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SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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OUR LAST GET-TO-GETHER

Lucile Isbell reports: Where were you and others of our retirees' club who didnt go on the picnic at Brasstown Bald July 24? You all missed a great day of fun, good food and fellowship. Twenty-five of us met at the parking lot at the foot of the mountain and had an hour or so of fellowship with those of our group from the RO and the Chattahoochee that we hadnt seen for sometime. Then the tables were spread with plenty of good food. Then we hopped on the shuttle bus for the top of the mountain. A few hearty ones walked. Even though most of us had been there before, we always see something new and interesting at the top. Especially the arts and crafts exhibit - Harry's art exhibit is always interesting. After viewing the slide show that was beautiful and well narrated, Ranger Jack McCormick welcomed us and brought us up to date on future plans for the exhibits and other plans for the tower. Here are the names of those of us who were there: Art & Judy Grumbine; Bill & Rose Fischer; Paul & Jeannette Russell; Brook & Reva Davis; Bruce & Nettie Alter; Tom & Elaine Robertson (Nettie's brother & sister in law); George & Mary Hoffman; Willie & Birdell Lunsford (prospective

members); Clyne & Olene Woody; Nina Woody; Dorothy Robinson; Cecile Montgomery; Lucile Isbell; Gwinelle Fleming (Lucile's sister); Vedene Smith and Jack McCormick. We parted around 4 p.m. with all agreeing it had been a good day together and said we'd meet again at Stone Mountain, September 19, for our annual picnic. Let's all plan to be there for we have such good times together, just as though we were one great big family. You might be interested to know that some of us stopped in Helen on our way home to see Mary and Bill Joiner. They were well and seemingly happy in their beautiful mountain home.

BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERN TRIP

This trip was not made for the following reasons: (1) A minimum of thirty reservations were required for the charter bus - only about sixteen were received. (2) Paul Russell did a bang-up job of making all the arrangements but (3) Not enough members were interested in making the trip and it had to be canceled. (See Clem Wyers' letter later on reporting that even the trip was not made from Atlanta, some of the members in the Arkansas area did succeed in getting together).

RETIREMENTS

DEL W. THORSEN, Supervisor N. C. N. F., retired June 28 after 38 years service. The Thorsens will make their home at 267 Foxcroft Dr., in Bent Creek.

ANGIE MULE, Kisatchie N. F., retired as of December 31, 1973. Angie will continue to live with her mother in Alexandria, La.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To all those who celebrate their birthdays during July, August & September

JULY

- 1 - Dr. W. D. Buchanan
- 3 - Velma Howard
- 4 - John I. Christensen
- 7 - R. E. Elliott
- 8 - Mamie Patterson
- 10 - Henry Sipe
- 11 - Vera Thorsen
- 15 - Mrs. R. E. Pidgeon
- 15 - Zula Cossitt
- 16 - Norman N. Jones
- 22 - R. M. McKinley
- 24 - L. S. Newcomb
- 23 - Clara Herrick
- 26 - Thelma Cabannis
- 26 - Lew Mielke
- 27 - Rose Fischer
- 27 - Eunice Kyle
- 27 - Thelma Palmer
- 18 - M. C. Howard
- 10 - Baxter Reed
- 2 - J. K. Vessey
- 18 - A. B. Hunter
- 22 - Wayne Higdon
- 14 - Walt Zillgit
- 4 - Ed Carswell
- 15 - Bob Lee
- 25 - Leva Melton

AUGUST

- 3 - Alvin E. Howard
- 4 - Wally Everton
- 7 - Brooke R. Davis
- 9 - Verla McLaughlin
- 11 - Alyce Vance
- 11 - Emory Hunnicutt
- 6 - Margaret McPherson
- 12 - J. Frank Palmer, Jr.
- 13 - M. B. Jones
- 15 - Charley M. Arnold
- 18 - Evelyn Williams
- 18 - Polly Brandt
- 20 - Dewey W. Puckett
- 21 - Porter C. Burris
- 23 - John C. Olson
- 31 - R. M. Conarro
- 21 - Mary Tomlinson
- 21 - Tom B. Allen
- 20 - Norma Vessey
- 8 - Nancy Greenwood
- 7 - Dorothy D. Robinson
- 5 - Don Morris

AUGUST (Cont'd)

- 19 - Mrs. Nick Kemeza
- 22 - Nick Kmeza
- 7 - Haden Melton
- 18 - Hattie Wilson
- 18 - Myrna Fulmer
- 7 - Maude Cartwright
- 31 - Roy Dennis
- 28 - John H. Stone

SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Elsie Buchanan
- 6 - Jo Thompson
- 7 - Elizabeth Mason
- 7 - Lida McKenzie
- 7 - Mary Martin
- 8 - E. B. McNeely
- 9 - Thomas J. Hunt
- 9 - Ralph H. Morgan
- 9 - Thomas Glass Jr.,
- 15 - Winnie M. Posey
- 13 - W. R. Paddock
- 14 - Kay Hofeldt
- 14 - William W. Huber
- 15 - W. H. Fischer
- 15 - Sidney McLaughlin
- 17 - Ruby Cooper
- 18 - Earnest Milot
- 21 - John K. Cross
- 23 - Mrs. Kythe Sears
- 27 - Milton R. Scott
- 27 - LaVerne Nicholas
- 20 - Olene Woody
- 29 - Mary Barnes Hunnicutt
- 28 - Cora Manning
- 20 - Harry Rossoll
- 21 - Ruth Higdon
- Jessie Rayworth
- 27 - Jim Cheek

VACATIONS

Tom & Yvonne Hunt just returned from a 30-day trip to Wisconsin, at which time they attended the 50th High School Class Reunion. Of a total of 60 graduates, forty-four were present at the reunion, including husbands and wives. A good time was had by all.

NOTE: Doesnt anyone else ever attend a class reunion? It would be so nice to report about it BUT unless I get the information in writing - my editorial policy prevents me from reporting hearsay information.

NEW MEMBERS Alberta Jackson, 927 Dallas Rd.
Apt. 12 Greengate Apts. Marietta,
JOHN BUTLER, 1280 Allene Ave., SW, Ga 30060
Atlanta, Ga. 30310

MRS. EVELYN PARTEE and PAUL, 2875 Butner
Road, SW, Atlanta 30331.

SIDNEY WEITZMAN, 2452 Riverglenn Circle,
Chamblee, Ga., 30341.

DONALD A. POMERENING, 8818 Old Mt. Vernon
Road, Alexandria, Va., 22309.

JOHN T. KOEN, 8013 Pickard Ave., NE,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110.

ANGIE MULE, Box 1183, Alexandria, La.,
71301.

WILMA P. HOOPER, 2213 Glenwood Dr., NW
Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

Ye-Ed says: With approximately 300 members
of the Association, I'll bet that from
25-50% of our members know someone who is
eligible and should be a member of our
Association. MAY I ask that someone in Hot
Springs, Ark. work on M. B. Ricker (offer
to pay his \$2 and I'm sure he'll join) and
someone in Texas work on Paul Vincent. Also
that each of you - everywhere - work on someone
they know who should belong to our Association?
Let's build our membership up to around
the potential of 600-700 members!!!!!!!!!!

Some of the above new members, and others,
are probably "subscribing members" but we
welcome their membership in the Association
and their \$2.00 into the Treasury.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

DON POMMERENING: Getting near the retirement
age, so am enclosing \$2 for membership in
So. For. Service Retirement Association. You
can thank Jack McElroy for my recruitment.
We have really homesteaded this time. After
frequent moves, it is good to be starting
the ninth year at the same place. I've
gotten too old for promotions, but still
feel good and produce a day of work. With a
little stimulation, I could get active in
the "Gray Power" organization. I'm sounding
off and hopefully my cries are not always to
deaf ears. Enjoyed the June issue of the D-R.

W. L. "BILL" NICHOLS: Here is my check for
1974. We spent 6-weeks around the first
part of the year with two of our boys and
their families in L. A. It was good to get
away for awhile. Then in April we were gone
for 3-weeks helping our son in Nevada when
his wife had a baby. So between trips out
West and our garden, we have been busy.
Now there is much to do taking care of
produce from the garden. Next time maybe
I'll be more prompt in paying. Keep up the
good work on the D-R. Best wishes.

JAMES R. CHEEK: We continue to enjoy the
D-R and are proud to be members of the
Retiree's Association. Ruby and I still
have hopes of going on one of the trips
with the Assoc. or attending one of the get-
togethers. We had planned to meet the
group at Blanchard Caverns but it didn't
work out. Ruby's niece, 21-years of age,
was burned to death in a house fire at
Greenville, N. C. the last of May. She was
completing nurses training at E. Carolina
School of Nursing and was to have graduated
in February. The fire was caused by a
faulty electrical system. She lived about
10-days but never regained consciousness.
Ruby and I went to Winston-Salem for the
funeral and to be with her brother and
family. Marshall finishes his internship in
2-weeks and graduates from U. of So. Miss.
in August with a degree in Criminal Justice.
Seems ironical though, there is plenty of
crime but sometimes you wonder if there is
any justice! Oh, well, maybe we can tell
if they ever finish the Watergate Mess.
Our regards to all-here's a check for dues.

F. GRADY BURNETT: We left on June 10 for
Richmond and returned June 23. Our daughter
made us grandparents for the second time,
with a pretty little girl on June 5., so
now we have one of each-big boy-little girl.
Our D-R was here when we returned and we
are hoping we can make the trip to Brass-
town. I've entered Norm Hawley as a new
member and will also enter Ed Littlehales.
Hope you had a nice trip to Wisconsin.

SIDNEY WEITZMAN (To Dorothy Smith) Recently
I had a chance to see a copy of the Dixie-
Ranger newsletter. It's a fine publication
and I was impressed. I understand that the
"etiree Assoc. is a strong and vital organ-
ization and I would like to join in the
common cause. Enclosed is my check. If I can
assist in anyway, please let me know.

ANGIE MULE: I wanted to write to find out how to go about getting on the mailing list for the Dixie Ranger - I'm months behind now - any back issues available? Also how can I get on the mailing list for the R-8 News? I have been back from Alaska for over 17-yrs and I still get the R-10 News Sheet. (Ed's note - Angie you're a full fledged member of the Association; your name is on the list to get the Dixie Ranger and am sure the R-8 News before too long - welcome to the club).

ART SCHILLING: Enclosed find my 1974-75 dues. Meant to send them long ago, but advancing years caught up with me. I have had quite a bout with illness and just recently approaching something near normalcy. Your D-R is a most delightful paper. Every one of the few I have received brings back memories of people I knew when I was a member of R-8. It is a great region; one of great accomplishments and I am indeed proud to have belonged to it. My wife and I send our best wishes - we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this August '74. (Congratulations to you Art-and your Mrs.)

CLEM J. WYERS: The May 22 retiree meeting at Blanchard Springs was a big success. Crickett and Jack Logan journeyed over from Fayetteville to see the cave and gave us the low-down on the Razorbacks - Evelyn & Al Williams showed up from Huntsville, Texas. Al was supporting a "Pappy Yokum" beard, which you must see to appreciate. After attending the reunion at Blanchard, Al was one day late to enter the contest at "Dog Patch USA". He'd have won for sure. The Dan Todds - our official photographer, were also here from S. C. Dot and yours truly were also in attendance. Country was beautiful - weather good and all present enjoyed the sights, including a good picnic dinner. Sorry more of you could not make it. (Clem-see explanation earlier in this letter)

SAM JOHNSON: Sorry I again will miss a good get together at Brasstown. Returned from 5-week Texas vacation and found out that the manager of the Atlanta C. C. was searching for a retired person to head up his book keeping department - I start to work next week. The club is in Marietta - have flexible hours. Hope you will have some Monday activities soon, so we can attend.

AL HAYS: As you know, I was in R-4 for over 30-years. I would certainly appreciate it if you would send me copies of the Old Timers' News. I'll send Arlene my dues as soon as I receive the address. Retirement is great. Been catching up on jobs around the house and doing some traveling. Elyse and I are leaving July 23 from New Orleans on a Dutch Freighter for a months voyage to the Caribbean and South America. We thought of meeting you in Arkansas for your visit to the Caverns, but couldnt make it. Really enjoy the Dixie Ranger.

WILMA P. HOOPER: It was good to see you and Eve on your recent visit to the Cherokee. Hope you'll stop by to see us whenever you are up this way. I'm eight years from retirement, but I'd surely like to get on your mailing list to receive the Dixie Ranger. Is there anyway I can be an honorary member or whatever? There are so many of the people I care about that have retired and this seems the best way to keep up with them. I'll appreciate whatever consideration you can give me-let me know the amount of the dues. Thank you. (Ed's Note: Wilma has been furnished the information asked for and she will soon be on our list to receive the D-R as a subscribing member).

NORMAN R. HAWLEY: When the June '74 D-R arrived, I was lolling in my little woodlot, looking out to the five successive ridges leading up to Watauga Gap. Like sentinels around us - each in its proper corner - stood four tall oaks; northern red; white; black and Spanish. Within range of my eye were young dogwood, poplar, white and pitch pine, sassafras, sourwood and mimose. You see, I make careful inventory nearly every week. Yes - Editor - when you were "pretty sure" in final item of current issue that I lived in Franklin, N. C., you were correct. To the point, your appeal that retirees should write - hit me while I was in the mood. Peggy and I count it great good fortune that when we passed this way thirty years ago, we had the sense to look around, remember, and come back. Six years ago we built, and now we have a summer resort, a winter retreat, a logging camp and, in time, no doubt, an old folks' home. Such items of interest about this house and its ties: Much of the framing and finish are

OUR NEXT GET-TO-GETHER

(HAWLEY-Continued)

Doug-fir or Ponderosa pine, possibly from R-6 where I started. Hardwood floors in the hallways and bedrooms are honest "Nantahala Oak" sawn in Franklin. Under carpet is pressed material, bearing the Eugene, Oregon trademark, where Peggy attended U. of O. Our panelling is called "summer pecan" but it is simply that darned hickory - so hated in TSI - now dressed up and sent out to cheer the looks of family rooms. Rather than telling you more, come and see us. **CONFIDENTIAL NOTE TO EDITOR:** If you cannot use the above verbatim, forget it. I dislike being "condensed". Regards. [Ed's note: You'll note Norm that I did not "condense" you one bit).

YE-EDITOR COMMENTS:

The above letters - some twelve of them - have come from a membership of approximately 300 members. Some of the letters were personal letters to ye-editor, but I used them because - while condensed - there were items in the personal letters I knew would be of interest to some of you folks. Letters From Our Membership section seems to be the favorite section of our newsletters. With so many members, ye-ed is somewhat embarrassed that so few of our members see fit to tell us about their vacations - their activities - their interests. I know that I am interested in every letter that is sent in for inclusion in the Dixie Ranger and I'm sure that every one else is interested too. I hesitate to mention, however, that unless we get more communication from our members - the **LETTERS FROM MEMBERS** section is going to F-L-O-P. **PLEASE HELP WITH ANY NEWS THAT YOU HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE**, such as vacations taken; friends you have seen; deaths you have heard of; retirements you have heard of and the mention of **NAMES** of other retirees you have visited or talked with.

WE NEED MORE LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM Y...O...U!

On August 5, Grubine, Eriksson and Ye-ed met with Gerald Scott in the Regional Office and renegotiated several amendments to the Cooperative Agreement, under which the Forest Service will continue to print, collate and address the Dixie Ranger, making it ready for mailing by our Association. We consider the Forest Service has rendered us a great service under this Cooperative Agreement. This is to express our appreciation.

Will be a picnic - the annual one - at Stone Mountain Park - Sky-lift pavilion, the same as last year. It will start at 4:00 P.M. and the group will eat at approximately 6:00 P.M. The date is SEPTEMBER 19, '74. The Association will provide ice, soft drinks, coffee, plates, cups, napkins, and other incidentals. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to spread. It is called to your attention that anyone who wants stronger drinks - this will be a case of **BRING YOUR OWN BEER OR STRONGER SPIRITS**. There will also be a Golf Tournament for **RETIREES** and for members of the **ATLANTA FOREST SERVICE GOLF ASSOCIATION**, beginning at 10:00 A.M. - members of the Atlanta Forest Service Golf Association may start then or later - their preference. W. H. "BILL" FISCHER will be will be the Tournament Chairman for the Retirees. The Golf Tournament, of course, will be at the **STONE MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE**.

SEE reservation blank attached which may be used to mail your reservation or to telephone it to **PAUL OR JEANNETTE RUSSELL AT THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER SHOWN**.

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A GOOD PICNIC - this get-to-gether has been the usual highlight of the year - so let's gather - eat - converse and have a good time.

OBITUARIES

Ye-ed is happy to report that he has **NO** deaths to report. May this section of the Dixie-Ranger continue to be a negative report.

NOTE TO FOREST SUPERVISORS

P-L-E-A-S-E arrange to place the Dixie-Ranger on your mailing list for all news-releases concerning deaths, transfers, promotions and other news concerning **YOUR** forest. We have members in our Association who have worked on every national forest in the Region and those former employees of **YOUR** forest are interested in what is going on. **SO ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.**



HELP WANTED

POSITION AVAILABLE
ALABAMA A. & M. UNIVERSITY
Department of Natural Resource and Environmental Studies

Job Title: Coordinator and Assistant Professor for Timber Harvesting Management degree program.

Job Qualifications: Coordinator shall possess a bachelors and masters degree in related area. Additionally, he must have a combination of training and practical experience in logging and procurement. He must keep current in the logging field by establishing industry contacts and by visiting logging operations and logging equipment manufacturers. Under the framework of the department the coordinator will perform the following duties:

A four year degree program has been formulated at A&M. Coordinator shall see that the four-year program at Alabama A. & M. is implemented. He will teach an indoor course during the regular semester on timber harvesting and a full time 10 week outdoor/indoor timber harvesting summer practicum.

Coordinator shall establish and maintain contact with high schools and junior colleges so as to point out job opportunities in timber harvesting to prospective students. He shall use his industry contacts to point out to industry the availability of his students for employment and to assist students in finding suitable jobs, and in-training apprenticeship. He would also direct efforts towards securing financial support for the program and for trainees.

Salary: Compensations will be competitive and commensurate with training and previous experience.

Availability: Position open, will be filled on or before ^{7,} ~~September 1, 1974.~~

Applications: Candidates should direct their correspondence to:

Dr. G. C. Sharma, Chairman
Department of Natural Resource and
Environmental Studies
Alabama A. & M. University
Normal, Alabama 35762

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RESERVATION APPLICATION FOR
ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN PICNIC

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT. 16

Paul H. Russell
Arrangements Chairman
1686 Springbrook Drive Telephone No. 939-2162
Decatur, Georgia 30033

I Will _____ will not _____ attend the annual picnic at Stone Mountain, Sky
Lift Pavilion, on September 19, 1974, sponsored by the Southern Forest
Service Retiree' Association. Please reserve _____ places for my party.
(Please indicate the number in your party). A negative response not necessary.

(Please sign your name)

All those who wish to play golf at 10:00 A.M. at Stone Mountain Park, should
get in touch with W. H. (Bill) Fischer, and let him know whether you will play
in order that he can line up the four-somes. Bill's telephone #292-9760.
For those who have not read it elsewhere - the golf tournament is also on September
19, and we hope to have a good representative number from the Atlanta Forest
Service Golf Association join us, either at 10 a.m. or later in the afternoon.