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E. B. "RIP" WILLIAMS

OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1986

President.....Robert "Bob" Hitt
Alternate.....Eli "Joe" Giaquinto
Treasurer.....Sam Johnson
Secretary.....Tom Hunt

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dorothy I. Smith....(1987).....2--year term
Bob Rainsch.....(1986).....1--year term
Bob Johns.....(Term expired.....
Harry R. Rossoll....(1988).....3-year term
Frank D. Mayfield.....Ex-Officio

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be on March 19, 1986, at Petite-Auberge Restaurant in Toco Hills. (See schedule of future meetings in "Board" minutes. It will be, as usual, with a good meal, a social hour and some sort of a program, such as a report on A. S. Activities; announcements and a drawing for door prizes, which seems to be a popular part of our luncheons. PLEASE try and attend and support the program we're trying to continue.....

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Held on 1/23/86 at Harry's studio. The following attended: Craig, Williams, Hunt, Giaquinto, Hitt, Rossoll, Johnson, Mayfield Miller (Ham), Sells, Prez opened and presented a list of committee chairmen which will be included in this issue. Discussed raising the dues by \$1 but it was postponed for six months, since decided to make a flat out change of \$8 for luncheons to see how the financial situation worked out. Ham Miller, Craig, Sell and D. Smith were appointed to the historical project and Craig & Smith indicated they'd donate the back issues of the D-R to work up this

history-the History play was reported as Pha "A" in in the August 1984 D-R. Harry announced the celebration of the Chattahoochee Oconee 50th anniversary on July 9 and urged our retirees to attend. He will prepare a "flyer" on this for this issue. Prez talked about establishing a "trading" organization of cottages, homes, tours and other activities of interest to other retiree organizations. He will have a flyer of his ideas for this issue. Clarke Sell talked about our failure to recruit new retirees and is going to work on this with the R. O. (I hope he is successful, since I furnished a 1-page brochure to be included in a brochure handed to each new retiree. Whether this history furnished has resulted in any new members is a good question, but I think we've gotten a few members. Should have more! Our new Alternate President - one Joe Giaquinto talked about the loss of our "Cola"; presented a letter he had written to our Ga. Congressman and urged everyone of our members to follow his example, claiming "if we do not protest, our Congressmen will figure we do not care". We should show them that we do - let's do it! Following budget was established: Printing (Dixie Ranger) \$1500., Postage & Misc. \$500., (An increase of \$150 from 1985); Picnic \$250. Memorials \$100., and Door Prizes \$250, for a total budget of \$2600.-1986, which compares favorably with the 1985 budget. I think we lived with that budget, but every cost has and will continue to increase and dues might have to be raised a buck or so. We'll see.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, as usual, by calling 347-7239 (Maynie Gaither) note the change in number from prefix #881, or anyone who answers the phone at 347-4191.

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OUR LAST MEETING

Was our annual Christmas Luncheon, held on December 5, 1985, at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in Toco Hills. About 100 members and guests attended, including the out of town members; Archibalds, Jemisons, Grumbines, Mayers, Hans R. Raum, Ham Millers, Freiderichs, Dick Woody, Jim Cartwrights; Dick Millars, Cecil Montgomery, Ralph Kurz, Polly Brandt and Jim Cheek. Guests were Maynie Gaither, Ruth McIntyre, Sarah Gwinn and friends of this new member. Paul Russell asked the blessing and had a few minutes of silent prayer for deceased members. Secretary Ye-Ed gave his annual report, reporting 25 new members, 18 deaths. A memorial check has been sent to each of the survivors, some of which have been returned as a donation to our treasury. Also that 28 names have been dropped, most of them because of deceased members and those who have not paid their dues for the last five years or ever. After this report, ex-ye-ed was presented with a Hamilton-Quartz wrist watch from his friends. Treasurer reported the sale of approx 130 chances of the picture "Abandoned" donated by Harry Rossoll, bringing into the treasury something like \$650. A drawing for the painting was held and it was won by the new ye-ed - one E. B. "Rip" Williams. Hope "Rip" will re-donate it for another raffle for another \$500 or so - and this money is needed since Treasurer reports that about 33% of our members are failing to pay their dues. Greetings and thanks were received from Marian Huber and Jack McElroy thanking us for the memorials to Bill and Jack's wife-deceased. Stan Adams gave an excellent report on F. S. activities, pointing out the difficulties the service has had because of the disasters during 1985, because of hurricanes, beetle infestation, buying back timber previously sold. He also read a list of those taking advantage of "early out retirement". Hope to get some new members from this group. With Phil Archiband leading, Harry and his friend Lang on the accordion gave the usual Christmas Carol singing which was enjoyed by all. Lucile Isbell conducted the door prize program, with prizes won by Sarah Guinn, Jim Cartwright, Red Strange, Carol Neimeyer, Wilma Hooper, Karl Mayer, Kythe Sears, Mike Kageorge, Maynie Gaither, Al Friederich, Walt Meyer, Wanda Johns, Lib Collins, Sarah Cadenhead, Theo Evenson, Jimmie Miller, Ham Miller, Rik Antonie, Dave Larson, Paul Russell & Joe Ciaquinto. Doug Craig announced that Walt Meyer had been elected President of the 22,000 member Society of American Foresters.

LAST MEETING (Continued).

Our new President, "Bob" Hitt appeared in his Santa Claus costume and discussed some of the projects he had for the Association for the next year. (See Board of Directors meeting). Bob performs as a Santa Claus at the S. DeKalb Mall during the Christmas season and invited all members to visit the Mall and chat with him and his other customers.

LOUIS B. ANDERSON

You probably read about the damages done to some monongahela N. F. peoples property due to November rains. See Chief's 11/15 Friday newsletter. Overleaf (below) is a report on contributions made by F. S. employees. No doubt, many ex-R-8 personnel contributed and will be interested in the results. On the margin of the "overleaf" below, quite a few notes from receipts of the contributions are included. Space or lack of it, cannot be included here.

THANK YOU

Through 341 contributions from groups, retirees, and employees, the Forest Service Family in 33 states and Washington, D.C., has given more than \$14,700.00 to those employees of the Northeast Forest Experiment Station and Monongahela National Forest who suffered losses in the recent flood. To all those who gave, let this sampling of notes express the sincere gratitude of those who suffered. Your kind thoughts and deeds are sincerely appreciated.

HI - FOREST SERVICE RETIREES!



A SPECIAL INVITATION...

Celebrating the CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST ANNIVERSARY

JULY 7-11, 1986
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA



SPECIAL RETIREES DAY JULY 11, 1986

AGENDA:

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee & Donuts - Tour of S.O History Exhibit
 - 9:30 A.M. Welcome by Pat Thomas - Forest Supervisor
 - 9:45 A.M. Computer Demonstration - Erin Bronk
 - 11:00 A.M. Leave S.O. for Dahlonega - car pooling, P.O.V., or Bus
 - 11:45 A.M. Lunch at Smith House or on your own
 - 1:00 P.M. Tour of District Ranger's Office. (3rd Floor Bank of Dahlonega.)
 - 2:00 P.M. Leave for Lake Winfield Scott
 - 2:30 P.M. Arrive at Lake Winfield Scott
 - 3:00 P.M. Slidy program - History of the Chattahoochee National Forest
 - 3:30 P.M. Impromptu recollections/ refreshments
 - 7:00 P.M. Join Chattahoochee N.F. employees in covered dish supper
 - 9:00 P.M. Showing of film "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain"
- Help us celebrate this half-century of public service and enjoy the Fellowship together
- W. Pat Thomas
Forest Supervisor



Forest Supervisor
508 Oak St. NW
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
404-536-0541

HARRY
ROSSAL

Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forests - U.S. Forest Service

APRIL

2 - Clodene O. Whaley
 3 - Allen M. Friedrich
 4 - Paul H. Russell
 6 - Martha Brambert
 8 - Lorene Kauffman
 16 - Virginia Shea
 18 - Roy W. Bierbaum
 21 - Louise Caldwell
 22 - Allen J. Logan
 23 - Mrs. Elizabeth (Mason) Patterson
 25 - Ruth E. Gray
 26 - Ruth Anderson
 14 - Mrs. Karl U. Krueger
 9 - Harry Wright
 30 - Evelyn D. Carroll
 30 - Tom Swofford
 7 - Lucile Prater
 22 - P. F. W. Prater
 12 - Carl E. Benson
 1 - Simeon A. Pintado
 11 - Peggy Hawley
 4 - Leonard Chandler
 21 - W. E. Schowalter
 12 - Caro Ann Harris
 8 - Mae English
 28 - Lorene Jones
 7 - George Vitas
 3 - Helen Pawek

MAY

2 - Mildred Farkins
 4 - Eunice Chipman
 6 - Russell L. Chipman
 9 - Yvonne L. Hunt
 10 - Arthur B. Collins, Jr.
 17 - John Kauffman
 12 - Sylvia Bryan
 31 - Claudia Logan
 17 - Ruby Cheek
 27 - Jack Wellhoner
 25 - Francis Dennis
 23 - Johnnie Davis
 29 - Audrey Pommerening
 4 - F. Grady Burnett
 8 - Rosella Wolf
 5 - Milt Bryan
 29 - Alrick Antonio
 14 - Glenn O. Antonio
 17 - Russ Rea
 3 - W. I. Stevens
 14 - Mrs. F. S. Browder
 10 - Ruby Rice
 25 - Charlie Connaughton
 31 - Hazel Lunnum
 28 - Berkeley Spillsbury
 11 - Thelma Hamer
 5 - Byrl Larson
 25 - Howard Brasher
 20 - W. D. Seagle
 10 - Naomi Seagle
 19 - Velma Newton
 2 - Dick Woody
 5 - Walter Fox
 5 - Lionel Johnson
 25 - Harry K. Erwin
 8 - Carolyn H. Crowley
 7 - T. J. Willis
 30 - Mrs. Richard L. Byrd
 12 - Roger C. Hatch
 21 - Francis Miller

JUNE

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THOSE WHOSE
 NAMES AND BIRTHDATES APPEAR ON THIS
 PAGE. MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE.

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Obituaries

Gainesville Times
01/27/86
Obituaries

Russell G. Byers

Russell Gilbert Byers, 62, died Thursday, Oct. 24, at a Russellville hospital.

He was a retired administrator for the United States Forest Service; a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps; a member of the National Association of Retired Federal employees; member of First Baptist Church in Russellville; and member of Masonic Lodge 274.

Mrs. Lucille A. Mangham

Mrs. Lucille Arnold Mangham of Atlanta, a retired bookkeeper for the U.S. Forestry Service with 15 years' service, died Friday at Crawford Long Hospital. She was 93.

The funeral was today at Spring Hill with burial at Westview Cemetery.

Mrs. Mangham was a native of Grantville and belonged to St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Surviving are a son, Arnold Mangham of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Jernigan of Atlanta; four grandchildren.

Mrs. Betty McElroy Services Conducted

Graveside services for Mrs. Betty McElroy, 64, Tyler, were conducted Sunday at Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Lufkin with the Rev. Stephen Bancroft officiating under direction of Gipson Funeral Home, Lufkin.

Mrs. McElroy died Friday in a Tyler hospital.

She was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Mountain View, Ark. She was a former resident of Lufkin, residing in Tyler five years. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Lufkin.

Survivors include her husband, Jack McElroy, Tyler; two daughters, Nancy Kartye and Mary Ann Childres, both of Lufkin; and four grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 766 S. Beckham, Tyler.

Carl Krueger dead at 79

Nov 1st
Carl G. Krueger, 79, a man instrumental in the founding of the North Idaho Museum and the vocational forestry program at North Idaho College, died Friday at Kootenai Medical Center.

Krueger moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1952 when he was appointed superintendent of the U.S. Forest Service regional office here. **Carl Krueger** He retired in 1965 and began his volunteer work for the college and museum.

"He sure has been a statesman in this town," said Ralph Kizer, former superintendent of the Panhandle National Forests. "He was a real historian, and just a fine gentleman."

He was the recipient of the VFW Community Service Award in 1980, the NIC Outstanding Citizen Award in 1979 and 1980 and the Mayor's Award for Citizen of the Year in 1981.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Rotary Club, a 50-year member of the Society of American Foresters and the Hoo-Hoo Club.

He was married in 1933 to Dorothy Sidle in Cody, Wyoming. Officiating at the marriage was the Rev. Lyman Winkle, who is now retired in Coeur d'Alene.



2209 - 9th Street / 83814
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, at the family home; daughter Helen Wigen of Sandpoint; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Kenneth in 1968.

Viewing will be until 8 this evening. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Coeur

d'Alene with the Rev. Edgar Hart officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund or the Museum of North Idaho. Yates Funeral Home, Coeur d'Alene chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Walter W. Woody

SUCHES — Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1986, at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church for Walter W. Woody, 83, Suches.

The Rev. Malcolm Chapman will officiate and interment will be in the church cemetery.

The body is at the funeral home where family will receive friends from 7 to 9 Monday evening, Jan. 27. The body will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Lebanon Trust Fund.

Mr. Woody died Saturday, Jan. 25, following an extended illness.

He was a lifelong resident of Union County. He was retired from the U.S. Forest Service, was a member of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He served on the Lumpkin County Hospital Board and was a member of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 38 F&AM. He also served as trustee and treasurer of Truett-McConnell College for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nina Dixon Woody of Suches; two sons, Mr. Dick Woody and Mr. Bill Woody, both of Suches; one sister, Mrs. Mae Pidgeon of Suches; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Vickers-Sisk Funeral Home of Dahlonga is in charge.

BURTON C. KINNEY

Passed away on November 18, 1985. Survived by his widow, Mary Elizabeth (Jennings) Kinney and a daughter Betty Hilbert. Burt was the son of A. R. Kinney, a retired Forest Service Engineer, who last worked on the Nantahala N. F. in N. C. He died about three years ago at the age of 93. Burton is also survived by two daughters from a former marriage. His widow - Mary Elizabeth - resides at Rex, Georgia.

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NEW MEMBERS

T. V. (Ted) Lacher,
4117 Idlevale Dr.,
Tucker, Ga. 30084

Mr. & Mrs. William Hess,
3008 St. Helens Dr.,
Tucker, Ga. 30084

Melvin Anhold
310 North 1st St.,
Bridgewater, Va. 22812

Eldon Lucas,
2514 W. 2nd Place,
Russellville, Ark. 72801
(Cr. Wm. V. McConnell)

James Moore
3047 N-150 E.
North Ogden, Utah. 84404
Cr. someone named Jim
123 Janeway, Greenwood, SC
29646. Probably Cartwright?

Jack S. Kelly,
1786 Sherman Lane
Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Joseph Zylinski,
Ottawa Natl. Forest,
U. S. #2 - East,
Ironwood, Mich. 49938

Eastern Area Retiree Assoc.
c/o Helen Karas, Sec.,
3704 S. 67th St.,
Milwaukee, Wis. 53220

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Pacific S. W. FSY Club,
2071 Cypress Ave.,
San Pablo, California 94923

Drop From Membership

Mrs. Peggy Markham
57 Place Fontaine
Decatur, Ga. 30038

Louise Welch
2845 Orion Dr.,
Decatur, Ga. 30033

Ashbury Moore
Chatsworth, Ga. 30705

Al Hays,
1210 Turtle Cr.,
Lufkin, Tex. 75901

Mrs. Mae W. Fidgeon
Suches, Ga.

All of the above requested
they be dropped, because of
no further interest in Assoc.

Also:
Carrie M. Covington
998 Venable
McComb, Miss.

Norbert E. Poch,
Honey In The Hills, Fla.

Mrs. Joseph C (Mary) Couch
500 Brookfield Dr., NE
Atlanta, Ga. 30342

Ira J. Mason
5305 Hampden Lane
Bethesda, Md. 20814

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Asheville, N. C. 28806

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Gainesville, Ga. 30501

Weldon & Roxanna Shepherd
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Ochlocknee, Ga. 31773.

Joseph R. Stephenson
70 3rd St.,
Camden, N. Y. 13316
(Summer-4/1-10-31)
(Winter-776 4th St. S.
Safety Harbor, Fla. 33572)

THANKS TO: Louis B. Anderson and Arch Nichols for the
obit on Karl Krueger and their letters eulogizing him.
Also, thanks to Art Grumbine for the obit on Walter ^W
Woody. The obits for Krueger & Woody, along with
others, appear on the Obituary section of this issue.
Acknowledgement has been received from Nancy Jones Fall
and family and Stephen Jones and family, thanking the
Association for the \$10 memorial check sent in memory of
Nettie Kilgore Jones.

Southern Forest Service Retiree Association
Officers and Committee Members
1986

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
President	Robert G. Hitt	299-0790
Pres. Elect	Joe Giaquinto	939-3259
Secretary	Tom Hunt	325-4684
Newsletter Editor	Rip Williams	873-1756
Treasurer	Sam L. Johnson	634-3547

Board of Directors

Year

1988	Harry Rossoll	634-7832
1987	Dorothy Smith	296-5156
1986	Bob Raisch	633-5146
Ex Officio	Frank Mayfield	963-3723

Committee Chair Persons

Budget	Dorothy Smith	296-5156
Newsletter	Rip Williams	873-1756
Membership-Sympathy Cards Program	Bob Johns	292-6670
Christmas Music Arrangements	Harry Rossoll	634-7832
Picnic	Clark Sell	938-1810
Nominations	Loraine Michael	498-0304
Legislative Liaison	Jim Sabin	938-3894
R.O. Liaison	Doug Craig	299-1430
Historical	Paul Russell	939-2162
Door Prizes	Ham Miller	973-9142
Telephone	Lucile Isbell	288-5161
	Rose Fisher	292-9760

Meeting Dates

Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 1986
 Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 1986
 Annual Picnic, Golf Tournament, Stone Mt., Thursday, Sept. 18, 1986
 Christmas Party Luncheon, Thursday, December 4, 1986
 All Luncheons at Petite Auberge Restaurant, Toco Hills Shopping Center. Cost of meals will be \$7.50 which includes meal, tax and tip.

Board of Directors Meeting

1st held on January 23, 1986 to plan year, approve budget and other business. Additional meetings will be called as needed.

"Trade a Place"

How would you like to stay in San Francisco, Portland, Miami, Boston, Fairbanks, Honolulu, or ? for only a few dollars for a week or a month? Several Dixie "Rangerites" are considering initiating a "Trade-a-Place" service. Do you have a home or a cottage or a trailer or a condo you'd be willing to trade as a living place with another distant Forest Service family for a week's vacation - or a month - or 3 months? So you list it with all its details, then a list of such "Trade a Places" is made available to all other F.S. retirees clubs and associations nationwide and away you go if you and your exchange family can and do work out the details. The Service would act only to list and get people together. You'd cooperatively work out your own details as to time and place, etc. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, let us know. Drop Robert Hitt, 3676 Waterford Place, Clarkston, GA. 30021 a note or call 404-299-0790. If there is enough response, we'll give it further thought. Only cost would be to list in the directory. That, too, would be minimal - just to pay assembly, reproduction and mailing costs. Interested? If so, get in touch.

All Dixie Rangerites -- Interested in a planned tour or trip this summer or fall? I'll be glad to put one together for a bus load or a plane load. We could go visit New Orleans, Houston, Frisco, Hawaii, Alaska, London or ?. If you've got a special travel desire and enough others have the same general wishes, we could try to arrange such a junket. Drop me a line or call Robert G. Hitt, 3676 Waterford Place, Clarkston, GA 30021, Phone: 404-299-0790 - tell me when, where, for how long and how many would like to go and if enough of you want to go - we'll do it! Got to get out there while the sun shines, the joints all still bending and we've got a little \$ left.

— *J* —

18 Trailridge Court
Potomac, MD. 20854
Telephone (301)424-7262.

Dec. 16, 1985

Tom
Dear ~~Friends~~,

We're Home! and preparing to spend Christmas here among family and friends, complete with comfortable furnishings dusted off after months of storage. In recalling our past 5 years, we have the most delightful memories, enough to keep us wondering how we have been so fortunate to fulfill our long held dreams of travel after retirement.

During the period, Feb. 1981-84, Bob was employed by FAO of the UN, and the Government of Lesotho Africa, to establish conservation forestry as a government program and forestry as a profession. We lived in the capitol, Maseru, with Bob travelling extensively through the country. In August 1982, while still in Lesotho, Bob became eligible and retired from the US Forest Service with 35 years service. In Lesotho Phyl taught at the International School some of the time; led aerobic classes and enjoyed riding. We had the fun of having our own horses in the back garden where we could watch their antics and ride at any free moment. The many new friendships we developed will continue to be special.

Emily came to visit us in Lesotho and stayed on to take her nursing training in Durban, South Africa. That venture climaxed with her graduation as RN, and her marriage to Dr. Tom Wannenburg last December (we flew in from Europe) in our home church in Bethesda, MD. Recently we returned from 8 weeks in Durban to attend Emily's graduation and enjoy that lovely city once again. Now, about the rest of the family: Robin and Newlin Morgan live near us and with 3 year old Annie, come to see us often. Amy and Jon Imbody with Bethany (5), Daniel (2), and Jeannie (6mo), live in Nyack, NY where Jon is teaching at Alliance College.

We left Lesotho in Feb. 1984, flew to Europe where a VW Camper awaited us. Then followed 16 months of travel through much of Europe. Old favorite haunts; Italy, Austria, Greece, Switzerland; new territory of Yugoslavia, France, Spain, with others in between. We feel we've earned the title of "International Freeloaders", as many friends can attest. We sent the camper "Sunflower" home by sea and continuing by train went to England, Scotland and Ireland.

Back to the USA and starting a tour that took us back to the origins of our forestry career with the USFS. Places like Jasper, Arkansas and Haleyville, Alabama that we hadn't seen in 30 years! That journey into the past made us realize that we were growing older, how many miles we'd put on ourselves since 1952!

Can the potters live a settled existence, and be content? The next year may be an adjustment. Do come visit us and help us keep in touch with the people and many parts of the world that we love.

God is so good. His blessings continue to shower on us all.

Affectionately,

Bob + Phyllis Patten.

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Just read the Oct. "Dixie Ranger"
+ learned of your retirement. We
congratulate you + give you our very
best wishes.

Enclosed is check for \$20.00 - enough
to buy us in lunch with the Dixie
Ranger for a few more years.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas! -

JOSEPH ZYLINSKI addresses "Ye Ed" and writes: "I'm sorry to see Tom Hunt hang up the gloves as the Editor of the "Dixie Ranger". He has done an excellent job and deserves a break. Please convey our best wishes and regards to him.

I am responding to an uncontrollable urge and need to right a grievous heinous error reported in the last issue of the "Dixie Ranger". Tom, God bless him, in a footnote on the letter sent to him last August and printed in its entirety in the October issue, mentioned that Clark Sell and I were classmates in college -- Syracuse!

Now, I have nothing against Syracuse -- a fine institution of higher learning. I think it's in New York. I've heard from someone that it does field a football team. I don't know how good it is because I can't remember hearing or reading anything about it. To set the record straight, Clark and I were classmates at Penn State -- the #1 team in the whole United States with an academic ranking way up there, too".

WILLA H. CARSWELL writes -- "I hope Tom Hunt is enjoying his retirement! I'll miss his red marks.

We had a good 1985. Went to Richmond, VA, Atlanta several trips and to Hiwassee Lake at Murphy several trips.

Ed is now in a back brace and it is helping. He still has a walking and standing problem from back surgery but we get around!

Enjoyed hearing from friends at Christmas. Can't believe I've been retired 11 years in May. See the Hanlons, Mielkes, and Wiltseys along the way."

RUSS DALEY is a "Travel/Outdoor writer" who stays on the road a lot and states that "when we come home" lately "we learn of the death of a good friend". He writes of Bill Huber: "Newspaper obituaries often give only the bare facts and tell nothing about the person. Bill Huber came to R-8 after heading up the Smokey Bear program. He had a big part in getting the Southern Forest Fire Prevention program underway. Smokey dealt with the whole country but the South had special problems and that's where SCFFP came in.

Under Bill (and continuing under Stan Adams) R-8's I&E gained the reputation of being the best in the country. It produced award winning publications, radio and TV spots and often was asked to help other Regions and the Washington Office.

Those were the days when the environmentalists were beginning to stir, clear-cutting was becoming a controversial issue and Job Corps camps were being set up in the South.

Bill had persuaded Bob Neelands, a top notch editor, writer and photographer, to leave research and join up in Atlanta. Bob and I became an unofficial Job Corps dedication team.

We had some rough times but we also had fun. Bill will be missed".

WILLIAM V. McCONNELL submitted an announcement to the effect that he is a "Land Management Planner/Forester" specializing in "energy biomass management", "wildland resource development planning" and "social impact analysis". In a footnote addressed to "Dear Rip" he writes "Often think of our good times on the Ouachita and still appreciate your guidance and tolerance". (I remember those good times too, Mac, and I wish you success in efforts to advance programs that will assure benefits continuing over time in areas where your recommendations are followed)".

C. JOE GALLOWAY recently received a pin acknowledging 60 years of continuous membership in Fraternity Lodge #262, F&AM, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He declined an invitation to attend a banquet at which he would have been honored and at which the pin would have been presented. The Grand Master of the State of Michigan made an appropriate speech at this banquet anyway and the Secretary sent Joe the pin. In 1985 Joe was the only one who had been a Mason for 60 years.

Joe tells a long, and most interesting, story about how he became a Mason and progressed from the 1st Degree through the 32nd Degree in Michigan and in 1945 was taken into the Shrine, or the El Karubah Temple, of Shreveport, Louisiana. Joe is a wonderful story teller and no capsulation of one of his stories can do it justice. However, only the highlights of this story are presented here.

While working his way through the Engineering School at the University of Michigan, Joe had a job delivering milk in a section of Ann Arbor from a wagon drawn by two horses. He was loaded and ready for his run by 3:00 every morning and completed deliveries in time to make a 9:00 AM class. His salary was \$32.00 per week. About 6:30 AM daily, Joe made a delivery at the John B. High residence. Mr. High was Chairman of the school board and he often engaged Joe in a bit of "chit chat". Many times Mrs. High would present Joe with a cup of hot coffee which he would gulp down hastily, always with the 9:00 o'clock class in mind.

One morning Joe noticed that Mr. High was wearing a gold watch chain from which hung a bright Masonic emblem. Joe remarked that he hoped that some day he might wear such an emblem and Mr. High promptly provided an application form and gave Joe some information on how new members were selected.

On June 12, 1925, Joe responded to an order to be at the Temple where John B. High, who was the Secretary of the Lodge and a past Master, interviewed him and he received the Entered Apprenticed Degree. Later that year he received the 2nd Degree, the Fellow-Craft Degree, and in December the 3rd or Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in the Fraternity Lodge where he has been a member ever since. In 1927 he took the Ancient Accepted Scottish of Free Masons (the 32nd) Degree.

As Joe puts it, "all the above was brought about by delivering a quart of milk and a $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of coffee cream".

JACK BOREN reports that he will be leaving his job at the Rapides Parish Sheriff's office in early '86 - except for part time work on special projects. He writes, "Kay and I plan on hitting the road in our motor home and the Atlanta area is on our schedule - mayhaps we can make the spring meeting". (Hope so, Ed).

J. and IRVINE NITZ have picked Arkansas for their retirement home. J. writes "we are in Hot Springs where I served as Assistant Ranger on the Jessieville District under Ranger Al Williams. ... Arkies at heart."

BRUCE ALDER writes, "Dear Tom: "Thank you very much for your years of service keeping us informed of the activities of our fellow retirees. It has been great! ...

"Nettie and myself continue to be fairly active and enjoying pretty good health.

"Since our retirement we have enjoyed a few trips here and about. Mostly in USA but also to Middle East, Europe, New Zeland, and Australia.

"No problem finding things to do to use up time.

"Best wishes to all who may remember us from over the years."

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JOHN W. WOOD: My most interesting new activity this past year has been learning to windsurf. With my doctor's approval, of course. Windsurfing has brought speed under sail within financial reach of many.

DICK MOORE: I do appreciate my good friend Lew Mielke taking the time to get me "signed up" in this great organization - the SFSRA.

VIOLA MELTZ: Enjoys reading the DR and became a great grandmother of a baby girl this past year.

RED and VERNELLE KETCHAM write --- "it will be good to go home in May and get on with retirement."

JOHN J. KEETCH advises that ducks on Beaver Lake, in Asheville, are being hard put to keep a little free water for swimming on cold nights.

CLARA FRANCIS sends "best wishes and hellos to everyone" and she still misses her "Forest Service family."

MARY CAROLYN McCULLOUGH: "This summer I was one of a party of 18 who toured Scotland and England by car, staying at old inns and castles. This was my first trip back since Joe's death.

At the St. Andrew's night dinner of the Scottish Society of North Central Florida - Buddy MacKay - Congressman from this district, presented the Joe McCullough plaque of the Society to Robert Bruce Dunkan, Chief of Clan Dunkan."

JOHN CHAFFIN: "Sue and I send our regards to all of our R-8 friends. The door's always open for any of you visiting California. We'll even provide wine tasting and wine tours for those interested.

BOB and MARIE PEARL --- "are still in Orleans, Mass. We have a son in Clemmons, N.C. near Winston-Salem and so we travel south sometimes into Fla."

"Since we enjoy visits from our friends, thought it would be worthwhile to suggest a printout of addresses for the membership. Plans for next year are to retire from Tree Warden and private work, but we had the same plans last year. We plan to make the S.A.F. meeting in Alabama Oct. 5-8; also the reunion at Mont Alto in July. Will see some of you there".

REMER H. CRUMB states "I am in excellent health and am busy with things. Emily is recovering nicely from recent surgery and she will not have any further problem. Regards to all".

KNUT LUNNUM: "Just completed the #3 newsletter of the Dixie Ranger for 1985 cover to cover. I am still finding many old timers that I know reporting or reported on. I have many fond memories of my 13 year sojourn in Region 8.

Sorry to read the obit on Nettie Kilgore. She was the indispensable secretary in the Supervisor's office all the while I was on the Ouachita.

The Dixie Ranger is the only way that I am able to know what's happening to those many friends that touched my life. Some are gone but many, like myself, still linger on and remain usefully active (we hope). Sorry to be in arrears on my dues but thank you very much for telling me. I enclose dues for '85 through '87.

Our golden wedding bell has also rung. Got hitched April 7, 1935 on the old Chocktahatchi. Don Morriss and Art Grumbine can verify that.

A letter from BOB NEELANDS:

November 27, 1985

Hi, Tom -

Like everyone else, I hate to see you giving up the helm of the Dixie Ranger. You "done good", my friend, and if you turn your ear southward, you may hear the faint echo of a hearty round of applause for all the blood, sweat, tears, and ribbons expended during your might efforts.

And hi, (new Editor) Rip -

Much appreciation (or sympathy) for stepping up to take over a tough job. You will be filling big shoes, but maybe you will be able to talk Tom into coming around occasionally to help you Hunt up the news.

About my activities - - there's a bumper sticker much in evidence in this area which proclaims: "We've got it good in St. Augustine." That says it all pretty well as far as I am concerned.

I've been delving into the world of the volunteer, and find in it much that is fascinating. So far I am into archaeology, local Historical Society, and photography, all of which barely leaves time for important stuff like beach combing. I can't imagine anyone finding time hanging heavy - - there's much to do!

I feel extremely lucky in not yet having an "organ recital" to bore you with. Sa far, they are all performing as necessary, without any obvious complaints.

A suggestion for the DR: include a page of FS highlights to recap major activities and changes that affect the organization and how it conducts its business. This could be gleaned from the Daily News Digest and the Friday Newsletter, both available from OI, as you know. There's almost no other way for a retiree to keep up on the inside stuff regarding current FS functions and directions, and I really think that most of us are still interested in how the old ship sails.

Enclosed check is for dues due, and for some ahead.

R W NEELANDS

Best wishes and good luck,

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JOSEPH R. STEPHANSON

Enjoyed the 10/85 issue of Dixie Fanger. Was paid up through '83, so here's #12 for 84-86. (Winter & summer addresses noted Joe) Would appreciate receiving summer issues of D.R. at my N. Y. address. (Will comply Joe if your copy comes to my attention-ex-ye-ed)

ELMER R. JACOBS

I'm glad I'm not the only one late paying dues. Check is enclosed. Your organization is the only source of information that many of us have concerning F. S. retirees. Keep it up. Tom-how many years were you editor of the D-R? (Elmer: 14 to be exact-ever since '71) I hope your successor will be around as long and be as successful as you were. (I do too).

A. H. ANONYMOUS, disguised as Karl R. Mayer

KARL'S COOLER CHOLER
Lost, strayed (or stolen)

At the picnic of late
Was Karl's small cooler
To some dastardly fate
It was cooled by blue ice (?)
Waffled top was quite chic
And had a white blue (?) handle
Located, match, at the peak
So, attend, dear finder
Just give us a holler
Please contact Ye-ed
Or risk Karl's cholera

(s) A/H. Anonymous

JIM CARTWRIGHT

Evelyn Partee sent me her Christmas letter from Jim & Caroline Moore. Jim retired in the last year. I would like to propose him for membership and enclosing check to cover. I have been about totally knocked out for the past week by the flu bug. It is really epidemic here. It is hard for grandparents to escape when they have to baby sit sick grandchildren. When those darlings of yours reach school age, you will find out what I mean. Best of luck Rip on your new job as ye-ed. I have ordered a personal computer. Has not arrived yet, but I am looking forward to a new kind of life. Fond regards....

THE EDWARD H. FOSS NEWSLETTER

What's been happening: Most difficult to describe my work life with USDA. (1) Began my career as a CAF-3 clerk 4/34 on the Idaho N. F. (now Payette) in McCall, Idaho. (2) Thence in 1/35 (married in the interim-my lovely wife Wanda (now deceased). 3 children, Melinda, Karen and Carl. Now have many grandchildren and a couple of great grandchildren. Transferred to the Salmon N. F. and assigned there 15-years. The Salmon is the most beautiful N. F. - only one possible equal is the Inyo-Beshap, Ca. (4) thence I was promoted reluctantly as an auditor R-4, Ogden, Utah. There eight years and roamed the whole Intermountain Region three times. Thence to R-8, Atlanta, Ga. (loved it there and so did family, daughters. Karen went to college at Agnes Scott. Again transferred to R-6 Portland, finally literally back home - born in Seattle in 1912. Now so happy on my Shadow Lake (I own it). Now have my family back together. Own two lovely homes Portland, Ore. Wife Marie baby sits there- we commute. SO - the old auditor wound up as a millionaire. Where do I spend it? Incidentally, I retired 12/73 at GS-14 I wish to repeat - "no one has been more places in the U. S. D. A. than Ed Foss in the various regions, ranger districts and the country. (1x-ye Ed: Ed Foss - in due time I am going to write an article for Dixie ranger titled "A clerk's life in the Forest Service. My travels will beat yours by a mile. Have had several offers from other clerks, such as I was, to add their comments. Incidentally, I retired in 1969 at GS-12, but started at a CAF-2-Clerk Typist - on October 14-1929, and was a typist for 2-3 Title Attorneys abstracting title to the lands which now comprise the national forests in Michigan, Wisconsin and, later on, transferred down South to an Abstractor figuring out titles to lands in N. C., Georgia, S. C., Florida and to a section where boundaries are metes & bounds ~~five- boundaries are metes & bounds~~ sectionalized, you might know the difference. There is SOME diff believe me. Wanta hear more about it?).

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I ask again, "What does the Dixie Ranger mean to you?" I know that it means a lot to a lot of people. Tom has a good thing going for us. Let's keep it going, Members. With your help, we can.

Please remember that the DR is the Association's publication. The Editor is only a facilitator. The Newsletter is a medium for distributing information. Reports from individuals come to the Editor and he or she packages the news for publication. Reports need not be lengthy to be newsworthy. Unreported news, however, will not fill the pages of the DR.

Your help is needed and wanted.

EDWARD B. (RIP) WILLIAMS, Your New Editor.

P.S. You may have noticed a striking similarity between this issue of DR and previous issues. That is because Tom Hunt did most of the work on this issue too.

Thank you, Tom.
(EBW)

JOHN S. MASLACK requests publication of the following notice in the SFSRA Newsletter.

NOTICE To Florida Retirees and Visitors --- The Florida Forest Service Retirees Group Will Hold its Annual Picnic on the first Thursday after Easter --- At Oscar Scherer State Park, Route US 41, near Osprey, Fl. commencing at Noon, April 3, 1986. Current members on mailing list and new retirees are urged to attend. Those not on mailing list and wishing to receive notices may correspond with this chairman, John S. Maslack, 2065 Oyster Creek Drive, Englewood, Fl. 33533. Those wishing to have names removed should write. Our normal turnouts have been in the range of 60 to 75 with potluck dishes to pass around and each bringing own dishes, utensils and refreshments, and cameras. Access to this pleasant area has been simplified with construction of I-75. We hope for a great big turnout! The mailings and arrangements have been supported by small donations.

HELP WANTED

What does the Dixie Ranger mean to you? Have you given this question much thought lately?

Filed comments received from members of the Southern Forest Service Retirees Association convince me that the Newsletter is widely read and that many members look forward to its arrival every quarter.

TOM HUNT has prepared each issue of the DR since the SFSRA was organized 14 years ago. He has made the Newsletter the primary strand in the cord that binds the retiree organization together. His success as Editor, in a large measure, has been due to his ability to stimulate readers to make newsworthy contributions to the publication. Without such contributions from Association members, the purpose of the Newsletter cannot be well served.

The SFSRA Constitution provides that a newsletter be published which contains news from members, minutes of meetings, reports of officers and committees, and other items of interest to members, consistent with the purpose of the Association. Purposes of the Association, briefly stated, are to circulate among members information of interest to them relating to: (1) Current activities; (2) Health and welfare; (3) Travel; (4) Current addresses; (5) Community and civic affairs; (6) National affairs; Particular those bearing on forestry; and (7) New activities, problems, policies and plans of the United States Forest Service.

For much of the information concerning SFSRA members which should go into the Newsletter, the Editor is dependent on a large number of independent (potential) reporters residing in various parts of the country. These people are YOU, the readers of the DR. The readership must assume responsibility for supplying most of the news about individual members if it is to be received and incorporated into the periodic publication. Members residing in the Atlanta area should contribute news items as well as those living in far away places.

You may ask yourself, "What should I report?" The answer might well be, within the framework set forth above, report things about yourself that you would like to read about other Association members (within reasonable limits, of course).

BILL CRANSTON

Enclosed is check for \$10. I dont know how far this pays me up. At such time as the payment runs out, please cancel my subscription in the Retiree Association. And to Tom Hunt, who might or might not still be in the Editor's Chair - I say "well done".

LIONEL JOHNSON

The last news letter I have is October '85. It shows me paid up through 1985. The enclosed check for \$8.00 should hold me for another couple of years. We sure enjoy the news contained in the Dixie Ranger..

DOES ANYONE KNOW? WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP

In locating Mrs. W. C. (Vivian) Callender. The latest address we have on her is: 2319 Sunset Ave., Boise, Idaho 83702. A good friend of hers, who is trying to locate her, says that the last Christmas card was returned with the notation "we do not forward mail after a 2-year period has expired!". This person has written to the occupant at the above address, who advises he purchased the house from Vivian's estate quite some time ago, but has no knowledge of her present location. It is known that Vivian had a brother but his address is unknown too. We do not know whether Vivian has passed away; whether she is in a nursing home or living with her brother. If any of our good readers and who might have known Vivian, has any information as to her whereabouts, please send that information to the Dixie Ranger, at the address shown on the Mast-head, first page of this issue. Thanks.....

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS - TO FILL IN

In reading other retiree newsletters, quite a few items concerning former R-8 personnel appear - such as:

FROM THIRTY YEAR CLUB - PORTLAND

Their membership includes former and present members of our Association, such as:

Waldemar R. Anderson, former District Ranger on the Watauga District, Elizabethton, Tenn. Cherokee N. F.

P. F. W. Prater, former Chief of Operation & Chief of Personnel Management, R-8 and also former Forest Supervisor on the Texas & Cherokee N. F.

Charles A. Connaughton, former Regional Forester R-8.

Without going through the directory, I know there are others and I missed:

Martin L. Syverson, who was District Ranger on the Sabine District, St. Augustine, Tex. While Sy was there, he had trouble with arsonists and timber thieves, so he used to sit out at night trying to catch them. He did and brought them into his office and brought in the Texas Rangers. He told me later that the Texas Ranger told him he only had to hit the suspects one time before he got a complete confession of arson and timber theft from the suspect.

FSX CLUB-CALIFORNIA RETIREES

George S. James, former Chief of I&E R-8 and Regional Forester in R-9. George is violently opposed to the exchange of f.S. land with BLM and is fighting it.

John Chaffin, former Ranger in N. C. in R-8 and in the Regional Office in Milwaukee, R-9, reports on what is going on with the F.S.-vs - BLM in California and in the Western Regions and does a beautiful job of reporting. He is also generous in his invitations to all friends to come out and sample products of the wine country.

The 30-year Club newsletter, also reported the death of C. Otto Lindh, who died in September 1985 in Redmond, Or. He was a graduate of OSU and had been Regional Forester in R-3 and R-8. Otto's wife's death had been reported previously.

EASTERN AREA RETIREE ASSOC. Milwaukee, Wis.

Our members who belong to the above Assoc:

John Wernham; Phil Archibald; C.M.Evenson; E.B. Williams; Tom Hunt and there are others.

Their members who belong to our Association: John Wernham; Vic Dayharsh, former Supervisor Kisatchie N.F.R-8; Harry Alvorsen; Mike Kageorge; Bob Bennie; Bill Paddock and, I'm sure, many more.

The members who belong to our Association and those mentioned above, are all listed from my memory and, while I am sure I left a lot of names out - credit it to being old, losing his memory and just trying to fill in some blank pages which, I know, will be of interest to a lot of ye-also old-retirees from whatever Region you served.....

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I too wish to compliment you, Tom Hunt, on the excellent job you have done editing the Dixie Ranger since its inception. I have never met you but your record speaks for itself and shows you to be a pleasant, capable and sincere person dedicated beyond the call of duty. What you have started must go on. We thank you and welcome the new editor, Rip Williams.

Here in the Northwest our winter came very early this year--much too soon but we'll keep the cold here if you all keep the tropical storms down there.

My best to one and all".

JOHN L. HALL reports joining his family in bird watching since his retirement. He, his wife and two sons are bird watchers, each with an impressive list of sightings. One son lives in Washington state and the other in Hawaii at present. John wishes that he had been interested in birds when he was in the Galapagos Isls during WW II. John mentions that has seen his friend Don Pommerening and states that he will miss Bill Nothstein, a great naturalist who liked to work with youngsters.

BOB POTTER; "After 4 1/2 years of wandering around, Phillis and I are back home in Potomac. It's great to be back in the USA and closer to friends and family.

"We continue to enjoy reading the Dixie Ranger and look forward to the next issue"

THIS SPACE is vacant - BUT I just cannot let it go to the printer without filling in with something of interest, which is:

From B. W. Chumney I have a 17-page dissertation, with maps of the area, concerning the setting of the novel by Catherine Marshall named "Christy". Chumney describes the setting of the area, which is the area comprised of East Tennessee in C. E. Anderson's Ranger District on the Unaka National Forest Ranger District (Cherokee N. F. Chumney mentions "the people mentioned in Christy are 'our kind of people' and 'I knew almost of them, since I used to show F. S. movies at every school in that area'". Some of Chumney's stories are hilarious but, knowing him, I know they are truthful, since he worked in the area during the 34 plus years of his service with the U. S. F. S., Cherokee N. F. I - as ex-ye-ed wish that there was space and money to print Chum's entire history of the characters in the probably most read by Catherine Marshall who - by the way - was the wife of Peter Marshall, former chaplain of the U. S. Senate. Most of you, I am sure, have read her popular novel "A MAN CALLED PETER".

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