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Since the last newsletter VOL. LV, #II told about the last meeting, the budget for this year and other details, this issue consists of letters from our members, other items and especially our plans for the next get-together.

## SOMETHING OF INTEREST

Our Association has recently been placed on the mailing list of OLD TIMERS NEWS a publication of the F. S. Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah. I have recently received quite a few back issues of their publication and it might be of interest to some of our members. Quite a few of our members are also members of this particular club, such as Ernie DeSilvia, Glenn Thompson, Jack Fortin, Russ Vance, Wally Everton and, quite frequently, there are letters from them to the editor of that publication. If anyone is interested in looking over OLD TIMERS NEWS I will be glad to make one or more copies available to you.

Since I'm sure the OLD TIMERS NEWS is on our mailing list, I would like to thank their very good Secretary Arlene Burk for sending me the back issues and a very nice letter. Incidentally, Joe Pechanec is the President of the OLD TIMERS NEWS and he has a message in each of the issues. Good reading for those who are interested in R-4 personnel, past and present.

## N O T I C E . . . . . A T T E N T I O N

Some of our folks think the Association should be more active.

Here is a proposal for a picnic dinner on the grounds trip to Brasstown Bald on July 24. Furnish your own transportation or join up in car pools and meet at Brasstown Bald with your picnic basket and ice cooler at the parking lot at 12 Noon.

Please let your Arrangements Committee know if you would like to join an outing of this kind, whether you need transportation and would like us to help you arrange a car pool proposition and, if you will be at Brasstown Bald. You can do this by dropping a card or letter to Paul Russell at 1686 Spring Brook Drive, Decatur, Ga., 30033, or calling Paul or Jeannette at 939-2162.

If we can get at least a carload or two together we will go. Mainly, we need to know how many to expect so that we can go "big" and get the Forest Supervisor's attention or go "run of the mill tourist".

PLEASE LET PAUL OR JEANNETTE KNOW BY JULY 15th.

For those who haven't been to Brasstown Bald, it is REALLY something to see.

## LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

JOHN A. ADAMS, JR.: Just a note to give you my new address, so I will be sure to continue getting the D-R. Lucille and I are about moved in to our new home. We send fond regards to all the great folks in the Southern Region. John's new address is 3413 Pickard Ave., NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110. (Thanks John)

ED & EDNA LITTLEHALES: Thanks for the coop-agreement, but more especially for your long letter filling me in on all the local stuff. I plan to publish your letter in our first R-2 retirees newsletter just to let them know how everything is in R8. Will you still be able to act as Editor during your long stay at the Federal Pen? If we rock along, I'll join the 55-30 club in 1975 and plan to pull the plug probably early in 1976. Edna is working as a hospital volunteer - we plan to get back to our cottage on Skaneateles Lake, N. Y. for a long visit this summer. Saw George and Rosemary James at their new home high on a hill in Sonora, Cal. and a beautiful spot and they're enjoying retirement. A long time since we visited Atlanta - still miss the country, the climate and the people - even you!!!! Edna says: here's \$4 for dues which Ed forgot to send. Plan to spend the whole summer in the lake area of N. Y.

BILL PADDOCK: Arrived back in Michigan on May 14 - as of May 28 the leaves are just coming out - still looked like winter - have worn more clothes than we needed all winter. We spend the winter in Arizona and the summers in Michigan. It's a good deal.

PAUL SWARTHOUT: Forgot my dues were due - 2-bills enclosed. Enjoyed newsletter #2 - lots of interesting reports and accounts. Keep up excellent work - it's a real lift to us "old timers". Best regards.

JACK WELLHONER: Here's check for \$4. Still enjoy reading the D-R and news about old friends and fellow workers. This month I am looking forward to having my 80th birthday, but really don't feel old, until I look around and find that some of the young men who started working with me here on the Ocala are now beginning to retire. Wife and I still find plenty to do around the old home place and keep busy.

JACK McELROY: A typical letter from him - critical to the point of being humorous. Excerpts: Get your addresses straightened out, since Red Harkins says that 3-4 people in town reads his newsletter before he ever gets it; Jerry Welch says his always has to be forwarded from Hot Springs, Alaska. Think you have a darn good newsletter.

MARION (PUD) LAMB: Have a feeling I owe some dues. Please come and see us. After Christmas we experienced forty consecutive days with high daytime temperatures in the 80s and only two nights below 60. The gas situation is terrible.

ED HAWES: Carl Strauss lives at 2007 Hamock Dr., Valdosta 31601. Harvey Boston has an unlisted number because when he retired he had more calls from the So. Forests than he could handle. He was busier than before he retired. In order to get to Harvey, you have to write to him.

HARRY ROSSOLL: Writes that he he is exhibiting his paintings at Ansley Golf Club in May. Perhaps some of our golfers are members. (Ed's note-sorry this is late - but doubt any of us are members at Ansley)

ART GRUMBINE: Sent me copies of letters he sent to appropriate members of GIFFORD PINCHOT FORESTRY HEADQUARTERS FUND; NATURE CONSERVANCY and NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND, to which the Association contributed in accordance with the budget outlined in the previous issue of the Dixie Ranger. All of the above have acknowledged receipt of our \$\$\$\$\$\$.

MILT BRYAN: Enclosed are my '74 dues. A new grand daughter has kept us busy and happy - the first. Should be back in Ga. in May or June. We don't want to miss the picnic (September) this year.

H. O. MILLS: I slipped up - check for '74 dues is enclosed-enjoy the Dixie Ranger. No particular news from here. Rayworth, Palmer and I have to stay in good physical condition to constantly dodge and duck the numerous tornadoes that have plagued this area for the past two years. I should have retired in some deep mountain cove, made liquor and shot the tourists for a little excitement-like old man Cutshaw did on Paint Creek. We took a trip down through Florida - finally making it to K West. Enroute checked on Joe & Mary McCullough Don and Lena Belle Morris and Bill-Jenny Irby-all doing fine and nice seeing them. Spent a couple of weeks in Eastern N. C. where our son Richard is Ranger on the Croatan N. F., a job I had from '51-'58. The Croatan can be a trial and tribulation as far as fire is concerned, but it has mighty fine people. Enjoyed being there again.

WILLA H. CARSWELL: Secretary to N. C. Supvr. Del Thorsen, is retiring as of May 10. Thirty years service - has worked for five supervisors and 4-deputies, is Chairman for the Fed. Women's Program. She plans to spend a lot of time at their place on Hiawassee Lake near Murphy, N. C., and at Lehigh Acres Florida - her home base will remain at 4-Hy-Vu-Drive, Canton, N. C. Invites company.

#### MEMBERSHIP

In mailing out the April issue of the D-R I find that we have fifty three members in the Atlanta area, plus those still working in the R. O. who have the letter delivered to them in the office. We have 36 other members in the State of Georgia. Florida with 25; North Carolina with 22 and Mississippi with 20 are the three top states in membership in the Association. Louisiana with only two members is low man on the totem pole. We have eight members in Alabama; 10 in Tennessee; 13 each in Virginia & Texas; 12 in S. C.; 16 in Arkansas and 36 in misc. states. We are always interested in new members - how about some of you folks sending names of eligible members to our Membership Chairman (C. M. Evenson) so they can be contacted and urged to join up.

THE DUES ARE STILL A LOW \$2.00 per year.

#### OBITUARIES

HUGH S. REDDING, died recently at his home in Leesville, Louisiana.

JOHN A. ALSUP, died recently at the home of his son in North Carolina.

SUE WIETZMAN, died in Atlanta on June 3. Sue is the wife of Sid Wietzman who succeeded Doug Craig as Director, Southeastern Area, S&PF.

I am sorry not to have more details on the above deaths. The details included above were furnished me by telephone. Unless members who live in the area where the deaths occur furnish me with newspaper clippings or by letter, I have no way to report news items of interest.

Since BIRTHDAY GREETINGS through June were included in the last issue, greetings for July-September will be included in the next issue.

In case you are wondering why this newsletter is shorter than usual, it is because only twelve letters were received for publication since the previous letter was issued. With approximately 300 members of the Association, it seems reasonable to expect that that, at least, one-tenth of the members could write one time each 2-3 months. The success of the newsletter depends on YOU and your letters, with vacation and activity news about yourself. People are interested in PEOPLE and the letters from YOU are what has made this newsletter as interesting as we are lead to believe it is.

PLEASE SEND US LETTERS.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Our latest new member is Norma Hawley. I am pretty sure that Norm lives in Franklin, N. C. 28734

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