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INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President - J. Lee Bardwell, born 1936. Wife, Lucille. Two children, Kenneth and Janet. Graduate of University of Arkansas at Monticello, 1963. Began work with U. S. Forest Service in 1963. Served on Ouachita and Mississippi National Forests, Y-LT, S&PF River Basin Planning, Jackson, Miss. In Washington with AP&D. Director of Soil Water and Air Resources, Regional Office, at time of retirement in 1986. Currently President of Life Quality Systems Company. Resides in Snellville, Georgia.

Alternate - Helen Thomas, married to Pat Thomas, Supervisor, Chattahoochee NF, for 32 years prior to his death in December 1987. Worked as an Executive Secretary for 16 years. Has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 4th one expected in September. Has lived in the following locations - Dahlonega and Gainesville, GA.; Booneville and Russellville, AR.; Pisgah Forest, N. C., and Columbia, S. C. Now calls Gainesville, GA, home.

Secretary - Betty Bray. Began Forest Service career in 1959 in R. O., Division of I&E. Worked in Division of Range and Wildlife and then as Executive Secretary for Regional Forester. Transferred to Research in 1977 as Administrative Officer for Tempe, AZ, research office. Returned to Atlanta in 1983 to Management Systems. Retired as Management Analyst in January 1986. Married Ira L. Bray in 1987 and moved to Newnan, GA. Serves as Co-Editor of the Dixie Ranger.

Treasurer - Gail DeBord, widow of H. E. DeBord. A native of West Virginia and a Home Economics Education graduate from Radford College, Radford, VA. Married Gene in 1956, two children and two grandchildren. Joined USFS in 1964 with Job Corps Program. Has lived in Coeburn, VA., Brevard, Franklin and Asheville, N. C. Moved to Atlanta in 1977. Former school teacher and now calls Atlanta home.

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CIRCLE THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR



March 22, luncheon, Petite Auberge Restaurant, 11 a.m., lunch served at 12 noon. Tentative Program: Chattahoochee Nature Center.

June 21, luncheon, Petite Auberge Restaurant, 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Tentative Program: Friendship Force

September 20, picnic. Location to be announced in later issue of Dixie Ranger. Tentative plans are to have a sculptor to give a demonstration.

December 6, Christmas luncheon, Petite Auberge Restaurant, 11 a.m., lunch at 12 noon. Fellowship and music of the season.

Call Andrea Csergei, R.O., PAO Office, 347-4191, to make reservations for all the luncheons.

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TREES-MEND-US CAMPAIGN

On January 4, Forest Service volunteer Jeanne Yeutter, wife of Secretary of Agriculture Yeutter, and honorary official and spokesperson for the Forest Service TREES-MEND-US campaign, moved the campaign's message to an international platform through a tree-planting ceremony in Florida that included Mrs. Mitsuko Kano of Japan and Mrs. Lorraine Mazankowski of Canada, the wives of the Ministers of Agriculture for Japan and Canada. The Secretary and the Japanese and Canadian Ministers met in Florida for informal discussions on agricultural issues and policies of importance to our country and theirs.

"This tree-planting ceremony," Mrs. Yeutter said, "reflects how important trees are in our personal lives and for the well-being of cities and towns all over the world." Mrs. Yeutter, Mrs. Kano, and Mrs. Mazankowski planted the trees - species typically grown in the country each woman represented (a Japanese cedar for Japan, a sugar maple for Canada, and a live oak for the United States)-at the Harry P. Leu Botanical Gardens in Orlando, FL.

The TREES-MEND-US campaign was launched October 12, 1989, to support tree planting and reforestation efforts across the United States. Mrs. Yeutter will be participating in similar events throughout 1990 in communities across the country to heighten awareness about the importance of trees to community social, environmental, and economic welfare and increase support for community forestry programs.

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Regional Forester Jack Alcock was recently presented with an FS Humanitarian Award. Associate Deputy Chief Jim Webb in presenting the award said it was initiated by Region 8 employees to recognize the care and concern that Jack demonstrated for the safety and welfare of his employees during the June 30 fire at the Regional Office.

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PROJECT CAN DO

Letter from Regional Forester Alcock to all Southern Region Forest Service Retirees:

"Your Southern Region has taken an important step to restore, enhance and maintain its Regional leadership in conservation and people management - the result - PROJECT CAN DO!

What is PROJECT CAN DO? It's simply a project philosophy of loosening up our structure and format, accepting/requiring less feedback, trusting people, allowing maximum delegation of authority and having faith that our people, experts in their field, will do the job.

Our purpose is to build on the enabling philosophy of the Chief's Pilot initiative: to streamline operating procedures and management practices at all levels and implement actions to overcome barriers preventing us from accomplishing our mission. This is more recently described in the Chief's 6 Point Working Agenda as becoming a innovative/creative/people oriented Forest Service culture more than ever. It is also reflective of his desire that this become the management philosophy of the Forest Service.

This F.S. initiative has been more recently highlighted on GPTV, Channel 8, in Tom Peter's presentation "Excellence in the Public Sector", which featured an 8-minute segment on the Ochoco NF in Region 6. We have copies of this video in all our offices throughout the Region.

The initial concept of PROJECT CAN DO began in January 1988, when I selected a team of District Rangers and a Job Corps Center Director to plan the agenda for the 1988 R-8 Ranger/Center Director Conference. It was at this meeting in November 1988 that the project was initiated as regional direction. Line officers and Directors were charged with taking action to implement the project. A Regional Coordinator, Stephen P. Weaver, then Seminole District Ranger, NFs in Florida, was announced as selected to lead this regional effort.

The three main objectives to the regional initiative are: 1) Increase productivity; 2) Better serve the public; 3) Empower Forest Service people through increased delegations of authority and employee participation to identify and remove barriers preventing improved management of our units and programs.

With PROJECT CAN DO, each employee will be called upon to showcase his/her creativity and innovation relative to their job. Employees are simply asked to identify a barrier and their proposed change to eliminate the barrier and meet our objectives. These proposals are processed through the unit coordinators. A proposal is then acted upon for approval and implementation or spun off with modified approval and some are sent on to the next appropriate authority level for the same assessment. Denial authority lies only with the line officers. Each unit across the Region and Puerto Rico has a CAN DO Coordinator. These select individuals make up the regional network and are tied in with the Regional CAN DO Coordinator.

If you're in regular contact with your closest local forest office, ask them what is going on, or contact Steve in the RO, Suite 988, (404) 347-3597 for more information."

(If you would like to make a comment, respond to the letter from the Regional Forester, please send to Editors, Dixie Ranger, for inclusion in an upcoming issue or the comment may be mailed direct to the Regional Forester. Editors).



Personnel: Robert Jacobs, Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Florida, promoted to Asst. Director, Appeals and Litigation, LMP, W.O.

Retirements: W. O.: Jim Webb, Associate Deputy Chief, Adm., on December 30.

Everett L. Towle, Director of Land Management Planning Staff, on December 30.

Clarence Tipton, Adm., December 30.

Regional Office, R-8: Leroy Jones, DRF, State and Private Forestry (Member SFSRA)

Fred Harris, Regional Attorney, Office of General Counsel (Member SFSRA)

Harry Edwards, Cartographic Technician, Engineering (Member SFSRA)

Ted Kaufman, Personnel, Employee Development

Jack Richardson, Personnel, Employee Development

Leo Thiels, Management Analyst, Management Systems

Bob Stignani, Regional Landscape Architect, Recreation

Laura Lockeridge, Fiscal and Law Enforcement

Max Williamson, Forest Pest Management

Frances Strong, Personnel

Seed Lab, Macon: Oscar Hall

Retirements on the Forests:

Alabama: Gene Jennings, Lands, SO

Bill Johnson, Engineering, SO

Maudie T. Reddock, Contracting Officer, SO

Cherokee: Don Rollens, Forest Supervisor. Jim Webb, in announcing Don Rollens' retirement stated that Don was recognized at the recent Forest Supervisors Conference as the "longest tenured." He has served in Regions 2, 8, & 9.

Duke Barr, District Ranger, Watauga Ranger District - "longest tenured" District Ranger in the Forest Service. Selected as a Ranger in 1958 and has served in GA, AR, NC, and on five districts in Tennessee.

Jefferson: Charlie Blankenship, Rn, LMP, Env. Coordinator, SO

Reggie Kinman, Forest Planner, SO

Lionel Melancon, Recreation, SO

Congratulations to all of you on your retirement!

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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Don Eng, Forest Supervisor, Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests writes:

"We are deeply touched by the support you have shown Francis Marion personnel as a result of the losses they sustained from Hurricane Hugo.

Immediately after the hurricane, a relief fund was established to aid families on the Francis Marion. Funds to date have been expended for: necessary items needed to initially survive immediately after the hurricane, cash for emergency use, cleaning supplies, linens, furniture and building materials.

Your response has been truly overwhelming. Contributions have ranged from donated and delivered food and clothing items, to work crews traveling long distances to provide assistance for home repairs and yard work, to your very generous monetary support for the Relief Fund.

On behalf of all Francis Marion personnel, I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to you for caring and "being there" when you were needed." - Don Eng

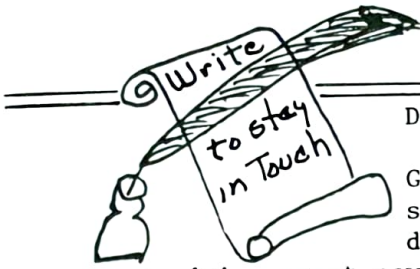
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On March 7, 1990, Don Eng and Joe Salinas, Forest Supervisor of the Caribbean NF, will make a presentation in the WO Seminar Series to Chief and Staff on Hurricane Hugo.

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Art is a human activity having for its purpose the transmission to others of the highest and best feelings to which men have risen. -- Count Leo Tolstoy

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS



Dear Betty:

Got your "Dixie Ranger" yesterday edged in red! I'm enclosing sufficient funds to the end of 1992. Enjoy reading about all your doings - glad things are going well with you and yours. Ed is doing great now from his hip surgery. This season we picked and canned 1250 cans of vegetables, fruits, pickles, jams and jellies - it's fun!

I talked to Mrs. Ralph Moyle twice lately. She moved to Creedmoor, N. C.

We go to Hiwassee Lake at Murphy and to Atlanta. That's about the end of our traveling. Will look forward to the Dixie Ranger in February 1990.

--Willa Carswell

Dear Sam:

I am guessing that you are still the Treasurer of the Retirees' Association. Here is my 1990 dues.

All goes well with Verla and I in the Panhandle region of Idaho. Our son David (residence Stone Mountain, GA.) visited us in September. While here we took a 3-day drive into British Columbia. We sure enjoyed the scenery. Highway was near a gorge. Lakeshore with the high Rocky Mountains on one side and the Cascades on the other. That was our summer trip. We will spend Thanksgiving with our daughter and family near Sacramento. We will fly. We don't take long car trips unless we have a driver.

I sure enjoy the Southeastern Retiree publication you folks put out. I have enclosed an extra \$10 to help pay for some of the cost. Wish we could be there to attend your special dinner get-together. We enjoyed our 16 years in the South and sometimes wish we were back there.

Our very best to all of our former R-8 associates. Very sincerely,

--Verla & Sid McLaughlin

Dixie Ranger:

Hi to all our good Forest Service friends all across the country. We are planning to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary next spring and hope we live to see it. Right now we're taking things day by day because of health problems.

In July, 1989, Wally had a very serious gall bladder operation complete with gall stones, perforations and gangrene. Our girls and I are very grateful to have him still with us this Thanksgiving and Christmas. He's doing well now but still is quite weak and tires easily.

My arthritis keeps me in the house unless I can go out in the car and walk on level ground with my cane when I reach my destination. We've had over 27 years of happy retirement and enjoyed growing flowers, painting and drawing, ruby mining, rock-hounding and several group activities - so we've had fun.

We would love to hear from our friends so drop us a line if the notion strikes.

--Lucille and Wally Prater

Congratulations to Bert and Betty and thanks for taking on a wonderful work. A bushel of "warm fuzzies" to Rip for a job well done!

We had hoped to make the picnic at Stone Mountain but couldn't this year. Did visit Bob and Jane Jackson in their new home south of Yellville, Arkansas, early this summer. Enclosed is for three years, plus whatever is needed. Best to all,
--E. H. (Harry) Collins

Hi Betty & Bert!

Best of the New Year to you both! Check enclosed for 3 years dues plus some toward the directory. Delighted you two have taken over the job Tom & Rip carried along so many years. And congrats on the fine job your doing. It's always great to read about old friends and their adventures, "owies" and "oops-es".

Val and I had a great 15,000 mile plus 1,000 mile more trip to Alaska last summer. Drove up in our small mini-motor home. Drove the Alaska Highway. Attended 3 Elder-hostels, one in Fairbanks, and one each in Juneau and Sitka. Visited Homer, Seward, Soldatna, and countless glacier lakes, etc. Spent several days in Denali National Park area. Halibut fished at Sitka - got our limit too! Great fishings. Saw salmon spawning from Seward to Fairbanks. The 1,000 miles was on board 4 different Alaska Merritime Ferry System ships as we visited Sitka, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, Ketchikan and then finally on down the coast to Seattle. Marvelous trip! We were gone a little over 10 weeks. Also visited in-laws in California and ex-F.S. Botanist Andy Robinson and his family in Oregon. Then back east though Yellowstone, The Bad Lands, Minnesota, to our cottage in Wisconsin and then back to Atlanta. Saw just enough of Alaska to want to go back again for an extended stay. Even got to North Pole, a community outside of Fairbanks. So now I can honestly tell the kids when I am Santa that I've been to the North Pole!

We do like Elderhosteling and would recommend it to other retirees. We've been to two in Europe, 5 domestic ones and have 3 more domestic (Minn., Wisc., & GA.) sessions planned for this winter/spring 1990. Also considering Spain or Holland for a fall junket.

Otherwise, nothing much going on! Best wishes as always and thanks again! Sincerely,
--Bob Hitt

Dear Bert and Betty:

Thanks for letting me know that I was delinquent in paying my dues. You have a good way of jogging our memories. I think this pays me up through 1991. Vi and I enjoy reading the Dixie Ranger.

I want to commend and thank both of you for the excellent job you are doing with the Dixie Ranger. Best wishes,

--John F. Beal

(Mr. Beal, thanks for your response. I used to live in Tuscaloosa before my F.S. days - my daughter was born there. The town has changed considerably since we lived there. I worked for the Geological Survey on UofA's campus there in the mid-50's - Betty).

Dear Bert and Betty:

I don't know how much in arrears I am, but if this check isn't enough, let me know.

I don't enjoy getting old, but was cheered by the courageous attitude of several retirees in worse shape than I am. The first hand account of the Hugo encounter and Wayne Cloward's overseas experiences was particularly enlightening.

-- Denny Bloomer

Dear Bert & Betty:

Here is check for \$15.00. Hope this brings us up to date.

Lucille broke both legs in June - is walking with cane now so we have stayed close to home.

--John and Lucille Adams

Dear Betty and Bert:

Enclosed is payment for Dixie Ranger through 1990. I find it helpful in keeping up with working friends in their retirement years.

Those that may remember me will have to look back to Radio Repair and Electronic Communication. I still help with some installation work on Apalachicola Ranger District in Florida. Since retirement we've moved back to Liberty County. I stay busy hunting, fishing, and working. My latest project has been the completion of a home in the woods. Building is quite different from electronics.

-- Clarence F. King

Dear Betty:

I guess the note "last issue" means I owe money or I am out!?

Gee, what a super job you and Bert are doing with the Dixie Ranger. Just outstanding - and we do appreciate the both of you.

But I can remember the super job you did as a trainee to "Orientation to Instructor Training" way back when - so you took advantage of the excellent training.

It has been six years since retirement and I enjoy every minute of it. Having two beautiful young granddaughters makes it easy to find somewhere to visit.

Continue the good work.

-- John Moser

(I got your attention, didn't I, John. So glad you decided to continue with us. I remember your beautiful handwriting - it has not changed. Yes, I do remember too, the Instructor Training course. That was back in the early 60's I think. I never quite got over being frightened when speaking in front of a group - and to think in my later years I taught as an instructor in the Instructor Training Courses - Betty)

Dear Bert and Betty:

I want to express my appreciation for the fine job you are doing with the Dixie Ranger. I don't remember meeting either of you. I was hoping to do so when we attended the picnic at Stone Mountain in September.

By way of introduction I am an old timer and started on the Osceola in 1931. Went to Tallahassee in 1937 as Deputy Supervisor then to the same job on the Cherokee in 1939. In 1941 I went to Atlanta as deputy to Wally Prater when the Personnel Management Division was established. In 1943 I was assigned as Supervisor of the Naval Stores Conservation Program. This led to a reorganization and the

establishment of a central office in Valdosta and my move there. In 1948 I returned to Atlanta in Personnel. In 1958 we moved to Washington to round out my career of 42+ years. We moved here after I retired in March 1974.

We have been taking several overseas trips each year since I retired. We have now visited 114 countries. This April we went to Madeira and the Canary Islands aboard the "Black Prince". In August we flew above the Arctic Circle to Resolute, Canada, and boarded the "World Discoverer" to visit remote villages in the Northwest Territories and western Greenland with Society Expeditions. In October we flew to the Seychelles, Reunion, Madagascar and Maritius Islands in the Indian Ocean. While flying from Reunion to Madagascar a young man sat in the seat next to us. We learned he was a French forester and a fellow member of the International Society of Tropical Foresters. He had attended training sessions put on by Frank Wadsworth in Puerto Rico.

When we're not traveling we stay busy in our condominium community here. In addition to dancing, playing cards, fishing, bowling, etc., I've been involved in the administration of our community. Last year and this year I was elected President of our Administrative Corporation which is comparable to being mayor of our community with around 1500 residents. This is all voluntary work and I figure I've had my turn at bat so did not agree to run for reelection.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

--"Hob" Howard

P.S. Our family is increasing in size. We had two more great-grandchildren in 1989.

Dear Bert and Betty:

Am sending my dues for Dixie Ranger for 1990. If not correct, let me know.

I look forward to receiving the D.R. It keeps me informed of F.S. friends we knew in Bob's 38 years in Region 8.

Since Bob died in November '87 I moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, to live near our son Bob, Jr. I'm living at Springmoor Retirement Home. It's more like a resort.

Last year I had 4 bypass heart surgery - I was at the right place at the right time. Have recovered fully. Greetings to all our friends and thanks to the editors and staff for the excellent work on the Dixie Ranger. Sincerely,

--Dolly Irwin (Mrs. Robert F.)

Dear Betty & Bert:

The "Dixie Ranger" is priority mail. You two are doing an excellent job. Previous editors also served with excellence. My thanks to "y'all".

Dues will soon be due. So, I'll pay them now to avoid the "gentle reminder". The little extra may help defray some cost on SFSRA projects.

Mattie and I have maintained the income of several surgeons this past year. We have tested the "catastrophic coverage" of our insurance carrier. We're fine and the insurance company is still in business!!

In May we were able to go to Disney World with our daughter Terry Jean, her husband Pat and grandson Adam. Daughter Holly Ann and husband and daughter Linda Kay had to stay home (Lufkin) to work.

Our hobby of gardening was curtailed somewhat due to illnesses and recovery. We call our postage-sized flower/vegetable plot "poverty gardens". We are no threat to Callaway or Bellingrath Gardens.

Starting in mid-July I became a "rehired annuitant". Initially in the Logistics Section helping with the import/export of the hundreds of off-Forest detailers who helped with the tornado salvage and southern pine beetle projects. In October duties shifted to a research project at Upland Island Wilderness. This involves interviewing visitors to the area (on randomly selected days and time frames within those days). Upland Island is about 12,600 acres on the Angelina RD.

On non-work days (for me), each Wednesday afternoon Al Hays, John Courtenay, Jim Hutchins and I go for a short drive and have coffee together. It's a verbal "Dixie Ranger" conversation most of the time. Nostalgia every mile and every sip!!!

"Nuff!!! All I was going to do was mail my dues. If I keep this letter goin' I'll owe two years.

Sincerely,

--Clint Sykes

Dear Bert and Betty:

Its been so so long I don't know where to start. I've been retired now a full year and a month. And I can't really tell anybody what I've been doing - except that I've been so busy I don't know how I found time to work. Maybe I didn't.

Rose Mary and I moved into my mother's house in Monticello last November. She is in a retirement hotel in the Jackson area. Talk about cardboard boxes stacked head high all over a house with much of her furniture there!! This was until we could build a house out at the "Playhouse Farm". Rose Mary substituted at the High and Jr. High Schools. I have a chain saw and chopping axe but I couldn't find one of those pulpwood trucks that gets back to town only by the Grace of God. I/we did a good bit of work at Mom's house and a lot here at the farm. Finally got my woodworking shop set up like I wanted and doing some work there. I marked timber (w/the State) out here last winter. Hunted some and finally had to go back to the Homochitto to get my deer.

Nevin (#2 son) got married last summer so we went to Virginia for that. Inky (Dinnie, III) still in Paris.

We finally got started on the house about mid-July. Finished late October. We put it next door to the original Playhouse and tied the two together with an enclosed breezeway. It's about 800 ft. off the highway in the woods. Deer every night in front yard under night light 21-25 steps from front door. Beautiful view of 3½ acre pond. Bream 8-9"; biggest bass so far 6½ lbs., catfish 24-27"! We even have 2 "pet" alligators. Trouble is, I can't find those deer during legal shooting hours!

Rose Mary is teaching high school math full time at Prentiss (20 mi) this year. I forgot to say: Our dear friends Roy and Margaret Stalnaker came down and helped us move Halloween weekend. We visit often. Since then, I've been supervising my timber sale and building shelves and many other odd jobs around the house.

Altho I subscribed late, I've really enjoyed the Dixie Ranger. You guys are doing a great job - thanks. I don't know when my sub expires so I'm sending a check to keep me up to date. Somehow I missed the directory. Can I please have the latest?

All ya'll please come see us! Three miles west of Monticello, Highway US 84 at #1 Rue du Paradis.

--Dinnie Lambert

Dear Bert and Betty:

Sorry for the delay, we hope this check will bring us up-to-date on our dues.

Carolyn and I enjoy the Dixie Ranger and appreciate all who make it possible. Evelyn Partee has been keeping us current on important happenings by phone and Christmas card.

I retired from the Forest Service in Region 4 in 1985. Six months later I became an Industrial Trainer for Hercules here in Utah. It consisted of instructing them in basic principles of hand production of missile manufacturing. I was laid off in 18 months due to a drop off of government contracts and immediately picked up by Morton Thiokol, Inc. I am completing 3 years with them this month and am transferring back to Hercules at the end of December with a pay increase.

Carolyn is doing very well as a Department Manager in the local Ogden store. She enjoys selling fine ready-to-wear clothing to Nordstrom's, Inc., customers.

Our long range plans are to continue what we are doing now until Nordstrom's opens a store in Atlanta sometime in 1991 or 1992. Carolyn can transfer to the new store and continue her career in the Nordstrom chain.

Hercules has some activities in the Atlanta area and maybe I can qualify for a job around there. We intend to drop in the Atlanta area long before 1992 and visit with friends. So far it has been difficult for us to get away since we have used our two weeks vacation taking trips to England the past two years. We are convinced that we need to take advantage of being able to travel out of the country while we are in good health. These experiences will give us something to talk about when we move back to Georgia and are busy "porching" and visiting with friends.

Thanks again for helping to keep us all together. We hope to see you soon.

--Jim and Carolyn Moore

Dear B & B:

Betty and Pete Hanlon appreciate you two new editors. It's great to have the Dixie Ranger in such competent and willing hands.

It's been a good year here in Boulder Cove. We've had surprise letters from several long time colleagues and friends. Doggone it, don't we all have much to feel grateful about?

Lou Mielke, whom I think of as Mr. National Forests in N. C., has had a serious bout with doctors and surgeons. It's good to report that he is recovering well -- sounded great over the phone. Had a surprise letter from J. N. Jefferson; good telephone calls from Jim Vessey, Ernie Karger and Bill Ward. The unwelcome news was about the passing of two G. W. retirees: Jack Hicks and Harold Barrett - great F. S. alumni. Remembered not so much for what they did, but how they did it - with sincerity, devotion, and integrity.

--Pete Hanlon

Charles Ross from Corvallis, Oregon, writes:

During these cloudy days of winter we seniors of Western Oregon try to think of ways to stay on top of our accumulating ailments. So Elsie and I took off on a 5-day trip to Reno, Nevada, 520 miles distant, joining one of the numerous package junkets that originate in Portland, Seattle and other points. This is being written on the bus. Do we mind a 10-hour bus ride? Not usually; it's relaxing to roll through 300 miles of 5 National Forests. Where else can you enjoy the visual effect of continuous miles of undeveloped wild land? Well, almost undeveloped; there are roadside service places, ski resorts and 50 miles of beetle-decimated lodgepole pine now being salvaged.

Reno rhymes with casino and yes, gaming (not gambling) is conducted there. But our main objective is a change of climate, relief from the telephone and luxury hotels at bargain rates. I have wondered if cloudy, moist climates inhibit humor. It seems I can't remember much humor about rain and damp, whereas so many anecdotes feature very dry, very warm and very cold weather. Like: "It was so cold my teeth were chattering--and they were in a glass by the bed"; or "It was so dry the cows gave powdered milk."

Well, we climb out of damp Western Oregon and people start remembering jokes. About Nature, for example. Do we know how to tell a crow from a raven? No one does, of course; they're look-alikes except the raven is 3 times larger. While they refuse to pose together for comparisons, you can distinguish them because the crow has only 2 pinion feathers and the raven has 3. Thus, it's a matter of opinion (a pinion). Do any animals observe moral rules? Certainly. For example, among porcupines, rape is unknown, and the crow never complains without caws. We passed through a town termed "the largest for its size in California," and another claiming to "have more people per capita than any other." A woman observes that all husbands can be placed in 3 classes "the kind, the generous and the living."

Fifteen years ago, Reno was a livable "walking" city, but America's nemesis of "growthmania" is rapidly degrading it with major expansions. A householder is prohibited from adding a bathroom (this is to conserve water) but a casino is permitted to add 500 rooms. The small, swift Truckee River rushes through downtown Reno. One summer we stopped on one of its bridges to watch 3 men suctioning sand from the river and sifting it on a screen. They were looking for jewelry, especially wedding rings, that divorcees might have tossed in the river. A crew once got \$3 million, a native informed us.

This was one of our better junkets; the weather was sunny, tour companions fine and our bus was practically new and noiseless. Back in Corvallis, we learned that a 90 mph storm had blown down 20 truckloads of timber on our tree farm. We think it would have happened even if we hadn't gone to sinful Reno. Our storm was nothing like Hugo, of course.

Dear "B & B",

Sounds like bed and breakfast, doesn't it? Maybe it should read "BBB" or "Triple B". Anyway, we think you're off to a great start as editors.

We're always saddened to read the obits because our paths crossed with most of them. Particularly hard, though, was to lose Bill Brandau ...a special buddy to me and many others.

George James tends to bend the truth about my golf game most of the time. We played with him recently on his home course. After much "discussion" he wrangled the right number of strokes and put it to the rest of the foursome.

Sue finishes her term as President of the Petaluma Hospital Aux. in July and I just finished my president's term of R-5's retiree organization, FSX. So, we're planning a fall trip to Europe if all goes well.

Enclosed are my dues for 1990 and use the rest for a glass of California wine for the editors.

Sincerely, John & Sue Chaffin

Dear Dixie Ranger:

Here's some money from an old delinquent Forester. Probably I'm the R-8's most delinquent Forester. My wife says I should be ashamed. I am truly sorry, chagrined, contrite and penitent -- and amazed that you would put up with me so long.

I suspect my mind has been a little unhinged ever since we got stuck in the primordial mud of a mature bottomland hardwood stand on the Ozark's Pleasant Hill District. Ever smell such mud after being churned up by logging equipment? An experience never to be forgotten. Puts you close to where you are coming from.

Well, the best to you and yours.

Sincerely, Bert Cox SOB*
(Sweet Old Bert)

(Bert, you ole SOB - we knew you would pay, just a matter of when. Thanks for staying in there with us - Bert Bray- editor).

The following letter from Erma Miller (Mrs. Howard A.) was written to her friend at Christmas and with permission we are sharing with all of you - editors.

Christmas 1989. While sitting at the desk and pondering what to say about 1989 it occurred to me that basically about all that you could say about those 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 minutes or 525,600 seconds was that I had been very busy learning to be a single and not only learning some new basic skills but also had to be the teacher as well. Howard Sr's office is a formidable area. Many things to learn to do and many strange ways to do it all. The typewriter and adding machine do everything but slap your wrist when you hit the wrong button. Truly awesome, especially to one who is only now learning to type and was always a horse and buggy bookkeeper. I decided an accounting of the years progress could best be achieved with a capsule "Annual Proficiency Report" dealing with the various skills and efforts achieved or not achieved by student or teacher.

First. On the positive side. Both the house and I are in good shape. I didn't need any repairs but the house got a new roof. We had to go down to the boards this time and the pounding, prying and prancing feet brought down a Mt. St. Helen's supply of fine dust. It is much better now and it seems to me that the furnace is not running as much as in other years. Time will tell. We also aerated and reseeded the lawn.

Second. Also on the positive side. The high light of the year. Our daughter Pat from New Hampshire met our son Howard Jr. and me in Omaha and we rented a car and did Iowa from west to east and back again hitting the high spots of where Howard Sr. and I were born and lived until we were grown. A wonderful trip.

On the other side. The final report is not so good and will be itemized as to positions (if we can use the term lightly) filled by me during the year.

POSITION	RATING	COMMENTS
File Clerk	Very Bad	No training and no desire to learn. Will never be capable of maintaining an neat desk or work table. Suggest that she try for another type of job.
Secretary	Bad Impossible	Letters require 7-8 drafts before entering the significancy zone.
Business Manager	Excellent	Has assistance from fine Lawyer, CPA, and a patient and excellent Banker son.
Typist	Poor to Fair	Some hope that if she lives long enough she will make it.
Insurance Clerk	Good but slow	The harder she tries the behinder she gets.
Cook	Excellent	But hasn't grasped the difference between cooking for 1, or many, ot even for 2.
Music Teacher	Good and Loves it.	Will always make precious time for a small class.

Well it is not a very high rating but since there is a shortage of good help available and since the poor girl means well and is extremely healthy, I guess we will have to give her another chance. The only excuse given for her poor rating for the year was that the work load had increased 100% over that of 1988 and that the work force available had decreased 50% in the same time. However Howard used to say that I was the world's most over paid assistant. I never quite knew what he meant but it always got a laugh.

The management is in no way responsible for typographical errors. Best wishes for everything good in 1990 for you and yours.

Love, Erma Miller

(From the editors - so good to hear from all of you. We also heard from Howard Burnett (via phone) and short notes from the following members: Ed Littlehales, O. L. Briggs, Bob Gashwiler, Fred and Aileen Newnham, Melvin Anhold, Wilma Hooper, and Myrtle Kauffman).

REQUEST FOR OLD UNIFORMS

Region 2 is requesting old Forest Service uniforms. Their Greybull Ranger District is riding in the Wyoming Centennial Wagontrain in June 1990. Everyone is supposed to dress in period dress (early 1900's). They would like to find some Forest Service uniforms from that era so they could use them on the trip. Do you know of anyone who might have an old uniform? If you can help them out, the address for the Shoshone Forest Supervisor's office is: 225 West Yellowstone Ave., Cody, WY 82414. The Greybull district is located in Meeteetse, WY.

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FLORIDA PICNIC

For USFS retirees residing or visiting Florida on April 5, an open invitation has been extended to attend the annual picnic on that date being held at Oscar Scherer State Park, US 41 North of Venice at 12 noon, Thursday, April 5. Bring own refreshments, utensils and food to share. For further information contact John S. Maslack, 2065 Oyster Circl Dr., Englewood, FL 34224.

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FOREST SERVICE WIVES' CLUB

The Wives' Club extends an invitation to all retirees' wives to attend the activities of the Club planned for the first half of 1990. Activities are in March - dinners for eight (Hostess requested); April - Family Brunch and egg hunt; May - Spring Barbeque (Host and Hostess requested). If you would like to participate in any of these activities, please call Jackie Gregory, President, 404 381-2982.

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Harry Edwards, recent retiree, was among Forest Service employees who received an USDA Award for Outstanding Employees with Disabilities. Harry, along with 4 other USDA employees also was nominated for the President's Award for Outstanding Federal Employee with Disabilities. Harry was a Cartographic Technician, Engineering, RO, who has speech and hearing impairments. The manager of the Geometronics Service Center commended Harry on the quality of his work as some of the best received nationally. During his career, Harry has received several performance awards. Congratulations, Harry!

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I believe when you are in any contest you should work like there is, to the very last minute, a chance to lose it.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

IN MEMORIAM

Lillian King Hursh - died February 19, 1989, at the age of 85. Widow of Charles R. Hursh who died October 12, 1988. Worked in State and Private Forestry in Atlanta, then moved to Southeastern Station in Asheville in 1952. Married Charles Hursh in 1954.

Stanley R. Johnson - died October 22, 1989 at the age of 80. Mr. Johnson was born November 26, 1908 in Seattle, Wash. and graduated from the Univ. of Washington with a degree in forestry in 1930. He began a lengthy career in the F. S. with seasonal work, including the CCCs, soon after graduation, and received a permanent appointment in 1936 in the Southern Region. He worked on the National Forests in Mississippi and Alabama, and then took an assignment with an inventory team assisting the Taiwanese government. After this he transferred to Region 6 and in 1958 moved to Alaska. He worked here until he retired in Juneau in 1969.

He and his wife Florence then moved to the Whidbey Island community of Langley. Stan was a member of the Society of American Foresters and received its Golden Membership Award in 1986. He was a lifetime member of the Elks, and joined the FS 30-Yr. Club in 1983. He continued his interest in forestry by managing his 20-acre tree farm on the island. He is survived by his wife Florence. Her address is P. O. Box 185, Langley, Washington 98260.

John R. Hicks - died October 28, 1989.

Eugene C. Reichard - died December 11, 1989.

Richard H. Millar - died December 11, 1989 in Huntsville, Alabama. A graduate of the University of Maine in 1932. Retired in March 1973 as Timber Director, R-8, Atlanta. Spent most of his career in Region 8. He was active in the Alabama Mountain Lakes Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, serving as Secretary-Treasurer at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Sara and daughter, Sarah Davis, Huntsville, and a sister of New Hampshire. Mrs. Millar's address is 8010 Hickory Hill Lane, S. E., Huntsville, AL 35803.

Charles A. Connaughton - died December 19, 1989. Received a B.S. degree from University of Idaho, an M.F. from Yale, and an honorary doctorate from Univ. of Idaho. His illustrious career in forestry with the U. S. Forest Service included being a District Ranger in R-2; Division Chief, then Director of the Rocky Mtn. Forest Experiment Station; Director of the Southern Forest Experiment Station; Regional Forester in R-5, 6, and 8. He was a fellow of and President of the Society of American Foresters; served as President of the American Forestry Association; was the recipient of many honors, including the Sir William Schlich award of the Society of American Foresters. Those who knew him well may wish to make memorial gifts to the Foresters' Fund of the Society of American Foresters, to its endowment fund, or to the American Forestry Association. He is survived by his widow, Myrtle, of 13457 NW Pettygrove, Portland, OR 97229. Mrs. Connaughton is in ill health. Their son, Kent, resides at 13835 SW Latigo Circle, Beaverton, OR 97005. Please see note on page 19 regarding memorial gifts.

Peggy Ann Johnson - died December 31, 1989, in Fletcher, N. C.

Edna S. Payne - died January 7, 1990 at age 84. Worked for the Forest Service for 40 years as an Accountant.

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Friends:

Thank you so much for the Memorial gift for Bill given to the St. Timothy United Methodist Church. It will be used for a special project in his memory. Most of all we appreciate your caring and helping us when we needed you most.

Sincerely,

The Bill Brandau family

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MORE ABOUT RETIREMENT by Rip Williams

In the February issue of the Dixie Ranger (1989), I invited readers to participate in efforts to assist the newly retired to adjust to an unfamiliar phase of their lives. My invitation appears to have sparked remarkably little interest. Only one letter addressing the subject has been received. Carl E. Ostrom responded and sent some very worthwhile suggestions and comments entitled:

"Retirement Options"

Be organized - Develop and adhere to orderly systems for keeping track of everything of importance.

Recognize and appreciate excellence wherever found - Athletic accomplishments and fine movies, T.V., arts, and music.

Develop a "restless mind" - Recognize and expand varied interests. Be curious about things that relate to life and the world we live in and the many and intricate relationships of these things. Cultivate this "restless mind", this curiosity, before retirement.

Some areas of interest and sources of information are: The Universe, the Planet and the environment. T.V. lectures, travel, travel magazines, nature studies and reports.

Current developments and discoveries such as advances in science, medicine, tools, processes, practices, materials, etc. T.V. news and discussion programs, newspapers and news magazines and trade journals are other sources of information.

History - Written records, biographies, T.V. programs and the performing arts.

Develop "Encyclopedic Facility" - Look up information of interest. Use encyclopedia, libraries and other sources of general knowledge and specific facts.

Other activities in pursuit of self-improvement and self-expression - Human Resources: Organizations (social, professional, etc.). Work with young people. Extend family relations. Explore psychological situations in relationships. Hobbies: wood-working, photography, painting, reading, etc. Sports: appreciation and participation, as appropriate. Exercise. Maintain good health.

Thank you, Carl, for sharing with DR readers some of your thoughts about retirement opportunities. Too often retirement is regarded as a time for retreat and re-trenchment rather than as a time when opportunities may exist for improving knowledge and expanding experiences. Your several suggestions and hints should be

of interest to many older retirees as well as being most helpful to recently retired individuals and prospective retirees. Two things that I often tell retirees, when appropriate opportunities present themselves, are - "Don't lose your sense of purpose or your sense of humor."

Thank you, also, Carl, for putting me straight on the little creatures you see in your back yard. I understand that the JAVELINA is a gift from Mexico (?). So was the ARMADILLO, I believe (?). What next - KILLERBEES (?) -- E. B. Williams

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FOREST SERVICE SUED

On December 7, 1989, Timber Purchasers Council filed suit against the F. S. in Atlanta District Court. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service was named as a co-defendant. The Council alleges that a June 26 policy decision, which restrains timber harvest within three-fourths mile of red-cockaded woodpecker colonies, violates the Endangered Species Act, NEPA, and NFMA.

--Daily News Digest, December 7, 1989

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Northeastern Station and Area Offices moved from Broomall to new offices in Radnor, PA. The move was completed December 18. Field locations remain the same. The new address is:

USDA Forest Service
5 Radnor Corporate Center
100 Matsonford Road - Suite 200
Radnor, PA 19087

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MEMORY JOGGER



Who can give us the background information on the origin of this little wooden fellow and it's significance? Please date your response and submit to editors of the D. R. Responses will be published in the May issue.

Lew Grosenbaugh sent this update on memorial gifts for Charles Connaughton. The Charles A. Connaughton Scholarship Endowment has been established. Those wishing to send gifts may send donations to Dean John Hendee, University of Idaho, College of Forestry, Moscow, ID 83843.

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CHILD CARE NETWORK

Just after we went to press last November, a notice came out that a Forest Service family needed help. Mikey Malis, a six year old son of Mike and Sue Malis of Ruidoso, New Mexico, needed a liver transplant. The transplant costs \$200,000. Mikey was born with serious problems as a result of contracting neonatal hepatitis. The family sold all their property and most of their possessions to pay his medical bills. Mikey's father, Mike, works for the Lincoln National Forest. The notice was sent to all FS units and raised over \$180,000. Mikey had the liver transplant and on January 3 was reported doing just great. All the monies collected were set up in a special fund whereby they can only be used for medical expenses during the years ahead until the monies are gone. Mikey will have to take medication the rest of his life. Donations are still needed and may be sent to Western Bank, Ninth and Maryland, Alamogordo, NM 88310, Attention Betsey Williams. Donations are tax-deductible.

With the success of the first request for donations for Mikey, a second request has gone out for Martina Mellang, the 3-year old daughter of John and Sally Mellang. John is a Recreation Tech on the Tofte Ranger District on the Superior National Forest. Martina has developed chronic myelomonocytic leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. A donor has been located and the transplant is scheduled the first or second week of February. If you would like to make a donation, please send to the Martina Mellang Fund, Sawtooth Mtn Branch #8702 Lutheran Brotherhood, Tofte, MN 55615.

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HISTORY HIGHLIGHT

Eighty-nine years ago, on November 30, 1900, Gifford Pinchot convened the first meeting of the future Society of American Foresters (SAF). When Pinchot became Chief of the Bureau of Forestry in 1898, there were a total of 60 "foresters" on the staff. The lack of professional foresters at that time led Pinchot to enlist student assistants in order to prepare a cadre of future employees. The SAF meetings brought the students and established professionals together in an informal gathering. Present at the first meeting was Pinchot, Assistant Chief Henry Graves, and five others.

At the second meeting, the 7 charter members adopted a constitution and elected Pinchot president. Pinchot had organized the SAF to foster the cause of forestry and provide recognition to its practitioners. The SAF publicized forestry in such forums as the Journal of Forestry. By 1980, SAF had 21,000 members nationwide in 150 chapters.

WHAT TURNS YOU ON?

In the interest of pepping up your participation and enjoyment of the Association, the Officers and Board would like to have your thoughts on the following; please check any that you would enjoy:

Quarterly Luncheon Programs:

Members' Travel Slide Talks _____
Crafts and Hobbies _____
Retirement Finance and Investing _____
Social Security and Medicare _____
Travel Tips and Suggestions _____
Forest Service Updates _____
Art Exhibits or Demonstrations _____
Bazaar of Members Crafts _____
Other Subjects (write in) _____

Other separate organized activities:

Day trips by Bus

Callaway Gardens _____ Chattahoochee National Forest _____

Helen, GA _____ Rafting the Chattahoochee _____

Overnight or Multinight Trips

Montgomery, AL (plays or Opera) _____

Jekyll or Cumberland Island _____

Charleston Sightseeing _____

Birmingham Horse Racetrack _____

Other (write in) _____

Please mail your replies with any suggestions or opinions to Bert & Betty Bray, 1973 E. Hwy 34, Newnan, GA 30263. Should you mail your response in time, we will make a report at the March luncheon.

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If you received a complimentary copy of this newsletter, we would like for you to join the Retirees Association. The dues are \$5 per year. You'll note in the newsletter the upcoming events in which you may wish to participate. Come join us!

NATURE'S MIGHT

1988-1989

Much of Yellowstone's firs and pines
Swept by fire in such short time
Brought home a lesson in plain sight
The solemn truth of nature's might!!

Then, Hugo's blast through the Carolines
That toppled the biggest oaks and pines
Bringing man's structures down to earth
Making most of little worth.

And, His mighty wave that with fiendish glee
Lifted shrimp boats from the sea
Showing whether wrong or right
The painful truth of nature's might!!

Then, the earthquake that rattled California's bones
Bringing bridges and buildings down to prone
Causing to man such tremendous loss
Showing that NATURE STILL IS BOSS!

Yet, this morning's sun so bright and clear
Making ice-clad trees a chandelier
That glistened and sparkled Oh, so bright
Showing more truth of nature's might!!

--Archer Smith
December 1989

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HAPPENINGS AT OUR HOUSE

Betty is up to her elbows in crafts and several of her items are very popular. My greatest excitement was running a 20-hour emergency radio net during our most recent rash of destructive tornadoes. Betty got involved hustling food, blankets, and baby bottles from Krogers, Winn-Dixie and K-Mart for 200 people who lost their homes and house trailers.

Oh, yes! We just got back from a delightful cruise to Curacao, Caracas, Grenada, Martinique and St. Thomas, via Puerto Rico.

-- Bert

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A REMINDER

Luncheon - March 22 at the Petite Auberge Restaurant, 2935 N. Druid Hills Road, N. E., in the Toco Hills Shopping Center at 12 noon. Come early for fellowship at 11 a.m. Please call Andrea Csergei, 347-4191, to make reservations.

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If your issue has the notification that this is the "LAST ISSUE" you may still continue receiving the Dixie Ranger by sending in a check for \$9.00. This will bring you up-to-date through 1990. We hope you will continue to remain on the mailing list.

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