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New officers for 1992 elected at the December luncheon were LeRoy Jones, President Elect; Margaret Stephens, Board Member for a three-year term; and Betty Bray as Secretary-Treasurer.

LeRoy is a native of Georgia and holds a Phd degree from the University of Georgia. He began a career with the Forest Service in 1952 at the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. After spending more time in school and the U. S. Army, he began work on the Chattahoochee National Forest in 1958. His career included positions as Director of the National Tree Seed Laboratory, Southeastern Station; Southeastern Area, S&PF; Washington Office; and Deputy Regional Forester in Missoula, Montana and for the Southern Region.

LeRoy's work involved extensive travel in the U.S. and in many foreign countries. He has served on many regional and national technical and policy committees. He is the author of over 30 technical articles on forestry and has served as editor of forestry journals and newsletters. He is a fellow in the Society of American Foresters and a member of several other forestry organizations. LeRoy retired in 1989. He and his wife, Anne, reside in Atlanta.

Margaret Stephens, a native Atlantan, transferred from Third Army Finance Office, Ft. McPherson, GA to the FS RO in February, 1959 B.C. (before computers) in the IBM Data Processing Section (a calculating operation at that time) - in Fiscal Control Staff Unit. She became the Data Conversion (key-punch) supervisor in 1961 and remained in that position for 16 years. The FS having acquired the first Univac Computer in 1963 reorganized this group into a Computer group and moved it to the Division of Operations which later became part of Management Systems.

Margaret worked in Telecommunications, Mgmt. Systems, at the time she retired in January 1989 with 30 years of her 37 years government service with the Forest Service. She and her husband, Bill, are spending their retirement caregiving for their parents, enjoying time with their 2 teenage grandsons and being active in their church. They reside in Atlanta and Lake Hartwell.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are the dates for our luncheons and picnic for 1992. Please mark your calendar now so that you won't forget them. We try to get a newsletter out before a luncheon but our experience with last November's issue gave us much anxiety because of the slowness of the postal service.

Here they are: March 26, luncheon at the Petite Auberge Restaurant, 11 a.m.

June 25, luncheon at above restaurant 11a.m. with lunch at noon

September 26, Saturday Picnic at Chastain Park, American Legion Hut
12 noon, eat 1 p.m.

December 3, Christmas luncheon, Petite Auberge Restaurant, 11 a.m.

And many of you will want to make note of the Forest Service Retirees of Florida annual picnic on April 2. It's a potluck picnic at noon at the Oscar Scherer State Park, US 41 between Nokomis and Osprey, north of Venice, Florida. Bring foods to share, own utensils, refreshments, etc.

ADVANCE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARCH MEETING PROGRAM:

If you become incapacitated, unable to act for yourself and with no hope of recovery, do you want to assure you get only those medical treatment and life prolonging measures you want? Medical science can now prolong the dying process and a patient's and families suffering for weeks, months, and in some cases even years.

The State of Georgia now makes it possible for your wishes concerning life prolonging measures to be carried out through the recent enactment of legislation on living wills and durable power of attorney for health care. The more important health care power of attorney law passed in 1990 is one of the most far reaching of any in America. It goes far beyond what is allowed in the living will, yet few people are aware of its "right to die" provisions.

Everyone should have a living will and/or a health care power of attorney, yet very few do because it involves dealing with a subject that we would rather not think about. Unfortunately, when the need arises it may be too late to prepare the required document. And without the documentation, medical personnel must assume you want everything possible done to prolong your life, regardless of the suffering it may cause you and your family.

At the March meeting, you will:

—Learn about the provisions of the Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

—Learn the differences between these two documents.

—See samples of both documents and learn where you can get the needed forms and more information on preparing them. You can do this yourself. You don't need an attorney.

FOREST SERVICE REUNION

The Forest Service reunion in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, was an outstanding success. Seven to eight hundred retirees came from nearly every state, and a reunion with old friends was around every corner. Some of us looked just the same, but the other fellow had obviously aged considerably.

The opening ceremonies were MC'ed by the Supervisor of the host forest, the White River. A light tone was set for the entire session when the Forest Supervisor remarked how fortunate we were to have three former Forest Service chiefs present. Actually, only Max Peterson and John McGuire were "former Chiefs", so when our present Chief, Dale Robertson took the podium, he gave effusive thanks to the "former Supervisor" of the White River for his introduction.

John and Max gave gripping accounts of their tenures as Chiefs, highlighting both the successes and failures during their stewardships. John McGuire, whom most of us knew as a solemn and serious leader produced a constant stream of one liners funny enough to make Bob Hope's writers jealous. And when Dale finally got the podium away from his predecessors, he complained that there was no real training given for becoming Chief. "You never know what's going to happen when you grab a cat by the tail until you try it."

The Chief described our current Service as the "Black hats" and the "White hats", referring to the way the Service is perceived by our many constituencies. He painted a picture of problems facing today's Service that made the problems we faced during our tenures pale by comparison. I'm sure many of us felt, "Boy, am I ever glad I'm not still there". But nevertheless, there was a nostalgia evident among the retirees, coupled with a pride of our own accomplishments in past years. All three of the leaders paid honest tribute to the many retirees present for the job they did during their years to make the Forest Service the great outfit it is.

Other highlights of the session were the reenactments of the lives of Gifford Pinchot and Bernard Fernow, done in the first person by two highly competent actors who have made these life sketches grippingly realistic through much research and practice. The Pinchot reenactment is especially well done, and is well worth seeing. The gentleman responsible can be contacted through the Pinchot Institute in Milford, PA, or the Washington Office.

A parade of Forest Service uniforms, both authorized and unauthorized, was accompanied by a commentary most of us identified with. The uniform committees, the changes in uniform, and the "whens" to wear the uniform were quite familiar to many old timers, and most of us were just that!

The committee appointed to organize the entire event was innovative. Each slot was co-chaired by a retiree and an active employee. The Region and the host Forest went all out with logistical support to make it a truly rewarding experience for probably the largest group of Service retirees ever assembled. The Rocky Mountain Region even arranged the weather to meet the demands of the occasion. The flame colored aspen highlighting the darker conifers were spectacular. The weather was cool for southerners and warm for northerners. Field trips were arranged to spectacular and historical sites - something for every taste.

Centennial observances were held throughout the entire National Forest system. Some were local, some regional, some national. Some focused on current employees. This one focused mostly on the Service retirees - a fitting tribute to their years of public service in the Forest Service. Much talk was heard about the "next one". If a next one happens, don't miss it. This one was truly worth while. Thanks to you all.

Edward F. Littlehales, Venice, Florida

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HISTORY OF THE JEFFERSON NATIONAL FOREST

Will Sarvis, a member of the Jefferson NF staff, is putting together a history of the Jefferson and would like to interview as many retirees as possible. The interview would be locally or by telephone. Since our retirees list is not broken down by Forests, we have no way of knowing who worked or retired from the Jefferson. If you can give information to Will, you may contact him by writing to Jefferson National Forest, 210 Franklin Road, S.W., Roanoke, VA 24001 or by calling (703) 982-6270

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Henry A. Deutsch
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Agriculture Handbook No 681 - Forest Owner's Guide to Timber Investments, The Federal Income Tax, and Tax Record Keeping, Stock # 001-000-04540-7 is available from: U. S. Government Bookstore
Room 100 - 275 Peachtree St. N.E.
P. O. Box 56445
Atlanta, GA 30343

Copies cost \$5.00 each. Copies may be ordered by telephone and charged on your Visa or Mastercard Account (phone: 404/331-6947).

This handbook updates AH No. 596 and incorporates changes made by the 1986 Tax Reform Act and the 1987 Revenue Act. It provides a framework for analysis of timber investments and a chapter on timber tax planning.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Jim and Jeannie Webb, Fairview, N.C. - Getting the Dixie Ranger is just great! It really provides a link in keeping many of us tied together over the years.

Enjoyed seeing many friends at the Cradle on Forest Festival Day. NCF's did us proud!

Jeannie and I were "out West" from August 3 to October 9 with our new trailer. Visited friends, camped, hiked many miles and enjoyed our Public Lands of all types. Before coming home we attended the 100th Birthday of our National Forests in Glenwood Springs, CO. Visited with many friends, and our thanks to Region 2, White River National Forest, and many volunteers who made this possible.

Attended Schenck Job Corps Center Christmas banquet. I'm proud of the Forest Service role in Job Corps and the fine work the staff is doing with the young people. This program is part of the solution to many of our nation's problems!

Joann Webb, Tallahassee, FL - Betty, I had planned to drop you a note last spring, but didn't get around to it - to tell you--

We (Bud Dugger, Joe Beal, Hilda Whitacre, Chuck O'Keefe and myself) have organized a Retirees Organization for the National Forests in Florida. We had our first meeting last May at Silver Lake Recreation Area on the Wakulla Ranger District. We had 48 present - including the Forest Supervisor and District Ranger and families. It was a great get-together. We had about 28 retirees. We are planning our next meeting on May 16 at Camp Ocala on the Seminole Ranger District, off of Highway 19, South of Hwy 40. We welcome all National Forests in Florida retirees and anyone who is retired, or is retired and living in Florida. Anyone interested in attending may contact Lil and Rex Post, 40631 Plymouth Circle, Umatilla, FL 32784 (904-669-2879).

Hope y'all had a great Holiday Season. I had daughter Marianne home from Sydney, Australia and son, Robert, and family over from Panama City. We had a late Christmas, however, as Robert was shuffling Haitians over to Cuba and didn't get home until the day after Christmas.

Marianne is teaching deaf children in Sydney and loves it. I'm planning a trip "Down Under" to see her in July. Lil and Rex are going with me, so we are really looking forward to a great trip - can hardly wait. I'll report on our trip in the Fall issue.

Hope to see a lot of you on May 16!!

Bob Neelands, St. Augustine, FL - It's easy to see that Bill Bergoffen hasn't lost any of his masterful touch with words. His recounting of the radio program on which he told of the death of a young CCC boy was beautiful and, I'm sure, brought mist to many an eye. It deserves to be in the Reader's Digest!

It occurs to me that the thousands and thousands of small incidents in which Forest Service people become involved during their varied careers have always been the threads which, woven together, have made up the rich fabric of the organization. Much more so, even, than traditional trademarks such as trees, firetowers, and shield.

I hope Bill's tender story will inspire others to share with Ranger readers their memories of personal experiences and unusual characters.

Thanks, Bill. And may your own "sweet chariot" be a long way back down the road, and a long time on the way. Best wishes, B&B - Bob.

Sam and Ruth Johnson, Snellville, GA - We have done it again! In June, we finally sold our Woodstock home and on July 3 moved across town to Snellville. Ever since Mariruth re-married in June 1989 and moved fifty miles away, we have missed being near her and the children. We were also almost that far away from most of our interests and close over-the-years friends. Now we are just two miles from Mariruth and within twenty miles of friends. Stuart and his family are settled in a lovely home in North Tampa which they had built. We spent a week-end with them in September to celebrate Stuart's 42nd birthday.

Sam had his 75th birthday on 20 October and we had an open house for some fifty friends to celebrate the momentous occasion. We will have to do likewise upon Ruth's 70th 26 July 1992.

A highlight of our year was a two-week Friendship Force exchange to Prague, Czechoslovakia. The group we visited outdid themselves in welcoming us and showing us the sights. We had a great time and made friends with wonderful people. A group of them will arrive in Atlanta on December 1 and we are looking forward to two weeks of hosting the family who hosted us there.

Russ Daley, Norcross, GA - Here's a check to keep me going for a few years. Also my thanks for taking over the newsletter and doing such a good job with it.

Bob Neelands started the memory stuff when he looked over the new directory. Well, one of my memories involves Bob. I watched him pick up a check for \$1,000 for winning a photo contest of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. Everybody who knows Bob knows how creative he is, but this one took the cake. He won the money for a photo of a weed in his back yard.

Bert, I remember those "dog and pony" shows we put on for the State forestry people in the South. I especially remember an 80 mile an hour ride in a driving rainstorm in Arkansas. You were lucky. You were in the back seat and couldn't see the speedometer.

Betty, I remember the days in I&E and I agree that it was a better name than the one they use now. Anyway, I didn't think affairs were supposed to be public.

One of my strangest memories is of a hot night in Little Rock when I opened my hotel room door and found the Secretary of Agriculture standing there. I was shirtless because of the heat. He had been in Arkansas to dedicate the Ouachita Job Corps camp and after the ceremony was going to visit some other USDA activities in the State. His press man was an old friend of mine and asked me to hang on to the Seal, or whatever they call the thing they hang on the podium. I had figured my friend would pick it up, but the Secretary decided to do it himself.

In those days, one of my jobs was to help with the dedication of Job Corps camps. At Flatwoods on the Jefferson, we had to contend with pickets because the local Congressman was the featured speaker, and there was disagreement over a postmaster's

job. The Congressman spoke, but didn't make the best speech. Center Director Carl Hoover did. His rip-roaring talk had those trainees ready to take on anything and anybody.

My background was in journalism instead of forestry, so I can't talk about various forestry memories, but I think quite a few out there will appreciate my first introduction to the late John Tom Koen.

Just before a trip to the Ouachita in my early days, John Cooper told me that John Orr was being moved from special projects on the Forest back into Timber Management. Naturally, when I was introduced to John I asked him what he thought about the move. He didn't know anything about it. John Tom had planned to surprise John Orr with the announcement at a family meeting. When he found out what I had done, I quickly learned how the Ouachita was run and just who ran it. But John Tom and I got along fine after that.

How would you like to tell your Regional Forester that he couldn't sit on the platform at a Job Corps dedication? Bob Neelands & I had that unenviable task at the Ouachita Job Corps dedication. It was the first USDA Job Corps dedication and we had to arrange the platform seating and all the powers-that-be wanted to be on the platform. The Regional Forester wasn't too happy when he found out he wasn't on the platform list. We got off the hook when we pointed out to him that a Deputy Chief also wanted on the platform.

Yep, Neelands almost stirred up a hornet's nest when he brought up the memory bit.

Keep up the good work.

Don Pomeroy, Alexandria, VA - What a pleasure to receive another excellent issue of the Dixie Ranger. So good to hear about long time friends from our working days in the Forest Service.

I, too, am very troubled about the news concerning my organization. It has been 14 years since I retired, or will be January 4, 1992. Sure there have been radical changes in what the public thinks about what the Forest Service should be doing. Some of the ideas from the outside are correct, but many of them do not have merit from my viewpoint. Unfortunately, the Forest Service is not getting their side of the story out to the public. I never see any news item telling about the benefits of timber cutting to the other forest resources and to the public, both economic and environmental. To see an article in a major magazine saying there should be no timber cutting on the National Forests almost makes my blood boil. Then to see that the author is an "expert", who worked as a wilderness guard, one or more summers, makes me doubt the creditability of the author.

I feel sorry for the employees who are fired because they are saying what it is like, and cannot get out as much timber as the brass says they must. However, we do not have all the facts, and so it is difficult to go public on our feelings. Frankly, there has been little or no input from us retirees in the Washington area, as to how the Forest Service should solve its problems.

Personally, we're doing O.K. My wife still enjoys her career as a partner in a CPA firm. I'm doing minor landscape jobs, mainly for the widows in our community. Almost 50% of my daytime activity is volunteering to make this a better community, much of the effort on a one to one basis to the needy; also spend a lot of time working on the grounds and church structures.

I am alarmed at the Nation's economy. Many friends and relatives have been laid off. So disappointed that the Administration has not considered this a cause that needs attention.

A \$15 check enclosed. Trust I'll be around long enough to enjoy the future issues of the Dixie Ranger. I think my health is relatively good. Will know more Tuesday when the Doctor gives me the report of my last physical. My most serious problem is achalasia, a swallowing problem.

Julian D. Gay, Centreville, AL - I enjoy the Dixie Ranger very much as it helps me keep up with many of my ole friends. Enclosed is a check for my 1992 dues. Keep the good work up.

John and Sue Chaffin, Petaluma, CA - Here's our 1992 dues. Sorry you and others couldn't make Glenwood Springs. We had a ball and the White River NF did an outstanding job of hosting the 100th Anniversary Celebration ... and moving 700+ retirees in a timely manner ain't that easy! An incomplete listing (that we can remember) of R8ers included the Adams, Archibalds, Bonds, Jamisons, Goulds, Hefners, Littlehales, Sandors, Schlapfers, Sears, Webbs, Whitfields, and yours truly. Keep up the good work you do on the Dixie Ranger.

Sandy Silver, Lexington, VA - I recently heard about the "Southern FS Retiree Association" while visiting John Barber. I am attaching \$5 and looking forward to receiving the Dixie Ranger. I assume the Newsletter has short "blurbs" from retirees - here's an update -

After retiring in 1980, I began teaching Forestry at Dabney Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge, VA. It went so well that Maureen and I moved to nearby Lexington and here we have stayed. I had an exciting 10 years of teaching, then retired again.

Now I play a lot of golf, do some fishing, bother the FS people and the County Forester and generally enjoy being responsible for nothing. I'm on the Board of Directors, Virginia Forestry Association that keeps me in touch with the forestry world. We are in good health and looking forward to many good years of doing very little.

Jim Hefner, Athens, GA - Sorry, I am so late with my dues but this retirement life gets pretty busy at times. Andree and I spent 10 days on the White River NF and attended the National Celebration. Saw many of our old R-2 friends and several who were in R-8 at one time or the other. I can't ever remember a F.S. function that was so well prepared and conducted. Was nice to see the Petersons, Bonds, Chaffins, Kopeckys, Littlehales and other R-8 folks. Marvin Hoover, whom I knew at Ft. Collins, worked in SE and would like to "join up". Address and money attached.

Clint Sykes, Lufkin, TX - There are a few items to send to you. First, my dues for the coming year.

Next, I'd like to add my married daughter's name to the list of those whose parents worked for the USFS. Her name is Terry Jean Terry -- right, Terry Terry!. She is a clerk on the Trinity District of the Davy Crockett National Forest. She has been there 4 years having previously spent about 8 years with the FAA here in Lufkin.

Also, in the Directory can you change my Area Code to 409. It shows 404.

This past summer Mattie and I took a trip to Colorado with our three daughters, two son-in-laws and two grandchildren. Our "caravan" of three vehicles kept in close contact with our C.B.'s. Had a great time and smiling tell the story that we all got back home still talking to each other.

Each Wednesday afternoon retirees John Courteny, Al Hays, Jim Hutchins and I go for a short drive, have a cup of coffee and "re-live" our decades with the USFS. Jim has missed the rides for the past 6 weeks due to surgery and recovery time but we hope he'll be back in the saddle soon.

Don and Jean Eng - Columbia, SC - Thanks for sending us a copy of the Dixie Ranger. We enjoyed reading about friends and events. Enclosed is a check for a couple of years membership. We want to keep in touch on what is happening with the Forest Service and retirees.

Jean and I are settling into retirement. We plan to keep our house in S. C. Since May we have done alot of traveling but that is pretty much over until next spring.

Jim & Carolyn Moore, North Ogden, UTAH - Thanks for keeping us on your mailing list even tho we were delinquent on dues. Hope this check will catch us up and pay a bit ahead.

Jim continues to do industrial training for Hercules. He commutes to Salt Lake City and stays quite busy teaching all kinds of courses. This week he had a trip to Cocoa Beach and his company's facilities at Cape Canaveral. He and a partner will be going back later to do some training.

Vacations took us to Texas in May and to Lake Louise in Canada in October. We enjoy everyone's news. Keep it coming.

Carl W. Hickerson, Salt Lake City, UT - Thanksfor the several reminders - my check is enclosed and should put us ahead for a bit.

Bobbie and I are still in Salt Lake City although we are looking at various areas for a place to land for the remaining years of our retirement. San Antonio, Texas, is high on our list at present.

Daughter Lisa graduated from the University of Utah Law School in May and is now practicing law with a large firm in Houston. She travels to New York - Weil, Gotchal headquarters, quite often and finds the work fascinating.

Son, Larry, recently moved from Southern California to the Pentagon and an assignment on the Air Force Chief of Staff space program.

Best wishes to all our friends and former associates in Region 8. We were there from 1970 thru 1973.

Jim Wenner, Hot Springs, AR - Doris and I attended the national forests' 100th anniversary at Glen wood Springs, Colorado in October along with Bob and Peggy Daley and Mike and Leslee Curran, Ouachita's AO and Supervisor. Scenery itself was worth the trip, with 14,000 foot snow-shrouded peaks set off by golden aspen at the height of their color. On the way, visited with Elizabeth and Carlton MacMackin. "Mac" was regional landscape architect in R-7, then R-2 before he retired about 20 years ago. Stayed in Denver with Sally and John Korb, who is winter sports specialist for WO/R2. He was in R-8 RO in Watershed Management back when we were on 7th Street. He then became Daniel Boone Deputy.

The exhibits and shows about Pinchot and Fernow were great. Gary Hines, who did a great Pinchot monologue is now at the Pinchot Institute. R-8 should arrange for him to do his show in the South. It is well worth seeing.

Those who reminisced about the good old R-8 included Roy Bond, Tom Croker, Norm Gould, Mike Howlett, Bruce Meinders, Bruce Merrill, George Olson, Max Peterson, John Sandor, Dave Scott, Paul Sweetland, Jim Webb, Larry Whitfield and Lynn Young. Most memorable was Bill Cole. Bill started in 1926 in California and brags about needing his own saddle to get the job. He was ranger of the Pedlar District on GW when I started my career on the James River. Bill was the only GS-11 in R-7, the rest were 9's! (And now many are 13's). Gruff ole Bill was always in uniform, including hat and kid skin gloves, while an assistant drove him about the district. We got together every fall to teach fire-fighting to VMI students. at 89 now and living in Florida he has been retired 29 years. Pray that we should all be so lucky.

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RETIREE WINS AWARD

Richard C. Moore, Asheville, N. C., sent the following information --"Just a note to let you know that my good friend and former boss, Pete Hanlon, was the recipient of a most coveted honor this fall. Pete was designated the North Carolina Forestry Association's Man of the Year. This award was well deserved as Pete is tireless in his efforts to promote and defend our profession."

In TREELINE, the Newsletter of the NC Forestry Association, the editor wrote the following:

"The Man of the Year Award, established in 1977, recognizes an individual who has made a lifelong contribution to forestry in the state and nation. Hanlon, a spokesman for the benefits of multiple use management and professional forestry, has made contributions to forestry for more than half a century. His greatest achievements include serving as a superintendent for the Civilian Conservation Corps, starting the Cradle of Forestry and helping write the Forest Service Manual.

"Hanlon was supervisor of North Carolina national forests from 1960 until his retirement in 1970."

Congratulations, Mr. Hanlon!

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

--Personnelwise: David Hammond, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Ouachita NF, effective March 9. David is a 30-year veteran of the FS and has served as recreation staff officer for the NFs in NC since 1985. He graduated with a degree in forestry from Arkansas A&M College. He worked for the Forest Service in California and has worked in the Washington Office in Recreation.

Larry Henson, Regional Forester, Region 3, from his position as Associate Deputy Chief for NFS. Succeeding Larry is Elizabeth Estill.

--Retirements: Mary Henderson, Fisheries, Wildlife & Range, RO, December 31, 1991

Billy E. Page, Cooperative Forestry, RO, S&PF and his wife, Sue

Sarah Wilson, Engineering, RO

Charles Hilton, Francis Marion-Sumter NF, January 3, 1992

Harold Carlsen, RO, Staff Director of Procurement and Property, January 3, 1992

IN MEMORIAM

✓ William O. Stewart, 76, a supervisor with the Lands and Minerals Division, RO, Atlanta, died December 30 at his home. He had been ill with heart disease. He is survived by two brothers, James M. of Coral Gables, FL and Henry O., of Jackson, Miss; and three sisters.

✓ Robert F. Wiese, 65, Hot Springs, died December 14 at his home. He is survived by four daughters and one brother, and four grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death on November 16, 1991.

✓ Dewey Puckett, retiree from RO, died on August 28 of complications of diabetes in Crystal River Hospital, Florida. He is survived by his wife, two children and grandchildren.

✓ Thomas F. Swofford, 78, died at his home on December 18, 1991. He had been ill with leukemia. He was employed by the Forest Service for 40 years. He retired from Timber Management, RO. His body was donated to Emory University School of Medicine. He is survived by his wife, Maree Thompson Swofford.

✓ Norman P. Weeden, died April 7, 1991, in Albuquerque, NM, where he had lived since his retirement from the FS in 1977. Mr. Weeden was at one time Director of the Smokey Bear Program in Washington. He is survived by his wife, Louise, former wife, Ruth and their four children and families. (From FSX Newsletter).

✓ Wilbur Berry, 86, died on July 28, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Louise, of Lake Jackson, TX.

Kenneth B. Trousdell, died December 28, 1991, at his residence. He is survived by two sons and one brother.

✓ Paul O. Thomas, 90, of Norman, Arkansas, died October 7, 1991, at his home. He worked with the Forest Service for 34 years. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Maxey Thomas, one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren, and 11 great-children and two brothers and one sister.

✓ Myrtle Connaughton, widow of Charles A. Connaughton, died December 26 after a long illness.

Deepest sympathy to --

Harry and Sara Nell Wright, Highlands, N.C., upon the death of their oldest son, Anthony, on October 2, 1991. He was a retired Lt. Commander in the Navy and worked at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, FL. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery, VA.

Edna and Ed Littlehales, Venice, FL, upon the death of their grandson, Christopher R. (Chris) Littlehales on December 25, 1991, in McKinney, TX. Chris is survived by his parents, Bill and Suzanne and sister Lauren.

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It has been suggested that we feature space in our newsletter for information about members of our association who have been ill. This we will do and you may write to us with the information you would like published in the newsletter.

Here is an example of the kind of information we hope will be of interest:

Joe Galloway, Charter Member of the retirees association, is now in the Roswell Convalescent Home, 1425 McFarland, Rossville, GA 30741. He entered the home on September 15.

Red Harkins is now in the Skill Care Unit, Westminster Village, 500 Spanish Fort Blvd, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527.

Yvonne Hunt, widow of Tom, is now in Briarcliff Haven Nursing Home, 1000 Briarcliff Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306.

Lew Whipple is also in the same nursing home.

Ruth Gray spent a week in the hospital with congestive heart failure, but is now home and slowly getting over it. Her address is 2474 Kirkland Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345

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James B. Cartwright, Charleston, S.C., writes about Ken Trousdell.

"Although Ken spent most of his career in Research, I am sure many readers of the Dixie Ranger knew him.

"When I was assigned to CCC Camp S.C. F-1 at Mountain Rest, S.C. in June 1933, Ken Trousdell and John W. Cooper were the cultural foremen at the nearby Camp SC F-2. A lot of us took the Junior Forester examination at Clemson that summer. I think Ken passed it and got his civil service appointment. I passed it a year later. We both spent several years on the Nantahala NF. Ken was Project Superintendent of the CCC Camp at Otto, N.C. when their main project was building the roads, weirs, etc., on the Coweta Experimental Forest. Later he was assistant ranger on the Wayah District under Ranger Vance Miles. I do not know when he transferred to Research but remember that he spent many years at Franklin, VA, before moving to the Experimental Forest on the Francis Marion."

Jim Wenner, Jr., Hot Springs, AR, writes about Robert F. Wiese.

I wrote last April that retirement is a bittersweet time of life with sadness as friends depart, sweetness to have our health and remaining friends. Well it's bittersweet time again.

We hurt when Mary Ann Wiese left us November 16 after a long bout with cancer. Then in less than a month we were shocked at the sudden passing of Bob Wiese as a heart attack dragged him down, all alone at home. The hurt was worse because we were together the night before at the Ouachita Christmas party. Saw him dance and enjoy the company of the Forest Service "family". He said, "Jim, you know in two weeks I will have been retired for ten years?" We did not know the importance of our "Merry Christmas" and "Good Night" as we parted that evening.

Bob worked in Florida before coming to the Ouachita in 1968. He was forest silviculturist when he retired in 1981.

LOOKING BACK

Recently, my wife Irene and I toured the Ozarks of northern Arkansas again. This time we took less familiar routes and were repeatedly impressed with the vastness of this spectacularly mountainous region. The daffodils were in bloom and the grass greening but the dormant hardwoods provided us with vistas not possible during the summer recreation season.

I was pleased to know that much of this part of God's creation was part of the Ozark National Forest. Even though I had never been assigned to work on the Ozark National Forest, I took pleasure that I was a part of the organization that had acquired much of this land and managed it for public use.

It brought to mind that years ago acquisition funds to purchase private tracts of land within National Forest boundaries was usually scarce. When these funds were doled out by the Region to the various Forests, they were quickly depleted in purchasing a few precious tracts of land. Often we had to wait years before funds were allocated to acquire badly-needed or highly desirable tracts for recreation or for access or for solving boundary disputes. The Region was hard put to prioritize adding precious acres to the National Forest System.

But there was one notable exception to this frustrating situation and it had to do with one Forest and its capable Lands Staff Officer - the Ozark National Forest and Carl Benson. Although Carl and I were not close friends, I knew him to be an effective lands acquisition specialist. Carl was "the right man in the right place at the right time!" Carl could get the most (land) for the least (money). If the Region had only a few acquisition dollars, they knew where they could make a "good showing" as far as the Washington Office and Agriculture Department were concerned.

Or if another Forest's land deal fell through, the Region could shift the funds to the Ozark and Carl could "at the last minute" pick up a substantial number of acres. Of course this was all possible because Carl always knew where land was available for purchase; Carl was a skilled negotiator in real estate; and most of the tracts were of poor quality as far as timber and agriculture were concerned.

But now as I look back on the tracts that Carl acquired - as well as those of his predecessors and successors - and have the pleasure of viewing the spectacularly rugged and beautiful Ozarks I feel that I should give tribute to a hard-working, effective and loyal Lands Staff Officer - Carl Benson.

--Joel H. Nitz

BIRTHDAY OF A GREEN IDEA

January 20th marked the 50th anniversary of the tree-farm movement that guided forestry on 95 million acres. In 1942, 13 forest industry members met in Portland, Oregon, to certify the first 16 tree farms in the Nation with the idea that timber is to be harvested and replanted generation after generation if the land is properly cared for. Those 16 tree farms are still sound today.

WOMEN'S CLUBS AND CONSERVATION

The lack of franchise for women before 1920 did not exclude them from political activism. The influence of women in the "progressive conservation era" (1890-1920) in shaping the national agenda is testimony. With many of the male elite enthusiastic about commodity production their female counterparts concerned themselves with its social and environmental consequences, from urban sweatshops to rural stream pollution. Women's clubs, organized into state and national federations, were most effective.

Mrs. James Pinchot - mother of Gifford Pinchot - headed the 100-member Conservation Committee of the 77,000-member Daughters of the American Revolution. Their causes included protecting Niagara Falls and watersheds in the Appalachian Mountains. A frequent reply to their letters asking governors what they might do for conservation was "Mind the children." This they did by promoting conservation education among schoolchildren.

Rosalie Mabel Edge of New York City, an active member of the National Audubon Society in the 1920s and 1930s, sponsored several reforms in game laws and started the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Lovell White helped found the Save-the-Redwoods League (1918) and was active in the California Federation of Women's Clubs, which led a successful effort to establish a forestry school at the University of California, Berkeley. Gifford Pinchot wrote that, without the support of Federation of Women's Clubs, creation of the Minnesota Forest Reserve would have been impossible.

By 1905, the General Federation of Women's Clubs had 800,000 members and its own magazine, CENTURY. Lydia Phillips, chair of the Forestry Committee, informally addressed that year's American Forest Congress in Washington, DC, describing the clubs' work to promote tree-planting, forest preservation, and irrigation.

The 1910 dispute about the Hetch Hetchy dam construction split earlier allies into two camps: the Sierra Club and preservationists versus the Forest Service and conservationists. Many women supported the preservation of parks and wildlife: by 1915 more than half the members of the Audubon Society were women, and in 1929 the National Parks Association had more female members than male. The genders also parted on occupational and leadership roles. This was apparent at the 1913 Fifth National Conservation Congress: despite the presence of women participants, only men were featured in coverage by AMERICAN FORESTRY. The neglect of women was attributed to the arrival of conservation and forestry as technical professions. Women were excluded.

In the USDA Forest Service, public education became the role for women in conservation. D. Priscilla Edgerton began work at the Washington office in 1909 as an editor, and in 1930 wrote THE FOREST, A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHERS, an agency bestseller. Perhaps the most famous Forest Service educator of the time, however, was Margaret March-Mount. She began in 1923 on the Bighorn National Forest and soon after on the Shoshone, where apart from her regular job she provided publicity for the Cody Club (a private society to revive the history of Buffalo Bill). That experience, and her personal desire to restore nature to health, led to a position in conservation education activities with women's clubs. Her speaking tours before garden clubs, schoolchildren, and civic groups promoted tree-planting.

The success of her "penny pines" Children's Conservation Crusade--raising student donations to fund the planting of pines on national forests (the Forest Service would plant 1,000 seedlings for ever \$4 received)--led to a transfer to the Washington, DC, headquarters to continue the effort nationwide. An article in the 1942 WASHINGTON POST credits March-Mount with motivating the Daughters of the American Revolution to promote the planting of 5 million seedlings in 36 states and the District of Columbia. The article also mentions one of the goals of the General Federation of Women's Clubs: to establish a federal forest in every state.

In recent years, the link between the Forest Service and the conservation programs of women's clubs has faded, just as the cutting edge of environmental activism has passed to other, often newer, groups.

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A REMINDER - Luncheon on March 26, Petite Auberge Restaurant, Toco Hills Shopping Center, 11 a.m., lunch at noon. Please call Andrea at 347-4178 to make reservations. Call on Tuesday before luncheon on Thursday. See you there.

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