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SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## OUR LAST MEETING

Was on March 21 at Petite Auberge in Toco Hills. About 50-75 members and guests were there. Invocation was by Lucille Isbell. The guests at the head table were: Marie & Rik Eriksson, Stan Adams, Billie Lee (Shirley's replacement in I&E) and Phil Archibald. Stan gave a very interesting talk on how things were in the F. S.. He told mostly of the curtailment of a lot of programs, particularly budget cuts involving S&PF with state projects-the basis of the cuts being that "the states should handle their own programs without federal assistance." He also dwelled on how the NF lands should be managed and criticized the herbicides on NF lands, which seemed to be the #1 issue. He indicated that herbicides were banned on NF lands which are in use every day in every household. Announced that Harry Rossoll had been awarded the SILVER SMOKEY BEAR TROPHY - the 40th anniversary of Smokey Bear and mentioned it as the highest award made to an individual. (Congratulations Harry). Phil - Program Chairman, thanked Stan and introduced Rik Eriksson who gave a most informative talk on the organization known as NARFE- (National Association of Retired Federal Employees).

(Last Meeting continued): Rik divided his talk into three parts: (1) NARFE (2) Narfe Pact and (3) legislation in Ga. Pointed out that Ga. Legislature - through Narfe - obtained a \$2000 deduction in State income tax for Narfe members. Indicated that Narfe needed new members, pointing out that in their dealings with Congress, a million membership would amount to a "clout" with Congress and State Legislature. He discussed Civil Service -vs- Social Security and urged all retirees to join up with Narfe and provided membership blanks. As stated - Rik gave an informative talk and is quite capable of doing so, since he was President of the local chapter in this area. He talked of other subjects but was unable to get them all down. Guests included Lucille's grandson; Lionel Johnson introduced a sister in law; Jim Cheek was introduced but he stated he was a member and just returned "back home" from Miss. Huber had a neighbor guest; Polly Brandt as an out of town member. Sam Johnson reported "we are healthy with a balance of \$1500 to use. A member of the Wives' Club invited members to attend a wine-cheese party. Mayfield brought up attending a N. C. retirees meeting (See Lew Mielke's letter as to details) but no one seemed interesting. Andy Brands, George Schaeffer and Art Collins were recognized as 50-year members of SAF. Paul Russell announced the Jekyll Bob Cooper Memorial golf tournament. Door prizes were won by Shirley Herbert, Jewell Godlaw; Mike Kageorge, C.M. Evenson and Gene Weaver. Adjourned for "Soaps".

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be at the Petite Auberge Restaurant at Toco Hills Shopping Center. The usual arrangements will apply. Make your reservations with Billie Lee - 881-4191 - out of town in Ga. 1-881-4191. Arrange to pay the tab at the door - about \$7 per person. Assemble around 11-11:30 A.M. and the meal will be served around noon or a little later. **THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ....JUNE 20, 1984.** Make your reservations several days in advance of the above date to enable the Arrangements Committee to get things organized with Petite! There will be a program and the usual door prize contests, which has been curtailed to some extent in order to save a few \$\$\$\$\$. But we'll have fun, so plan to attend.

## A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Because of the fact that ye-ed will be in Wisconsin during the month of July and it might be a little difficult to get the news to you - the annual picnic in September - ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1984 will be held at Stone Mountain Park. The usual arrangements will be in effect - bring your own cover dish - your choice of liquid refreshments. No reservation is necessary. The fee for Stone Mountain Park has been paid and the picnic will be held at the usual pavilion at the base of where the sky lift operates. If I get back in time and, provided I type most of the ~~October~~ August issue of the D-R prior to going to Wisconsin in July, I will include this announcement again - but this is **ADVANCE NOTICE** of our September picnic - **SO make a note of it and, please, attend.**

## WHAT OUR RETIREES ARE DOING

In the March 8, 1984 issue of DeKALB EXTRA, there was an article titled "BOTIQUE OPERATORS HAVE MISSION IN THE WORLD". This article had to do with the work which Orrie & Eleanor Hanson are doing in helping operate a small botique, fondly called "Lord & Hanson". I'll try and fit this article on a separate sheet.

## AN ACCIDENT TO AN R'S EMPLOYEES'SON

Tom Frazier's son, J. D. fell from a ladder recently while doing some maintenance work for his employer. J. D.'s neck was broken and is in serious condition in Kennestone Hospital ICU in Marietta. Tom & Carolyn's home address is 2970 Dara Dr., SE, Marietta, Ga. 30066.

## REGION 8'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:

The Southern Region is a half century old this year, and we have a lot of to be proud as we look back over the accomplishments of the last 50-years. I've always felt a deep appreciation for the work of early day F. S. employees. The recovery of the South's forests, watershed and wildlife has to be one of the greatest success stories in the history of American conservation. To celebrate this success, you all are invited to an open house in the R. O. building on May 31. The entire R.O. will be open to visitors, and many units will have exhibits in their reception areas. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., refreshments will be available in Room 140 and a slide/tape history of the Region will be presented on the hour in Room 108. Today, thanks to you and other employees, now retired, the Southern Region is the number one pulpwood producer in the nation, and is expected to supply more than half the nation's wood products by the year 2000. All this from land that was barren in the 1920's. I hope you all will join us to celebrate the "Miracle of the South's Forests". Signed John E. Alcock, R. F.



Orrie Hanson displays some of his wares to Ruth Durham. (Photo Billy Downs)

DEKALB EXTRA, MARCH 8, 1984

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS:

To lead off, I'm starting with a letter from George S. James - a former Regional Officer in R-9; I&E Division Chief in R-8 and a very good friend, golf partner and a friend - one who called me "Black Irish" but - 'nuff said! I've included a whole lot more than he asked to be included, all of which is of interest.

GEORGE S. JAMES

Very thoughtful of you to mail me Dixie Ranger at home address. We keep Box 3234 because rural mail boxes are sometimes vandalized. So please use the POBox #-thanx! I was shaken up to learn of Del's and George Hoffman's passing. We are all in the critical age group - so live it up the best way you can. Rosemary is very poorly- maybe 2-3 on a scale of 10. Have help every day. I watch her at night-very little to do, but it keeps me mentally occupied in a silent sort of ways and starts to tell on me. I keep fighting the war and battles of preservationists and multiple users. Preservationists are driving for a 100% increase in RARE II recommendations. Most of them are in the major metropolitan areas. Emotion weighs heavy as a catalyst. Facts are more often overlooked in their educational program. The media is caught up in the process. It is rough on the countryside - we just dont have the votes. Our winter has been mild - exceptionally so - while the rest of the USA has and still is suffering miserably. Went to John & Sue Chaffin's retirement dinner in San Francisco. A good crowd, with many old timers he consorted with since arriving on the scene. They have made a host of friends and will enjoy their health and better years out here. John has been taking night college courses on wine making. The product he puts out now is good. When he becomes a professional, the product should be excellent-we hope. Give our best to everyone.

Bill BRANDAU

Here's \$4 for a new member-Roger C. Hatch. Send a copy of last D-R to Roger and a directory. (done). Roger told me he thought he had already joined this distinguished organization. If so, please credit him with this \$4. (Bill-Roger had never joined up-Ed).

DON POMMERENING:

Thanks for your continued hard work to keep F. S. retirees informed. Am enclosing \$4 for a new member - Howard Burnett. He is a product of R-8 and will be eligible to retire in less than 2-years. ("elcome Howard-see "new Members").

MARY FRANCES PULLIUM:

Here is \$4 for membership of a new member - Rosalynde Wilson (see new members). Rosalynde retired from the F. S. - Tbr. Mgmt. in Sept. 1982. Hope to see you at the March luncheon.

OLENE WOODY:

This article came out in our local paper. please pass it on to those interested. If you still have the snap shot I sent and you could not use it. It was 4-11 I think, Thank you for the personal message on the "red" dot. It is great to be remembered. Clyne's condition does not improve too much. Good and bad days - we all have that, I expect. Love the news sheet. You do a good job. Still looking for you in Suches! (Ed: Miss Olene, I'll try and figure out a way to include some of your clipping. Insofar as the photo is concerned, I have it somewhere, but dont know. Note that J. A. Abercrombie was the Camp Supt. If I cant handle it in the newsletter, I'll turn it over to the historical person in I&E here. Will do my best with what you've contributed!).

JOHN O. KIRBY:

Here is my check for \$12. Please credit it to dues. Many thanks. (Ed: At the last luncheon meeting 3/21, we were advised that JACK KIRBY had not yet retired).

GEORGE FOX:

Here is check for \$8 to apply to my dues. Rt. #2, Portersville, Pa. 16051. (Ed: Why do folks like George, who pays his dues to get the Dixie Ranger, doesnt contribute more than just a check to pay his dues? We need letters and info about you and all of you George. Try again when your dues runs out!)

WILLIAM M. (MADISON) GORDON:

I see by the red stamp on the last D-R that I am about two years behind in dues. So sorry, and I enclose check for \$12 to bring me up to date. However, I have been away from my old job under civil service with the U. S. F. S. so long ('31-10/'40) that I know very few from those on your current roster. So, with this payment, please drop me from your rolls. Yours is a great cause and I will continue to boost you any and every way I can. Thank you!

ARTHUR G. STEEDLEY:

Many retirees dont remember me. Here is a summary of my career: 6/1-Oct. 1933, CCC Surveyor of Roads; 1933-1936 Party Chief, Camptain I. F. Eldridge, timber survey of South; 1936-1942- Asst. Supvr. Naval Stores program; 1942-1946 - Tech. Sgt. US Air Force; 1946-1965-Area Forester Naval Stores Program; 1965-1984 - Forestry Consultant to greatest people on earth (75% women-25% private landowners and 1984 - continuing rendering a service to landowners. I sold timber from 55-acres of land for \$2,577 per acre. Who would have dreamed this twenty years. This was second growth timber. 1200 Williams St., McRae, Ga. 31055.

ROBERT A. CAMPBELL:

I, too, am one of those still living at the same location as before, but have a new address as follows: 1041 Wilson Rd., Pisgah Forest, N. C. 28768

CECIL B. COUEY:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$25. Put \$20 on dues and keep \$5 for other expenses. Thanks Cecil - ED.

CAROLYN CROWLEY:

Enjoyed the Dixie Ranger received today. Keep up the good work. Check enclosed for dues and a little extra to help out with your expenses.

DOUG CRAIG:

Reference Karl Mayer's note. I see Mark Lehrbas every month. He will be 86 years old in Sept. Mark does not want to join anything new as it would be just a waste of money and paper to have him join or for anyone to pay his dues. Keep up the excellent work Tom.

JOHN S. MASLACK:

I am getting worried that the next issue of the Dixie Ranger will not be out to advertise our Fla. F. S. picnic on 4/5/84. If the Ranger has come out in 1984, I have not received it. I am in paid up standing. Hope to see one soon with our message. (John: I published it dated 1/84 but didnt get it in the mail until early in March. With your card of 3/7, you probably received it and noted that I included your letter and announcement of the picnic. I think and hope at least one of our members attended. By the way John-read the mast head of the D-R - my name is not "John" - but, like the Doubting Thomas - am just plain "Tom"! Ye-ed.)

PAUL O. THOMAS:

Enclosed is \$10 for my dues and I would like \$2 to go to help with the directory. I always enjoy the Dixie Ranger. I enjoyed Prater's comments on when he was down in Georgia with Ranger Woody. It was my pleasure to be with Ranger Woody at a training school at Wilson Dam in 1937. Of course, I knew and worked with Dick Woody when he was in timber management on the Ouachita. While I know you've been editor since the beginning, you might as well keep it up. Regards!

HERB OCHSNER:

I just woke up to the reason I have been missing the Dixie Ranger! Since the 1/83 issue, have moved to the above address: (600 Carolina Village rd., Box 434, Hendersonville, N.C. 28739) And I gave you no notice. Here's check for \$4. Appreciate the good work you are all doing. I still have a few associates from 1927-1939. (Ed: I sent back issues and directory to Herb so he could get up to date on the news of his friends. Hope he got them ok!).

EVELYN G. PARTEE:

Just received and read the D-R from cover to cover. It means so much to me to hear of my F. S. friends. You do a superb job and I realize it takes hours of hard work. Enclosed is \$10 to help defray the cost of mailing. Please change my address to read 930 New Hope Dr., Hampton, Ga. 30228. Phone number is 477-8017. Many thanks.

BOB PADGETT:

Your #1-1984 issue of the D-R was so interesting, I'm prompted to send \$10 to help defray whatever costs need defraying. My records indicate I'm paid thru 1/86, but am open to correction (Bob: see 10/84 issue). It is so nice to hear, through notes in the DR, that old friends such as Sam Horne, Elige Palmer, Ralph Morgan and Jack Hicks are hanging in there-doing well. Imagine Ralph having a Texas ranch named 2-Bar-2. Reckon he has cows on it. All the livestock Gloria and I have here on our 2-acre ranch in Horse Cove are hungry birds and squirrels. We stay busy breaking the dams of a colony of beavers (stocked by the F. S., so the natives insist) who are bent on flooding out our spring water system. The little devils are about as persistent as F. S. planners (which includes about all current F.S. employees now-a-days) who never quit, although knowing that someone is going to rip up their foolishness as soon as they're finished!

MRS. W. E. ("ANNIE") SNYDER:

The enclosed check may be used to help with the directory and dues. I never consider myself a real member unless I can, in some way, be actively involved in an organization. The last edition of the D-R was very interesting although very few of the names are familiar. I'm always concerned about the life style of other people in my age group (80+) and feel so thankful that I am in good health, able to maintain my own home; drive the car and remain active in the church and other organizations. You have done a wonderful job as Editor of the D-R; given much of yourself and time over a period of 12 years+. You deserve a quitting place and I hope your successor will do the outstanding job you have done for all of us. Sincerely.....

Billie Lee: (Shirley's successor)

Please add Elizabeth Turner to the Dixie Ranger mailing list. She said she joined the retiree association at the Dec. luncheon. (See new members).

MERLIN J. DIXON:

Here is Fred Ruff's obit. I saw him about a week before he died. He was alert and sharp at the time and we had a nice visit. Understand his death was quite sudden. He worked on the Pisgah District in the 40s and in the R. O. as Wildlife Specialist in the 40-50s. I dont know where else. (Merlin: I knew Fred when he was a Tech. Foreman at Ocean Pond CCC Camp-Osceola- in 1933-34. Ed.) I see Dewey Puckett at the P.O. every now and then-seems to be ok. Christy and I have been doing some traveling - 20,000 miles in 8-months - to visit children, since our six are scattered from California-Tennessee. Also went to Sri hanka this past summer as a Forest Fire Management Forester. I was a consultant to the Forest Dept. of the Sri Hankan Government. Had a great time there - criss-crossed the country from east to west, then north to south, mountains to the seas. Swam in the Bay of Bengal; rode an elephant; saw wild water buffalos; monkeys by the hundreds; mongooses and a leopard in the forests. Also saw rubber plantations, cocoanut plantations and cashew plantations. There were forests of teak and mahogany and eucalyptus that I walked through, checking for fire damage. Was warned to watch for vipers and cobras and wild bears. One day I was in an area where a rogue elephant was tearing up the countryside and killed a native. What an experience. Flew back to Las Vegas where Christy met me-she had been with my oldest son and daughter in law. They had just celebrated the birth of their 2nd son. We spent 2-weeks in the west and took a week to get home. Hal Armstrong twisted our arm and got us to spend a couple days in Albuquerque with them. By the way, I sent his name, address and check to you several years ago for the D-R. He has not received a copy at 3801 Camino Sacramento, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111. The fishing is good-all are welcome. (Ed: For several years, I've been sending the D-R to Hal and after receipt of the above letter, I sent him all back copies and directory. Since, being a typical forester, he either cant or wont write to acknowledge anything. Jerk him up on this Merlin - I've tried but no success).

E. M. "RED" HARKINS:

Thank you for the note and D-R #1. Here is my check for this year and next if needed. I don't know how you do it. I know you are past retirement age and the work you put into the letter takes lots of your leisure time. I do appreciate it though, because this is the only way I keep up with y'all, Frank Mayfield and others. The R-8 news (Down South) is so much greek to me. I like to live in the past once in awhile. When we moved over here, back in September, we misplaced some of the papers we had in storage, including the directory. Please mail me one (DongRed). I hope you have about thawed out from the winter weather and will soon be ready to go to Wisconsin for a needed rest this summer. Say hello to the good wife and my best wishes to you and all who remember!

BILL BERGOFFEN:

Just back from the Florida Keys and I dropped everything to catch up on what's new ala "Dixie Ranger". Keep the presses running, old friend---you! And you do warm many hearts. Dues enclosed for the next 4-years when I'll be 80. You'll remind me, I'm sure. Right now however, despite my ever-loving walking cane (arthritis will do that to one) I'm enjoying the Spirit of '76! And I wish the same to you and all my friends. Affectionately...

H. E. "HERB" OCHSNER:

I very much appreciated receiving the back issues of the Dixie Ranger I missed by overlooking sending a change of address. This is a bigger chore in connection with a move than one would expect. I hope the encl. check will help a little in preventing insolvency of this organization, which I know owes much to the great job done by Tom Hunt!

"DOT" JOSEPH:

Here's my '84 dues, plus a little extra. Keep up the good job you're doing on the D-R

EFFIE STONE:

Sorry I'm late with '84 dues. Have been ill since Christmas. Thanks. 423 Clairmont Ave., Apt 17, Decatur, Ga. 30030.

CONTINUE OF NORM R. HAWLEY:

Please explain "the point" and why we're "poles apart". I'm not stupid and I might get the point!

ROZELLA WOLF:

Almost forgot to send in my dues until I saw the big fat issue of the D-R. I do so enjoy reading it and the history of the F. S. We will miss you when you give up being "ye-ed". Hope you and wife are okeh!

LEW MIELKE: (ATTENTION ALL RETIREES)

Here's check for dues and a contribution. Our U.S.F.S. retiree Association of N. C. plans to have our spring meeting June 15 at the Botanical Gardens in Asheville. Chuck Young will send you a notice soon with details. We are and have been organized and do not need any help. You've already helped when you sent us copies of your By-laws a couple of years ago, but all of you "Gawgia" boys and gals are welcome as the flowers in May, or should I say "June". Not much news here - lots of rain - too wet to plow or mow and too cold to fish. Regards!

NORMAN R. HAWLEY:

Sorry, Mr. Editor, but no more poems from me at this time. When you wrote of my 1936 effort (about Ouachita Rangers) as: "I guess I get the point, but really don't know what the point is" - it is obvious we're poles apart. On the other hand, perhaps, I can help your readers understand the background of GIST MANSION, which you inserted on P-10 in last issue without explanation (You didn't read C.E. Anderson's letter Norm). It was authored by Chief Silcox of the F. S., resident of Charleston. He directed it to flamboyant Senator "Cotton Ed" Smith of S. C. When I visited the Gist property on the Enoree in 1937, the mansion was a shambles. Most clearly I recall the family cemetery. It was so overgrown with brambles my companion and I progressed on hands and knees. The monument to the ex-Governor was toppled. On the one hand was the grave of a son killed in a duel. On the other, the grave of a second son killed at Shiloh, fighting for the Confederacy. At its feet was the grave of a maiden daughter, or proper age to have lost her sweetheart at Shiloh. In conflicts like the Civil War, only winners are right. For example, had we lost the Revolution, our revered patriots, beginning with Washington, would all have been hanged and their memories scorned as are those of the Gists of South Carolina! Here's some dues to continue my subscription in the black.

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LOUIS B. ANDERSON:

I thought you'd like to know that Don Morriss is scheduled to enter Emory Hospital on April 11. Lena Belle will be w/him. Recent tests revealed blockage in three heart arteries. A world famous specialist - Dr. Gruentzig - will perform the new technique, expanded balloon catheterization. Don is scheduled to return home 4/15. Have written to Art Grumbine and Paul Russell. You might inform Phil Archibald or other of Don's friends in your area. (I've done this - Ed). The January D-R is one of the best yet. There was a lot of brotherly love throughout the issue. I can understand why you are ready to pass on the baton to others. Yours has been a herculean task over these years. We'll hate to see you bow out, but it won't be so bad if you'll stay on in an emeritus capacity. Best wishes. (See OUR SICK FRIENDS later in this issue).

JOHN H. COURTENAY:

I really enjoyed the 1/84 issue of the D-R. You do a great job and, since I have no idea of my dues, here's \$10 to keep things going. (John check the 10/84 issue for dues status. Ed). Some bad news: Shirley Brooks called to say that Walt had died in his sleep from a heart attack and asked me to notify old friends in Atlanta. Our old Atlanta car pool: Fischer, Janelle, Mayfield Lorraine Michaels, Sarah Wilson and Walt Brooks and I, is getting down to where we'd fit in a Volkswagon! Over these many years I've heard your glowing reports at visiting Hurley, Wis. Even in the latest issue, John Chaffin rejoices that Brandau finally made it. With all this media-type hype from you two, one cannot but wonder about the place. Therefore, last September, while enroute from International Falls to Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, Jeannette and I made a considerable detour back through Duluth and around the south side of Lake Superior for the express purpose of passing through Hurley. It went like this: we turned off US-2 at the Holiday Inn; went to what appeared the main street; turned off left and slowly cruised this artery looking both right and left for the many cultural wonders we had been lead to expect. After a few blocks of rather common place, nondescript environs, we came to a sign welcoming us to Ironwood, Mich.

(Courtenay-continued):

So much for Hurley and I can draw only two conclusions: (1) We would have seen more if we'd had you for a guide or (2) Just as beauty lies in the eye of the beholder, the charm of Hurley just lie in the mind and tales of old Irishmen! Incidentally, I am still bowling regularly in a couples league the Courtenays and the Hutchins. We're running in about the middle of a 24-team league. We call our team the "Saltines" which most folks think refer to some sody crackers, but really harks back to the time when Jim and I were Syracusans (The Saltine warriors). There aint very many of us in Lufkin. Best wishes - hang in there! (Ed: As I've told John in reply to the above - "he took the wong woad")

KARL R. MAYER:

To Tom Hunt, a.k.a. "ye-ed", a.k.a. \*!+\*\*!  
Leaving out a paragraph on other insults, here's something of interest: NOW-hear this: Your last D-R noted desire for old USFS manuals and such. Lucile (Limber Lu) never let a F. S. mouse get under a rock without grabbing his stock of oldies and goodies. Thus, I'm looking at a real relic, to wit: black cover, goldish print, 4½" x 6½" in sorry binding. Title: U. S. D. A., Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot, Forester. The Use Book 1908. It runs 299 pages and every printed page has at least one blank white, blue lined sheet for notes by the poor sucker who was sleeping with his horse. We'll go into this at the 3/21 luncheon. I'll get a binding job done on this cutey, unless you have access to something even older. We also have a poem for you about us - sex and Smokey Bear. Release of this poem will be up to her. We'll see you when she gets back!

E. B. "RIP" WILLIAMS:

It appears that there will be too few important matters to discuss at the Board meeting, proposed for 2/22, so the next meeting will be on April 25, 1984 for what should be a productive meeting. Notice of this meeting and the proposed agenda will be supplied to all members early in April and a copy of this is being sent to all participants.

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Bert Gooch, Machine Operator

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Sargent, Bennett  
Davidson, Frank  
Kirkland, Johnnie  
Cadie, Clarence  
Norrell, Thomas  
Mosley, John

In connection with the above pictures, see Olene Woody's letter herein. Note that OUR J. A. Abercrombie was Camp Supt. of GA F-13 and am sure he is in the picture above. I think I've spotted him - if we were running a contest, I'd ask "HAS ANYONE HERE SEEN ABBIE?" Will have to apologize to Miss Olene, since I could not use all the pictures of this camp, such as the reading room, the mess hall, the office, camp site etc. but I just didn't have the room for such a spread of pictures, a whole page of which were



the NORTH GEORGIA NEWS and furnished by Lloyd Payne of the Coosa District. Payne was in this camp in the mid-30s and later was in camps at Robertstown, Vogel and Marietta and in Fannin County. He recalled being paid \$30 a month, with \$25 going back to his family.



# Obituaries

## FREDERICK J. RUFF

Frederick J. Ruff, 77, of Homosassa Springs, passed away Monday, Feb. 20. A native of Switzerland, he moved here 13 years ago from St. Petersburg. He was a retired U.S.A.F. Lieutenant Colonel; WWII U.S.A.F. veteran; formerly with U.S. Forestry Service of Atlanta, Ga.; Shriner, Hillsborough Lodge No. 25 of Tampa; Citrus County Audubon Society; and a member of St. Timothy Church.

Survivors include a daughter Joan Billsback, New York, New York and one sister, Hilda Morrell, Los Angeles, Calif.

Friends may call Wednesday, Feb. 22 from 7-9 and Thursday until funeral time at Strickland Funeral Home Chapel, Crystal River, where services are scheduled for 4 p.m. Rev. Gene Hodges, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Cremation will follow.

## DAN O. TODD:

From Harry Rossoll, Bill Huber & Rose Fischer, Dan Todd died early in April. Have no obit, but understand he was buried in Walhalla, S. C. He is survived by his wife Ghole. The only one I know who is a good friend of the Todds is C. E. Anderson. Perhaps "Andy" will send something in on him.

## THOMAS "TOM" WILSON:

Died sometime in April - have no obit on him. He is survived by a son Henry A. "Hank" Wilson. A letter from him appeared in the 8/83 issue of the Dixie Ranger. Tom attended our picnic several years ago and, at that time, his age was announced as something close to 96. I think Tom was the first District Ranger on the Pisgah District. ~~Tom~~ Bill Branch was his Asst. Ranger and I know that H.M. Sears, his wife and daughter were close friends of the Wilsons. Perhaps we'll get an obit from someone before too long.

DAN TODD was the official photographer of R-8. He or his pictures are famous, especially those he took of the flowers on Roan Mountain.

## OUR SICK FRIENDS

Paul Russell reports having talked to Don Morriss prior to his return home to Fla. Apparently the triple by-pass operation was a success; Don was feeling great and promised to write and tell us about it after he recuperated and able to let us know all the details. Get well soon Don - we're all pulling and praying for you. Let us hear!

# A well-deserved bouquet to Porter!

Tom Porter has resigned from the board of trustees at Angel Community Hospital.

For one reason and one reason only we are glad. It serves as a reminder of the many, many contributions this able, dedicated native son has made to progress in our community and gives us an opportunity to call attention to a few of them.

With years of experience and study behind him in building engineering he has been of incalculable assistance to the community by serving as a building inspector on such buildings as the Macon County Courthouse, Angel Community Hospital, the Doctors' Building, and the Macon County Public Library.

In our opinion, the coveted "Young Man of the Year" award could have gone to Porter a number of times, except for the problem of his being a little past the age.

Also, such organizations as the Planning Board, Friends of the Library, and Macon County Cultural Arts Council have called on him for assistance many times and he has always responded.

Mr. Porter, in behalf of all those who are interested in the betterment of life in Macon County, we thank you for the many times you have given a boost.

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SHIRLEY McNELLY:

You do a great job with our retiree newsletter Thank you for providing us such a grandway to keep in touch. On a recent visit with Edna and Ed Littlehales, I had an opportunity to attend the Fla. F. S. retiree annual picnic. They had about the same number of retirees attend as we have. It was my pleasure to visit, particularly to see Don Morriss, Mary & Harry Tomlinson, "ilma and Lew Grosenbaugh, Bill Irby; the Praters and, of course, Edna and Ed. A great crowd; good drinks, food; weather and a happy crowd, sharing marvellous memories. Have a pleasant summer and fun in Wisconsin. Thanks for your letter Shirley!

CHANGE IN ADDRESSES:

Larry Marr - correct zip code to 87110.

John N. Jefferson - to 30 Knollridge Rd., Salem, Va. 24153.

Frances P. Stewart - to 2282 Johnson Ferry Rd., Apt "H", Atlanta, Ga. 30319.

Charles R. Hursh (Lillian King) - to (from 5/1) 22 Beaver Valley Rd., Asheville, N. C. 28804.

Robert A. Campbell - to 1041 Wilson Rd., Pisgah Forest, N. C. 28768

H. E. (Herb) Ochsner - to 600 Carolina Village Rd., Box 434, Hendersonville N.C. 28739

Mr-Mrs. Paul A. Partee Jr - to 930 New Hope Dr., Hampton, Ga. 30228. Ph 477-8017

NEW MEMBERS:

Elizabeth Turner, 1657 N. Druid Hills Rd., NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30319.

Howard Burnett, 14849 Ensor Ct., Woodbridge, Va. 22193 PH.703-590-3857.Credit Pomerening.

Roger C. Hatch, 2385 White Rd.,Conyers, Ga. 30207. Ph.483-6539. (Cr. Rambau)

Nathan Byrd, 4482 Lake Ivanhoe Dr., Tucker Ga. 30084.

Mrs. Katherine R. Fisher, 494 Brentwood Dr., NE, Atlanta, Ga. 30305 (Cr. McNutt)

DOES ANYONE KNOW?:

The January issue of the Dixie Ranger addressed to Mrs. Minor W. Huckeby at 3622 Eaton Pl., Denver, Colorado 80212, was returned as "no such number". This is our print-out address for her. In case ANYONE knows her address, PLEASE let us know.

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REFER to the page and the article on Tom Porter. Lew Mielke sent it in and asked that I not publish it. If Sam & Nancy Greenwood; Ed Reese; Phil Hoyt; Tommy Angel; Ed Angel; C. S. Brown, Sr. and his son "Sport" and all the Higdon's; Harley Lyle; Phil Bryan and the fellow who ran the Perry Drug Store had a vote on publishing this - they would all say "publish it" so here it is. I-ye-ed-reported to Judge Autrey in Franklin, the day before Thanksgiving in 1931. Stayed at the Scott Griffin Hotel for \$30 a month which included a room and 3-meals a day. When I was out of town, \$1 a day was deducted. WHAT a place to live. I knew Tom Porter - dated with him; played golf; watched him play tennis with Ed Reese and Sam Greenwood and he was a good friend. Lew told me that Tom was one who did not want publicity on what he did but - since Tom is a member, now living in San Antonio, Texas, I think sincerely that his contributions should be made known. I remember him very well from nights we spent in Haysville, N. C. - I on working abstracts of land for the Nantahala - he on surveying the lands we abstracted - and remember him, in a boarding house, playing old songs on the piano to entertain those in the boarding house. Tom Porter was SOME Man!!!!

JUST TO FILL IN AND TO "BUTTON UP" THIS ISSUE

Dues are still at \$4.00 a year. Other organizations, such as our Retiree Association, have gone up to \$5 and are offering a "life-time" membership of \$50. They have from 50-75 "lifetime" members. R-9 has organized an Association called "Eastern Area Retiree Association." A few of our old R-9 members have applied for membership, as has "ye-ed" but wonder if I'm eligible since I never worked in the F.S. in R-9! AND! - THIS IS ALL FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF D-R! I did, however, type the abstracts for the R-9 lands under the original Weeks' Law, in Wis. and Michigan.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR BELOW. MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE OF HAPPY BIRTHDAYS. TO ALL NEW MEMBERS AND OTHERS, PLEASE SEND IN THE DATE OF YOUR BIRTH.

J U N E

- 1 - J. N. Van Alstein
- 10 - Jenny Irby
- 10 - Mrs. Henry Sipe
- 13 - Mary Tomlinson
- 21 - Dorothy Joseph
- 21 - Louis B. Anderson
- 21 - Mary D. Black
- 20 - John T. King
- 22 - Harriet Huckleby
- 22 - Edna Palmer
- 22 - Mrs. Charley M. Arnold
- 23 - Grace Mills
- 25 - Arthur G. Steedly
- 26 - Blanche Paddock
- 28 - Alva B. Williams
- 30 - Mrs. Marion W. Ruffin
- 28 - Helen Mielke
- 20 - Hazel Leinart
- 7 - Pete Hanlon
- 29 - Russ Eaton
- 14 - Marian Fortin
- 25 - Lou Lee
- 5 - Evelyn Partee
- 7 - Irene Heese
- 20 - Johnnie Smith
- 8 - Rosemary James
- 7 - Pauline Roth
- 23 - Eugene R. Coleman
- 9 - Agnes Lee
- 13 - Allen P. Swayne
- 4 - Arch Nichols
- 22 - Angie Mule
- 7 - Catherine Phillips
- 18 - Helen Howard
- 27 - Bill Hice
- 14 - Alex Setser
- 22 - Donald E. Swiger
- 25 - Knut Lunnun
- 3 - C. P. Leipold
- 12 - Edison Kilgore
- 15 - Marion Lamb
- 17 - Charlotte L. Brunauer
- 27 - Colleen Cagle
- 5 - Vernal Taylor
- 6 - Sue McLane
- 18 - Jack Hicks

J U L Y

- 28 \* Jean Bylsma
- 31 - Richard E. Byrd

J U L Y

- 3 - Velma Howard
- 4 - John I. Christensen
- 7 - R. B. Elliott
- 10 - Henry Sipe
- 11 - Vera Thorsen
- 15 - Mrs. R.E. Pidgeon
- 15 - Zula Cossitt
- 16 - Norman N. Jones
- 22 - R. M. McKinley
- 23 - Clara Herrick
- 26 - Thelma Cabannis
- 26 - Lew Mielke
- 27 - Rose Fischer
- 27 - Eunice Kyle
- 27 - Thelma Palmer
- 10 - Baxter Reed
- 2 - J. K. Vessey
- 18 - A. B. Hunter
- 14 - Walt Ziglett
- 4 - Ed Carswell
- 15 - Bob Lee
- 25 - Mildred Wagner
- 9 - Ann Stradt
- 14 - Richard B. Wolf
- 8 - Paul Swarthout
- 27 - Joe McCullough
- 12 - Phyllis Lea
- 13 - Walter W. Woody
- 1 - Willie Lunsford
- 1 - Alyce Stevens
- 27 - Millie Jones
- 4 - Fred Newnham
- 21 - Aileen Newnham
- 19 - Ed Littlehales
- 16 - Dorothy A. Albert
- 6 - Dot Slade
- 3 - Bruce Alter
- 11 - George M. Jemison
- 20 - Eula B. Durham
- 13 - Helen W. Peyton
- 30 - Hobert Chapman
- ?? - Mary Jo Chapparo
- 17 - Ed English
- 4 - Nell Wittig
- 10 - Blanche Lindenmuth
- 31 - Jimmie K. Miller
- 17 - Hugo Pawek
- 4 - Clinton K. Sykes
- 19 - Bob McLane
- 8 - Sam Horne
- 25 - Brigitte Sharp

A U G U S T

- 16 - Vietta Beal
- 2 - John Beal
- 21 - Cliff Schopmeyer
- 3 - Alvin E. Howard
- 7 - Brooke A. Davis
- 9 - Verla McLaughlin
- 11 - Emory Hunnicutt
- 6 - Margaret McPherson
- 12 - J. Frank Palmer, Jr.
- 13 - M. B. Jones
- 15 - Charley M. Arnold
- 18 - Evelyn Williams
- 18 - Polly Brandt
- 20 - Dewey Puckett
- 23 - John J. Olson
- 21 - Mary Tomlinson
- 21 - Tom B. Allen
- 20 - Norma Vessey
- 8 - Nancy Greenwood
- 7 - Dorothy D. Robinson
- 5 - Don Morriss
- 19 - Mrs. Nick Kmecza
- 22 - Nick Kmecza
- 7 - Haden Melton
- 18 - Myrna Fulmer
- 7 - Maude Cartwright
- 31 - Roy Dennis
- 9 - Roxie Howell
- 6 - Gaylord Knight
- 24 - Joe W. Pritchard
- 19 - Bill Cornutt
- 7 - Lurline L. Coleman
- 27 - Mary C. McCullough
- 29 - Birdelle Lunsford
- 1 - Earline Haynes
- 15 - Mrs. W. J. Welsh
- 31 - Marian Benson
- 27 - Edna Littlehales
- 8 - Marge Allenberg
- 15 - Normal W. Hawley
- ?? - Lillian Jefferson
- 4 - Merlin Dixon
- 23 - Corbitt J. Durham
- 16 - Maida L. Thomas
- 28 - W. C. Branch
- 30 - Ruth Hatcher
- 21 - Walton R. Smith
- 31 - Bob Larson
- 14 - Margaret Stephens
- 15 - A. P. Mustian
- 20 - Bob Potter
- 13 - Bill Mauldin

AUGUST: 19 - Bill Le Grand; 30 - Frank Sharp and 16 - Letoy Bond

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