



# DIXIE RANGER

SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## OUR LAST MEETING

Was the annual picnic held at Stone Mountain Park on September 18. Because of the rainy weather, the crowd was not as large as usual, although there were approximately fifty in attendance, including Raymond & Opal McKinley from Cleveland, Tenn., guests of W. H. Fischer; Bill Huber's son and daughter in law; Edna Payne's relatives; a new member Rosella Wolf with her husband and other relatives.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Only eleven showed up and, because of the rain, the tournament was confined to a 9-hole tournament. Art Grumbine won the trophy for low net. Newcomb, Grumbine and Tom Hunt won prizes for low net and John Spring won a prize for being nearest the hole on #8 green.

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the last meeting of the year and will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at the Riveria-Hyatt House, 1630 Peachtree Road, (Close to the office) in the Monaco Room. The cost of the luncheon, at 11:45 A.M., will be \$5.25 per person including tips etc. Bar price will be \$1.25. Menu will consist of a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. A reservation blank is included in this issue and the details for making reservations are included in the reservation blank.

No special program is planned other than Committee Reports (in writing) from the various Committee Chairmen. Installation of officers for Calendar Year 1976. A ballot for election of Officers for 1976 is made a part of this newsletter. Please return your ballot by the due date and please - let it be shown by return of ballot - your choice for the new Officers for 1976.

The following members have agreed to run for office and to serve if elected:

ALTERNATE:	W. H. (Bill) Huber Bill Brandau
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## FOREST SERVICE GOLF ASSOC. TOURNAMENT

Was held at Hard Labor State Park on October 27. The winner of the J.K. Vessey Trophy, plus a plaque and \$30 gift certificate was Tom Fendley. 2nd prize of a plaque and \$20 certificate was Gene Jackson; 3rd prize of a plaque and \$15 certificate was Clark Sell. Other winners from 4-9th place were Critchlow; Armfield, Spring, Bowles; Harris; Bowers; Ricketts; Jim Heffner; Sanders and Wilson. Callaway winners of a plaque and \$15 certificate were Sanders; Plaque and \$10 certificate Brown; Plaque and \$5 certificate Lawrence, with other winners Ricketts; Sutton; Munger and Phillips.

## NEW MEMBERS

R. I. LOWNDES, Box 244, Flat Rock, N. C. 28731.

BUNCH NUGENT, Box 622, Murphy, N. C. 28906.

GEORGE W. GLENDENNING, 1321 W. Placita del Rey, Tucson, Ariz. 85704.

Dr. HANS G. ENGLHARDT, Forst Direktor Karlshure Jahnstr, 4 75 Karlsruhe, West Germany. (A friend of Red Strange, who paid his dues-recruited him as a member?)

JACK HAMBRICK (Do not have his address)

NOTE TO MEMBERS: In connection with the new membership of Glendenning & Lowndes, I personally wrote them a letter, told them about our Association and asked them to join. Each were glad to do so - not having previously heard about our organization. I sent them a batch of back issues of the Dixie Ranger and I received their dues and enthusiastic support by return mail. I JUST WONDER how many members we could get if each one of YOU concentrated on those you know who should join up. If you dont want to do anything about it yourself, send their names into COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, C. M. Evenson - he will contact them. I expect we have more new members than shown above, but I am not aware of it.

## OUR SICK & AILING FRIENDS--MEMBERS

According to an account from the 8/8/75 issue of the Alabama Journal, James E. Bylsma, recreation staff officer for Ala. N. F. was listed in satisfactory condition at a Birmingham hospital, after suffering a heart attack. Bylsma, an Indiana native, was in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit of the hospital and a note from someone on or in Alabama, indicated Bylsma was scheduled for open heart surgery on September 24. Have no further information.

I also heard that "Preach" Parsons had a heart attack. Fortunately, I also heard that it was a mild attack and "Preach" was doing "fine". Glad to hear that kind of news.

## OBITUARIES

JIM BALLARD, passed away on July 12. Jim began his F. S. career in 1939 as a fire guard on the Coeur d'Alene in Idaho. Over a period of 30-years he worked on the Nantahala; Francis Marion and was Ranger on the Tellico from '49-'57. Transferred in '59 to RO in Denver and retired in October '69 from timber staff position on the Gunnison. On retiring Jim built a home and lived at Solana Beach, Cal. For those who would like to contact June Ballard, she is living at 150 Nardo, Solana Beach, Cal. 92075. B. W. Chumney, from whom the above was received, says "Jim was a man among men and, reflecting 40 years of work in the F. S. For many, I'd have to put Jim at the top". (Thanks Chum).

RUBY SIBLEY HARPER: Died September 12 in Alexandria. Ruby was not a member of the Association but was a good friend. She worked in Alex under a fellow named Fitch in the original acquisition program under the Weeks' Law. She could make an old manual typewriter sing. One of the things I remember about her was a time when I left my wallet at home and asked her if she had a couple of bucks that were not working - she told me "Mr. Tom I always have a couple of bucks "not working" for you. As I said above-she was a good friend. Thanks to Mary W. Hutchins - a member - for sending me the clippings from the Alex paper.

RUTH HUGHES HIGDON: Wife of J. Wayne Higdon, died on October 3. Ruth worked for me in the RO. Had a lot of brothers, sisters, daughters and parents. Those who wish to express their sympathy may do so by writing to J. Wayne in Franklin, N. C. address in the directory.

## LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

MRS. ELIZABETH LOWNDES: Thanks for your interesting letter and for the back copies of the Dixie Ranger. You really "took a tuck in time" for us and provided interesting and welcomed news of many people meaningful in our lives. Congratulations to the staff of the Association and to the Editor of the D. R. Since our retirement, making a new life in place and pace, we regretfully have lost touch with many who meant so much to us. It's good to, at least, hear of them. Memories are stirred and hopes that our paths will cross again. It would have been a happiness to have shared the picnic on the 18th at Stone Mountain. We have memories of picnics and climbing Stone Mt. when it was as the Lord first made it - before the days of carvings and development. Have not been there since the early '20s, I guess when we went by street car from near the entrance which is now the UNDERGROUND at the corner of Pryor-Alabama. We are visiting with our son Richard and grandson - almost 16 years old and granddaughter - 11. Richard came and took us over by plane and will fly us back home. Let us hear from you and come and visit with us.

HERBERT G. KNOCH: Here's dues. Enjoy your newsletter for keeping us informed and aware of each other. I particularly enjoyed hearing of Sylvia Bryan and my old Chief on the Nantahala-Phil. Would like to hear whether you got in touch with Bill-Blanche Paddock while in Wisconsin in July. My health is a bit fragile so I don't get out much anymore but I do so much enjoy hearing of all of my old friends and co-workers, especially such as Paul Swarthout and others. Personal regards and keep the Dixie Ranger coming 2me

DEL W. THORSEN: Encl. check and new address. Not much news - made our annual trip to Minn. this summer, doing a little consulting and still trying to break into the 90s on golf. Keep up the good work with the Dixie Ranger. (ed's note - because of change in address, del hasn't been getting the D-R, so I sent him a mess of back issues and a directory. Wonder he got them - he hasn't told me!!!!!!!!!!!!)

GEORGE W. GLENDENNING: Here is my \$4 check for induction into our Association. Please thank my "Intervenor" the next time you visit "E" in the RO. Didn't know what we were missing by not getting the Dixie Ranger. Our home is next door to our son and his family. The acreage is covered with Palo Verde and Ironwood trees taller than the houses. Our granddaughter is in the second grade - grandson is five and looks like me. My son is Sales Rep for Cooper Aerial Survey & Mapping - they cover San Fran and Denver and points South. DeSilvia stopped to see us in '74 enjoyed seeing them and we talked about the Phil Bryan's and others when we were in Hot Springs, Tallahassee, Jackson & Atlanta. The first half of '75 I was in St. Mary's Hospital three times at two month interval for 39 days. The three operations on my left eye were the cause - my vision now is ok. My wife's name is spelled Carriell - thanks for the D-R and best wishes.

WALLY PRATER: We got word about the picnic in plenty of time and had made plans to be there as the beginning of a trip north for about a month. We were looking forward to seeing everyone. Unfortunately we can't get there again. About four weeks ago 'Cille had a severe and acute attack of arthritis in her knees. She couldn't walk or even stand up so I had to put her in a wheelchair. It has been slow but she is getting better. She can get around without the wheelchair or walker, but she has to take it easy and rest a lot. I'm sure it will eventually be ok but it might take awhile. So we won't be there to see you, Yvonne and all the rest of our friends. Being so far away from the center of activity makes it awfully nice to have a get together once in awhile. Say hello to everyone for us please and if you can stop by here sometime, will be glad to have you. Other than 'Cille's knees, we're getting along fine. And from Lucile: I've found out that "happiness is" being able to do your own housework - hope. I'll soon be able to again. I'm able to roll around and do quite a lot now and Wally is doing a wonderful job.

MARY W. HUTCHINS: Here's my dues - enjoy the D-R and reading about so many of my friends. Keep 'em coming. Changes in Postal Dept. caused my address to be changed, altho I'm living in the same place. (Change noted).



RICHARD E. ELLIOTT: Here's my dues to pay up. Have been retired eight years and they're good years. Besides a good consulting forestry business, we've found time to travel in every state in the Union except Hawaii- we have flown there and in all of the Canadian provinces plus the Yukon. Have been to New Zealand, Australia and the Fiji Islands and spent two months driving in a U-drive around Europe. Plan to leave for Russia in Nov. for a brief tour-our first experience on a group tour. Summertime I'm curator in a Lumberman's museum in Patten-Northern Maine. We keep busy-best regards to Betty Croke.

VAN B. ELLIOTT: Here's dues-enjoy the D-R and welcome each issue. Enjoy learning of the whereabouts of my F. S. friends and their various activities. Enjoy being in Sunday School each week with Ray Phillips. While with the CCC I enjoyed working with Ranger Woody, Roscoe Nicholson and the young rangers, Bill Bergoffen, Milt Bryan, Joe Ennis and HOMills. I was an L.E.M. with the first CCC camp, located not too far from Woody's Gap and I worked for some good men like Walter Woody, Ruf Ed. Baker, Cline Woody, AASimonton, Ferd Welchel and Jim Abercrombie and, after building chimneys, dwellings and other things, I was made Proj. Supt. when Jim Abercrombie was called to report for Army duty just prior to the CCC camp being moved to Camp Stewart, Ga. I enjoyed all the F. S. people I met, especially Victor A. Griswold who was best man at our wedding nearly forty years ago. If anyone knows what has become of Vic, I would like to know. Still laying brick with the City of Atlanta-my wife "Steve" is coordinator of English for Fulton Co. Our son "Bo" is a doctor and plans to practice medicine in S. C. and our daughter Jennifer is Secretary to an official of U. S. Gypsum Co. Enjoy my retirement with visits to the refrigerator - watching TV and I also enjoy the Dixie Ranger-thanks Tom Hunt.

JOHN W. WOOD: Summer has flashed by in a beautiful blur -beachcombing mostly in remote Bahamian Islands, marred only by missing a one time forestry class reunion. Until next summer, Ruthie will teach children with a reading problem-I'll maintain house, yard and boat-agreeing with Don Morris that maintenance time is unbelievable.

JOHN H. COURTENAY: Your note in Newsletter #III-1975 about the Navy Crockett N. F. tug of war accused me of "hiding behind someone much smaller". Just to set the record straight what I was doing was pulling so damn hard it had me drawn up into a little-bitty knot of pure concentrated power. No one else exerted quite that much effort (and, therefore, did not contribute as much pulling power) and appeared much larger in comparison. There are logical, scientific explanations for all apparent incongruities if one will approach with an open, truth-seeking mind. Incidentally, I've reached the stage when I know more people mentioned in the Dixie Ranger than I do in the R-8 newsletter. This probably indicates I'm about ready for membership in the S.F.S.R.A. I even see names in the D-R of folks who are still working, so maybe I already qualify. Are you ready to accept me yet? (Ed's note: John we'd love to if you can qualify and you can if: (1) Are you 55 w/30 years service? (2) Are you retired? If not (1) (2) you can qualify as a subscribing member - pay your \$2 a year - send us your home address and you'll receive the D-R direct to your home. That's the best we can offer - PLEASE accept it!)

EDITORIAL: In reading so far, you'll note that ~~ONLY TEN LETTERS~~ were received for this issue of the newsletter. With 300+ members, it would seem that, at least, 10% of the members would write and tell us what they're doing so their friends would know too. Ten letters represent between 3-4% of the membership. As pointed out in previous issues of this newsletter, the popularity of the letter is based on news from our members. I don't know of any of our 300+ members who are unable to write - the record proves otherwise, however, so how about 10-20-30% of you members prove to Ye-ed and others that you can and are willing to write. Please!!!!!!

#### OTHER NEWSLETTERS

Received a nice letter, including SOUTHERN STATION HIGHLIGHTS from Ernie Finger, Asst. Director for Research Support Services, So. Station. Included letters from "ramblings" or letters from their retirees and they were from John Lau; Don Fassnacht; William F. Bennett; Thomas C. Croker; Art Verrall; Phil Wakely; Lillian Redon; C.F. Burnham; Walt Broadfoot; Ray Bell; Inez Weiser; Phil Wheeler; Les Orr; Jimmie Rawls; Jeannette Villere and Elmore S. Even. Wish space permitted reproducing SEStation contribution. Just don't have the space.

## NEWS OF INTEREST

To those who do not get the R-8 Newsletter, you might be interested in a "squib" from their recent issue (August-'75)

"The Forest Service Aero Commander crashed near Layonia in Franklin Co. Ga. on July 22. The two pilots, W. P. Merrill & Carl Pruitt, both of the Air Management unit in the R. O. were killed. Pruitt reported for his first day with the F. S. the day before and he and Bill were on an orientation flight over North Georgia when the accident occurred. I wish, as Editor of the Dixie Ranger, to join for our Association in extending sympathy to the families of these two fine men.

## WEDDING BELLS

Betty Croke - Women's Activities Major-Domo in the RO - and Ed B. (Rip) Williams, were married on October 3. May we extend our congratulations and best wishes to this happy couple. Looking forward to greeting them at our next meeting.

## NEW MEMBER

In talking to the Membership Chairman, C. M. (Eve) Evenson, he informed that Robert Redmond was a new member. As a whole lot of you know, "Robert" worked in the supply room in the Regional Office under Robert U. Cobb and - as a general rule - when anyone wanted service - all he had to do was to call on "Robert" and the service was almost instant. Welcome ~~aboard~~ aboard Robert.

## BROWSING AROUND

Meeting Sid Weitzman for the first time at the Stone Mountain picnic on September 18. Also getting to talk over our Dixie Ranger problems with The Regional Forester - Leroy Bond--- who assured me that if we had any trouble in connection with our Coop. Agreement to get in touch with him.

Being able to sit with Matt Harriger - a member of the R8 F. S. Golf Association - incidentally he was low net at the 9/18 tournament. He told me that by getting acquainted with the Forest <sup>Service</sup> Group saved his life. Besides that - he's a pretty good golfer.... and a fine fellow.

## OUR TRAVELING MEMBERS

Attendance at the recent Society Meeting in Washington, D. C. included the following: Paul & Jeannette Russell; Larry & Evelyn Newcomb; Art & Judy Grumbine; Rik & Marie Eriksson; Caroline & Arthur Hartman, Roy & Thelma Bond, Ira & Tena Bray.

From personal knowledge, I know a lot of our members have traveled all over the country but without information from them or to print it without their permission, I'll just have to ignore it. I realize that a lot of travel information is included in letters from members section of this newsletter - but - with 300+ members - I should have more to report than is indicated by the apparent small response to all the plea and requests which I have made.

TO ALL MEMBERS: Do you want this Dixie-Ranger to continue to report on your activities? If so - how about letting us hear from Y.....O.....U.....!

I have just run out of material to include here in. As a reminder, however, please look at the ballot attached to this newsletter and vote for the ones of your choice as officers for the coming year.....

And to all you who plan to attend our next meeting at the Riveria-Hyatt House on December 3 - look over the reservation slip and send it in by the due date, or call and make your reservation with the one indicated.

To all Committee Chairmen - (Refer to Vol. V, #1, Dixie Ranger of February 1975) and present your report in writing at the December 3 meeting.

To all members in the Atlanta or surrounding area - how about coming and joining us for a good meeting. There are a lot of you folks who have never attended a meeting but are close enough to do so. Y'ALL COME and visit with us.

## BIRTH DAY GREETINGS

To those whose birthday comes during the months of October-December inclusive:

### OCTOBER

4 - Frances Powers  
6 - Jeannette Russell  
6 - Ola B. Hooper  
6 - Elizabeth Van Alstein  
2 - Chole Todd  
13 - Emily T. Elliott  
13 - Mrs. John K. Cross  
14 - Opal McKinley  
21 - E. M. (Red) Harkins  
21 - Lucille Scott  
23 - Elizabeth Glass  
30 - Quentus A. Kyle  
30 - Eula Addington  
30 - Ola Moore (Mrs. C. R.)  
15 - Ruby B. Cole  
16 - Herbert (Hank) H. Scherer  
19 - Osie Leinart  
4 - Hazel Reed  
?? - Betty Hanlon  
17 - Jack Fortin  
23 - P. R. Wilson  
14 - Jim McBride  
13 - John Butler  
28 - Jo Knight  
12 - Fesol (Mrs. Grady) Burnett

### NOVEMBER

1 - Ruth H. Weaver  
2 - Harold J. Lentzenich  
7 - George W. Cabannis  
8 - Wesley Brewer  
17 - Ralph H. Posey  
12 - Evelyn Newcomb  
15 - Stanley R. Dunn  
22 - Dorothy Smith  
26 - Stanley Johnson  
28 - Clinton S. Herrick  
28 - Eugene C. Reichard  
29 - Nyra Renshaw  
30 - Annie C. Snyder  
14 - Paul Thomas  
16 - Myrtle Thomas  
14 - Dan Todd  
?? - Carl G. Krueger  
12 - Gladys L. Jones  
2 - Edna Howard  
28 - Lee Thomas  
17 - Frank E. Fulmer  
24 - Jim Cartwright

## BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER (Continued)

9 - Laverne McBride  
26 - Paul Partee  
19 - Lucy Childrey  
10 - George James  
19 - Larry Mays  
11 - Maree Swofford

### DECEMBER

2 - Marion W. Ruffin  
3 - Nellie B. Jones  
3 - Walter J. Gray  
4 - H. O. Mills  
4 - Hazel Olson  
5 - William Irby  
6 - Bertha Conarro  
12 - Fran Christensen  
13 - Mrs. Al Shadduck  
15 - Lucille Isbell  
17 - Edna Payne  
22 - C. M. Evenson  
22 - Howard A. Miller  
24 - Harvey Boston  
18 - Erma Miller  
6 - Lois Hunter  
28 - Pauline Yelverton  
28 - Sadie Allen  
21 - Alberta Stone  
6 - Don Pommerening  
?? - Flonnie Swarthout  
23 - Carriell Glendenning  
16 - R. I. Lowndes

Also to several late ones received:

March 4 - Elizabeth Hunt Plumb Lowndes  
??????? - George Glendenning

MAY 4 - F. Grady Burnett  
8 - Rosella Wolf  
5 - Milt Bryan

JULY 14 - Richard Wolf  
?? - Paul Swarthout

AUGUST 19 - Bill Cornutt

NOTE: We are still lacking the birth dates of our members - with 300+ members, plus their spouse, it is estimated we should have at least four hundred more names to extend BIRTHDAY GREETINGS. How about sending YOUR NAME in!!!!!!!!!!

RESERVATION APPLICATION FOR LUNCHEON AT RIVERIA-HYATT  
MOTEL FOR WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 3, 1975

Elizabeth Moore,  
U. S. Forest Service, Room 812  
1720 Peachtree Road, NW  
Atlanta, Ga. 30309  
Phone #526-3841

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS NOT LATER THAN  
FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 28, 1975

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ attend the December 3, 1975 luncheon at the Riviera-Hyatt Motel, sponsored by the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for my party. (Please indicate the number in your party. A negative response is not necessary. Cost of the luncheon is \$5.25 per person including tax-tip. You may include a check to cover or pay at the door. Checks should be made payable to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association. Other details are included in the newsletter as to menu-program. You may call in your reservation by phone to Elizabeth Moore.

(Please sign your name)

BALLOT FOR VOTING ON OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE  
RETIREE ASSOCIATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976. JUST A FEW  
MINUTES STUDY OF CANDIDATES AND A 10¢ STAMP WILL DO THE TRICK

FOR ALTERNATE (TO REPLACE PAUL H. RUSSELL  
WHO AUTOMATICALLY SUCCEEDS TO OFFICE OF  
PRESIDENT:)

W. H. (BILL) HUBER

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BILL BRANDAU

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(Vote for One Only)

FOR SECRETARY

SHIRLEY McNELLY

( )

JOHNNIE SMITH

( )

(Vote for One Only)

TREASURER

F. GRADY BURNETT

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LUCILLE ISBELL

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(Vote for One only)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (To replace  
Chris Thompson. This for 3-yr term)

C. M. (EVE) EVENSON

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DOROTHY SMITH

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(Vote for One Only)

PLEASE COMPLETE and mail your ballot to reach the Secretary's Office, not later than NOVEMBER 25, 1975. MAIL BALLOT to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association, Suite #800, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW., Atlanta, Georgia. 30309