watch August 1 in the auto parking lot of Lakeview Bowling Lanes. He hasn't been able to discover its owner in Sun City and feels perhaps it belonged to a visitor who was here to look for a future retirement home.

Sincerely,



Jerry McLain

THE NEWSLETTER

Sun City West



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'HELLO' to First Residents of Sun City West and a Hearty Welcome to Those Still to Come

It was an auspicious and long-to-be-remembered event . . . the move-in of the first permanent residents of the spanking new Arizona retirement community of SUN CITY WEST. It came Oct. 16, a sunshiny Monday afternoon during which Mr. and Mrs. Luman A. Wick of Topeka, Kansas and the Edward Uhls of Alameda, Calif. were welcomed by top officials of the Del E. Webb Development Co., photographed and interviewed by press, radio and television, then received keys to their new residences. The Wicks are residing at 13235 Maplewood Drive and the Uhls at 13225 Desert Glen Drive.

Webb Company President John W. Meeker helped cut a colorful ribbon to officially open the new city to its first residents and told them others would be arriving in days and weeks to come. He presented as souvenirs to each couple a special barbecue grill and a clock in the form of a wall plaque — "symbol of the time they will have to enjoy an active, full life in Sun City West." And he told the new arrivals when they were ready to invite neighbors to their first barbecue cookout, beef would be provided for the party.

Wick formerly was a division manager in Topeka with Frigidaire, a division of General Motors, retiring in 1974. Mary Wick was a home economist with Frigidaire until she retired in 1966. They visited California,

Florida and Southern Texas in search of a retirement home, but finally selected Sun City West. "I like the fact that I can play golf here all winter long," says Wick, "and I also like to swim and bicycle." His wife declares she likes "the relaxed atmosphere, and everyone is so friendly here that I have a feeling this is the place we were meant to be."

The Uhls, came to Arizona from California last January and resided temporarily at 17227 Country Club Drive in Sun City before moving to Sun City West. Mr. Uhl was unable to accompany his wife to the welcoming ceremonies because of foot surgery. Originally from Chicago, he was with the Navy (submarines) from 1940 to 1962. After that he was an investigator with Alameda County in California until he retired last March. He says: "We've traveled all over the world — Australia, Japan, South America and Hawaii — and there's nothing that compares with this! From a pleasure/involvement point of view, Sun City West is the place to be. We can get on a bike and when we get to the corner we're at the hub of everything." Interestingly enough, the Uhls chose for their Sun City West home the two-bedroom Ottawa, the same model of dwelling they had in Sun City.

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WELCOMING first residents to Sun City West were John Meeker, president of Del E. Webb Development Co. and other company officers. Mr. Meeker (arrow) assisted the first permanent residents snip a ribbon officially opening new town. On his right is Mrs. Edward Uhl, Alameda, Calif., and on his left, Mrs. Mary Wick and husband, Luman, of Topeka, Kansas cutting ribbon with huge pair of scissors for official opening. Other Webb officials assisting were, from left, Ken Parker, Senior Vice President, sales; Joseph Aubin, Executive Vice President; and at far right, Bob Cannon, Vice President, operations; and Tom Ryan, Senior Vice President, engineering.



Approximately 17,000 housing units are scheduled for Phase I of Sun City West, 65 percent of them single-family homes, 35 percent condominiums.



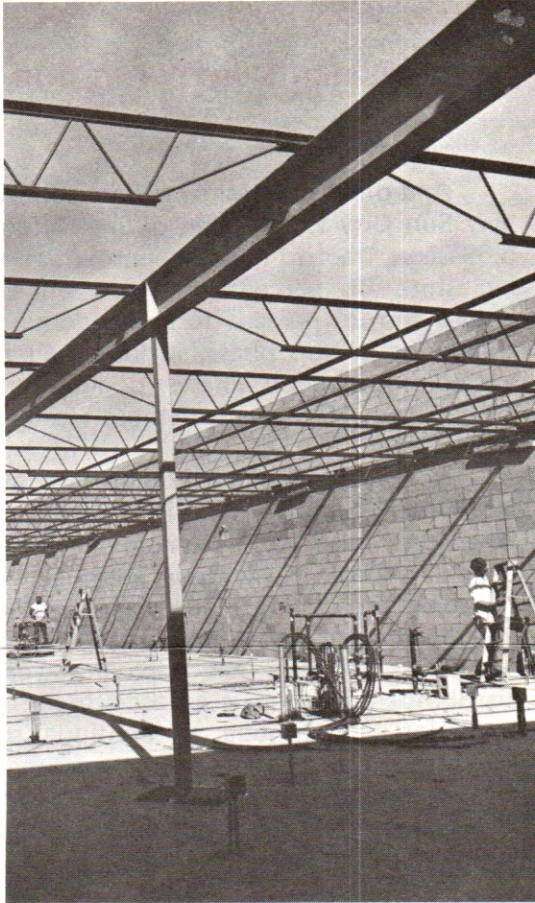
Looking north, the new community is viewed from 6,000 feet.



Completion is scheduled for January 1979 on 326 Vacation Special Apartments.



Four of Sun City West's first residents sign name badges at the initial Newcomers Coffee.



Construction continues on Johnson Recreation Center, which will be Arizona's largest private facility for recreational and creative activities.



Door prizes, ranging from a barbecue grill to hand-painted china plates to wooden roadrunners, were given out at the first Sun City West Newcomers Coffee.



Luman and Mary Wick of Topeka, Kansas, unlock the door to their new Sun City West home. The Wicks, along with Edward and Clarice Uhl of Alameda, California, were the community's first key recipients.



Sun City West is expected to have several hundred residents by the end of the year.

First Residents Arrive in Sun City West

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And other new residents were continuing to occupy new Sun City West homes during October. Phase I is a 5,697-acre tract to include approximately 17,000 housing units, 65 percent of which will be single-family homes and 35 percent to be condominiums. Construction costs of this phase, including all facilities, are in excess of \$1 billion. Phase I population is estimated at 32,500 with 80 percent of those residents coming from other states.

Rosemead, Calif., will contribute at least two new residents to Sun City West in Maybelle and Don Nelson. When they head for Arizona, they'll be settling down at 13243 N. Castle Rock Drive, and they anticipate spending some time on recreation, but also have some vocational activities which will help keep them busy and occupied. Maybelle has been for years an Amway distributor, and Don is an accountant as well as a tax counselor. They hope to continue such vocational activities in Arizona. Don was secretary-treasurer of an investigative corporation in the Los Angeles area and later was controller for several large political committees in Southern California.

And, of course, another couple keeping tabs on Sun City West while marking time until retirement next May are the Martin S. Erbs (Marty and Vi, for Violet), on whom we touched last July to tell of their interesting avocation — domestic and foreign travel. Marty is anxious to know what, besides homes, is complete, and we hope to come up with such info promptly. For nine years they've been hosting an international tour, working through local travel agencies to make arrangements and then leading the group on tour. Last summer's travel took them through Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. After 39 years in the purchasing profession, the last 27 years with the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand Corp., the Erbs will be residing in Sun City West at 19402 132nd Drive.

Lifelong residents of Brooklyn, New York, Terry and Morty Wohl hope to arrive with the advent of 1979 (at year end) to claim their new home at 13429 Desert Glen Drive in Sun City West. They are retired swimming instructors, and when they aren't busy at their new home, they have a daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren in not-far-distant Scottsdale.

The Stan C. Stanleys of Dowagiac, Mich., who hope to move to 13239 Castle Rock Drive in Sun City West as soon as possible, also wish to know the address of the Sun City West post office to which to send their address change. Well, Stan, the Sun City post office says it has already appealed to higher authority for permission to set up an office in Sun City West, but still doesn't have the go-ahead. They recommend sending the address change to Sun City Post Office, 9801 West Bell Road, 85351, and they'll process it as quickly as possible. And, incidentally, two zip codes already are established for Sun City West residents — 85375 for

residents located north of Grand Avenue and 85374 for those south of Grand Avenue.

Babe and Rom Cerasani of Chicago, who hope to get into their Sun City West residence at 13204 Marble Drive sometime in December, are wondering who their neighbors will be. Rom was an Internal Revenue collection manager 38 years before retiring (how about that!), and he's looking forward to daily golf play. Babe loves crafts, square dancing and people. And, adds Rom, "We want to compliment the Del Webb organization on its fine staff, and especially our salesman and friend, Jim McCarthy. He adds: "Voila, here we come!"

They're due for retirement the end of November and Peter and Dorothy Black of Smithtown, N.Y. are looking forward, or as Dorothy says "counting the days" until they can move into 13231 Desert Glen Drive, Sun City West. Peter is retiring from Grumann Aerospace and Dorothy as secretary to a high school principal. They have two daughters and two grandchildren — a grandson just entering junior high and a granddaughter in third grade — whom they plan to visit over Christmas, and after that it'll mean trips from Arizona to Long Island and back. Meanwhile, where's that golf and bowling?

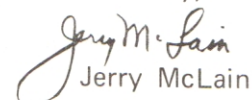
Rose and Barry Ratner of Monsey, New York, are relaxing in a Sun City apartment at 17012 Pinion Drive while awaiting completion of their new apartment home at 13430 Copperstone Drive in Sun City West. And they're rather anxious to get in the new residence because they want to invite children and grandchildren to visit. Barry is a retiree from sales and service of automotive and machine shop supplies, both wholesale and retail. Rose has served eight years as a member and president of a board of education of a school district of 15,000 students. Both also have been active in civic, political and fraternal organizations. They are bridge players and also enjoy swimming.

The Dominick Riggins of Brooklyn, N.Y., are looking forward to an early 1979 arrival in Sun City West to occupy a new home at 12820 Desert Glen Drive. Mrs. Mary Riggins paints in oils, and Dominick says she's a good cook. He paints in water colors and both expect to do considerable painting once settled in Arizona. Dominick also sent a list of suggested street names.

A couple of Californians, Rube and Edith Weinberg of San Francisco, also are anticipating moving into their Sun City West home at 13240 Marble Drive early in 1979. Rube, a San Francisco native, recently retired from Foremost Ice Cream Co. after 30 years in the dairy business. Edith, a native of Detroit, retired two years ago from Metropolitan Life Insurance after 20 years service. Both like tennis, golf, bowling, craft work, swimming and dancing, which should keep them pretty busy this winter in Arizona.

And there'll be more news next month on SUN CITY WEST.

Sincerely,


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An Illinois man who has been with the Caterpillar Company since he was a youngster and was looking toward retirement at 55 now has changed his mind. Since he and his wife visited Sun City, liked what they saw and arranged for construction of their retirement home in Sun City West, BOB GLASS of Morton, Ill., has decided to retire at 52, and wife MARY agrees. She's ready to get moving to Arizona the latter part of February. Bob has been with Caterpillar since he was 17, was anticipating retirement after 38 years of service, including 27 years in management. But now Bob is ready to retire at 52 with 35 years of service, then head westward. Sun City friends of Mary and Bob, along with their sales counselor, Arden Jacobson, whom Mary says: "we can't praise enough", have been keeping them posted on growth and development in Sun City West. Both Bob and Mary enjoy golf and hope to improve their game in Sun City West with opportunity for year-round play. Mary describes herself as a "starving artist"; also likes ceramics and hopes to learn to swim. She's a dyed-in-the-wool Chicago Cubs' baseball fan, and hopes to see them in the west during spring training. She says she knows Bob well enough that she feels he won't stay idle long, and she anticipates he'll be seeking some kind of part-time work after six months. Even she's thinking of getting herself something in the not-too-distant future to keep her busy a couple of days a week.

New Yorkers, FRANCES & ANTHONY (HANK) ANEMONE of Brooklyn, are eagerly awaiting their departure for Sun City West to claim their new retirement home at 13330 Hardwood Drive. Hank had retired as a corrections officer with New York City while Fran, still working, will be taking vested rights from her job as an officer of Prudential Savings Bank when they prepare to depart for Arizona. Both enjoy racquet ball and hope to swim a mile a day in Sun City West to keep in shape for lawn bowling.

Agreements have been reached by Del E. Webb Development Co. and Recreational Centers of Sun City on future use of recreational facilities in both communities. Limited use of Sun City recreational facilities by Sun City West residents and reciprocal use by Sun Citizens of Sun City West's golf course is part of the agreement. Another phase states that Sun City residents moving to Sun City West may use Sun City recreational facilities until their memberships expire. To be eligible, those Sun Citizens must have been Rec Center members for at least six months. Other Sun City Westers and Webb's vacation special visitors will have guest privileges for bowling, billiards, shuffleboard, swimming pools and mini-golf facilities until June 1, 1979. Webb will pay \$3 per person for each 30-day period for those who request those privileges. Webb will allow Sun Citizens to use the first Sun City West golf course from its opening date (still undetermined) to June 1, 1979, at Sun City West greens fees rates. The agreement also provides for transfer of the shooting and picnic areas of Heading Ranch to joint tenancy of Rec Centers Associations of Sun City and Sun City West. The ranch facility now includes trap and skeet, a rifle and pistol range, archery and a picnic area with covered cabanas, dance floor and stage. Webb also has agreed to install there a trailer pad, septic tank and utilities for use by a fulltime caretaker. John Meeker, president of Webb Development Co. expressed appreciation for the "neighborly attitude" exhibited by the agreement and added, "We feel there are many ways the two communities will be of mutual benefit in the future. This sharing at the very beginning is a positive step."

A \$1.8 million phone center is under construction by Mountain Bell at Grand Avenue and Union Hills Drive to serve the residents of Sun City West. The electronic switching center is expected to be fully operational early in 1979. The 4,000-square-foot, one-story building will initially serve some 3,500 customers and can be expanded to a capacity of 25,000 lines.

WILLIAM E. & IDA M. JONES of Detroit, Mich., who visited Sun City twice before deciding "the climate, the hospitality, plus the beauty of the place was well worth the change", expect to arrive here in late December or early January to occupy their new Sun City West home at 13239 Beardsley Road. Their Sun City visits were in September, 1977, and June, 1978, and they not only liked what they saw but were anxious to return. William retired from the Detroit Board of Education in 1976 after 30 years as supervisor and administrative assistant. Ida retired in 1963 after 22 years with the U.S. Government, then returned to further duties for six years in research with the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. She most recently has served seven years as an area worker with RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She is due now to retire in time to prepare for the move west. And, once here, they plan to remain active in recreational and social activities along with volunteer work. They're active, ready and willing to lend a hand. Welcome, Bill and Ida, to Sun City West!

Their retirement date isn't yet determined, but the NORMAN OSBORNES of 302 Eastline Drive, Middletown, Ohio, are getting ready! In a brief message to the Newsletter, Norman says that means he'd like to see not only addresses but lot numbers of their neighbors-to-be! The Osbornes are to settle on La Terraza Drive and Norman is busily plotting, or attempting to plot the area to determine just where his neighbors will locate, once he learns who they are! Okay, Norm, we'll see if we can scare up lot numbers!

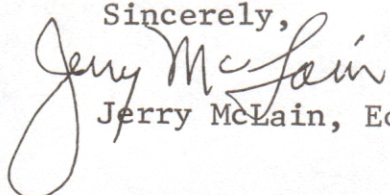
Then there's DR. & MRS. JACK GREENSTEIN, 977 North Reading Road, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who are slated to occupy a condominium at 19024 134th Dr. in Sun City West. Wife Marge is a middle school librarian and Dr. Greenstein is on the staff of Central Michigan University. The doctor wrote to say he had been "deeply disappointed" when he saw racquetball courts at Bell Center which were three-wall and had no air conditioning. Well, the doc can cheer up, because Sun City West courts will be four-wall, enclosed, lighted AND air-conditioned. Happy days!

First and earliest residents of Sun City West enjoyed a number of Webb-sponsored entertainment and get-acquainted events during November. They began with a Newcomers' gathering at Fountainbell Restaurant in Sun City for visiting, coffee and doughnuts, and a drawing for special prizes; next a get-acquainted luncheon at Fountainbell; then Sunday afternoon a visit to the Sun City Sun Bowl for an admission-free Phoenicians Barbershop Concert; then a Saturday night Harvest Ballroom Dance at Fountainbell with refreshments and door prizes; a morning of contract bridge at Fountainbell and other card games with refreshments and conversation; a one-day tag-a-long tour and luncheon at Luke Air Force Base; next a Western Picnic at Heading Ranch on the desert about 10 miles north of Sun City with a complete chicken dinner and refreshments, musical entertainment and dancing, and then a square dancing exhibition in which Sun City Westers joined. The month wound up with Las Vegas Day at Fountainbell with coffee and rolls, card games and prizes. And from start to finish at every event, the Westers had a ball!

So if you're preparing to move into your new Sun City West home, there'll be more activity coming up in December, including another Newcomers' Coffee; Christmas luncheon and entertainment; Christmas dance, and even a New Year's Eve party. So join us, won't you!

And, in the spirit of the season, to one and all A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS.....and a final note....we've had an abundance of rainfall during 1978 in the Sun City-Sun City West areas, which means the desert lands will bloom in April and May, with Mother Nature presenting a wild flower show that will be well worth seeing. Be here!

Sincerely,


Jerry McLain, Editor