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THE BUTTON

By Pat Int-Hout

Many of you old timers will recall the regional Instructor Training Program of 1960. For those who didn't participate, I will provide a short summary of the program and then for all a true story of an event that occurred during one of the training sessions. I have had some help from Bill McConnell and Ed Ellenberg concerning the time and location of this event. In January of 1960 the Regional Office, Cherokee and North Carolina National Forest leaders decided that many of the Forest Staff, District Rangers and their staff needed to attend this special training program developed by the Region. It was a very concentrated and intense training program involving all the best methods and procedures for trainers to use in their future instruction sessions and was implemented across the Region. A training session was established at Fontana Village, a TVA retreat that was well removed from civilization on Fontana Lake in North Carolina. All students were stuck there for the full week of training. There were no evening trips to town for this session. This isolation from outside influences was intentional of course. The training was very intense with a series of training speeches required for the entire week by each student. There was no time for the usual poker games, or the small talk sessions at night which previously were accompanied with occasional testing of various samples of local "Mountain Spirits." It was a true pressure program which none of the trainees had expected. Preparing their speech for the next day, most didn't hit the sack until well after midnight.

There were several classes with about 8 students to a class. Just prior to their daily speech, students would provide the training speech outline to the class. One of the classmates would then follow the speech outline during the student's speech to see that all the points were covered exactly as in the sequence specified in the outline. Another classmate would record speech time, which had to be within a short time span of the allotted time. Others were assigned the tasks of evaluating quality of flip charts and other training aids, the overall quality of the subject matter presented, recording errors in grammar, proper dress code of the student, evaluating body motion and eye contact and probably one or two other

factors I have forgotten about. Each classmate kept scores of his assigned speech factor under the watchful eye of a regional training cadre person.

On Friday, the final test was made. In the group I was in, Ranger Ted Sealy was the first student to present his speech. Ted wanted to get his final speech assignment behind him so he requested to be the first student to present his speech test on Friday morning. He came to the front of the room in full Forest Service dress uniform of tie, dress coat, etc., that all were required to wear when speaking. He was about to begin his speech when he noticed that he had not buttoned up the front of his dress coat. Ted had purchased his dress coat probably 15 or more years earlier, and during this time interval either he had increased in girth somewhat, or the jacket had somehow shrunk. Anyway, Ted sucked in the middle portion of his body and buttoned up. One could quickly discern that the buttoned coat didn't quite fit Ted's body properly. Ted then gave the word to start the clock for his speech time. As Ted uttered his first word of the prepared training speech, the top button on the dress coat gave way, flying onto the table in front of him and spinning in wild circles with all eyes of the class and Ted riveted on the spinning button. As the button began to apparently come to rest, it made an unnatural appearing hop, like it had some sort of latent energy source. It almost seemed like a live thing. When it did finally come to rest one could see a few brown strings rising above the buttonholes. Under the strict rules of this training, this weird event was cataclysmic. If one attempted to devise some sort of diversionary, destructive interference with a training speech, I know of nothing that could surpass the flying button episode.

The button grabbed all of our minds and eyes completely. All of us broke out in uncontrolled laughter. Some later said they had to hang onto the table in front of them to keep from falling onto the floor. This mind-boggling event caused Ted to temporarily lose control of just what he was supposed to do up there in front of the class. His classmates who were intending to evaluate him also lost temporary contact with the intent of their tasks. The regional cadre person attempted to keep his composure and gain some sort of control, but this was not possible for several minutes. All minds were fastened on the button. As the students finally started to control their emotions, Ted reached down, picked up the button from the table, stuck it in a pocket and then regained his self-control and began his speech once again. However, during some periods of his speech one or more of the class evidently let their minds return to the previous startling and amazing event and could be heard trying to hold back mirth and laughter.

Ted toughed it out, with only a slight grin now and then and he finished his speech. Having compassion for Ted we all passed him with high grades, even though we noted that he had failed miserably to properly include the button episode and it's time delay in his lesson plan.

To this day, 40 years after the event, I do not recall the subject of Ted's speech, but the details of the button episode are very clear in my mind. This truly was a test of Ranger Ted Sealy's ability to stay on top of events, planned or unplanned, and he came through with flying buttons. (Ted is no longer with us, God bless him.)

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FOREST SERVICE HISTORY CENTER MOVED

Effective January 1, 2000, the F.S. History Center was moved from the Cleveland NF to the Angeles National Forest, Arcadia, CA. In 1991, Harvey Mack worked on the project to collect, preserve, and exhibit as much of our agency history as possible with major emphasis directed toward obtaining historic objects held by retirees and others while they still might be available.

For the past three years, Harvey and his crew have been searching for an alternative and better location to curate, exhibit, and further develop the historic collection. Representatives of the Region 5 regional office, the Cleveland NF, the Angeles NF, and the National Forest Service Museum in Missoula, and a professional design firm, met at the History Center to decide on the future of the collection. It was decided to transfer the collection to the Angeles National Forest because of its location and its being within easy driving distance of other forests and areas.

The general time periods covered in the exhibits will be:

1891 - 1909	Birth of the Forest Service
1910 - 1929	Practical Forestry
1930 - 1963	Depression, World War II, Multiple Use Concepts
1964 - 2000	Conservation and Environmental Emphasis

It is planned to have the History Center operational at its new location within a year.

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You're getting older if you can remember when a dime was a decent allowance, and a quarter a huge bonus.



LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Pat Int-Hout, Wenatchie, WA – As usual, I read the last issue of *The Dixie Ranger* with great joy. It is super to hear about many good F.S. people that I had the opportunity to work with from 1949 to 1963 in many locations in R-8. I can't wait for Ed Ellenberg's future episode on the Under-Secretary of Agriculture caper.

You did an excellent job of presenting the Supervisor Lunn letter and following correspondence. Very unfortunately I believe that this is just a very small segment of very serious problems with our good old Forest Service. I believe another present prime example is the present planning and presidential edict on the Unroaded Areas of the Forest Service. It will be interesting to see how this one evolves and the final directions. There is a world of resource management information with our retirees and I do believe we all need to keep abreast of primary actions and plans stemming from the Chief's office. When appropriate I think we should do what we can to offer resource advice and council to those who are now in command, or in the political arena.

Howard Burnett, Deale, MD – I am sorry to see you drop *The Dixie Ranger*, but I totally understand. I thank you for the labor, stress, and time you have put into this effort over the years. *The Dixie Ranger* is a highlight among newsletters, and as far as I have ever heard, all recipients look forward to the days when it shows up in their mailboxes. As for me, when the DR arrives, I open it and read it pretty thoroughly from cover to cover before I attack the rest of the mail (which is 98% junk anyway!). Bouquets to you, Betty!

Speaking of junk mail, I have adopted a new policy: "Any outfit that sends me a pre-stamped return envelope deserves a reply." After being sure my name or numbers are not included, I send their stuff back to them so they can pay the postage to see what kind of junk they are sending out in the first place. This usually amounts to about 8 or 10 envelopes a week, so the Post Office is making a bit of money on this too. Maybe if everyone did this, we wouldn't need a raise in First Class postage. The things an old geezer will do for amusement!

Jack Hambrick, Russellville, AR – I continue to admire the job you do with the DR. You keep it fresh, informative, and a pleasure to read. Most newsletters are dry and dull, and a task to get through, including one I tried to publish once upon a time.

Jo and I are doing OK for old folks. We keep busy with kin, and friends, and the dog, and the garden, and let the hassle of this busy world go by. I don't try to work anymore. It's not as much fun, and besides, there's not much demand for 85 year old trainees in today's labor market.

I lost a couple of old friends recently: Frank Hotard and George Cabaniss. Both lived here in Russellville. I had known Frank since the '30's when we cruised the new Texas National Forests together to see what the Forest Service had purchased. I worked with George from the '50's until retiring time. They will both be missed and remembered.

Keep making my day with *The Dixie Ranger*.

Walter E. Smith, Arden, NC - I also would like to thank you for your work in editing *The Dixie Ranger*.

Things around here are fairly quiet. After working for over 36 years growing trees in Idaho and North Carolina, I'm now making small pieces of them. I do some cabinet work for friends and a contractor friend. If you want to have a challenge try making a bookcase that is 7 feet tall and 8 feet wide, with a cabinet at one end. This, to me, is fun. So you see I stay busy doing this and visiting my wife about every day in a rest home. She has Alzheimer's disease.

My best to all the "old hands."

Robert Neelands, Dillard, GA - Congratulations are in order for Jim McConnell's willingness to orchestrate the oral history program for R-8. I did some of that most pleasant activity while in Florida documenting oldsters' early lives in the Nation's oldest city. It was not only rewarding, but one of the most interesting things I have ever done. I regret not having had access to a video recorder to capture some of those beautiful old faces, and the expressions as they recalled the old days. This might be a suggestion that Jim could consider—it wouldn't entail that much more effort or expense.

Life in these mountains is splendid, and promises to be more so as spring covers us up in rhododendron flowers. Rabun County (this one) was Rand McNally's choice as "...the second-best place to retire in the U.S." If first-place is any better, I couldn't stand it.

Ed Swensen, Dunwoody, GA - I noticed your mention of Toby Tobiaski's death in the last issue of *The Dixie Ranger*. I went to Memphis for the funeral to see and

be with Toby for one more time because it began in May 1953 at Rhinelander, WI, with Toby and John Thames. We were a field office working out of the Southern Research Station branch office in Vicksburg, MS, (the Corp of Engineers-Waterways Experimental Center.) It was sampling and testing some of the Mid-West soils. Together we traveled the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois.

Toby left in 1954 with Dave Larson for Alaska to work on soils in the far North. During the summer of 1955 Toby and I went to Puerto Rico for the same work on tropical soils. Then Toby and I separated till we came together at the S&PF Field Office in Little Rock, AR, in 1971. I moved to Atlanta in 1976 and Toby stayed at Little Rock and retired.

I was just sending you the information about Toby. I guess memories came into my head as I started to write. Toby and I were together for a lot of years. He was a great fellow to work with and a good friend.

Clarence F. King, Bristol, FL – We look forward to and enjoy news from *The Dixie Ranger*. Living on the edge of Apalachicola National Forest, I feel at home and still being a part of the Forest Service.

Mary and I are doing fine spending some time on travel attending reunions. We're looking forward to the FS reunion here in Florida this year and the USS Bennington Reunion in Tennessee.

Jim Hefner, Athens, GA – Thanks for another great *Dixie Ranger*. I also want to thank you both for all the years of hard work you have spent to make the Association all it is today. Andre'e and I don't get to the "big city" very often but we enjoy the news that comes with the "Ranger".

In the past 18 months we both had to fight the cancer battle but all is going well and we just "keep on keeping on." Hope to see you all in September in Missoula. If you are in Athens give us a call.

Roberto G. Cox, Norcross, GA – That was an interesting article about the present Chief. If we had been living in a democratic society, I wonder if the "tree roots" section of the Forest Service would ever have voted Dombeck in as Chief.

John F. Welsh, Ormond Beach, FL – No big news here, just bike week, spring break, speed week and beautiful weather. I have been getting involved in

politics, mostly send in money and putting up and taking down signs. My wife, Mary Ann, is really involved. She is running for a State Committee, a non-paying job!

Lew Grosenbaugh, Gainesville, FL – You have certainly done an excellent job of membership record-keeping and handling the Secretary-Treasurer's job. Not only that, but you and Bert have set an example of editorship for the newsletter that will be long remembered.

We hope to get up to the June 8 meeting of the Association unless some unforeseen event intervenes.

Doug Shenkyr, Rockville, MD – Time flies. The aged become more forgetful. Here are some dues to keep the good and the bad news (deaths) coming. We still spend our summers at our place in Minnesota. Although the trip up there is getting longer and more boring, we enjoy being there when we arrive. Been thinking of selling while the economy is still booming. Anyone passing that way will always be welcome. Just come to Hackensack, MN. Can't miss us.

J. Dean McAlister, Pineville, LA – Enclosed is my application for membership in the SFSRA and my check for dues for 2000.

Since my retirement in January 1998, I had intended to join the Association but just kept putting it off. Last December my wife and I attended the retirement party for Bob Daley, Malcolm Cockerman and Tony Verucchi in Hot Springs, and there we met a lot of retirees. That visit inspired me to get my membership application submitted. After 30 years with the Forest Service, I want to keep in contact with Forest Service happenings and with fellow retiree friends.

Shortly after my retirement, I began a second career as a full-time (55+ hours per week) Funeral Director Assistant at Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Alexandria, LA. This fulfills a lifelong dream to work somewhere in the "death care industry." I thoroughly enjoy every day on the job helping with funerals, visitations and many other duties around the funeral home. Funeral Director Assistant duties are much easier than working as a Forest Administrative Officer, even though I loved the work and enjoyed the Forest Service, this is what I want to do for the present time. This position gives me the opportunity to minister to people at a very critical time in their lives. Many are my friends and acquaintances. Perhaps that is why I have been drawn to this type of work.

For the time being Bertha and I will stay in Louisiana. However, the small farm outside Cleveland, TN, keeps calling and maybe one day we will return to the hills of east Tennessee.

That's enough about me for now. I am looking forward to my first copy of *The Dixie Ranger* and to begin getting updates on many retiree friends. I would like to hear from these friends. My e-mail address is dmcalister41@hotmail.com.

Briscoe Price (Retiree Class of '98), Raleigh, MS – Whoa! Almost overlooked time to pay the dues. Enclosed is payment for 2000 and 2001. Still enjoying retirement. Have become interested in family genealogy and find that it takes lots of time and effort, but for those interested in knowing where they came from, it is quite rewarding. Not finding any queens or kings in the lineage, but not finding any horse thieves or mob bosses either. Everyone so far has been plain ole working folks who lived close to the land and raised the family. Find that several Forest Service retirees are doing the same thing. Ones I talk to say (and me included) they wished they had started this hunt many years ago when there were still folks around who could help with the search. Planning to get down to Silver Lake in Florida next month for the National Forests in Florida Retiree reunion. Looking forward to that. Spent eight years of my 32+ in Florida.

John Courtenay, Lufkin, TX – First, here's \$24 to keep me paid up for awhile more. I sure don't want to miss an issue. Second, it's bad news for all of us when the Brays resign as editors. You've done such an excellent job that we (oops) hardly missed Tom Hunt. But I understand your reasons—I feel the same way about some of my commitments.

Third, our Wednesday afternoon Go For a Drive Club is still going strong. We've covered and traveled on so many lanes, byways and back country roads that we had to retire our old maps and start keeping records on a fresh set. This should keep us going for another 25 years or so. Last month we stretched our usual limit to make a trip to Houston to visit Al and Elyse Hays. Al was one of the original members back in the 70's and we had a lot of catching up to do.

Fourth, just when you make a correction notice of our phone number for the directory, guess what? The phone people changed our area code. Everyone in the Lufkin area is now in the 936 area code.

Jack Boren, Alexandria, LA – Sure enjoyed the Feb 2000 issue. The letters from the past are always fun and bring back memories.

How many can remember back when we had: Instructor Training, Lippert's Better Writing Course (this changed the old redundant, stilted writing), fire towers manned by the old local residents (one here on the Kisatchie gave the weather report "today's temperature is 66, the relative humidity is 36, valuable winds 5 to 8 mph), crank telephones, Pulaskis, fire rakes, we put out fires with a tractor and plow, low band scratchy radios, Rangers never wore straw cowboy hats, and the only ladies on the district were the clerks. I'm sure some of you will have more to add.

Odom McDaniel's comments about Harold Grelen—I visited with Hal not long ago. He is rather restricted in mobility, but it was fun to talk over old times with him. He's got a great attitude and looks about the same as when he was gainfully employed with the Research branch of the FS.

William B. Leichter, Covington, VA – I retired almost ten years ago as a Ranger but just learned of this Forest Service Retirees Association. I had asked a few Forest Service employees at the Supervisor Office level about such an organization over the years, but all I was able to learn was there was such an organization but no one could tell me how to make contact. Finally I located a person who I trained as a young Forester and is now a Ranger and he sent me the information. I had come to the conclusion that after you retired you were written off by the Forest Service. I would think they could at least give you this type of information when you retire. Maybe when one considers what is going on in the organization at the present time they don't want to hear from the old timers. When I see how this public land is managed today I sometimes wonder if the 34 years I spent was worth it. I will have to admit that it was an enjoyable life and I met a lot of good people inside and outside the Agency.

Monte Seehorn, Gainesville, GA – You guys sure do a good job, but I can see how it would wear you down. This newsletter is a big job!

Between volunteering for the Forest Service and doing consulting work (stream restoration, etc.) and working with groups trying to keep a multiple use program on the National Forests, I hardly have time to sleep. Makes life interesting, though.

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You're getting older if you can remember when being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home.



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You're getting older if you can remember when any parent could discipline any kid, or feed him, or use him to carry groceries, and nobody, not even the kid, thought a thing of it



LUNCHEON JUNE 8

The next luncheon of the Association will be on June 8 at the Petite Auberge restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center on North Druid Hills Road. We'll meet at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship with lunch being served at 12 noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person. Reservations are an absolute must. We have been advised by the manager that no less than 24 people may be served at these luncheons. In March we had only 27 people attend. It is important that you make your reservations prior to the luncheon by June 6 in order for us to determine if we can hold a luncheon. The persons to call for this luncheon are Jim McConnell, 770.923.1681 or Peaches Sherman, 770.253.7480. If you wait until the day of the luncheon and walk in the door, there may not be a luncheon. So please call in your reservations no later than June 6 to either Jim or Peaches.

The Story of the Under Secretary of Agriculture
By Ed Ellenberg

This little incident is to remind you that the Forest Service was not all work and no play.

Early in the 1960's, the Cherokee NF was having a Ranger's Training Session in a hotel in Knoxville. The first night some of us were sitting in one of the rooms having a social adjustment session with the door open. Another drunk came walking down the hall and stuck his head in the room. He was a real sharp guy and I know he had good hearing because he heard our subdued talk way out in the hall. It turns out he was a fertilizer salesman from Washington, D.C., and they were having a convention in Knoxville.

I don't remember his name now, but let's call him "Bill." Being from Washington and being in the agriculture business, he was familiar with the Dept. of Agriculture. By the way, he was also pretty full of his own subject. As the discussion went on about forestry and farming, some of us offered Bill the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture, which he gladly accepted. Jack Kennedy was the President at the time and Bill talked about knowing Jack and often going to the White House and playing with John-John.

Things were going along at full swing when Ion Lowndes, who was First Engineer, stopped in. He caught the drift of the conversation and was shocked that we would be talking to a high ranking Government official like that. He then wanted to know if Bill would talk to our group at the meeting in the morning. Bill, and all the rest of us morons, thought it would be a great idea.

Ion went to Gil Stradt's room and told him about the Under Secretary of Agriculture. He said Bill agreed to meet with us in the morning and he (Ion) would give up a portion of his program to make time. Later that evening, Gil called Pat Int-Hout, who, if not in title, was in reality Assistant Supervisor, and asked him what was going on. Pat, one of the instigators of the whole affair, had sobered up enough to suggest there was probably some misunderstanding and maybe it would be best to forget the whole thing.

To this day, a group of us probably owe our careers, if not our lives, to Pat.

Disclaimer: Any error or omission in this story is due to senior moments rather than youthful folly.
-Ed Ellenberg

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Church Bulletin Bloopers – Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

An Up Date on Editor's Position - we will continue with the Brays. The Board has not been able to fill the Vice-President's position and there is doubt that anyone would come forward to take over *The Dixie Ranger*. Because the newsletter is our only contact to keep us all in touch, we do not wish to see it pass by the wayside. At the luncheon in March some decisions were made by those present that will help make the job easier. The DR is always sent prior to a luncheon to let everyone know the date of the luncheon. It was decided that beginning in 2001, the Association would hold only two luncheons per year, in June and December. We must have a minimum of 24 people present to meet the requirements of the management of Petite Auberge for holding luncheons. We will continue with the luncheon dates remaining for the rest of this year. They are June 8, September 14 and December 14. *The Dixie Ranger* will be issued only three times a year in March, July and November beginning 2001. The months could change. It all depends on the number of letters, articles and issues facing the Forest Service that folks submit for printing and whether or not there is enough information to warrant issuing a newsletter. So it behooves all of us to stay in touch and keep each other informed on what's happening in our lives.

Other business: Joyce Keith was elected to the Board of Directors (2002).

-Editors

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NFs in Alabama Designate Wilderness Area

The NFs in Alabama held dedication ceremonies on April 1 for the Dugger Mountain Wilderness. Dugger Mountain is the second highest peak in Alabama with an elevation of 2,140 feet. The area designated as wilderness encompasses approximately 9,200 acres. This area makes the third wilderness in the NFs in Alabama. The total wilderness area is now more than 41,000 acres, which is about seven percent of the total land base of the National Forests in Alabama.

All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark...

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Don't listen to critics - do what has to be done.

Build on high ground.

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.

Remember that the Ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.

Many thanks to Howard Burnett for quotes in this issue-Eds

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Three issues per year of *The Dixie Ranger*, issued in March, July and November.

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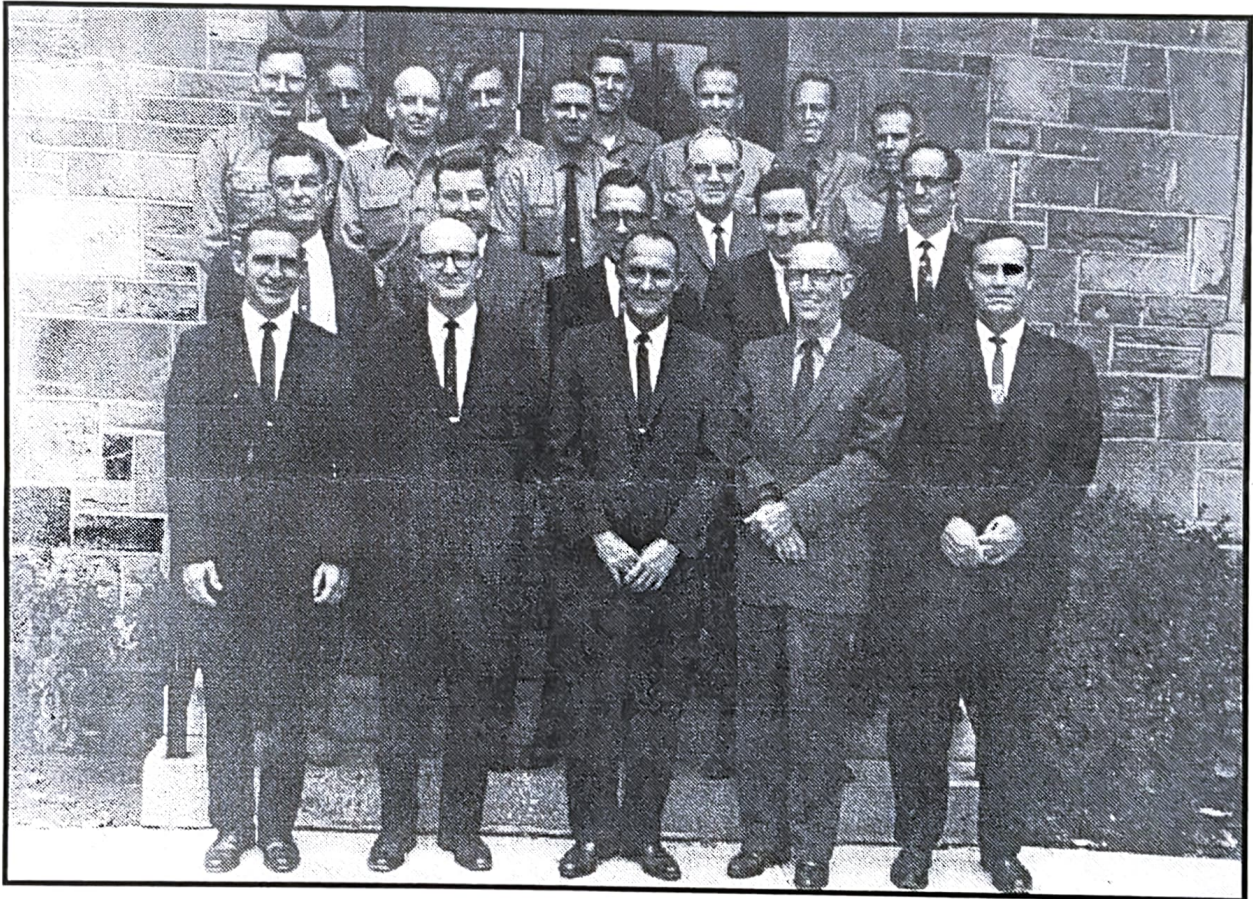
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ATTENTION: FOREST SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE OF PERSONNEL

Attached to this newsletter is an application for membership in SFSRA. Please use this way to make copies to give to your retiring employees. Ranger Districts may also consider running off copies. See Bill Leichter's letter in this issue. Thanks



Can you identify the persons in this photo? It was made in Russellville, AR, in October 1963. Answers on the last page of this newsletter.

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Note: Please make your luncheon reservations by June 6th. See page 11 for phone numbers and note the change in persons to call.

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