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## OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the annual picnic and golf tournament, to be held at Stone Mountain Park, on --make a note of this - SEPTEMBER 21, '78. Reservation for the picnic area has been made and confirmed. There will be NO door prizes at this picnic. As usual, however, the Association will furnish paper plates, cups, plastic tools, napkins, soft drinks, coffee and other sundry items. For the benefit of those who enjoy a little something stronger before eating, **BRING YOUR OWN**. Also bring your own food and it will be set out in cafeteria style and everyone can help themselves to all the goodies that are provided. We usually gather anywhere from 4 p.m. on and will arrange to eat around six p.m. and stay as long thereafter as necessary, depending on the fellowship, conversation and what is left over to eat or drink. **NO RESERVATIONS** are necessary but if any out of towners are planning to come, we would like to know about it. Let your friends know or if you wish, call Shirley Herbert at 1 - 404 - 881 - 4191

BILL FISCHER and/or JOHN B. SPRING will be in charge of the golf tournament. We do not know if our Forest Service golfers plan to join up with us. I am sure they have been invited. Anyone planning to enter into the tournament should contact Fischer or Spring and let them know. Assembly should

be prior to 9 a.m. at the Stone Mountain Golf Course, in order to get lined up, matched up and ready to tee off by not later than 9 a.m. September 21, 1978. The usual prizes will be awarded as determined by those in charge, with a trophy for the winner as determined by the Committee. **NO PRIZE** will be awarded for left-handed golfers! (We only have one of those characters).

In the past, this picnic and golf tournament has been one of the most popular of our get togethers. Let's continue to make it so and, all of you out of town folks who enjoy a picnic or golf, get your name in the pot; come to visit with us and let's all have a good time, with a lot of conversation and good fellowship.

HOW ABOUT ALL OF US MEETING AT STONE MOUNTAIN PARK September 21, 1978-prior to 4:00 P.M.?

## OUR LAST MEETING

Was our June 21, 1978 luncheon at Petite Auberge Restaurant in Toco Hills Shopping Center, and attended by approximately 55 members, guests and visitors. <sup>out</sup>Only of town visitors were: H. E. "Hob" Howard; his wife Helen and daughter Diane. Polly Brandt was here from Columbia, S. C. One of our newest members Howard & Nell Brasher were introduced. Dorothy Smith was in charge of door prizes and the following lucky numbers came up for: Charlotte Brunauer (guest of Mary Black); Dorothy Smith; Marian Hine, Rip Williams and Paul Partee. Paul Russell is Chairman of the Nominating Committee and he promised to have a slate of officers by the October 18 deadline. Johnnie Hills was announced as a new member. Treasurer

reported an overall balance in the checking & savings accounts of \$1125. Lucille Isbell promised to get to work on a new directory provided ye-ed would give her the information she needs to start typing! Announcement made that postage had gone up from 7/5¢ to 8.4¢ effective immediately. President Craig reported that, at the last Board meeting, it was decided not to contribute to various organizations in the future but to contribute as a memorial to our deceased members, a ~~min~~-maximum of \$10.00 to the family of the deceased for the church or charity of their choice. This was voted on and approved by the membership. The PROGRAM as planned by Chairman "Red" Strange, was a SURPRISE, with members and guests called on to report their activities: JUDY GRUMBINE reported that she and Art were grandparents for the second time; "Hob" HOWARD reported on their travels since retirement, citing they had been in all fifty states plus Russia, S. America, The Orient, Greece, Scandinavian countries, India; that they now live in St. Petersburg, Fla. and through the F.S.-X club, ramroded by Don Morriss & Bill Irby, manage to see quite a few forest service retirees and others from other government organizations; that he does a lot of fishing and his oldest son is in the Navy at Charleston, S.C. and was now visiting his daughter Diane in Atlanta; JIM CARTWRIGHT reported on the Mont Alto reunion and had met up with Joe Keibold, Myrtle, Don Morriss and others. He also told about his woodworking shop and other items of travel which he and his wife have been engaged in. PAUL RUSSELL also told about the Mont Alto reunion, mentioning that "Hob" Howard was in the same class but chose to go to North Carolina; told about the good time they had at Jeannette Russell's high school class reunion; about their trip to Hawaii at Christmas time and recommended or warned "if you dont have relatives to visit in Hawaii" make sure you take your money. Paul also mentioned a future horse trip up in Montana or Wyoming. "HAM" MILLER REPORTED on his 50th college reunion and was surprised at how old some people are getting; reported on a series of articles he was writing on "bog land" and hoped his book would sell. RUTH GRAY reported on the state of Clint Herrick's health; that Sylvia Bryan had sold out in Hot Springs and moved to Gardens Retirement Home in Ogden, Utah about 15-miles from where Marian & Jack Fortin live.

RUTH GRAY (Continued) She also reported that Jo Thompson had fallen and broke a hip. SOMEONE reported that Martha Evans had fallen and broke a hip and was in Briarwood Home. JEAN BRANDS reported that a tornado had struck in the Harrison, Ark. area and damaged the Clem Wyers home to the extent of \$9000 to the roof, windows, carpeting, yard, which was absolutely ruined. Also that there was damage to the Fred Ames' house with all the siding on their house needing replacement. She also reported the death of Bonnie Ames' mother. SOMEONE (probably Irma Miller) reported that Charlie Connaughton had suffered a stroke about two months ago; still in the hospital and some of our members have talked to his wife. Voted to send him a get well card. To list all those who attended this luncheon would take up too much space, BUT it was good to see some of those who hadnt been attending for awhile, such as Mary Black, Millie Renshaw, Grady Burnett; Pauline Roth, Bill Brandau and wife, and Bob Raymond.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Was held June 19 at Craig's house with Craig, Carroll, Schaeffer, Dorothy Smith, Red Strange, Jim Cartwright and ye-ed in attendance. I explained why approximately 15 members had been dropped from the rolls because they have not paid dues for three years. Some of them have since paid up, but our Chairman C.M. Evenson wrote each of them, asking for dues, and warned them, they'd be dropped. Discussed interim meetings; nominating committee get together; picnic; golf tournament; directory and other items. The main topic of discussion was a revision of the Constitution and By-laws, which job was put on Kip Williams. He submitted his recommendations but, on his recommendation, that no changes be made, it was accepted. Donations to various organizations were discussed, although we had very little response from the President's request for ideas. In lieu of making donations to conservation oriented organizations, or the Red Cross, Cancer, Salvation Army etc., Red Strange made a motion: "THAT WE ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL FUND TO OUR DECEASED MEMBERS, BY DONATING TO THE FAMILY, CHURCH OR CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE OR SELECTION, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10.00, EFFECTIVE 1978". This was approved by the Board and approved by the membership at the June 21, 1978 luncheon.

## TRAVEL SECTION

In establishing this fund for contribution to the family of our deceased, we recognize that communication between our membership is very poor. It is requested, therefore, that each of you be a contributor of "obits" of those who die. You read the daily papers or the weekly papers and, whether the one who dies is a member, we'll know here and will take action as to contributing to the charity or church of their choice. We need help on this project and we ask ALL OF YOU to participate

We are going to get Harry Rossoll to design an appropriate card which will be sent to the family of our deceased ones. We voted to pay Harry for his design and also to reimburse Evenson for postage which, up to this time, has come from his own pocket.

## ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING

While putting this together, Doug Craig came by and dropped off a typewritten notereminding everyone of the picnic, which is usually the outstanding meeting of the year. This event is when we get many members outside of the Atlanta area to attend and - when you travel during September, keep the date in mind - September 21 - and plan to be with us. Dorothy Smith & Lucille Isbelle are going to work on a new directory and when the next print out sheet comes out - they'll have all the information and it will be up to date as of August 1, 1978.

## DUES

Are still \$2.00 a year per family. We've had to drop members who have not paid since 1975. One of the reasons for this - members are not getting the Dixie Ranger - they change their address and dont report it. The postal rate under which our newsletter is distributed prohibits mail carriers from doing anything but throwing our beloved Dixie Ranger in the garbage can. One member reports he hasnt received a D-R since 1977 - he changed his address and didnt report it. Hope we have it corrected on the next print out. PLEASE - and I repeat PLEASE - pay your dues and report a change of address, otherwise you will not get it. Also send in your birthdates. We're lagging on them, according to the membership. We DO NOT want to know your age - just the date you were born, without the year mentioned. PLEASE, again, understand my hell raising with you members - I'm trying to help you out and making sure you get the Dixie Ranger at least four times a year. You have to help out too by letting us hear from you.

Other than what is included in the "letter section" of this newsletter, I have nothing to report. However, I know that the Evensons spent seven weeks in Europe; the Erikssons planned a trip to the Scandanavian Countries this year; the Whipples have gone to Europe and the Sam Johnsons have made a trip there too.

The Hunts did not make their annual trip to Wisconsin, although they might decide to make it later on.

With so many members and so much travel to be accomplished - please let us hear from you so I can make this "Travel Section" a little more interesting with facts instead of guess work, as I have to do without confirmation from those who travel.

## TO FILL IN

Called Harry Rossoll recently but his answering service - his voice - advised me to leave a number and he'd call back. Since he hasnt called back, guess he is out in Oklahoma working on his 3-year contract with the State of Oklahoma. I have an article from the Atlanta Constitution showing his work up of the job that he is working on. Looks like a 3-year job too.

I have heard from Bob Johns. He retired on May 19 without notifying anyone-no party; no gifts etc. and retired at minimum eligibility. At retirement, he asked that any contributions or gifts be directed to the Cripple Children Foundation, which organization he apparently devotes a lot of his time. Promised to see us at the September 21 picnic, along with Bob Lee and wife from Louisiana.

I noticed in the Southern Region & SEArea newsletter, 2/78 issue, where \$15 million was distributed to 13 southern states as their share of revenue from the sale and use of national forest products and services. I REMEMBER back in the 30's when I worked up the formula for L. L. Bishop in allocating \$150,000 to the various counties comprising the Texas National Forests. In-F. Y. 1977, Texas received a total of \$1,324,861.17. Mississippi \$4,193,315.60.



## THE MOST IMPORTANT PART-OUR LETTERS

SYLVIA BRYAN: Received D-R with change of address and now I'm here in a lovely retirement home - not a rest home. Have our own room and then go to a common room for meals. Have a beautiful big living room and down the wing a lovely indoor garden with flowers, love birds and fish pool. Everyone is so friendly. I got to the point I just couldn't be by myself any longer and cook meals. After my illness when Phil died, I just didn't recover - one doesn't after they get older. I am just 15-20 minutes from Marian and Jack and they have my car so I can go over there occasionally as the spirit moves. They are fine - Jack is busy with his beautiful yard and she with her many activities. I'm going to have my own phone and TV too and have a few pieces of my own furniture, so feel quite at home. It isn't all occupied yet as it is so new, planned by two doctors and interior decorators - so it is lovely. The address is Gardens Retirement Home 1450 Ninth St., Ogden, Utah 84404. Hope you enjoy your trip to Wis and it is cool. Was cold here when we came and nights still are. Afternoons in lower 80s and still snow on mountain tops.

OSIE LEINART: So glad to hear from you "Eve" USFS in Lufkin finally informed me of your letter and I have had it here on my desk all this time. No, I have not received the D-R newsletter since I've been in Denton. Here is my check for \$2, so please send it on to me. Best wishes to all. Address: 1118 Bellmeade, Denton, Tex. 76201

MILDRED WAGNER: Encl. dues for '78-'79. I keep busy with my usual activities with church AARP, NARFE and Red Cross work at the hospital. I have been to recitals involving my grandchildren. Planning a trip to Seattle in July and my son, if they go, will drive me there. Will visit my children in Columbus, Ohio. A very dry summer and my yard is a mess. I enjoy what you're doing with the Dixie Ranger. I think Elaine and Paul Vincent have already left for their summer camping grounds in Canada - they usually stay until Labor Day.

SAM JOHNSON: The June 21 meeting will be the first that we will gladly miss. Can't put off any longer with my 30-years of promises of a trip of her choice. Like the recent HEE-HAW joke - spending three weeks in Britain, Scotland and Ireland - on her savings. Appreciate your effort with the Dixie Ranger. Such commendations with 26¢ gets you a cup of java!

NORMAN R. HAWLEY: The note about Knut Lunnum in April issue, reminds me that long ago, I got a new baby and a ranger district, all in one week, plus a never-to-be-forgotten Assistant shortly thereafter. That was the Ouachita 42-years ago this fall. Arthur Hartman had been transferred to Kisatchie. We, on the bottom of the ladder wondered if he'd been kicked up stairs or sold down the river. Upon asking him how he liked the change, he got typical Hartmanese and said: "gotta like it". I liked what I got too. The new baby is today a bir bruiser of a forester with Ga.-Pacific. The district was the Kiamichi "away out west in Oklahoma" according to Arkansas natives. At the time it was infested with a minimum of timber, but crawling with firebugs, blockaders and absentee owners. The latter all insisted, by mail, that their blackjack ridges boasted unlimited hunting, fishing and boating privileges. So - they'd always conclude "you dumb bureaucrat, don't talk free government rights-of-ways across our valuable land". Right up there with other good fortune was my new assistant - Knut - the vocal Nordic from the tall and uncut of the Northwest, who plowed full steam ahead until he ran out of "snoose". (If we've lost you we speak of the Copenhagen) In emergencies we shut the district down while Knut slipped across the line to Mena for a fresh supply of the motivating dynamite. Then, with gums repacked with the purple stuff, it was once again full steam ahead. Knut I trust you keep a supply handy in these sunset years. Hi - Hazel - Peggy sends regards

DOROTHY JOSEPH: You are still doing a great job on the Dixie Ranger. Look forward to each issue. Here's my dues.

EFFIE STONE: Afraid I'm behind in dues and I do not want to miss an issue of the D-R. Just returned from my farm in Tenn. Seems a blight has struck my black locust - planted in 1973. If any of you ole timers - or new ones - know what is causing it or what to do, please advise me. Thank you. (How about some of you foresters giving Miss Effie Stone some advice on black locust)

JOHN H. KAUFFMAN: What happened? I sent a check for \$10 around March 9 to catch up on my dues and put my brother on board for a year. Gene has received his D-R but I have not. I miss the D-R. Route 2, Box 2160, Fort McCoy, Fla. 32657.



G. OTTO LINDH: (Letter to Evenson). There is no one by the name of Lintoerich in the telephone book and no 107 N/E Larch Ave. in Redmond. If I am able to locate him will let you know. We keep busy after 20-years (my last day on the R8 payroll was 2/28/58) Have a ranch with irrigated pasture. Raise steers during a long summer. Have a big garden. Lots of fishing and hunting. Did my share of Civic work such as Ch. of Boy Scout District; member of County Planning Commission etc. We have lots of family in the N.W. Our Central Oregon area is growing by big leaps-people coming from California and the middle west.

We and they like the sunny 8-12" rainfall belt. Our small town of Redmond having to build 4-million \$\$\$ of new schools each year. So it goes-kids and taxes, but we like it. How's Jimmy doing?

BILL BERGOFFEN: Your fine April letter deserved far better treatment than this belated response. I have no worthy excuse other than this: I wanted to honor your flattering request for an autographed copy of "100 Years of Federal Forestry" and this required a trip to the W/O to squeeze out another copy (I've had more than my quota). Well I still haven't made the trip downtown. Please forgive me. I found your letter intensely interesting and comprehensive. The "Dixie Ranger" mechanics and background were especially helpful in getting to appreciate your editorial life and times. I repeat - you and your team - do a great job. I'm looking forward to the upcoming issue. I hope it reaches here before I head North to New Hampshire on June 26. You see, Tom, (and believe me, I don't mean to rub it in) I have the best of 3-worlds. Here, in Leisure World, our home; the Florida Keys in January & February and the White Mountains in New Hampshire in July & August. I love to fish -(a carry-over from the days of old Ranger Woody - and I used to fish in his lake for bass, with minnows) and N. H. will be our 35th year and Fla. our 20th year, this '78-'79 season. I share your feeling that we met somewhere along the back trail. I had a number of trips to R-8 when we were producing "Jelly Elliott and the 3-Knotheads" for CFFP, putting in exhibits at the Gulfport Exp. Station; doing shows for the American Forestry Assoc. at New Orleans and Gulfport, presentations with Chief McArdle & Cliff, I&E training sessions in Atlanta. So many memories keep flooding in on me and that is unusual because generally I keep looking ahead, rather than behind to new adventures and to renewed friendships with "old" colleagues. Thanks for your warm letter-I did appreciate it.

RICHARD E. McARDLE: I am glad to know from the note on the bottom of your circular that I am now a member of the R-8 Retiree Assoc. Many thanks to Dick Millar who you said paid my dues. I'm a double member, since your Secretary said Milt Bryan paid my '78 dues. Apparently, it is the custom of your Assoc. to pay dues for a prospective member, so I enclose \$2 for you to use in enrolling some other Ex-F.S. man or woman. As I don't have a directory (you have one now) I can't suggest anyone who is not now a member. If George M. Jemison is not a member, I suggest him. His address is 3920 NW Elizabeth Place, Corvallis, Oregon 97330. I had lost track of you until I got your letter. My memory is no good since I passed my recent 100th birthday, but it seems you were in Operations with Art Grumbine. I've lost track of a lot of good friends that used to be in R-8, but have already found some in the Dixie Ranger. It was a shock to hear of Ray Conarro's death. Tell Dick Millar I appreciate him paying my dues. I did not about the R-8 retiree assoc. until Milt Bryan told me about it. I am a member of the R-6 30-year club; the Washington, D.C. retiree club. If there are similar associations in other Regions, I could try for membership (I have sent a list to him). It is a good way to find out where old friends are. You asked for news. I have been retired for more than 16-years. I am in good health. This year I retired after 11 years on the Board of Directors of Olinkraft - a paper company in Louisiana. I am on the Board of Directors of the Forest History Society and the Board of AFA but, after 15-years I think I'll quit. If your by-laws permit, you might get a lot of F.S. retirees from the Florida area. (Ed's note: I wrote to REMcArdle and told him that we have all those in Fla. who wish to join up with us).

W. C. CORNUTT: Here is \$10.25-the \$10 is to keep me in good standing-the 25¢ is for a copy of Newsletter #1-1978, which I did not receive-change of address probably caused this. My F.S. career started in R-8 before it was R-8 in 1930. I was assigned to the tender loving care of Ranger Woody in N. Ga. After R-8 absorbed part of R-7 in 1965, I was back in R-8. The Dixie Ranger is great and I don't want to miss a single issue.

MERLIN DIXON: Yes, I would like to have back issues of the Dixie Ranger. We have a great location on the Homosassa River-about 400 yds below the spring that flows 6,000,000 gallons an hour. Fishing is good and swimming is better. Come on down, bring your wife and enjoy it with us. Dewey Puckett is in Arizona and talking about moving there. Saw Bob Dodson. He is building his own big house here and I have talked to Fred Newsham who lives across the county from us.

GEORGE VITAS: Have been retired almost six months-should have done it 5-years ago. Keep busy doing a little P. R. contract work for OPEDA. My oldest daughter-Mary-grad of VPI working as a teacher and married to an architect. Son Sam finishing 3rd year at VPI and this summer will be fighting fires in Montana for F. S. & B.L.M. -his 4th year there. Our youngest-Nancy-a freshman at VPI. Hope to continue my professional life style-travel to meetings, participate in seminars-do P.R, consulting and enjoy the freedom of doing what I want to do and when I want to do it. Nice to hear my protege - Merlin Dixon - is retired and back to fishing-his specialty during the depression. Am delighted to know my good friend Harry Rossoll has a 3-year contract in Oklahoma. Harry is destined to leave a fine legacy to those who follow him in the Art World. Am happy to be reunited, through the Southern Forest Service Retiree Association, with my wonderful Southern friend and I hope to visit them soon.

DON MORRISS: Your 5/25 letter arrived in the nick of time. We're leaving 6/1 for the Mont Alto reunion to see Paul Russell and those other fine old souls you mentioned. Yes, I was involved in the move from Penn State to N. C. State and, I think, the surviving member of the three man team who arranged the move. Bill Irby read your letter and he will probably write you about the F.S.-X picnic. We would like for the Dixie Ranger readers moving to our area to send their address to Mrs. Jack W. Bomberg, 340 Gardenia Rd., Venice, Fla. 33595. They will then receive notices once a year of our picnic. No dues-except we throw a nickle in the drum for postage. Thought you were notified-will notify you next year if I'm not pushing up daisies by then.

DON MORRISS (Contd): If you will examine the '78 D-R #1, p-3, lower left and #2, p-8, you find a duplication of my last dumb letter. Merlin Dixon was Asst. D.R. at Burnsville, N.C. when we were in Asheville. I believe that was his most prolific period. Have just heard from Ed Foss. His friends in R-8 might be interested to know that they are selling the family resort property at Shadow Lake for a small fortune. This beautiful lake is South of Seattle and, I've heard, where Trnie DeSilvia learned to swim. Come see us.

E. H. ("Ed") FOSS: A "fish" story on Don Morriss. When working R-8 ran into Don when he was Forest Supervisor in Asheville, NC. and later ran into him on Internal Audit. I moved from R8 to R6 and ran into what I thought was favoritism to a company on scale-could not prove it. Don & Lloyd Dahl proved it statistically, but took them six weeks. Don was smart. THE FISH STORY One weekend took Don fishing on Columbia-there were four of us, Son Carl, his friend Jesse, Don and me. Don ran up and down the beach asking "when did you last get a bite". Son Carl caught a four foot sturgeon that he threw back "not a keeper". I thought Don would "flip". Between 3&6' you throw them back. (Ed's note: Ed Foss-THIS wasnt much of a fish story on Don-I think you can do better.)

GRACE (Mrs. H.O.) MILLS: Here's check to cover dues for Willis C. (Bill) Branch and Mr. Olie Helms, both USFS retirees. Bill was in R8 in the RC, NC and Ala and his remaining years on the West Coast. He and Lu live in a retirement community and are planning a cruise to Alaska in August. Olie Helms was a right hand man to the Rangers on the Conecuh for many years. If possible, I would be grateful if you could send them the 4/78 issue of the Dixie Ranger (Ed's note-I will send them). Tulsa's snow and ice this winter reminded me of my early days in Kansas. Richard wrote from Arkansas in January "if I didnt know for sure I'd been transferred to Arkansas, I'd swear I'm in Alaska. Warm regards.

T. W. GREEN: Here is a check for my dues. The rest of his letter was personal and (Ed's note: "it is all right to cuss me in person, but not in writing-hear?).

DONALD E. SWIGER: Guess you have lost me?? Thought maybe you had gone out of business until I bumped into Harvey Boston in the store and he informed me we were still going strong. In checking my last newsletter, I see I was addressed to 204 Richard St instead of 604. I guess the PO didn't care to forward bulk mail. Stan Adams stopped by one night a few weeks ago-enjoyed catching up on a few events. Johnny & Thelma Hamer were in town in May-enjoyed a short visit with them. John Jr. was playing in a golf tournament here. Al & Evelyn Williams breezed through town in May on their way to a cool summer in Canada and, perhaps, a few mosquito bites. My last newsletter was #4-1977. (Ed's note: will send you #1 & #2 for 1978).

CLEM & DOT WYERS: News from the Ozarks. On 4/30 we had a fifteen minute hail storm accompanied by a 60-mph wind. Hailstones the size of baseballs ruined our roof, shattered the windows on 2-sides, draperies, carpeting, furniture and made it necessary to paint almost the entire house. Damages will run about \$9000. Without 100% insurance coverage we would have been forced into bankruptcy. Harrison has a population of 3,000 and damage to homes alone was 3.5 million. Evelyn & Al Williams passed through in May in a VW camper on their way to Alaska. They will be back for Thanksgiving. Instead of covering "Dixie Like The Dew" this retired couple cover the world. Last winter they journeyed through South America. Regards. I suppose the sticker on my newsletter means I'm behind with dues. Here's \$4. (Ed's note: Clem-the sticker, which was probably an "S" or a "C" meant your newsletter was the top one of a batch being sent to Hot Springs or the State of Arkansas. The red stamp "DUES NOT PAID" is the reminder on delinquent dues)

CLINTON S. HERRICK, JR.: According to an article in the Alumni newsletter of the N. Y. State College of Forestry, Spring 1978, EUGENE C. REICHARD has established scholarship awards for 3rd & 4th year students specializing in forest or timber management or forest products utilization at the college. Two students received the awards this year. Gene is a 1925 alumnus of the college and a member of the F.S. Retiree Assoc. Clint also reminded me of the death of Joe Yensco which notice appeared in the Alumni Newsletter of NYSC of Forestry.

KATHLEEN (Mrs. Byron B.) SMITH: Have had serious illness in my family. Here is check for dues. Will write later. Thanks, so much, for the back issues of D-R. And, yes, I remember you real well (speaking of ye-ed).

J. (Joe) R. STEPHENSON: Thanks for your letter and note of 5/1. I think you have me mixed up with my brother George K. Stephenson whose wife's maiden name was Mildred Stanley and is a sister of Felton Stanley. George worked in R8 and Southern Station for some 41-years and retired in '67 and now lives in Nacogdoches, Tex. I spent 39+ years with the F. S., mostly as a "anger in R9. Went to school with Bill Huber and saw him on my way north in late April for the first time in over 45-years. We spend our summers in Camden, N. Y. but you can keep on mailing to Florida and it will be forwarded. (Ed's note: Joe I hope you made postage arrangements-the PO Dept usually throw bulk mail in the trash can). I am happy to belong to your great Association. I joined because I know quite a few R8 people and also see some R9 people in Fla. My brother George K. Stephenson will be here in Camden in late July, so I will get after him to join the Association which he should do. If you know Felton & Farrell Stanley, you know my kin folks. Mildred will be interested to see your note when she comes in July. I paid my dues but am enclosing a check for 1978 dues for my brother Geo. K. Stephenson, 1530 Red Bud St., Nacogdoches, Texas.

As of Monday morning, July 17, I went to the RC and picked up the accumulated mail and I think I have all the letters we received, although I have a few personal letters from Harvey Boston and ELOlpin which should be included. If Harvey Boston would write so I could read it, I'd be glad to include his letters, but I am not about to put a magnifying glass on his last letter. Olpin is my contemporary with the 30-year club and he knows too many people and has too many good and bad comments to make about some of the members of our Association - so I'll answer him in person, rather than in this "rag".



## OUR NEW MEMBERS

Eugene A. Cope, 6200 Stillwater Dr.,  
Riverdale, Ga. 30274.

Howard Prasher, 3805 E N. Decatur Rd.,  
Decatur, Ga. 30032

George K. Stephenson, 1530 Red Bud St.,  
Nacogdoches, Texas.

George M. Jemison, 3920 NW Elizabeth Pl.,  
Corvallis, Ore. 97330 (sponsored by R.E.  
McArdle)

W. C. "Bill" Branch, 1217 Running Springs  
Road #2, Walnut Creek, Cal. 94595. (Bill  
Branch is a good friend of ye-ed & Ed Hawes.  
Bill's home town is Prentice, Wisconsin.)

Olie Helms, Rt. 5, Box 255, Andalusia,  
Alabama, 36420.

(The names of Branch and Helms were sent in  
by Grace Mills, with dues to cover).

J. N. Van Alstine, Stark Road, Center Conway,  
N. H. sent in a list of names of prospective  
members, all of whom worked in R-7. One of  
them - J. N. Jefferson - is a member of our  
Association. "e would welcome all of them in-  
to our Association and the list is being  
turned over to our Membership Committee for  
attention.

## RETIREMENTS

In an announcement, received too late to take  
action as to contributions or a letter for  
his book, we have been informed that Jack  
McElroy, after 33-years of faithful (??)  
service, is rounding up Betty and their cats  
and heading west and, from a city sign in the  
announcement, I gather is is to Austin, Tex.  
(Texas will never be the same). I have no  
address where Jack can be reached but, in due  
time, I am sure we will hear from him, with  
an invitation to visit with him - or - I  
might hear from him with a 3:00 a.m. collect  
telephone call, unless he has gotten over  
that type of foolishness.

ROBERT (BOB) JOHNS: In visiting the R.O.  
recently, I was informed that Bob had retired  
a couple of months ago. This is the only in-  
formation I have and am unable to get in  
touch with him at his home here.

## OBITUARIES

### ALBERT M. SHADDUCK

Al Shadduck, 77, 2107 Gibbs Dr., Tallahassee  
Florida, died June 27 at his home after an  
extended illness. Al was a native of Fort  
Jones, Cal. and had lived in Tallahassee  
since 1951. He was timber management assistant  
for the U. S. Forest Service and a member  
of St. John's Episcopal Church. He is survived  
by his wife Winifred T. Shadduck; two daught-  
ers Gloria Mauterer of Tallahassee and Patric-  
ia Smith of Los Angeles; a sister Nellie  
Trail of Bremerton, Wash.; nine grandchildren  
and three great grand children. Graveside  
services were conducted on June 30 at Rose-  
lawn Cemetery in Tallahassee. He retired in  
1965. The family requested that contribut-  
ions, in lieu of flowers, be sent to the  
Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch or the American  
Cancer Society. (The above information furnish-  
ed by Dave Dubow with the obit from Max  
Swilling from the USFS office Tallahassee-  
thanks Dave & Max).

### MORE LETTERS

HARVEY BOSTON: While most of his letter was  
strictly personal, I just have to add this  
for the reason - Harvey has so much respect  
and admiration from so many of our members,  
I know they'd enjoy this-knowing Harvey:

"Could go into a song and dance about my  
activities, but most of them wouldnt make  
sense to you or anyone else. Have helped  
capture swarms of honey bees and helped  
build bee-hives, inspect active hives, give  
supplemental feed in bad weather etc.,  
All of this is kind of fun watching these  
insects work their peculiar habits and org-  
anization. In no way, however, am I a bee-keep-  
er. Have had a lot of experience since I re-  
tired cleaning up and using lumber other  
people throw away. Built a few things but  
nothing to be proud of except for what I've  
built for my great grand daughter, such as  
a good solid doll bed because she's 3½ years  
old and takes her dolls to bed. You can make  
all the fun you want about my electric lawn  
mower but, I press a button in lieu of you  
mixing your oil and cranking your arm off  
to get it started. PLEASE quit giving me  
hell in your personal letters - but Oh How I  
enjoy them!

DOROTHY F. ALBERT: Sent a check and, from her  
letter, I figure she might be at the 9/21  
picnic. Hope so!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To all of you who celebrate birthdays during the months of July, August & September. I hope you have, or have had a happy birthday and may you have many more of them. I wish to request AGAIN - TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES DO NOT APPEAR ON OUR BIRTHDAY LIST to send in your birthdate. It seems that I make this request in each issue of the Dixie Ranger and I seem to average about one new birthdate every 2-3 months. MAY I ASK - are you ashamed of when you were born? If not, PLEASE TELL ME so I might greet you at the appropriate time!

## JULY

3 - Velma Howard  
 4 - John I. Christensen  
 7 - R. B. Elliott  
 8 - Mandie Patterson  
 10 - Henry Sipe  
 11 - Vera Thorsen  
 15 - Mrs. R. E. Pidgeon  
 15 - Zula Cossitt  
 16 - Norma N. Jones  
 22 - R. M. McKinley  
 24 - L. S. Newcomb  
 23 - Clara Herrick  
 26 - Thelma Cabannis  
 26 - Lew Mielke  
 27 - Rose Fischer  
 27 - Eunice Kyle  
 27 - Thelma Palmer  
 18 - M. C. Howard  
 10 - Baxter Reed  
 2 - J. K. Vessey  
 18 - A. B. Hunter  
 14 - Walt Ziglett  
 4 - Ed Carswell  
 15 - Bob Lee  
 25 - Leva Melton  
 25 - Mildred Wagner  
 9 - Ann Stradt  
 14 - Richard B. Wolf  
 8 - Paul Cwarthout  
 27 - Joe McCullough  
 12 - Phyllis Rea  
 13 - Walter W. Woody  
 1 - Willie Lunsford  
 1 - Alyce Stevens  
 15 - Julius Saxon  
 27 - Millie Jones  
 4 - Fred Newnham  
 21 - Aileen Newnham  
 19 - Ed Littlehales  
 16 - Dorothy Albert  
 6 - Dot Slade  
 3 - Bruce Alter

## AUGUST

3 - Alvin E. Howard  
 4 - Wally Lverton  
 7 - Brooke K. Davis  
 9 - Verla McLaughlin  
 11 - Alyce Vance  
 11 - Emory Hunnicutt  
 6 - Margaret McPherson  
 12 - J. Frank Palmer, Jr.  
 13 - M. B. Jones  
 15 - Charley M. Arnold  
 18 - Evelyn Williams  
 18 - Polly Brandt  
 20 - Dewey Puckett  
 21 - Porter C. Burris  
 23 - John J. Olson  
 21 - Mary Tomlinson  
 21 - Tom B. Allen  
 20 - Norma Vessey  
 8 - Nancy Greenwood  
 7 - Dorothy D. Robinson  
 5 - Don Morriss  
 19 - Mrs. Nick Kemcza  
 22 - Nick Kemcza  
 7 - Haden Melton  
 18 - Myrna Fulmer  
 7 - Maude Cartwright  
 31 - Roy Dennis  
 28 - J. H. Stone  
 9 - Roxie Howell  
 6 - Gaylord Knight  
 25 - Albert B. Childrey  
 24 - Joe W. Pritchard  
 19 - Bill Cornutt  
 7 - Lurline L. Coleman  
 27 - Mary C. McCullough  
 29 - Birdelle Lunsford  
 1 - Larline Maynes  
 12 - W. J. Welsh  
 15 - Mrs. W. J. Welsh  
 31 - Marian Benson  
 27 - Edna Littlehales  
 8 - Marge Ellenberg  
 15 - Norman Hawley  
 ?? - Lillian Jefferson  
 20 - Helen Swiger  
 4 - Merlin Dixon

## SEPTEMBER

6 - Elsie Buchanan  
 6 - Jo Thompson  
 7 - Elizabeth Mason  
 7 - Lida McKenzie  
 8 - E. B. McNeely  
 9 - Thomas J. Hunt  
 9 - Ralph H. Morgan  
 9 - Thomas Glass, Jr.  
 15 - Winnie M. Posey  
 13 - William R. Paddock  
 14 - Kay Hofeldt  
 14 - William W. Huber  
 15 - William F. Fischer  
 15 - Sidney McLaughlin  
 17 - Ruby Cooper  
 18 - Ernie W. Milot  
 21 - John K. Cross  
 23 - Kythe Sears  
 27 - M. R. Scott  
 27 - LaVerne Nicholas  
 20 - Olene Woody  
 29 - Mary Barnes Hunnicutt  
 28 - Cora Manning  
 20 - Harry Rossoll  
 ?? - Jessie Rayworth  
 27 - Jim Cheek  
 4 - Gil Stradt  
 30 - W. C. Lee  
 26 - Elizabeth B. Loch  
 28 - Bill Clarke  
 24 - Mildred Price  
 15 - Ellenberg, Ed  
 15 - Burt Kinney  
 17 - Iris Craig  
 12 - Mary F. Pullium  
 24 - Ben Hughes  
 19 - Christy Dixon  
 3 - Caroline Hartman  
 5 - A. W. Hartman