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Jim Cartwright....(1979)-3-year term ✓
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Clint Herrick.....(1977)-1-year term ✓
Paul H. Russell.....Ex-officio

OUR LAST MEETING

Was held at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Tocco Hills Shopping Center. We had a crowd of probably 65-75 there, including all the regulars and we had some guests. The meeting was on June 15. Jim Carroll presented the Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$1,008.31, including \$485+ in a savings account. Eriksson talked about the motion he made to donate \$500 to the SAF Memorial Fund, which was passed at a previous meeting, but which was reduced to \$300 by the Board because of that amount having been set up in the budget for donations. Herrick discussed the Constitution and pointed out the status of membership; duties of the Board and other items of interest. He discussed the motion made at the previous meeting and mentioned that the Board agreed to donate \$300 only because it was the amount set up in the budget; the higher amount would have wiped out the savings account, but also called attention to expenditures not set up in the budget. No further action taken. Huber read a letter from S.A.F. commenting and thanking us for the contribution. There was a question raised as to why members who had died prior to 1976 were not mentioned for recognition in the Memorial Fund, stating that we should honor all of our deceased members. He also took exception to the awarding of a plaque to the past president, calling attention to the setting of a precedence. Eriksson introduced

Regional Forester Larry Whitfield, who was the speaker on the program. He told us about various personnel changes; retirements the new administration; wildlife areas; court cases; executive orders; Landmark Legislation of Management Act; the Cross Channel Barge on the Ocala; sealed -vs- oral bidding on timber sales; application to permit mining coal on the Jefferson owned by third parties; National Conservancy into Standing Indian Area; appeal on off-~~xx~~ road vehicles in N. C.; Alaska Debate; law suit in Texas - no sale of timber; government presented a good case with experts etc. a good judge and a good case, with decision against the F. S. but we have a good chance of appeal and the case was going to be appealed and it would be up to the Judge-optomistic about it.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the annual picnic and golf tournament at Stone Mountain Park - September 15. Mark your calendar for that date and the picnic will be starting around 4 p.m. and continuing until everyone is ready to go home. Tee-off time for the golf tournament will be 9 a.m. September 15 with all retirees invited and any of the F. S. Golf Association who wish to join up. A trophy will be awarded to the retiree with the low net score, plus cash prizes for other low scores. A \$2.00 entry fee will be charged, plus the usual charges for green fees, carts etc. Anyone interested in signing up for golf should get in touch with Bill Fischer at 292-9760 not later than 9/12. (Bill is in Minnesota at the time of typing this and will probably bitch that he was railroaded into the job--just a lot of Bill's talk, however)(He enjoys it). The usual arrangements will be made for the picnic. While I don't know for sure, Dorothy Smith, Cecile Montgomery and Lucille Isbell will handle all the details. The Association

OUR NEXT MEETING (Continued): will provide ice, soft drinks, coffee, plates, cups, napkins and other incidentals. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to spread. It is called to your attention - if you want anything stronger than soft drinks BRING YOUR OWN. NO RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED. However, if you wish, you may notify any of the co-chairmen mentioned above - especially the Golfers. LET US ALL GET TOGETHER FOR A GOOD PICNIC - bring your chicken, salads, casserole dishes, cakes, pies and have a good time in meeting all of your friends. This get together has proved to be the ONE highlight of the year involving all of us. LET'S KEEP IT UP!!

The place for our December party has not been announced, but am sure it would be announced at this particular party and, with Paul Russell handling the arrangements, he will try and make it something special. Of course we will have the votes in for the new officers for 1978 and all of you will be interested to know to whom you have to bow and scrape for the next year - I'm just kidding folks - you know, since you're retired, you dont have to bow or scrape to anyone. At a Board of Director's meeeting held on August 7, the bank balance was \$468.20, plus \$485.81 in the savings account, with approximately 100 members having paid in advance through 1978 and some members (John Herbert Stone through 1990 and Vedene Smith through 1980) paid up well in advance, so our income will not bee too much next year. The December meeting will be on December 14 and, while not definite, probably will be at Petite Auberge in Tocco Hills. The election results will be announced and it will be a Christmas party. Huber welcomed Gene Reichard as Chairman of the Legislative Committee. He also announced a new cooperative agreement with the F. S. to handle the Dixie Ranger printing, addressing etc. Lucille Isbell reported on picnic arrangements which are mentioned herein - same as last year. Huber appointed a committee of Carroll, D. Smith, Herrick, Hunt and Cartwright to check the Constitution for revision, with amendments to clarify some controversial items brought up recently. It was generally agreed that expenditures, donations etc. should follow the budget as set up at the beginning of the year.

AND ABOUT LETTERS

You'll notice the "letter section" doesnt contain too many letters in this issue. A LOT OF YOU FOLKS are letting me down. In order to keep this publication interesting we need MORE AND MORE LETTERS. Please contribute.

TRANSFERS

While W. A. "Bill" Tuttle" is not a member of the Association, friends of his might be interested to know that he is being transferrred to Milwaukee to head the Silviculture & Plans Group. Bill is an old hand in R-8 and a reception is planned in the RO for him and his wife Anne, to be held in Room 108, Wed., August 31 at 2 p.m. The flyer on Bill's transfer was headed "MILWAUKEE OR BUST" and the comment "let's give this fine Southern boy a warm send-off to the frigid climate of the city that made beer famous". Donations, not to exceed \$1 will be accepted for the purchase of Parkas, Overshoes and Long Johns and, hopefully, we'll have enough left for a beer mug! Donations to Lois Willis, RT&W, Rm. 828, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta 30309 by 8/19. (Ed's note: I know Wisconsin and, while he might need the Parkas, overshoes and Long Johns - he doesnt have to worry about the beer mugs - they're free in most parts of Wisconsin).

DUES

At a Board of Directors meeting on August 9, I was informed that most of our members had paid their dues through 1977 and about a hundred more had paid through 1978 and as much as 12 years beyond that. There are some stragglers, however, and when I put out the November issue of the Dixie-Ranger, those stragglers will be advised by my red rubber stamp "DUES NOT PAID" as a reminder.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership chairman, "Eve" Evenson is (1) doing a good job or (2) someone else is doing it for him. However he has it working, we have had a lot of new members, as reported in this and the previous D-R. We now have approximately 350 members, but we continue to be short about 300 names in the birthday list. ALL WE WANT is your birth date, so we can wish you "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in each Dixie Ranger which we publish. WE do not care how old you are and, for some of you, I'm sure you're proud of it. I know that I am .

A REMINDER

Our notice of the next meeting is covered in this Dixie Ranger. I hope all of you who plan to attend will attend and make plans for it as of RIGHT NOW. AND I HOPE THIS D-R gets out in time to let all of you know about it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To all those who celebrate, or celebrated, birthdays during the months of July - September, 1977. May you all have - or had a happy birthday and may you have many more of them. To all who want "birthday greetings" and have not been recorded herein - all you have to do is send in your birthdate and it will be recorded and you will be remembered. Please don't be like "Mr. Jeff and his wife" - send the date too, in addition to the month of birth.

J U L Y

3 - Velma Howard
 4 - John I. Christensen
 7 - R. B. Elliott
 8 - Mandie Patterson
 10 - Henry Sipe
 11 - Vera Thorsen
 15 - Mrs. R. E. Pidgeon
 15 - Zula Cossitt
 16 - Norman N. Jones
 22 - R. M. McKinley
 24 - L. S. Newcomb
 23 - Clara Herrick
 26 - Thelma Cabannis
 26 - Lew Mielke
 27 - Rose Fischer
 27 - Eunice Kyle
 27 - Thelma Palmer
 18 - M. C. Howard
 10 - Baxter Reed
 2 - J. K. Vessey
 18 - A. B. Hunter
 22 - J. Wayne Higdon
 14 - Walt Ziglett
 4 - Ed Carswell
 15 - Bob Lee
 25 - Leva Melton
 25 - Mildred Wagner
 9 - Ann Stradt
 14 - Richard B. Wolf
 8 - Paul Swarthout
 27 - Joe McCullough
 12 - Phyllis Rea
 13 - Walter W. Woody
 1 - Willie Lunsford
 1 - Alyce Stevens
 15 - Julius Saxon
 27 - Millie Jones
 4 - Fred Newnham
 21 - Aileen Newnham
 19 - Ed Littlehales

A U G U S T

3 - Alvin E. Howard
 4 - Wally Everton
 7 - Brooke R. Davis
 9 - Verla McLaughlin
 11 - Alyce Vance
 11 - Emory Hunnicutt
 6 - Margaret McPherson
 12 - J. Frank Palmer, Jr.
 13 - M. B. Jones
 15 - Charley M. Arnold
 18 - Evelyn Williams
 18 - Polly Brandt
 20 - Dewey Puckett
 21 - Porter C. Burris
 23 - John J. Olson
 21 - Mary Tomlinson
 21 - Tom B. Allen
 20 - Norma Vessey
 8 - Nancy Greenwood
 7 - Dorothy D. Robinson
 5 - Don Morriss
 19 - Mrs. Nick Kemcza
 22 - Nick Kemcza
 7 - Haden Melton
 18 - Hattie Wilson
 18 - Myrna Fulmer
 7 - Maude Cartwright
 31 - Roy Dennis
 28 - J. H. Stone
 9 - Roxie Howell
 6 - Gaylord Knight
 25 - Albert B. Childrey
 24 - Joe W. Pritchard
 19 - Bill Cornutt
 7 - Lurline L. Coleman
 27 - Mary C. McCullough
 29 - Birdelle Lunsford
 1 - Earline Haynes
 12 - W. J. Welsh
 15 - Mrs. W. J. Welsh
 31 - Marian Benson
 27 - Edna Littlehales
 8 - Marge Ellenber
 15 - Norman Hawley
 -- - Lillian Jefferson
 20 - Helen Swiger

S E P T E M B E R

6 - Elsie Buchanan
 6 - Jo Thompson
 7 - Elizabeth Mason
 7 - Lida McKenzie
 7 - Mary Martin
 8 - E. B. McNeely
 9 - Thomas J. Hunt
 9 - Ralph H. Morgan
 9 - Thomas Glass Jr
 15 - Winnie M. Posey
 13 - William R. Paddock
 14 - Kay Hofeldt
 14 - William W. Huber
 15 - W. H. Fischer
 15 - Sidney McLaughlin
 17 - Ruby Cooper
 18 - Earnest W. Milot
 21 - John K. Cross
 23 - Mrs. Kythe Sears
 27 - Milton R. Scott
 27 - LaVerne Nicholas
 20 - Olene Woody
 29 - Mary Barnes Hunnicutt
 28 - Cora Manning
 20 - Harry Rossoll
 -- - Jessie Rayworth
 27 - Jim Cheek
 4 - Gil Stradt
 30 - W. C. (Bill) Lee
 26 - Elizabeth B. Loch
 18 - Bill Clarke
 24 - Mildred Price (Mrs. Truman)
 15 - Ed Ellenberg
 15 - Burt Kinney

PLUS the following we have received since the last issue.

5/25 - Charles Connaughton
 5/31 - Hazel Lunnum
 5/28 - Berkeley Spillsbury
 6/22 - Donand E. Swiger
 6/25 - Knut Lunnum

IF I could sing - I would sing - Happy Birthday to you - and to you and to all of you!!!

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

LEW GROSENBAUGH: We enjoyed the latest issue of the D-R, it arrived on June 6. Even tho we have a postoffice box, the Tomlinsons usually get their issue of the D-R in Winter Park a week or two before we do. You are probably right-bulk mailing is up to the whim of the people who deliver it. No special news. In April we attended the F. S. Retirees picnic at Oscar Scherer State Park south of Sarasota. There were some 50 people in attendance, many former R-8'ers. Harry & Mary Tomlinson from W.P. went too and we talked Don & Celeste Fassnacht from New Orleans into going. They were in Howey-in-the-Hills. Most of the people live near enough to go back and forth in one day. Don Morriss put in a good plug for the D-R, telling those at the picnic they were eligible to join. You are doing a fine job on the D-R. Best Regards.

BERKELEY J. SPILLSBURY: I do want to thank you for your letter of April 19 and the back issues of the D-R. Since I do not know much about the benefits of the SFERA any important additional information could help me on this. I do not remember meeting you directly, but remembering seeing your name from time to time. I retired in July '76 after 34-years service. I spent most of my time doing those few things I have planned to do for so long, as visiting our daughter Elizabeth with her three children in Ogden, Utah; our son Tom with his two children in Phoenix, Ariz. I have also tried to fix up a small place for my wife and me on HWY. 15, north of Greensboro, Ga., having lived in government furnished houses for so long. My wife's name is Dorothy H. (Hamer). We were both born in Ogden, Utah (birthdates noted). His service records dates from 10/47 Huntsville, Texas, through Waldron, Hector & Little Rock, Ark., Aiken S. C., Chatsworth and Greensboro, Ga. Spent 3-years in California on war service appointments as sub-professional on Modoc & Shasta N. F. Graduated from Utah State U. at Logan in 1939. (Ed's note: No other info needed Berkeley - you told it all-thanks).

HARRY R. WRIGHT: Here's check for \$4 to cover anything I owe. Being Mayor of a small town is a big job in spite of what anyone might hear. It takes half of my time to do the job right. Sara Nell has been in and out of the hospital several times because of fast heart beat, brought on by a thyroid condition. We enjoy the D-R and I congratulate you on doing a good job. Come see us.

DON MORRISS: Bill Irby will write you about the Fla. FS-X picnic this year. We expected to see everybody we know down here during the past cold winter. There weren't many, but the quality was great. Excusing the local folks, our visitors were Sid Weitzman, Alex & Sophia Setser, Paul & Flonnie Swarthout and Knut & Hazel Lunnum. Here's a little starter check for a membership for them. Mr. Knut Lunnum, 706 S. 58th Ave, Yakima, Wash. 98902. When you send them the package, you'll have to ask their birthdates. A few years back, Art Grumbine, Larry Newcomb and I sorta sponsored their wedding in Niceville, Fla.

LARRY NEWCOMB: It was a real treat for Alice Reinsmith, Evelyn and I to visit with Myrtle and Charlie Connaughton on Monday May 28. Charlie asked that I send in dues for his membership in the Retiree Association. You might want to send back issues of the Dixie Ranger to the following address: Charles F. Connaughton, 13465 N. W. Pettygrove St. Portland, Oregon 97229. Here are their birthdates, also that of Alice Reinsmith. We all appreciate your good work on the newsletter. (Ed's note: Charlie was written to on June 2 and I sent him a directory and a flock of back issues of the Dixie Ranger).

"POLLY" BRANDT: At last, a letter from me regarding my dues for the Association. I could send money but I don't know how much due for how long. The only record I have is a cancelled check dated 11/20/73 signed by Ray with notation that \$4 is for '74-'75 dues. Would appreciate your using the enclosed stamped envelope to let me know how much I owe the Assoc. I enjoy receiving the D-R and interested in knowing about all the F.S. folks and I do not want to be dropped from the mailing list. (Note to Polly - I'll check on your dues and you will not be dropped from the mailing list of the Dixie Ranger).

DONALD E. SWIGER: Received your invitation to join some time ago. Don't ask me why it took so long. Enclosed check for \$4. I retired May 12, 1976 after 41 years and 10 months on the Ouachita. Am looking forward to receiving the Dixie Ranger.

FRED N. NEWNHAM: Change of address to Rt. 2, Box 445-A, Floral City, Fla. 32636

WALTER W. WOODY: Enclosing '77 & '78 dues because I might not have the money in '78 with the way the bull is getting cheaper.

HARRY ROSSOLL: For what it's worth: Spent June 22-27 working with the Forest Heritage Center, Broken Bow, Okla. as consultant for forest exhibits. Also exhibited paintings as the Ouachita Festival of the Forest at the same time. Lots of Indians in those parts. I've enclosed a clipping to show you I was there. The clipping consisted of the front page of McCURTAIN GAZETTE out of Idabel, Oklahoma, with Harry's picture (looking like a million dollars) plastered all over the right hand corner with these comments: "SMOKEY THE BEAR and his creator, Harry Rossoll, arrived today at the Forest Heritage Center in Beaver Bend State Park. Rossoll was a long time artist for the USFS and, while there, created the Smokey Bear cartoon series. He retired in 1971 and now is a free-lance artist as well as art director for the Forest Farmer Magazine. He plans to do art work for the Forest Heritage Center.

KNUT LUNNUM: Thank you very much for your letter of May 20 together with 4-back issues of the D-R and a directory of the greatest retiree association in these United States. Let me hasten to assure you that no Hemingway, Caldwell or Grantland Rice could have contrived a better way to welcome me into an association of has-beens like Morriss, Irby, Grumbine, Cranston, Wilkinson, Swarthout, Newcomb, Russell and many others like them. You were right, I didnt know you before, but I sure do now. Any man associated with the likes of the above cant be other than a friend of mine and top of the heap. And, after reading every word in all four D-R copies, I gather that you are doing a hell of a good job too. Hazel and I have just returned from a visit to our old stomping grounds in R8 where we visited the Don Morriss', Bill Cranstons' and Guy Wilkinsons. Wish we had the directory at the time. I spent 13 years in R8 working on the Ouachita and Alabama mostly. Was stationed in Simatra, Fla. in 1934 on acquisition work, along with Ernie DeSilvia, Don Morriss, Larry Newcome, art Grumbine, Bill Davis and one we called "Wild Bill Everhard". We bought pecans by the sackfull because we couldnt stay alive on the "vittles" served up by the camp commande Weekends in Tallahassee sipping on malaria preventive medicine in preparation for the following weeks foray into a little Appalachicola swamp called "Tates Hell". Bonds of friendship began there and have spanned the years and memories are so pleasant to recall. As far as I know, only DeSilvia and Bill Davis have passed out of our Sumatra group.

When I left R8 after 13 years, I did so reluctantly and then only because I was able to retain my C. S. status as Extension Forester with Washing State U. And so, although I did not retire from the F. S. I have 34-years service with the USDA. I now live in Yakima, Wash. on the Eastern edge of the Cascade Mountains. We both keep in good healty and stay busy with keeping up a big yard and a number of other civic and fraternal activities. We would be pleased to have old friends visit us at 706 South 58th Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98908 and would enjoy letters from them.

AL HAYS: Here's a letter, together with a check \$3.00 from Ed Foss. I have known Ed for over 40-years. Wally Everton replaced Ed as Administrative Officer on the Salmon N. F. I then replaced Wally. Ed inspected me on the Salmon as R-4 Fiscal inspector. I couldnt hide a thing, he knew the complete history of everything that was happening. He also inspected me on the N. F. at Reno, Nev. as internal auditor. I am sending him copies of the D-R for 1974, 1975 and 1976. Will you send him those for '77. (Al - I'll do it).

AND FROM ED FOSS TO AL HAYS: A letter from Ed Foss. So many years ago I have seen you. You were kind to me. Enjoyed Reno etc.. See where you have an Assoc. letter or R-8 Dixie Ranger. Would like to receive it. Would you please get it for me. I worked in R8 as a fiscal inspector. Do what you can for me. Dues enclosed. Still working after 40-years retirement and work for a son in the logging business. Hope you and your lovely wife are well. Drop by here. (Here is 7449 S. E. Long St., Portland, Ore. 97206.

B. W. CHUMNEY: Here are '77 dues, plus a couple dollars to enroll a new member. Please enroll Glynn P. Markham, 1105 Crestwood Dr., Cleveland, Tenn. 37311. I am sending a copy of the obituary for Pat Jenkins. Pat was working in the Indian Boundary Recreation area on the grader when he apparently suffered a heart attack. Somehow, we never know.....

A LATE OBITURARY

Have just received news that Glenn Thompson died on July 27. No other details. His wife Jo lives in Idaho at Rt. 2, Box 206, Caldwell, Idaho 83605.

JOHN H. COURTENAY: In the last issue of the D-R, you wondered how much a "cash" award was worth now. It's worth just what it always has been - about a million dollars worth of satisfaction for having the powers-that-be recognize some act as worthy of recognition and about 25-30% less in actual dollars than it started out because of all the deducts. The \$\$ amount still varies with the relative importance of the contribution and with the number of compatriots sharing the award. That is about as close as you're going to get to knowing the actual amount. Once upon a time you crushed me deeply by referring to my youthful condition as a bar to membership in the So. F. S. Retiree Assoc. You'll be pleased to know that I remedied that weakness last April 16, by reaching the ripe old age of 55. Since I had already reached and passed the magic 30-year service mark, I'd like to once more apply for membership. Here's a check. Incidentally, the sprig of mistletoe I hung on my rear belt loop that day looked and felt good

PAULINE ROTH: I was asked by a teacher in Wheeling, W. Va. to write an article about trees, comparing them to trees around Oglebay Park, near Wheeling, to Georgia trees, or to write something from the State of Georgia, since we are on the map with the President of the U. S. from Plains. Someone this teacher knows, is writing a book or compiling a collection of writings by people from different states and I hear that he was favorably impressed with the article, so I might get included in the book. If you would like to read it, you could probably pick out many ~~flaws~~ flaws in the construction and scientific content. I didn't do much research and did not verify at least one statement that I made about the American Chestnut tree. It seems that Elmer started something. In our family in four years there have been five deaths: Elmer in '72; Mother & Dad '75; My brother in law '76; My youngest brother '77 and his death really shook us up since he was so much younger than any of us.

A SPACE FILLER - NEW PUBLICATION:

100 YEARS OF FEDERAL FORESTRY. This is a 200 page document and credit is given to William W. Bergoffen, F.S. retired. It is a great document. It is Agriculture Information Bulletin #402, issued December 1976, and available for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, Price \$3.80. Stock #001-000-03668-8. Worth every penny of \$3.80, showing scenes a lot of them R-8 and other Regions.

HOWARD E. MARSHALL: Was glad to hear from you and am happy for the opportunity to subscribe to your Dixie Ranger. I guess I didn't know it was available, or I would have joined up a long time ago. I have received the R-8 newsletter regularly and still feel attached to R-8. Enclosed is a check. Hearing from you and reading about the incidents you recall, and all the names you mention, give me a feeling of nostalgia. My good old, dependable friends are the salt of the earth who helped us all build R-8 - the best Region in the Service. I am glad your move turned out well for you and the Region and you were always so satisfactory and helpful to work with. It really does my heart good to know that you and the others you mention are all enjoying retirement and I hope all are in good health. Atlanta is probably the finest city I ever lived in and I can see why y'all keep right on living there after you retire. My sincere best regards to everyone of you. I am kept very busy these days, really don't feel that I'm retired, except that I am relieved at not having the responsibility for an organization. I work a day or two a week at SAF and prepare OPEDA's budgets and financial reports, also handle the financial affairs for a widowed friend who is very ill, and we have to look after our house and tree farm affairs, 52 miles away in Maryland, so I don't have much slack time-I like to keep busy. I want to tell you again how glad I am to hear from you and to subscribe to the Dixie Ranger. I'll look forward to hearing about my friends and the goings-on down there and hope I can have a little in-put once in ~~and~~ awhile. Dessa joins me in sending best wishes to you and all our friends.

TO FILL THIS SPACE-ran out of letters and this is the TRAVEL SECTION & SMALL WORLD SECTION:

While traveling to Wisconsin, the night of June 28, Yvonne and I pulled into a Holiday Inn at Seymour, Indiana. It was raining like hell and wanted to toot my horn to get the folks in front of us out of the sheltered canopy in front of the motel. Guess who it was: None other than Vera & Del Thorsen, on their way home to Asheville from Minnesota, while we were on our way to God's country in Wisconsin. Do you agree-it's a small world? We had a drink and dinner with them, while I was worried about getting the air conditioning in my car fixed, so I could go on my way in air conditioned comfort. Everything worked out ok. (Del-please note-and sorry I couldn't have breakfast with you the next morning).

WILLIAM M. "BILL" IRBY: I dont know where I stand on dues, so here's a check for a couple of years. It was a pleasure to receive your epistle of 4/18, even though you made numerous disparaging remarks about me which were completely untrue-as you well know. (I question that statement-sue me! Ye-ed). All you were trying to do was to reciprocate for some of the unfavorable remarks, mostly true, which I had expressed in my previous memo to you. I promise not to write you any more of those dirty, nasty, filthy stories, which I know you abhor. In fact, since you're getting older and no longer appreciate the finer things in life, I'll be most hesitant about keeping you up to date on the best stories Elvin Brasher used to tell - and retellllllll. I wont even relate to you any I heard subsequent to R-8 days-and that would be disastrous for you. Yes, I know and worked with Norb Poch in R-9. He is a good guy and am glad he joined our SFSRA group but, as far as dirty stories goes, I've been further under the house looking for eggs, than he's been on his longest journey. You and Norb should get along fine, since you dont appreciate those stories about your I.Q. I appreciate the contact you made with Norb. We hope he'll attend our meeting of Florida Group of F. S. retirees which meets annually between the good fishing and hurrican seasons - usually March-April. Anyway, he'll get an invite to our next one now that he is in our jurisdictional area. By the way, I forgot to mention that our Retired F. S. Employee group in S.W. Florida met this year on April 12, 1977 (why in hell didnt we get notice of it-ye-ed) at Oscar Scherer State Park, between Sarasota and Venice. Alice Bongberg and Lillian Rogers made all the arrangements and they did a wonderful job. Food and spirits made everything completely worthwhile. Here is the list of those who attended: Betty & Griff Adams; Marie & Art Brown; Katherine and Bruce Bruce; Olive & Bill Bennett; Alice Bongberg; Virginia & Dick Costley; Dot & Ernie Finger; Celeste & Don Fassnacht; Wilma & Lew Grosenbaugh; Helen & Hob Howard; Libby & Roy B. Hipple; Jenny & Bill Irby; Mary Jo & Paul Kihlmire; Edna & Ed Littlehales; Bitsy & Marion Lamb; Jennie Manzi; Lena Belle and Don Morriss; Virginia & Ted Osborne; Harriet and Bernie Payne; Lillian Rogers, Cecile Smith; Marge & Al Sump; Mary & Harry Tomlinson; Marg & Bill Ward; Arlie Toole; Iona (Shaw in R.O.) & Roy Weller

ELIZABETH B. LOCH: May D-R arrived June 3. I spent a few days in Atlanta recently and enjoyed seeing the new tall buildings and other changes made in the past 4-years. Regards- still like the D-R.

(IRBY-THAT !!!%## so & so-continued):

Therefore, we had 47 attendees this year. Hope to do better in the future, as more F. S. retirees smarted up and moved to a place where their air conditioning bills exceed their heating expenses and they see sunshine sometime during almost every day. Keep it clean and cum-C-Us, signed "Billious"...that's Irby to a "T". P.S. Please forgive the paper, the long-hand etc. I ran out of G.I. ribbons, carbons and paper sometime back. Am glad that you still have a supply available to you. (Ed's note: with the coop agreement with F.S.-why not?)

JULIUS C. SAXTON: The only news for this part of the world is the new City Hall-have been in it for a year-guess it could be called a shack-cost \$350,000. Still working 3-days a week and my schedule Mon-Wed. incl keep me from attending meetings and picnics. Looking forward to when I can hang up my work clothes and be able to attend your picnic. I have been able to build up my retirement from civil service and social security to where I can realize something I dreamed about, from a starting salary of \$1320 a year. My enclosed check will not pay me up to year 2000 and I hope it is not my life time payment. I think of you all often. Always. Sax!

ORVILLE HAYNES: Received the latest news letter this week. Could find no record of paying dues. Here is my check-sorry I'm late. (Ed's note: Orville is THAT all you have to write about?????).

TRAVEL SECTION

In a previous item, I mentioned that Yvonne and I went to Wisconsin from June 27-July 22. We had a great time, visiting all of our relatives. Believe it or not, however, I have never suffered with the heat in the South as we suffered in Wisconsin at 96 degrees. We were glad to get back to the peace and comfort of our Ponderosa home.

The Erikssons headed West on 8/8, to visit relatives, friends in the Arkansas area and to do a little fishing in the Colorado area.

While they havent told me, I know the Bill Fischers are visiting in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Whipples are on a trip to Europe.

NEW MEMBERS: (Each new member is important)

John H. Courtenay, 1403 Robinwood Dr.,
Lufkin, Texas,
Ed Foss, 7449 S. E. Long St., Portland, Ore
97206.
Glynn P. Markham, 1105 Crestwood Dr., Cleveland
Tennessee 37311.
Howard E. Marshall, 4228 Columbia Pke,
Arlington, Va. 22204.
Donald L. Swiger, 604 Richard, Hot Springs,
Arkansas 71901.
Charles F. Connaughton, 13465 N. W. Petty-
grove St., Portland, Ore. 97229.
B. G. Malone, Monticello, Ga.,

RETIREMENTS

ALVIS OWEN: I think will retire as of Sept.
or October. I have nothing in writing on
"A.Z'S" retirement. He is to be replaced by
John Orr from S. C. (Ed's note: One of these
days I might get a notice from the R. O.
or, and I hope not, from Alvis, telling me
he is coming to visit with me. He was here
for a weekend in May or June and didnt even
bother to call me and, thank God, didnt try
and play any tricks. I guess with Jack McElroy
and Jerry Welch, plus Ed Littlehales, he had
no one to help with things such as selling my
house, yellowing up my bowling shoes etc. etc.)

OTHER RETIREES: I am sure there are a lot of
other people retiring or have retired. WHY
doesnt some of our members in Texas, Louisiana,
Arkansas or throughout R-8 send the information
in to me?

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND M. CONARRO: Died suddenly in Jackson,
Mississippi on August 4. "Connie" retired from
the F. S. several years ago after a colorful
career. He started out in his home town of
Warren, Pa, as a D. R. of the Allegany NF
From there he transferred to the Ouachita as
Fire Asst. His next assignment was on the
Cherokee NF. In 1934 he was named the first
Supervisor of the NF. in Mississippi, a po-
sition he held until WWII when he was trans-
ferred to the Div. of "O" in the RO. Follow-
ing this assignment he was assigned to the
Chief's Office where he retired. Prior to
this, he was a recipient of the coveted Sec-
retary's Superior Service Award. In retir-
ing, he went back to Jackson, Miss. and work-
ed as a consultant to the Miss. Forestry
Commission. He is survived by his wife

(CONARRO-Continued) Bertha who resides
in Jackson, Miss; a daughter Mrs. "Buck"
Turner; also a son Carlton of Atlanta and
several grandchildren.

JENKINS, Pat H. Age 60, of Tellico Plains,
Tennessee, died on Monday, June 13. Pat
worked for the Forest Service for the past
30-years. Survivors include his wife Mrs.
Lavastia Graham Jenkins, daughters and sons,
eight grandchildren, one sister and one
brother. (Ed's note: Thanks to BWChumney
for sending in this death notice. Pat was
not a member of the Association, but a lot
of our members will remember him as a good
fire-fighter and a good man).

CARRIE BELL KINSLAND HENRY, wife of the
late Frank L. Henry, Sr., died 5/3/77.
Frank L. Henry, Sr. was a USFS employee on
the Nantahala N. F. - Wayah Depot. Survivors-
Daughter in law-Mrs. Frank L. Henry, Jr.
and two grandsons. (Ed's note: This infor-
mation came to me from a Mrs. J. E. Perry
in Franklin, N. C. I wrote to her on 6/1,
but have not heard from her. Will some of
you Franklin members - Sam, Wayne or Norman
Hawley check to see if she received my
letter; get two bucks from her and make her
join up?).

ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS:

Larry Whitfield, the current Regional Forester.

Robert "Bob" Raymond (No address available)

Ernie Finger (No address available)

OTHER RETIREES

Lewis E. J. Smith: A flyer from the Ouachita
announces this retirement, after 33-years
service. Lew has served on several N. F. in
R-8, including the Nantahala, Kisatchie,
Appalachicola, Ozark, Chattahoochee and
Ouachita. He plans to retire at Clarksville,
Georgia.

HARVEY R. "CAP" PRICE: On August 31, after
33-years service, "Cap", Ranger on the Tellico
will retire. He and his little dog Smokey
"Doodle" plan to neighbor with the next Ranger,
and has bought himself a home next door to the
present Ranger Dwelling where he has resided
for the past 11 years. "Cap" wants no party,
but anyone interested in writing him a letter,
send it by August 26 to Tellico Ranger Dist.
Box 339, Tellico Plains, Tenn. 37385. If you
dont get this by 8/26, send it anyway-hear?

MRS. QUINTAS A. KYLE, her complimentary close was "From a wife who has loved my husband's work so much". About the most important piece of mail that the postman brings (except the check) came this a.m., and I was lucky and had the change to read it through because when Quintus is home, he grabs it and devours it trying to find some news of friends that he made in his 35-years with the F. S. At the present time he is in the V. A. Hospital in Lake City, Fla. 32055 for some extensive examination and treatment. He has had a cardiac problem for about 8-months and you busy F. S. men can imagine how bored he gets just with me around, although the personnel here have been nice to drop by. We took a trip north latter part of Oct. to enjoy forest beauty and to look up some old friends. We were not up to driving on a long trip, but had a niece to help. Visited in Ill. near Peoria where he was stationed during the war (Camp Ellis) and visited his War Mother who had given him a lovely home while he was in that area; then to Detroit area and back putting about 3000 miles on our Chrysler, which we had to buy on retirement to have comfort for our ancient bodies. Celebrated our Golden Wedding 3/31/77, which was a beautiful experience for us, with 200 guests, including some beloved F. S. friends. I have not let Quintus know about the tragic fire on the Wilma district, 3000 acres at least lost and he still feels that he needs to be on a fire if there is one close. We ride through beautiful forests here on the Apalachicola forest and take great pride in remembering how many miles and how much timber he was so concerned about-it was his life for so many years. My - isnt this just like a woman - I just sat down to write a note and send in dues for D-R. He always took care of that and we do not want the D-R to stop coming. You do a great job. Guess the younger fellows who are still busy do not look for it like Quintus for there is so little that he can do. Charles Keys, who has been retired for several years, lives in Lake City. He and his wife visit with Quintus. We hope that he will soon be home, but he will be inactive so a card from any friendw would be most appreciated. Again, thank you for your effort to make D-R so meaningful, especially to retirees. (Ed's note: Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary. All you folks who know Quintus A. Kyle - go and see him or send him a card at VA Hospital, Lake City, Fla. 32055 or to his wife at Star Rt. Box 139 Tallahassee, Fla. 32304.

A LATE OBITURARY

Mrs. Gaylord A. (Jo) Knight, 2074 Louis XIV Lane, College Park, died August 10. Surviving are : her husband Gaylord "Lum" Knight; daughters: Mrs. Floyd E. Hunt, Lithogia., Mrs. Jimmie Sanders, Decatur; Mrs. Richard O. Bergstrom, Red Oak, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services held Friday August 12 at Cascade Hill. Escorts will be the Elders of the Presbyterian (Bethany) Church.

ADDRESSES

Here is the address of new members just received:

Bob Raymond: Box 11624, Atlanta, Ga. 30355.

Ernie Finger: 1148 Bond Court, Marco Island, Fla. 33937

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

E. H. Collins, Box 1205, Oneco, Fla. 33558

DIRECTORY

A lot of folks complain about not having a directory. The last directory issued was in 1976 and I know, personally, that one was sent to each one on the mailing list. It is my opinion - and I'm probably wrong as usual - that, except for the folks in the Atlanta area who use it; plus folks who travel to other parts of the country and those who look through it for curiosity sake to see who our approximately 350 members are, the directory is not used too much. I use it a lot and, even though we have a 1976 directory, it seems that my 1973 directory, w which I use the most, is still pretty well up to date. In listing new members, I try and show their address. If each of you would clip that address and put it in your 1976 directory, you would be up to date at all times. In case you dont know it - getting out a directory each two years is a big job and an expensive one.

POSTAGE

Remains at about 6.7¢ per copy of the D-R. and we're on the bulk rate mailing schedule. As mentioned before, delivery of bulk mail is at the whim of the mail carrier. I know, personally, if you get acquainted with your mail carrier and slip him a couple of bucks at Christmas time - and other times - and mention bulk mail to him - you'll get better service on your mail route.