



# DIXIE RANGER

SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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## OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1973

President.....Clint S. Herrick  
Vice-President.....A. A. (Art) Grumbine  
Secretary.....Dorothy Smith\*\*\*  
Treasurer.....Lewis G. Whipple

\*\*\*Because of the illness of her husband, Dorothy Smith resigned the office of Secretary. Since John A. Adams was the other candidate during the election, he has agreed to take the job and has, therefore, been appointed as Secretary for '73. This action was taken by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chris Thompson (1975) ..... 3-year term  
Bill Fischer (1974) ..... 2-year term  
Ray W. Brandt (1973) ..... 1-year term

The date after the names indicates year through which term extends.

## OUR LAST MEETING

It was held at the Black Angus Restaurant, on November 30, 1972. Program consisted of installation of new officers and reading of Committee reports.

Those in attendance at this meeting were the: Clint Herricks, John Coopers, Lew Whipples, Bill Fischers, Ray McKinleys, Floyd Cossitts, Jim Brooks, Paul Russells, Tom Hunts, A. W. Hartmans, B. W. Sipes, C. Joe Galloways, Larry Mays, Bill Hubers, Al Friedrichs, Ham Millers, Sid McLaughlins, R. L. Chipmans and Art Collins, also Larry Newcomb, Bill Brandau, Emma Lou Wallbrunn, Vedeon Smith, Marie Janelle, Bea Cagle, Rik Eriksson, Harry Rossoll, Eve Evenson, Chris Thompson, Dorothy Smith, Art Grumbine, Dick Millar and Edna Payne.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year, December 1971 through November 30, 1972, the Treasurer accepted deposits of \$624 and issued checks for \$502. Neither figure includes funds for the Cradle of Forestry bus trip which were handled through the Treasurer, as a matter of convenience, but at no cost to the Association. In February \$380, from 1971 dues, were placed in a savings account, available upon demand.

The \$502 was spent as follows: Publication of the Dixie Ranger & 1972 Directory \$191.; Postage \$122.; donation to the American Forestry Association in behalf of the Cradle of Forestry Association \$100.; Stone Mountain picnic \$49 and Miscellaneous \$40.00.

Twenty-one members paid their '72 dues twice and John Cooper wrote some of them in August stating the extra payment would be applied to their 1973 dues. Twenty other members paid \$4 or more. Just for the record, the following members paid their '73 dues on or before 11/29/72.

John C. Addington, D. E. Bradfield, Andy Brands, Grady Burnett, Brooke Davis, Russ Eaton, R. E. Elliot, Wally Everton, Joe Floyd, Brantley Fraser, Don Gerrard, Emmett Gibson, Sam Greenwood, Pete Hanlon, Mrs. Fred Harris, Clint Herrick, Vaughn Hofeldt, Bill Irby, Mrs. Marvin Joyner, Walter L. Lane, Elizabeth Loch, Lucille Mangham, Bill Martin, Mrs. Ralph Moyle, Jim McArthur, Joe McCullough, Bill Nothstein, R. E. Pidgeon, Gene Reichard, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson, John Sandor, Milt Scott, George Schaeffer, Leon Thomas, Chris Thompson, Glenn Thompson, J. N. Van Alstine, Russ Vance, J. K. Vessey, Jerry Welch and Harry Wright.

Finally, and unhappily, of the 257 members listed in the 1972 directory, 31 did not pay their dues. For some, this was an oversight, as evidenced by the 60 members who did not pay their dues until the period 8/1-11/29/72.

Summary:

As of 12/31/72 - Checking A/C	\$134.95
Savings A/C	394.00
	<u>\$528.95</u>

MEMBERSHIP

Evenson reported that as of 12/31/72 we had membership of 256. A new member was turned in at the meeting, namely Ed T. Hawes.

WELFARE COMMITTEE - Chris Thompson

Get well and sympathy cards have been sent during the last year where we have known of the occasion in time. In the metro area of Atlanta, the Welfare Committee is organizing a team of reporters for 1973 to keep in touch with members so we can know of occasions to be remembered. The team leaders and their members will be published at a later date.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - A. A. Grumbine

Budget submitted in the amount of \$387 for the year 1973. The bulk of this covered the printing, mailing, etc. of the newsletter, plus amounts to be set aside for luncheon payment for our speakers and floral arrangements for our luncheons.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Eriksson-Russell

This report was a summary of programs for 1972, plus what might be undertaken in 1973. It was the consensus of most of the members that the overnight bus tour and annual picnic be continued as an annual affair of the Association.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE - Hunt

Contained a summary of newsletters issued in 1972, plus a plea to members for help in getting material, especially letters from out of town members, for inclusion in future letters. Stressed lack of communication in obtaining information concerning deaths of members, particularly those occurring away from Atlanta.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - Huber

Bill Huber submitted a detailed report on legislation affecting the Forest Service nation wide. It was a fine report and am sure would be of interest to a lot of our members, but space does not permit publishing the complete report. In his report, Bill stated that the Forest Service fared quite well in the 92nd Congress, which came to a close on October 18. Actions in the plus column far outweighed those on the minus side.

OTHER REPORTS

Brief reports were given by Dorothy Smith, Dick Millar and John Cooper, also Bryan Sipe.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to all those who have birthdays during January-March incl.

JANUARY

1 - C. Joe Galloway	19 - Ernie Milot
2 - R. E. Pidgeon	20 - H. C. Eriksson
4 - Spence Palmer	23 - Floyd Cossitt
4 - W. D. Patterson	24 - Elva Friedrich
8 - Roy Smith	26 - E. O. Powers
9 - Russ Vance	26 - Mrs. Ted Seely
9 - John W. Cooper	27 - Del W. Thorsen
10 - Clem J. Wyers	16 - Bea Cagle
14 - Al Shaddock	10 - Fannie Lane
18 - Joe McPherson	

FEBRUARY

1 - Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum
4 - John Addington
8 - Marvin Joyner
8 - Mildred Wilkinson
11 - Viola Meltz
13 - Lola Burris
9 - Louise Sherer
14 - Eve Welch
14 - Dorothy Wyers
16 - Tex Seely
16 - Wm. E. Snyder
18 - Vedene Smith
19 - Cecil Montgomery
19 - Mrs. Tom B. Allen
22 - Ray Brandt
22 - Emmett C. Gibson
23 - Sam Whaley
8 - Mrs. Mary Moyle

MARCH

2 - Velma Dunn  
 2 - Charles Shea  
 2 - Lloyd Kimery  
 6 - Ivan J. Nicholas  
 7 - Mrs. Lester P. Schaap  
 7 - C. R. Moore  
 14 - Florence Johnson  
 16 - Wm. P. Allen  
 18 - Clarence M. Covington  
 22 - Guy M. Wilkinson  
 24 - Minor H. Huckleby  
 28 - Ruby S. Harper  
 30 - Ruth Boston  
 30 - Lucy Moore  
 30 - Mrs. Kathryn Rhymes  
 28 - Gola Mae Eaton  
 23 - Sam K. Greenwood

D-U-E-S --- D-U-E-S --- D-U-E-S

D U E S of \$2.00 per year for 1973 are now due and payable. The Constitution establishes the date of March 31 as the deadline for paying dues for the current year. The penalty for failure to pay dues is that member be dropped from membership in the Association. (Ed's note: I kind of feel that the Dixie Ranger, alone, is worth \$2.00 a year. Hope you agree with me.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our first meeting of 1973 was held on January 3 at the home of President Clint Herrick. Members or representatives present were: Herrick, Fischer, Whipple, Cooper, Evenson, Eriksson, Grumbine and Newsletter Editor Tom Hunt.

Eriksson gave a report of his investigation of costs of postage for our newsletter. The Board decided to go ahead and obtain a special permit from the P. O. Department, which will enable us to send out the newsletter at a cost of approximately 1.7¢ per piece. This will be a considerable savings over what we have been paying, even taking into consideration the initial fee of \$30.00 plus the annual fee of \$15.00.

Eriksson also gave a report on his discussion with the Regional Forester concerning entering into a cooperative agreement with

the Forest Service concerning assistance in reproducing, collating and addressing our newsletter. This is being worked on now and we hope to be able to get into a cooperative relationship with the Forest Service on this, our most expensive activity.

Plans will be made for our next meeting, which will be discussed later on.

In planning future meetings, especially for June-July this year, there was considerable discussion. Here is what has been decided on for this year:

1. A luncheon meeting in Atlanta.
2. An overnight bus tour. A 4-day boat cruise to the Bahamas.
3. Annual picnic at Stone Mountain.
4. A November-December luncheon meeting.

In connection with #2 above the Program Committee would like to hear from members as to what THEY would like...prefer. The tour of the Cradle last June was excellent and everyone had a good time. Much interest has been expressed in a boat trip, which would involve a bus trip to Charleston, S. C. and a 4-day tour to the Bahamas. The cost would be reasonable. So let us hear from you as to what YOU would suggest as our mid-year meeting activity.

It was voted that the Constitution should be republished to take care of the several amendments already voted on and to include one or more that have been discussed by the Board. One of these is that the Vice President automatically becomes the next President, which will mean that in voting next year, you will vote only for one in the President's category, which will be for Vice President, with the current V-P becoming President automatically.

Much discussion was had concerning communication between our Welfare Committee and the Regional Office, in the way of trading information, particularly on deaths occurring among members and those still employed with the Forest Service. The Welfare Committee will work on this matter.

HEFFNER, Mrs. Kelly (Ruth), died on Dec. 29, 1972. A large number of her friends and relatives, and a good sized representation of the Forest Service attended her funeral on January 1.

MARTIN, Willie C. (Bill), died January 14 in the Veteran's Hospital. A large number of Forest Service people attended his funeral January 16.

SMITH, J. Roy (husband of Dorothy Smith) died January 10. He was buried on Jan. 12. Many Forest Service people attended his funeral.

O'NEIL, Helen. Passed away December 29. Helen was a Forest Service retiree and resided in Charleston, S.C. at the time of her death. She had worked as a draftsman in the Division of Engineering.

#### LETTERS FROM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

HARRY ROSSOLL: Writes that he held an exhibit in the Gentry Bldg., Executive Park shortly after the first of the year. Also that he has finished five paintings which he intends to exhibit. On Dec. 19 he gave a chalk talk for under privileged children at the C&S bank. Harry also sent a Christmas card he'd received from Jack Fortin.

JOHNNY OLSON: Wrote in and sent his '73 dues and fussed at us for getting his middle initial wrong..asked for a correction. (Ed's note--don't worry Johnny all of your friends know your name.)

PATTERSONS - Maudie & Pat: Pardon the delay in sending in our dues. I suffer with the common ailment that will, in time, hit all retirees who have more time than things to do. It's called "Put-it-off-itis." That is my only excuse...just put off sending it in. Kindest regards to all.

JOHN C. ADDINGTON: Here's check for dues. I'm enjoying retirement. Working a little along when I want to. Deer season is open now and I'm taking advantage of that, altho' I'm not one of the lucky ones so far.

W. C. CORNUTT (Bill) In case you have forgotten, I am one of those renegades that the Cliff & Co., Shepherders, Inc. case out into the wilderness in 1965. We had no place to go except R-8. 1973 dues enclosed. The black sheet continue their existence even though shunned by R8 and R9. However, "we shall overcome" and hope to see you and many others at the summer meeting.

HERMINE P. LOVE: In your next "notes and letters" column, please insert an item that my husband passed away on Oct. 20. He was Leon "Bud" Love, and I feel sure that some will be interested to know about this. (Ed's note: We sure are Hermine. Glad to hear from you.)

FRANCES VAN WAGNER: It's great to see the Dixie Ranger arrive in the mail and I enjoy reading all of the doings therein reported. Enclosed is my check for '73. My last name is a double name - Van Wagner --shown as Wagner in your list of members. Happy New Year to you all and good retiring. (Note to Mrs. Van: We'll try and get your name correct in the next issue of the directory.)

RUSS EATON: I think I'm paid up for '72. If so, apply the enclosed check to '73. Otherwise I'll forget it again and I sure don't want to be dropped from membership. Received Dixie Ranger this morning and sure enjoy reading the letters from other members. You're doing a good job of this newsletter and have a good slate of officers for this year and from the choices listed, we will have a good staff for 1973. In the 1972 directory, you have my address right, but used my Atlanta telephone number. The number in Cleveland is 479-9972. Come see us.

MRS. RALPH (MARY) MOYLE: As usual, I am behind time, but I'm try to catch up. I don't know how I stand concerning dues. Enclosed check for \$6 to take me through '74. I enjoy the newsletter. Although I am not a part of the Forest Service stream, I like to sit on the bank. The Dixie Ranger and my sweet Forest Service friends bring me close to the stream. Birthday noted too.

WALLY EVERTON: Just returned from a 10-day cruise down the Coast of Mexico with stops at five ports. Liked the cruise I took in July up the coast of Canada and Alaska, and decided to try another one.

W.L. (LOOPY) LANE: Here are my past dues for the next year. Hope this is ok. We have a new addition in our house-an artificial kidney. Spent the summer at the hospital learning to operate the machine and Fanny hooks me up twice a week to keep me navigating. The thing works and we get along ok. Thanks for the fine newsletter and all the hard work that goes into it. Birth dates are acknowledged.

LEE THOMAS: I'm always pleased to receive the Dixie Ranger. Keep up the good work. My birthdate is 11/28.

STAN JOHNSON: Not much going on up this way. Had a nice busy summer with one of our favorite grandsons here for 2 months. Then many visitors up thru' Sept. No one from your way. The garden turned out nicely. Still have a few things like strawberries and vegetables. Our best to everyone.

R. E. (DICK) ELLIOTT: Returned a negative report on reservation for 11/30 luncheon. Sorry - quite a long way to go for a small steak. Best regards to Betty Croke.

OLIVE (MRS FRED) HARRIS: Here is my check for \$4 to pay for my dues - hope I'm not too late. I enjoy the Dixie Ranger very much. The notes from the retirees are very interesting, Some of them I know and some I have heard of - some I have not had the pleasure to meet. But I am sure if they belong to the Forest Service they are all as fine as the ones I know. May God bless each and every one of you and may you all be happy.

How about all of you browsing thru' the latest directory (Nov. 1972) and if you know of any eligible retirees who are not members, please turn their names into the MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (Evenson) so they can be contacted.

DOROTHY D. ROBINSON: Don't know if you remember me, I retired for the SO of the Chattahoochee-Oconee two years ago. Just want to tell you how much I enjoy the Dixie Ranger and what a good job you are doing as Editor. Sorry I can't get to any of the meetings, due to my husband's failing health I don't get out of town very often. I would like to get my name on the birthday list. It is August 7, Enclosing my ballot and, while I'm about it, here are my dues for 1973. I don't have anything of great interest to report, I've taken up oil painting again and am trying to do a little writing. Have sold one short story. I am an officer in the local Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution and active in women's work of my church and in the Art Association. Manage to stay quite busy. Regards.

#### NEW MEMBERS

E. T. Hawes: Ed joined up as of January 1, 1973. His address is 2204 Whiteoak Drive Valdosta, Ga. He plans to move to Arkansas (Hot Springs) sometime this spring.

Marion Lamb: 549 Peck Ave., Fort Myers, Florida 33901. "Pud" as his friends call him, and his wife Bitsy have just returned from a trip to Australia, where they visited their youngest son Mickey.

#### RETIREMENTS

From the Old Timer's News, issued by Inter-mountain Region - Ogden:

John B. (Jack) Fortin, retired June 9, 1972 with 39 years service. Jack's son is D.R. on the Brasstown RD- Georgia. How about someone, who has Jack's address, sending it in so we can get him as a member of this Association.

E. M. (Bill) Bacon, Deputy Chief in charge of S&PF, retired June 16 after 34 years of service. While the account of his retirement doesn't say so, Bill was, at one time in Region 8 as head of S&PF.

#### MORE LETTERS

LIDA MacKENZIE: I don't know who is Treasurer now as I have not received a Newsletter since the October one (Ed's note-that is the last one Lida) but here

are my dues for 1973. I made a 16-day tour of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland back in the summer and had a wonderful time. Am just back now from visiting my daughter and her family in Baton Rouge. Also, I made several stopovers in Mississippi where most of my relatives live.

WILLIAM E. SNYDER: Addressed to Lew Whipple: I am enclosing a check for \$2 for my membership dues for 1973. I don't know whether you remember me or not, but I operated the repair shops at Etowah and later at Unicoi when you were Supervisor. I enjoy the Dixie Ranger as it brings news of old friends and fellow employees. Sorry I didn't make it to the November meeting as I had planned. My retirement has been very satisfying as country life provides plenty of work, with no time for boredom. I am also active in five community organizations - Church - Community Club, Local Senior Citizens, Downtown Senior Citizens and HARFE. You can see that an eight hour day with the Forest Service was easy when compared with my present obligations. My wife and I do manage some time for recreation and a small amount of travel. We have an unmarried daughter living at home who is in her 22nd year as teacher Head of the "Engineering Mechanics" Department at Knoxville's U. of Tennessee. Best of all, I have three lovely granddaughters (ages 15, 13, 11) whom we see often. If you ever come through Knoxville come by and see me. (Ed's note: Bill Snyder - I remember you well from the 1952 fires on the Cherokee and so many other times. Remember at that fire, you picked out a guy to help you, who qualified because he had on a pair of dirty coveralls and you discovered later that he had stolen yours? I visited the R. O. today (1/23) and was fortunate in visiting with Markham - the radio man of the Cherokee. Surely you remember him. Thanks for your letter Bill - how about becoming a regular contributor to this rag - the DIXIE-RANGER - it is getting nation-wide publicity within the Forest Service. Your comments help a lot.)

#### OUR NEXT MEETING

It will be a luncheon as follows:

PLACE.....Black Angus Restaurant

TIME.....12:30 P.M. March 7, 1973

(The reason for the 12:30 time is the bar serves drinks at half price beginning at noon)

PRICE.....\$2.50 per person

MENU.....The usual London Broil, baked potato - salad - vegetables - etc. Am trying to get a Strip Steak at the same price and think we can make it.

PROGRAM...Max Peterson, Regional Forester will tell us what goes on in the Forest Service. He is a good speaker and the program will be worthwhile. C-O-M-E for it.....plus the bar.

RESERVATIONS.....Use the attached blank AND fill it in and send in N-O-W

In case you don't know where the Black Angus Restaurant is (no one has missed it yet, however, it is at 1999 Peachtree Road - about 3-4 blocks from the office, toward Buckhead. It is the old Luau Restaurant. PLEASE COME and bring a member with you. You'll have a good time.

#### EDITORIAL

While I know that a lot of you don't have the opportunity that I do, of visiting the Regional Office, I was down there today 1/23/73 and it was nice to have lunch with Gene Cope, with Roman Pfeffer sitting at the next table, also being able to talk with T. W. Green, Frank Mayfield, Hans Raum, Omer Carroum, Lumm Knight, Joe Couch, Red Myler, Mike Kageorge, and watching the mini-skirted likes of all the gals in Operation, S&PF, Engineering, R&L, and especially, those in the lobby of the building. It is worth YOUR while to visit the R.O. occasionally. Visited Betty Croke and that is ALWAYS A PLEASURE - saw Shirley Herbert - Mike Efird - Lucy Childree - Tom Findlay - and a whole lot of the members of the Atlanta Golf Association. Jimmie Miller was in her usual form - Bea Cagle - Larry Marr - and others. There are TOO MANY retirees who do not take the time or the opportunity to go and visit old friends in the R. O. They're good folks???

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Mrs. Bea Cagle  
Room 720, 1720 Peachtree Rd., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
(Phone #526-3748)

I will \_\_\_\_\_ will not \_\_\_\_\_ attend the luncheon meeting  
of the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association, to be held  
at the Black Angus Restaurant, March 7, 1973, at 12:30 PM. Please  
reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at \$2.50 each. Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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(Please sign)

NOTE: Reservations should be sent to reach Bea Cagle NOT LATER than  
March 5, 1973. If reservations are made by phone - and it is ok  
to phone in your reservations, payment therefore may be made at the  
door on the day of the luncheon meeting.