



# DIXIE RANGER

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## OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1979

President.....Lucille Isbell  
Alternate.....Howard A. Miller  
Secretary.....Shirley Herbert  
Treasurer.....Jim Carroll

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dorothy R. Smith...(1981)...3-year term  
George Schaeffer...(1980)...2-year term  
Jim Cartwright.....(1979)...1-year term

## OUR LAST MEETING

Was the December 6 Christmas party. Entertainment was provided by Harry Rossoll and his accordin playing guest named Lang. They played a number of Christmas carols and everyone joined in singing them. Doug Craig introduced a few of the out of town visitors, such as E. L. Demmon, Dick Millar and his wife Sarah; reported on the good health of Mark Lehrbas and introduced Frank Pullium as the winner of the Golfer of the Year award. Elizabeth Mason reported that Charlie Connaughton was getting along fine. Bryan Sipe gave the blessing and a good meal was enjoyed by all. Carroll presented the Treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$1151+. Membership was reported as approx 400. Ye-ed was awarded a \$50 bond and Huber was presented with a past president's plaque and announced the officers for 1979, as shown above. Door prizes were won by Joe Galloway; Mary Black, B. W. Sipe, Art Grumbine; Roxie Howell; Gene Reichard; Bill Huber; Grady Burnett; Red Strange and Yvonne Hunt. "Ham" Miller thanked those who voted for him and invited everyone to his "open House" 12/30 to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary.

The new president gave a short talk, and as Craig did previously and thanked all those who had helped during the past year and asked for continued help in 1979.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

One was held on 11/29/78. Most of the discussion was about the 12/6 luncheon. Craig reported that the S.A.F. had set up a new award called the GOLDEN MEMBERSHIP AWARD, to be awarded to those who had maintained fifty years of consecutive service. In checking out those who were eligible, Clint Herrick was the only one in the area who qualified. A plaque has been delivered to Clint. Lucille Isbell reported on her church's Golden Age Club visiting the Nantahala, Cherokee and Pisgah N. F. area and how they planned to make it an annual occasion; also told about the visit she and Dorothy Smith had with the W. I. "Steve" Stevens family in Maine during the summer. THE FIRST BOARD MEETING of the year was held at the President's apartment on 1/24 and a list of Committee members was presented, as follows: Budget: Jim Carroll; Newsletter: Tom Hunt; Membership-Sympathy Cards: C.M. Evenson; Program: Ham Miller; Arrangements: Bill Huber; Nominating: Doug Craig-he to select members; History: G.A. "Lumm" Knight; Legislation: Betty & E.B. "Rip" Williams; Telephone: Rose Fischer and Door Prizes: Dorothy R. Smith. Budget was approved as follows: Dixie Ranger \$500; Door Prizes \$150; Luncheon guests \$30; Picnic \$100; Donations(to selected charities of deceased members) \$200 and Sympathy card expense \$50. Total \$1030.00-approved. Items, such as future meeting dates; cost of luncheons; programs etc. were hashed over. (Will print if I have space).

## BOARD MEETINGS (Continued)

Craig furnished a copy of a telegram he had sent to the President, protesting any attempt to remove the Forest Service from the Dept. of Agriculture into any new department, such as Dept. of Natural Resources, which would put the F. S. under "Interior". He had an acknowledgement from Richard A. Pettigrew, Asst. to the President for Organization and promised consideration.

## OUR NEXT MEETING & SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Will be on March 21, 1979 and will be at the Petite Auberge Restaurant at Toco Hills. Make reservations by phone to Shirley Herbert at #881-4191. No reservation blank is included--just dont have space for it. Our June meeting will be on June 20, 1979, probably at Petite Auberge-Toco Hills, and we will have Peggy Nelson as a speaker. Peggy is Congressman Fowler's Secretary. Our picnic will be on September 20 at Stone Mountain and our Christmas party will be on December 5. The programs will be good and, since the fee at Stone Mountain Park has gone up double to what we've paid - we might have a "donation" container for those who wish to contribute to the picnic cost. (Ed's note: with the crowd we get and the fun everyone has - am sure no one would object to adding a buck or less to the "donation" container?)

## MEMBERSHIP

Our membership chairman is worried. And he is worried because, while we have 400 members, we should have 500 or more. PLEASE - all of you - send in names of those you know who should belong to our Association. SEND THE NAMES TO C. M. EVENSON-see address in directory-and let's add more and more to our list! (Ed's note: In a note from the Secretary today - L.B. Anderson sent in a check for \$12 - \$2 of which was for his dues, but \$10 was for five members he had enrolled. How about some of you folks sending in some names - no money - Evenson will take care of that. There are a lot of F.S. retirees who would like to join, if they knew about the Association-tell 'em)

## NEW MEMBERS

Jim Sabin, 2281 Hylaea Rd., Tucker, Ga., 30084.

A. P. Mustian, Jr., 4405 Rockcrest Dr., Fairfax, Va. 22032 (Credit Sabin).

H. Reelf Peecksen, 605 Old Plantation Rd., Jekyll Island, Ga. 31520. (Credit Karl Mayer. Secretary reports that Reelf sent in \$20 check and wrote a note too. Hope I have room to include it).

Thomas A. Wilson, 418 W. Church St., Fort Valley, Ga. Credit Bill Branch) (See his letter).

Joseph C. Couch, Jr., 500 Brookfield Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30342. Credit Evenson. Joe recently retired too.

Herbert E. Ochsner, 1 Frith Dr., Asheville, N. C. 28803. (Credit Red Strange).

Credit Louis B. Anderson for these. He has paid \$2 for each membership:

Bruce C. Strickler (wife Florence), 1200 Winterberry Lane, Fern Park, Fla. 32730.

Anson W. Lindemuth (wife Blanche), Box 641, Prescott, Ariz. 86301.

Carl E. Ostrom (wife Laura), 2233 Sequoya Lane, Jack Rabbitt Arroyo, Prescott, Arizona 86301.

Edwin S. English (wife Mae) Rt. 2, Box 176, Brevard, N. C. 28712.

Orrin P. Wittig (Wife Nell), 6000 42nd Ave. A-207, Hyattsville, Md. 20781

Maida L. Thomas, 432 San Pablo St. NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108. (Credit Dot Banville)

I am sure there are more to be added, such as Karl R. Mayer, Box 564, Cleveland, Ga. 30528. (Am sure I reported him before but his name has not been put on the mailing. Sorry Karl - will try and correct it.

Phil Archibald, 4516 Twin Brook Rd., Fairfax, Va. 22030.

Robert Potter, 16 Trailridge Ct., Potomac, Md. 20854 (Credit Don Pomeroy for Phil and Bob).

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

DANIEL O. TODD: In your Oct. '78 D-R just received, you asked for the address of C. E. Anderson and it is: 137 Jacaranda Dr., Leesburg, Fla. 32748. They live in an attractive community just outside of Leesburg; they travel considerably and are active in community affairs in the winter with recreation, church, gardening, nature walks, swimming, square dancing, genealogical research etc. (Thanks Day, I wrote to and heard from Andy today-1/29 and we got him back in the fold. Ye-ed).

SYLVIA BRYAN: Here's check for dues. I continue to enjoy the news and dont want to miss an issue of the D-R. Thanks!

ALLEN SWAYNE: Here's check-sorry I got behind, but time gets away too fast. Retired full time and only do mineral tax work for a couple of large land companies. When I make too much, my SS suffers, so the increased work allowance is a help. We flew to Arizona this spring and rented a car for a trip to near the Canadian border-came home from Spokane. Ruth spent 22-days on a trip to the Mid-east this fall and enjoyed it. My main hobby is collecting old pocket knives and going to knife shows. I have 700. Went to S.A.F. meeting of the Ky-Tenn. section at Gatlinburg. Met the new Supervisor of the Cherokee. All old timers are gone or stopped attending meetings. Happy holidays.

WARREN F. LIVINS says "Sure like the Ranger". Here's some dues. (For a talkative guy like Warren, thought he should have said a little more. Ye-ed).

BRUCE MERRILL: Didnt realize I was behind in dues. Here's check for 3-years. Best wishes for happy holiday season

RUSS EATON: Here's my check-dont want to miss a copy of D-R. It brings back memories and keeps us up to date on what a lot of our friends are doing. Went to Fla for a few days in September and just returned from Ark. Gola's mother is 90 and my folks are in the 80s-I'll never make it. Ballot came too late to vote. We always have good officers though and a good editor of D-R. Anyone coming to Cleveland, Tenn. should come and see us. Happy holidays to all.

QUINTUS A. KYLE: I am ashamed having not sent in dues-here's a check. Have had some trouble with a light stroke and cant think as I once could. Took a trip to Dallas in Oct. by plane. Did some fishing. Enjoy hearing about F. S. people. Had a call from Dan Sims and his wife said he had started back to school for his Masters. He was the best man I ever worked for, but there were many more who were also nice. If any of you are in our area, we would enjoy seeing you. Looking forward to the next D-R.

STAN JOHNSON: Here's a note from your most distant outpost, also dues. After the Rose Bowl last year, our activities were curtailed by a slight heart attack, but managed a ferry trip to Juneau in May. Then another slow down when Florence had an operation. Now we are set for an unusual Christmas-in Hawaii. Enjoy the D-R and news of old friends. 24 years since I left R-8 and I see less and less familiar names. Thank goodness for notes from and about Don Morriss and Bill Irby etc. Best wishes.

EDISON KILGORE: Thanks for adding me to the membership roster of the So. For. Ser. Retiree Assoc. Enclosed is a check for dues, also birthdate information.

HENRY P. HEINEMANN: Here's \$2 for the D-R. I am a retired F.S. man and am 82 years old. My good friend John Kauffman, I am sure, sent in my name. I live on beautiful Lake George which the south side district is named for. Lake George is the second largest lake in Florida. My health is not very good. There are many retired men living on the Ocala N. F. which was established in 1908. Best regards-and the following from Mrs. Heinemann: Several days ago I sent \$2 and I learned that John Kauffman also sent in \$2 for us. This should add up to 4-years dues. Merry Christmas to all. (I wrote Mrs. H--- and explained what the record showed as to dues. Will check further if she is in doubt. Ye-ed).

LEW MIHLKE: Wrote a few months ago enclosing check and to tell you I hadnt received the D-R. Still not getting it but read Bill Nothatein's copy. Dont like to bother you because I know you take a lot of time on the D-R. Best wishes for holidays. (I wrote Lew, sent him back issues, I think, and hope we have his address straightened out-Ye-Ed)



ORVILLE HAYNES: Cant remember-hope I havent been dropped-if so-pick me up with this \$10 because I enjoy the Dixie Ranger. Enjoy my retirement-it's been five years - worked part time for awhile but it kept me from golf so I quit. Keep busy at golf course where I served on the Board for 4-years and Chm. of the Grounds Committee. Play a lot and improved my game so I am in the high 70s-low 80s. If any golfers come to Alexandria, La. I would be glad to make up a game for/with them. If \$10 is not enough, I'll send more. (I dont keep the money records but, am sure, IF you sent in \$10 it is ample and credited to you-Ye-Ed).

IRENE (Mrs. ED) REESE: Here's check for \$10 to be paid for a few years-1982? I think. Have a good 1979-all of you.

WILBUR E. BERRY: Here's dues. '78 was a quiet year. In Sept. we flew to Maryland to see our first great-granddaughter-visited our children and most of the grand children. Unusually cold weather in Texas this year but no snow.

MRS. F. S. "FRITZ" BROWDER: Enclosed \$5. Since I am such a poor member, please drop me from your membership. I know no one who belongs except just a few, like Abercrombie and others.

CARRIE KAYE COVINGTON: Here are my dues. While most of the names are not familiar, I enjoy reading the Dixie Ranger. Several months ago, I went to my son's wedding in DeLand, Fla. Didn't see anything but trees - and didn't realize how far it was across Florida - until I saw a sign "Ocala National Forest" then remembered WHY I SAW TREES. THANKS to the Forest Service. While my daughter was an airline stewardess, I visited her in Miami, but didn't realize the size of the State of Florida. (Your name has been corrected and birthday noted)

ROBERT G. "BOB" RAYMUND: Here's my 1979 dues, before you start hounding me. I want to send a subscription to Juanita Doughty, Rt. 2, Box 40, Pollock, La, 71467. She remembers many of the retirees- anyone who ever coffee with Jim and Juanita knows it was the best coffee they ever had b4 or since my tour on the Kisatchie. (Bob: I dont know how much you paid, but on my own, I'm sending the April & October 1978 D-R to the Doughtys - I know them well - and have had some of her coffee too-ye-ed).

SUE & JOHN CHAFFIN: Sorry about dues- I really straightened her-meaning Sue - to get things on an even keel again. I dont want to cut off any chances of drinks in our favorite bar in Furley. Pass on our regards and best wishes to all. We read the D-R from cover to cover -and always finding news of friends and R-8 folks we knew. Some of the news is not always good, as in the case of George Tannehill. Would love to buy you a "big-un" at the City Hotel-Furley. (Thanks John-Sue-we'll be there 7/4/79-how about coming to join us! Ye-ed)

W. C. "BILL" BRANCH: 1217 Running Springs Road, Manor 2, Walnut Creek, Cal. 94595. You've given up? So now I'll write and, after 36 years of "reporting on this by return mail" I have become one of the foremost procrastinators and find it a great satisfaction to have known there are a dozen things on my desk I should take care of - and NOW. Lu and I appreciated Grace Mills paying our '78 dues and you, for sending the Dixie Ranger. It is fun to read about folks one has worked with a generation ago and, the amazing thing is that no matter whom you think of in connection with the days of yore, he or she was a fine person. My impression of the F. S. people over the years is: they were all great persons-and something special too. You are right about my origin being in Prentice, Wis. Our B.B. team didnt play there, but we've heard of the reputation of your home town! Our folks wouldnt let us go there. Did you know Johnny Pillis. He was my Ranger clerk at Marion, N. C. and a good one. Will appreciate a copy of your new directory and I want to enroll Thomas A. Wilson, 418 W. Church St., Fort Valley, Ga., 31030 as a new member-check attached. Tom was the first Ranger (Mt. Mitchell District) of the Pisgah I worked for and a very special person. He is 92 years old...and probably the oldest member of R-8 retirees. We've traveled a lot in 1978 and, in our travels, hope to see some I worked with in coop-forestry in Hawaii. Hope '79 is good for your Association. (Bill: dont know your Marion, N.C. clerk-perhaps some of our readers do. Sorry I had to condense your letter-no space, but write us again and I hope you'll hear from some of your friends. Hope you get the directory too-it is a good-uh. Ye-ed).



J. K. "Jim" VESSEY: Time slips by pretty fast, so I guess it was a month or more ago that your note and my copy of "Georgia Forestry" arrived. I now refer to that date as "Doug Craig Day". They are hardly comparable honors, but I'm delighted that you, one of the old guard, won the golf trophy and thrilled they had the good sense to select you for the Georgia Foresters' Hall of Fame. That is a high honor indeed! Norm joins in sending heart felt congratulations and we join Iris in being very proud of you. Unlike your doctor who, after giving you a physical, remarks that you have the physique of a 21-year old, mine warns me of early senility! I had forgotten until reminded a year or so ago, that the Vessey Trophy was still up for grabs in the Southern Region each year. Of course, I'm very pleased and proud. Norm has to conserve her energy so we don't go to meetings anymore. I miss them very much, but meetings mean travel and I don't like to leave Norm overnight. We continue to make the annual trek to and from Warren, Pa. each year. We get the best of two worlds, which is good for Norm's health but it is like moving twice a year. Made a 100 mile trip to Latchworth State Park in New York late in Sept. to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We are avid readers of the D-R so we know you will be meeting on 12/6, to pass over your gavel to another pair of hands. You folks are doing a great job with the Association and with the Dixie Ranger. Norm joins in sending greetings to all.

DICK MILLAR: (Letter to Shirley Herbert) I called to make reservations but, since you were playing hookey, Joan took care of me. Here's check for 4-reservations and we're staying with the Cartwrights. Just remind Jim Carroll not to collect again at the door. Hope to see a lot of good friends 12/6.

REZIN E. PIDGEON: I know I'm behind in dues - here's a check. Would like to join you at next meeting, but am afraid my condition will not allow. Since Feb. I've been out of circulation - 3 sessions in hospital 4-months bedridden - it took me awhile to learn to walk again, but had good care from my wife, nurses etc. Had to sell our truck camper, but drive locally. Would be glad to have any of our friends visit with us.

GUY M. WILKINSON: Here's \$4. At my age, I wouldn't want to be called delinquent, or miss an issue of the D-R. Always enjoy reading news of F. S. friends. We are still calling and teaching square dancing and were elected to the Arkansas Square Dance Hall of Fame at state convention in July. We would rather wear out than rust out! Daughter Joan, a director with the State Dept. of Education at Baton Rouge spent Thanksgiving holidays with us and brought news of grandson Jay Veterinary medicine student at LSU and grand-daughter Melody, housewife and mother of our 2½ year old great grandson. Often think about the good old days at Tallahassee, Alexandria, Russellville and Ouachita. Holidays bring back memories of those in the past - greetings to all and best wishes...

M. R. SCOTT: Here are dues. We thank you for the Dixie Ranger - enjoy it from front to back. (All of you know that Lucile wrote this note - I don't think Mrs. Scott could get by with less than a full page typed-ye-ed).

J. D. "Red" STRANGE: Here's \$10 and another \$2 to enroll Herbert E. Ochsner, 1 Frith Dr., Asheville, NC 28803 as a member. Note our birthdays, especially mine, since it is St. Patrick's day. Many thanks for the great job you are doing on the D-R. I'm still working - trying to make a little money!? Red also sent in a program of the Texas Forestry Association and he was a speaker on this program "Practicing \$Dollars\$ making Forestry and was featured in the publication "Arkansas Tree Farmer" with his picture. At the Texas shindig, Red was in good company with F. Lee Bailey and other prominents. I know he shined in Arkansas too, since he had been stationed in Hot Springs for awhile.

CHARLES A. CONNAUGHTON: Recently received the D-R and enjoyed it. You are aware I had a stroke last summer - spent most of it in the hospital. Am home now and getting so I walk without a cane. Hope to get back to normal in a few months (other items personal to me). Having snow, fog. Please extend my regards to mutual friends.

WILMA P. HOOPER: I haven't moved - just gave up my PO Box. This is just a change of address. I had room - so stuck it in. Hi Wilma!

HARRY ROSSOLL: Sent us a folder, the front of which is a painting of the church he attends - N. Druid Hills-Briarcliff. It is beautiful. (We've passed it many a time on our way to "Sambo's". If I know Harry, he has probably presented his original painting to the church for display purposes-Ye-ed).

P.F.W. PRATER: His letter was dated in October, and I know, since it was mostly personal, I've written to him. I asked him to get in touch with Mrs. Al Shadduck, also "Little Mac" McConnell, so I could get some Dixie Rangers to them. Wally says: Here's the dope on Cherrie Shadduck-all taken care of. Cant get hold of "Little Mac" but, since his letter we've heard from him and have his new address. (See Directory) I've sent in info on history, including a photograph of a fire meeting with Ranger Woody, and Nicholson on it. If I just knew what they wanted, I could give them a lot of historical information of value and have written requesting what they want - no answer so far. I have a lot of old pictures - but they to tell me what they want for me to comply. (Wally: it is the same story with all of us-they dont want us old timers to help them out. Ye-ed).

CORBITT J. DURHAM: (Ed's note: He has been a member for only 3-months and I have heard more from him than I have from charter members): Was sorry about George Tannehill's death. Would love to have back issues of D-R (I sent them) and enjoy reading about the man wonderful people with whom I worked in the F.S. I am not able to do much, but my son in law keeps me supplied with the things I need in the way of venison ground up and in steaks. I remember so many fire schools and recall the incident you mentioned to me.

MARY W. HUTCHINS: The D-R just arrived and I read your "red stamp warning" so, being flattered with the compliment, I'm paying up. Time goes so fast, I didnt know I was due to pay more dues-should have given it to you when I visited. Heard from the Evensons and when they come this way hope they decide to travel West of Matchitoches to see me. (I believe they did Mary. Ye-ed).

ED LITTLEHALES: Enjoyed seeing all of you at the picnic. Have a lot of crabs stores up-come and see us. Alice Bongberg will get out notice on our retiree picnic. Usually held in April. Happy holidays to all - this check should get or put me in good standing.

E. L. DEMMON: Sorry I was behind in my dues, but this is the first notice I've had. (Mr. Demmon-the dues are payable as of January 1 each year. If you havent paid, I'll remind you in the November D-R. Ye-ed).

JOHN A. ADAMS. Here's dues for '78-'79. Keep up the good work and keep the D-R coming. Lucille and I are busy raising 7-active Red Setter Puppies. Regards to all.

ROY & THELMA BOND: Sorry I missed the dues. Here's enough to make me "solvent". It was a real tragedy to lose Sid. He was one of the really true friends we had. Our best wishes to everyone.

BUNCH NUGENT: Here is a check for \$5. Put it on dues or something else where needed.

ALLAN R. COCHRAN: Your 'Dues Not Paid' really shocked me but delinquent for '77 causes me to send in \$6 to get up to date. The Dixie Ranger and Thirty Year Club News are rendering a valuable service in behalf of those who once were in the saddle. The present F. S. generation are an inspiration to us, doing a speldid job under most difficult circumstances.

CORBITT J. DURHAM: Just rec'd the first copy of the "Dixie Ranger. It was good to get in contact again with Clyne Woody; Evenson, Walt Gray and many more. I want to announce for Gray and others, we are having a CCC Camp F-8 reunion the second week in September, on a Sunday (Ye-ed's birthday). I will get the President of our Association to send Walt Gray an invitation. Also having a fish fry and Barb-Q around the end Saturday in April. He will send notices. This year has been pretty good - drive a little but mostly through the Kisatchie forest. I enjoy the D-R, but dont know any one mentioned in the R-8 news. (Evenson visited him in Jan'78.

VIOLA MELTZ: Here are my dues. Wish I had some news to report, but have not made any trips this year.

FRED W. HARRIS: At the invitation of a guy named "Evenson", I enclose my check for \$2 as a member of the So. F. S. Retiree Association, Am looking forward to receiving the Dixie Ranger. (Fred: I hope you have received the copies I've sent youYe-ed).

JOHN E. HAMER: Just finished reading the latest issue and give due thanks that so many of my old friends are still kicking and fussing. Like Harvey Boston, I spend one half of my time in the yard, interspersed with sessions on the golf course. Can't play worth a darn but, occasionally, make a par and win 75¢. Spend a lot of time with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our local Civil War Round Table. I am the President for this year. Am working up a talk on a little known Confederate Division Commander. It's to be ready in Feb. and takes a lot of research. I gave a talk on female spies of the Confederacy to the RELee Camp and have been approached by two other organizations to give it to them. Those girls were "sumpin". Plans to spend Christmas at Jekyll Island for golf and a visit with Ira-Alice Wilmoth. Remember them - (oh how I do him!!!!)

ROSELLA WOLF: She wrote asking if, by some way or another, those who wished to attend the luncheons could be served ONLY with a salad and dessert. We've checked and will have to say - NO WAY! With from 60-85 people at our luncheons, the management of Petite Auberge will not permit searching out those who want just a salad and dessert. Sorry Miss Rosella - and again NO WAY!

DON POMERENING: The D-R continues to be great. We have traveled through much of the South this fall to see Don Thornton and Clint Sykes and old Black Creek District in or at Wiggins. Times have changed what with a million dollar budget. Saw folks in Mississippi and to see our son in San Antonio and to help my dad celebrate his 84th birthday in Wisconsin. Driving a Toyota averaging 37.3. In November to Florida and Arkansas. Am sending money to enroll a couple of good people who should belong to the Association. (See "new member section"). Thanks Don-sorry I had to cut you off-enjoyed your letter.

HERMINE P. LOVE: Here's check through, I hope, 1979. I did make a trip this year, in June to Portugal, Morocco and Spain for 15 days. Had one full day on the Mediterranean at Torremolinos but, as yet, I have never seen any prettier beaches than around the Panama City, Fla. area.

NORBERT W. POCH: Here's dues for '79. Nothing new here, except weather fantastic. Had a visit from my son from Milwaukee and he hated to leave. Was at F.S. retiree picnic in April and we'll get together soon near Sarasota. Spent two weeks in Wis. & Minn. in September and in New Orleans where my wife attended the annual dietetic convention. Called Bob Sandifer while I was there-had an old fashioned chat. He lives at Slidell. Wanted to spend a few days in Rhinelander and visit the S.O. office, but couldn't make it. Wanted to visit Bob Train; Jim Berlin and Chet Tonczak. Know any of them? (No Norb). Everyone sings the praises of the N.Y. Yankees but the Milwaukee Brewers beat them ten out of 15. The Packers will be here tomorrow-I think they will eke out a victory by a field. Happy holidays to all and hope all retirees stay healthy for another year.

WINNIFRED CONARRO TURNER: Wish to sadly report that my mother, Mrs. Bertha Conarro passed away very suddenly on Dec. 5, one day before her birthday. She had not been sick and was dressing; she sat down on the floor and her heart stopped. Both of my parents were sick less than an hour prior to their deaths. Please keep the D-R coming. I want to keep up with my folks' friends. Let me know about dues.

PAUL O. THOMAS: Notice the red flag, so here's \$8, \$2 of which is to enroll Edison Kilgore as a new member. The 1933 CCC men threw a reunion in June at the old Dutch Creek Camp. 250 old timers showed up, several old Superintendents, also 2-3 camp commanders; lots of the foremen were there. Most of them had their families-lots to eat and hours of visiting. They are going to have the same thing next year - 2nd week in June - and I told Edison I would get the Dixie Ranger to him when I got back home. If possible, send him the October issue. (This has been done Pat). When I sat down I was going to tell a "big one" but ran out of soap. I know old timers will remember Edison Kilgore-he is among the oldest F.S. men left. He and Nettie Jones are kin in a round-a-bout way.

Here is room for a "squib", especially for those who type: "What does one do when the bell won't ring" such as mine doesn't, as will be noted in the right hand margin with so many strike-over's. I turned it upside down, jiggled it a little and, now it rings.



ED ELLENBURG: Saw "red" on the last one, here are my dues. Commenting on those in arrears, a quick analysis indicates no one should miss the bargain like the So. F.S. Retiree Assoc. and the D-R! There must be other reasons? (A lot are color blind and don't see "red") No one ever told me when a person retires time moves twice as fast. Between catching up on long delayed projects and procrastinating, a year seems to roll by in about 6-months. Aside from maintaining a 4-acre Christmas Tree farm; being Chief of the Vol. Fire Dept; doing some consulting for an oil company and trying to keep Marge under control, there is not much going on here on the Plautena. One of these days, we'll make it for a luncheon. Marge writes: "Since I'm typing this letter, thought I would add my 2¢ worth. Don't know who's trying to keep whom under control. I think I have a harder job trying to keep track of Ed".

IVAN J. NICHOLAS: Check enclosed for dues and ballot. I believe most of those who failed to pay their dues just forgot-like me. We're all getting older and don't remember. Our daughter and grand-daughter visited us this summer-they live in Teheran, Iran. Can't help but worry a little about them. The garden was good this year-plenty of fruit like figs, quince, peaches, apricots, plums, apples, and Jap persimmon. We're in good health. (Nick-don't worry about the many addresses we list-just a matter of mail room moving to another floor-address on mast head of newsletter, addressed properly, will receive all of your notes-which we enjoy. Ye-ed).

DEL THORSEN: (You're condensed) D-R received today and the "red" kiss of death-here's \$\$ to get me even. Enjoyed the D-R - not much travel-did get up to Minn. and looked for you at Seymour, Ind, but no Tom. Just completed tree measuring 2½ million feet of hardwood-it will sell in December. The mountains keep getting higher and steeper -my son keeps telling me to jog to keep the heart pumping. I feel like I've done enough pumping! See you at a meeting in '79. And from Vera: We're going to Miss. Gulf Coast for Thanksgiving with our son and play some golf on the coast. We took out fall color trip in Nov. and had a great time up Blue Ridge Parkway, Little Switzerland; Spruce Pine and Burnsville. Took some friends to the Cradle and it was beautiful there. I am Chairwoman of F.S. Wives' Club here and get to see a lot of retired and active F. S. people and love it. Regards to all our friends in Atlanta.

KARL MAYER: (You're condensed too): After getting Vol. VII, #1 D-R, after 1st of the year-thought I had it made. Have had nothing since and figured ye-ed had gone under. Getting Voll. VIII, #4, Oct.

'78 settled that concern. Would like to get the April & August issues. The \$6 check will add to the \$10 sent previously and, please, use some of it to enroll a good friend H. Reelf Peecksen, 605 Old Plantation Road, Jekyll Island, Ga. 31520 to membership. Guess you remember this "legal eagle" in R8? He moved to the WO and settled in Jekyll Island. His wife is a Homerville gal. Picture is enclosed-try and get them identified. (We did Karl) Got off to bad '79 with bad auto accident-no injuries; bleeding ulcer; frozen pipes galore at 8 below here (Gainesville, Ga.) and Penn State playing like losers in Sugar Bowl. Rest of year looks great. His note of 1/27-79 really shook me up. "What in hell does it take to be accepted as a bonafide, dues paying member of either SFSRA (per cover attached) or Nov. 1978 directory? Not only am I not listed in the directory, I only got one page of the April 1978 D-R which had a 30¢ postage stamp thereon--no staples - no message - nonnthing? Labels stuck over some one's name, such as Merlin Dixon. The only D-R I have had for a year was labeled for Walt Hopkins. Guess new members get copies when old members return one? Seriously, I would like the missing copies. I wrote about when I sent you another \$6 and Peecksen's name two weeks ago. Poor Peeck - he won't get accepted until '80! (Karl has a good point - I've tried to explain it to him - hope he accepts it and the fact "you can't fight City Hall-know what I mean?) (Wonder if he would like to take over my job?).....ye-ed.

BILL BERGOFFEN: Belatedly, it occurred to me that you were doing something personal in sending me back issues of the D-R. Here is something for a Lowenbrau-have the best? You're doing a swell job putting the D-R together-happy holidays to all. Since the above I've had another letter from Bill but it is personal, which I've answered. Bill is spending up to 3/15 in the Florida Keys fishing and, after that will be at 3582 Gleneagles Dr., Silver Spring, Maryland 20906. You members who know Bill - write to him after March 15 - he'll write to you too-he does to me.

## A NOTE ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

At the last Board meeting, the "Board" requested that a special "thank you" be extended to Mrs. C. M. "Theo" Evenson for taking on the job of typing the new directory. Theo did a great job and - in line with the "Board's" request - here is a great big, special, "Thank you Miss Theo"!

I have just had a call from the Chairman - Arrangements Committee - Bill Huber. He informs me that all arrangements have been made for the March 21 luncheon at Petite Auberge Restaurant - Toco Hills. He also asked me to mention that the Manager of the Petite Auberge wishes to congratulate our group and to say, for him, "it is the finest group of people whom he has served".

Ye-ed's !I'M SORRY COLUMN!: With 52 letters already included, I have a few more which should be - but, please bear with me, I just dont have the space. However, I must include a portion of the one from Olene Woody - and will include the others in the next issue.

OLENE WOODY: Just made up my mind to write to you. Sorry about George Tannehill. Had a real scare with our son-in-law. He had gone to Nebraska to hunt-had a heart attack - flew him home and he is walking "his mile" each day now. This "weather deal" has gotten Clyne a lot of attention from 7-states and he even discovered a relative in Detroit about who he knew nothing. Also sorry to hear about Sam Greenwood. Rezin passed the word along. I wish you would come to visit with us-we're hard of hearing, but the door is always unlocked. I admired I'on & Elizabeth Lowndes, also the McKinleys. We got away from home as Farm delegates to Jekyll Island -helped to elect a new President. Woody's Lake is being lowered so some folks can come and build back. Suches boasts of a medical center now-federally funded in a way. Wouldnt Father Woody (Ranger) be proud of this. Come up anytime-Merry Christmas to all of our friends-new year best ever too.

I have another letter from Harry Rossoll; Lew Mielke; Dorothy Robinson; Dot Joseph; CEAnderson; Arch Nichols, Ruth Archer and more. Will include them next time. ok?

## DIRECTORY CHANGES-CORRECTIONS

Bob Raymund suggested we keep the directory up to date by publishing changes currently. He also suggested we publish birth date schedule far enough in advance to allow the sending of greetings prior to birthday dates, some of which are 1-2 months behind by time D-R is received.

New Addresses: Henry G. Backus, 428 Younce St., Jessup, Ga. 31545.

C.E. Anderson, 137 Jacaranda Dr., Leesburg, Fla. 32748

Bill Bergoffen, 3582 Gleneagles Dr., Silver Springs, Md. 20906.

Gene Cope-Tel. #997-1048.

William V. McConnell -323 Meadowbrook Lane, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

\*Carter Qualls, 910 Beach Blvd., Laguna Vista, Tex. 78578

Henry A. Nichols, 50 Windser Rd., Asheville, N.C. 28804

Dorothy R. Smith, Tel. #296-5156

\*Also a new member BUT had no address for him and he wont write to me to confirm.

Wilma B. Hooper, 323 Christopher Dr., NW, Gainesville, Ga. 30501.

Cecile Montgomery: 5076 Fox Forest Dr., Lilburn, Ga. 30247. Ph. #921-1627

BOB RAYMUND: He sent us a change of address and a telephone number, but cant find it. He also enrolled, as a new member, Mrs. Juanita Doughty, Rt. 2, Box 40, Pollock, La. 71467 and mentioned she makes the best coffee he ever had before or since being on duty on the Kisatchie.

## AND WE BEAT SOME ONE

In the 10/78 issue of the Dixie Ranger, we reported the results of the annual F. S. Golf Assoc. results. Our ex-president, Doug Craig won the Vessey Trophy. The one we beat, however, was the R-8 Newsletter for the publication of these results in their January 1979 issue. The same issue also published a full page of promotions, reassignments and transfers. I-as one who used to know everyone in the RO, didnt know but three people mentioned in the R8 news.

## DIRECTORY

A new one has been put out. I am sure and I hope all of you have received your copy. HOWEVER, according to a suggestion received by Bob Raymund, we should keep the directory up to date, by showing all new addresses in the Dixie Ranger. I try and do this in listing new members, with their addresses. Please add the names and addresses on new members to your directory, by tearing out the listing of the new members, or corrections, and sticking them in your copy of the directory. I maintain a MASTER COPY of the directory. Anyone who needs an address, just ask me and I'll furnish it. Please remember, however, that it is a big job to keep track of (1) new member addresses and (2) change in address and telephone numbers and (3) this Ye-ed job is sort of a l-man job! Please bear with me-hear?

## OBITUARIES

GEORGE M. TANNEHILL, died on Dec. 6. He was a native of Urania, La. and served as Dist. Ranger on the Winn District, Kisatchie NF for a number of years. He is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, his mother, two brothers and one sister.

GEORGE & CARIEL GLENDENNING: George died in September and his wife died about 45 days later. At the time of his death, they lived in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by one son George Jr. who lives at the same address as shown in the current directory.

SAM K. GREENWOOD: Died Sunday Dec. 19 at Emory Hospital in Decatur. Sam was a retired F. S. employee and served in the Navy during WWII. He is survived by his wife Nancy, Franklin, N. C., one son Kelly and a daughter Jan. Nancy sent me the Franklin Press in which Sam was editorialized and was also the subject of an article by the Macon Co. Public Library, to which organization he rendered yeoman service.

MARY BARNES HUNNICUTT: Died on Dec. 9. She was the wife of Emory Hunnicutt, who survives, and is also survived by a son Tom, who works in the Supervisor's Office in Asheville, also by two other children.

## OBITUARIES (Cont'd)

JACOB M. STAUFFER, age 76, died 1/24/79. He was the former State Forester of Alabama. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, two sisters.

FRANCES J. COPE VAN WAGNER: Died recently at Cleveland, Tennessee. The only survivor I know of is her husband James L. Van Wagner of Cleveland. (Someone was supposed to send me an "obit" on Mrs. Van but, at this time, I have not received it).

I wish to thank Grady Burnett; Nancy Greenwood; Mary Hutchins; Angie Mule; LBanderson and others who sent in the "obit" notices of the above mentioned. We already have, or will, send a donation to the survivors to be applied to the charity of the choice of the deceased.

Please refer to the letter from Mrs. Winnifred Conarro Turner, relative to the death of her mother Mrs. Bertha Conarro.

## FOREST SERVICE PLANS FOR "HOST" PROGRAM

The Forest Service is planning a "host" program aimed at recognizing and responding to the needs and desires of visitors and users. Chief John McGuire has said that it is essential that the F. S. have a good "host" attitude towards all its visitors. A task force met to draft an action program to meet the Chief's objective. Some of the major goals of the proposed program are: (1) Develop awareness and enthusiasm and provide incentives for all Forest Service employees to carry out the "Host" role (2) Provide training for F. S. employees so that better service can be provided to the public (3) Develop tools and ideas to help in serving the public (4) Develop and improve the F. S. visual and service image with the public (5) Establish an accountability and follow up program to assure the "good host" theme is continued year after year and (6) The idea for the host attitude to become a part of all public contact opportunities. The Southern Region held a host training program in Jackson, Miss. on 2/20-23/79.



JANUARY

1 - C. Joe Galloway  
 2 - R. E. Pidgeon  
 4 - Spence Paulmer  
 9 - Russ Vance  
 10-Clem J. Wyers  
 18-Joe McPherson  
 19-Rose M. Milot  
 24-Alva Freidrich  
 26-E.O.Powers  
 26-Jean Seely  
 27-Del Thorsen  
 16-Bea Cagle  
 10-Fanny Lane  
 26-Helen Wellhoner  
 22-Marie Eriksson  
 9 - Lib Collins  
 10-Caroline R. Taylor  
 15-Ray Phillips  
 22-H.E.Howard  
 5 - Denton H. Bloomer  
 31-Helen Mayer

FEBRUARY

1 - Mrs. R.W.Bierbaum  
 4 - John Addington  
 8 - Mildred Wilkinson  
 11-Viola Meltz  
 13-Lola Burris  
 9-Louise Scherer  
 14-Eve Welch  
 14-Dorothy M. Wyers  
 16-William E.Snyder  
 19-Mary C.Montgomery  
 19-Mrs. Tom B.Allen  
 22-Ermett C. Gibson  
 23-Sam Whaley  
 8- Mrs. Mary Moyle  
 7-Clint Johnson  
 12-Mariam L. Davis  
 26-Bitsy Lamb  
 24-Lesene Mays  
 12-LeRoy Howell  
 2 -Bill Nicholls  
 4 - Evelyn Antonie  
 11-Remer H. Crum  
 8 -Robert Johns  
 23-W.L.(Lee) Slade  
 14-Lillian Kilgore

MARCH

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-Carrie M. Covington  
 22-Guy M. Wilkinson  
 30-Ruth Boston  
 30-Lucy Moore  
 30-Mrs. Kathryn Rhymes  
 28-Gola Mae Laton  
 9 -Bryan W. Sipe  
 9 -Lena Belle Morriss  
 17-Willa Carswell  
 9 -Saranell Wright  
 19-Bruce Merrill  
 7 -Mary F. Merrill  
 24-Jim Carroll  
 4 -Elizabeth HP Lowndes  
 10-Mary W.Hutchins  
 27-John A. Adams,Jr.  
 23-Sophia Setser  
 5 -Mary Eliz. Kinney  
 James Jefferson  
 22-Lyman Gray  
 4 -Jane Prather  
 21-Karl R.Mayer  
 17-Red Strange

APRIL

2 -Clodene O. Whaley  
 3 - Allan M. Friedrich  
 4 - Paul H. Russell  
 6 - Martha Lambert  
 8 - Lorene Kauffman  
 9 - Musette Adams Smith  
 16-VirginiaShea  
 18-Roy W. Bierbaum  
 21-Louise Caldwell  
 22-Allen J. Logan  
 23-Elizabeth Mason  
 25-Ruth B. Gray  
 26-Ruth Anderson  
 30-Olyne Woody  
 16-Mrs. Karl C.Krueger  
 30-Millie Renshaw  
 9 - Harry Wright  
 30-Evelyn D. Carroll  
 30-Tom Swafford  
 Lucille Prater  
 P.W.W.Prater  
 12-Carl E.Benson  
 1 -Simeon A. Pintado  
 11-Peggy Hawley

MAYMAY

2 -Mildred Harkins  
 4 - Eunice M. Chipman  
 6 - Russell L.Chipman  
 9 -Yvonne L. Hunt  
 10-Art. B.Collins,Jr.  
 17-John Kauffman  
 24-Lois Galloway  
 12-Sylvia Bryan  
 31-Claudia Logan  
 Roy B. Rayworth  
 17-Ruby Cheek  
 27-Jack Wellhoner  
 25-Frances Dennis  
 23-Johnnie Davis  
 29-Audrey Pommerening  
 4 -F. Grady Burnett  
 8 -Rosella Wolf  
 5 - Milt Bryan  
 29-Alrick Antonie  
 14-Glenn O. Antonie  
 17-Russ Rea  
 3 -W. I. Stevens  
 10-Ruby Hice  
 25-Charlie Connaughton  
 31-Hazel Lunnum  
 28-Berkley Pillsbury  
 11-Thelma Hamer

JUNE

1 -J.N.Van Alstein  
 7 -Robert U.Cobb  
 10-Henry Sipe (Mrs.)  
 10-Jenny Irby  
 13-Harry Tomlinson  
 21-Dorothy Joseph  
 21-Louis B. Anderson  
 21-Mary D. Black  
 20-John T. King  
 22-Harriett Huckleby  
 22-Edna Palmer  
 22-Mrs. Charley M.Arnold  
 23- Grace Mills  
 25-Arthur Steedly  
 26-Blanche Paddock  
 28-Alva B.Williams  
 30-Mrs. Marion W.Ruffin  
 28-Helen Lielke  
 20-Hazel Oeinart  
 Pete Hanlon  
 29-Russ Eaton  
 14-Marian Fortin  
 25-Lou Lee  
 18-Jack Hicks  
 5 -Evelyn Partee  
 7 -Irene Reese  
 20-Johnnie Smith

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8 - Rosemary James  
7 -Pauline Roth  
23-Eugene R. Coleman  
9 -Agnes Lee  
13-Allen P. Swayne  
4 -Arch Nichols  
22-Angie Mule  
7 -Catherine Phillips  
18-Helen Howard  
27-Bill Hice  
14-Alex Betser  
22-Donald Swiger  
25-Knut Lunnum  
3 -C.P. Leipold  
12-Edison Kilgore  
15-Marion Lamb

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to all whose name appears on this and the previous page. Printing birth dates for six months-in this issue-is the result of a suggestion made by Bob Raymond to "print birthdates in advance so the list will be current at time of receipt of the D-R.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

If ANYONE has knowledge as to where Jack McElroy finally settled, please send or have him send in his new address, so we can get him back on the mailing list.

ROOM FOR A FEW MORE SHORT LETTERS

HARRY ROSSOLL: Writes from Broken Bend, Okla and says:"Doesnt the Ouachita remind you of your many friends and enemies in this neck of the woods: While at Broken Bow, I had a chance to see a number of F. S. people. They frequently use the Forest Heritage Center for their meetings. Spent 10-days at the Center finishing up my second mural. It looks great and this is a "dream of a lifetime" for me. Thought you could let people know through the Dixie Ranger, what I'm up to. (Harry sent a clipping from the McCurtain Daily Gazette, showing him working on the NEW DIORAMA which is going on display at the Forest Heritage Center in Beavers Bend State Park. Harry is doing a series of dioramas for the Center.

DOROTHY D. ROBINSON: Sorry I was behind on dues. Had health problems during all of '78. Was in Emory hospital for 10-days with ulcer of left eye and making periodic visits. They saved the eye but not the sight in that eye. Cannot drive so have to call relatives and friends for help. Here's check-will do better next time.

RUTH HATCHER: Appreciate receiving the D-R and directory. I lost my husband last March; live alone-no children. Have many good friends and neighbors and stay busy taking friends to store, doctors etc and doing for others. It is rewarding and I enjoy it. There are quite a number of retirees in Roanoke-R8 as well as some friends from R-7 and a good group. Hope to get to Atlanta sometime to see friends; a relative in Florida and some retirees there.

"DOT" JOSEPH: You're still doing a great job and I am thoroughly enjoying the D-R. Here's a check for my dues.

TO FILL IN THIS SPACE

I have a 6-page letter from John S. Hall, 220 Richardson Dr., Mill Valley, Cal. 94941. He advises receipt of the Dixie Ranger and promised to take it to the quarterly meeting of one of the FSX Clubs. He also sent a newsletter and a, as he called it, a hastily prepared resume of the F. S. Retiree organizations in California. In reviewing his letter, a lot of familiar names appear. I wish I had the space to cover his entire letter and information about the FSX organizations about which he mentions.

DUES

While other retiree organizations have increased their dues to \$3.00 and higher, the dues for the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association remain at \$2.00 per year per family. As a result of the "red stamp method" which appears on the October issue of the Dixie Ranger each year, a lot of dues have been sent in, especially from those who were delinquent previously. Even some of those who have been dropped, have paid up and are reinstated. Remember, dues of \$2 are due and payable as of January 1 each year. To all those who have not paid their dues this year - check your records and pay your dues promptly.

A LATE "OBIT"

Herbert G. Knoch died on February 13. He is survived by three daughters: Frances K. Jones; Joan K. Fulghum and Carol K. Moore, all of whom live in the Atlanta area. Also by four brothers, all who live in California; two sisters; 12-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren plus nephews and nieces. Services were held at Turner's in Decatur on February 14 and burial will be in Detroit, Michigan on February 16. (Ed's note: Herb was a good friend of mine, since I worked for him in 1941 and was on detail under him after WWII in 1945-46. Bill Paddock wrote and told me recently that Herb was 87 years old. As I said above - Herb was a good friend and raised a good family. May he rest in peace - a peace he worked hard for and is deserving of it.)

MORE ABOUT OUR NEXT LUNCHEON

Earlier in this issue, I have told you all about the luncheon; the time; the place etc. Since 90% of the people who attend are from the Atlanta area, no reservation notice is included. For those in this area who wish to make reservations - do it by phone - by calling Shirley Herbert at 881-4191, or by mail to the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association at the address shown on the first sheet of this newsletter. For those making a long distant call - it is 1 - 404 - 881-4191

A FEW MORE LETTERS (Since I have a little room.)

C. E. ANDERSON: Wonders never cease! A letter from you was a pleasant surprise. Glad to know you are still numbered among the living and, apparently, in good health and spirits. In fact, good enough to remember things which I had completely "disremembered" (A Tennessee term). I do not remember "stacking 4-6 salary checks although, since my wife worked and was making big money, what Uncle Sam paid me didnt amount to much - and as far as "Imprest Funds" is concerned - I've heard the term, but didnt know it was concerned with Forest Service business. (Andy I'll explain when I write you) As Dan Todd explained, I tried to get my address straightened out 2-3 times but they or their computers just didnt get the message. Speaking of Dan - he and Chloe are the only ones of the "old folks" we've kept up with -

1st - when they lived at Mountain Rest, SC., in a beautiful home on the General Pickens District - then several visits to Arizona at Green Valley. Both of us have traveled far and wide since retirement and have a lot of experiences to relate. Our home at Leesburg is a short distance from the Ocala NF and we get up there occasionally. In fact, Tish and I took a canoe trip down Juniper Springs Creek last fall. Florida is nice but a good place to be from during the summer months. It is filling up too fast with "Yankees" who are migrating to get away from those severe winters up north. Tish and I are enjoying good health and it was good to hear from you. Send me the directory, but dont bother with back issues of the Dixie Ranger. Here's \$4 to get back in good graces with the Association, assuming the \$2 per year is right. (It was Andy).

I'M SORRY SECTION -again

I have letters from Arch Nichols; Harry Rossoll; Lew Mielke which should be included, and another page, at least, from Olene Woody. However, when I send out the last issue (October 1978) each year and put a red "DUES NOT PAID" stamp thereon - that reminder usually brings in a lot of notes, long letters and, especially, a lot of \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ to go into the pot. So, figuring there will not be too many letters in the next quarter, I'll save what I have from Arch, Harry and Lew for the next issue and I know you'll enjoy them when they're published.

FOREST SERVICE WIVES' CLUB NOTES

They put on a good Christmas party early in December, which I attended, along with my wife and quite a number of retirees from our Association. The Wives' Club does a good job of organizing for their Christmas party and they had most of the "big shots" at their party. The food was good; the hospitality hour was out of this world but the music just didnt fit in with the style us old folks are used to. We're sorry that Harry Rossoll's STARLIGHTERS were not involved with the music for dancing.

Since this page was an extra one - please remember - I had to make most of it up from "out of my head". Some of you critics - wanna try it some time???????