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THE MAIN PURPOSE of this newsletter is to call attention again to our next meeting. It will be the annual picnic at Stone Mountain Park, for Wednesday, September 19, plus a golf tournament in the morning for all retirees and any of the members of the Forest Service Golf Association who wish to join us. As usual, soft drinks, coffee, cups, plates, plastic knives, forks, spoons will be furnished. It will be a covered dish supper. Out of town members NEED NOT furnish a covered dish. SPECIAL ATTENTION: Alcoholic beverages are not available at Stone Mountain Park. If members attending the picnic want beer or other drinks, make arrangements to bring your own. PLEASE mail or phone picnic reservations to Mrs. Bea Cagle, Room 904, 1720 Peachtree Rd., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309; Phone 526-2401 by September 10.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS section is not included, since our Vol. III, No. III included all birthdays through September

and our next and last newsletter for 1973 will cover October-December incl.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

JOHN B. HATCHER (Letter to Lew Whipple): First it was very good to hear from you and I enjoyed your newsy letter. Second, I appreciate your telling me about how and where to reach Paul Vincent--might see him in Lufkin later on this fall and third, here is my overdue dues check for a couple of years. Thank Tom for me for his note and tell him the MD came to the foot of my bed in the hospital 10 years ago and said "still got those cigarettes". I said "yep" and he said "Gimme, never again". Haven't had a drag since that moment. We delayed any trip this year because of various uncertainties - gas, yard jobs shoved off for the past two summers, Helen's mother's health, the good chance of a transfer for Johnnie, a couple of jobs (smaller) and a big one that apparently is not going to materialize for which I'm sorry as it involved a multi-discipline approach with my part as "Environmental Forester" as required and termed by EPA to say grace over the forest and wildlife ecology aspects as an impact statement. Tell me - is John Adams the son of John A. Adams of Albuquerque and Jemez Springs? If so, I'd like to drop him a personal note. Your note about Lake Louise reversed ours. We came in from Jasper after getting weather clobbered out of planned trips into the Lesser Slave Lakes after

walleyes and Great Northerns, and the BC coast at St. Rupert for salmon and halibut. I'd been to Lake Louise on my way to the Olympics in June 1930 and we found the same intolerable jam of people and turned around and headed over into BC where we camped in the Canadian Olympic NP. Heard from Johnny the other night and he has been transferred from the Mineral District of the Lassen to the San Geronio RD on the San Berdo NF and will likely be at Mentone or Yucaipa, Cal. From San Geronio one can probably look down and see Palm Springs, Indian Wells, LaQuinta and all those courses you see on the winter golf tourneys. It's been raining all morning for a change and I need to get out and pick butter beans, string beans, etc. We're getting a lot of yield out of a small area and 8 better boy tomatos, but the rain has damped off much of our squash, okra, beets, etc. The peppers are just beginning to bear after transplanting. The dern tomatos grew 8 feet tall and shaded them out after the first picking . . .

WILLA H. CARSWELL: Since I lack 89 weeks today being a 30-year employee, I'd like to join the SUBSCRIBER LIST. My home address is Box 251, Canton, N. C. 28716, birthdate is March 17, husband's is July 4 - his name is Edward. I sure enjoy reading the DIXIE Ranger. It helps me to keep up with all my ole FS friends. Best wishes.

JIM A. McARTHUR: Please change my address to Mt. Vernon, Ga. 30445. (Ed's note - Jim was most anxious to get this address change, because we received two letters from him)

ROBERT E. LEE: Here is a check for dues. Lou and I have been on the go this year. Texas, Oklahoma and up to Hattiesburg via S. Louisiana due to high water in the Catahoula Swamps. We enjoy the Dixie Ranger and were sorry to read about the death of old friends such as Loopy Lane and Ted Seely. (Birthdays noted, Bob). It was good to see so many old friends on the Cradle trip and we are looking forward to other trips in the future.

ROGER D. HUFF: Here's my check for 1973 dues. Even though I have been away from the FS for many years, I still feel close to my former employer and many friends who are with or have retired from the FS. I will be retiring from I.R.S. June 30.

J. FRANK PALMER, JR.: Enclosed is my check for \$2 to cover '73 dues. The rubber stamp notice may bring some results since I for one thought I had paid for '73. Also like idea of a notice informing when dues are due and payable.

PAUL O. THOMAS: Enclosed is check to pay '73 dues. Sorry as I was under the impression that I had sent check to cover it.

GLENN A. THOMPSON: Enclosed is dues payment to keep us in the Association and the Dixie Ranger coming. Your editor has twisted my arm for news. He is such a good guy it is hard to be negative. Highlights of our past year include a grand meeting with 7 couples of Western FS retirees at Crescent Beach, Wn. in September. My longtime elk hunting partner Tom VanMeter taught me how to catch salmon - 3 in 30 minutes. Those were golden moments to watch him so calmly bring them in to John Emerson's boat. Jo brought back enough rocks (gems) from Agate Beach to keep our tumbler going for the rest

of the year. Another trip was an adventure tour to Southern Baja, Mexico with Glen and Ruby Smith. It was a last chance to see a static 300 year white native culture as the new National oiled highway will be finished early this year. Currently there is no move to avoid an unprecedented jam-up of modern recreation vehicles into an undeveloped old world. It will be drastic. Again the gem collection is keeping the rock saw in operation almost full time. The re-do of FS Western Regions is having a serious impact. The so-called standard regions were established during the Civil Defense programs on the basis of population. Where FS needs are 180 degrees off. Retirement is a busy time, then too like the old cowboy said "the older we get the better we used to be". Sincerely.

MILLIE (MRS. JIM) RENSHAW: Enclosed is my check for the Dixie Ranger newsletter which is most entertaining and informative of the many people who knew Jim during his career in the Forest Service. (Birthdate acknowledged).

MILT BRYAN: We sure enjoyed the June '73 Dixie Ranger. Glad Judge Swarthout is on the rolls. We are heading back to Virginia for a few months. However, we do want to be back on hand for the September picnic. My check for \$2 is enclosed. I haven't any idea as to our dues status. Best regards to everyone.

RUSSELL L. CHIPMAN: Since you keep "red-stamping" my newsletter, I'm going to have to pay my dues. Here is check for '73-'74 -- Sorry about that. We have made quite a few short trips to various places, but nothing major has happened. Just returned from Iowa a week ago where we visited my mother, who is 87 years young, and some brothers. Weather up there was delightfully cool.

Had our two grandchildren up here for a visit in June and they just about took over the place. Why the old folks think they can take it - I don't know. Please extend our regards to everyone and ya'll come to the mountains to see us.

ROBERT F. "BOB" COLLINS: Enclosed is my check for \$4 to cover '73-'74. I enjoy reading in the Dixie Ranger of the fine times all of the retirees are having. I think we should prevent a copy of that publication falling into the hands of any of the folks who are still working, as it will probably make them dissatisfied and strike for earlier retirement. How 'bout that? I am as busy as I was before retirement with teaching in the University, trying to finish writing a history of the Daniel Boone N.F., working with local historical society, speaking to local service clubs, schools and church groups on the Daniel Boone and the early settlement of Kentucky, fishing, target shooting and all of the other things that retired foresters do. It is a busy life which I'm enjoying to the hilt. Sorry I am a bit too far away to participate in your meetings and festive affairs. As has always been the case with the FS, about this time of the year "travel funds are exhausted".

HARRY ROSSOLL: Had a nice long letter from Seth Jackson. Isn't he eligible for membership? Seth worked in the RO for a while. His address is Horse Heaven, Route #2, Box 123, Hillsboro, Oregon 97123. Olga and I spent three days at Jekyll Island attending Georgia Forestry Association Annual Meeting June 23-25. I exhibited my paintings. Red Strange and Vaughn Hofeldt were there. Met Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia and saw many friends from Georgia Forestry Commission, including Ray Shirley. Harry also sent an announcement advertising where his band THE STARLIGHTERS play each Friday night and suggested that the retirees get up a party and enjoy an evening with them. He

indicates it is not expensive.

BILL LEE: I finally remembered to write a check for DIXIE RANGER and get it off to you. Check acknowledged, Bill. I'm painting the house and it is a big one. So stiff and sore that I almost wish I hadn't started it -- but it will save several \$\$\$\$\$. We are going to journey down that way, perhaps in winter. This fall we go to Indiana. Holding off on a longer trip until Agnes retires. Billy will graduate from University of Wisconsin with a B.A. in computer Sciences in December. I must go up there to bring his possessions home. Should I wear a coat? (Ed's note: Bill, wear your long handles and if you have two coats, wear them both -- this advice is from one who knows the weather in Madison, Wisconsin.)

HERBERT G. KNOCH: Just received your Dixie Ranger and think that it is a marvelous bit of putting together of the momentos of the past. Needless to say, the work is also appreciated. As one who traveled the Region extensively and have met so many whose names appear in the Dixie Ranger, it is a great source of happiness to hear of them. Incidentally, my birthday is the same day as Connie's (R. M. Conarro). When we shared a double desk in the old Glenn Building, it was an event that called for a "happy birthday" song by Mr. George Bell's messenger girls to us. At present am painting my house with the aid of a grandson, mostly to give him some vacation money. Warmest personal regards.

MILDRED WAGNER: Sent me a death notice on Mrs. Lurline Partin Middlebrook. She mentioned that Lurline worked for the FS from 1958-1970, all of which was spent in the Lufkin Office. Mildred's letter was mostly personal and about her children. She did say she enjoyed the Dixie Ranger and read it from "kiver to kiver".

MRS. PAULINE B. ROTH: I didn't know that Elmer subscribed to the Dixie Ranger-- although I don't know many people, it is nice to keep in touch. Your reporting is excellent and I am sure it is a large undertaking. Rhond and I both received degrees in June. Rhonda BA in Philosophy from Emory and mine a Master of Education in counseling, West Georgia College. Rhond graduated with highest honors and made Phi Beta Kappa. He is studying at the Doethe Institute in Rothenburg, West Germany this summer. He plans to enter the University of Georgia Law School in September.

PAULINE YELVERTON: Enclosed is check for \$6 for dues for '72-'74 incl. Birthday is 12/28.

MARY DAVIS BLACK: 1973 dues enclosed.

W. R. (BIG ANDY-WAUTAGA) ANDERSON: I am in the process of catching up on correspondence. Included in this category is my failure to remit my 1973 dues. Check for \$4 enclosed to cover through 1974. I hope the Secretary has not invoked the dire penalty of dropping my membership. At present, both Hannah and I are well. I have only recently recovered from a heart difficulty. Further I was hospitalized three times during the past 10 months, two of these involving surgery. I am relating these statistics as an alibi for non-payment of dues. We have not been able to travel during 1972 and so far in 1973. Although we have been restricted to our home, we have had both Southerners and Westerners stopping in to see us. This has given us much pleasure. We hope that others will drop by if they are in the Twin Cities area. We enjoy the Dixie Ranger very much. The current Regional newsletters seldom mention a familiar name - another generation is

now running the show. Best regards to all of you. Sincerely yours.

W. I. "STEVE" STEVENS: Alyce and I were delighted to hear from you and receive the Dixie Ranger. We have been looking them over and hope they will keep on coming to us. Enclosing \$4 to enroll in Retiree Association. I have only bowled twice since I left Atlanta and that was Candle Pins. There are plenty of bowling alleys around here but most of them are candle pins. Here and there are a few 10-pin alleys, but I have not tried that game as I probably wouldn't know what hole to stick my finger in. I still keep my hand in a little with the fire arms, mostly rifle plinking, and usually in the fall try a shot gun on ruffed grouse. The last two years birds have been scarce around here. I think Alyce is getting as much kick out of the letters from members as I do. We live in the sticks on a 100 acre tree farm. At the present time I am having about 60 M old growth White Pine cut. I am keeping about 200 M as a backlog in case we really need the cash some time in the future. It also is 120 year old White Pine but still showing good diameter growth. I am keeping pretty busy surveying. Right now I am in the midst of house lot subdivision, and trying to get adjoining landowners to agree on property lines. The old deeds do not give anything but adjoining owners and, of course, the oldtimers who knew the lines have died without showing their offspring lines or corners. We are both in fairly good health, although Alyce had gall bladder and liver upset that now requires a very strict protein diet, no booze, fats or sweets. The diet must be O.K. because she feels better and stronger than she did 2 years ago. Best wishes to you and yours and if any of the retirees get up this way, we would sure

like to have them stop by and visit with us for a few days.

W. D. "BUCK" BUCHANAN: Enclosed is \$2 for dues. We here are getting along rather well, but know all too well that we are slowing down. I keep busy with graduate students at Brigham Young U. Have been doing some tests with *Bacillus Thuringiensis* for the control of several species of caterpillars. We find it gives complete control of the caterpillar that develops into the painted lady butterfly and also all species of hornworm caterpillars. *B. thuringiensis* does no harm to other insects than caterpillars and not all of them, for example cut-worms, are not affected in all of the tests we have made. Have been busy with a couple of other graduate students in bark beetle studies. One is working on a rare species that attacks mountain mahogany and another on a beetle that attacks quaken aspen. In late February, Mrs. B. along with 180 passengers went for 2 weeks on a chartered nonstop jet from Salt Lake City to Spain, Rome and Algiers. She had intended to swim in the Mediterranean, but found the water too cold. In September we plan to fly to visit our daughter and family, recently moved to New Jersey. We often think of our most pleasant associations and wish all of you the very best. Sincerely.

RUTH (MRS. J. WAYNE) HIGDON: We both look forward to the Dixie Ranger which is so capably edited and it is especially nice to have news of R-8 FS retirees. After our visit to St. Simon's Island, Ga., in June, we came home to a garden that had grown like "Jack and the Beanstalk". My Engineer husband is a scientific canner and freezer. It is nice to have corn on the cob in January and green apple pie. Sam Greenwood, who is also an enthusiastic gardener, is going to speak at

our next meeting of Retired Civil Service Employees. He asked if he could speak on any phase of his FS years, which will make it all the more interesting. His wit keeps our meetings out of the doldrums. Mr. John Alsup is quite frail and has been in Angel Hospital this summer. Anne says he is on the mend now and would enjoy hearing from his Forest Service friends. They are selling their home in Franklin and moving to Hillsboro, N. C. this fall, to be near a son. Wayne is enjoying every moment of his retirement and joins me in sending our very best regards to everyone.

SID McLAUGHLIN: We received our Dixie Ranger and thanks. 2958 River-view Terrace, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, is our new address. We bought a new home in the Lewiston Heights overlooking the Snake and Clearwater Rivers and Valleys and the cities of Lewiston & Clarkston, Washington. It is nice to sit out on the deck and watch the rest of the world go by. We also bought an extra lot below us to help protect our view and give me a little more outdoor exercise. Our hillsides are covered with grass that is turning brown now, instead of trees. We miss the Atlanta and Georgia green and wooded hills. They have had grass fires not too far from us. We had a nice trip west with stopovers at Blanco, Texas and Boise, Arizona to visit relatives. Also, saw the London Bridge and small English Village at Lake Havasu. We were anxious to get to Lewiston and get settled again, so didn't make as many stops as we had planned. Moved into our home on June 11, unpacked now but have the outside work and basement to finish, will be kept pretty busy for a while. Took time out this past weekend and attended a 50th wedding anniversary of friends at Palson, Montana (on Flathead Lake). It was sort of a home coming for us - saw many friends we

hadn't seen for 15 or more years, included Mr. & Mrs. Ernie DeSilvia - they both looked real good. They inquired of former R-8 associates. We miss you all. Have a good time at the September picnic for us. Regards to all--keep us informed. Best regards.

JOHN K. CROSS: Under separate cover I am mailing you the Louisiana Forestry Association's publication FOREST & PEOPLE. On Page 21 is an article that I thought some of my former co-workers might be interested in reading. On Page 26 is another article, that while I stood on the sidelines and watched it get started, I was most keenly interested in, to the extent that during the severe drought of 1924 I fought fire on some of these lands, for the princely sum of \$15.00 a month. With kindest regards and best wishes to all my good friends. (Ed's note: The articles referred to are "TAR BURNING, A FORGOTTEN ART" by John K. Cross and "THE SOUTH'S FIRST BIG PLANTATION", by Philip C. Wakeley.) (I have the magazine in question, but the articles are too long to be included in this letter. Will be glad to send the magazine to anyone interested. Ed)

REGIONAL & AREA RETIREES

Those retiring as of approximately June 30 were: Wayne Cloward, Rec. & Watershed; Russ Mathis & Harwell Adams, Engineering; Frank Mayfield, R & W; Denton Bloomer, F & L; Frank Bailey, SA S&PF Executive; and Bob Raymond, P & E. A number of others retired on the various National Forests within the Region. If each National Forest will send a list of retirees on their units to Dixie Ranger at the address on this letterhead, ye-editor will be glad to publish the information in a current newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

Harwell L. Adams; Denton Bloomer; and W. C. (Bill) Lee, plus Willa Carswell as a "Subscribing member" to the Dixie Ranger.

OTHER RETIREES

In addition to the above, the following have retired as of June 30, all from SA S&PF: John Christensen; Johnnie Davis; Frank Fulmer; Harold Lang; Lewis Long; Jim McArthur and Jim Tucker.

OBITUARIES

MRS. JUNE WOODY: Wife of Arthur (The Barefoot Ranger) Woody, died Sunday, August 12. June was 97 years of age. She is survived by two sons, Walter Woody and Clyne Woody, both of whom are Forest Service retirees. Also by a son-in-law R. E. Pidgeon, a FS retiree, and a grandson, Dick Woody, current Supervisor of the Alabama NFs. Family services were held on August 13 with retirees Art Grumbine, Larry Mays and Bill Huber, accompanied by Regional Forester Max Peterson, attending. Kelly Heffner, Bill and Rose Fischer attended the 2 p.m. funeral on August 14. A good representative of Regional Office and Chattahoochee-Oconee N.F. employees attended the services and the funeral.

FINAL REMINDER

The next meeting - the picnic at Stone Mountain - will be held at Stone Mountain Park - around 4:30 p.m. - Wednesday, September 19. P L E A S E read the announcement on Page 1 of this newsletter and abide by the instructions therein. ALL THOSE interested in joining up for

the golf tournament - get in touch with Bill Fischer. Mail or call your reservations in for the picnic and golf tournament. LET'S HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT FOR BOTH OF THESE EVENTS.

BIRTHDATES NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED

March 17 - Willa Carswell
April 30 - Millie Renshaw
June 25 - Lou Lee
July 4 - Ed Carswell
July 15 - Bob Lee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE ABOVE

MORE LETTERS JUST RECEIVED

SETH & AUDREY JACKSON: (Letter addressed to Clint Herrick) No, this beautiful picture of the Western Forestry Center at Portland is not out of focus. It's just your eyes, as you approach my ripe old age. Harry Rossoll sent me the June issue of the Dixie Ranger, with instructions to join up. I found it so interesting that I'm enclosing \$4. Why not a \$2 initiation fee, plus my '73 dues? If the Association is hard up for cash, this might be a good way to get a few extra bucks. Even though I was only in R-8 in 1943-44 as Training Officer, before being kicked upstairs to a life sentence in the Chief's Office, I find so many news items of my old R-8 friends. I'm glad to read that they're all still having birthdays too. Tell Harry Rossoll I hope he will celebrate his on September 20 out here with us, servicing the S.A.F. Annual Meeting with his dry humor and paint brush. Sorry I missed Clara's last month. How is she and your kids. You've probably heard that after retirement in 1968 and almost a year camping

out in the forests of Europe, we settled in the Pacific Northwest with a good view of Mt. Hood. We've started our Pine-Arboretum with about 200 species. Sometime soon I expect to start forestry operations in our woods. If you're ever out our way, be sure to let us know. Still living in Atlanta?

W. L. NICHOLLS: I'm glad I ran into you that day in North DeKalb and you sent me a copy of the Retiree's Dixie Ranger. I never received this while I was in California. I enjoyed reading about everyone. It is good to be back in Atlanta, or rather in the area, since we live in Snellville now. Honey and I enjoy our garden and the yard work. Enclosed is a check for \$6. Does this bring me up to date? If not, let me know. Keep up the good work. I look forward to seeing everyone again. Best wishes.

MRS. JEAN SEELY: You mentioned in your note in March that there might be a write-up on Ted in the Dixie Ranger. I was wondering if that had ever appeared. If so, would it be possible for me to obtain a copy of it. (Ed's note - Article referred to was in Vol. III Number III - copy sent to Jean 8/29).