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OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978

President. Doug Craig
Alternate. Lucille Isbell
Secretary. Shirley Herbert
Treasurer. Jim Carroll

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Cartwright....(1979)..2-year term
Dorothy R. Smith...(1978)..1-year term
George Schaeffer...(1980)..3-year term
W. W. Huber.....Ex-officio

OUR LAST MEETING

Was on December 7 at Petite Auberge and we had probably the biggest crowd of all previous meetings. There were guests, including a couple with Larry Newcomb; there was a fellow named Peebles from S. C., and one of our best members and his wife - none other than Sid McLaughlin from Idaho. Also Vaughn Hofeldt and wife from Gainesville; Sid Weitzman and, am sure others which I failed to record. Bryan Sipe asked the blessing and a silent prayer was asked for Pearl Harbor Day. Harry Rossoll entertained with his horn and had a buddy named Billy and we all enjoyed the Christmas carols. Jim Carroll reported on the financial situation and we are in good shape. We have close to 5- should be 400 members, but we lost some by death in 1978, but all the widows are still members and seem to enjoy it. The nominating chairman reported election of the above officers for 1978. They're good ones. We had a lot of door prizes and they were won by a lot of good people like: Vedene Smith; John Spring, Judy Grumbine; Roxie Howell; Martha Goler; Sam Johnson, Catherine Phillips; Bill Fischer, Wally Gray and Lida McKensie. ALSO- and I consider it a disgrace - 17% of our membership elected the officers for '78. ONLY 17% of you members voted - DO YOU REALIZE what type of a vote could do to OUR COUNTRY???????

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be on Wednesday, March 15, 1978, at the old reliable, Petite Auberge Restaurant Francais, in the Tocco Hills Shopping Center. The usual good meal, at the same price, with the usual extra activities prior to the luncheon. I dont know what the program will be, but am sure it will be interesting. In spite of the length of this newsletter, I will try and include a reservation blank somewhere herein.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Was held at Doug Craig's home on January 18. Due to lack of space, I will summarize: Treasurer reported a balance as of 1/1 plus dues and our financial situation is in good shape. For the 1978 budget: Stationery \$200 and this includes postage etc. Dixie Ranger \$200; Lunches \$150; Picnic \$100 and Donations \$200 - total \$850. What to donate has been a question and you can read "Doug's" message included. Our meetings will be March 15; June 21; Sept. 21 and December 6. Talked about a fifth meeting and something might be worked out for a Unicoi State Park; Brasstown Bald or some other meeting place. P L E A S E all of you read "Doug's" message and reply as to your ideas on what we should do. See the Committee Chairmen in a separate page of this newsletter. (Ed's note: I STILL was not asked to be Newsletter Chairman. Do any of you think I'd refuse?????) ALSO: Lucille Isbell volunteered to bring the directory up to date and Dorothy Smith offered to help-so did ye-ed. Jim Cartwright suggested that more of our local members join the local chapter of N.A.A.R.F.E (National Association of Retired Federal Employees); to attend their meetings and help put some life into the organization.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"WE NEED YOUR THOUGHTS: First, as your President for 1978, I wish you all a happy, healthy and enjoyable year. Tom Hunt, the D-R editor, continues his outstanding job and is the key to our communications with the members. Keep the news and letters rolling in. The Association is non-profit (we are not a money making outfit and do not intend it to be). To enhance this image, it has in years past given modest amounts of money to the following organizations:

R-8 - Cradle of Forestry
Society of American Foresters-Bldg.Fund.
S.A.F. - Foresters' Fund
Audubon Society
Nature Conservancy

Thinking more to our Association, the donation in 1977 was given to the S.A.F. Foresters' fund in memory of those members who passed away in 1976-1977. Your Board of Directors feel we should continue such recognition for 1978 and subsequent years if you agree. What we need from all of you, are your thoughts as to what organization or organizations we should consider. We can vary the contributions from one to another, or to a series of Organizations, i. e. American Cancer Society, Red Cross or the many others you know about. If you don't like the above idea, let us have yours and any suggestions about deserving Organizations. Thanks in advance for help - but help us. Mail your comments to the address on the top of the front page of D-R.

DUES

They're still \$2.00 a year, although I note a lot of contemporary organizations have gone up to \$3 and higher. Since I "red stamped" a lot of you in my October 1977 Dixie Ranger, the dues have been flooding in, along with the letters. You will note a total of 56 letters included in this issue - more than we ever had before - and most of them concerning inclusion of dues. Because of the great number of letters, I've had to "reader digest" some and hold others over for the next issue. You'll note these in my "I'M SORRY" column.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

In spite of my pleading with you, we still do not have the number of listings we should have. BELIEVE ME - we're not interested in when you were born or how old you are - WE just want to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you during the 3-month period covered by the issues of the Dixie Ranger. How about catching up?

WORD IS GETTING AROUND

I have a letter from the Director, Office of I&E - am sure it is R. F.'s office of R-2 in Denver, asking for information about our organization. I sent him a copy of our Constitution & By Laws; promised to send him, if interested, a copy of our cooperative agreement with the Forest Service. Since he mentioned the many retirees in the Rocky Mountain Region who would like to communicate through our organization, I gave him the names of some of our members who were or had been in the Rocky Mountain Region, such as Ed Littlehales, Marion "Pud" Lamb; H.C.Eriksson and possibly a few others.

MEMBERSHIP

Personally, I think Evenson is doing a great job, as evidenced by the list of new members reported in each issue of the Dixie Ranger. "Eve" complains in the Board meetings that he never sees the results of his efforts. Every member of the board tells him "you don't read the Dixie Ranger, since all new members are listed with their addresses". In connection with getting members, you will note that our members sometime pay dues for prospective members. I know Evenson has paid dues for 2-3; Herrick has paid for 1-2; Newcomb has paid for 4-5; Dewey Puckett paid for Merlin Dixon; Jim Cartwright paid, initially, for Karl Mayer - LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND ASK YOURSELF "how many have I paid for?" I know others have paid dues for some of our current members too, including Oline Woody - and speaking of her:

OTHER MEDIA

In the 2/2/78 issue of the Constitution, Bob Harrell, in his "Dateline Georgia" column, mentioned receiving a letter from Mrs. Clyne (Oline) Woody commenting on Harrell's previous column on "100 YEARS OF FEDERAL FORESTRY" (called to your attention in our August 1977 issue of the Dixie Ranger). Oline says they are good friends of the book's daddy-one Bill Bergoffen and points out, that on page 104 is a picture of Arthur Woody-guess he was called the "barefoot ranger". Mrs. Woody identified some of the persons in pictures and pointed out the "HELP PREVENT FIRES" long before Smokey The Bear came into existence. You folks ought to acquire "100 YEARS OF FEDERAL FORESTRY" - it's worth the price. If you need information on it-let me know.

AND DO WE HAVE LETTERS FROM MEMBERS:

BENNETT O. (Ben) HUGHES: I certainly do remember you, but do you still have red hair? Or, like mine, somewhere between gray and white? We see Howard Marshall frequently. We are partners in a 200-acre tree farm on which he has built a "second home", and on which we have cleared enough land for a garden, orchard and vineyard (family size). Wish we could get pine stumpage prices equal to R-8. Also wish I had been in Atlanta Dec. 7. Would have enjoyed so many at once. (Ed's note: In addition to the above, there was the Hughes' christmas letter, telling of their travels, children and relatives. Sorry there is not room to include their entire letter - other than Ben's note to me.)

ALVIS Z. OWEN: Hope the weather in Atlanta isn't like it is in Arkansas. We have snow with ice on top and plenty - expect more tonight. I can't find enough to do these days, so guess I haven't gotten the hang of being retired. Maybe it will get better. Many times I've wished I was back at work, but have to forget that. I have some wood working tools and hope I can stay busy with them. I misplaced my last D-R so don't know who the Treasurer is. Am enclosing a check for \$8 and, if I'm right, it pays me through 1980. I got in some hunting this season - killed two nice bucks - have Quail hunted some, but not too much luck. Hope it gets better. Hope you're well and enjoying life - we're all fine - all you folks come and see us.

MRS. ETHEL (Arthur D.) READ: To wish you happy holidays and a wonderful new year. Sincerely and cordially wished by me.

DON MORRISS: Your letter of November 9 and attachments, arrived when I was in the midst of treatments to relieve the pain of trigeminal neuralgia. The treatment was a series of nerve poison pills which immobilized me mentally and physically. Jenny & Bill (Irby) came over and Bill read all the letters. By Thanksgiving time I had progressed from zombie to moron - 2nd class - so went to N.C. for the second week of the deer season. Am just home from the foggy mountains (empty handed) and making this letter my first order of business. Am sorry to be so long in exchanging the letters with Larry (Olpin) and hope you consider the plight described above as an adequate excuse. It is not surprising

that you and Larry did such a great job of getting acquainted by mail-kindred spirits. Both organizations (and all others mentioned) should benefit from your interest and efforts. In case you go ahead and make plans to come to Florida, come and stay with us. We have lots of space and all the time in the world to unravel the past. Maybe I'll even find out who was in the pool the night Rayworth said "who threw in that billiard ball". Thanks for sending me your letter and the one from Olpin - it really gave me a boost at the time when I needed it. (Ed's note: For your information LE Olpin is my contemporary with the 30-year Club-Portland, Ore. and friends of Don & Bill Irby)

MILDRED WAGNER: Here is an obit notice on Harry F. Swank, also an article on the retirement of Jim Hutchins, who was the Forest Ranger in Lufkin. My step mother, nearly 91 years old, died 12/28 in a retirement home near Seattle. Not going to make the trip there, weather is too bad and I saw her a year ago at which time her mind was practically gone and she had been a wheel-chair patient, resulting from a car accident ten years ago. I don't know who got Paul Vincent to join the Retiree Assoc, although I've taken them several copies of the Dixie-Ranger. Enjoy your notes and appreciate all the work you do in arranging the Dixie Ranger. Many thanks.

JAMES R. CHEEK: Never thought I would procrastinate until the "red stamp" caught up with me. This check should catch me up for awhile. Enjoy Dixie Ranger and read every word in it. Ruby and I took in the beauty of Florida for a week the latter part of May and bought a building site at Lehigh Acres, Fla. The older we get the more the tropical climate attracts us. Celebrated Veteran's Day, in October, by taking in the Treasurers of King Tutankhamun in New Orleans and recommend it to those who are interested in this type of exhibits. Had hoped to make the annual Christmas party, but our plans didn't work out. To bring you up to date Ruby is still working for the IRS. I had a total knee operation last September. Was off work for 6-months but am back on the job and looking forward to retiring again next year for keeps. Regards to all.

GEORGE A. JAMES: I wish to have my name dropped from membership rolls. The reason is: my wife and I do not know 99.9% of you good folks. We do appreciate the good work that you and all the others have and are doing to keep the Dixie Ranger going. We wish you continued success in this endeavor. Best wishes.

HATTIE (MRS. P.R.) WILSON: Please mark me off as a member. I didnt subscribe to this in the first place and cannot see well enough to read it.

HERMINE LOVE: Here's check for '78 dues. Hope you received my card from the Orient (I did Hermine-thanks). It was a great trip and I am glad I made it. Best wishes.

GEORGE S. JAMES: Re-newsletter #4 with red stamp prominently displayed. Came as a shock and my records came up with this: (a check dated 3/8/76 for \$4.00) Anyway, in order to retain an unblemished record, here are dues for '78-'80 incl. To Editor Tom and Officers, you're all doing a fine job-in fact "a superior job". Keep it up. Best to everyone. (Ed's note: George, we happen to have two "George James" and, not knowing which one was in arrears, I dunned both of you). See first letter this page!

GERALD D. SCOTT: Had a letter from Evenson inquiring as to whether I had been approached about joining the Retiree Assoc. I am sure I was before I actually retired. However, I do wish to join and am enclosing check for '78 dues. I am fine and have a little 2-day a week part time job. Tell everyone hi for me and all of you take care.

RUTH B. SCHAAP: Please credit this \$4 to '77-'78 dues. In case this is not right let me know. I still like the Dixie Ranger.

"RED" HARKINS: I look for the Dixie Ranger like some of the natives look for their Social Security check each 3rd of the month. I am now one year older than last month - 75 and counting. Fish a lot-catch some, lose some but have a good time. Sorry you had to "red stamp" my newsletter and here is a \$4 for '77-'78. Thanks for carrying me on the cuff and not stopping the D-R. Sorry I cant attend your meetings - just too far to travel. Good luck for 1978.

WALLY EVERTON: Here are dues for '78. I do enjoy the newsletter. Had another enjoyable and interesting trip this fall. In fact it was a review of history. Flew to Athens, Greece and boarded a ship for Kusadase, where we visited the ruins of Ephesus; then to Istanbul, Turkey to see the Blue Mosque; then to Mykone and Heraklon-two of the Greek Islands. Alexandria, Egypt was the next stop with a trip to Cairo to see the museum with solid gold coffin of King Tut; the Spynx and the pyramids. An overnight ride to the Haifa, where we made side trips to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Stopped at Rhodes for one day before returning to Athens for our flight home. Regards.

BILL CRANSTON: Enclosed is check for \$6- sorry I was in arrears. Dont let Master Charge know about this-up to now they think I am good pay. A.P. Mustian and his wife were here in Sept. We had a nice visit. Since you last heard from me, my bowling has become as spotted as a pie-bald pony. Great on Monday, lousy on Wednesday, fair on Friday. For Larry Newcomb's benefit - Rudy Benson, a classmate, makes his winter here in Cocoa, Fla. In the summer, out in South Dakota. Bob Raymund should know I have around six thousand surplus stamps on hand. Mostly trash, but some good stuff. Time marches on. I have been officially notified that sometime next year, I will become a great grandfather.

BOB LEE: Sorry-thought check mailed 4/5 was for '77. Here's \$4 for '77-'78. Lou and I are leaving for St. Croix 11/15, where the booze is cheap. Will think of you as we bend the old elbow.

MILLIE RENSHAW: Sorry to be in arrears. Here's \$6 which should keep me in good standing, so I can continue to hear what's going on with the retirees. So far, for me it's been travel. You name it and I have probably been there. Sincerely.....

LOUISE CALDWELL: Here's my check for back dues and for '78-'79. Thanks for reminder. Since surgery in August, nothing new w/me getting my strength back and resting some. Have six beautiful Staffordshire Terrior puppies-keeps us busy-trying not to get too attached to them. Hope to make the December 7 meeting (Louise you missed it!).

JOE MCPHERSON: My D-R had a red stamp on it, so here are my dues. I might be one of those who owe for more than one year - if so holler again. Still hanging out in Texas because Maribeth and the three grand kids are in Houston. My grandkids include a girl 21 who works for American Express; a boy 19 at U of T. in Austin and a girl 13 at home. Maribeth and husband teach in Houston Independents School District. Margaret had a double cataract operation in 1969. A few weeks ago she came up with a detached retina. It took two operations but the eye is going to be okeh. We didnt do any going this year and in March Margaret had tooth trouble and sinus trouble before the eye went black. If I had known things for the Forest Service were going to get so bad, I damn sure would not have nutured the timber on the Sam Houston to the extent we had some 7000 bd. ft. per acre when I left. I would have left with what we had in 1935 - about 2000 bd. ft. per acre. These screw ball environmentalists and federal judges who are just as screw ball. Regards to all. We expect Lynn & Phillis Elder to come by soon. Lynn was in Russellville in the mid-thirties but claims he got smart sooner than the rest of us and went back to Washington State.

NELSON TAYLOR: Thanks for your note. I dont think I could get to read any more D-R's, but thanks anyway. In 1969 I was on the Santee R. D. and didnt go to the Wambau until 1971. My clerk there might be interested in getting the newsletter. She's retired and she is Mrs. C. B. Marlowe, 740 Gypsy Lane, Wakenda Lakes, Mt. Pleasant, s, c. 29464.

BILL NICHOLS: Here's \$4 to keep me in good standing. This past year has been hectic. I had planned to attend at least two of the meetings, including the fall picnic but twice I was out of town and once Honey was in the hospital with a heart flareup. Will be out of town for Christmas party - maybe next year. Just returned from a trip to Washington. Had the unfortunate experience of having Honey's purse snatched from her while standing in the hallway of Howard Johnson Motel in Petersburg. Lost a set of car ~~keys~~ keys, house keys and a lot of miscellaneous stuff, so our trip had a dark spot, otherwise all went well. Enjoy the Dixie Ranger - may 1978 bring you all much joy and satisfaction.

JOHN B. HATCHER: Noted a red stamp, so here a check for the next couple of years and thanks for a job well done that does a great service for us who are not in the direct communication line. I've been appointed to the S. C. Forestry Study Committee which reviews the plans and budget of the State Forestry Commission and the Schools of Forestry and Rec. Res. at Clemson and makes recommendations to the Legislature of needs in the Forestry and related fields. I was asked to serve on a Committee for the SAF to review and recommend actions and needs on the new YACC to try and pattern it somewhat on the CCC, considering all the changes in laws, conditions and a different social and economic climate. Congressman Hawkins feels the present law lacks a lot and wants a full input to help write permanent legislation in the next session of the 95th. Had a good visit with Johnny, Julie and two of our 7 grandchildren; got in some golf around San Diego, then to Monterey at PGA time to visit sister; camping on the way at Plasket Cr. on the Los Padres north end. Campgrounds and rest areas desperate for water; rest rooms closed and only self-contained units allowed. Got settled, asleep then rap, rap, rap on the door. Forest Service people - get out and now - Marble Cone fire was out and headed our way. Packed and headed toward Monterey with Pacific down slope 400' and towering flames up slope 500'. No danger but a spectacular sight even to one groggy with sleep. Fire finally wound up at 179,000 acres. Some golf at bone dry courses at Monterey where only reclaimed water was used on the greens. We headed back and a pall of smoke paralleled us across Nevada and Utah. After I got back had a tightness and shortness of breath on #17; so next day had an EKG; hospitalization, catheterization and open heart surgery on 9/28 to redo my plumbing. No further problems and expect to be back after being stressed next week. These jobs dont come cheap-the died I'm on has peeled off a lot of ## and made me buy new pants and belts. Best regards.

TOM B. ALLEN: Here is \$4 for '77 & '78. I enjoy receiving the Dixie Ranger and retirement. I retired in 1971 after 49 years in service with the Forest Service.

NETTIE (Mrs. Bruce) ALTER. Here are dues for '77-'78. Always enjoy reading the D-R and letters. Bruce keeps busy. Here are birth dates for us.

DENTON HBLOOMER: Thanks for the reminder. The check will take care of past, present and future dues. (Birthdate acknowledged).

T. A. (TED) SCHLAPFER: Beth and I are sending our \$2 for 1978. This 1977 has been a decisive year. "Retirement" has given our family a chance to get re-acquainted with the "old man". And, I am finding more time to help take care of all the ranch chores. In addition, am spending part time with Lewis & Clark College doing executive seminar work on current national resource issues. Any of our R-8 friends coming Portland way? Please stop and spend some time with us. Regards!

HARVEY BOSTON: Know I owe you a letter. Here is check for \$4, also send the D-R to V.E. Taylor, 1337 Columbia, Hood River, Oregon, but dont say I had anything to do with it. If he is a member, credit me for another yr. Santa was good to us and came in person to see our grand daughter-couldnt get down the chimney - we had a roaring fire going. The firewood I've been scrounging is turning into ashes mighty fast. Have already burned 2-cord's and it is still 1977. Didnt go to Alvis' "bash" . We just dont go anywhere anymore-which reminds me I got a note from Ernie Finger-mentioned he was in Hot Springs and tried to call me -couldnt get me - but saw my name in the Dixie Ranger and wrote me a note, saying: "You are too ornery to be a candidate for the obit list". Got wick with the 3-day flu - all ok now.

ARCHER SMITH JR.: Please give the enclosed check to Jim Carroll for dues through '79. Enjoy the D-R so much. Will try and get a letter early in 1978-that's a resolution! Will give you a summary of the many things we're into. We'll be in Atlanta for Christmas and will try and see you. Bab writes: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year-Dixie Ranger is "great".

PAUL W. SWARTHOUT: Sorry I missed my '77 dues-enclosed. Sometimes me thinks I am retarded as well as retired. Regards.

JPHN SANDOR: Best regards. We are enjoying assignment in Alaska and appreciated the opportunity to visit Atlanta this past Spring. Dues enclosed.

SAM K. GREENWOOD: Encl. my ballot and my check for '77-'78. Hope you both are ok. Nancy and I just got through raking oak leaves on the 2-acre homestead and I am as sore as a (deleted). Come up and see us.

Dan O. TODD: Sorry for the lapse-here is my check for \$4. Still love to read the old familiar names and note their doings, especially the travelers. Since relocating here near Tucson 2-years ago, Chloe and I have traveled extensively in our Avion trailer. Last year two months in the Canadian Rockies. This year six weeks in the SE states; Blue Ridge Parkway to Washington, DC and a month on the NFs in Montana and Wyoming. Just back from two weeks in the canyon country of Utah and Arizona. Going while we can. Then we'll enjoy our fine winter here in the valley; stroll the pleasant trails on the nearby Coronado NF and view the 10,000' peaks out the front window. Have just written a strong letter of protest to our Tucson paper, regarding their insulting editorial favoring a raid on our Federal retirement system to bail out the ailing Social Security program.

J. K. (JIM) VESSEY: There was no "red stamp" on the issue of the D-R I just finished reading, so I guess I'm in good standing. Here is \$2 for '78. Vol. VII, #IV was another fine issue calling for my hearty congratulations. The Vessey's are back in Winter Park, where we will be until next July 6 when we again follow the birds to Warren, Pa. Our five days in Athens, Africa and 13 days on the M.S. Royal Viking ship in the Aegean and Black Seas was delightful. One day in Athens I took off on my own for a 4-hour walking tour, ending at the top of the Acropolis-the most walking I've done for a long time. Please have Grumbine or Fischer let me know when the fall golf tournament schedule is made up for 1978. I'd like to have a copy and some day I'm going to get to Atlanta to play in one of the monthly matches. I do a lot of reading and keep up with what is going on. Still belong to all the organizations I joined when I was I&E and get the magazines and newsletters and have added others to keep up on the Washington scene. Am on the mailing list of three Regions; two Area S&PF; two national forests and the W/O Friday letter. The best of all is the Dixie Ranger. Norm joins me in sending best wishes to R' & SE Area friends.

WILLA CARSWELL: Here's dues for '78. We had a good year in '77. Spent a lot of time fishing and sunning on our houseboat on Hiwassee Lake at Murphy, NC. Made two trips to Florida; baby sat my nephew in Atlanta 3-times; spent some time in Brevard and a week in Chattanooga at the Dixie Youth State tournament where my nephew pitched for the Duluth, Ga. all-stars. Some fun. Enjoyed the kids and after the games we took the team to Rock City and Lookout Mountain. During my spare time I filled two freezers and about 300 cans of vegetables, jellies, jam and pickles. Retirement is still great-enjoy going and coming as I please. When any of y'all are in the Asheville area, stop in to see us-plenty of room

JERRY GRISWOLD: Here's dues for '77-'78. Thank you for your courtesy.

RICHARD E. ELLIOTT: It's hard to keep up as to who I owe and who owes me, if anyone, and this check should bring me up to date. We keep very busy with a consulting forestry business in the fall, winter and early spring and serving as the curator of a lumberman's museum in Patten, Maine. I marked, estimated, appraised and sold 11 timber sales this fall and cruised four more for other people. It's a busy schedule for a grandfather with 11 grandchildren. We also get in quite a bit of extensive travel. Retirement years are the best of all.

AL SHADDUCK: Here's dues for '78. The main excitement for us last year was that Cherry went to the hospital in August with a broken ankle. As that was about to heal, other complications set in and she didn't get home until 11/15 and was glad of it. She is walking again but not very active. We had planned to attend the picnic 9/15 but, for obvious reasons couldn't make it. Perhaps we can make it this year. Had a nice Christmas with grand and great grandchildren.

DEWEY W. PUCKETT: Here is \$4 for my '78 dues and \$2 for Merl J. Dixon, who wishes to join the Association. I'm sure everyone remembers Merl. He was in R8 for a number of years; retired last year from assignment in Albuquerque, N.M. and living in his new home here. Have a good year ye-ed! (see new members for address).

DON POMMERENING: In enjoying the D-R, I sure get a lot of information on former associates-much better and more meaningful than through regular F. S. channels. Was out of the country for five months from August-December as consultant to the Dept. of Agri. in Iran for 4-months. I worked with the Bureau of Watershed Management and Soil Conservation. After my wife's arrival in late November, we toured in Iran for a week before going to Turkey for 2-weeks. We then joined a tour in Israel and were home 12/31. Believe I'll rejoin the retirees w/in 30-days.

RUTH H. WEAVER: Best wishes to the Dixie-Ranger and those good people responsible for its existence and its publication. It is great. Here's dues for '78.

WILBUR E. BERRY: Here are '78 dues-sorry I'm late. In clearing my desk ran across the D-R which reminded me to pay up. The only exciting thing Louise and I did in 1977 was to fly to San Juan, P.R. and take a wonderful 7-day cruise in the Caribbean. We made one-day stops at five ports, including Caracas, Venezuela. In October visited our children and grandchildren in Maryland and N. C.

NYRA J. RENSHAW: Dues for '78. I received so many fine cards and letters from F.S. friends all over the country, it is so good to hear from them. My son is living in Sitka, Alaska, with the F. S. His wife works in the information center in the summer months. Now they are in Logan, Utah where Richard is taking a training course at the U. They will return to Sitka for another year. Had a terrible summer last year. While at a convention in Pocatello, Idaho I broke a bone in my foot and pulled a tendon, so I spent all summer on crutches. We are hoping for lots of snow this winter as we don't want another dry summer like '77. The only good thing I didn't have to mow the lawn but 2-times.

W. I. STEVENS: Here are dues for '77-'78. Sorry I overlooked them. Best wishes to all retirees. Alyce and I enjoy the D-R so keep them coming. (Ed's note: Mr. W. I. there is a woman named Clare R. Carr, 14 Forman Ave., Petersburg, W. Va. 26847 trying to locate you. Get in touch).

AL FRIEDRICH: I've just read the 10/77 D-R and it's reminded me that if there are so many folks under the D-R umbrella that I enjoy reading about, and hearing from, maybe a few of them we don't get to see at the fall picnic would like to know that Elva and I are still alive and well. Retirement has been good to us. We live on a near acre lot with splendid garden spot, about 200 yards from Lake Lanier, a mile east from Exit 12 on Highway 400, in Deerwood Subdivision. Y'all come see us. The freezer is stacked with everything (Ed's note-except beer) and we have plenty of bedrooms, so give us a ring and come out. We don't do much exotic travel as some do, but put 20,000 miles on our little Pinto visiting our grandchildren (9) in Florida and in Vermont, Ky and families in Nebraska. Keeps us from getting cabin fever. Have finish work on the house to do; look after the water system in the subdivision; church work etc. It's a great life. Here's check for 2-years-hope we can last that long.

ALVIS Z. OWEN: (His swan song letter of thanks): Now that I've become one of you, it is great feeling. I can look back over the years with pride at the accomplishments that have been mine-due mostly to the help and support of you, my many friends, and co-workers of years past. I thank you all for your many kindnesses and good wishes. I am grateful for the opportunity of having known you. The F. S. is a great outfit-the Southern Region is one of the best. Now we can all sit back and watch the younger ones do it - not any better than we did, perhaps, but using newer and more refined methods - but we will be still pulling for them and lending our support where possible. I look forward to seeing you in the years ahead. Vesta and I plan on staying in Hot Springs, and welcome mat is always out. Thanks you for sharing my retirement from government service and making it a happy and memorable occasion.

(Ed's note: How come - two characters in the same carpool and their communications typed by another character in that carpool - have to appear on the same page. If only a letter from Jack Logan, Bryan Sipe, Red Strange and Jack Leffelman could appear here too - what a page it would be! Also Ed Littlehales).

CLARE R. CARR, 14 Forman Ave., Petersburg, W.Va. 26847. I'm trying to locate Wingate Stevens who worked for the F. S. If you have a list of retirees-send me his address. (Ed's note-a directory has been sent to her)

BERTHA CONARRO: I want to thank our many, many friends in the Forest Service again for your kind expressions of sympathy following Raymond's demise. Many of you have kept in close touch with us during our 17-years of retirement from the USFS for which we both were most grateful. It seemed that every 2-3 months during those 17-years, some of you would be passing through Jackson and would stop by to visit with us and several made trips especially to see us. It was always so heartwarming to see any and all of you. The camaraderie is strong within the Forest Service and the friends we acquired within it through the years remain precious to us. I do hope I have expressed appreciation to each and every one of the many of you who sent flowers or memorials, however, Raymond's leaving us so very suddenly left us a little numb and a "thank you" or two might have been overlooked. I shall continue to live in the home we built in Jackson upon retirement in 1961 (2064 London Ave., Jackson, Miss. 39211) and I hope that any of you who venture this way, will give me a call and/or come by to see me.

HERMINE LOVE (again?): Here's \$2 to enroll Mrs. Augusta T. Lipke, 2116 Deerfield Dr., Tallahassee, Fla. 32301, as a new member. Augusta, retired in 1972 or '73 from our office but, for some reason had not been informed of our retiree association. I spent this afternoon with Musette A. Smith and we watched FSU really whip arch rival U of Florida. We are happy about the win. Hope you and your wife have a good Christmas a New Year. Regards.

VIOLA MELTZ: Here is \$2 for another year. Hope it will be a good one for all of us. Enjoy D-R - it rates #1 among my magazines.

RUSS VANCE: Sent in a printed letter all about their travels; activities; and everything else and, as Russ said "Tom - this tells it all". However, I just do not have room to print it all. To all of their friends - the Russ Vances are doing ok.

MILDRED (Mrs. Truman) PRICE: Here are dues for '78. You "red stamped" me. I'm sorry they weren't paid. Here's for 2-years.

SYLVIA BRYAN: Here is check for another year of Dixie Ranger. Happy New Year.

VERNAL E. TAYLOR: Larry Olpin, our Sec-Treas of R-6 30-year club, indicated some of us might be eligible to receive the Dixie-Ranger. Don Swiger sent me several copies, also "red" Harkins in Alabama volunteered to send in my \$2 if I was interested (he didnt do it Vernal). I was D-R on the Waldron at Cold Springs 1934-36 and on the Mena District about 18 years with time out for WWII. Tom Koen, Les Oliphant, Dick Millar, Del Thorsen, Spence Palmer, Jim Froula, John Beal, Johnny Olson and others were my associates. I am interested in subscribing to the Dixie-Ranger. Let me know what is required. (Vernal - send \$2 to the address on the 1st page, together with birth dates of you and your wife-you are a new member as of now and if you dont pay-we'll collect from "Red")

MRS. GRACE (MRS. H.O.) MILLIS: Enclosing ck for '78-'80 to D-R, which I enjoy very much. Where else in these inflationary days could one get so much interesting material on retirees for \$2 a year. I would hate to miss a single issue. If all the R-8 retirees from whom I've received Christmas letters this year, write you regarding their trips to Europe, Hawaii, exotic islands and everywhere in the USA, the next Dixie Ranger should be a whopper. (It is). I'm enjoying Tulsa and adjusting fairly well to my new way of life alone. Spent Christmas with son Richard and family; was impressed with the fabulous Blanchard Spring Caverns. Hope Paul & Flonnie Swarthout write you of their new grandson. Palmers plan to go to Nassau this month and Thelma writes that Roy Rayworth is improving after his last surgery. Best wishes to all R8 retirees for 1978.

ED LITTLEHALES: As the official crhonicler of events, I thought you'd like to have this clip from the local paper about Joe Yensco. I probably should have known that Joe lived in Sarasota-just 18 miles up the road. We used to pick him up in the morning and argue with him all the way to the office. Talked to his daughter and she said he had been in bad health for 3-years with cancer and that it was a blessing he died without pain. Told her he was a member of a very disreputable car pool for awhile until he couldnt stand it any more. Told her we would argue with him all the way to work and she said that she did the same. If Joe said it was white, she'd say it was black, just to get the argument started. I deeply appreciated your comments about the message on our card - and I meant every word I said. If being friends with you includes a promise not to sell your house again - to hell with you. I'd do it in a minute if I had

a chance again. Was Joe the man in TM who loved to use the word "penultimate" in every letter he could possibly find an excuse to use it? I think so and I've never forgotten it. Ennyway, the best of holidays to you. Dont let all the relatives get you down-they're only relatives!

KARL R. MAYER: Guess you figure I'm an ingrate and Jim Cartwright figures I'm a dead beat. We came back from N. Ga. 11/9 and were surprised how little mail had stacked up over six months. One week before Christmas, a substitute carrier brought a bundle to our door which weighed 9½#. Among the mostly junk stuff were several first class letters bills along with your welcome Dixie-Rangers. It is a real lift to read so much, so fast about so many. The enclosed \$10 check is for any use you choose-surely I owe \$2 to Jim Cartwright, and I gather he donated my initial dues. Just use it as you see fit and I hope you keep putting out the D-R. When John Cooper first promoted the Association, I thought the fact I didnt retire from the F. S. ruled me out. From '33 to '58 except military time, I was F. S., then I slipped around with AID and such until retiring in '67. Spent 4½ years in Afghanistan and two in India, earlier 2+ in Liberia. Some fun. You seem to have a special tilt toward the old Fla. N. F. Enclosed photo of noses and foreheads mostly will interest you. Fellow who took it - Thurlow was here yesterday for a brief visit. Wish I had an extra copy. If you can reproduce for your own use help yourself. Great to learn Dot Albert is still ok. My wife had a cancerous left lung removed at Emory in Sept. '76. So far so good. If you have a directory left, would appreciate greatly. (Ed's note: Will send directory. The picture Karl sent is not good enough to reproduce. On the picture were John Cooper, Joe McCullough; Ernie DeSilvia, George Glendenning, EWRenshaw, Bob Parkman. Fred Henneberger, Frank Albert, Hob Howard, Don Morriss, Paul Swarthout, Karl Mayer and a CCC Cook.

MRS. QUINTUS (EUNICE) KYLE: I would like to give you a special thank you for the Memorae Novena Prayer to our Lady of the Snows. I keep it before me on my desk and it is beautiful. Quintus has not had any further serious heart trouble. We are regular visitors to the doctor. We were delighted and honored that you would use your valuable time to write and send us such a nice letter bringing to our minds some pleasant memories of yesterday. Dixie Ranger gets more welcome each time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To all of you who celebrate their birthday during the months of January, February and March. I hope you have had a happy birthday, such as I have in September. May you have many more and P L E A S E to those whose names do not appear on our birthday list - it is your own fault for not sending in your birth date. We don't care how old you are - just, as all of us, have a birthday to be recorded. We welcome additions to our list. Flood me with birthdates- P L E A S E. Re: first line "Who has a "birday"?"

j a n u a r y

- 1 - C. Joe Galloway
- 2 - R. D. Pidgeon
- 4 - Spence Palmer
- 4 - W. D. Patterson
- 9 - Russ Vance
- 10 - Clem J. Wyers
- 14 - Al Shadduck
- 18 - Joe McPherson
- 19 - Rose M. Milot
- 20 - H. C. Eriksson
- 24 - Elva Friedrich
- 26 - E. O. Powers
- 26 - Jean Seely
- 27 - Del W. Thorsen
- 16 - Bea Wagle
- 10 - Fanny Lane
- 26 - Helen "ellhoner
- 22 - Marie Eriksson
- 9 - Lib Collins
- 10 - Caroline M. Taylor
- 15 - Ray W. Phillips
- 22 - H. L. (Hob) Howard
- 5 - Denton H. Bloomer

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- 1 - Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum
- 4 - John Addington
- 8 - Mildred Wilkinson
- 11 - Viola Meltz
- 13 - Lois Burris
- 9 - Louise Scherer
- 14 - Eve Welch
- 14 - Dorothy M. Wyers
- 16 - William L. Snyder
- 18 - Vedene Smith
- 19 - Mary C. Montgomery
- 19 - Mrs. Tom B. Allen
- 22 - Emmett C. Gibson
- 23 - Sam Whaley
- 8 - Mrs. Mary Moyle
- 7 - Clint Johnson
- 12 - Miriam L. Davis
- 26 - Bitsey Lamb

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- 24 - Lesene Mays
- 12 - Leroy Howell
- 2 - Bill Nicholls
- 4 - Evelyn Antonie
- 1 - George James
- 11 - Remer H. Crum
- 8 - Robert Johns
- 23 - W. L. (Lee) Slade

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- 2 - Velma Dunn
- 2 - Charles Shea
- 6 - Ivan J. Nicholas
- 7 - Mrs. Lester P. Schaap
- 7 - C. R. Moore
- 14 - Florence Johnson
- 16 - William P. Allen
- 18 - Clarence M. Covington
- 22 - Guy M. Wilkinson
- 30 - Ruth Boston
- 30 - Lucy Moore
- 30 - Mrs. Kathryn Rhymes
- 28 - Gola Mae Eaton
- 23 - Sam Greenwood
- 9 - Bryan W. Sipe
- 9 - Lena Belle Morriss
- 17 - Willa Carswell
- 17 - Sid Weitsman
- 9 - Baranell Wright
- 19 - Bruce Merrill
- 7 - Mary F. Merrill
- 24 - Jim Carroll
- 4 - Elizabeth H.P. Lowndes
- 10 - Mary W. Hutchins
- 27 - John A. Adams Jr.
- 23 - Sophia Petser
- 5 - Mary Eliz. Kinney
- James Jefferson
- 22 - Lyman Gray
- 4 - Jane Prather

TO FILL IN THIS SPACE

I have received so many beautiful Christmas cards and messages from people who I do not know and do not ever expect to meet - that each year when the new President comes into office - I'm proud to be given the Chairmanship of the Newsletter Committee.. THANKS Rik for the initial appointment - and to all the others and- the current one Doug Craig - I appreciate and enjoy being the Dixie Ranger editor, and will try and continue to do a good job. Anytime you want to fire me - I'll take it the same way as I have taken the honor of being "Ye-ed".

TRAVEL SECTION

I know a lot of our members have been traveling around, as evidenced by some of the 56 letters included herein. However, others have traveled too - such as to Hawaii to Florida and to other places within these great United States. However, I have nothing in writing from our travelers and I cannot, without their permission, dwell or comment on what they did, saw, accomplished. WHY don't you people who travel, let US ALL read about it?????

(Refer to paragraph on the right- I'll bet someone can give CJoe a run for his money. Anyone want to contest it-or CJoe?) - 10 - C. JOE GALLOWAY HAD A BIRTHDAY ON January 1, 1978. He's pretty old.

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I'M SORRY SECTION: To: Frances C. Van Wagner. Your letter was so lengthy, along with the article on Leonard Foster, I'm just going to have to hold it over to the next issue. Our space is limited and have already included too many letters.

To: Norbert W. Poche - same thing - except your letter was personal and I will write U.

TO: Sid McKnight - same thing. Will include your letter in the next Dixie Ranger.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH YENSCO, 3205 Bess Ridge Road, Sarasota Florida, died Friday December 23. Survived by his wife Mildred T. Yensco, a daughter, a brother, a sister and a grandson. Joe was born in Hibernia, N. J., moved to Sarasota 10-years ago from Atlanta. A member of the United church of the Palms-graduate of Syracuse University. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Presbyterian Church of the Palms.

Harry F. Swank: died around Christmas time in Lufkin, Texas. Survived by his wife Mary M. Swank; one daughter; three sons. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity or the American Cancer Society.

Our sympathy to R. I. Lowndes on the loss of his brother Thomas Lowndes, founder and owner of the Lowndes Sign Co. in Atlanta. It is noted that the deceased has two sisters and a brother (R.I.Lowndes) all of whom live in Flat Rock, N. C.

RETIREMENTS

B. W. CHUMNEY - that great dispatcher of the Cherokee N. F. retires after 43 years; 5 Mo. and 18 days. There will be a party for Chum at the Ramada Inn, Cleveland, Tennessee, 7:30 P.M. Friday, February 24. Anyone wanting to find the Ramada Inn - it's easy. How about a bunch of Chumney's friends going up there and giving him a big send off! If any of you have this in mind, make sure you attend to reservations - it's easy!

Jim Hutchins, District Ranger, Lufkin, after 26½ years, says "it's not fun anymore" and has decided to retire. (Thanks for this notice from Mildred Wagner.

MORE "I'M SORRY" To ~~Charles~~ W.J. Welsh- for his letter and magazine. Will explain and publish in the next issue of the R-R.

NEW MEMBERS

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I'M SORRY AGAIN

For my failure to include L. E. Olpin, (my contemporaty) with the 30-Year Club in Portland, for failure to include some of his letter. However, it was sort of personal and to make up for my failure, I promise to write to him because there were some subjects discussed in his letter which have no place in the Dixie Ranger.

RESERVATION APPLICATION FOR LUNCHEON AT PETITE AUBERGE
RESTAURANT FRANCAIS, FOR WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1978.

Shirley Herbert,
U.S. Forest Service
1720 Peachtree Road, NW.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
Phone #881-4191

PLEASE make reservations not later than
MONDAY March 13. You may mail this
reservation form or call #881-4191

I will attend the March 15, 1978 luncheon at Petite Auberge Restaurant - Tocco
Hills Shopping Center, sponsored by the Southern F.S. Retiree Association.

Please reserve _____ places for my party (indicate the number in your party). A
negative response is not necessary. Cost of the luncheon is approximately \$6.00
per person, including tax and tip. It is REQUESTED that no payment be included in
your reservation request. Arrange to make payment at the door. In making payment
by check, make it payable to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association. It is
SUGGESTED that you make reservation by phone - as indicated above.

(If you use this form-sign your name)