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OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be a luncheon meeting at the Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center. The date is June 20, 1979, with the usual time of 11:30 A.M. to assemble. They promise a good meal and, I'm sure, there will be a program of some kind. In our previous issue of this "rag", it was mentioned that Peggy Nelson, Secretary to Congressman Fowler would be our speaker. As usual, no reservation blank is included herein, since 95% of those attending come from the area where phone reservations can be made. FOR RESERVATIONS, call Shirley Herbert, #881-4191, and arrange to pay at the door. There will be door prizes and, as usual, a lot of conversation and fun for all. Let's have a good turnout for this June 20 meeting-hear!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

There was no Board meeting since the last issue of the D-R - nothing to talk or decide on. No problems!

OUR LAST MEETING

Was a luncheon at Petite Auberge Restaurant. Our President opened the meeting by introducing guests, which included our program Larry Whitfield, Regional Forester, and John Vance, S.E. Area Chief. Also Roman Pfeffer, Mary Mayer, Evelyn Phillips; Eriksson's guests June & Mike Motel and the Gainesville group George Hoffman, Bruce Alter and Brooke Davis and their wives. Our Treasurer, while reporting us as "broke" reported a balance of \$1159. Reports given about Polly Brandt being in the hospital; A.W. Hartman being home again from the hospital; the death of Dorothy McMurtrie's husband; Olga Rossoll being under the doctor's care and Harry having an excuse to miss this luncheon. A report by ye-ed on the FS-X picnic on April 19-with invitations extended by Bill Irby & Don Morriss for our members to attend. Rip Williams gave an excellent legislative report in connection with the programs in Congress. Larry Whitfield and John Vance gave us a good report on what is going on in the Forest Service and S&PF. The retirement of Joe Couch; Roy Bond and Rex Dressler was announced. I think it was Larry Whitfield who told a tale about a fishing rod given to him by Bill Branch a long time ago and indicated he had spent 35¢ maintenance since then. Dorothy Smith was in charge of door prizes, assisted by Roman Pfeffer, and Bill Fischer, Mary Meyer, Doug Craig, Lew & Helen Whipple, Lida McKenzie, Judy Grumbine, Walt Gray and Lucille Isbell were the winners. Walt Gray ought to go to Las Vegas and try his luck-he wins a door prize each time.

TO MAKE THIS ACCEPTABLE AS "OFFICIAL" TO JUSTIFY OUR COOP. AGREEMENT WITH THE F. S.

Readers of the DIXIE RANGER might be interested in an update on our history activities, especially since so many of you are active participants in the program. Approximately 50% of our historian's time is devoted to our oral history program. To date, we have eleven tape recorded interviews with R-8 pinneers. The interviews consist of the narrator's recollections of his F. S. work in the Southern Region with emphasis on interpretation of facts. Our roster of interviewees include such familiar and respected names as: Arthur W. Hartman, former assistant regional forester in charge of fire control-a "Yankee fire exclusionist" who came down South and became a "born again" advocate of prescribed fire; Gaylord "Lum" Knight, the first and, for many years, the only communications/electronics expert in the entire region, and Harry Rossoll, the Region's first illustrator and Smokey Bear artist. The other half of the history effort is directed toward the production of a written interpretive history. Art Hartman is acting as collaborator, and has assisted the historian in developing an outline. Chapter one, an introduction and overview, is almost completed. Subsequent chapters will address in detail such topics as land acquisition, the impact and contributions of the CCC, the emergence of planned use of fire and the development of state and private forestry organizations. On the administrative side, all the historical materials on hand have been organized. A tape cataloging system and outline format have been developed, along with a photo cataloging system with cross-reference to the tape recording. Several of you have responded to our request for written memories. Excellent manuscripts have been received from Norman Hawley, Arthur Grumbine, Jack Well-horner and Dorothy Robinson. We are grateful to these retirees, and to others, who have sent photographs and given us "leads" on additional sources of information. Although personal thank-you's have been sent to each retiree who has written us, we appreciate this opportunity to thank you publicly. And that is where the program stands now. We feel good about the progress that has been made, but anxious and impatient to see more information pulled together. I'd like to add that at many points the program would have faltered and perhaps failed without the contributions of retirees. We certainly need your help - and many of you are responding by giving freely of yourselves in time and effort.

MARCH 23, 1979 THE FRIDAY NEWSLETTER: REORGANIZATION: In response to our inquiry requesting clarification on the date the President will submit his reorganization plan to Congress, the chairman of the White House Reorganization Working Group for press matters, said that now they expect to submit the plan in May. Previous administration statements had indicated that the plan would be sent to Capitol Hill in Late March-early April.

2,4,5-T USE ON RANGELANDS: The environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in their 3/1 emergency suspension of 2,4,5-T and silvex use, did not suspend the use of these products on rangeland, including noxious weed control. Dr. Cutler has informed that the F. S. can continue to use 2,4,5-T and silvex as long as we follow the project selection criteria approved on 2/13.

FROM OPEDA NEWSLETTER: By the time you read this, the President probably will have signed into law the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. Mike Causey's Federal Diary Column in the Washington Post is quoted: "If the system works well, it should mean the best people will be rewarded for being good managers, and the mediocre or average managers who now get longevity raises simply for remaining alive will get minimum increases. If the system is abused, perish the thought, and favoritism rears its ugly head, it will mean unfair or politically minded bosses will have a new pipe-line into ^{the} federal cash register to reward their friends and punish the less cooperative. Perish the thought."

ALSO from OPEDA - something about "flex-time". Employees can now choose their time to go and leave work. They can work alternate 4-day and 5-day weeks. Work days can be 9-hours and average 40-hours a week, giving them 26-three day weekends a year. Another plan calls for a 10-hour day and 4-day work week. (How about some of you retirees who worked each week end and, sometimes, all night when the woods were burning on the forests where you worked?)

OBITUARIES

Clinton S. Herrick, Jr., 2758 Glenbriar Dr., NE, died on Wednesday April 25. His funeral was on Friday, April 27, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, with burial in Saint Louis #2 cemetery, New Orleans. Clint, a retired Forest Service employee, was past president of So. For. Ser. Retiree Assoc., American Society of Training & Development and a 50-year member of the Society of American Foresters and a member of the Syracuse University Alumni Assoc. Surviving are his wife Clara Sere Herrick; three sons Clinton S. Herrick III of Saint Johns, Newfoundland; Ross V. Herrick of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. and Christopher S. Herrick of Tucker. A sister Mrs. Laura Ross of Summitt, N. Y., a brother Allyn M. Herrick of Jefferson, N. Y. and step mother Mrs. Laura R. Herrick, Syracuse. Contributions may be made to Atlanta Lung Assoc.

FRANCES J. COPE VAN WAGNER: Died on January 28. She was a member of the St. Luke's Episcopal church and retired from the Forest Service after 33 years service. Surviving are her husband, J. L. Van Wagner, four nephews and two nieces. (See the letter from J.L. Van Wagner included herein). (Thanks to Chumney for this obit).

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FOLLOWING

Mary Jo Mayfield, on the death of her mother who died about March 25. Mary Jo and Frank attended the funeral in Mena, Ark.

Dorothy McMurtrie, on the death of her husband James, who passed away on March 12.

Olene (Mrs. Clyne E) Woody, on the death of her mother who was 104 years, 11 months and 26 days young. (See letter from Olene herein)

I am sure there are others to whom we should extend sympathy BUT unless someone tells me about it, there is nothing I can do about it, and I prefer it in writing too.

In a phone call from Evelyn Partee, I was informed of the death of Lois Ament's husband. Lois worked for the F. S. for about 15-years and is now retired.

NEW MEMBERS

Gladys H. Nevers, Apt. 234, 217 Berwyn Dr., W., Mobile, Ala. 36608 (W.J. Welsh)

James R. Padgett, Route 3, ^{Box 84J} Elkton, Va. 22827

Nolan O'Neal (what a good Irishman) 521 Wayne Dr., Wilmington, N.C. (Walker P. Newman).

Dr. T. M. McLintock, 75 Cambridge Rd., Asheville, N. C. 28804 (Walt Smith).

Robert W. Larson, 13314 Reid Lane, Fort Washington, Md. 20022 (Don Morriss).

Elbert C. Wilkey, Box 1063, Asheville, N. C. 28802 (Lew Mielke, who also paid dues for George Morgan-a member-thanks Lew)

DIRECTORY CHANGES IN ADDRESSES

Fred N. Newnhan, Rt. 2, Box 445A - from Box 307- Floral City, Fla. 32636

W.J. Welsh. Correct the spelling from a Welch with a "c" to one with an "s". (Mr. Chief: I wish the difference between a "c" and an "s" in your name, is all I'd have to worry about-ye-ed).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - FROM:

The Tannehill family and Louisiana Forestry Foundation for \$10 memorial to George M. Tannehill.

So. Arizona Division-American Heart Assoc. for contribution of \$10 for George Glendenn-ing.

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Miss. for \$10 memorial to Mrs. Bertha M. Conarro.

Merriam Park Developpment Achievement Center for \$10.00 as a memorial to Sid Weitzman.

Macon County Public Library, Franklin, NC. for \$10.00 as a memorial to Sam Greenwood.

Cancer Society-cleveland, Tenn. for \$10 as a memorial for Glynn Markham.

We also have letters from Peggy Markham, Mrs. Conarro's daughter; George Glendenning Jr., Sid's son; and the Tannehill family.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to those who have birthdays in the months listed below. While some folks fuss at me for asking for their birth dates - a whole lot of them have ignored me and have sent in their birth dates--happy birthday to all of you below and to those I've added, since the last greeting in the January 1979 issue of D-R.

JULY

3 - Velma Howard
 4 - John I. Christensen
 7 - R. B. Elliott
 8 - Mandie 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
 14 - Walt Ziglette
 4 - Ed Carswell
 15 - Bob Lee
 25 - Leva Melton
 25 - Mildred Wagner
 9 - Ann Stradt
 14 - Richard B. Wolf
 8 - Paul Swarthout
 27 - Joe McCullough
 12 - Phyllis Rea
 13 - Walter W. Woody
 1 - Willie Lunsford
 1 - Alyce Stevens
 15 - Julius Saxon
 27 - Millie Jones
 4 - Fred Newham
 21 - Aileen Newham
 19 - Ed Littlehales
 16 - Dorothy F. Albert
 6 - Dot Slade
 3 - Bruce Alter
 11 - George Jemison
 20 - Eula B. Durham
AUGUST (Cont'd)
 30 - Ruth C. Hatcher
 21 - Walton R. Smith
 31 - Bob Larson

AUGUST

3 - Alvin E. Howard
 4 - Wally Evertson
 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 Puckett
 21 - Porter C. Burriss
 23 - John J. Olson
 21 - Mary Tomlinson
 21 - Tom B. Allen
 20 - Norma Vessey
 8 - Nancy P. Greenwood
 7 - Dorothy D. Robinson
 5 - Don Morriss
 19 - Mrs. Nick Kemcza
 22 - Nick Kemcza
 7 - Haden Melton
 18 - Myrna Fulmer
 7 - Maude Cartwright
 31 - Roy Dennis
 28 - J. H. Stone
 9 - Roxie Howell
 6 - Gaylord Knight
 25 - Albert B. Childrey
 24 - Joe W. Pritchard
 19 - Bill Cornutt
 7 - Lurline L. Coleman
 27 - Mary C. McCullough
 29 - Birdelle Lunsford
 1 - Earline Haynes
 12 - W. J. Welsh
 15 - Mrs. W. J. Welsh
 31 - Marian Benson
 27 - Edna Littlehales
 8 - Marge Ellenberg
 15 - Norman Hawley
 ?? - Lillian Jefferson
 20 - Helen Swiger
 4 - Merlih Dixon
 23 - Corbett J. Durham
 16 - Maida L. Thomas
 28 - W. C. (Bill) Branch

SEPTEMBER

6 - Elsie Buchanan
 6 - Jo Thompson
 7 - Elizabeth Mason
 7 - Lida McKenzie
 8 - L. B. McKeely
 9 - Thomas J. Hunt
 9 - Ralph H. Morgan
 9 - Thomas Glass, Jr.
 15 - Winrie M. Posey
 13 - William R. Paddock
 14 - Kay Hofeldt
 14 - William W. Huber
 15 - W. H. Fischer
 15 - Sidney McLaughlin
 17 - Ruby Cooper
 18 - Earnest W. Milot
 21 - John K. Cross
 23 - Mrs. Kythe Sears
 27 - Milton R. Scott
 27 - LaVerne Nicholas
 20 - Olene Woody
 28 - Cora Manning
 20 - Harry Rossoll
 ?? - Jessie Rayworth
 27 - Jim Cheek
 4 - Gil Stradt
 30 - W. C. (Bill) Lee
 26 - Elizabeth B. Loch
 18 - Bill Clarke
 24 - Mildred Price (Mrs. Truman)
 15 - Ed Ellenberg
 15 - Burt Kinney
 17 - Iris Craig
 12 - Mary F. Pullium
 24 - Ben Hughes
 19 - Christy Dixon
 3-- Caroline Hartman
 5 - A. W. Hartman (87)
 23 - E. L. Demmon
 12 - Kay Strange
 25 - Wilma B. Hooper
 Plus a few recently received:
 3/10 - Marie Chandler
 4/4 - Leonard Chandler
 5/5 - Byrl Larson

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

GEORGE W. GLENDENNING, JR.: Thanks for your warm letter and to the Retiree Association for the memorial contribution of \$10. My apologies for not having written more details about the folks' death. They moved to Tucson in 1972 and bought a house next door to ours. We had 6½ yrs together as neighbors and were able to see their grandchildren Mary Carolyn (10 years old) and George William (8-yrs old). Mary wants to be a nurse and George W. will either be a used car salesman or President. My wife, Pam, was very close to my parents. She, at present, is majoring in Advertising Art and hopes to start a second career, in lieu of a housewife, mother and student. I am now 35-years old and in Business Development Manager for Cooper Aerial Survey Co. I am currently President of Sales & Marketing Executives of Tucson. Enjoy photography, travel hunting and gun collecting. My mother was losing her battle with arteriosclerosis when they moved here; had to be hospitalized and then to a nursing home and was never able to come home again, but dad visited her daily and his last one was Labor Day 9-4-78 and on that day he called and wasn't feeling well. I got him to the hospital but he died the following day. There was a lapse of 52 days between their deaths. They are buried in Holy Hope Cemetery Veterans Lawn in Tucson. If any friends want to make individual memorials, we suggest donations to the American Heart Association or have a Mass said for them. Please send me a copy of the Dixie Ranger in which this information is published. I won't require any future issues. Thanks again.

CHARLES A. CONNAUGHTON: Appreciate your recent letter with so much news. I have cut grass, spaded the flower beds and continue to grow stronger. I got a ragtime record piano solo to play and it stimulates my exercising as well as the memories associated. Herb Stone and I went on a hike last week. I had a nice letter from A. W. Hartman too. My regards to all mutual friends in the area. Your directory gives me allocation on several old friends. Also regards to your wife-I remember her playing "Stardust" for me on a visit to your home with Phil Bryan one time.

W. M. "BILL" IRBY: Your "obit" column shook me up when I learned about Sam Greenwood, Jake Stauffer, Frances J. Cope Van Wagner and Herb Knoch. Sam was an old story telling buddy of mine when I was in R-8 Fiscal with Howard Marshall and Mrs. Scott and, when I had a good story, I'd drop in "E" and tell it to Sam. Only file cabinets separated us and I'll bet Dorothy Smith knows more stories than all of us except Elvin Brasher! Jake was State Forester when I was a lonely fiscal clerk, along with Kitty Wofford, Red Harkins and others in Ala., who worked with Jake during CCC days. I remember Frances Van when I was detailed from Alabama to the Cherokee during a period of your recuperation. Mrs. Van, Bill Lee and others led me around until I became orientated. I remember going with Mr & Mrs. Van on a hiking picnic and enjoyed it. While I was up there, Elvin Brasher made an audit of the Cherokee; made his summation in Paddock's office, while Bill was watching the pigeons on the roof and, after an hour and a half summing up, Elvin asked if Bill had any questions. Bill's reply was "I can't, for the life of me, understand how those pigeons, on the window sill, can cohabitate so much in such a short time". I grinned and it blew Brasher out of his chair. I remember the Cherokee fires back in 1952 when Sam and many others from all over R8 were there. Sam was an observer in an airplane, directing fire fighters to various places, especially the hot spots. Sam was a friend to be remembered. I knew him in R8, R4 and the W/O. R-4 thought they'd change him, but he changed R-4 to some extent and they loved him. The rest of Bill's letter was (1) an invitation to their FS-X picnic on April 19 (I announced the invitation at the 3/21 luncheon Bill) (2) a get well message to my wife who recently had an operation for a cataract (she's doing fine) and (3) a "threat" to write to me again. May the good Lord have mercy for the threat but - Bill - write to me again and I promise to answer appropriately. Thanks! Also have notes only from RMMcKinley; Paul A. Swarthout; J. Frank Palmer, Jr., Brantley H. Fraser, sending in money for their dues.

DONALD E. SWIGER: Having a cold winter in Arkansas-burned 2-cords of wood so far. A good Christmas-all inlaws here. Have had cards from several old timers - the Vern Taylors; Al Williams, Red Harkins, Stanley Dunn and others. Oaklawn Race meet opens soon-traffic will be rough for awhile. Enjoy the Dixie Ranger-here is \$4 for dues.

H. E. HOWARD: Just received #1-79 D-R and good as usual. We missed out on the directory so please send one (Have done). Nice cruise through the Panama Canal in January and great weather. Took off from Galveston. Looking forward to annual picnic down here in April. Wish you could come down and visit with us.

MRS. SAM A. WHALEY: This is a beautiful St. Patrick's day in Naples and am enjoying the Irish songs by radio. Sam and I talked about going to Ireland and England, but we are too feeble now. I am sure my mother's people originated there-where else would I have gotten my used-to-be red hair? Appreciate you contacting Mr. Van to get my address. We were sorry to hear about Frances Van Wagner's death. she seemed better this year and always made the retiree meetings and was planning for the one in February. Because of her eyes, and Van's too, he had not been able to drive for sometime. Mrs. Van was really dedicated to the Forest Service-there will never be another one like her. She would have been 80 years on April 1-their wedding anniversary Sam was a voting delegate at the American Farm Bureau Convention in Miami in January. We attended it from Sunday-Thursday and there were 10,000 F.B. members in attendance. We were treated to a special performance by Ringling Brothers-Barnum-Bailey -it was great. We were snowbound in Cleveland for a couple of days with 7" of snow. We plan to be here (Naples) until about May 1. You'd love it here with 20+ golf courses. It is near Marcia Island where so many notables gather for golf. Would love for you to visit and if you get to Cleveland, try and see us. Thanks for getting my dues straightened out and for your work on the Dixie Ranger.

Notes from T. W. Green; Ruth H. Weaver and Katherine Laurent with check for dues.

PETER J. HANLON. Here is \$10 for '78-'81 to protect against inflation. Also \$2 for a new member. (Name withheld at Pete's request, but recorded and D-R sent to him)

E. B. "RIP" WILLIAMS: Here is \$2 to cover 1-year dues for John J. Keetch, Box 8923, Asheville, N. C. 28804. John worked in the Asheville Office of the SE station for many years, although not part of the Station personnel. He was associated for many years with the NE Region S&PF most of the time and the last few years was directly responsible to the W/O. He worked with many of us in the South and would like to get the Dixie Ranger. Put him on the list. (Rip: This has been taken care of)

MRS. WILLIAM E. (ANNIE) SNYDER. Enclosed check for '79, with extra \$1 since cost of postage and compiling the new directory has, no doubt, increased. Someone has put in many hours and has done a superior job in getting the directory out-it is very much appreciated around here. There is little change in Bill's health. He is still ambulatory and spends some time in bed. Some friends, my daughter and I are taking him out for dinner (2/19) to celebrate his 81st birthday. Best wishes and regards from "William E."

JOHN S. HALL: (Secretary -FS-X Club - California Retirees). Thanks for your excellent letter. I recognize a number of names on your roster. Will be sending our next newsletter to Warren Livens and Ted Schlapfer-also Vaughn Hofeldt. Am sure they will join our FS-X club. As you will note-we don't have enough members to get bulk mailing privileges (their newsletter was sent 1st class 28¢ a copy-ours are at 8.4¢-but quite a delay in delivery) We have to crowd in the newsletter to stay under 24 pages which is the most we can get to mail for 28¢. I went to Yale with Griswold and Lew Grosenbaugh. Hofeldt was brought up in R5. George James and Charlie Connaughton are FS-X members. I remember George Tannehill's father at Urania Lbr. Co. near where Yale spring camp was held in 1936. Our luncheons are self supporting-we get between 35-50, mostly from the San Francisco Bay area. (We get from 60-85 for each luncheon). We have 102 members in the Bay area - 171 statewide. (we have 400 members and should have 700). Let me know if you want to continue to receive our newsletter-your name is on our roster. (Yes-continue to send it and I will see that Vaughn Hofeldt gets it too and I hope you might hear from Lew Grosenbaugh when he reads this.(For Lew: John S. Hall, 220 Richardson Dr., Mill Valley, Cal. 94941)

W. E. CLARKE: Well, here another year has gone and am sending dues for the D-R. Hope you have not suffered too much with the snow we sent your way-before I retired from the Ozark, I'd be talking to someone in the RO and they'd inquire about the weather in Arkansas, knowing the same weather was heading their way. I have a little poem I want to share with all of you.

"Someone gave me a smile today
I have tried my best to give it away
To everyone I chanced to meet
As I walked down the street
But everyone that I could see
Gave my smile back to me
When I got home, besides my smile
I had enough to reach a mile."

And I have another poem that Phil Archibald used to tell my wife, Merna, when we lived next door to his family in Decatur. Merna is a native of Arkansas-here it is:

"The birds have flew as you have saw
And Spring has sprung in Arkansasaw".

KARL R. MAYER: WOW! You must have the shortest fuse those old F. S. retirees ever lit! Guess I'd better switch to typing, your eyes look watery! I don't know what gave you the idea we are the same size and you want to fight me. I'm 6'4½" at 218# after a five mile jog each morning. I accept your challenge as soon as I get back from the annual midwinter Manitoba Moose Hunt (if I weren't Camp Boss I'd skip it) in order to pommel you. You'll hear from my "second". I'd rather do it in my front yard where only the wild critters would see the slaughter-bring your Ins. agent along. Let's see - you seem to have misread the meaning of my last message. my SOLE PURPOSE was to tip you off that half the dues will now go to SFSRA which any half smart recipient of that 1978 directory will use with his check since SFSRA appears with a neat address. If half those old gals and goats are as indifferent as I am to agency names, poor old SFSRA won't get a nod. So be it. Your welcome letter, although a fire hazard out of envelope, speaks volumes. Were it not for the 2½ years I spent ('47-49+) in Liberia as a white innocent roaming the black jungles, I'd be an even worse racist. As it is, we chose White County

for final retirement for obvious reasons. Honestly, I do appreciate the horrendous odds you face in getting out the D-R and I really think only you could do it. Hey - I have a candidate for the oldest d-r member, once I get him set up for you guys. He retired in 1923 and was my first supervisor. You have five guesses. I'm writing him and will let you know soon. Wife in hospital again with problems. Please forgive me-but write again.xxxxx

WINNIFRED CONARRO TURNER (Daughter of R.M.&Bertha Conarro): Thank all of you for the memorial the Retiree Assoc. sent for our mother, Mrs. Raymond M. Conarro. It was sent to the Covenant Presbyterian Church for their Library Fund. Mother and Dad were Charter members of this church and loved it dearly. In fact, Dad volunteered his services in the church office for a year and a half shortly after his retirement from the F. S. and served as Deacon. Mother was very active in the Women's work and she would be very pleased that the memorial you sent went into the Library fund of her church. Thank you all and we appreciate your sympathy and thoughtfulness. Am enclosing check for \$4. Keep the D-R coming.

NANCY P. GREENWOOD: Sorry to be so late in writing. So many things have been thrust on me until I wonder how I have managed to stay sane. The Library received about 50 donations for books and several other charities received donations in Sam's memory. I've had to write thank-you notes to all. Sent you one and to Rik and to the D-R. (We got your notes Nancy). The word is just getting to some of our friends in Washington DC and the Western States. When Sam died suddenly on Saturday morning, something gave me the strength to do all that had to be done. I was at the motel; had packed my things to take to the hospital; eaten breakfast and, when the word came, I called his sister Sybil, who lives in Atlanta. They came and helped me to attend to things. It was like a dream-I was almost like a Zombie - but never was so calm - God must have had a lot to do with it. We had to leave for Franklin immediately. Sam was not feeling well at all on Friday so they put him in the hospital and his heart just gave out- I don't think he would have survived the operation. Received the Directory. Wish you were here to help on income tax problems.

ARCH NICHOLS: That horrendous red stamp appears all over the cover of my 10/78 D-R, so I'm enclosing \$6, so dont brand me with "red" for a couple of years. (Arch-dont worry about the address of our Association-you know the mail room changes floors occasionally!). Retirement, each year since 1972, waxes busier and busier instead of more leisurely, part of it is with the F. S. for cooperation on trails and other programs, requiring occasional field trips to check environmental areas and trail locations. I still enjoy hiking with the various clubs; volunteer each week at the U. Botanical Gardens (I'm head janitor) and, being a sucker for community programs I am still on the Boards for several of the Arts and civic organizations, requiring a lot of leg work and time. Whenever there is free time, I am locked with an armfull of heavy tools by Zeffie to serve as her yard and maintenance boy! She continues to judge flower shows-gives programs on flowers, crafts and birds (she was SE States Regional Garden Club Bird Chairman for several years and now Regional Indoor Gardening Chairman) We enjoy Forestry Wives and bridge get-to-getheres. Just returned from a BOM meeting at the Appalachian Trail Hdqts in Harpers Ferry. The F. S. portions of the Trail in the South are far ahead of the Yankee states, where acquisition and protection work for the A. T. are under a crash program by the NPS as required by the recent Appalachian Trail Act. Reading the D-R, makes us hanker to return to Atlanta for a Southern F. S. retiree meeting as soon as we can work it out. Arch also sent in an obit on Sam Greenwood and told us about Mary Barnes Hunnicutt illness. Mary Barnes Hunnicutt, wife of Emory, a member, passed away shortly after Arch's letter to us.

H. REELF PEECKSEN: Thanks a lot for sending a copy of the Dixie Ranger and '78 Directory. It did my heart good to see the names of so many who in years past meant so much to me as associates in what I considered a really worthwhile part of my life. I'm assuming you consider me eligible for membership, so here's a check-count me in. Much success and good wishes.

LEW H. MIELKE: Thanks for your long letter. Makes me wish I could complain again about not getting the D-R. I rec'd the new directory, so am sure I'll get the next D-R which you say is due soon. The trouble could be at this end, as I frequently get other folks' mail in my box. Thanks to Bill Nothstein, if I dont get the D-R, I can read his. Your tribulations as Ye-ed of the D-R, reminds me of the old story you've probably heard about the bear hunter whose dog treed a bear who was up so high they couldnt see him. One volunteered to go up and shake him loose. After he'd been up out of sight for awhile, those on the ground heard a racket and branches and leaves started falling. One of them hollered "you got him Bill"? Bill's voice came back in a screech "yeah, I got him -come up and help me turn him loose". And I remember the Croatan fire tower contract. Dr. Coppadge, the contractor was a Veter-marian and moved the tower to a new foundation in one piece-quite a feat! He was killed some years ago under a load of hot asphalt-what a death! Was sorry to hear about George Glendenning- I liked and respected him. Tannehill was a legend but I never met him. I knew Mr. Kircher-Joe Reibold idolized him as much as Joe could idolize anyone. You probably heard the story that when the F. S. first started to hire Engineers prior to CCC, Kircher wanted to know why they had to hire Engineers when they could just take a timber cruiser and knock his head off to make one. The first R. F. I ever met was named Stuart-I took a field trip on the Nantahala with him and John Waslik. Both, by the way, were real gentlemen. That was circa 1928-1929 (Lew 1929 was the year I went to work for "Uncle"). Well, old gaffers like to reminisce like I've done, but I enjoyed every day of my years with the F. S. and especially the wonderful people I met-with very few s.o.b's. From what I hear from the few local F.S. people I know here now, the old comaraderie and esprit-de-corps is gone-and it is too bad. I enjoyed hearing from you-my wife is recovering from a broken leg-otherwise fine. Give regards to Evenson.

CHARLES C. DAVENPORT: Through the courtesy of Walter Kule and Peggy Johnson of Pisgah N. F., I recently received a copy of the 1/79 issue of the Dixie Ranger. Thumbing through it was fascinating. The names mentioned brought back memories. Some of these are: Bill Branch and Lou; Bill Huber; Tom Wilson; Ed English; Herb Ochsner, Bill Bergoffen; Pete Hanlon; Ruby Hice; and Arch Nichols. The following is written primarily for their information and for other friends who might read the Dixie Ranger: Because of a serious accident suffered by a member of my family, I resigned from the U. S. F. S. in July 1945. Our daughter Barbara was injured in a fall while returning home from school. Her spinal cord was severed at the second vertebrae and she was totally paralyzed from her arms down. For 34-years she has been confined to a wheel chair or to bed. The past seven and three fourths years she has spent almost all of her time in bed. During the 34-years she has spent more than 2500 days in hospitals. She has undergone twenty seven major surgical operations and many minor ones. In spite of her handicap, she graduated from the U. of N. C. at Chapel Hill and was the first woman to graduate from a wheel chair. She is cheerful and an inspiration to all who know her. Barbara has three brothers and two sisters and all have college degrees. We are a close knit and happy family. My wife Vi and I have eight grand children and one great grandchild after 45 years of married life. I retired in 1970 but still work part time. I am active in church work and am now in my 31st year of teaching an adult class. My hobby is collecting uncanceled U.S. postage stamps, which I started collecting more than forty one years ago. My physical health leaves much to be desired but I am quite happy and life has been good to me. Here's \$2 for membership. (Ed's note: I sent Charles all the back issues of the D-R on hand; a directory; I.D. card and a nice letter too). (See "new memberlist" for address).

"WALLY PRATER: (A few notes of interest from a personal letter to me) We spent some time at a Spa for the benefit of Lucile's arthritis. Hot water pool twice a day, sauna and steam baths. I felt like and looked like a prune every night. It helped Lucille while it was going, but no permanent help. I have a copy of 100 Years of Federal Forestry-got it from Hux Coulter-retired State Forester. Is he eligible for membership. (Sure he is Wally - he worked for the F. S. and is retired-we have members who are not even eligible. Send in \$2 for Hux and we'll claim him)

I appreciate the news but am sorry about the "obits". We no longer see active F. S. people any more. Our main contact at the office is Joanne Webb who is very good at keeping us informed about local events, but I haven't talked to the Supervisor any staff member in a long time. I suggest that you try and get the officers of the Association, or the most influential of them, to make a direct request to the R. F. for cooperation in getting info and statistics on a regular basis. God knows we get enough requests to help them out through the W/O. Keep up the good work and your blood pressure down.

Lucile also wrote: Hope your eye surgery was successful Yvonne. 99% of the people who get the Dixie Ranger think it is great so don't worry about the few who complain. We were sorry to hear of Herb Knoch's death, also Frances Van Wagner's death.

Herb used to call Wally whenever he came South with his son-in-law to the dog races at Madison-50 miles from here. Take care of yourselves!

J. L. VAN WAGNER: I liked your letter better than a sympathy card. Mrs. Van's first love was trees, animals, the birds of the air, and she loved the F. S. for which she felt a sacred duty. She wanted to be a forester and, just out of high school, she wrote to ask what jobs were open to women. In 1917 they said "only stenographic jobs". For 17-years she worked in industry as a steno before the depression and CCC camps gave her a chance with the F. S. That, my friend, is 50-years gainful employment with 17 years in industry and 33 years with the F. S. Next to the F. S., books were her great love. I am suggesting in her name be given to some school library. I have donated all of her books to several libraries. Regards to old Cherokee friends.

JAMES N. JEFFERSON: Your recent directory did not reach me. Please send a copy. (Sorry Mr. Jeff-copy is on the way) Here's a check for 2-years. Advise when next payment is due (The red stamp "dues not paid" will tell you Jeff).

FRED N. NEWNHAM, Rt.2, Box 445A, Floral City, Fla. 32636. Here check for a couple of years. Speaking of a couple of years, that's how long I've had a new mailing address but F. S. stuff still goes to old address. I haven't moved-just gave up box and PODept says I may not get mail that isn't addressed correctly. Can someone up there help? I've sent in notices twice-this makes three. (Fred-we'll try and take care of it - we have problems too - more serious than a change of address. Ye-ed)

LEW MIELKE: Received Jan. issue of D-R and new directory. The D-R had a red flag to my surprise, so here is \$12 to cover (1) George P. Morgan, already a member, and (2) Elbert C. Wilkey, Box 1063, Asheville, NC 28802 (new member). Sorry to hear about Herb Knoch, whose patience was worn thin trying to get us to get rid of junk at the Biltmore Shop. (Lew: If the "red flag" was other than a "dues not paid red stamp" your dues were not delinquent. The flag you referred to was a requirement of the PODept and it was placed on yours, since your copy was the first in that particular batch--others have had the same impression as you have. When you're delinquent, I'll tell you "dues not paid". Ye-ed).

WALKER NEWMAN: Encl. check for some dues. Please apply \$2 for Nolan O'Neal, 521 Wayne Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28403. Sorry the dues are late but was gone most of the winter. I also notice I'm not listed in the directory. Enjoy the newsletter. (You're one of a lot of members not in the directory-sorry, but we'll catch up sometime. Ye-ed)

GEORGE W. CABANNIS: Must be delinquent. Here is \$6 to catch me up. All are well - retirement still wonderful. Enjoy Spring & Fall more than ever - hi to all. (The "D" which you assumed was a "dun" for dues was just a directional signal required by the PODept-see Lew Mielke above-he had the same impression. You're delinquent when I tell you "dues not paid". Ye-ed).

DON MORRISS: Enjoyed your letters. After all your anticipation, hope you had a good St. Pat's day. You probably remember the Irishman who once was Adm. Asst. at the NOStation. One St. Pat's day, someone taped a card to his office door. It read- outside - YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL AN IRISHMAN* and on the inside "BUT NOT MUCH". (Don that reminds me of the story about the Yale graduate). Planned to write soon after our FS-X picnic but decided to go ahead with it now, since I'm having an intra-ocular implant in my right eye and might not be able to do much for awhile after. Enclosed is a little check to up to date our membership and to enroll Robert W. and Byrl Larson, 13314 Reid Lane, Fort Washington, Md, 20022. Hope everything is going ok for y'all! (Birthdays noted)

JAMES R. "BOB" PADGETT: As years roll by, 53 of them at last count, I find names of more and more of my F. S. friends in the Dixie Ranger. So, anticipating my own retirement in thirty or forty years, or as soon as Jack Kirby retires, I'd like to join the retiree association. Here is \$10 for five years for me and my wife Gloria. I look forward to receiving my own copy, rather than having to swipe the copy they route around to us old dogs. I think they route a copy, hoping we'll take the hint and go on and retire and quit telling this new generation of "planners" and "computer experts" how good the Forest Service used to be before it got planned and computerized to death. (Bob-you have a lot of retirees who'll agree with you).

WALTON R. SMITH: Enjoy each issue of the D-R and the goings on here and there. Don't much believe in birthdays at my age, but you keep preaching about them, here are ours. Please send the D-R to Dr. T. M. McIntock, 75 Cambridge Road, Asheville, N. C. 28804-check enclosed. Retired 2-'69. (Walt-you retired the same day as I did and hope you enjoy it as I do. Ye-ed).

W. J. WELSH: Enclosed is my check for dues and a new member: Gladyds H. Nevers, Apt. 234, 217 13 Lrwy Dr. W., Mobile, Ala. 36608. NOW - will you please correct the spelling of my name? Mrs. Nevers is the widow of John H. Nevers who worked in the So. Exp. Sta. in 1933 under Cap Eldridge, E. L. Demmon and Mark Lehrbas and was District Supervisor of the NSCP at Pensacola in 1936.

GERALD D. SCOTT: Enjoy the D-R and the familiar names I have known and associated with. Here are dues too. Enjoying retirement - have a 2-day a week job selling "large men's clothes". I'm not large, but guess it doesn't hamper my selling them. We still get to Atlanta 2-times a year as our two children are there, and enjoy visiting the old places we inhabited while living there.

MILDRED YENSCO: Thank you for your note in the January '79 D-R. Enclosed is \$2 for '78. As I know so few folks in the F. S., I ask that you discontinue sending me the D-R. (Mrs. Yensco-even though you will be dropped from membership, I'll continue to send you the Dixie Ranger-Ye-ed).

OLENE WOODY: Here are dues-with all we've gone through it is hard to remember. Please don't think of re-writing all my correspondence. I do want to say our eating place called "Granny's Restaurant" will be opened for business April 1. It's great barbecue and why don't some of you come up and we'll you for a sandwich or a meal. And, yes, it was my mother who passed away. She was 104 years, 11 months and 26 days. 3/22 was her birthday. Her cake was in the making and the family was entertained by Clyne at Gateway Restaurant in Cleveland. And how in the world did you miss Suches. Of course, we were gone for years-lived in 7 states of the U. S. F. S. and enjoyed every minute of it and I loved everyone I met in and out of the Forest Service. Tell Yvonne not to worry about her eye operation - she will be ok.

MRS. MARIE CHANDLER: Enjoy the D-R and the great job you do in getting it out and my thanks to all of you who have a part in keeping us retirees in touch. Dues encl. and birthdates acknowledged.

DON POMMERENING: Sure do enjoy the news in the Dixie Ranger. There's nothing like it in the U.C. area. In fact, the W/O drops one like a hot potato when one retires. No communication is provided with or to retirees-they don't even advise when long time associates retire. It isn't the same organization that used to be built on the strength of its people. My main reason for writing is that we lost our house in two fires which occurred on 1/27 and 1/28, 1979. The first one started in our storage shed at 4:20 a.m. and burned the carport, car and damaged the roof and some of the contents of the living room, dining room and kitchen. However, another fire 24 hours later burned everything. The cause of the fire is unknown - at first they thought the second fire might have come from a smoldering ember in the insulation. I, along with many people, feel that both of them were arson. No suspects, but probably vandals who are in the area. Three teen-agers have confessed burning the adjacent high school, which suffered \$4.5 million in damages. We escaped with no injuries. The first night we were aroused by people driving by and on the 2nd night, we were staying with friends. It is tough to lose a lifetime accumulation of possessions. We are going to rebuild. The local church and community friends have been so supportive. This town house was furnished by them and we are clothed with clothes from many sources. The house was almost in perfect shape, as I have been working on it since my retirement a year ago. Believe we have the strength to start over, but it is hard to do. We appreciate the efforts of you and your team in keeping us posted. Don't change our address as we still get mail at our permanent location.

FRANK BAILEY: Here's \$12 dues. We are having a busy time here in the West. Seems the retirement age is the busiest and fastest time-consuming age. Fishing has been great and looks good for '79. We will be in Atlanta in June. Had a great time in Hawaii last year. It is great to hear about retirees in the Dixie Ranger. Sincerely.....

JOHN HERBERT STONE: Sometime ago, I was told I was way ahead in dues payment. Here is some more, as I want to hear the news which comes through the Dixie Ranger. Have had a chance to visit with and hike with Charlie Connaughton on the trails in the parks near Portland, which is a 5,000 acre area adjacent to the city. Charlie has no problem hiking 3-4 miles and we have some plans to hike the Bagby Hot Springs trail on the Mt. Hood N. F. this summer. I wish I could attend some of the events of your Assoc. but do not seem to get there, even though we maintain some contacts with relatives in N. C. and Texas. Hope to get to the S.A.F. meeting in Boston next fall and hope to see some R'8 people there-a good place to see old friends. Best wishes to my friends in the Southern Region. On 3/30 at noon, I will attend a 30-Year Club luncheon here. This is R-6 and we have a luncheon the last Friday of each month - usually from 50-100 people. They have no program, just eating, drinking and visiting. If any of you are ever in this area on the last Friday in a month-arrange to come to the Elks Club in Beaverton about 11:45 a.m. - better yet - call me and I'll meet and take you there. (A real nice invitation Herb - hope that some of our members will remember and take you up on it. I still remember passing and kicking a football with you at the golf course in Franklin, N. C. in 1932 and how much fun it was. Ye-ed). Best wishes to all our friends who read the DR.

WE PLAN TO

Make a contribution of \$10.00 each to:

A school library in memory of Frances J. C. Van Wagner.

The Humane Society in memory of Herbert G. Knoch.

The Atlanta Lung Association, in memory of Clinton S. Herrick, Jr.

TO FILL IN THIS SPACE - DUES:

They are still \$2.00 a year for a family. As mentioned somewhere in this issue, other retiree organizations have increased to \$3 & \$4 a year. We have some good recruiters in our Association and we need more. Our membership is up to probably about 425 and we should have close to 700 as the 30-Year Club of Portland, Oregon has. There should be more from Texas, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia than we have at the present time. How about - some of you - take a page out of Louis B. Anderson's book - and do some recruiting on your own? I've written to M. B. Ricker in Hot Springs - even offered to pay his \$2 but no response. There are at least 100 or more folks who do not know about our Association and they should be told about it, especially the Dixie Ranger. How about you fellows and gals - out there - telling your friends about the Association and do some recruiting on your own.? We dont need the money - but we do need more members.

NICE THINGS TO SEE AND READ ABOUT IN OTHER MEDIA - SO. REGION & SEAREA NEWSLETTER

SE Area Director John Vance looking at a crew on the Y-LT Project at Holly Springs, with the F. S. YACC crews. (Remember the CCC Days?)

Looking at Dick Woody, Supervisor Alabama N. F. sign an agreement for the McClellan YCC camp - for the 7th consecutive summer in which the Alabama N. F. and USArmy held a cooperative camp.

Mike Penfold, Supervisor of Jefferson N. F. accepting a plaque for outstanding leadership in developing the youth of today into the men of tomorrow, from the President of the Flatwoods CCC Corpsmen Council.

Dr. LeRoy Jones presenting an award to Mrs. Ida Mae Moseley in recognition of her achievements at a retiree dinner.

And from the 30-year club: Noticing all of our R-8 employees enrolled in that club. They put out a 25-page newsletter. They have about 700 members-their dues are \$3 a year. They have a monthly luncheon. In their March 1979 issue they had an article on "Inheritance Taxes - for deaths after 1/1/78" and it was by one of their members. DO WE have any one in our Association who might do the same for us? I'll be glad to furnish the 3/79 issue of the 30YEAR CLUB NEWSLETTER for anyone who might want to figure it out for those in Georgia for our members.

From R-9 CONTACT: (It is an official newsletter) I note they have a lot of pictures. With our limited coverage we cannot produce pictures. Our costs are limited to what we can afford and what we pay is much less than what those referred to above pay too. The question is: should we increase our dues by a \$ and renegotiate with the RO on more pages - or should we take it up at a Board meeting and decide what we should do?