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SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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OUR LAST MEETING

Was the Sept. 17 picnic at Stone Mt. Park, with from 75-100 members and guests present. Among the out of town guests were: Polly Brandt, Columbia, S. C., Lou & Bob Lee, Alexandria, La., Bonita & Ed Hawes, recently moved here from Hot Springs, Ark., Vera & Del Thorsen, Asheville, N.C., Judy & Art Grumbine, Gainesville, Ga., Elva & Al Freidrich, Cumming, Ga., Betty & Artie Collins, Jr., Eunice & Russ Chipman, Cleveland, Tenn. & Kay Mergen, guest of Elizabeth Mason, and former Women's Activities person in Region 4&7. Results of the Retiree Golf Tournamet: Eight players participated. Winner of trophy designed and donated by Bill Fischer - Doug Craig with a net score of 73; 2nd - Matt Harri-ger-net 75; 3rd - Larry Newcomb - net 78; 4th - Tie between Paul Russell & Del Thorsen - net 79. Everyone had a good time - in case I missed any guests, I'm sorry. Harry entertained in blowing Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated September birthdays.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING will be November 16 at Brandau's house. Members will be notified in case of a change in dates.

DUES PAID _____
THROUGH _____

(I M P O R T A N T N E W S O N D U E S)

(PLEASE check dues information shown by (rubber stamp on this issue. If your records differ, please let us know. (Your Treasurer has checked the record of each member, crediting \$2.00 per year through 1981 and \$4 per year beginning in 1982. If any of you have paid for 1982, or beyond, prior to date of this newsletter, PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MORE MONEY, until the calendar catches up with you.)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the last meeting of the year, on December 10, 1981 and will be the annual Christmas party and, as usual, will be held at the Petite Auberge Restaurant, Toco Hills Shopping Center. The usual program of announcing the new officers for C. Y. 1982 will be part of the program; awarding of door prizes; a lot of good talk with friends and we hope a good meal. Since the Retiree Association celebrated their 10th birthday in March 1981, a birthday ceremony of some kind is planned. Since plans have not been worked out as yet, ye-ed is not able to give you the details. However, our President urges all members to be in attendance for the celebration of the 10th birthday of the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association. Make your reservations, as in the past, by telephone to Shirley Herbert, Secretary, at 881-4191. If made from outside the Atlanta area, call 1-404-881-4191. Arrange to pay your tab at the door. The tab will probably be \$7.00.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

(Ed's note: I'm going to start off with two letters from former Regional Foresters).

CHARLES A. CONNAUGHTON: In a recent issue of the Dixie Ranger, there was an item soliciting some historical statements. I have recorded a few items which might be of some interest. They may be edited as you wish. I am sure the typing in the final copy will look much different than it now does! Look these over -if you want to use them, go ahead. If not interested, just discard them as you wish. I am continuing to get a little stronger and feel pretty good generally. I live a pretty quiet life. I would still enjoy an evening of good old time piano music and I always enjoy receiving the Dixie Ranger (Ed's note: In referring to "old time piano music, Charlie is referring to the evening when he and Phil Bryan spent at our house in Cleveland, Tenn. Yvonne did her best on "12th Street Rag; "Stardust" and, at Phil's insistence "Charlie My Boy". Charlie sent in five articles on various activities in R-8. Depending on space available, one and maybe two will appear in this issue. Others will follow.

JIM K. VESSEY: This year Tom, you will be the first to know I plan to play in the 10/12 U. S. F. S. Golf Association tournament at Hard Labor Creek Park. My plans are to take a cab out close to where someone can pick me up; arrange to place me in a 4-some etc. (Ed's note: I changed his plans-read on) A later letter: You (Tom) managed my visit to play golf just great. Larry Newcomb will pick me up at the airport; take me to the golf course and arrange to return me to the airport in time for a flight home at 7:30. Thanks and here is a donation of \$10 to the Assoc. Do not credit it to my dues. Will try and call you from the airport. I hope this plush treatment by you and Larry will take a t least 10-strokes off my score. I had a big two weeks with Whit - the R. F., quite a few supervisors and saw a lot of folks I knew at the S. A. F. annual meeting, including Larry, Art Grumbine and talked a lot of golf with Clark Sells. Norm joins me in sending love and kisses to all R-8 friends.

LARRY NEWCOMB: Just returned from SAF meeting in Orlando. A good visit with Jim Vessey and many other F.S. folks, including Peterson, Cliff, Hendee, Fox, Coulter, Tom Bush etc. Have taken care of plans for Jim Vessey to play golf in "his" tournament. While in Fla. I ran into Tom Busch who was with the F. S. for many years. Tom was Ranger -Osceola; Asst. Supvr. Fla; Asst. Supvr Ouachita; to International Paper Co and now consultant. Hux Coulter and I decided he should be a member of our Assoc. Here's \$8 for his and my dues and enroll him as a new member. (Done)

WALT GABEL: (NATIONAL HISTORIAN, National Association State Foresters): Appreciate receiving the Dixie Ranger. Good to read about Jim Vessey, Norbert Poch & John Hamilton, ex-HA-USFS people who worked with the states. Keep up that good work with the Dixie Ranger-we enjoy it.

DOROTHY NEWMAN: Here are some birthdays. Since the Ira Masons became new members as of January 1981, they might like to receive the D-R. Dorothy is a former News-person and will certainly appreciate the Pulitzer type publications of the very fine Dixie Ranger. Ye faithful reader! (Guess Dorothy wrote this herself-will have to check with Jeannette Russell). (I acknowledge the birthdays you sent)

MARY W. HUTCHINS: Thanks for the obit on MBRicker. He was a nice person. Bob spent several days here in April-we drove up to Lufkin to visit with Bart Kennedy. Another of my long-ago F. S. friends Rose Prendergast Thigpen was here from Russellville. You knew here on the Kisatchie tour-we had a good gab fest. Glad you got a good repair job on your typewriter-I didnt!. Here's an obit on "Red" Whatley. He was George Tannehill's right hand man. Have fun at picnic!

B. W. CHUMNEY: Here's an obit on Joe Floyd. Please call Huber and let Squires, Millar, Spring, Chaffin know. I'll let Sinclair know. Only one person - Bpb Swiger - in our office knew him. (I've told Bill Paddock.) (Joe will be remembered forever by his friends--there was only ONE Joe Floyd).

OPAL (Mrs. R. M.) McKINLEY: Just a note to send this obit on Joe Floyd. We were sorry to miss the picnic, since Ray was busy with Boy Scouts and couldn't get away. We are as busy as ever - went North this year and spent two weeks with all our families from Ill. to N. Minnesota. Saw 35 relatives, including my sister I hadn't seen in over 40-years. Well - this is Monday and I better get moving!

LESEANE MAYS: Thanks so much for the TIMBERLINES. Larry's copy came and we sent it to Kent-who grew up with and knew most of the people mentioned. Would like to thank all the wonderful people who responded to my note in the D-R. Although Larry didn't know it at the time, the doctor did not expect him to live until Christmas. With all the prayers for him and affection shown in over-whelming response to the D-R message, he just HAD to get better. He is quite happy, most interested in old friends and F. S. doings and accepting his condition with grace. Thanks!

NELLIE S. WITTIG: Just wanted to let you know that my husband ORRIN P. WITTIG passed away June 12, 1981, with a massive heart attack. Put this in your newsletter. Sorry I am so slow in getting this info to you. We both enjoyed the D-R and I would like to continue receiving it. (YOU WILL NELLIE)

OUR SECRETARY-SHIRLEY HERBERT: She sent me an envelope addressed to me which had been returned for "no postage". and she said: "Not only does the postage go up, but the stamps don't have enough glue on them to stick. "We're reprogressing in this old world"?

DEL W. THORSEN: Here's info on John Hall. (See his letter). Here's \$4 to enroll Charles H. Young, 85 Braddock Wah, Asheville, N. C. 28803. Chuck retired a year ago and was the Soil Scientist in N. C.. He has several contracts with the F. S. doing soil surveys and has consulting jobs. See you at the picnic (He was there and won 1/2 of last place!!!!!!)

HUX & SORA COULTER: Your 8/81 issue was full of news and reminded me I hadn't paid any dues since Wally Prater staked me. Here's my check-glad to hear all the good news and sorry to hear some of the sad. 3-4 months in 1927 I worked as a field assistant out of Portland, Ore., Pacific NW Forest Exp. Station under McArdle. For 6-months 4/28, I was a field assistant at Starke, Fla. (experimental work in naval stores (turpentine)). For 42-years I worked with the State of Fla. with plenty of cooperative work with the USFS and Fla. F. S. Many USFS folks liked to come to Fla. and we enjoyed having them, with only 2-3 exceptions. Sora and I like to make the Sept. 17 meeting at Stone Mt. Park, but where is it? Newcomers like Frank and Lynn Heyward and Sora and I need a little more information but, if we get up there we'll find it. (Sorry you didn't make it Hux-everyone in Atlanta knows where Stone Mountain Park is). The D-R does a good job of reporting. Regards!

FRED NEWNHAM: Here's dues for '82-83. You really do us all a great service and we appreciate it. Noted your remark about how often I move. It not only beats paying rent, it beats having a bonfire. In the F. S. I moved an average of once each three years. Since retiring 11 years ago, I moved only twice, so am slowing down. Noted Pete Hanlon's remark that I should stick to golf and give up telling stories. If Pete thinks my stories are bad, he should see me putt. Now that's bad. Keep the D-R coming!.

"RED" STRANGE: Here's \$4 for a new member. Weldon O. Shepherd, Rt. #1, Box 47, Ochlocknee, Ga. 31773. In R-8, he worked for the SEStation and was headquartered at Tifton, Ga. Thanks for good work on DR.

MRS. ANNIE C. SNYDER: I received the D-R I complained about and read it with interest. Work and local activities have meant a busy summer for me. My "capless" knee has curtailed my ability to travel, although I did go with a group into S.C. and looking forward to a tour in Oct. Building, street and highway construction is moving at a maximum for "Expo '82". I probably won't know how to get in and out of Knoxville when 5/82 arrives. A new Hilton Hotel has just been completed and am going to attend an awards banquet on 9-22. The Dixie Ranger is great and \$4 a year is too little for it. Thanks

MARIAN (Mrs. Jack) FORTIN: (Marian, you didnt have to take me as serious as you did. Dont think I'll have room for all of your "help". Will condense and have a 2nd edition of your comments).: "Ye Ed needs help" - you asked for it and here is an item on travel. 3/81 seven of us (three F.S. wives) left Ogden for the Orient-landed in Tokio, then to Bangkok with its beautiful temples andwhere they sell the best fruit I have ever eaten. Next to Singapore-beautiful city with no litter. In a wealthy section, I counted one Mercedes to every seven other makes. High light was a Trishaw (cicycle ridden by a native containing a rickshaw on the side for a passenger) ride to the famous "affles Hotel for a Sinapore Sling. Flying into Hong Kong at night was the most beautiful sight I ever saw - the many tall modern buildings all lighted and extended up the mountain sides for miles. Hong Kong is a shoppers paradise. It specializes for tailored made dresses and suits. The train trip into Canton, China was great. Our coach with velvet draperies; lace curtains and slip covered seats. My best impression of China was the billion people. They ride millions of bicycles and have the right of way on roads. People were friendly, wave, smile and, in on of the stops they surround you, just to look and smile. Adults are dressed in Mao costume, navy top and pants. Children gaily dressed. People live on walks outside their compounds, cooking, washing etc. Live in small rooms, mostly poorly constructed. In the country, people live in Communes, like a small village near the fields. They have no farm machinery. They stand bent over in the fields in water, weeding and transplanting rice. Water Buffalo are used to play. They do have irrigation. We visited primitive hospitals and they were dirty and badly equipped. Hospitals in modern cities are real good. Hotels and the best were not too good, but we alwqys had twin beds and private bathrooms. Each room had drinkable water in a carafe, with hot water in thermos and loose tea. They're modernizing their hotels, but workmanship is poor. Had plenty to eat-sat at a table for 12-used chop sticks. The Peking Duck was delicious. Fish, shrimp and pork were good but the webbing from duck feet etc. were not eatable. In Peking we enjoyed the Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Ming Tombs and a trip to the Great Wall-view from the Wall was impressive as was the Wall itself. (Marian-no more room) (will continue it in the next issue of DR)

JOHN L. HALL: Here is an update on John H. Hall. I served 26 years in Miss & N. C. as a radio technician, having transferred from F. A. A. after an R. I. F. under "Ike" administration. Worked for Ernie DeSilvia; Swede Franson; Larry Newcomb, Pete Hanlon; Del Thorsen and others. My immediate superiors were W. O. Patterson; Don Plummerening; Harry Collins and, indirectly, Lumm Knight, Ray Phillips and Don Sanders. I have three sons following my foot steps in electronics. They are serv- in the USNavy, Subarmine Force. I do not know if I qualify to join the Retiree Association. I enclose postage for back issues of the Dixie Ranger. (Ed: I wrote to John and am sure sent him a mess of back issues and assured him he was eligible to belong to the Association.) (Wonder how come Lumm Knight & Ray Phillips didnt tell me just who John Hall was?).

ROBERT A. ENTZMINGER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INFORMATION, R-9. WROTE AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON OUR ASSOCIATION. He had been here, visiting Stan Adams and was interested in starting something in R-9 comparable to our Association. I sent him copies of a few Dixie Rangers; copy of the C&By-laws and furnished him a lot of information he would need in organizing something along the lines of our Association.

EVA D. WELCH: Thanks for the Dixie Ranger. Here is \$8 for 2-years. (Ed: A lot of Eve's friends (Mrs. Jerry Welch) might like to know where she is and she is at 735 S. W. St. Clair, Apt. 2006, Portland, Ore. 97205, and living with her sister).

KARL R. MAYER: You pore thing-unable to get folks to write. I will, since you're my best target. Found a set of brass knuckles which I'll use on you. Lucile and I enjoyed the June 17 Toco Hills jamboree. You, alone, can be credited for our attendance, but we'll be there whenever we can make it. On 8/21, a huge van disgorged 3½ tons of stuff from Lucille's Lima digs and more coming. We'll need a lot of space to get it out of the weather and just might have a sale of her house and hope we can wind up for the SAF meeting in Orlando-our first such! (Cont'd).

(MAYER-cont'd): Listen, good buddy, I lived in Box 1043 until recently. Our government grants this special housing to foreign service types who spent 8-years or more at hardship posts, on the basis of Liberia; Afghanistan and India. These boxes are huge, but poorly lighted and hot as hell in summer-spooky at night but cheap. Talked my PO buddies into assigning a house number here and moved out of the box. (Ed: Karl also gave me instructions for finding his house in the Gainesville area - I'll never attempt to do so - he might throw me in Lake Lanier). His address, by the way, is 1918 Ahaluna Dr., Gainesville, Ga. - or Box 1043 - 30503.

JIM CARTWRIGHT: Here's \$6. The D-R means too much to miss a single issue. We moved to Greenwood, S.C. in April '80 to be near our daughter Clarissa. The grandchildren are Bill, 18 years old; April 4 years old and Stephen 20-months. They are a joy but baby-sitting is hectic. We bought a good old house built in 1938 in a nice neighborhood. One of the strong selling points to me was a separate 24x26' garage building-one side a woodworking shop. Since I have my woodworking equipment, I'll use it for our own needs and do not intend to work for the public anymore. People in Greenwood are friendly-good neighbors and a lot of organizations of interest with which to get involved. I took my professor, Dr. Shelton Steward up to Franklin, N. C. to visit Walt & Annie Dee Smith. The professor, who is monitor in a course in plant taxonomy was delighted to find ladies slippers, lillies of the valley, Indian Paint brush etc in bloom. Maude is "legally blind" but is, while frustrated, able to read with a magnifying glass. We are both in pretty good health and quite happy. We miss our Atlanta friends.

JOHN T. KOEN: To read your masterful treatment of all the verbage you get from R-8 retirees rates #1 as a best seller. It is worth much more than \$4, Without all the good info (some sad but needed) about past fellow workers and acquaintances over a career. Here's my vote for a dues increase, backed up by a check for two years. Just remember there are effective treatments for swollen heads from deserved praise. (Ed: John sent a copy of C&By-laws for their organization). Miss Hazel and I relive R-8 days with each Dixie Kanger, so say hello to all and remind them to stop by when they travel Route #66! The best to you and Mrs. Tom!

GUY M. WILKINSON: Milton Ricker died here yesterday (8/13) after a long siege of poor health and recent surgery. We dont know what your sources are for such information, but knew you would be interested in this item. Hope you are still frisky and young-at-heart. We are taking an easy pace during the long, hot summer days. Lots of loafing and reading. Plan to visit new (3rd) great grandchild in Lake Charles, La. before long-a girl, Ashley Joy Carter. Kindest regards to Atlanta and USFS friends.

HARVEY BOSTON: Just heard that MBRicker died today. Will probably be in the morning paper, so you might get an obit from someone. My zip code is now 71913 - in case anyone is interested. Address still 212 Richard Ave., Hot Springs. Thanks Harvey - see above from Guy Wilkinson.

MILTON BRYAN: Here's \$8 for my dues and for a new member Mr. Keith A. Agrow, PHD, 374 Maple Ave., Suite 210, Vienna, Va. 22180. Dr. Agrow is Exec. Director of American Resources Group-Forestry and Environmental Services. He was in R-8 in 1963-1974. 11-years Area Ranger Mt. Rogers NRA; Supervisor Pisgah N. F., ~~Research~~ Rec. Research N. F. Mgr. Cradle of Forestry. To Wash. D. C. in 1963; Div. of I&E. Now with the above Natural Resource Conservation Assn. (Ed: Some of the above might not be right. It is hard to read Milt Bryan's scribbling!).

L. M. (Les) OLIPHANT: Having spent half of my career in the Southern Region, I would like to be a member of your Assoc. I belong to FSX-R5 since 9/79. Here's check to cover dues plus forwarding back issues of the D-R and a directory. My first contact with D-R came when John Hall, FSX, included Fred Newnham's receipt for elephant stew in the FSX. John then gave me a copy and there were so many people I know mentioned, I just have to join up. Many members were, as I, charter members of the F. S. Golf Association. Was sorry to hear one of the original steering committee Bill Fischer, recently passed on. Bill was my boss as well as golfing partner and he was very good at both. Since retiring 2-years ago I have taken a 7-months of 15,000 miles in a trailer and a complete circumference of these U. S. I've joined American Sportsman Club-doing a lot of fishing and live in the wine country.

JOHNNIE P. REYNOLDS (Johnnie Parker): Here's my check for dues. Thanks so much for your help. Looking forward to the newsletter.

SIB McLAUGHLIN: The D-R says you have a birthday coming on 9-9. Wish I could be there to celebrate it with you. All goes well for us in N. Idaho-had a hot summer over 100 degrees for more than two weeks, but we made it. Attended NRTA-AARP meetings in Portland and Salt Lake City this summer. My last as my tenure as Idaho State President is up in Oct. Have enjoyed the 2½ years and met a lot of fine folks. The best to y'all!

BRUCE STRICHLER: Encl. '82 dues and enjoyed the August D-R in spite of your apology for it being lacking in news.. During Aug. & Sept we trailered to NYState & Cape Cod. Enroute we stopped in Franklin, N/ C. In Mass. I inquired about the 1938 hurricane which killed 600 people and knocked down so much timber that the F. S. sent a lot of us up there to get rid of the fire hazard and to salvage the timber. Very few people recalled the disaster they experienced. I looked around for signs but guess Mother Nature is very resilient, as I couldnt see any evidence of the damage which took two or more years to clear up. Coming back to Fla. we stopped to see the Sturbridge Village colonial town and then the Eisenhower residence at Gettysburg farm. A very busy trip but now relaxing at home and trying to keep cool whil we read of temperatures in the 50s up in New England.

J. WALTER MYERS, JR. Good to see you at the picnic yesterday. Please add John Squires to the mailing list of the splendid Dixie Ranger. (Ed: Just noticed the above letter was dated 9-19-80-wonder where it has been?)

HARRY ROSSOLL: Good show at the picnic. Glad to see Eddie Hawes and the Chipmans. Thought this might be an item for the next D-R. The "this" was a copy of the magazine "Rural Georgia" which contained a 4-page article titled "Smokey Creator Now Painting Georgia's Beauty". Included were about five pictures of Harry in his favorite environments of painting; fondling his trumpet and smoking his cigar. (Ed: Sorry Harry, we just do not have the space or the facilities to publish this article. Also had a letter from Harry to Bill Huber, telling about his trip through Germany. Hope to see some of his photos. He claims he took 104 and probably more.

ED RIPPER: Enjoy D-R, although I am not acquainted with too many members. In the August issue you requested reports of travel-so here goes: Since I wanted to see Alaska all my life, convinced Dorris to go with me and had no trouble. Took an independent tour of ten days and added four days of options. Flew from Chicago to Anchorage and visited all the places of interest, including Fairbanks, Yukon Territory, Juneau and Glacier Bay. Returned from Juneau to Seattle on the Columbia - the flagship of the Alaska Marine Highway. The trip down the inland passage was the highlight of the tour. Saw plenty of wildlife, both inside and out of the Park but saw no coastal brown bear, whales or porpoises. Bald eagles are a dime a dozen in Alaska. We saw only a comparatively small part of Alaska. The civilized part accessible by road would take a long time to cover. Had dental trouble in Anchorage: A dentist came to his suite of offices on Saturday night. Not only did he correct the problem, but transported us five miles back to our hotel and refused to accept any reimbursement. How's that? Only one bad feature of the trip: After 8-months planning, waiting and anticipation, the realization phase was over in 16-days. Best wishes.

A NEWS ITEM ABOUT JACK FORTIN, from Golden Spike News - 7-10-81: At the dedication and Open House at the Senior Citizens Nutrition Center, Gov. Scott Matheson and First Lady Norma, were present Mrs. Matheson was represented with a beautiful ring made of Utah Red Horn Coral. The ring was made by Jack B. Fortin, a member of Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society and a volunteer who had taught silver smithing at Golden Hours Center for over ten years. (Congratulations Jack!) This is from the Association and all your old friends in Region 8.

MARLIN H. BRUNER: Sponsored by Art Grumbine, who paid my dues last year, glad to mail \$4 for 1982. The news in the Dixie Ranger has been an eye-opener, as it brought back my memory of many, many former associates in Forestry. Especially interesting that Paul & Flonnie Swarthout are still active. I attended their wedding in Asheville in 1934 and there are many more with whom I had a close associate. Paul Russell and I took another riding trip into the Bob Marshall in Montana this summer. An exciting trip; ran into a blizzard and brown bears spooked our string. Paul's horse was crowded off the narrow trail and sent him rolling like a pumpkin down the 60% slope. With glasses still intact, Paul reached for his hat and climbed back up the slope. Please get the full details from Paul. Faith and I hope to make your next party. (Ed's note: we had hoped to get a full report from Paul about his riding trip but, so far, he hasn't submitted it.)

PAUL W. SUNDHEIMER: After 14-months roaming around Spain, Hawaii and the United States, we are back home in Guadalajara, Mexico, busy with needed maintenance which was neglected in our absence. We've enjoyed it here for the last 7-years; climate excellent; while you guys roast and sweat in 90 deg. temp. heat and 80% humidity, we enjoy 75-80 days and 50% humidity most of the time. Lots of showers for 4-months-then no rain for the next eight. Mexico in the midst of high inflation, but enjoys great economic activity, but not 'nuff to fill the needs of rapidly growing population. Recent drop in world oil prices and political speculations, are giving the country jitters. Also talk of devaluation of the Peso. Relationships between the U. S. & Mexico becoming more complicated. This is expected as both countries grow in population, resources and economic activity. There will have to be more discussions between the countries in the years ahead. Here's \$6-hope it covers my delinquency. Enjoy the D-R. (Ed: Read your dues status-1st page).

TOM N. BUSCH: Was pleasantly surprised to receive your letter and amazed at your ability to recall events of long ago. Attended the SAF in Orlando and saw Larry Newcomb, Hob Howard, Don Morris, Art Grumbine, Louis Grosenbaugh, Ed Cliff et. al. After leaving the F. S. in 1942, I went with International Paper and assigned to S. C. to acquire and manage their forest lands in N. C., S. C., and East Georgia. Built the area up to about 700,000 acres. There 9-years, then to Mobile and Chief of Operations for the Southern area. Fooled around with equipment development and was so successful, after retirement in '69, I stayed another year to finish projects and worked on projects in Brazil, Mexico etc. Lately on the Amazon for total of 6-mo. We have a home on the Eastern shore of Mobile Bay. Enjoy shrimping, fishing and trying to keep up with the maintenance of this old house + 2-acres of yard. We own 356 acres of forest land in S. C. near Charleston, which I manage, but it is not near enough to Daphne to suit me. We intended to retire there but looks as though we will stay here, a little town opposite the city of Mobile. The twins - Louis is married; has 2 kids and he is an attorney in Allentown, Pa. The other twin - Tom - is married - two sons in college - an attorney in Springfield, Ohio. Both doing well. So many folks have passed on, but would enjoy some back issues of the D-R. My wife Bettie was thrilled that you mentioned and remembered the twins and sends her best wishes to you. Traveled through parts of Florida early in Oct, such as the Ocala, Lake City, Starke, in locations we were in 50-years ago. I didn't approve of some of the changes made. Thanks for your letter. (Ed: I knew Tom and Bettie in Lake City, Fla. in 1932-34. Why shouldn't remember them - they were great folks. Am sure Hob & Helen Howard, Hux Coulter, Hermine Love and Susie Adams Smith will remember Tom & Bettie and will enjoy the above. It was a personal letter and I left some of the personal items out). (I'm sorry I took up so much space - but Tom Busch is well known in the Forest Service and I'm sure, a lot of our members will be glad to read this letter from him).

AMENDMENT #5 TO CONSTITUTION-BY-LAWS

In the May 1981 issue of the Dixie Ranger, a ballot was included for the members to vote on amending Article IX - Section I, which changed the dues from \$2 to \$4 per year, effective January 1, 1982. The vote on this amendment was by ballot, phone, mail and otherwise practically 100% in favor of the increase in dues to \$4.00. It is, therefore, ruled by the vote of the membership and the Board of Directors, that Amendment #5 is adopted and the dues, as of January 1, 1982, are now \$4.00 per year.

ITEMS YE-ED DOES NOT NEED OR CAN USE

1 - Magazine called "STATUS", either a take-off or in competition with "Play-Boy". The language describing the pictures, the ads and about everything else was foreign to me - either Spanish or Portuguese. It was sent to me by Bill Huber. The pictures, however, whether in Spanish or Portuguese, compared favorably with those depicted in each issue of Play-Boy. I'll be glad to let anyone interested see "STATUS".

2 - A newspaper clipping from a German town and all in German, sent to Huber by Harry Rossoll. I couldnt even recognize any of the swear words the Germans use.

3 - A card Harry sent to Huber from Germany. While Harry mentioned he was going to start painting while in Germany, looks as though all he did was drink beer. He also mentioned being at a music festival and had a chance to play in the town band, with more than a thousand folks in the tent for the entertainment. His card showed pictures of Weibenburg and, I agree with Harry, it looked like a beautiful village.

NEW MEMBERS

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Sharon Young, 4408 Central Dr.,
Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083

Weldon O. Shepherd, Rt. #1, Box 47
Ochlocknee, Ga. 31773.

T. N. (Tom)Busch, Route #2, Box 36
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Hattie McKenzie
(No address. Hope Shirley has it on WANG!

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Asheville, N. C. 28803.

A MYSTERY CARD

I have a card with a beautiful scene of a lake near Iron River, Wis., with a message comparing the taverns in Iron River -vs-Hurley, Wis. A comment on the patrons of the jail etc. It is addressed to me, proper address and all, well printed etc. It is signed with a big "E", small "d" or "o" and a big "L". I suspect Ed L. Foss but what is he doing in Iron River, Wis. Please help solve this mystery!

SPECIAL NOTICE ON DUES
{ IN LIEU OF A RUBBER STAMP, WE HAVE SUBSTITUTED
{ A TYPED STAMP TO READ:
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{ DUES PAID _____
{ through _____
{ WHICH WILL APPEAR IN THE RIGHT HAND CORNER
{ OF YOUR DIXIE RANGER. READ THIS FOR HOW YOU
{ STAND IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR DUES!!
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CONSOLIDATING NATIONAL FORESTS AND CLOSING A FOREST SUPERVISORS OFFICE

Soon after the Eisenhower was elected President, word reached the Regional Office in Atlanta, that the administration expected the consolidation of, at least, two National Forests and the closing of one Forest Supervisor's office in Region 8. There had been previous discussion of combining the two North Carolina National Forests. So, it was no surprise, when we learned the Forest Supervisors Office in Franklin was to be closed and the Watahala and Pisgah National Forests combined with headquarters at Asheville. The Supervisor offices were not large, by today's standards.

The word reached Atlanta in mid-week, so I told my folks to phone Supervisor Renshaw, in Franklin, to come to Atlanta promptly. In Atlanta, Renshaw was notified of the planned action and he was offered a transfer to the Regional Office. The Asheville office was alerted to prepare to accommodate the addition of the Watahala Office. It was planned to continue the Ranger office in Franklin. Except for the Supervisor, no positions were to be dropped in the move to Asheville. Preparations were made to move the office with government trucks on the coming weekend. Haste in making the move was used in order to complete the job before the weekly newspaper could generate a campaign of protest. Actually, some protests developed, but they were not organized and the Administration fully supported the action.

The main significance of this incident illustrated that once a decision is made by the bureaucracy, assuming it is correct in the first place, the action can be carried out with dispatch and without encumbering reviews and justifications, none of which could change the decision in the long run.

(Ed's Note: In the May 1981 issue of the Dixie Ranger, it was suggested that previous employees of R-8, contribute to the history of R-8. The above is from Charlie Connaughton and it is one of five articles he has contributed. The others are titled as follows: "A PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING TROOPS TO ASSIST IN FIRE CONTROL"; "LEGISLATIVE EFFORT MADE TO EARMARK RECEIPTS FOR RECREATIONAL USE"; "HOW THE FOREST SERVICE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE SAVANNAH RIVER PROJECT"; "THE YAZOO TALLAHATCHIE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT". I have included one of Charlie's articles and will include all of them in future issues. If I have room, I'll include another one in this issue. If those, who have a history of R8, read Charlie's articles, they might remember something of importance to send in to include something of history of R-8 for the readers of this Dixie Ranger. To "ALL OF YOU FORMER REGIONAL FORESTERS, FOREST SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT RANGERS AND WHATEVER POSITION YOU OCCUPIED - IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE, SEND IT IN - THE D*R WILL PUBLISH IT!"

OBITUARIES

JOE FLOYD: Age 81, Rt. 4, Tellico Plains, Tenn. died 9-18-81. Retired from the F. S.; member of the Tellico First Baptist Church; The Tellico Plains Kiwanis Club; American Legion and the 10-10 Club. He was living at the home of his great-nephew Jim Moore. Other survivors: sister Mrs. Minnie Moore a number of nephews, nieces and great nieces. Pall bearers included Bob Swiger, Beecher Colvin and Billy Frye, all of whom worked with Joe in the Forest Service. (Ed: Thanks to BWChumney & Opal McKinley for the obit).

ORRIN P. WITTIG: Passed away on June 12, 1981 with a massive heart attack. (See his wife's letter in the letter section.)

JAMES FLOYD "RED" WHATLEY: Age 82, died Aug. 29. "Red" from Jena was a retired F. S. employee and, while on the Winn District, was the right hand man of George M. Tannehill. (Ed: Thanks to Mary W. Hutchins for the obit on "Red").

MILTON B. RICKER: Age 76, died 8/13 in a local hospital. A retired F. S. employee, he is survived by his wife Hazel, Hot Springs, two daughters.

(Ed's note: Whatley & Ricker were not members of the Association, but have so many friends among the retirees, their obit should be recorded for their friends). (Thanks to Guy Wilkinson & Harvey Boston for the obit) (Charlie: Am sorry I had to put the "obits" under your great article, but there was space, so I used it. Hope you don't mind!)

A PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED IN GETTING ARMY TROOPS TO ASSIST IN FIRE CONTROL
(Ed: AM SURE THIS ARTICLE REFERS TO THE 1952 FIRES ON CHEROKEE)

As so often happens, one very dry autumn, fires were wide spread in Tennessee. So many fires were out of control that the State committed all possible fire fighting forces and the National Guard was activated to provide supplemental assistance. Late in the season, fires on the national forest began to intensify. All available in-service manpower was soon committed and no help could be expected from the State. Once all civilian man power was committed, requests were made to the military for troops for fire fighting. The military was cooperative, but would not provide troops for fire fighting. The reason given that troops could not be provided, was that no federal troops were stationed in Tennessee. In order to move troops across State lines, a request would have to come from the Governor. In this case, the governor was agreeable, but stated that if federal troops were requested, martial law would have to be declared and such a step would upset normal local government operation. He did not want to take this step. The result was that the request of the Forest Service was stymied and no troops were ordered to assist in fire control.

A. W. Hartman, in charge of fire control for the Region was in Tennessee, assisting the Forest Supervisor. I was handling the fire control work in the Regional Office. In regard to the request for troops, I was dealing with the Corps Area headquarters in Atlanta. As it so often seems to happen, this matter came to a head on the weekend. I stayed in constant touch with the Corps Area Headquarters, and was finally told that troops would not be forthcoming, in spite of our obvious need. So late Sunday evening, I informed the Corps Area Headquarters that government property was being destroyed by fire and lives were in danger and a request was being rejected. I informed the military that I would notify the Secretary of Agriculture of the facts. I did then call the Forest Service in Washington with this information.

Early the following morning, I got a call at the office from the Corps Area Headquarters, asking me to meet the General and fly to Tennessee. I joined the General and his staff and we flew to the fires where we were met by Forest Service personnel and transported to a fire camp. There we were briefed and had lunch. While eating, a heavy rain started, but the General decided that troops were needed and he ordered a group from Fort Bragg to fly in to our aid at once and a second larger group to come by ground transport and remain as long as needed. The General offered the finest in cooperation and, as soon as he saw the situation, he ordered troops without worrying about crossing state lines. The interesting aspect of this situation was the problem originally encountered in moving troops across state lines and the effective action taken by the General as soon as he visualized the situation. The action of the General was most effective when he elected to take it. Military cooperation remained excellent

(Ed: This is the second of five articles furnished by Charles A. Connaughton. It will give others an idea of what we want in contribution from others who have something to tell. Incidentally, ye-ed was on the fires, about which the above article concerns. I was the camp boss and remember when Charlie Connaughton and the military showed up with their help). There are three other articles in a series of five which Charlie Connaughton has submitted for publication - all of the same interest as the two published herein).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Y'ALL LISTED BELOW

December

2 - Marion W. Ruffin
3 - Nellie B. Jones
3 - Walter J. Gray
4 - Hazel Olson
5 - William Irby
12 - Fran Christensen
15 - Lucile Isbell
17 - Edna Payne
22 - C. M. Evenson
22 - Howard A. Miller
24 - Harvey Boston
18 - Erma Miller
28 - Pauline Yelverton
28 - Sadie Allen
21 - Alberta Stone
6 - Don Pommerening
15 - Flonnie Swarthout
16 - R. I. Lowndes
22 - Doug Craig
9 - Frank Pullium
25 - Wanda Johns
30 - Bea Jemison
28 - John Hamer
7 - Dee Smith
2 - Naomi P. Cox
17 - Dave Larson
8 - Gussie Mustian
1 - Camille Hutchins
27 - Jim Hutchins
22 - Beryl Jones
15 - Lucile Mayer

January

1 - C. Joe Galloway
2 - R. L. Pidgeon
9 - Russ Vance
10 - Clem J. Wyers
18 - Joe McPherson
19 - Rose A. Milot
24 - Elva Friedrich
26 - E. O. Powers
26 - Jean Seely
27 - Del Thorsen
16 - Bea Cagle
10 - Fanny Lane
18 - Helen Wellhoner
22 - Marie Eriksson
9 - Lib Collins
10 - Carolina R. Taylor
15 - Ray Phillips
22 - H. E. "Hob" Howard
5 - Denton H. Bloomer
6 - Marie H. Hays
18 - Ruth Schowalter
12 - A. E. Mandeville
18 - Bill Padgett
27 - Johnnie Reynolds

February

1 - Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum
4 - John Addington
8 - Mildred Wilkinson
11 - Viola Meltz
13 - Lola Purris
9 - Louise Scherer
14 - Eva Welch
14 - Dorothy M. Wyers
19 - Mary C. Montgomery
19 - Mrs. Tom B. Allen
22 - Emmett C. Gibson
23 - Sam Whaley
8 - Mrs. Mary Moyle
7 - Clint Johnson
12 - Miriam L. Davis
26 - Bitsey Lamb
24 - Lesene Mays
12 - Leroy Howell
2 - Bill Nicholls
4 - Evelyn Antonie
11 - Emer H. Crum
8 - Robert Johns
23 - Wi L. (Lee) Slade
14 - Lillian Kilgore
1 - E. L. Cooper
21 - Della B. Cranston
11 - Eugene S. Weaver
21 - Phil Newton
22 - John L. Hall.

THANKS to all those, especially the new members, who have sent in the dates of their birthdays - also to Dorothy Newman who, in addition to her birthday, her husbands and Ira Mason and his wife. Any of you folks out there, who read the Dixie Ranger and want your name included in the list of birthdays, just send the date in. You may leave the year out - we're not concerned as to how old you are. That's your own business - but we'd like to greet you at the appropriate time and, some of your friends might want to send you a card too.

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Bill Eaton and his family, for the loss of their son Ray Eaton. Do not know any of the details involving Ray's death.

To the family of Roscoe Moore. Understand he was killed in an accident while enroute home and on an official trip. Have no details on this accident involving Roscoe.

THE EDITOR OF THE DIXIE RANGER WISHES, SO MUCH, that our members furnish detailed information concerning details involving their families, so we can let their friends know about them. In this regard - I need a lot of H E L P!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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CHICKEN BARB-Q GET TOGETHER

The Forest Service Activities Committee will cater, on November 18, the Forest Service NEW PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR Chicken Barb-Q. This affair will be held at the Piedmont Park Ballfield Pavilion, starting at 5 p.m. (food will be served at 7 p.m.). Cost per person is \$6.00. Retirees are asked to send payment for tickets to Carol Patton, U. S. F. S., 1720 Peachtree Road, N. W., Suite 820-Recreation, Atlanta, Georgia 30367, by the close of business November 13, 1981. Tickets will be reserved for your pick-up at the pavilion site on November 18.

Jack S. Kelley, Chairperson, Forest Service Activities Committee, expressed his hope that a number of retirees will join the Activity Committee, Regional Office personnel and the new professionals, who will attend, for this Chicken Barb-Q.

"VESSEY CLASSIC" GOLF TOURNAMENT

This annual golf tournament was held on October 12, 1981, at Hard Labor State Park, with the following results:

Associate Members:

- #1 - Jim Armfield, winner of Vessey Trophy.
- #2 - Ron Strauss; #3 - Clark Sell;
- #4 - Ken Keanum; #5 - Bob Galpin and #6 - Bob Jackson.

Guests

- #1 - Burt Anderson; #2 - Alton Sutton;
- #3 - James Brown; #4 - Swann Elliott and
- #5 - Bill Martin.

Closest to the Pin

- #5 - Doug Gray (Chattahoochee-Oconee)
- #12 - Larry Newcomb

Longest Drive

Alton Sutton. Low gross score, Burt Anderson with a score of 78.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR: J. L. "Red" Strange.

Golf Tournament (Cont'd)

The above information is all that was furnished, with no scores given; number of participants; number of retirees or from what points the golfers assembled.

Jim Vessey, after whom this classic is named, flew up from Orlando and participated in the tournament. He indicated, by phone, that the arrangements his manager made for him, took ten strokes off his game, but he failed to furnish his score. If at a later date, I am furnished with a more detailed report on this tournament, I will publish it in the next issue of D-R.

HEADLINES FROM OTHER PUBLICATIONS

R-9 CONTACT: "When Sex Gets In The Way" Fighting Harrassment in the Forest Service.

FSX CLUB-California: Hobbies listed: Travel, Bridge, No More Commutes; Gardening; Golf; Crafts; Sleeping Late; Sunrises; Grandchildren; Hunting; Fishing; Relaxing; Reading; Doing Things We've Always Wanted to do; Puttsing around. (Ed: Rather than a headline, all of the above items are listed in the Masthead of the FSX-California newsletter).

OPEDA NEWS (10/81 Issue)

U. S. D. A's first widespread RIF took place in the Federal Grain Inspection Service in September with 77 of its employees in the Washington D.C. and Kansas City offices being dismissed and 45 downgraded. Many of the downgraded took deep cuts in grade, some from GS-13 to GS-5 and from GS-12 to GS-4. They will retain present salaries for two years.

ANOTHER REMINDER ON DUES

By Amendment #5, reproduced in this issue of the Dixie Ranger, dues have been increased from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per year, effective January 1, 1982 and are due and payable as of that date. Review your dues status, as shown in the right hand corner, first page, of this issue and be governed accordingly.

BE SURE AND COME TO OUR 12/10 BIRTHDAY PARTY AT PETITE AUBERGE-TOCCO HILLS.

HERE IS THE BALLOT FOR VOTING ON OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1982. EACH OF THEM HAVE AGREED TO SERVE IF ELECTED. PLEASE JUST TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO STUDY THE CANDIDATES AND VOTE FOR THE ONE OF YOUR CHOICE, THEN MARK YOUR BALLOT, PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE, ADD AN 18¢ or 20¢ STAMP AND MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

P L E A S E - VOTE FOR THOSE YOU THINK WILL MAKE GOOD OFFICERS FOR 1982. Am sure MOST OF YOU KNOW THE CANDIDATES. FOR YOUR INFORMATION - IN THE PAST, APPROXIMATELY 17% OF THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTED THE OFFICERS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. WE SHOULD HAVE, AT LEAST, 50% PARTICIPATION.

B A L L O T

PRESIDENT ELECT

Bill Bryan ()
 Sam Johnson ()
 _____ ()
 (Write In)

SECRETARY

Shirley Herbert ()
 _____ ()
 (Write In)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Term to expire end 1982)

Harry Rossoll ()
 _____ ()
 (Write In)

TREASURER

Dorothy R. Smith ()
 _____ ()
 (Write In)

Jim Carroll will automatically become President for 1982, with Bill Brandau Ex-officio on the Board of Directors, as past President.

C O M E ON Y O U MEMBERS - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR PRIVILEGE TO VOTE, REMEMBERING IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO DO SO. DO YOU REALIZE, THERE ARE PEOPLE IN SOME COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NEVER VOTED - AND WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO SO. Y O U D O!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! P R O V E I T!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! LET'S HAVE 50% PARTICIPATION IN THIS ELECTION. HEAR?

JUST IN CASE THIS BALLOT APPEARS ON THE LAST SHEET OF THE DIXIE RANGER WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, DONT WORRY ABOUT IT. THE ONLY ONE WHO LOOKS AT THE BALLOTS ARE THOSE (Ye-ed - and my co-hort counter - C. M. Evenson) AND WE DONT CARE WHO YOU VOTE FOR, OR WHAT YOUR OPINION IS.

PLEASE FILL IN YOUR BALLOT AND RETURN IT TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS DIXIE RANGER, AS SOON AFTER DECEMBER 1, 1981, AS POSSIBLE, so they can be assembled, counted, verified and a report made for the Nominating Committee.