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OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the annual Christmas Meeting, to be held on December 6, 1984, at the old reliable, PETITE AUBERGE RESTAURANT in the Toco Hills Shopping Center. The usual routine will be followed; assemble beginning around 11 a.m. for a social hour and with meeting old and new friends, with meal served close to noon. Make your reservations early with Maynie Gaither, at 881-4191 - or for out of towners, 1-404-881-4191. The tab will be about \$7 a person-our Treasurer will meet you at the door to collect. Make checks payable to So. F. S. Retiree Assoc. I don't know of any special program, but am sure Harry will be there with his horn and the usual Christmas Carols will be sung - off key I'm sure. The new officers for 1985 will be announced by Bob Jackson, Committee Chairman. Am sure Lucile Isbell will conduct the usual door prize contest in which everyone will participate. Since we did not have a very good representation at the picnic - let's make the representation at the annual Christmas party a one to remember. See y'all there-hear?

HERE IS THE STATUS OF YOUR DUES. IF 1984 or LATER DATE SHOWS, YOU'RE O. K. IF EARLIER THAN 1984-THE RED STAMP WILL SHOW "DUES NOT PAID"

YOU ARE PAID UP
THROUGH

OUR LAST MEETING

Was the annual picnic, September 20, 1984, at Stone Mountain Park. Approx 50-60 were in attendance. Our of town guests and members were: Lucile & Wally Prater, Tallahassee, Fla., John Tom & Hazel Koen, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jim Heffner & wife, Athens, Ga., Elva & Al Freiderich, Cumming, Ga. If I missed any, am sorry. Harry's bugle call called the meeting to order. President gave a short introduction, but no record of his talk. Paul Russell announced the winner - Doug Craig - of the Bill Fischer Trophy. Also that Doug was #1 winner; John Spring #2 and Red Strange #3, with Russell, Craig and Bob Jackson winners of other prizes. Paul Russell also read off the names of previous winners and other members of the Retiree Golf Players, who have passed away: Larry Newcomb, Elmer Roth, Bill Fischer, Del Thorsen, A. W. Hartman, Kelly Heffner, Henry Malsberger and Floyd Cossitt. Stan Adams, representing the USDA-Forest Service, presented Ye-Ed with "AN APPRECIATION" plaque in appreciation for the work on the Dixie Ranger, which was signed by Jack Alcock, Reg. Forester. With all these awards-I'm running out of wall space.

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LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

I have selected the letter from the widow of Joe T. McCullough to lead off this part of the newsletter section of Dixie-Ranger:

MARY CAROLYN McCULLOUGH

Many thanks for the check which I have endorsed over to Thornevele Home for Children and have requested that an acknowledgement be sent to S. F. S. R. A. By this time you will undoubtedly have received an obit from me and an account of the last few weeks of Joe's life. He wanted this inscription on his tombstone - it has been ordered:

"FIRE'S OUT - RANGER'S GONE HOME"

That should appear in Dixie Ranger. No group of people other than ex-foresters could so sympathize with that sentiment. I especially appreciate your account of visits to district rangers in your capacity of inspector who aimed to make helpful suggestions. These were not always kindly received. Than you wrote "Joe was one of those who understood why I was there and accepted a lot of help from me on the various things I could do to help him with. It has seemed to me that one flaw in Joe's character was his aversion to criticism--sometimes reaching pathological proportions. Sarah Coulter wrote that Muxette Adams Smith would be sending in an obit Joe loved Musette, Charlotte Breitenstein and Renshaw. When an appeal came for financial help in getting out the '83 directory, I sent a check. Apparently, that has been parlayed to pay dues as I have a notice that we are paid through '85. I did send a check when I sent the obit. That was to pay Don Fassnanch's dues and towards other needs or expenses. I appreciated your letter Tom.

B. W. CHUMNEY

Dont have much time - sickness - not Neva or me, but relatives. My brother in law died recently. Will try to write later. I havent sent a copy of this obit (LOU WILLIAMS) to Paddock but hope you'll handle. Hope your family is holding up health wise.

MUSSETTE A. (SUSIE) SMITH

Here is the obit I promised on Joe McCullough Was nice talking to you the other night.

BILL IRBY

I'm kinda like the butcher who backed into his meat slicing maching - so got a little behind. I'm in arrears in dues payment, so here is my check. Mark me paid for 5-years and apply the remainder for whatever purpose you see fit (excluding, of course, your vacation in Hurley). I havent written you for wuite awhile, primarily because of the disparaging remarks you made about me in your epistles to Don Morris and myself. I finally remembered something Elvin Brasher our mutual friend, told me years ago about you: (Ed: Such remarks are hereby deleted) Jenny and I just recently returned from my 50th high school reunion. Either my memory is failig me or my eyesight is getting worse, because I didnt recognize but about three of my former classmates, out of a graduating class of 116 - not a good average. Didnt attend all the functions because of all the old people attending. Dont plan to attend the next reunion. (Bill also reported on Don Morris' operation but it has already been covered previously) Don had a check up by his local doctor and was found in good shape. Jokingly the doc asked Don about his sex life: Don replied without hesitation "you wont believe this Doc, but I have sex almost every day - almost on Monday; Tuesday, Wednesday, etc. Hope you enjoyed your trip to Hurley. I went there once and found it quite small. There was a sign on the highway which stated on one siad "Welcome to Halsey" and on the other "Hurry Back". Regards..... (Ed: Bill - I hope you dont mind the deletion of Elvin's remarks - they had no place in this - my swan song-I hope - Dixie Ranger). Bill also sent me a card, which was an insult to me and it has been filed in "13". He also asked that I not be nice in writing to him - he enjoyed the old routine of disparagiment, demean, belittle and a good cussing out and he could not believe that I could write him a letter in which I did not cuss him about something((Keep writing Bill - I've mellowed and intend to continue in writing to all my friends!

EDWIN F. COLE

Please remove my name from the Dixie-Ranger mailing list. Please accept this check for 2-years dues. Sincerely.....

OPAL & MAC McKINLEY

Enjoyed your greeting in the orange stamp. We are not at all happy about your retirement, but cant fault you for doing it. Enough is enough. Raymund is still going strong with garden, chicken and Scouts. I just keep him fed, clothed and other comforts of life. We still cane chairs and sometimes it gets a bit too much. He has gone to play golf, as this is Thursdy. Love. Raymund insisted that I send this dues money NOW!

FRANK ARNOLD

John Sandor has been sharing his Dixie Ranger with me. He retired last week so I guess I need to get on your mailing list if I'm going to keep up with what is going on down there. My check is enclosed. Please say hello to everyone for me and if Grumbine, Carroll or Harper try to recall whether it was 10 or 15 years ago when they hired me, tell them I received my 25-year old pin. Also, if any of you make a trip up this way, I hope you'll stop off in Juneau and give us a call. Several "Love Boat" type cruise ships spend the summer on runs between the West Coast and SE Alaska as well as the Alaska State Ferry system. SE Alaska is a beautiful place and I can guarantee you will enjoy yourself. Juneau itself, reminds me a lot of Tallahassee, Fla. in that everyone is outdoor orientated with salt water fishing being the big thing to more people. Of course, our terrian and climate is a little different than Tallahassee, but nothing that rubber boots and long underwear wont fix. Best regards. (See new members SAM L. JOHNSON (From China))

Dear Sept. 20 picnic lovers. 4:25 Wed. p.m., 9/12 Atlanta time; 5:25 Thurs. a.m. Tokyo time. I well rem4mber 4/13/45 Okinawa - FDR's death, 4/12 in the states. On that 4/11 wave after wave of Japan planes tried driving our 5th fleet task force into the sea. Later that year, we were forming fleet in San Francisco early August when our ship Barber came back on 8/6 saying in one of the bars, one was betting war would be over by mid-month. CRAZY we said. We were due Tokyo Bay first wave 11/01. Glad my arrival delayed 39-years. Had a great 4-days in San Fran with son & his bride. They married 8/20. Arrived Tokyo Tuesday and will fly to Beijing Friday. Great Wall Sat-Sun. At Imperial Palace Plaza yesterday and ended day with Imperial Genghis Khan Barb-Q. CNN news in our room with Diana, N.C. movement but little in last hours. Turner established CNN here 4/1/84.

NORBERT W. POCH

Encl. dues-overdue by now! Just got back from Wis; visited new F.S. of R-9 in Reuss Bldg-Milwaukee, across from Boston Store with an overhead walkway across Wis. Ave. Liked the old location better. Amazing how many new faces I saw and could not recognize. Also to Rhinelander and Jim Berlin the Supvr. A few days in area visiting friends and relatives - one man 100 years old in a rest home. Was in 3-Lakes; Eagle River and Crandon; Boulder Jct. and Iron River, Mich. Believe this is familiar territory to you. Then to Rochester, Mn for arrival of new grandson. *They're tearing up all the railroad tr cks up north of Rhinelander(Norb: they've torn them all up from Ashland to Watersmeet; from Hurley to Woodruff). What will those loggers do up there-it is a shame. What will the country do if a war would come to move men and materials. The only earth shaking thing here was the big freeze of last Christmas which wiped out more than half the citrus trees in Lake and this area and the surviving trees wont produce any fruit for years to come. We have a bad economic situation and if it wasnt for the "snow birds" from up north, we'd really be in trouble. Building industry going great. Encl. an obit on John Hawkins-looked as though he was a R-8 man? *Michael Norbert Poch, 7-11-84, 10#-15 oz.

"RED" HARKINS

I was saddened when I read the last D-R. I would be selfish to expect you to keep on-you have given up lots of free time to meet the press date lines for the D-R. For all this, I am thankful to you. We will get another Editor but not another "Tom". You happen to be one of the breed (endangered species) who does anything you do -you do right. The contracting job was done efficiently and no pressure for us boys on the ground. Thanks again for the good job you've done. We're doing ok for Sr. Citizens. If the schedule works out, I will be 82 10/21 and Mildred 80 this summer. The place we live is ok but we miss Magnolia Springs-it was our second home for 20-years. The time to make a break is when you're able to. I'm not signing off for good, nor do I want you to close the gate. There are not but a few our age and R-8 people left. Be good and vote Republican. Pud Lamb used to say "keep your mouth shut and your bowels open". 'nuff! Thanks Red!

W. I. STEVENS

You are surely doing a fine job as ye-ed and Alyce and I especially want to keep the Dixie Ranger coming. Here is a check to keep me in good standing. We remember Fred Ruff. He was a good friend and we were sorry to hear of his passing/ Also remember Reynolds Florance and Peecksen and are glad to know they are alive and kicking. When they were in the Glenn Bldg., Fred Mynatt was the Regional Attorney. Am glad to be getting "Down South". I liked the May '84 issue because of the good "Golden Anniversary" article by Shaaron Young. You and I know some of the old timers will recall that I was party chief in examining and appraising the land acquired for the Appalachicola NF. I well remember the smoke and fires were burning in Florida and S. Georgia. That part of the country was, when I first met Ranger Shapp on the Chocawhatchie NF. Later I first met Don Morriss on the Apalachicola PU. I watched how well the Appalachicola improved with fire protection and the work of the CCC. We thought someone pulled a boner in the caption under the photo of Kircher's staff, since it was a photo of a Supervisor's meeting, because we could identify most all the Supervisors and HO Stabler, but not Pidgeon, Bishop, West or Shaw. Anyway, we thought that enough old timers would call it to the attention of "Down South". (Steve: they were flooded with letters and calls about this boo-boo). I hope you dont have too much trouble reading this and will excuse errors in spelling etc. My typewriter is out of order and my fingers have arthiritis, so I would probably not do well typing. My best wishes to the retirees in Atlanta and all those who read the D-R. "Steve".....

W. R. "BILL" PADDOCK

From your 6/8 letter, noted you were headed for Wisconsin. Hope you had a good trip. Have been busy getting the house painted; a new roof on the house and garage-well fixed up now. Notice from R-9 Contact, that John Walker was a recent retiree. He worked for me on the Chequamegon while I was there and did a good job. We did a lot of fishing, particularly ice fishing and that seems a long way into the past. Wrote him a note. The "Down South" really boo-boomed on the picture of Kircher's Staff --showing a Forest Supervisor's picture instead. Their correction picture was also out of order.

I had my usual inside inspection and am o. k. and will have another one in Oct. Blanche is getting her teeth repaired so

I guess keeping patched up is part of getting older! Mary Frances took a job for six weeks at a Kaiser Hospital at Fontana, Cal. She is setting up some kind of computer control for the surgery section. Thought it would be good experience, since she is teaching the subject Bill Jr. sent me pictures of the place they are acquiring in Washington. Looks attractive and they have a good water view and they went over to Washington this spring and did some fishing and clam digging and gathered some kind of oysters. (Bill: About the boo-boo, see previous letter from WISTEVENS).

R. L. "CHIP" CHIPMAN

I have your letter, cards etc. about getting in touch with Jack Frost, which I have done. Have fond memories of him, since on 8/30/36, he came to Shreveport and was best man at my wedding. Cant make the picnic-too busy with Dr. & Dental appointments. Planned to go to Iowa this month, but might have to postpone it. We enjoy the Dixie "anger reading about all those we know but, after 14-years, can understand your desire to get out of it! Would enjoy playing a round of golf with you. Your 5/25 letter was certainly appreciated-the many names you mentioned, such as Del Thorsen, George Hoffman and others. Went to George's funeral as did several others from here. We see Chumney and Neva and others at NARFE meetings. I never did write to Don Young. I remember well all those people you mention, such as Nora Nell Johnson, Juanita Kilgarlin, Ottie Lawrence, Hattie Wilson and Wagners. Have had no contact with them since moving from Lufkin in the 50s. Havent heard from or about Maxine since 1935. We see Whaley, Moser, Froula and other retirees. Cleveland is still growing steadily. We have most of everything here. Come see us and let us play some golf-remember you gaveme my first lesson. (Chip: I havent played golf in 7-10 years. Yes I remember giving you the first lesson - also gave Bill Fischer his first lesson. I remember when you, Jack Frost and I played golf on Christmas day in Houston, Texas at 50¢ for 18-holes. Now it would be \$15-20 each). HOW times do change! Write again Chip..

MRS. CHOLE TODD

Thank you so much for the nice letter and for the things you said about Dan. That helps me so much, along with what you said about him in the Dixie Ranger. He knew so many F. S. people all over the country and, in our travels we met many of them. He loved to read the Dixie Ranger and he kept a pile of them. After reading the last one before going to the hospital, he said he used to know almost all those mentioned but now there were so many he didn't know. I received many letters from F. S. people and I thank the Retiree Association for the memorial check. I think I will put it in a book I'm going to make up and include the letters about him. He loved the F. S. and had a broad experience with them; he started with a surveying crew; then kept a tower then was Ranger in Ark; worked in Hot Spgs, Jackson, Washington and Atlanta offices and he truly enjoyed his photo work. You have done a fine job with the Dixie Ranger and I know it is a lot of work but it meant so much to so many people. You have served your time. Dan and I had 50-years together and I have many wonderful memories to help me in the years ahead. I have a comfortable and easy-care home and yard in Green Valley and it is safe and convenient place to live I have fine neighbors and they've helped me a lot. I hope that the health of you and your wife is good and you have many more years of happy retirement. Want to continue with the Dixie Ranger. How about dues? (Chole check this issue of the D-R-right hand corner-it will tell you. If no red stamp shows-you're in the clear. Ye-ed).

BETTY WILSON

Hank slows down enough to write letters, but don't know if he answered yours of 8/15! We appreciated the \$10 in memory of Papa Wilson. He was faithful going to church, so we gave the check to the Methodist Church here to buy much needed hymnals. (Ed: We received acknowledgement from Tom Wilson's church). Hank enjoys the D-R about as much as Papa did. We usually hear from Bill Branch at Christmas time-hope to hear again this year. Kythe Sears and Helen Tyler used to stop to see us, but haven't heard from them since Papa died. Hope we can make a meeting soon.enjoyed hearing from you.

VERA THORSEN

You were so kind to send me the back issues of the D-R. Jim & family were here and so good to see them. Keeping busy-this yard work never ends. Am playing golf in spare time. Our F.S. retiree group met; beautiful day; a tour of the gardens and SEEperiment F.S. headquarters. Was glad to see Rip Williams here. Hear from Frank & Jeanne Mayfield often and a nice note from Dick & Sara Millar. Hoping to get to Atlanta one of these days. Still a little leery about going alone. Hope you had a good Wisconsin trip. Will probably fly to Minn. sometimes in late fall. My mother is 93 and holding her own. (Vera: Still remember the time we ran into you and Del at Seymour, Indiana enroute to Wis. & Minn. respectively--a small world!).

MRS. CHARLES R. (LILLIAN KING) HURSH

Time to change mailing address for winter. Difficult to tear us away from colorful mountains in the fall, but the warmer weather in Florida beckons and our old bones agree with the migration. You've done a fine job as Editor of the D-R. All retirees appreciate your devotion and hard work and will miss your inimitable style and wit. Here's check for dues and plus a little for DR. Best wishes (See change of address).

MRS. H. O. (GRACE) MILLS

Sincere thanks for the many hours you have put in on the D-R, for the enjoyment of the S. F. S. R. A. While I've never met you, I felt as if I had, because you knew so many of my friends. Am living in a retiree's apartment complex at Franciscan Villa, superbly managed by Catholic sisters. Sending a obit on Joe McCullough-also \$12 for D-R May your years of retirement be enjoyable ones. (Mrs. HOMills, 17110 E. 51st St., Apt 44, Broken Arrow, Ok 74012)

MRS. HELEN W. PEYTON

Please remove my name from mailing list.Thks.

JAMES F. MARTIN

Please add 10/7 on your birthday list.

FRANK ARNOLD

John Sandor's address is POBox 1135, Juneau, Alaska 99802..

J. N. "JEFF" JEFFERSON

Yes, I wish I was young again. Since I am not and my arthritic knee gets no better fast, Lillian and I sold our home in Harrisonburg, Va. which we hated to do and leave our many friends and the G. W. NF personnel. During March, we moved to the Richfield Retirement Community, Salem, Va. and purchased an apartment in Knollwood. So far we like it fine. No grass to mow; no shrubs to trim; no painting; no property tax; no fire insurance. We do have to pay a service charge. Lillian's daughter and family live near by in Roanoke. Dont see many of the J.N.F. personnel. Do see some of R-7 retirees who live near by. Once is Ranger Lew Smith who was at Natural Bridge in '33. When I first joined the F. S. where he had been for fifty years. He is now 87 and going strong. We would be glad to see any of the F. S. Personnel when they visit the J. N. F. Address 30 Knollridge Rd., Apt. 115, Salem Va. 24153 Phone 703-389-1332

MARY CAROLYN McCULLOUGH

As you know, Joe McCullough died August 8. He had a minor stroke 6/1. After 6-days in the hospital, he became a resident at New Horizon Rehabilitation Center. There he became the same friendly, witty character we have always known. One daughter in law wrote of his strongly held opinions. In an answer to our Congressman's question "do you favor raising drinking age from 19-21, he responded "raise it to 100". On July 31 he had a massive stroke. He had been unusually tired 7/30. Joe loved the Dixie Ranger beyond belief. At one time I sent a check to D-R to help cover the cost of new directory. It appears that this amount has been credited to Joe's dues for several years. (Ed: Mary, it all goes into the same pot). Here's \$27 - \$25 for any purpose needed and \$2 to enroll Don Fassnaucht, 7637 Sycamore St., New Orleans, La. 70118 as a new member. (Ed: We have received acknowledgement of the \$10 to Thornwell Home and School for Children).

ELLEN & VERN TAYLOR

News of your resignation has sent anxiety vibrations shimmering across both Broadleaf & Conifer canopies from Georgia to the banks of the Columbia and beyond. It is perfectly clear that the directors must find and recruit a gifted person to carry on the fine trend you have initiated and to, like a magnet, draw response and Espre Decorps, so essential to our communication needs.

TAYLOR (Cont'd)

As you have contributed thru the years, now that you are really retiring, as a friend and fellow retiree, I offer you a little retirement plan: You now will have time to look for zephyr wakes across quiet pools, or to pause and watch a capricious stray wind busy etching a water canvas. An Autumn day take your wife to find a splash of color, so delicate, you refuse thought space to ponder on why man just cant duplicate for all to see. Smell a wild rose; listen to a crickets - eye race a thistledown. Lay on the grassy shadow of a green tree and watch a cloud form; see it stretch, then relax and finally dissolve in bits of fluff and drifts of whisp-like life. To be born, respond and evolve to a moment of granduer, then cloud-like, to the beyond. Recall that the glory of God is intelligence, the rose, the cloud and the splash of Autumn color for all to see. Feel, taste and smell, savor, cherish and share every rain fresh or wind swept moment, whether here or there. No energy for regrets; no peaks to scale; no worries. You can live on honey and locusts. Take the ring out of the clock and indulge the cat in retirement treasures. And if you ever require mental reassurances or gymnastics, read this advice again..Regards! Take it easy - U-hear?

A. Z. OWEN

A nice letter from A. Z. - most of it personal to be answered personally. If I had a typewriter and could type, I'd write more often. Have been in and out of hospitals with blood vessel blockage. I get on the treadmill and do good on stress tests. About getting old: you have me by a few years in age and length of marriage. I admit I played some tricks on you but not all of them. (Ed: Red Myler says you were responsible for ALL of them). Vesta's mother passed away about a year ago. Vesta stayed with her all three years. I stay busy with a good garden; hunting, fishing and do a little wood work. Thanks for the info on cemetery lots-send me an ad so I can try to sell those in Decatur. Sorry to hear about Del's death-sent Vera a card. A great big hello to all my Atlanta friends.

W. E. HEDGES

I've read with a great deal of interest the various news items and testimonials in the Dixie Ranger and have decided that I would like to break into print: I had a temporary job of Surveyor-Draftsman, working in and out of the Forest Supervisor's office in Buena Vista, Va. when a telegram arrived from the W/O confirming my appointment as Asst. Rgr. My salary was to be \$900 per year and I was required to maintain my own saddle horse. Within an hour, I was established in an office of my own. My office was a cubby-hole in a storage room back of the Supervisor's a one room office and hardly big enough to hold my two pieces of furniture which consisted of a chair and a desk. My desk was a home made surveyors field chest placed edge-wise on two "saw-horses". The first income from my district was from the sale of sassafras roots dug up by the local people from abandoned fields and old fence rows. There were two sassafras stills on my district and there was a ready market for the oil through the drug stores in the surrounding towns. This historical sketch of "how it was" refers to the period of around 1915-1916. Forty two years, four months and 16-days after my first employment, I retired from the R. O. then located in Philadelphia. (Ed: In 1934 I reported for duty in Houston, Texas - a Purchase Unit. My first desk was my personal trunk; my chair was my suit case and my typewriter was my personal one, purchased from the International Exchange, Chicago, for \$20) (When I went into the Army in 1943, I sold the typewriter for \$50. I have one now which I bought as a trade in for \$24 - but the one I'm using is one given to me at the time of my retirement in 1969-it's a beauty-manual).

ANYONE WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

From Donald W. Fisher, CFA Dir. NCNFs
Enclosed is brief copy of our vacancy announcement for a resident volunteer couple to assist us with our interpretive program at the Cradle of Forestry in America. Would be grateful if you would publish it:

VACANCY NOTICE-CRADLE OF FORESTRY IN AMERICA RESIDENT VOLUNTEER COUPLE

The Pisgah Ranger District is seeking a retired couple to serve as resident volunteers at the Cradle of Forestry, a National Historic Site on the Pisgah N. F. in N. C.

VACANCY NOTICE-continued:

Duties include serving as interpretive guide, light maintenance and clean-up, and assistance with the District's interpretive/recreation program. BENEFITS: Government furnished house w/ utilities in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. For information, contact U. S. F. S., Attn: Don Fisher, POBox 8, Pisgah Forest N. C. 28768, Phone (704) 877-3265.

A RETIREE

Willie N. Turner, Maintenance Worker, San Jacinto R. D., Texas NF., Eff. 8-18-84, Voluntary, 24-years service, Address: Rt. 3, Box 323, Cleveland, Tx. 77327

NEW MEMBERS

Frank Arnold, 2900 Fritz Cove Rd., Juneau, Alaska 99801.

H. L. "Duff" Holbrook, Pine Grove Plantation, Rt. 2, Box 185, Georgetown, S. C. 29440. (Credit Johns-Rossoll).

ADDRESS CHANGES

John Sandor, Box 1135, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

Lida McKenzie, 374 E. Paces Ferry Rd, NE, Apt. #223, Atlanta, Ga. 30305/Ph.237-3521.

Vaughn Hofeldt, 3385 Oakwood Pl., Redding, Cal. 96001.

G. Otto Lindh, 2633 SW Obsidian, Apt. #32, Redmond, Oregon. 97756.

(Ed's note: Vaughn & Otto: WHY didnt you send your change to the D.R.? IN case you're not interested in the R-8's newsletter - and unless you let us know - depending on your dues status, which will show in this issue - we'll be glad to drop you from membership in our Assoc.).

ANOTHER RETIREE

FRANK FINISON, to retire on 1/5/85, as Supervisor, Mississippi N. F. Frank is not a member of our Assoc. If someone will send in his address, I'll send a D-R to him and-surely-someone can recruit him and, if he wont-pay his dues!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Mr/Mrs. Charles R. Hursh, Box 54, Matlacha, Fla. 33909

OBITUARIES

JOE T. McCULLOUGH

Joe Thomas McCullough, 78, Ocala, died Wednesday in Munroe Regional Medical Center.

Born July 27, 1906, in Meigs, Ga., he was the son of Mallard E. and Lutie Collins McCullough.

He graduated from Ocala High School, attended the University of Florida, and received the Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Louisiana State University.

Mr. McCullough served as district ranger of the Ocala National Forest during the period of development of Juniper Springs and Alexander Springs Recreation areas. Later, the United States Forest Service transferred him to Wakulla National Forest in Florida, Sam Houston National Forest in Texas and Leaf River National Forest in Mississippi.

In 1948 he entered the field of private forestry and continued in that pursuit until his retirement in 1968.

He was president of the Ocala Jaycees in the mid-30s; president of the Southeastern Section of the Society of American Foresters in 1951; and organizing president of the Ocala Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution.

He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala; charter member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at the University of Florida; and held membership in the following Scottish Clan Societies: McRae, MacDonald, MacDougal, Munro and Ross; and was also a member of the St. Andrews Society of Florida and the Scottish Society of Central Florida.

Mr. McCullough served on the Marion County Historical Commission and was a member of the Marion County Historical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mary C. Logan McCullough of Ocala; two sons, Joe Thomas McCullough Jr., of Archer, John Logan McCullough of North Palm Beach; two brothers, Harry McCullough of Summerfield, Bert McCullough of Sarasota; and four grandchildren.

FUNERAL NOTICES

McCULLOUGH, MR. JOE THOMAS, Funeral services for Mr. McCullough, age 78, Ocala, will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 11, 1984, in Hiers Funeral Home, 910 East Silver Springs Blvd. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to your favorite charity.

Ye-Ed's note: Thanks to all who sent in an obit on Joe T. McCullough. I know that Musette Adams Smith sent one in; also Joe's widow - Mary Carolyn McCullough. See her two letters included in this issue. I knew Joe quite well, while he was on the Ocala N. F. and also when he was on the Sam Houston Ranger District at Huntsville, Texas, at which point I made several office inspections of his district. I have heard quite a few tales about Joe from various friends of his, one of which I understand he appeared at some gathering in Florida wearing the kilts and colors of his Scottish Clan. He was right proud of that relationship and in previous D-R's he gave the history of several of them. Perhaps, if a history of the Retiree Association is ever compiled, Joe's letter might be a part of it.

John Hawkins

John James (Jim) Hawkins, 79, of Altoona Road, Altoona, died Friday (Nov. 5, 1982) at his home. A native of Altoona, he was a lifelong resident here. He was a retired employee of the U.S. Forestry Service,

and was a member of First Baptist Church of Altoona. Survivors include his wife, Katherine Hawkins of Altoona; three sons, Wilbur Hawkins of Bryan, Texas, Dan Hawkins of Altoona and James Hawkins of Eustis; a daughter, Ellen Wood of Altoona; three sisters, Hazel Vonier of Thomasville, Ga., Margaret Baylor of Umatilla and Mable Stout of Johnson City, Tenn.; four brothers, Archie Hawkins of Plant City, Lester Hawkins of Eustis, Hubert Hawkins of Hardy, Ark. and Woodrow Hawkins of Thomasville, Ga.; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

Thanks to Norbert Poch for the above obit. I did not know John Hawkins, although some of our members might remember him. John was not a member but, having worked in R-8, it is deserving of publication, just in case some of his friends might read about his death.

A NEW MEMBER

Don Fassnacht, 7637 Sycamore St.,
New Orleans, La. 70118. (Cr. Mary
Carolyn McCullough, who paid the dues)

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr/Mrs Charles R. Hursh, to Box 54,
Matlacha, Fla. 33909

ITEMS WHICH ARRIVE TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE

An invitation from Harry Rossoll, inviting all our members to attend a special showing of the completed forestry mural, which took him over five months to paint. The mural is seven feet high and twenty five feet long. Harry says: "this is an open house art exhibit - Tuesday June 12, 1984 - an informal affair with friends, for a happy time, Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails." This invite came too late for the May D-R; the August D-R and, of course, this one. Just wanted to let Harry know that we don't ignore such invitations. Keep them coming Harry—but - please, on time for publication—hear?

Also a letter from Perry H. Merrill, announcing the printing of his 4th book: "THE MAKING OF A FORESTER". He has 50-copies of previous books for sale at reduced prices: "Vermont Under Four Flags"; "Montpelier, the Capital City's History" and "Roosevelt's Forest Army", a history of the CCC. I have a copy of the latter, but don't know how I obtained it. Anyone interested in Perry's books, check with him at "Perry H. Merrill, 200 Elm St., Montpelier, Vt. 05602

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S

The last meeting of the Board was held on May 9 and was reported on in the August 1984 issue of the Dixie Ranger. Apparently there was nothing to discuss or decide on since then, therefore no later meeting was called or held.

IN SYMPATHY

As Ye-Ed and a good friend, I wish to express my sympathy and prayers to Mary Carolyn McCullough in the loss of her husband Joe T. McCullough. May his soul rest in the peace which only the good Lord can provide.....

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

In the right hand portion of Page 1 of this newsletter, the status of YOUR dues is shown. The dues are still \$4 per year, payable January 1 of each year. Other retiree organizations, such as ours, all talk about raising their dues up to \$5.00 and one such outfit has established a "lifetime membership" fee of \$50. If I remember right, they have something close to 200 members who have contributed their \$50 for a lifetime membership.

Also, as part of this newsletter, there is a ballot, with the names of the proposed officers for Calendar Year 1985. Along with this ballot, I have pleaded, urged and asked that each of you take advantage of your right to vote - so many good people, such as you all are, never had the right to vote. When you read each day about the sufferings of those people in their war ravaged countries, you might consider the reason for all their troubles is because they never had the right to vote. SO USE THAT RIGHT and make us proud of the work we've done to nominate officers; prepare a ballot and beg you to vote. The number of ballots received this year will indicate just HOW MANY of you have read this and complied!

I WONDER WHY?

In reading the FSX Club-California Retirees newsletter and the 30-Year Club newsletter, each far better than the D-R product, WHY they have so many "I REMEMBER" articles. In the past, we have had some from Charlie Connaughton; Norman Hawley; Karl Mayer and Wally Prater, but there are so many tales to tell and people qualified to tell them. We have asked, pleaded and begged for such contributions from Ye-Ed, Historical Section and others - and we get no response. Surely, we have folks who know about the Girl Scouts' problem with the the Forest Service; the 1952 fires on the Cherokee; the burying of a camper-trailer on the Ga. N. F. WHY can't those in the know sit down and write about such incidents.....I'll hold space open!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR BELOW. MAY YOU HAVE MANY MORE HAPPY BIRTHDAYS. TO ALL NEW MEMBERS AND OTHERS. PLEASE SEND IN THE DATE OF YOUR BIRTH

DECEMBER

2 - Marion W. Ruffin
3 - Nettie B. Jones
3 - Walter J. Gray
4 - Hazel Olson
5 - William Irby
12 - Fran Christensen
15 - Lucile Isbell
17 - Edna Payne
22-- C. M. Evenson
22 - Howard A. Miller
24 - Harvey Boston
18 - Erma Miller
28 - Pauline Yelverton
28 - Sadie Allen
21 - Alberta Stone
6 - Don Pommerening
15 - Flonnie Swarthout
22 - Doug Craig
9 - Frank Pullium
25 - Wanda Johns
30 - Bea Jemison
28 - John Hamer
7 - Dee Smith
2 - Naomi Cox
17 - Dave Larson
8 - Gussie Mustian
1 - Camille Hutchins
27 - Jim Hutchins
22 - Beryl Jones
15 - Lucile Mayer
24 - Sharon Young
15 - Cecil B. Couey
21 - Reynolds G. Florance
30 - Frank Hotard

JANUARY

1 - C. Joe Galloway
2 - R. L. Pidgeon
4 - W. D. Patterson
9 - Russ Vance
10 - Clem J. Wyers
18 - Joe McPherson
19 - Rose Milot
20 - H. C. Eriksson
24 - Elva Friedrich
26 - E. O. Powers
26 - Jean Seely
16 - Bea Cagle
26 - Helen Wellhoner
22 - Marie Eriksson
9 - Lib Collins
10 - Caroline R. Taylor

FEBRUARY

1 - Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum
4 - John Addington
8 - Mildred Wilkinson
11 - Viola Meltz
9 - Louise Scherer
14 - Eva Welch
14 - Dorothy M. Wyers
19 - Mary C. Montgomery
19 - Mrs. Tom B. Allen
22 - Emmett C. Gibson
23 - Sam "haley"
8 - Mrs. Mary Moyle
12 - Miriam L. Davis
26 - Bitsy Lamb
24 - Lesene Mays
12 - Leroy Howell
2 - Bill Nicholls
4 - Evelyn Antonie

AN APOLOGY FROM YE-ED

I wish to apologize to all those who had birthdays in September, October and November, since I failed to include the "birthday list" in the August issue of the Dixie Ranger.

In a hurry to get that issue of the Dixie Ranger buttoned up and into the hands of the printer, I just failed, when I had an extra page to fill, to include the birthday list but instead, dug up a lot of fillers from other publications, such as Down South; R-9 Contact; Old Timers News and 30-year club.

I am truly sorry for my "boo-boo". Bear with me please! Some of you might agree that, since the latest "boo-boo", it is about time a replacement for me as Editor of the Dixie Ranger is long past due!

A LATE LETTER-Rec'd 10/17/84

HAROLD C. LANG:

This letter is in two parts. Part I is a personal note to you (not published) and Part II is my news note for the Dixie Ranger. Part II: Since you're supposed to be heading for your last roundup of news letter, here's my contribution. I had a bout with sciatica for three months. I finally went to a neurologist and he diagnosed my problem as a ruptured lumbar disc. A myelogram confirmed his diagnosis. I had surgery on 6/24 and discharged on 7/2. My recuperation period was 3-months with very limited physical activity. On Oct. 1, my neurologist ok'd me for a return to my normal activities. Since that date, I have been doing volunteer work in the Emergency room at South Georgia Med-center here in Valdosta. My main work is to requisition supply only for the Emergency Room. The work is interesting and helps keep me mentally and physically active. On Oct. 8 my wife and I quietly celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We are grateful to God for bringing us safely to this milestone in our lives. We were married in Blairsville, Ga. We have two daughters, three grandchildren and 2-great grand children. Yours in Christ.....

H E R E is the ballot for voting on officers of the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association for Calendar Year 1985. Each of the candidates have agreed to serve if elected. PLEASE take a few minutes to study the candidates and vote for the one of your choice. Then, mark your ballot, slip it in an envelope, attach a 20¢ stamp and mail it to the address shown on the first page of this newsletter.

PLEASE vote for the new officers. Am sure you know the candidates, but if you wish to vote for someone else, provision is made for a "write in" candidate. Frank Mayfield, the current Alternate President, will automatically succeed to the office of President and the current president, "Rip" Williams will automatically become an ed-officio member of the Board of Directors.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - in the past several years - approximately 15% or less of the membership elected the officers for the following year. It would seem possible - if everyone took time to vote - that we should get 40-50% participation. Let's break all records for participation in the vote for 1985!

B A L L O T

PRESIDENT ELECT (ALTERNATE)

SECRETARY

Robert G. "Bob" Hitt

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Shirley Herbert

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(Write In Candidate)

(Write In Candidate)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TREASURER

For a 3-year term, replacing
Harry Rossoll

Sam L. Johnson

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Dorothy R. Smith

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(Write In Candidate)

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(Write In Candidate)

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COME ON YOU MEMBERS: Take advantage of your privilege to vote, remembering it is a privilege to do so. You realize, of course, there are people in some countries and cities in these United States, who have never voted for the reason they were not allowed to do. YOU DO.....PROVE IT BY CASTING YOUR VOTE.

Just in case, as a page saver, this ballot might be on the last sheet of the Dixie Ranger with your address on the reverse. Dont worry about it. Only two of us ever see the ballots and we do not care who you vote for. All we care about is SEND IN YOUR BALLOT.

PLEASE RETURN THIS BALLOT BY NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 1984