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PRESIDENT CLINT HERRICK SAYS:

The first regular meeting of 1973 of the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association was held at the Riviera Hyatt House Motel in Atlanta at noon, March 7. Fifty-four members, plus Regional Forester Max Peterson and Program Director of External Liaison Stan Adams, attended.

Special commendations were given to:

Tom Hunt for his time-consuming and fruitful labors in composing, typing, and getting out our quarterly newsletter, the "Dixie Ranger", printing it, and mailing it. Copies go to some 250+ members, the W.O., all F.S. Regions, and all R-8 Forest headquarters, stations and other field offices and to all divisions in the R.O.--a total circulation of about 300.

Lucille Isbell, chair person of our telephone committee, and her several helpers who can always be depended upon to spread the word around quickly to all local members whenever there is something they need or want to know.

Lew Whipple, Art Grumbine, and Rik Eriksson for a considerable amount of work they have done in researching and developing more economical means for printing and mailing the "Dixie Ranger."

We now have a cooperative agreement with the Regional Office for printing and newsletter to our mutual advantage, tentatively for \$15 per issue. Heretofore, it has been costing us from \$25-\$120 depending on the number of pages and other circumstances.

Two amendments to our Constitution were presented by Art Grumbine and Lew Whipple. Both were approved by unanimous vote at the meeting:

1. Amendment #3 to provide for a President-elect instead of a Vice-President.
2. Amendment #4 to provide for disposition of remaining funds on hand in case of dissolution of our association.

Copy of these amendments is included with this issue of the newsletter for attachment to your copy of Constitution.

Rik Eriksson presented a plan for a Spring field meeting--a bus trip to Callaway Gardens on April 8-9. Paul Russell has reserved 20 double rooms at the Holiday Inn. Eve Evenson will arrange for a bus for 40 people, and has contacted those who might be interested by letter. From a showing of hands, it appears that we will have a capacity crowd.

Right now there seems to be little interest in any kind of a boat trip.

Rik Eriksson made a proposal that our Association consider sponsoring publicity of Blanchard Caverns on the Ozark similar to our \$100 donation to the Cradle of Forestry information effort of last year. The members voted to make a similar donation of \$100, if and when a non-profit group might be set up, especially for information and education on Blanchard Caverns after their public opening and dedication in July.

Rik Eriksson introduced Max Peterson as our speaker for this meeting. Judging by his listeners at this meeting, all of the rest of you will also want to get up-to-date with what's going on in the Forest Service. You will find his remarks elsewhere in this issue.

OUR TRAVELING MEMBERS

While a lot of travel accomplishments are included in the section under "Letters from Members," the following is appropriate under the above heading.

Eve Evenson and his daughter Anne spent two weeks skiing in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan. Anne remarks that the "old man" is pretty good even though his center of gravity has changed a lot over the years. Eve says it was all so much fun he doesn't remember when or where he got the black and blue marks.

Rik Eriksson, Bill & Marion Huber, Sid & Verla McLaughlin, and the Boyd Rasmussens leave today (March 12) for a two-week tour of Spain.

Rose and Bill Fischer saw Lucille & Wally Prater, Myrtle and Joe Riebold, and Cherry and Al Shadduck in Tallahassee on their way to visit their son Jimmy and family in Orlando.

Clint & Clara Herrick visited their son Ross in St. Petersburg and stopped on their way home to visit with Mary and Harry Tomlinson, also Norma and Jim Vessey in Winter Park. They just missed three tornadoes in Orlando, but did get caught in a heavy frost and near-freezing weather. Two weeks later they got caught in New Orleans in an ice storm and two inches of snow.

JEANNETTE & PAUL RUSSELL: Spent four days at Jekyll Island for the Forest Service Golf Tournament. The Grumbines, Newcombs, John Chafins, and Marrs were also there. Then Paul and Jeannette went to Isle of Palms, S.C. and visited their daughter and son-in-law--Betsy and Jim Smiley. A week or so ago, the Russells spent a week at Sweetwater Camp on the Ocala.

At the last Board of Director's meeting, the Board suggested and requested that I, as Editor of the "Dixie Ranger", activate my committee members outside Atlanta on news items for the newsletter. In this newsletter, you will read approximately forty letters from members. I consider each of them a member of my committee. BUT how about the other 200+ members; almost every letter we receive praises the "Dixie Ranger" for the news, especially the letters that are included. It is the general consensus that YOUR LETTERS make the "Dixie Ranger." This is an urgent request that each member take a little time and let me hear from you for publication in what, according to what we hear from all over the country, is a real newsworthy "Dixie Ranger." Please H-E-L-P make it even better!

I have absolute proof, in writing, that at least ten people read the "Dixie Ranger." In the January issue, I asked for the address of Jack B. Fortin. Ten people have furnished me with Jack's address;

thanks to all of you for this information. Now if we can just pry \$2 out of Jack, we'll have another good--and I hope a writing--member.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the January issue, we have the following new members. If I missed any, please accept my oversight.

Sam L. Johnson - Mary Alford - Martha Goler.

We hope to be able to report Jack Fortin, Paul Swarthout, and many more in the next issue of the "Dixie Ranger."

TO KEEP BUSY

Chris Thompson would like to be contacted by members who are interested in flowers--growing, arranging, selling, etc. In case anyone is interested in part-time work in working with flowers as above, she would be glad to have you call her at 252-7024.

A BIT OF HUMOR?????

When Doug Craig came forward to say a few words at Dick Millar's retirement party, and reached in his pocket for his notes, his pocket comb fell on the floor in full view of the whole audience. Compassionately, Bryan Sipe came to the rescue with: "The Lord made all sorts of heads: round, flat, square, and egg heads. When He made one He was not entirely satisfied with, He put hair on it." (Contributed by an eye witness.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those whose birthdays fall in the April-June months:

APRIL

- 2 - Clodene O. Whaley
- 3 - Allan M. Friedrich
- 4 - Paul H. Russell
- 6 - Martha Erambert

APRIL (continued)

- 8 - Lorene Kaufmann
- 9 - Mussette Adams Smith
- 16- Virginia Shea
- 18- Roy W. Bierbaum
- 21- Louise Caldwell
- 22- Allen J. Logan
- 23- Elizabeth Mason
- 25- Ruth B. Gray
- 26- Ruth Anderson
- 30- Clyne Woody
- Mrs. Carl G. Krueger

MAY

- 2 - Mildred Harkins
- 4 - Eunice M. Chipman
- 6 - Russell L. Chipman
- 8 - Glenn Thompson
- 9 - Yvonne L. Hunt
- 10- Arthur B. Collins, Jr.
- 12- Sylvia Bryan
- 17- John Kaufmann
- 24- Lois Galloway
- 31- Claudia (Crickett) Logan
- Roy B. Rayworth

JUNE

- 1 - J. N. Van Alstein
- 7 - Robert U. Cobb
- 10 - Jenny Irby
- 10 - Mrs. Henry Sipe
- 13- Harry R. Tomlinson
- 21- Dorothy Joseph
- 21- Louis B. Anderson
- 21- Mary D. Black
- 20- John T. King
- 20- Hazel Leinart
- 22- Harriett Huckeby
- 22- Edna Palmer
- 22- Mrs. Charley M. Arnold
- 23- Grace Mills
- 25- Arthur Steedly
- 26- Blanche Paddock
- 28- Alva B. Williams
- 28- Helen Mielke
- 29- Russell Eaton
- Pete Hanlon
- 30- Mrs. Marion W. Ruffin

OBITUARIES

HAROLD LINTZENICH, retiree and former criminal investigator on N.F. in Miss., died recently after an extended illness. Mrs. Nell Lintzenich lives at 107 Higgs Drive, NE, Punta Gorda, Florida 39950.

TED SEELEY, retiree, died February 15 at the family home in Brevard, N.C. Funeral services were held on February 17 at the First United Methodist Church in Brevard. Mrs. Seeley lives at 253 Maple Street, Brevard, N.C. 28712

HARRY L. GOODRICH, retired Forest Engineer, N.F. in Florida, died January 31. Harry's wife Priscilla lives at 305 E. Sinclair Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

WALTER L. (LOOPY) LANE, retiree from Lands Section, N.F. in North Carolina, died in Mission Hospital, Asheville, January 30. Graveside rites were held in Clayton, Georgia. Survivors are his wife, Fanny, and a son, Walter. Their address is 52 Fairway Drive, Asheville.

PORTER M. KINARD, 81, of Zavalla, Tex. died sometime in February. He resided at Zavalla most of his life and was retired from the Forest Service. His wife, Mrs. Zethal Gibson Kinard, lives in Zavalla. (This notice, courtesy of Mildred Wagner)

RETIREMENTS

Nicholas S. Kmecza, OHP, N.F. in N.C., retired on February 2. Nick lives at Box 671, Weaverville, N.C. 28787.

Martha Goler, Clerk-Typist, RO, retired as of March 3.

Richard (Dick) Millar retired early in March. Sorry I don't have any more of the details.

Gaylord (Lumm) Knight will retire as of March 17. (Ed.'s note--an appropriate way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, don't you think, Lumm?)

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

R. B. HAYWORTH: Here's a check for dues. Believe this will run me through '73. Retired over five years now and have enjoyed every minute of it. You might place our names on your birthday listing. Mine is during May of each year while wife Jessie has one during September. Off the record-- Jessie is now 26 years whereas I am crowding 29. Regards to all. (Birthdays noted, Ray)

WILLIAM R. HARRELL: I'm not sure if this settles my dues. He also asked for credit on his dues, which he apparently enclosed. (A note from our efficient Secretary's Secretary: "No record of dues for 1972--so the 1973 dues will still be due March 31.") Answer your question, Bill?

NYRA J. RENSHAW: (Addressed to Whipple) I am sending my dues for the "Dixie Ranger" and really enjoy the news of the many friends we made while living in the South. It was a happy time for us during our stay in the Southern Region. I am adjusting fairly well. I keep busy and that is the only answer for loneliness that I know. We have made many good friends here in Moscow who helped me through the bad times we had while "Ren" was so ill. I plan to stay here for the present as I am involved in American Legion Aux and WWI Aux. I am also Chaplain of NARFE again this year after having served as President a couple of years ago. Best regards to Mrs. Whipple.

HARRY R. TOMLINSON: Here is my check for '73 dues. I agree with Tom that the "Dixie Ranger" is well worth the price. Paul and Flourie Swarthout visited us briefly in November and were much interested in the "Dixie Ranger." I gave Paul an old copy and he said he would write in. If he hasn't, someone should follow up. (Harry, I wrote to Paul and sent him some back copies, the directory, and asked him to join up by sending in \$2). More recently, the good President and his lady--Clint & Clara Herrick--honored us with a short visit enroute to Atlanta from St. Pete. While they were here, we spent an enjoyable evening with Jim and Norma Vessey. There should have been several severe cases of burning ears among the membership that night because Jim, at Norma's urging, brought out a bunch of old??? pictures. Best regards. Thanks for Fortin's address.

MARY P. JOYNER: Have you mashed your finger lately? Enclosed is \$2 for dues for '73. I enjoy reading about my old friends and fellow workers, especially the traveling kind. I travel via arm chair (National Geographic). Sorry to read of the deaths of those listed in the latest issue. If ever in Helen, please look us up. We are regular Alpine dwellers now. Sincerely.

MILT BRYAN: Enclosed are my \$2 dues for 1973. Carolyn and I enjoyed the picnic last year at Stone Mountain. We hope this will continue. Our sympathy goes out to those who lost loved ones since that day. "Dixie Ranger" is an excellent publication.

HANK SCHERER: Many thanks from Louise and me for the birthday greetings in the "Dixie Ranger." (Even though her last name was spelled wrong) We survived the "Big Blizzard" of 1973. Had $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3" of snow on the Isle of Palms. Today's rain has just about washed it all off, thank goodness. Here's hoping for an early spring. Fishing has been poor this month and last, but it

should pick up in March. Oystering is good now and crabs in deep water. All is well in God's country. Regards to all. The "Dixie Ranger" is great.

AL SHADDUCK: Enclosed are my dues for 1973. Last summer Cherry and I took another trip to the West Coast to see some of our family and the scenery. We drove out and the first stop was the Grand Tetons, then to Washington, then down the Oregon and California coasts. We have relatives in Washington, Oregon, and Southern California. Then back the Southern route with stops at Las Vegas and the North rim of the Grand Canyon. We were gone six weeks and, all in all, it was a wonderful trip even though we were not as active as on previous trips. In regard to the June-July meeting, the boat trip to the Bahamas sounds very good and we would try to go. However, the overnight bus tour to some place of interest might be more practical as the longer trip could prevent many from going. Sincerely.

WALT M. ZILLGIT: My dues for 1973 enclosed. I enjoy the "Dixie Ranger" very much. Keep it coming.

MRS. J. F. WHITE: Please remove my name from the SFSRA mailing list. (Done 2/13)

OLENE (MRS. CLYNE) WOODY: Enclosed you will find 1973 dues. This past summer a high school classmate of mine came by for a visit and as he was leaving, he asked Clyne if he belonged to the new retiree's club called "Honey-do." Not catching the joke right off, he explained--When I don't feel up to mowing the lawn or other chores, I say "Honey, do so-and-so." Just wonder if there are others who are members of this club? We enjoy the "Dixie Ranger."

CHARLES T. SHEA: Attached are dues for 1973. If any Forester has a "sure fire" way to dry out my fields, I would appreciate hearing from them. Since last fall, we had rain and more rain. Am interested in dry fields as there is about a thousand bushel of soy beans still there. The first beans combined last fall sold for \$3.35 per bushel, the next to be removed after rains sold for \$4.50 per bushel, but the remaining beans are now worth \$5.50 per bushel--if I could get them out. Please, someone, come up with an original, bright idea.

HARRY ROSSOLL: Here's Jack Fortin's address. (Thanks Harry) Was judge at Southwest Dekalb High School, February 12, 1973. Pat Thomas' daughter, Debbie, was selected runner-up to the Queen. Saw 72 beautiful girls. Harry also enclosed an ad which he had inserted in "El Mensajero Forestal." Not knowing Spanish, I imagine the ad was to wish Merry Christmas to the Spanish Forestry friends of Harry and Walt Myers, since the "Forest Farmer" placed the ad.

DEL W. THORSEN: (Ed's note--This was a real nice, thoughtful note from Del.) Just received the January issue of the "Dixie Ranger." Sure enjoyed it. In the future, we will try and keep you informed of the goings-on in this area. (Ed's note: Del also furnished information that will appear elsewhere in this issue. Thanks for Jack Fortin's address.)

MRS. JACK FORTIN: Just a note to tell you about Sylvia. (Mrs. Fortin is Sylvia Bryan's sister.) She took Phil to the doctor January 22 and while parking her car, she fell on a slope or sidewalk and cracked her right wrist and left kneecap. I flew over 24th and she had two casts, but a week ago the doctor took off the knee cast and cut it in to, and put back part with ace bandage, so it's easier to get around. We go back

next Friday and doctor probably will x-ray. Hope to go home the week after that. She is much stronger and by then will be able to manage quite well. Hoping she can find someone to come in and clean, etc. Neighbors and friends can pick up groceries until she can drive. She has been a good patient. So far Phil hasn't complained about his new cook either. Jack is the lonesome one--if he had still been working, time would go faster for him. Would you mind letting some of our Forest Service friends know? I don't know if Alice Reinsmith is in town or not. Hope you are both okay. Lovingly. (Ed's note: With this publication, Marian, all your friends will know about Sylvia.)

F. HENRY SIPE: The Governor reappointed me to the Surveyors Examining Board. About 440 licenses issued. Sales of my book on surveying and the new compass going well. No spare time for me.

LEW & HELEN MIELKE: The "Dixie Ranger" gets better all the time and is certainly more than worth the dues, speaking of which, I can't find that I paid the 1972 dues. Enclosed is check for \$4 to cover 1972-73. If I have paid for 1972, please apply to 1974. We have been saddened by "Loopy" Lane's death here and now understand that Ted Seely is seriously ill. Please ask his friends to send him a note of cheer which isn't easy. George Morgan, although somewhat incapacitated is still perking along and has a good earthy story to tell when I see him. I notice you show under February birthdays the name of Marvin Joyner. I'm sure you heard by this time that he died last fall. I was out of town at the time and didn't know it until I returned. Under contract I resurveyed and marked boundaries of Forest Service lands last fall in Cherokee and Clay Counties, some of which I had originally surveyed in

1932 for acquisition. Was surprised how much steeper, brushier, and rockier in 41 years that Tusquitee country had become. Many thanks to you, the Officers and Board of Directors for their work in the "Association." Sincerely. (Ed's note: Your note about Marvin noted, Lew; his name has been removed from birthday list)

MILDRED (MRS. E. E.) WAGNER: (Ed's note: This letter was 1½ pages single spaced. I'm including only news of the Forest Service and those friends mentioned, ok Mildred?) I received my "Dixie Ranger" in the mail yesterday and enjoyed reading it so much. It's good to see names of Forestry friends who used to live in Texas, such as "Hunts, Whipples, Coopers, Fischers, Chipmans, Eriksson, Millar, Sam Greenwood, Marvin Joyner and Harry Wright--also Joe McPherson." I will send my dues to you with this letter. I went to see Mary Welch today; her mother-in-law was buried yesterday. Mary retired from the Forest Service in 1972. Elaine Love has not worked since last July because of illness; I think she will retire around June 1. I have also visited with Leva Melton. Have only seen Elaine and Paul Vincent once since last summer. Tell my friends in Atlanta "hi" for me, and let me hear from you when you have time.

JOHN B. HATCHER (Ed's note: This letter, a 1½ page typed one, addressed to Larry Newcomb and turned over to me for the "Dixie Ranger.") When Helen and I got back from an extended trip through Canada and the West, we found the "Dixie Ranger" in the mountains of accumulated mail, and it seems I'm behind in my dues. Here is my check. 'Fore I forget it, there is a fire control man on the Lassen who asked to be remembered to you--J. D. Copeland--who knew you on the Ouachita. We camped in Provincial Parks north of Superior, and were rained out at entrance to Quetico-Superior--too damned cold for canoe fishing trip. Tried

to find Paul Vincent all around the southern end of Lake of the Woods but no luck from people or telephone directories. I'll have to drop Lew a note to see if he knows his address. We headed for NW Canada hoping to get some fishing in the Lesser Slave Lake country and around Prince Rupert, B.C., where we hoped to get a whack at halibut and salmon; but we were still plagued by rain and cold. Enjoyed Jasper, especially from the top of Whistler Mountain, and had interesting encounters with a fine bull elk just peeling his velvet, a renegade bear who was very skillful at opening coolers and selective in his likes he spit out a fine steak and waltzed off with a pound of bacon and a group of five mountain goats. As we headed south, tried to show Helen Lake Louise where I'd spent a little time in 1930, but it was like Grand Central Station, so we gave up and headed for the less people-cluttered country in southern B.C., and then into Washington where we stayed with Fred and Esther Overly. Fred is thinking about selling his house in Seattle and building on his land in Port Angeles. We camped and wandered down the Washington and Oregon coasts and were stymied on salmon because it was so rough the boats couldn't get over the bar. So we went directly to the mineral district of the Lassen where Johnny is and spent a month with him and his wife Julie (A Forest Service gal whose father was retired from F.S. R-5) and two grandsons, one which we'd not seen, and with Harry and Delores Davis who have retired to Grass Valley. We had fair fishing losing a big German Brown when he broke 8lb. test just as two fingers were groping for his gill slits. We estimated his weight at about 8lb. and he struggled down the shoreline with a Wobble right hanging out of the corner of his mouth. Had pretty good fishing at Stampede Reservoir and saw some fantastic trout where the Truckee River comes out of Lake Tahoe--all in a zone where fishing is a "no-no." Then we went into the Klamath-Salmon River country in

NW California after steelhead, and had great fishing. Had to climb along the cliffs and rocks above beautiful water until you got to a flat enough place to cast and wow! Those solid strikes make it all worthwhile. A friend had two hits and the fish just headed down into fast water and kept on going until the 20lb. test ran out and they took it all but the rod and reel. Either a real big steelhead or a salmon, but neither showed. I picked up a good case of poison oak in there from brushing against the bushes and sliding over the roots on my rear end. Went through my khaki pants and took over on the back of my legs, but fortunately I had immunity to poison ivy and this lessened the case. Next year I'll get the poison oak immunization before I head into that great fishing country. We have a Coleman camper which is a fold-down, self-contained, with two comfortable beds, stove, water supply, cooler, sink, portable toilet which we supplement with a Coleman stove and oven, and a catalytic heater. We can set up or take down in about ten minutes, and it is compact and low enough so that we can take it up logging roads where the travel trailers couldn't make it. It is easy and economical to pull and cuts our gas mileage an even two miles per gallon. I have complete cost figures if anyone would like. Do an occasional consulting job when one comes up and is interesting, but if none, we play a fair amount of golf, plus yard and garden. Miss seeing you and other F.S. friends. Do please pass this on to Bill Fischer and Dick Millar and any others of our mutual friends. We have seven grandchildren--five boys and two girls--and they keep Helen busier than usual. Our best to you and Evelyn, and if you get this way, we can always scare up a drink, a bed, and some grub. Best wishes.

JACK LOGAN: Cricket and I look forward to receiving the "Dixie Ranger" and we appreciate your efforts in keeping the

retirees up-to-date concerning old friends and happenings in the F.S. Don't know when we can attend one of the retiree meetings, but look forward to doing so some of these days. Enclosing check for 1973 dues. We enjoy retirement and love to live here in the Ozarks. Hope you and Yvonne are both well and happy. Come and see us.

B. W. SIPE: Our address was changed on January 1, 1973. My birthday is on March 9--I have one every year.

CLODENE (MRS. SAM) WHALEY: Enjoyed the January newsletter. Check for 1973 dues enclosed. In September we made a tour up through New England states (ate Maine lobsters), over into Canada at Montreal, down to Toronto where we spent two nights and visited with friends and back into the States at Port Huron. Visited friends and relatives in Michigan for a few days and on home. We were gone about 15 days. It was a beautiful trip and would like to do it again. Have been in Naples, Fla, since December 13. Will probably stay until end of May. Best wishes to you and Yvonne. (Ed's note--Thanks for your letter Whaley--keep on writing. A lot of your friends enjoy hearing from and about you.)

CLEM J. WYERS: Everything more or less normal in N.W. Arkansas. Very cool at times. I was able to play a round of golf on Tuesday, 2/13. We had been planning to go to Florida for a few days until the weather here moderates. Trip has now been held up for a few days waiting for the snow to melt and clear I-75 south out of Atlanta.

HERB STONE: Herewith is check for \$4. The January "Dixie Ranger" reminded me that dues time is here. I checked records for last year and found no evidence that

I paid for 1972. This check should get me back in good standing again. Wish I could attend March meeting but the time is not right. Best wishes to all.

VIOLA MELTZ: Here are my \$2 dues and I wish for all of us a healthy year. In my way of thinking, the "Dixie Ranger" is getting to be in the same category as "Changing Times"--full of interesting news. Am really enjoying my retirement--doing volunteer work which really takes up a lot of time, but one can more or less make his own schedule which does away with stress and tension. Have done some part-time work too and will accept any work coming my way. Best regards to all.

GUY M. WILKINSON: Enclosed is check for \$4 for 1973-74 dues. Might as well be ahead a little for I sure don't want to miss a copy of the "Dixie Ranger." Enjoyed seeing so many F.S. folks (past and present) at the S.A.F. meeting here. Quite a reunion and it brought back many great memories. Your staff is doing a fine job with the "Dixie Ranger." I appreciate getting news of fellow retirees. (Thanks for Jack Fortin's address. Kindest regards.

JAMES R. CHEEK: We enjoy the "Dixie Ranger" so much and read every word of it (some of it twice). The boat trip to the Bahamas sounds fantastic and if scheduled, Ruby and I will be there. We had planned to make the Cradle of Forestry trip last year but were not able to make it. You know we have many fond memories of that area--we spent our honeymoon in the old Schenck Lodge in August 1946, and we would like to see the way it looks now. Just for the record, here are our birth dates. (Ed's note: Jim's letter came on stationery of Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Co., and he has an address at 612 N. State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.)

E. R. (Erny) DESILVIA: To my old friends in R-8: Your "Dixie Ranger" is very much enjoyed here. Only wish it was more convenient to participate in your activities. Russ Vance and I are apparently the only members in Montana. If there are others let me know, and I'll look them up. (Check November directory Erny--Ed.) The winter here has been cold but the snow very light. Of course, the ski and snowmobile people are yowling, but for me it is good as I have been able to fish all winter, with considerable luck. Last time out, I brought back eight nice ones, and hooked one that must have weighted 8-10lbs. Broke the tip of my pole and mangled the hook. Now some people might think I am lying, but the truth must come out. I, therefore, call upon those towers of virtue--Eve Evenson and Tom Hunt--to verify and support my honesty in such matters. Well!!!!. We plan to leave next week for about a month in the S.W.--Phoenix and Tucson--for awhile and border area. Understand that George Glendenning is in Tucson so will look him up. If any of you get out this way in the summer, be sure and let us know ahead a little as we are in and out considerably. Best wishes.

ARCHER SMITH: Here, belatedly, is a check for \$4 for dues current or future. The January 1973 issue of the "Dixie Ranger" was well done and read with much interest. For my part, thanks for all your time that I know it takes to compile and get it out. You are doing fine, Tom. We are thoroughly enjoying our retirement--2½ years to date--but I didn't imagine how busy one can get and still be retired. Between work with our community organization, building on our house, forestry, pond and garden work on our place, plus church, poll managing and many other activities, retirement has become the busiest and lowest paying job I've ever

had. One current job is trying to organize a fire protection district in our area under Community Sponsorship--and on it goes. It's simply amazing how many others can find things for a retiree to do, but it's a great life. Our house is still in building status. We first called it "Interlochen" because it lies between two small lakes or ponds, but with the continuing and planned additions to our house, we are now changing the name to "Add Infinitum." Just a week ago, we had 14 inches of snow on the ground and it was 22-24 degrees just 20 miles East and South of us. For awhile I thought I was in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin or Montana, but we made it through ok. The power stayed on--a big thing for us--and our tractor, scraper, and chains got us out all right. Jim Cartwright spent two days with us just before the snow storm and helped with our latest house addition--a glassed-in porch. He also got my radial arm saw running which, up to then, was just waiting for someone like Jim to come along. After he left us, he and Maude were marooned in Orangeburg, S.C. by 22-24" of snow. If you know of anyone wanting to help like Jim did (and Rip Williams too), just send them up. Board, room, and drinks are all furnished free. We won't be able to make the March 7 meeting but please give our best to all. Regards. (Thanks for Fortin's address.)

GEORGE S. JAMES: We received the first newsletter from 1973 and enjoyed reading it, as usual. Enclosing \$4 to pay our 1973-74 dues. We never want to be late. If the dues increase in 1974, we will make up the difference, for it is a bargain considering the amount of effort going into the program and the associated reporting. We have had lots of rain. We can use all of it and more to fill this pool this spring. Give our regards to everyone.

SID MCCLAUGHLIN: (Have two letters, one dated 2/16 and the other 2/23/73, both of which gave me change of addresses. He asked that I have the change made on all of the RO mailing lists.) We sold our home and will be at this new address: 905 Hearthstone Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083, until the fore part of April. This is our son's home. We will be moving out to Lewiston, Idaho in April. Will send you another address change at that time. We don't want to miss any news of R8 and it's wonderful people. His 2/23 letter: We have sold our Atlanta home and moved in with son David. We returned to Atlanta after spending over five years working as a Consultant for the Public Administration Service headquartered in Chicago. The assignments took us to over 20 cities in several states from the East to West Coast and return to the Southeast. We enjoyed each location and found the work interesting. Spending the past year in Atlanta has been busy remodelling our home and fixing it up for sale. It has been great to be back with friends. We are all set for a trip to Spain with a group of Forest Service retirees during March. Shortly after April 1 will head west with plans to permanently settle in the Lewiston, Idaho area. We will be very anxious to receive all copies of the "Dixie Ranger." We will advise you when we get settled in Idaho. Lewiston is on the Snake River and has a climate similar to Atlanta, temperature wise. Within the next two years, it will be possible to take a boat trip to the Pacific via the Snake and Columbia Rivers. We will be anxious for our R-8 friends to stop by for visits. (Ed's note: Sid, I saw you yesterday--I'll make the address change when you land in Idaho--ok?)

JOE MCPHERSON: Please pass dues for 1972 and 1974 to Lew. Still more or less doing about the usual--nothing. Drove to the Pacific N.W. and Alaska last year. Probably to the NW again this year. Maybe a boat trip somewhere. We might even surprise our friends in that (I hope he meant Georgia) part of the country one of these days.

JIM VESSEY: Greetings, and other expressions of "How-do-you-do." "Will not"--sounds too harsh and arbitrary. I'd rather tell you that Norm and I will not be able to attend your March 7 luncheon and that we are sorry. We get busier and busier at being busy. It isn't that we have so much to do; it just takes so long to get anything done, and we just will not plan anything ahead. I've been spending a disproportionate amount of time trying to get my golf game down to and below 100, consistently. I think I'm going to make it. Then I'll make a special effort to get to your annual tournament some fall. (Ed's note: Jim Vessey was responsible for and furnished the trophy that is presented to the Annual F.S. Golf Association champion. He is the one who insisted on the F.S. Golf Association being organized and a tournament is held each year around the end of October or first of November.) All of us owe you fellows who are doing the work a big "thank you" for the Retiree Association--Norm and I do so. We are sad to read the death notices. Love and best wishes to all. Jim & Norm.

GIL STRADT: He said he couldn't come to the March 7 luncheon, but added, "Check for annual dues enclosed. Please deliver to the proper official. You all have fun."

HARRY GARNSEY: Here's my check for 1973 dues. Sorry I can't attend the meeting, but I do enjoy getting the "Dixie Ranger" and getting all the news from so many old friends. I'm too lazy to correspond with them. Ever since my retirement in 1967, I have worked part or full-time with Sherwin-Williams Company, a branch store just five minutes from home in Chamblee. Had a small setback with my heart in February, but expect to be back to work soon. Regards to all of our friends.

BILL & LOIS MCCONNELL: Yes, the "Dixie Ranger" is worth \$2--here it is. Despite our best intentions to retire quietly to the coast and live on oysters and grouper, we find it more exciting to live in the big city--Tallahassee--and be part of the Urban scene. I'm $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way through to my Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at F.S.U. and then will be back in action. Having a great time being a student again--this time with money.

WILBUR E. BERRY: Here are my 1973 dues. Sorry I'm late; I've been in hibernation. It's been thirteen years since it snowed here, and we've had three snows already this winter, 2-3" in each snow. I suggest dues checks be made out to SFSRA--the full name puts quite a strain on a retiree's pen hand. Louise and I keep busy. In September and October, we took a 7000-mile trip. We went to Maine via Albuquerque, Denver, Lansing(Mich.), and Buffalo, N.Y. Had a fine trip. We enjoy the "Dixie Ranger". Note change of address which is: 512 Wisteria St., Lake Jackson, Texas 77566.

EMORY HUNNICUTT: Here are dues for 1973. Sorry can't attend luncheon. Atlanta traffic too much for country boy. Last trip to Atlanta was in 1970 to see U.N.C. play Arizona State in Peach Bowl, but saw mostly rain and snow. Almost had nervous breakdown driving from hotel to Grant Field.

J. FRANK PALMER, JR: Enclosed dues for 1973. I enjoy reading the "Dixie Ranger" and agree with what someone else has said--it's worth the \$2. I have been real busy catching up with those things I put off so long doing here on the farm. I also do first aid instructing for industry and civil groups.

DOT JOSEPH: Please pass this (dues) on for me. Thanks for the reminder in "Dixie Ranger." You're doing a great job. I look forward to the "Dixie Ranger," since it's about people I know.

SADIE ALLEN: Enclosed is check for 1973 dues. Hope some day I can manage to be in Atlanta and attend a meeting. But I don't get around much as I once did. I enjoy the "Dixie Ranger" and keeping up on the news of my old R8 friends. Moved to Sanford last September and like my new house. Have a lovely apartment in a high-rise for Senior Citizens. Keep as busy as my health permits, but spend a lot of time just sitting, knitting, and remembering. Am so thankful I had all those good years with the Forest Service--all of which makes for good remembering. Regards to my good friends.

H.O. MILLS: Here are my 1973 dues. No particular news from here. Spence Palmer lost his billfold and went into a state of shock and trauma; prognosis is good, except for some permanent "fiscal" damage. Retirement has not sweetened Red Harkins' disposition a bit--still just as ornery and cantankerous as ever. Had an insulting but thoroughly enjoyable telephone call from him. Auburn's football success last fall has bucked him up considerably. We were near Jack Fortin when we were in Western Wyoming last June, but didn't get over the hill into Utah. Had a very enjoyable visit from Bill & Lu Branch last

year. Bill should be invited to become an association member. He worked up from J.F. to Forest Supervisor in this Region before he went west. His address is W.C. Branch, 2 Washington Lane, Orinda, California 94563. Same applies to Paul Swarthout who progressed from Cultural Foreman to Supervisor in R8 before being committed to the WO. Loopy Lane's passing was a personal loss. He was a good friend and his excellent sense of humor brightened my day many a time. He will be missed.

A.B. "WEARY" WILLIAMS: Here is our \$2 gladly. Evelyn and I went west this past summer in our VW camper. Visited old R8 people such as Bob Lancaster--started on the Ouachita now Supervisor of the Los Padres; the Rounsefells, the old go-go Texas fern hopper on his beautiful Xmas tree farm in Oregon; the Syversons--Ranger on the old Francis Marion. Sy is single-handedly building a nice home on a Washington river bank; and the Jack Fortins in their beautiful rocks in Ogden. We are soon leaving for a revisit to Iran. Some work for the Iran Forest Service--no pay but all expenses--with the International Executive Service Corps. Finally broke down and bought some golf clubs here in Elkins Lake. We love to get the newsletter. If any of you come through Texas, please stop at Elkins Lake.

W.D. "BUCK" BUCHANAN: It is so nice to get the "Dixie Ranger" and the news it contains about various ones who are retired people and also those in action. This is fine due to the fact that one can find time heavy on his hands if it were not for some special interest. We still have snow on our lawn; it has not been free of it since early in November. We think one day that a break will come, but this lasts only a day or so and then some more of

the white stuff starts to fall. This has been one of the coldest winters on record as well as one of the wettest according to the weather reports. The ski fans are having a ball with so much excellent snow for them, and the lifts have been running since mid-November. The prospects for irrigation water for farmers has never been better. However, if we get a sudden thaw in the high mountains, we might get drowned out. Enclosing \$2 for 1973 dues. On Saturday 2/24, my wife along with a jet load of 180 people will fly non-stop from Salt Lake City to Spain. She also plans to go to North Africa and visit Rome once more for the thrill of seeing the old Roman ruins and also to other points of interest from a Christian point of view. She has been there at least two times before, but never ceased to thrill at these places. I keep busy doing research on bugs, advising graduate students, and also giving talks about insects to schools. I gave one last week and am scheduled to give another next week in another school. I find that kids in the lower grades, 5th and up, are very much interested in seeing displays of insects and learning about them. I also find that many of the students are quite advanced in their knowledge of the characters that distinguish insects from other forms of Orthopods. In the fall, I got a very lovely Ricker Mount with butterflies and moths from sixth grade students in Pa. One of my former students in Atlanta U. was the teacher who got these kids going on insects. They are mounted perfectly with the common and also the scientific name on each insect. I feel that kids would find preparing mounts of various kinds of as much interest as anything else--they simply don't get exposed to the ideas in many of our classrooms. Hope everyone is happy. Sorry to hear of death of Dorothy Smith's husband. I hope she's adjusting well; she's a very special person.

HARVEY BOSTON: (Ed's note: This was a personal letter to me, but contained remarks of interest, so I included. Harvey wrote on a sheet of paper at least 100 years old. Won't some of you folks in Hot Springs please subsidize Harvey with some stationery?) We have known Bill Dale and family for forty years and lived in their house for a time. There will never be another USFS employee like Bill. I once had money in a bank that Bill had stock in; it went broke and Mr. Dale personally made payments to me for my loss. During fire season he literally camped in the fire hazard area and was on the job 24 hours a day--and that was before anyone ever thought of overtime pay. We never go anywhere and haven't even been to see Ruth's sisters and brother in about two years; they all live in Arkansas. The "Redhead" hasn't been able to travel in that time. Maybe when we are both feeling healthy at the same time, we will try and visit a little around close to home. Have friends scattered from here to Alaska who have been to see us but just couldn't enjoy their visit at the time. Our Christmas dinner was really a feed and the "Redhead" made it, took a whole week to get ready, and held up well. I probably gained 25lb. over the holidays. Guess I'm getting "Mr. 5x5" again or the "Round Man" as Red Harkins used to call me. You are right that most of my life has been in this area. I guess I know much more about it than the annual visitor. It is hard for me to remember where the city limits of Hot Springs are any more. Actually, I think our Hot Springs are our most important commodity, even though there are other attractions. By living here, I can go down to the display springs and soak my hands in the "runoff" and get a lot of relief for sore and swollen hands when they get real bad. I know that the doctors have some reservations, but the people that have gotten relief swear by them.

One time I saw a young lady brought in by wheelchair and hoisted into the pool in a sling. Before I finished, she was walking. Didn't have to talk to her-- the results were evident.

PAUL A. SWARTHOUT: (Ed's note: This was a personal letter to me after I sent Paul a few back-copies of the "Dixie Ranger" and a directory, and while he did not authorize me to quote him, I thought a lot of folks would like to know that Paul is now a full-fledged member of the Association.) I certainly do remember you and very well. I also recall the circumstances you described in your letter when Rayworth and I had the temerity to suggest that annual Administrative Assistants' meetings were a waste of time. Ray and I got into a number of arguments like that with the RO--all in good fun. Ray was a darned good Government employee and a top notch Administrative Assistant. Attached is my check for \$2 for 1973. It seems like a very small amount for all the work that is involved. Are you sure it is enough? Everything else has gone up; shouldn't the "Dixie Ranger" too? Reason for not replying to your letter more promptly is the wife and I, only day before yesterday, returned from a three-week trip through the Carribbean. We did our first journey on a freighter, trying to see if we might be able to stand a round-the-world voyage on such a ship. We enjoyed it very much and were able to spend part of a day with Frank Wadsworth and his wife in San Juan. Frank and Peggy took us out to the Carribbean National Forest, my first visit to that unit. I am happy that you wrote to me, Tom, and included me in the R8 continuing family reunion. I think it is wonderful that you are willing to take on the Editor job for the "Dixie Ranger." I like your product very much. You have just the right touch. I retired last June 23, 1972.

I really have not gotten used to retirement. Thanks again for your letter and invitation to join the Association.

(Ed's note: I mentioned earlier that we HOPED to get Paul as a new member-- it has been accomplished. For anyone interested since Paul's address is not in the latest directory, it is 604 Poplar Dr., Falls Church, Virginia 22046.)

Regional Forester Max Peterson's Speech to
Retiree Association, March 7, 1973

Since Ted Schlapfer talked to you, there have been many changes in the Forest Service and the Department. Let me bring you up to date on these changes. Secretary Butz is now Counselor to President Nixon for Natural Resources. There is a new Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education - Robert W. Long. The Forest Service comes under this Assistant Secretary. William Galbraith is the Regional Director for Agriculture in Kansas City, Mo.

Within the Forest Service, we've had a change in Chiefs - John McGuire replaced Ed Cliff. Rex Resler is the new Associate Chief, Jack Dienema is the new Deputy Chief for Administration, Tom Nelson new Deputy Chief, S&PF, Phil Thornton Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation. Ed Schultz's replacement has not been named. Dr. Keith Arnold as Deputy Chief for Research is the only top level staff who has not changed in the last year.

At the field level, there are two new Regional Foresters, three new Station Directors and one S&PF Area Director.

All of these changes provide an opportunity to take a "fresh look" at current and emerging issues. Throughout the Forest Service we are not as "locked" in or as defensive as we were. We've taken the initiative on several items such as roadless area review for study, Wild Lands or Wilderness East, Multidisciplinary Land Use Planning, Cooperation with States and Multi-County Planning Districts, Incentives for Private Forest Management, Urban Forestry, Wildlife and Visual Management Coordination, Timber Management in a Quality Environment, Timber Supply Trends, etc.

We recognize we have a challenging period ahead of us to make progress in the face of an austere budget, reduced personnel ceilings, and goals for quality production to meet specific targets in timber sales, equal employment opportunity, etc. We face a tough and demanding challenge.

Now for a more local picture. You've heard of the "System for Managing the National Forests in the East" and the "Guide for Managing the National Forests in the Appalachians", I don't believe any of us were fully aware of the significant effect these documents would have on our management activities when we adopted them a year and a half ago. Now a national planning policy is being formulated in the Washington Office based largely on the system. The system provided the catalyst for reorganization at both the Regional and Forest levels. We're much better attuned to the public in their expressed needs and preferences. In fact, public involvement is a very essential part of this new approach. We're far more sensitive to social needs and environmental problems and this planning system is resulting in the best long range multiple use plans we've ever had.

We're developing the Ozark-Highlands Guide and will have a review of this later in March and Wayne Cloward is heading up the team to complete the Coastal Plains and Piedmont Guides by the end of July. With the completion of these guides, all of Region 8 will be involved in unit planning.

I'm sure you'll be interested in the reorganization of the Regional Office. We used to have ten divisions and ten Assistant Regional Foresters, we now have eight Program Areas and eight Program Directors. The Division of Wildlife and Range was combined with the Division of Timber and is now called Range, Timber and Wildlife Program Area. Jim Sabin heads up this area. The Divisions of Lands and Minerals and Fire Control were combined into Fire and Lands Program Area. Carl Hickerson is the Program Director here. The Minerals Section moved to Recreation and Watershed with Wayne Cloward. The Division of Fiscal Control merged with the Division of Operation and is now called Management Services Area with Hans Raum as Program Director. Hans will move soon to the new Planning and Evaluation Area and Jim Webb, who used to be in the Region in Personnel, will replace Hans. The Planning and Evaluation Area covers the multiple use job held by Fred Newnham and Bob McDonald. Name changes came about, too, as a result of reorganization and the Division of Information and Education is now called External Liaison. Personnel with Roman Pfeffer, Engineering with John Adams, and Recreation and Watershed with Wayne Cloward remain much the same.

You're probably aware that the Senate passed an Eastern Wild Areas bill during the last session of Congress. The House never took action on the companion bill and as a consequence, the measure died. The issue was reintroduced as Senate Bill S-22 in this session of Congress and was quickly followed by S-316 introduced by Senators Jackson and Buckley. S-316 would establish 28 instant Wilderness Areas under the 1964 Wilderness Act. Hearings were held on S-316 two weeks ago and at that time the Chief's testimony indicated that the administration would shortly offer a compromise bill to amend the 1964 Wilderness Act. Since then Senator Henry Jackson has introduced S-938 which would amend the Wilderness Act of 1964 to include areas East of the 100th Meridian under a more flexible identification criteria which would allow for the restoration of man-made impacts on the land. The bill also lists 53 areas which would be studied for inclusion in the Eastern Wilderness System.

The fate of these two bills is unknown, however, it is likely some positive action will result in this session of Congress.

Pending legislation that would affect the Forest Service.

I won't try to cover all of these but I'm sure that many of them are adequately covered in the press. There are a couple which are of major significance to us. First, there is considerable congressional interest in establishing some type of Federal Land Use Legislation. The approaches range from what would amount to strong Federal Land Regulation, particularly in terms of forested land to an approach which would require the States to establish standards and criteria for land use planning within the State. Failure to do so by the State would result in some loss of Federal funds. With the President's emphasis on State and Local responsibility, I would guess that a bill providing for State level planning direction is the

most likely to emerge from Congress and get approved by the President.

Legislation has also passed the Senate which would establish the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River National Recreation Area which would include 10 to 20,000 acres of the Daniel Boone National Forest. This would be precedent setting legislation in that it places the responsibility for the planning and development work on the Corps of Engineers who would then turn the area over to the National Park Service for administration. This is incorporated in an Omnibus Rivers and Harbor Bill (S-606). Last year the President vetoed similar legislation because there were many proposals in the legislation which the President considered were marginal value and were very costly. The House has not acted yet in this session of Congress and we don't know whether Congress would be able to override the veto. The proposal has considerable local appeal because it calls for an outlay of about \$30 million dollars in an area which is economically depressed. The Kentucky and Tennessee Delegations support this approach because they say that the Forest Service has not demonstrated its ability to get funds that are required for this type of proposal.

I'm sure most of you are aware of the continuing argument between the President and Congress over the right of the President to impound funds appropriated by Congress or to terminate programs such as the Reap, formerly ACP Program. I guess every President since George Washington has asserted some authority to not use funds appropriated by Congress but Congress seems particularly sensitive about this issue because of the size of the impoundments in recent years and some criticism that Congress is losing its power to the Executive.

I want to return briefly to the subject of reorganization. Last week the Chief approved a Service-Wide Study of reorganization, in approving such a study, the Chief noted that many Regions, the Stations and both areas have been involved in reorganization projects. He felt it timely to take a Service-Wide look at the question of how the Forest Service could organize to better meet the responsibilities of the 1970's. The Chief appointed a Steering Committee for the study which includes Associate Chief Rex Resler, as Chairman; Warren Doolittle, Northeastern Station; Doug Craig, Southeastern Area; Carl Holstrom, Washington Office Research; Hank Debruin, Washington Office Fire Management; Gene Bergoffen, Washington Office Legislative Liaison; Chet Shields, Associate Deputy Chief for Administration and yours truly. We're to meet for three days next week in Washington to outline the basic study approach and give direction to the working group who will be working up organization alternatives.

A number of alternative proposals have already been propounded which range from Deputy Chiefs in the field who would have all three Program Areas of the Forest Service to proposals which call for minor changes in our present organization. I would certainly be interested in any thoughts that you as retirees have on the subject.

I know that many of you are concerned about the Fiscal 74 budget for the Forest Service. I have some copies here for you if you're interested.

This is the Service-wide budget as contained in the President's budget message. Note that Fiscal Year 74 calls for a \$104 million dollar reduction from the Fiscal Year 1973 actual appropriation level. This is not really as great a cut as it appears on the surface. Because in Fiscal Year 1973 we never were authorized to spend roughly \$40 million dollars of the amount that was appropriated. Affectively, then, we have a cut from 1973 of about \$60 million dollars or roughly, 10 or 12 percent. Even that type of cut is not easy to take when you consider that we have a continuing increase in recreation visits, including fishing and hunting, and we are being asked to continue the same level or even increase the timber output because of spiraling lumber and plywood prices. We're looking at several ways that we can reduce costs which includes a look at overhead levels at the Washington Office, Regional Office and Forest Supervisors' Office level. Service-wide this is also calling for a look at some additional Forest and District consolidations.

Many of you have heard about the 10 standard Federal Regions that were established under an Executive Order in 1969. These were basically established in order to provide uniform boundaries for Manpower and Federal Aid Programs so that States and Cities would not have to deal with several Regional Offices located in different cities. It was also done in order that those administering such programs would be able to coordinate their efforts. At that time the President directed that other Departments look at the feasibility of conforming to the Regional boundaries. The Department of Interior has since conformed to the boundary. The Department of Agriculture had a Task Force working on the subject and the Forest Service had a member on the Task Force. A number of alternatives have been examined ranging from making only minor changes to a complete re-adaption of our regional boundaries to coincide with the Federal Regional Boundary. How this will come out is a matter of speculation at the moment. It seems obvious that whatever is done will have less effect in the East than it will in the West because there are several relatively small Federal Regions in the East because of the high population. It is possible to combine Regions but not to split a Region.

I hope that this abbreviated briefing on what's happening in the Forest Service is interesting to you and that as a part of our esteemed alumnus that you will give us the benefit of your advice whenever **you** feel like doing so. I would also volunteer for Dave Ketcham, Stan Adams or myself to give you a briefing once in a while as you desire.