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## ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic will be held on Saturday, September 26, at noon at the American Legion Clubhouse, 3905 Powers Ferry Road, adjoining the golf course in Atlanta's Chastain Park. We'll gather at noon with lunch around 1 p.m. Please bring a dish for the buffet. Soft drinks, coffee and tea will be provided along with plates, cups, etc. You may bring your own before-lunch drink and appetizers. Please see map enclosed with newsletter for directions on how to get to the picnic site. We hope to see you there. Do come and join us!

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March meeting - Karen Brady, Public Affairs Officer, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, gave an excellent talk on "*What's New on the C-O NF*". Karen touched on the Management Strategies for the Southern Region which is a new direction for the Forest Service. A summary of these strategies is available from the Forest Service, Public Affairs Office, Atlanta, if you are interested and would like to request a copy.

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## CLEARCUTTING TO BE LIMITED

Clearcutting will no longer be a standard way of harvesting national forest timber under a proposal announced on June 4 by the Department of Agriculture.

*"The new policy will limit clearcutting to areas where it is essential to meet forest plan objectives, such as establishing habitat for endangered species of wildlife,"* said Forest Service Chief F. Dale Robertson.

Robertson said the proposed clearcutting policy is part of a more ecological approach to management of the Forest Service's 191-million-acre national forest system.

Clearcutting is a harvest method in which all trees are removed at the same time from a site. It is used primarily to reforest tree species which require full sunlight to grow and to create habitat for certain kinds of wildlife, such as deer and elk.

*"Although it is a proven forest management tool, clearcutting has become increasingly controversial on national forests because of its appearance and impacts on other resources," Robertson said. "The new policy addresses public concerns and expands current efforts to decrease the use of this harvesting method on national forest lands."*

Current regulations, established under the National Forest Management Act of 1976, limit national forest clearcuts to 40 acres or less except for Douglas-fir, southern yellow pine, and Alaskan hemlock-sitka spruce forests where they may be larger. In the past few years, the Forest Service has decreased the number of clearcuts and substituted more visually acceptable harvest methods, Robertson said.

In 1988, clearcutting was used on 310,000 of the 728,424 acres of national forest that was harvested.

*"The new policy, in conjunction with the Forest Service's new ecological approach to land management, can reduce clearcutting by as much as 70 percent from 1988 levels," Robertson said.*

In 1990, the Forest Service initiated a program, called New Perspectives, to practice more environmentally sensitive forestry. This approach calls for greater use of harvesting methods that leave green trees and downed woody material on site.

The proposed reduction in clearcutting may reduce timber yields on national forests by about 10 percent in the short run, Robertson said, and there will be some increases in timber sale costs.

*"However," he said, "we believe the long term environmental and aesthetic benefits of reduced clearcutting and its accompanying controversy will outweigh any possible short term losses. Judicious use of alternative harvest methods such as selective cutting can be substituted for clearcutting on most national forest areas. And, in the long run, timber yields will be about the same."*

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We love music for the buried hopes, the garnered memories, the tender feelings it can summon at a touch.

--Samuel Rogers



Ranger's Meeting, NFs in South Carolina

Front row left to right: W. P. "Bill" Thompson (dec'd), Tyger RD; Paul Russell, Forest Supervisor; Tom Connell (dec'd), Wambaw RD; Back row left to right: Merlin Dixon, Swamp Fox RD; Bart Kennedy, Enoree RD; Don Thornton, Andrew Pickens RD; M. B. Jones (dec'd), Long Cane RD and Wm H. "Bill" Brandau (dec'd), Witherbee RD.

A good group of Forest Managers on a multiple-use Forest of the 50's and 60's. A leader in timber management, long on wildlife management, low country recreation (Russell's Folly), natural areas and Piedmont soil and water. We had a saying for many situations, check with Adm. Officer Vic Fink. On the Francis Marion a monthly Ranger meeting was required. Word came back to S.O. that Dixon did all the talking, Connell did all the yessing, and Brandau made all the decisions. But the system worked.

Thanks to Dave Devet, former Assistant Forest Supervisor and Fire Staff and Paul Russell for the write-up.

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#### COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE

The Powder Horn, P. O. Box 849, Bozeman, MT 59715, received approval to construct a rifle commemorating the birthday ( 1891-1991) of the U. S. Forest Service.

The rifle is a Browning copy of the rare Winchester Model 1886 carbine, 45-70 Caliber. This model was John M. Browning's first lever action repeater design to be manufactured. As quoted from

Philip Sharpe's book, The Rifle in America, "the Winchester Model 1886 action is probably the smoothest job ever developed in a lever action gun, it functioned practically without effort and in operation cannot be compared with any other lever gun ever produced..."

The Powder Horn plans to have over one thousand rifles available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The price is \$1,599.00 and a \$500 deposit is required. Upon delivery one get's a \$600 credit.

For those interested in purchasing one of these beautiful firearms, please write to The Powder Horn (address above) for details on how to order.

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#### **A Tribute to John Tiller**

During the summer of 1967 John headed a Task Force representing the National Association of State Foresters. Working with the U. S. Forest Service and other agencies involved with forest fire protection, John skillfully brought together all interests to create a National Fire Emergency Program. It was a difficult and complicated effort to bring about an attack of any disaster-type forest fire, in any State, with a massive force of manpower and equipment to prevent great loss of life and property through inter-State and inter-agency cooperation.

Only a man of John Tiller's rare abilities could get the cooperation of all interests and priorities of all of the States and all government agencies.

John was a diplomatic, likable and persistent forester whose administrative skills ranked him among the top southern State Foresters. His relationships with the Forest Service were excellent, and the State of South Carolina will benefit from his forest conservation efforts for many years to come.

He was a good forester and a good friend.

*Eliot Zimmerman  
Fort Myers, FL*




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Letters from our Members

HARRY HALVORSON, Madison, MN. - Enclosed check for two years' dues. Thanks for your fine work in issuing Dixie Ranger. It is 2nd favorite news for me as I am 1st of all R-9er. So many good friends in both Regions makes me appreciate the news but it seems to grow more sad each year.

I enjoyed the FS Reunion writeup by Ed Littlehales. Betty Peschek, the R-9 representative, also provided an interesting story of her time there so it made me realize, all the more, just what we missed who could not make trip to Glenwood Springs. Also have missed John Maslack's Venice affair last two years so must get back there and to Grand Rapids, Mn., this August, hopefully.

Feel the years are catching up when top young men like Don Eng and Don Rollens and now Sandy Silver retire. I believe I met Ed Littlehales somewhere along the way but certainly am saddened to learn he lost a grandson. Many of my friends find it difficult to believe I now have two grandsons - Luke and Ethan - 3 1/2 and 1 year old and my daughter Mary Claire and husband Kevin Murphy, who grew up together in Milwaukee, have really blessed us at this late time of our lives. Gladys may be a proud Grandmother, but I think I have her behind me in my constant bragging about these two boys. We had 3 months in London, England, with them this winter so can hardly wait until they visit us in June.

GEORGE FOX, Porterdale, PA. - The last issue of the DR indicated my subscription ran out 12/91. Here is my check to cover 3 more years plus some for the directory funding, etc.

Spring has finally arrived here in NW PA (letter dated April 20) after a quite mild winter. Not much snow here on the edge of the snow-belt. Some good rains last week brought much needed moisture and put quite a dent in the drought which has hit W. PA and eastern Ohio for the past few years.

Carolyn and I both are in good health, and stay busy here in the country. Plenty to do on the farm, although a nearby dairy farmer does the actual farming. Cut my own firewood. Have plenty cut for next winter.

DON PETERSON, St. Joseph, MN. (new member) - Here's my check for a couple year's subscription to the *Dixie Ranger*. Sure want to get this regularly to get news about former associates.

We're enjoying life here in St. Joseph, Minnesota (near St. Cloud). I keep busy with my timberland near here and also return

to Columbia, SC, a couple times a year to take care of my land there. Am still landscaping our new home here, landscaping for wildlife that is, on our 10 acres. Am active in Boy Scouts, Audubon, Minnesota SAF and Forestry Association. My oldest son is graduating from high school this year and will start college for Wildlife Biology or Forestry this fall. Am trying to keep up with silviculture of the eastern U.S. Am concerned with what is happening to the Forest Service and with the publicity you are getting which seems to be mostly bad. Have time now to do more reading than formerly. I do miss being more actively involved in forest management.

Best wishes to all my Forest Service friends in R8!

CILLE PRATER, (Mrs. Wally), Montgomery, AL. - Most of you know by now that I have moved to Montgomery, AL, to be near my daughter, Norma. I now reside in a charming retirement home for the elderly. There's a very large living room with a grand piano, a fireplace, many couches and easy chairs, and some beautiful views from large windows on two sides. Across the hall is a big dining room where delicious meals are served. The cuisine is truly excellent.

There's also an activity room with tables and chairs and a large T.V. We have armchair aerobics and Bingo several times a week as well as many entertainments. Our activity director has a lively sense of humor, and something is planned for every day of the week. We have things from Broadway types to Classical music - from kite flying to bubble blowing - which is a lot of fun - try it!

There are four corridors with individual apartments, some with living rooms and some with just bedrooms. I have the larger type. I'm sure you would recognize the Prater living room furniture, some of which was bought in Tallahassee, FL, and also in the N.W., N.E., and S.E. sections of the U.S.A.

In the last several months I've gone from using a cane to a walker to a wheel chair and now an electric riding chair. I still walk some by holding on to the walker or a rolling table. I must walk some or I can't stay here. It's in their charter. I still do pretty well after 45 years of arthritis. About all I have left are my smile and my giggle! But I still keep my mind active and my sense of humor.

DENISE ASHWORTH, Greeneville, TN. - Thank you for reminding me that my dues are overdue!! This has been another busy year for me. As volunteer coordinator on the Nolichucky Ranger District, I initiated the "American Chestnut Tree Fund" in our local bank to raise funds to buy 250 trees and to celebrate Arbor Day by

having the volunteers plant them. We only raised enough to buy 125 trees, which are now growing well on Paint Mountain. We are still hoping to be able to plant the other 125 next winter.

Another project that has kept me busy has been a whole series of workshops I organized to take place at my Bed & Breakfast Inn. Some of the workshops include fishing (trout, bass, bluegill). The first part of the workshop takes place on the grounds where selecting proper equipment, tying knots and lures and where to fish is taught. Then later the class is taken to a local pond or to the River where they can practice their skills.

Later in the fall I will instruct subjects concerning landscaping, flower arranging, home decorating and decorating for Christmas.

I wish I lived closer to Atlanta so I could come to the luncheons, etc.

LIL POST, Umatilla, FL. - Thirty-four of us plus Ranger Thorsen and two of his staff had a great time at the Old Smokies reunion on May 16. Plenty of white hair!

Mini-vans took us to Doe Lake to see the restoration being done there. What a really good job. Then we went to Silver Glen Springs to see what has been done and to hear plans for its future development. This is one of the most beautiful spots in Florida!

Back to Camp Ocala to visit and eat a good BBQ chicken lunch in the clean, cool dining room. Plans are in the works for next year's meeting to be hosted by the Osceola District, Lake City. Unanimous opinion was that when it's our turn to host three years from now, it should be at the "new" Doe Lake.

OLENE WOODY, Suches, GA. - Sorry about the neglect in dues, but figured you'd remind me. Thanks.

I am very pleased to say there were two I knew mentioned in the last newsletter - Bill Bergoffen was one. And it was a pleasure to hear he's able to travel. He was using a walking cane last I heard. I can't get about without mine. My doctor says it's "old age", but I don't agree - 83 isn't old when you can get about.

Enjoy the *Dixie Ranger*. Someone mentioned fishing - bass are biting at Woody's Lake. Big ones - 16 lbs and over. Glad to hear no clear cutting. It was a sore eye to all neighbors.

BART KENNEDY, Lufkin, TX. - Enclosed are my 1992 dues. I hadn't realized I was in arrears until I noticed it on the last issue. I've also enclosed a notice on the death of a friend, Ivan J.

Nicholas. Dave Oates and I attended the funeral here in Lufkin and I picked up an extra copy for you. I'm sure his many friends will be saddened by this news. He and I never worked on the same Forest at the same time. But for a time we both held the same job, he on the Kisatchie and I in Texas. I recall one TM meeting we attended at Shreveport, La. We ended up sharing the same motel room and played cribbage into the night.

If anyone ever asked me what he was like, I could answer in just a few words, "He was a good man". He will be missed.

JOHN COURTENAY, Lufkin, TX - Here is an obit notice on Ivan J. Nicholas. Many R-8 old-timers have fond memories of "Ranger Nick" and few of us will ever forget our associations with him.

I had a nice visit with his daughter Judy and her husband and daughter. A sad way to meet nice people.

Jim Hutchins, Al Hays, Clint Sykes and I still take our weekly Wednesday afternoon ride. After all these years we still turn up a new rural road once in a while.

Jeannette and I keep the car wheels turning with visits to see grandkids in Longmont, Colorado, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and sometimes even all the way to Nacogdoches.

JAMES JEFFERSON, Salem, VA. - I hope the enclosed check will bring me up to date. I have a knee joint replacement and trouble with it has put me in the hospital three times since last August.

JACK McELROY, Tyler, TX. - Thanks for the reminder about my delinquent dues - a check is enclosed. We have a motor home and keep on the road about six months of the year. Keep up the good work!!

ELISE BRANDAU, Stone Mtn., GA. - Thank you for notifying me about the *Dixie Ranger* subscription. I had no idea how long Bill had paid for this subscription. Enclosed is a check. It is always interesting to read about our Forest Service friends. To each of you I say the Brandau family is fine!

JOHN F. BEAL, Tuscaloosa, AL. - We enjoy the *Dixie Ranger* very much. You are both doing an excellent job with the newsletter. Here are my dues for 92 and 93. I had lost track of when I had paid my last ones. Thanks for the reminder.

Since last September I've been in and out of the hospital five times. In February of this year I had open heart surgery with a mitral valve replacement plus one coronary by-pass. Now I have something in common with Lewis Grizzard!

I still hear from some of the Foresters I worked with during the almost 40 years of service that I had with the U.S.F.S.



ED CORPE, Kalispell, MT. - Sorry to be remiss with dues - check enclosed for 92-93.

I was saddened to hear of Lionel Johnson's passing. Lionel was a veteran of the Bataan death march and an outstanding FS employee as well as a wonderful person.

ELEANOR AND DUFFY HOLBROOK, Pine Grove Plantation, Georgetown, SC. - Hard to believe that 2 years could go by so quickly. That's how long its been since I last wrote to you, shortly after hurricane HUGO. Here's where I try to catch up with the news.

Miss Eleanor and I still enjoy relatively good health and have lots of action. She's still young and pretty and I can still walk the woods or pole the boat day in and day out. Our fishing has been excellent at times. We have the other kind of days, too. Miss Eleanor has thoroughly mastered ultra-light spinning tackle and a surf rod with live mullets. She catches our eating fish. Me, I'm addicted to the fly rod - I don't catch as much but sure get plenty of exercise and fly casting experience.

We are fortunate to have some great fall fishing for little tarpon (10" to 15") and lady fish right here on the place. Spottails and blue fish along with "big uglies" (sharks and stingarees) dominate our fishing at the mouth of the Santee River. If any of you have ever hooked a 6-7 pound spottail on a 4" streamer fly out on a sandbar at the ocean's edge, you'll know why I persist. It beats striped bass in the Santee and brown trout in the Big Horn - but it's a long time between hook-ups.

I'm sure many of you remember Wambaw Creek. The Forest Service did a great thing making it a wilderness. It is beautiful. Hugo dumped many trees in the creek and tent caterpillars have ravaged the foliage - but this year it's back and better than ever before. Fishing is good (red breast, crappie, molleys, chinquapin and yellow perch, large mouth and chain pickerel). Wambaw fish are hard to catch, but they are so highly colored and exquisitely marked they are worth the extra effort. They eat fine too. We try them regularly.

I'm sure that my old friends, Archer Smith and Paul Russell, remember the days on the wild turkey project on Waterhorn and how they used to bring visitors to see the birds. Waterhorn is still great but Hugo did blast it pretty good. White Oak Forestry now has comparable green roads and chufa fields like the Project had in the fifties. S. C. Wildlife trapped 37 turkeys off us for restocking and they still use the cannon trap net that evolved on Waterhorn back then. Nice to see some things worked out and lasted.

Our yard here has many live oaks which had a great acorn year last winter. The result, wild turkeys fed in the yard daily. We had 2 nice bands of large gobbler (4 & 9) along with about 90 hens and young gobblers. They fed right up to the front and back steps of the house. Yet, when April and turkey season arrived, those gobblers were still as wild and wary as ever.

We also have a fine mulberry tree at the kitchen window. A beautiful little half-grown gray fox eats there daily. With all the rabies business, I watch him closely - so far no indication of lack of coordination. He even tolerates me backing the boat and trailer nearby and, though apprehensive, will take a mullet or a hand full of venison trimmings when I toss them to him. The grandchildren have named him "Mulberry."

The greatest comeback of all wildlife must be alligators. They are plentiful everywhere, even down to the edge of the ocean. We have one particularly big guy whose legs look like he's been lifting weights. He's the boss of his world (Minim Creek and Eagletree Marsh). Very composed and self-assured. Looks like he's wearing washed and starched desert fatigues. The grandchildren named him "Schwarzkopf."

Of all the gators around here, only one has been aggressive. This one was watching Miss Eleanor fishing. She hooked and was landing a very nice striped bass when here he came. She retreated, dragging the fish up on the bank and he pursued. When I tried to run him off he stood his ground. She threw the fish back and that ended the episode. Later I got one of the control officers with SC Wildlife to convert him to kebobs for the Georgetown walk festival (all 10 ft. 10 in. and 375 pounds).

Our timber program continues to move right along. Since the first of the year we cut over 3800 cords of pulpwood and 1100 tons of small sawtimber (mostly plantation thinnings). White Oak Forestry is allied with a great "young" sales administrator. He gets around spryly and knows his business, named Nelson Taylor! About 140 years of woods experience between the two of us. And for Bill, Dave, Lee and Little Mac, "Timber sales are a piece of cake."

We have quite a full prescribed burning program also.

As for retirement - right now work is too interesting and too much fun. I'm qualified for an extra retirement from the Poste Courier Publishing Co. (White Oak Forestry is their subsidiary). But may try to outlast Jack Kirby.

I tried to get Jack Kelley to come down here and be a neighbor. The job was on a great plantation with 30 duck blinds, farming, forestry and plenty hunting, fishing, shrimping and crabbing on the place. His Arkansas attraction was too strong.

Our little Methodist church that was so devastated by Hugo has bounced backed and fully recovered. Special thanks to Berry Nehr, Fred Harris, Paul Russell, et. al.

FRANK S. SHARP, Venice, FL. - Here is my check to keep me on your list for *Dixie Ranger*. Thanks so much for "what you do for me."

I was in North Carolina for two weeks in April - visited my sons: Nicholas in Franklin and Martin in Asheville.

I had short visits with Lew and Helen Mielke; Dick and Laura Moore; Pete and Betty Hanlon; Ed Grushinski and Fanny Lane. I found Lew putting a new floor on his deck; Dick delivering blood for the Red Cross; Pete potting plants; Ed planting his summer garden; and Fanny as happy and busy as a Jenny Wrenn in the Springtime. They all looked good.

I see Bruce Merrill. Bruce lives in Englewood, FL., about 11 miles south of my home. Bruce will have surgery for replacing a knee joint on June 25. He is especially busy now doing those jobs in his garden and yard he will not be able to do in July.

I am now well. I had some major surgery last August - recovered.

NATHAN BYRD, Atlanta, GA. - Many thanks for the great job you are doing on the newsletter. I edit one for the Home Mission Board and know something about the costs and the problems. We enjoy each issue.

About three years ago Clark Sell and I met for breakfast at Matthews Cafeteria in Tucker. We had been car pool buddies and had not seen each other for a long while. We decided to invite others in the Tucker area who were FS retirees. On the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. you now find up to 17 FS retirees eating country ham, biscuits and coffee and sharing old and new news. Once a quarter a few of us have borrowed from Johnny Olson and Al Hay's idea of taking a field trip together to a forest. This has been a very enjoyable experience.

Some of those who show up at breakfast are: Bob Johns, Bob Raisch, Paul Russell, Lee Cromley, Bill Bryan, Ted Lacher, Rick Eriksson, LeRoy Jones, Joe Giaquinto, Clark Sell, Jim Sabin, Kieth Grest, Don Ashworth, Jack Kirby, Fred Goodell, Phil Etchison, Dan Bacon, Jack Welch, Harold Carlson and John Schulte.

We invite all who are in hollering distance to join us for a "no agenda" breakfast at Matthews in downtown Tucker.

JOANNE WEBB, Tallahassee, FL. - We had a great get-together on May 16th. Had 35 this year. Not as many as we had last and we were a little disappointed with that, but graduation and vacations were factors there.

Ranger Thorsen arranged a nice show-me trip for us over to Doe Lake, an area that is being restored (not torn down as many of them have been) and then up to Silver Glen Springs - a recent acquisition. It was beautiful up there. They have torn down the old cabins and rerouted traffic - Jimmy's Dad, Del Thorsen, was Asst. Supervisor in Florida, back in the late 50's, early 60's. Jimmy looks and acts so much like his Dad, sorry Vera couldn't join us, but she was on a trip up in Wisconsin. We had a great lunch prepared by the staff at Camp Ocala - the Fire Center.

Richard Mills and his wife were at our meeting and it was so good to see everyone. Richard was Recreation Technician in the Lake George District for years. Calvin Green, Carles Shockley and all the gang. Also good to see Bob and Barbara Dodson and to meet their friends and FS retirees - M. J. Dixon and wife from Homosassa Springs.

I leave on my trip to Australia July 10th - can hardly wait.

ELIZABETH COLLINS, Mrs. ART, Atlanta, GA. - Enclosed is check to cover dues for two years. So sorry we are unable to attend the luncheons. Art's walking grows more hesitant. It is due to cartex nerve cell atrophy, a malady about which the doctors know so little. We enjoy the *Dixie Ranger* so very much. Thank you for a superb job.

JUDY NICHOLAS ETEMODI, Tallahassee, FL. - I must inform you that Ivan J. Nicholas died on April 19 (Easter Sunday) at home following illness. He was buried in the Huntington Cemetery outside Lufkin, Texas. He had moved to Tallahassee in October 1988 and lived next door to me (his only child) and his granddaughter Lily.

He started working for the U.S.F.S. in 1927 in summers for \$.35 an hour on the Trinity National Forest in California. His forestry career began in 1935 as a junior forester in the Ottawa National Forest in Michigan. In late 1936 he was sent to the Angelina National Forest at Lufkin, Texas. He served in the Navy during World War II. He worked on the Sabine and Davy Crockett National Forests, the national forest (Ozark?) in Stone County, Mountain View, AR, and in 1956 went to the Kisatchie NF in Louisiana where he retired in 1970. He and Mom moved to Fredericksberg, Texas, where they lived until she died in September 1987.

I hope that you will continue to send the *Dixie Ranger*. I always enjoyed reading it. Your May 1992 issue had notes from John and Harlowe Johnson of San Augustine, Texas. I remember them and their son "Bud", who was a classmate of mine, grades 1-4, until we moved to Lufkin.

All of my best wishes to all of you in the U.S.F.S. The Persians who still are zoostrians command their followers to go forth and plant trees. I feel very fortunate to be the daughter of a man who helped make the earth greener by his presence and his profession.

RUSSELL DAHL, Hot Springs, AR. - I see my dues are due so here's some to cover what I owe.

Mary is now with the F.S. - in Personnel on the Ouachita. The strange thing is she likes it!

First of last February I started something different. I am now a teacher's aide at First Step school. The school is for developmentally disabled persons. Ages range from pre-school to adults. I work with the adults - about 40 of them. Different from the FS but I do find it interesting and fun working with them. Hours are 8-3, M thru F. Do have July and 1/2 August off, plus 2 weeks at Christmas. This has made me remember why they made week-ends.

You two are doing a good job with the D.R. Mary and I enjoy getting it.

ELDON G. LUCAS, Russellville, AR. - Thanks for reminding me that my dues were due. Here is enough to cover me for the next 3 years. I look forward to receiving the *Dixie Ranger* and keeping track of the many F.S. employees that I know.

Dot is still teaching piano, normally has 20-28 students but is not teaching this summer. She is also the church organist which keeps her out of trouble.

I work part-time with Century 21 and spend the rest of my time taking care of our property and a couple of rent houses, plus playing golf a couple of times each week. We have several trips planned for this summer.

BOB WILLIAMS, Kennesaw, GA. - Here are my dues for the next few years. Keep the *Dixie Ranger* coming. You're doing a great job.

Everything is great, but busy at our house in Kennesaw. Among other things I am serving as President of the State Christmas Tree Assn., and Jean and I are co-managers of a good friends campaign for the State House. We are very busy with our Cherokee Co. farm since our retirement. In fact too busy so we are planning another retirement, or semi-retirement. This time we hope to do it right - without full time work, and do some of those fun things I read about all those other F. S. retirees doing.

We've scaled down the farm market to just Christmas trees and we

will probably continue raising Tennessee Walking horses just as long as we can still get on one to ride. We have eliminated the berries, pumpkins, and shrubbery, and are entering into an agreement to lease the Christmas Tree operation to our three son-in-laws over the next 5-6 years so we can be free to do the retirement bit.

We see a lot of Forest Service folks at the Christmas Tree Farm at Christmas, and would welcome others at any time.

PHIL ARCHIBALD, Lavonia, GA. - Sorry we didn't make the June luncheon. Your big news in the May *Dixie Ranger* was, of course, Jack Kirby's retirement. Your write-up said he served 20 years on the Homochitto District. Believe it was the Bude RD on the Homochitto NF.

Jack trained a lot of us young foresters on the Bude RD after WWII. Each of us had our share of experiences under Jack's guidance.

I believe Joe Couch, who was Jack's assistant at Meadville, Miss., before I came there, had a better "in" with Kirby. He got to go to the horse shows with Jack and got to help "ginger" the show horses. Somehow Jack never trusted me with the ginger. Now if some of our *Dixie Ranger* folks don't know what the ginger was for, where it went, and what it made the horse do maybe our editors will explain. (Sorry, Phil, we're not stepping into that).

Speaking of horses, the Bude District probably had one of the finest riding rings in the Forest Service - after the pines were clearcut. Seems I recall we all had to park our cars there during the times when S.O., R.O., or W.O. inspectors were there. Wonder if it is now reforested to pines?

Jack had a pigeon-hole box in the office with each employee's name on his individual box. During the day Jack, sitting at his desk while we labored in the field, would write notes to the employees. The notes always started with "see me." The number of "see-me's" you had in your box when you got in from the woods depended on how many things you did wrong, or how often Jack caught us. I think Ed Smith had the record.

Jack had a great Forest Service career and helped all of us - if you could survive the "see-me's."

EDITH GRIFFITH, Arlington, VA. - What a beautiful job you do with the Dixie Ranger. Though I don't always know many of the folks mentioned - many times I know most of them, if only casually.

Keep up the good work.

JOHN LAMB, Clarkston, GA. - Here is a check for the next few years. Shirley and I wouldn't be without our Dixie Ranger. We appreciate the great job you are doing. Glad to hear that you have gone high tech and have a word processor. Now if you can find someone to donate a scanner you will be able to "read" typed letters directly into your machine for editing and printing. Wouldn't that be fun. It really does save time and effort.

I am very sad to report that my father, Marion (Pud) Lamb, passed away on February 10 this year. He was 90 years old. He began his Forest Service career in 1931 or '32, I'm not sure which, as superintendent of the CCC Camp Shady on the Ouachita National Forest. From there he became a member of the acquisition team for the National Forests in Texas with Supervisor L. L. Bishop, Tom and Yvonne Hunt, Bill and Rose Fischer and Eddie and Bonita Hawes to name a few that I can recall. Pop was always proud of that group and their accomplishments. He had a great memory and was able to recall infinite details about their times in Texas. I remember one day in the mid 70's showing him a report of the NF receipts. He was able to quote purchase prices and acreage to show me that the total price paid for all the lands that make up the NFs in Texas was less than the current annual receipts for those lands. A good deal for the American people.

From Texas they were transferred to the R.O. Division of Engineering in Atlanta in 1937. That assignment was interrupted by a stint in the South Pacific with the Seabees during WWII. He and Sam Greenwood both tell the story, although each with a different twist, of running into each other on Espiritu Santos Island in the south Pacific. Anyone that knew both men can decide for themselves which version to believe. I enjoyed both versions. In 1949, we were transferred to Denver, where Dad was the Chief of Roads and Trails for the Rocky Mountain Region. He retired from that position in 1965. My Mother (Ethel or Bitsy) retired from the Bureau of Reclamation two years later. They then moved to Fort Myers, Florida, where they enjoyed almost 25 years of a life style that made me want to retire, too. It still does, in fact.

In 1986, when yard work, gardening, fruit trees, fishing and home maintenance became too much for Pop, they moved to Westminster Village in Spanish Fort, Alabama. Mom will continue to live in their home there. She is very active and travels to visit her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren wherever they may be. Please make sure that she stays on the active dues paid roster and continues to receive the Dixie Ranger.

I am currently working as a consultant to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. It keeps me away from Grandchildren more than I like, but it is giving us a good chance to see some of New England. When I get to feeling lonely, I just hop in the car and do a limited functional inspection of the Green Mountain National Forest road system. Granted, it is a busman's holiday, but, somehow the familiarity has a soothing effect on me. If summer ever comes to Vermont, and the locals assure me that it will, I'm sure it will be lovely. Vermont is, like north Georgia, a beautiful place, but I have Georgia on my mind and will be back home to stay, soon.

HERMINE LOVE, Tallahassee, FL. - Finally, at age 80, I have become a grandmother of a red-headed grandson, who joins an older brother now 5.

I remain active in various organizations, including delivering meals-on-wheels once a week to 16 persons.

MERNA CLARKE (Mrs. W.E.), Oden, AR. - Sorry I am late with my dues. I do enjoy the *Dixie Ranger* especially the stories of "Ole Times."

Hazel Razor used to tell me some stories she had at the Oden Ranger Station when we lived in Tallahassee. Her husband, Frank, brought her to Oden as a bride and they didn't have any indoor plumbing. I wish I had written some of her stories down.

I don't do much traveling but am still trying to keep the farm going. And I enjoy the children and grandchildren.

If you enjoy the country, do stop by.

LEW GROSENBAUGH, Gainesville, FL. - We participated in a mini-Yale-Forest-School reunion up at Unicoi State Park near the end of April and had the pleasure of hearing Jack Alcock talk about the changed world to which forestry must adapt.

We also spent a few days at the end of June out in British Columbia - Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and Harrison Hot Springs where the Western Mensurationists had their annual conference and I gave a paper.

Wilma heard from a mutual friend that Lucile Batts Mayer, widow of Karl Mayer, died June 24, and was buried in her hometown of Smithfield, NC on June 27. No other details were known.

JIM WENNER, Hot Springs, AR. - Thanks for keeping our retirees pipeline pumping the news about those we knew during our FS careers.

In May Doris and I returned to our FS beginning, the James River District of the Geo. Washington NF. Except for I-64 slashing through Covington, it was amazing how much HAD NOT changed. I



thought WESTVACO would have brought more prosperity, but instead brought automation. Biggest change was in Ranger Station. From the upstairs rooms in the P.O. where Ranger, Forester, Technician and Clerk constituted the entire organization, to the complex on the east edge of town filled with bustling people, all strangers. Their adm. person was so proud of being there since 1969 I hesitated to tell her that I had not been back since 1957.

And until this visit, that was the last I saw my feisty friend Leon Powell who retired from the technician's slot 20 years ago. His wife, Dr. Unity Powell, who still treats a few patients, delivered our first son. Leon saw Hal Bush and others at a spring retirees' get-together in Harrisonburg, but had lost track of Pete Hanlon and wondered if I had his address. Well he needs more than that, he needs to keep up with this half of ole' Region 7 which moved south. Best way is to belong to SFSRA so here is a year's dues for Leon.

GOOD NEWS. Bells and whistles. ANNOUNCEMENT. We're planning a 2nd annual FS Retirees Party. All Forest Service retirees, whether you've served on the Ouachita or not are invited. (Has anyone not been here?). Time: 2 p.m. Sunday, September 13, 1992. Place: Camp Clearfork, Ouachita National Forest, 20 miles west of Hot Springs on U. S. 270. Pot luck. Camping available at nearby Charlton, and if you holler loud, we'll try to obtain overnight at Clearfork. If it turns out like last year so many stories will be shared that little time will be left for swimming, horseshoes or softball. Tell Melinda Allen, P. O. Box 1270, Hot Springs, AR 71902 (501 321-5202) you're coming. Last year over 70 retirees, spouses, kids and grandkids made it memorable. We'll top that if Ya'll come!

JOHN MOSER, Cleveland TN. - Thank God I was able to retire almost ten (10) years ago. If a person hanging on, only knew how great it is, they would retire tomorrow.

Leoan went and had by-pass surgery three weeks ago. The same four they did in '78. She is doing great, and will look forward to the use of the pool in another four weeks.

We are going to reserve the 26th of September to attend the picnic. I would be remiss if I didn't say how much I enjoy the *Dixie Ranger*. The two of you do a great job.

(John, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the picnic - it's been a long time).

### Welcome To New Members

Jerry M. Alexander  
P. O. Box 3053  
Russellville, AR 72801

J. W. Brumley  
204 E. Elm Street  
Perry, FL 32347

Judy N. Etemodi  
2209 Altoona Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Don L. Gerred  
Rt. 1, Box 292  
Oxford, MS 38655

Irene Gibson  
P. O. Box 352  
Haleyville, AL 35565

Charles E. Howe  
Rt 2, Box 467  
Ava, MO 65608

Richard Mills  
13300 E. Hwy 40  
Silver Springs, FL 32688

Donald W. Peterson  
8381 Oak Rd.  
St. Joseph, MN 56374

Leon Powell  
124 No. Lexington Ave.  
Covington, VA 24426

Gerald V. Ward  
H. C. 74, Box 158  
Mountain View, AR 72560

The following are changes you may wish to make to the directory:

Fred G. Ames from c/o W. C. Capps, 524 College Avenue to Harrison Nursing Center, Rm 107, 115 Orendorff Ave., Harrison, AR 72601.

Russell Dahl from 108 Vista Way to 108 Silverwood Terrace, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

Mary Elizabeth Kinney from 406 Homestead Rd to 6866 Homestead Rd., Rex, GA 30273-1911.

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*Deepest sympathy to the following members of our organization who have lost loved ones recently:*

Bill (W. J.) and Bobby Bryan whose son, Bruce, died May 9 in Atlanta, Ga. Bobby and Bill would like to thank their Forest Service friends for their kind expressions and concern following Bruce's death.

Bob Jackson, whose wife, Jane, died April 24, in Yellville, AR.

Hans Raum, whose wife Dorris, died June 3 in Gainesville, GA. "Shug" was a native of Missouri and had lived in Gainesville for a number of years.

Bruce Alter, whose wife, Nettie, died June 6 in Gainesville, GA. Mrs. Alter was born in Montgomery, Ala., and was a longtime resident of Gainesville and Rabun County.

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Deepest sympathy to the family of Hoyt Abney who passed away June 23. Hoyt was Assistant Station Director, Administration, Southeastern Station, at the time of his death.

Sympathy also to the family of Don Bowman, Acting Director of Procurement & Property, RO, Atlanta, who died May 14.

*Here's What's Happening Among the Membership:*

Kythe Sears, widow of H. M. Sears, has been a resident at Briarwood Nursing Center, LaVista Road, Tucker, GA., following a fall in March.

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In Memoriam

Marion Lamb, 90, died on February 10. (See his son John's letter in this newsletter).

Lucile Batts Mayer, widow of Karl Mayer on June 24. Lucile had a long career with the U. S. Forest Service. Karl died June 6, 1991.

Harold J. Derr, 74, of Pineville, LA. Dr. Derr began work with the Southern Forest Experiment Station in 1946 and transferred to Alexandria, La., where he worked until his retirement in 1976. Dr. Derr did pioneering work on reforestation of southern woodlands and became a recognized authority in the field. One who knew Dr. Derr said "He was a real helper to all who wanted to learn."

Otto G. Koenig, 80, of Midlothian, VA., died in 1991. He had served as assistant supervisor of the Allegheny NF, Forest Supervisor of the Green Mountain Forest, and assistant personnel officer for the former Region 7.

Burnett (Bernie) H. Payne, 83, of Venice, FL., died in March. He worked for the Forest Service for 38 years in Washington, Oregon, California, and WO, retiring in 1970 as associate deputy chief for the National Forest System.

Wilbert E. Schowalter, 77, of Florence, SC., died in August 1991. He worked for the Forest Service for 37 years beginning with the Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wisconsin. He spent most of his career in the South and retired in 1981 as manager of the Ash-Erambert Nursery-Seed Orchard complex near Brooklyn, Mississippi.

C. Joe Gallaway, Atlanta, GA., died August 11. No other details.

John B. Spring, 84, of Atlanta, GA., died May 15. Mr. Spring completed a 39-year career in Forestry. He began his career with the Forest Service in 1933 starting in Georgia and Tennessee with the CCC program. He served as District Ranger on the Cherokee NF, NFs in Alabama; assistant Forest Supervisor on the Kisatchie and the Chattahoochee NF. He also spent time in the Washington Office and in 1960 returned to Atlanta as Assistant Regional Forester, Division of Fire Control. He retired from that position in January 1970. He is survived by his wife Katherine, two daughters and two sons. Mrs. Spring said John enjoyed retirement and his association with the F. S. retirees, especially the Atlanta Golf Association.

Ivan J. Nicholas, 85, of Tallahassee, Fl. (See his daughter's letter in this issue regarding her father).

Many, many thanks to all who sent notices for this section of our newsletter - Betty & Bert.

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*Here's What's Happening - Personnelwise:*

Al Munz, Public Affairs Specialist, Ouachita NF, retired May 1 after 22 years with the Forest Service. Al and his wife Mary plan to stay in Hot Springs.

Tammy Malone is the new Ranger on the Uwharrie RD, NFs in NC. Tammy began her career with the FS, eleven years ago on the Monogahela National Forest in West Virginia. She has worked in four different functional areas - Lands and Minerals, Timber Sale Preparation and Administration, Planning and Geographic Information Systems. She has just served as team leader for an Environmental Impact Statement on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska.

Mary A. Wilson, a 12-year Forest Service employee, began her new job in June as Recreation Director for the NFs in N.C. Mary comes from the Gifford Pinchot NF in Washington, where she spent the last two and a half years as assistant recreation director. The Tennessee native started her career in archeology, surveying old lookout towers and gold mining camps on the Boise NF in Idaho. She went from Idaho to work as the forest archeologist and assistant recreation director on the Wayne-Hoosier NF.

Elizabeth Estill is the new Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region (R2). Elizabeth is the first woman in the history of the Forest Service to be named a Regional Forester. She began her new job in August. She has held the position of Director, Recreation, Cultural Resources and Wilderness Management in the Washington Office.

John Butruille, Regional Forester, R6, retired in July, after 34 years with the Forest Service.

John E. Lowe, a 29-year FS employee replaced Mr. Butruille. John had been deputy regional forester since 1987.

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#### A REQUEST

The Cleveland National Forest, Corona, California, is developing a Historic Preservation Center at the Corona Ranger Station. While this is a Cleveland project, its concept is much broader, covering Southern California Forests and the Forest Service at large. Objectives are to gather, preserve, record, and display historic memorabilia, to show past, current and future activities, goals, and objectives, and past, present and future uses, problems and values of our National Forests and their multiple uses for the information, education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Cleveland NF is trying to reach as many retirees as possible, other Forest Service employees and units, and even antique shops for forestry memorabilia that can be used in presentations and displays. A reproduction of a 1920's ranger's office has been constructed complete with authentic furnishings, fixtures and equipment. A wide variety of cabinets, display panels, uniform stands, etc., for 25 to 30 displays of both historic and current Forest Service activities are being built.

Individually an item may not seem to be much, but, when combined with other related items, it can form part of an interesting and important exhibit. What may seem trivial to you could be of real value to the Cleveland. One photograph, one shoulder patch or pin, one old poster or sign, one newspaper article, a uniform part, a couple of forestry books or publications, etc., can be valuable.

If you have any old photographs or items that you would be willing to share, please send them to:

Harvey B. Mack, Historian  
Cleveland Forest Historic Preservation Center  
1147 E. 6th Street  
Corona, CA 91719

If it is something you want to keep but would let them make a copy, send it along, they'll copy and return the original. For anything sent, please include a brief description or explanation of what it is and how to use it.

## BIG LESSONS FROM SMALL INCIDENTS

*By Ed Ellenberg*

A number of correspondents to the *Dixie Ranger* have suggested retirees recall and record incidents that might be of interest. So here goes:

Pat Int-Hout's "Past Memories" that recalled the big incendiary outbreak on the Black Creek, Leaf River District in Mississippi in 1954 reminded me of this specific incident.

First, to refresh everyone's memory of the conditions that existed on that Spring weekend - it was a clear, sunny day with a strong north wind blowing that produced a high Class 5 fire day. A couple of energetic young residents drove from one end of the Districts to the other on East-West roads, a distance of over 25 miles, throwing out incendiary sets and the end result of their trip was four Class E, five Class D, and numerous A, B, C fires.

There are dozens of stories that came out of this incident, but one that comes to my mind is the contribution of the local Forestry Aids, who, as a group of dedicated employees, helped make the Forest Service the organization it is.

That day, W. R. Denton was the dispatcher. As you might guess, W.R. had his hands full as this outbreak developed. W.R. was an old time Aid who knew the National Forest in South Mississippi like the back of his hand. Starting with the acquisition program, W.R. was a fire fighter, surveyor, dispatcher and the kind of guy that made any Ranger look good.

Well, back to the subject. As part of a quickly organized plow crew, I was dispatched to a specific fire. On the way, we came to another new set that was just starting to roll. I radioed to W.R. to see if we should stop at this new fire. We were advised to continue to our original destination. When we attacked the fire, we found that most of the head was cut off by two bays. There was, however, about a 200 ft. gap between the bays which we cut off just before the fire arrived. Had the fire made it through the gap, it had an open longleaf ridge about two miles long to make a run which we could have chased all night.

That fire ended up as a Class C. Ten minutes later it could easily have been a 2000+ acre Class E. When the fire I had volunteered to stop at was mapped the next week, it turned out to be a 10-12 acre that burned itself out against a bay and never was attacked.

There is nothing like managing the National Forest on the ground and there is no one that knows the grounds like the local technician!

## Southern Forest Service Retirees Association Necrology

We often ask when a certain person, friend, associate, or well-known died. In an attempt to answer this question, I have reviewed all the available Dixie Rangers since 1971. Thanks go to Rip Williams for furnishing Tom Hunt's original file of Dixie Rangers. There may be omissions or errors because of lack of information or oversight. Some dates other than year are missing. The question of listing by year or alphabetically was resolved by year as the simplest compilation. Putting this together has been a labor of love and remembrance.

Paul H. Russell, Past President  
and Past Secretary

1971

Clint Davis	February 5
William F. (Bill) Wulf (Fiscal)	December 7
Fred Harris (Ranger)	December 4
Elaine Eriksson	September 23

1972

Doris Demmon, wife of E. L. Demmon	January 18
Art Nelson	March 22
A. C. Shaw	March 31
A. J. Streinz	June 2
L. V. Heljeson	June
Clyde Hitt	June 30
Emera (E. W.) Renshaw	September 11
Elmer R. Roth	September 21
Marvin Joyner	September 25
Carl G. Heczko	September 27
Ruth Hefner, wife of Kelly Hefner	December 29
Helen O'Neil	December 29

1973

Emma Lou Wailbrun, died on world tour	
Harold Lintzenich	
J. Roy Smith, husband of Dorothy Smith	January 10
Willie C. (Bill) Martin	January 14
Walter L. "Loopy" Lane	January 30
Harry L. Goodrich	January 31
Porter M. Kinard	February
Ted Seeley	February 15
H. Minor Huckleby (R8 Engineer)	April 10
A. H. (Alfred) Anderson (Ex-Supvr GWNF)	April 13
Ann Beichler Leide, wife of Sam Beichler	May
Mrs. June Woody, wife of Ranger A. Woody	August 12
Kelly B. Hefner	October 6
John H. Moore	October 7
Eunice Rivers	October 10

## 1974

Hugh Redding (Louisiana)	
John Alsup (Nantahala)	
Samuel Couch, Son of Joe and Mary	March 31
Sue Weitzman, wife of Sid Weitzman	June 3
Clyde C. Sumner	August 16
Mildred Adams (Mrs. W. P.)	October 17

## 1975

Ben H. Robinson, husband of Dorothy	January
Ray Brandt	March 20
Ralph H. Freeman, Sr.	April 9
Mary Lynn Ramsey	April 17
Roy N. Dennis	June 1
Walter W. Carrico	June 2
Jim Ballard (Tellico)	July 12
R. R. Fairfax	August 14
Ruth Hughes Higdon, wife of Wayne Higdon	October 3
Art Schilling	November
Neville Sloan (Franklin, NC)	late 1975

## 1976

Harold Christen	February 8
D. E. Bradfield	February 11
Tish Price, wife of Harvey "Cap" Price	March 16
Floyd Cossitt	March 16
William P. Dale (Ouachita)	April 9
Phil Bryan	May 11
Bob Cooper (Experiment Station)	May 15
P. R. Wilson	July 1
Evelyn Tillman Malloy	September 30
Dr. William D. Buchanan	
Harwell Adams	October 27
Herbert P. Rice	November 25
James F. "Jim" Brooks	December 19

## 1977

Ernest R. DeSilvia	January 3
H. O. Mills	January 31
John W. Cooper	February 11
C. T. "Mac" McCurdy	March 10
Carrie Bell Kinsland Henry, wife of late Frank L. Henry, Sr.	May 3
Pat H. Jenkins (Cherokee)	June 13
Lois M. Hunter, wife of A. B. Hunter	July 8
Glenn Thompson	July 27
Raymond M. Connaro	August 4
Jo Knight, wife of Gaylord "Lum" Knight	August 10
Joe Yensco	December 23



## 1977

Harry F. Swank	December 25
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## 1978

Seth Jackson	January 11
J. Wayne Higden	February 27
Glynn Markham	April 12
Dub Nichols	June 12
Albert M. Shaddock	June 27
Vedene H. Smith	September 1
George Glendenning	September
Sid Weitzman	October 23
Cariel Glendenning, wife of George	November
George M. Tannehill	December 6
Mary Barnes Hunnicutt, wife of Emory	December 9
Sam Greenwood	December 19

## 1979

Jacob M. Stauffer (State Forester, Ala)	January 24
Frances J. Cope VanWagner	January 28
Van Elliott	February
Herbert G. Knoch	February 13
Porter C. "Sleepy" Burris	March 29
Helen Murray Mayer, wife of Karl Mayer	April 24
Clinton S. Herrick, Jr.	April 25
Helen S. Hatcher, wife of John B.	May 17
Louis T. Erwin	June 28
Thomas Hartwell Glass, Jr.	July 23
Mrs. Leva Melton	August 12
Frank T. Bailey	September
Jerry J. Welch	October 16
Henry P. Heineman	November 10
Spencer H. Palmer	November 26

## 1980

William "Bill" Mann	January 21
Harry F. Rabb	
Roland Rotty	
Tom Lotti	
Mary J. Mayfield, wife of Frank	June 25
Eugene Adams Cope	October 10
William E. Snyder	November 9
J. Herbert Stone	November 25
Carl W. Strauss	November 26
Bonnie Capps Ames	November 28

## 1981

E. L. Demmon	January 7
Elizabeth "Betty" Croke Williams, wife of Rip Williams	January 9
M. E. "Milf" Howard	January 13
William H. "Bill" Fischer	March 17
Evelyn Newcomb, wife of Larry Newcomb	April 17
Ruth Boston, wife of Harvey Boston	April 25
Joe Couch	June 8
Orrin P. Wittig	June 12
Milton B. Ricker	August 13
James Floyd "Red" Whatley	August 29
Joe Floyd	September 18
Wanda DeSilvia, wife of late Ernie DeSilvia	October 31
Wallace "Wallie" Everton	November 11
Stanley Dunn	November 27
Clinton Johnson (Landscape Architect, Nantahala)	
Alice Vance, wife of Russ Vance	
Katherine Laurent	December 10

## 1982

Larry Newcomb	January 26
Raymond B. Rayworth	February 9
John A. Butler	February 24
William J. Welch	March 6
Julius Saxon	April 2
Larry K. Mays	April 22
Arthur W. Hartman	May 17
Walter T. Dutton	June 12
Mrs. Bonnie O. Stewart	July 5
Elsie Elizabeth Dale, wife of late Ranger Dale	August 18
Charlotte "Miss B" Breitenstein	August 23
William D. "Pat" Patterson	October 1
Robert U. Cobb	October 9
John James Harkins	November 5
John T. Hills	December 15

## 1983

Leon J. Smith	February 11
Lois Galloway, wife of C. Joe Galloway	February 11
Alice Marie Reinsmith	February 27
Edison Kilgore	March 8
McRee Davis	
Nell Brasher, wife of Howard Brasher	
William P. "Bill" Thompson, Sr.	April 6
Richard Lowndes	April 26
Herschel Anderson	July 20
Vivian L. Callender, widow of Bill	August 1

## 1983

Mary M. Myers	August 10
Richard E. McArdle	October 4
Quintus A. Kyle	
George C. Hoffman	
Del Thorsen	November
Priscilla M. Goodrich, wife of late Harry F. Goodrich	November 26

## 1984

Jasper J. Johnson	January 7
Hazel I. Reed (Mrs. Baxter)	January 29
Frederick J. Ruff	February 20
Dan Todd	March 30
Thomas A. "Tom" Wilson	April 14
Harold E. DeBord	July 11
Joe T. McCullough	August 8
Rezin E. Pidgeon	November 13
Nolan Gann	December 1
Clyne Edward Woody	December 22
Beryl Jones	December
Blanche Lindenmuth	

## 1985

Willis C. Branch (Bill)	February 3
George Morgan	
Catherine Sipe, wife of F. Henry Sipe	February
Musette A. Smith	February 6
James A. Hays	May 31
Norma Vessey, wife of J. K. Vessey	July 11
William L. "Bill" Northstein	July 28
Nettie Kilgore Jones	August 26
C. Otto Lindh	September
William W. "Bill" Huber	
Milton R. Scott	October
Earl Alton "Preach" Parsons	October
Burton G. Kinney	November 18
Jay L. Barber	

## 1986

Paul W. Bedard	January 4
Walter W. Woody	January 27
Albert D. Folweiler	February 7
Raymond McKinley	March 26
M. W. Ruffin	March 30
J. A. Abercrombie	April
Zula Cossitt	April
Charles Shea	June 3

## 1986

Grace Edith Mills, widow of H. O. Mills	July 19
Andrew Brands	July 24
Sara Coulter (Mrs. Hux)	July 24
Clarence M. "Eve" Evenson	August 14
Mauritz B. Jones	September 13
W. C. "Bill" Lee	October 5
Jimmy Shults	October 10
Harry W. Garnsey	October 21
Gerald Griswold	November
Willie T. Haynes	December 27

## 1987

Walter D. Seagle	February 16
Baxter Reed	March 2
Ossie Leinart	March 9
James D. Patterson, husband of Elizabeth Mason	April 2
Emmet Cecil Gibson	June 12
Fayette M. Meade	July 7
Edward P. Cliff	July 18
Hux Coulter (early F.S., State Forester, FL)	August
Donald Eugene Swiger	August 8
Muriel Baker, wife of Bob Baker	August 17
Earl McNeely	September
Alyce Stevens, wife of Wingate I. Stevens	September 13
Emma "Mrs. Nick" Nicholson	September 17
Edmund T. "Eddie" Hawes	September 20
Laverne Nichols, wife of Ivan J. Nichols	September 25
Bryan Smith, husband of Kathleen B. Smith	September 29
Felix Gzabator	October
Geraldine "Jerry" Bryan Abner	October 12
Paul A. Partee, Jr., husband of Evelyn	November 5
Jan Toko, wife of Harvey Toko	November 10
Lewis Gray	November 10
Robert Franklin "Bob" Irwin	November 27
William Patrick "Pat" Thomas	December 16
W. M. Zillgit	December 28

## 1988

Ralph Morgan	January 2
Margaret McPherson, wife of Joe McPherson	January 8
Paul Arthur Swarhout	January 27
Dorothy F. McMurtry	January 31
James J. Daniels	February 20
Shirley E. McNelley	February 22
John J. Olson	March 1
Ray Slye	March 6
Prentice Howell, wife of Edward M. Howell	March 10

## 1988

W. Maurice "Mo" Thompson, husband of Christine Thompson	March 10
Simeon Pintado	May 8
Olga Hathorn Rossoll, wife of Harry Cecil E. Clapp, Sr.	June 14
Charlotte Jacobs, wife of Elmer Jacobs	June 17
Mildred Harkins, wife of Red Harkins	July 18
Everett M. Clocker	July 25
James A. Carroll	
John K. Cross	July 31
Hattie Wilson	September 9
Arthur A. Brown	September 10
Clem J. Wyers	September 19
Howard Albert "Ham" Miller	October 7
Charles Hursh	October 12
Ruby Cooper, widow of John W. Cooper	October 22
Clarence V. Smith	November 29
Vincent W. Bousquet	December 1
Kay Kunzman, wife of Stan Kunzman	December 2
James A. Butler	December 16
John W. Squires	December 16
Edwin R. Ferguson	December 31

## 1989

Einar Roget	January 5
Douglas A. Craig	January 24
Arthur A. Grumbine	February 13
Lillian King Hursh	February 19
Karl W. McNasser	March 3
George K. Stephenson	March 10
John E. Hamer	March 21
Lew Whitacre	April 5
Wayne Shuttleworth	April 15
Sylvia G. Bryan, widow of Phil Bryan	May 5
Louise Caldwell	June 29
Arch Nichols	
Marion Huber, widow of Bill Huber	September 5
William H. "Bill" Brandau	September 20
Stanley Johnson	October 22
Evelyn Welch, wife of Jerry Welch	November 12
Richard H. "Dick" Millar	December 11
Eugene C. Reichard	December 11
Charles F. Connaughton	December 19
Jack Eldridge Sylvester	
Peggy Ann Johnson	December 31

## 1990

Edna Payne	January 7
John B. Hatcher	February 10

## 1990

Herbert C. Scherer	February 12
Anna W. Stradt, wife of Gil Stradt	February 22
Sally Bush	March 30
Roland J. Riebold	March 31
Martha A. Goler	April 4
James D. "Red" Strange	April 4
Thomas J. Hunt	May 5
Gordon Dean Fox	May 26
Brantley Fraser	
Robert Pair, husband of Edith Pair	June 9
Gladys C. Niles, widow of Charles Niles, Sr.	
Chalmer K. Lyman	July 4
Hugo J. Pawek	
Gilbert Stradt	August 8
Thomas N. Busch	August 19
William R. Phelps	October 4
Richard E. Elliott	October 13
Belton Taylor, husband of Caroline Taylor	
Clarence E. Anderson	October 19
Norman R. Hawley	November 10
Ed Howell	November 16

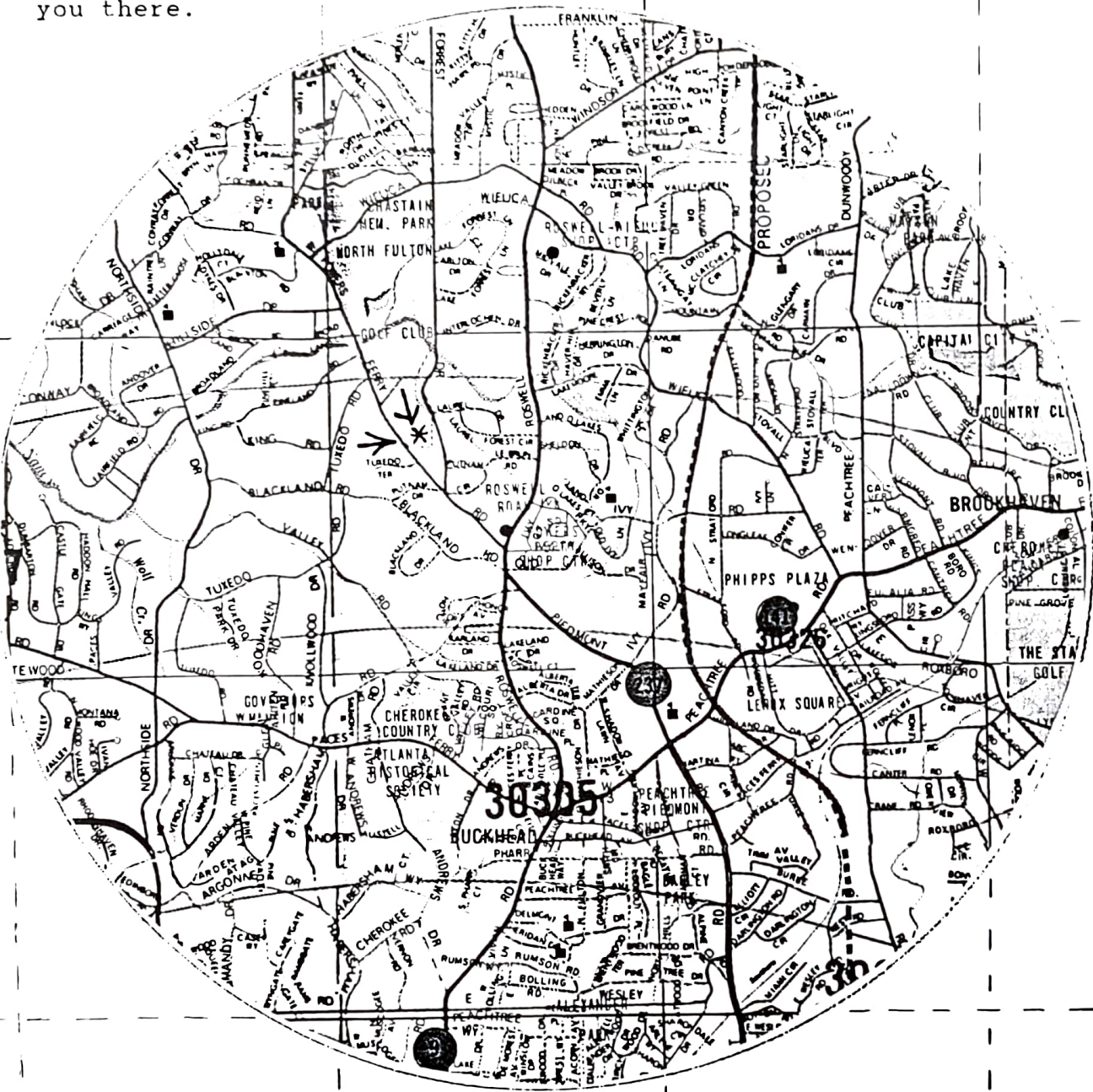
## 1991

Harry Nadler, State Forester, KY	February 2
P. F. Wallace Prater	February 20
John Tom Koen	March 17
Dr. Gene Shoulders	March
Shirley Brooks	April 6
Norman P. Weeden	April 7
Sam Horne	April 16
George K. Schaeffer	June 1
Mary Nan Still Aulds, wife of Charles	June 4
Karl Rodney Mayer	June 6
Herbert E. Ochsner	
Wilbur Berry	July 28
Dewey Puckett	August 28
Paul O. Thomas	October 7
John R. Tiller, State Forester, S.C.	November
Robert F. Wiese	December 14
Thomas F. Swofford	December 18
Myrtle Connaughton, widow of Charles	December 26
William O. Stewart	December 30

## 1992

Evelyn Partee	February 14
Richard V. Bowman	March 1
Lionel Johnson	April 15

DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC SITE: The map below should help you in locating the American Legion House for our Picnic. Note Section B-2. If you are coming from I-285, Roswell Road exit, then turn right on to Powers Ferry Road. The House is up a dirt incline off of Powers Ferry at 3905 Powers Ferry Road. There is a sign on the Road that indicates the American Legion House. Should you be on I-85, take the Piedmont Road exit and come all the way to Peachtree Road, cross over and continue to Roswell. Turn right on Roswell then left at the next intersection and you're on Powers Ferry Road. If you get to the Golf Course, turn around, you've gone too far. There is a phone in the House - 261-9727. Call if you need further directions. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Editorial addenda to Paul Russell's great job in putting together the Necrology, and information easily overlooked because of our youth and much delayed association with the Retirees. Betty lost her husband Don McNutt on April 14, 1975. I know Ed Littlehales will remember vividly that we got the news the next day while attending an I&E national meeting in New Orleans. Then in 1982 on February 8, my wife Tena Avalene, mother of our four boys succumbed to a brain tumor.

But life goes on, and happily I must say, not just for myself, but most especially for my seven granddaughters and, yes, finally, one grandson. GRANDMA BETTY is about the best thing to grace Coweta County with her presence. When the grandkids visit, I am more than less that old man who hangs out at Grandma Betty's house.

The two of us enjoyed a short June trip to Holland's Floriade, held only each ten years, and got into Delft while there in Holland.

See you at the picnic on September 26, I hope.

/s/ Ira L. "Bert" Bray

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