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## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR 1975

As listed in Volume V, Number I,  
Dixie-Ranger of February 1975.

## OUR LAST MEETING

Was held as announced in Vol. V, #II  
Dixie-Ranger of May 1975.

The "Brunch" at Brennans was a huge success and, as reported, the food was out of this world. Approximately 45 members and guests were in attendance and a good time was had by all. In a letter from Maureen E. Harty, of Brennans - she wrote: I would like to personally thank you for allowing us to be of service to you and your fine group on Wednesday, June 25, for Brunch. I hope that everyone was pleased with the meal and arrangements. Also I like to think that you will consider us again for your next function. Best wishes.

With Harry Rossoll as M/C, the program consisted of a movie and a question and answer session, involving Hamp Vasom, President of the Atlanta Skylark Club, and everyone seemed to enjoy it based on the number of questions raised concerning the Skylark Club and their activities.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the annual picnic at Stone Mountain Park, to begin anytime after 4 p.m. Coffee, soft drinks, plates, cups etc. will be furnished. REMEMBER if any of you want drinks other than soft drinks, please arrange to bring your own. Also bring your covered dish meal the same as you have done in previous years. THIS PICNIC will be on September 18. It is not necessary to make reservations, but the Committee Chairman (Dorothy Smith #469-6465, would like to know if you're coming.

## FOREST SERVICE RETIREE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Time.....Sept. 18 - Tee-off 9:00 a.m.  
Place.....Stone Mountain Park Golf Course  
WHO.....All F.S. people, Associates and friends.  
Fee.....\$1.50 plus green fees, carts etc.  
Hdcp.....Established & Callaway  
Prizes....Trophy for 1st place net score of retired F.S. people, Atlanta and otherwise. Cash prizes for winners among all entrants. Prizes to be announced and awarded at picnic same day.

All who plan to participate in tournament should notify Bill Fischer #292-9760 not later than September 11.

According to a "flyer" from the Atlanta Forest Service Golf Association, their members will participate and combine their September tournament with this annual tournament sponsored by Retirees. We are looking forward to having as many as can attend.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

While birthday greetings for the period April-September incl. was included in the last (Vol. V, #II) here are greetings to those who have recently sent in their birth dates:

May 8 - Rosella Wolf  
May 5 - Milt Bryan  
May 4 - F. Grady Burnett  
July 14 - Richard B. Wolf  
July ?? - Paul Swarthout

August 19 - W. C. (Bill) Cornutt

Will catch up on greetings for October-December in the next newsletter.

We are still missing a lot of birth dates since we have a record of only about 300+ names, whereas we should have between 5-600. How about letting us know the date of YOUR birth?

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Regional Forester F. Leroy Bond, on July 24, announced the appointment of two Forest Supervisors - B. Frank Finison for the National Forests in Mississippi and Frank Ferrarelli for the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. Both men assume their new duties on August 31. Finison succeeds Leon Cambre who recently was named Director of Legislative Affairs for the Forest Service in Washington. Ferrarelli will replace J. Lamar Beasley who will move to Washington as Environmental Coordinator in the Forest Service's Division of Programs and Legislation. Finison's headquarters will be in Jackson, Mississippi and Ferrarelli's will be in Pineville, Louisiana.

Mr. Bond also announced the appointment of Donald E. Percival as Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Florida, the effective date of his transfer to Tallahassee is September 14. Percival has been serving as Legislative Information Specialist in the R. O. He holds a degree in Forestry from the University of Missouri and is a native of that state. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the U. of Wisconsin.

Bond also announced that Norman E. Gould will become Deputy Regional Forester for Resources in the Southern Region. He is presently Director of Timber Management in the California Region of the Forest Service. Gould will take up his new duties September 14, succeeding David E. Ketcham who moved to Washington as Director of Cooperative Forestry.

## RETIREMENTS

The only ones I have a record of are:

Dorothy Smith, who retired at the end of June 1975.

Roselle Wolf, who retired about the same time.

Ed Littlehales, retired recently from his job in the Regional Office-Denver.

## NEW MEMBERS

Roselle Wolf, 1011 Burton Dr. NE, Atlanta Georgia 30329.

I am sure there are more new members than the above and, while I've heard of some, I do not have the information in writing to confirm. (Am gonna have to get our Membership Chairman (C. M. "Eve" Evenson) on the ball to keep me up to date.

In mailing the last newsletter, I mailed out 309 copies, plus copies to each Region, Washington Office, Each Division in the RO, and each Supervisor's Office in the Region, plus Experiment Stations. I know there are a lot of potential members who do not belong to the Association and, in behalf of the Membership Chairman - please check the latest Directory - and ask yourself do you know of anyone who should belong! Olene Woody - work on Preach Parsons and Willie Lunsford - and all you other members - work on someone you know; collect their \$2 and send it in.

## DUES

You're doing great. Our Secretary reports to me that she has dues credited for '76 and even some for '77. To all of you - in case of doubt - send your \$2 bucks in - you'll get credit for it.

## LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

CHRIS THOMPSON: Here is a very nice note from Brennan's where we had our last meeting. Mrs. Harty was so nice to do business with and our group of 45 seemed to have a real good time. I enjoyed it so much myself. Our telephone committee needs commendation on getting in touch to remind folks of our meetings. Please thank them for me in the next issue of the news and include Bill Huber too. Thanks for all the good communications.

RUBY COOPER (MRS. JOHN W.) Called and told me, as a result of the news item in the May issue, John had received a number of visitors, telephone calls, cards and letters. John is not able to answer the cards and letters himself and Ruby asked that this item be put in the newsletter, expressing John's thanks to all who remembered him with their calls, letters, cards and personal visits.

SYLVIA BRYAN: Thought I'd better get a letter off to you before you left for the North country. Want to thank you for the nice letter and clippings. I remember the ball games and those players too. We used to go often and I even got hit in the shoulder by a pitched ball and I didnt even get the ball - not fair!. We were sure to sit behind the screen after that. I called Eve (Welch) and told her we had the clippings for Jerry but they were busy in the yard. Her sister came and then went on to Mich. I saw Eve Christmas day and havent seen Jerry in a year. He isnt too well and Phil not being able to get out at all. I stay pretty close to home too. Phil is a very good patient. Your last Dixie Ranger was interesting and you really got the letters for that one. I didnt know all of the ones who wrote but others we were glad to hear of. Eddie Hawes was over last week - we didnt know he had been ill and had surgery, but he is ok now. The Wilkinsons are in Missouri square dancing and we miss them. Was so happy Jack Fortin Jr. is being transferred to Russellville. Will be nice to have folks near and hope to see him soon. Our folks in our S. D. farm were here in Feb. so we got caught up a little on things in that area. Miss our yearly jaunt up there. Was glad to get nice letters from Art Grumbine & Lew Grosenbaugh. Phil enjoys hearing from old friends too and about old times.

LUCILE (MRS. M. R. ) SCOTT: When the D-R came in Feb. I told Milton that he ought to write and tell all we were still very much in the land of the living-rather lazy - but well. He asked me to write, so he wrote a check for his dues; I put the D-R and check with my correspondence and it has been terribly neglected, as well as my correspondence. We seldom travel, although once or twice a year we take a vacation in Las Vegas and are so lazy-we fly. Our children manage to get down here at least once a year-usually in the summer. Our oldest son had a heart attack this spring, but is recovering nicely. Otherwise I think everyone is fine. Enjoy the Dixie Ranger and the personal letters very much.

OLENE WOODY Feel sure you will appreciate knowing we are receiving two Dixie Rangers. There might be someone else who could use one and the extra copy was well used, as I sent it to Earl Parsons and Walter Woody and Willie Lunsford read the other one. We do enjoy having one. Clyne is recuperating from a weeks stay in Hall Co. Hospital. Is back on light duty. Again, we are glad to have the D-R and appreciate those who make it possible. (Ed's note: Will try and flag your second copy next time. In case I dont, please pass it on to someone who might enjoy reading it.)

DON MORRIS: Sorry forgot my dues-enclosed. After seven years we're trying to retire for sure. Just sold my big boat and a rental house, each of which required an unbelievable amount of maintenance time. Am still trying to help Bob-our son who lives here-get his ornamental tree and shrub nursery going, in his and my "spare" time. Also still make it back to N. C. annually for the Forestry Foundation (Hofmann Forest) board meeting and my buck. We're now free to go to California and see the rest of our family and will probably do so in July-August. Keep up the good work.

GUY WILKINSON: Enjoyed Newsletter #1-'75 with all the news and views. It's nice to keep in touch with old friends and fellow-workers. We want to be sure the dues are straight-our 11/18/74 check was for \$4. All is well with us and hope you are the same.

BILL IRBY: I'm kinda like the butcher who backed into his meat slicing machine and got a little behind in his orders. Anyway, I think I'm a little in arrears, so here's a check for \$4 to cover period from I don't know what to I don't know when. You guys keep up the good work. Like to keep informed. F. S. retirees in S.W. Fla. get together about once a year for picnic etc. Last meeting we had 51 people present. (Ed's note- Bill I have kin-folks in Ft. Meyers and you are on the way - how about inviting me to stop by for - as Harry Rossoll will say later on - a "little drink").

POLLY BRANDT: Please pass on my deep appreciation for our many friends' cards, contributions, phone calls and flowers, following Ray's passing. I knew that we were members of a large Forest Service family, but I guess I'd forgotten how large. Thanks to each of you for your thoughtfulness and please bear with me until I can write to each one personally.

ALVIS OWEN: (A personal letter) I never enjoyed a note from anyone more than the one I received from you. Sounds like old age-I miss being chewed out by you and I wish I was closer because I need to be keen and sharp-the way you kept me. I've had a bout with a group of hippies-call themselves "Rain bow family-part of the Pope's group-I'm sure-believe in swimming naked and all this stuff. 20,000 of them wanted to camp on the forest near Waldron for 5-days. I laid the law down to them and told them I knew a man they could call-they must have known - and left. When my accident occurred, I didn't even call my wife - I wasn't in shape to do anything. This was a closer call than having a tank shot out from under me in WWII. The F. S. flew me home-was out almost three months-still haven't got my strength back in my left leg. Frank - the Finnison - almost got it too. I don't have time to keep up with who the Treasurer is - so here is my \$2. (Ed's note; Alvis also included a dirty story-not for publication. As for keeping up with the Treasurer - READ THE INSTRUCTIONS on how to pay dues-)

JOE McPHERSON: Sorry I did not discover sooner that I had not changed the address. I must owe the outfit some money. (Ed's note-to make sure and be careful as Joe would be - he sent the minimum)

DICK MILLAR: Now that the ice and snow have departed, this neck of the woods, for the time being, my writing hand has limbered up sufficiently to get off a few lines to you. First-am enclosing \$4 for dues. Enjoy reading the Dixie Ranger and appreciate your tireless efforts in putting it together. It is no easy task, especially by the paucity of news from those of us with perpetual writer's cramp. It is good to read about the doings of other retirees whom we know, some in distant places. As we have done in the 2+ years since retirement, Sara and I have managed to journey South for the better part of the winter. Altho we didn't run into a gasoline shortage, we did run into a snow overage-returning to N. H. around 4/8. The northbound geese are still in a holding pattern over NYC. Our biggest disappointment this year was in not getting to Atlanta-seemed to run out of time. Contributing to this was a 3-week trip to several Central American countries in late Jan-Feb with the Cecil Clapps. We four-22 others - flew from Miami to Panama City, followed by successive visits to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and the Yucatan Mayan ruins near Merida, Mex. An interesting tour-little exhausting tho. The rest of our southern sojourn was spend in Ala and Miss. Hope to get to Atlanta in '76. Haven't been paid any consultant fees yet-find plenty who would like free advice. Keep in touch with the F. S. staff on the White Mt. NF and have a date to visit some of their forest management early this summer-they're still struggling with Unit Plans, Public Involvement and lack of funding. All the boys seem to be "keeping their cool". Keep the news coming and our best to all our friends.

MRS. CARRIE M. (KAYE) COVINGTON: Enjoy D-R. Wish I could see everyone again. However, whoever is responsible for getting it out is doing a great job. Was hospitalized six weeks last year. So far-this year is better. Enclosed dues-dont want to miss an issue.

AL FRIEDRICH: Here's dues. Dont want to miss out on the D-R and get together that I can afford. But - man - \$20 for two "brunches" would look ridiculous on my expense account. Must be a bunch of retirees still think they are on per diem (at \$35 new rate). Expect to see you all at the Sept. picnic-more in our style and speed.

W. I. STEVENS: Thanks for new directory. Alyce and I both very much enjoy the D-R; It often brings back fond memories of our stay in R-8 and keeps us posted on many good friends as well the doings of the retirees. Wish we could be there for some of the activities. We are fairly well and manage to keep going, but we dont make any extended trips. Alyce's birthday is in July and on August 7 we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. (Congratulations Steve). Dues enclosed. (When is your birthday?)

W. C. (Bill) Cornutt: Dues enclosed. The newsletter is most interesting and I dont want to miss a copy. Due to a health problem, I gave up consulting work two years ago. I spend my time doing TSI and some cutting on a small acreage in Penn where I have a camp. Otherwise, I keep busy fishing, and keeping the wildlife population in Virginia West Va. and Penn healthy and alert. My game larder is usually bare but "Friends of Animals" and the other "bleeding heart" organizations probably wouldnt accept my membership application. The new directory is most welcome. My birthdate is Aug. 19.

MILT BRYAN: Dues enclosed. We were in Ga. from Sept '74-May '75 then back to our home in Va. Plan to return to Ga. in the fall. Thanks for the Directory- a fine compilation and brings back many fine memories, of a host of grand people. Also, I enjoyed the newsletter - between the S. Pine Beetle in Georgia and a big landscaping job here in Virginia, I have been too busy to play much.

HARRY ROSSOLL: Attended the Forest Farmers annual Southern Forestry Conference 5/5-8 at Myrtle Beach, S. C. Stopped by the VA hospital in Augusta on the way back and visited John Cooper. He was mighty glad to see me. John could not enjoy his retirement as most of us do. A letter or card, I'm sure would be appreciated. Any of my former F.S. colleagues that might be interested in purchasing a print or original painting or just to renew old friendships, can browse in my Art Studio for a chat or a "mild drink" Phone 633-1754 - 4 Executive Park Dr., Wing 3, Atlanta. Bldg #4. Thanks for what it's worth. D.R. fine as usual. (Ed's note- Harry sent us a charcoal sketch of his "Windjammer Cruise" - Harry - why in hell are you so nice to Ye-Ed?)

PAUL SWARTHOUT: First, let's get fiscal matters out of the way. Here's my check for \$4. Thanks for the Dixie-Ranger. We think the letters from members section of the last D-R was outstanding. How do you get such hard bitten old timers as Phil Bryan, H. O. Mills, Red Harkins et. al. to write newsy notes like-we enjoyed them. It was never our good fortune to work in the R. O. However, there was a certain family relationship among all the people in R-8 that existed no where else in the F. S. or in any other Federal Agency for that matter. There are several reasons - among them the fact that in the early days we were largely of damn-Yankee persuasion and banded together for mutual protection until we developed a high degree of lovability and were fairly well accepted, although still skeptically regarded as latter day carpet baggers. Please tell Dorothy Smith the 1975 Directory is very much appreciated-good job. Why did we remain in Falls Church? Everyone knows the Washington area is awful, but our two daughters are here or near here, also friends acquired over the twenty years since we have been here are extremely hard to leave. We plan to stay here. Our most ambitious trip was a visit to Portugal, Spain and Morocco. We saw lots of olive trees and, to those of you who have a high regard for martinis, you have no fear-the supply is limitless. You may cut this long rambling letter down to a simple statement that both of us are in good health and send fondest regards to each and every one of the R-8 fraternity. If and when you come to the area, please get in touch with us-we're in the phone book.

#### ITEMS NOTED IN OTHER PUBLICATIONS

A picture of our able Secretary-Dorothy Smith at her retirement party. After forty years service in the R. O., 22 in S&PF, Miss Dorothy says "enough" and left. They celebrated with an open house at the office and a dinner at Indian Hills C. C.

A picture of the tug-of-war team at the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Davy Crockett NF. While Supervisor John Courtenay is mentioned, he's hiding behind someone much smaller than he.

From the SOUTHEASTERN AREA ACTIVITIES BULLETIN - lots of pictures of Director Sid Weitzman; one of former R. F. Max Peterson and other old friends. With Sid getting into so many pictures, I'm just going to have to meet him one of these days.

From Eastern Region "CONTACT" "As summer approaches, N. F. in Wisconsin are holding off making plans for aerial spraying of herbicides 2-4-d and 2-4-5-T. A temporary injunction preventing the spraying is still in effect. In Michigan, the spraying of an 84-acre tract on the Ottawa with 2-4-D and 2-4-5-T is still enjoined. This comment brings back the difficulties we had in Alabama before I retired.

From R-8 Newsletter: David E. Ketcham, Deputy R. F. has been appointed Director of Cooperative Forestry in Washington. He will succeed to the position formerly occupied by J. S. McKnight, who has retired.

To all you folks who are not on the mailing list for the Southern Region Newsletter - it is a pretty good publication and they have a new and interesting format. In case you are not getting it, contact the Division of I&E at the same address on this mast-head and ask that your name be placed on their mailing list. You wont be sorry.

#### THANKS AND COMMENDATIONS TO

The Telephone Committee; Bill Huber for all the help they gave in contacting members for the June 25 "Brunch" at Brennans. Harry Rossoll for his stint as Master of Ceremonies in the absence of the President, H.C.Eriksson and Alternate P. H. Russell. Also thanks in advance to the Arrangements Committee-Dorothy Smith - in charge for the annual Stone Mountain Picnic. Hope you all come and enjoy yourself. If you dont - it's your own fault! And while I'm thanking people - please let me thank all of you who have written in and have contributed to the LETTERS FROM MEMBERS section of this newsletter. I just wish more of you would sit down and take the time to tell us about what, when, where and why you're doing! Everyone who reads this is interested - if you dont believe it - please try and you'll get some comments.

#### OBITUARIES

Roy N. Dennis died June 1, 1975 at his home in Newport, N. C. Survived by his wife and children. Funeral on June 3 with three members of the Forest Service serving as pall bearers. Roy had many years of service and experience on the Uwharri and Croatan Districts in N. C. (This info furnished by H. O. Mills)

R. R. Fairfax - died August 14. Address 407 Storm Ave., Brookhaven, Miss. 39601. (This is all the information I have).

Mary Lynn Ramsay: Died about April 17. She is survived by four brothers, one of whom Clyde W. Ramsay lives in Cleveland, Tenn. (Ed's note: Mary worked for me as Fiscal Clerk - and was a dandy one - from 1948-1957 while I was on the Cherokee N. F.)

Walter W. Carrico: Died about June 2. He was a retired mechanic and shop foreman for the U.S. Forest Service in Lufkin, Texas. He is survived by his wife Maude of Lufkin, a son and five daughters. (This info was furnished by Mrs. Arby Wagner and, while her letter was a personal one to me, she reports that Elaine and Paul Vincent left in June for their summer home in Canada).

Jim Stewart: He is the husband of Bonnie Stewart, who was in charge of manual changes in the R. O. Jim died on August 6 from a heart attack. Bonnie's address is 3028 Ocean Shore Blvd., Highway 1A, Ormond Beach, Florida 32074

Ralph H. Freeman, Sr. Allegheny N. F. Forest Supervisor, died April 9, in Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Pa., two days after the doctors performed his second heart surgery. Ralph joined the F. S. in '55 as a forester on the Alabama. In 20 years he various line and staff jobs on the Kisatchie, GA, Texas, RO, and in N. C. Ralph is survived by his widow "Snick" two sons and one daughter. Eastern Region's "CONTACT" really spread out in telling about Ralph. Space does not allow me to cover any more of it. However, when one reads from a column by Don Neal who says "A deep cloud of depression shadowed my day last Wednesday on learning of the death of Ralph Freeman, supervisor of the Allegheny N. F."..... If anyone wants to read the rest of it, please get in touch with me. I dont have the space for all of what I'd like to type about Ralph - he was a nice guy!

### OUR TRAVELING MEMBERS:

Paul & Jeannette plan to leave this week for a visit with their daughter Betsy in Isle of Palms, S. C.

Clara and Clint Herrick plan to leave this week for Savannah, Georgia and then will fly to Miami, Florida to visit their son Chris.

Rik & Marie Eriksson are enroute to Colorado for their annual fishing trip. They recently returned from their annual trip in Europe.

Helen & Lew Whipple are visiting Helen's father in up-state New York.

The Grumbines, Newcombs, Herricks & Russells will attend a Georgia Sectional meeting in Savannah on August 18-20.

Tom and Yvonne Hunt have just returned from a three week visit in Northern Wisconsin.

Bill & Marian Huber are on a 3-week trip in Michigan.

I know that quite a lot of traveling is going on and some of it, of course, is also mentioned in our LETTERS FROM MEMBERS section of this newsletter. We enjoy hearing and reporting the travel of all members and would appreciate hearing about your trips and other activities in which you participate.

### DUES

Because of the last two newsletters, everyone has been great in responding to the request for payment of dues. REMEMBER the tab is still only \$2.00 per year per family. Make your checks payable to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association and mail them to the address shown on the first page of this newsletter.

### OUR SYMPATHY TO

Paul & Jeannette Russell on the loss of their grand-daughter Lisa, daughter of their son Dick. Lisa was killed in an accident outside of Mobile, Alabama, when a truck jack-knifed and fell on the side of the car in which she was sitting.

Ruth Gray, on the death of her brother-in-law, Cliff Alexander;. Cliff was the area scout for the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Team.

Tom Hunt, on the loss of his oldest brother in California.

And to all the survivors of those mentioned in the OBITUARIES column.

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

President Eriksson, Secretary Dorothy Smith and others met with the Adm. Ser. section of the Regional Office and renegotiated the cooperative agreement with the Forest Service, whereby they take care of the printing, addressing and assembling of the newsletter. We agreed to pay them \$40.00 per quarter for this service and they will print us a minimum of 400 copies each time, limited to an average of eight pages per issue. We feel this is a very good arrangement and express our thanks to the Forest Service for their cooperation.