



DIXIE RANGER

SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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The purpose of this letter is two-fold:
First, it is to report on the meeting held
on December 1 and, Second, to publish the
names of the new Officers for Calendar
Year, 1972. Here they are:

President-----Larry Newcomb
Vice President-----Clint Herrick
Secretary-----John W. Cooper
Treasurer-----Lewis G. Whipple

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bill Fischer-----3-years
Ray Brandt-----2-years
Clint Herrick-----1-year

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The meeting on December 1, 1971 was held
at the Black Angus Restaurant on Peachtree.
There were approximately seventy members and
guests in attendance. The food was delicious
and the program put on by the Division of
Timber Management, was excellent and enjoyed
by all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Cartwright gave the Treasurer's Report
which showed a total income of \$537.00 from
dues, plus miscellaneous cash of \$2.28, for
a total of \$539.28. Expenditures amounted
to \$134.77, leaving a balance of \$404.51,
with an additional \$35.00 to be added when
the refund from the Stone Mt. Memorial
Association, because of the cancellation
of our September meeting, is received.
Looks like we are in pretty good shape
financially, and a personal vote of thanks
is hereby extended to Jim Cartwright in
managing our funds as the First Treasurer
of our Association.

John A. Adams, Chairman of the History
Committee presented a good report, and has
contacted his committee members to get an

expression of interest. Areas of
historical interest mentioned
included (1) CCC Camps, locations,
people, work done (2) Land Acquisition
(3) Recreational Developments
(4) Fires (5) Logging (6) Timber
Surveys (7) Ranger Station Locations
(8) Interested local people. He
indicated the response was good,
mentioning that John K. Cross
attached five interesting articles
and expressed interest in wanting to
see a forest museum in the deep South.
Ted S. Seely, wrote that he was doing
a short article on the Schenck Job
Corps Camp. Arthur C. Steedley suggested
that a history of the Naval Stores be
added. A. J. Streinz thought the list
covered the area of interest. P. H.
Bryan advised that he was interested
but not physically able to serve. Paul
M. Kihlmire wrote he was happy to serve
and suggested an additional category
involving the Cradle of Forestry.
He mentioned that he had found an
original text from the old Biltmore
School of Forestry. He also found
several items that would be - or
could be used - in a museum, such as
an unused metal fire prevention sign
issued by Secretary Wilson and Chief
Forester Graves. George Schaeffer
was added to the Committee and is busy
compiling a history of R-8 personnel
(RO). Glen Thompson offered to serve
and wishes to add history of Fire
Control, Soil and Water, Wildlife,
Range and Multiple Use for history
subjects. George Cabaniss is willing
to serve.

Art Grumbine gave his report on the
Legislative Committee. It had
chiefly to do what was contained
in Newsletter #3.

C. M. (Eve) Evenson, Membership Chairman, reported 213 members. We had a new one sign up at the meeting, so as of December 31 we have 214 members. Del Thorsen, Supervisor in North Carolina, is working to get every retiree in North Carolina to join up.

THE PATCHING PLACE

by

RUTH HALE WEAVER

In every life there is a hidden space,
One cluttered room, piled high with
broken things;
It holds a workman's bench - a patching
Place for healing hurts and mending
Crippled wings; a band of silk hangs
High upon a beam to bolster faith when
Inspiration fails;
A skein of yarn besides a tattered seam
Will stitch deflated ego's flagging sails;
A golden tread lies waiting near the bench
To string the scattered beads of wounded
Pride while troubled thoughts require a
Master wrench to tighten hopes and loosen
Logic's guide the brittle heart would shatter
In despair without the patching place for
swift repair.

Ruth Hale Weaver is the former Ruth Church, who retired from Division of Personnel Management in 1961. The above poem won the WSB radio first prize of \$25.00, from among 1200 entries from all over Georgia, in a contest which ended October 15, 1971.

FROM HARRY ROSSOLL: I am with the Forest Farmer's Association and have an office here. Working on free lance art and commission paintings. During the period from October 28-November 16, 1971, I have given illustrated lecture talks (chalk talks) on subjects ranging from USFS, Smokey Bear Forest Fire Prevention, Environment, Ecology, to Grades 1-6 including, at the Hawthorne Elementary School - Atlanta, Cub Scouts, Rehoboth Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School - Smyrna, and Annette Winn Elementary School, to a total of 1570 children and teachers, working through the Cultural Arts Committee.

Through the courtesy of the Division of Personnel Management and I&E, I have a list of personnel actions that have taken place since September 30, 1971. I have picked out some of such actions and tabulated them for interest and information of those who might be interested:

REASSIGNMENTS (Transfers)

Don Bethancourt to Tuskegee RD from Kisatchie NF.

Charles H. Eury from RO, Fiscal, to BM section, North Carolina NF.

Don Hughes, Supervisor's Office, Florida, from SO Georgia.

Vaughn Hofeldt, Forest Supervisor - Chattahoochee-Oconee NFs, from Washington Office.

Amel Landgraf, Supervisory Entomologist, EPIU, from Washington Office.

John W. Korb, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Daniel Boone NF from Recreation & Watershed, RO.

Alex Setser, Forester, NF N. C. from RO-Division of TM.

Richard H. Wengert, Deputy Forest Supervisor, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF from Ouachita.

John L. Crittendon, Contract Specialist, Mississippi NF from S. C.

Alon G. Athey, Supvr. Contract Specialist, South Carolina NF from Texas NF.

Robert A. Entzminger, Chief, Division of I&E, R-4 from Supervisor, NFs in Florida.

Timothy Smith, Forester Adm., Ozark-St.
Francis NF Buffalo RD from NFs in N. C.

James A. Hays, retirement from Supervisory
CE Supervisor's Office - Ouachita.

In writing up the last issue of the Dixie
Ranger for 1971 - may you all have a happy
holiday season and a prosperous and happy
1972. May you also enjoy the Dixie Ranger
as much as I have enjoyed gathering the
data and getting it out to all of you.

I wish to thank the Division of I&E, the
reproduction people in the Division of
Operation and the folks in the mail room
who have helped so much in getting the
finished product of this newsletter ready
for final distribution.

Ye-editor, gave the Newsletter Committee
report, covering a summary of the four
newsletters published from April-November
1971. I also reported on our effort to
get a permit for reduced mailing privileges.
Assured those present that I enjoyed the
job of getting out the newsletter but
expressed to them - and will mention it
here for all members - that the news-
letter is only going to be interesting
if news of interest is contributed for
inclusion in the letter. So I repeat as
I have in the past H-E-L-P...H-E-L-P...
During the meeting there were several
amendments to the Constitution brought
up for vote, and all were approved.
These changes will appear in the next
revision of the Constitution-By-Laws.

OUR FRIENDS DIE TOO

Fred S. Harris, Consulting Forester, Hat-
tiesburg, MS, former District Ranger, Leaf
River District at Holly Springs. Fred died
December 4 of a heart attack while working
on a timber survey at Fort Stewart.

William F. (Bill) Wulf, 4116 Glenwood
Rd., Decatur. Bill was retired, a former
inspector in the Division of Fiscal Control.

He died on Tuesday, December 7, and
was buried on December 10.

R-9 RETIREE LIST

John Sandor sent a retiree's list of
R-9 personnel. It is about ten pages,
Secretary John W. Cooper has the list
and will be glad to furnish a copy
to anyone interested. In that
connection - John - how about getting
Personnel Management, or the WO, to
compile a complete retiree list for
R-8?

DUE DATE FOR ASSOCIATION FEES 1972

Dues for 1972 are due and payable
as of January 1, 1972. In paying
your dues, how about remembering
someone who should be a member and
either contact them or pay their
dues for them and it will give you
a reason for writing them and "dunning"
them for the \$2 expended? Remember
that wives of retirees are members,
but get a free ride.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS

While I don't have a copy of it,
Chris Thompson gave a good report
on the Welfare Committee, and passed
around a ballot form asking the
members to state their interest.
Chris is a hard worker - and if
any of you have something - even a
pet project - that you'd like to
present to the Welfare Committee,
Chris will ramrod it - even if she
has to take it to the top. So help
her.

I might have missed reporting on
some of the Committees - I hope not.
Only a select few were required to
report in person - others submitted
a report in writing and all reports
will be on file with the Secretary,
in case any of you are interested.

The Telephone Committee did yeoman service for the last meeting and, while the Birthday Committee is active, they cannot do too much without some cooperation. So, in communicating with the Association, PLEASE, P-L-E-A-S-E furnish your birth date and that of your spouse. I imagine buying birthday cards will reduce the balance of our Treasury - but that was the intention in setting up the Birthday Committee - so you will be remembered in verse on your birthday. NOW how about sending it in?

It was good to see Gene Reichard at the meeting - and he was recognized. Also good to see Joe Galloway and Lois; Andy Brands and Jean - and so many of the regulars that are always there, regardless of the type of meeting; the occasion or the place at which it is held. That kind of interest, cooperation and willingness to attend, is what is going to make this a top-notch organization.

CORRECTION

On Page 9 of Charter Member Directory, correct the name of Walter R. Smith to Walton R. Smith.

I hope you folks liked the Directory. The effort it took to compile, produce and distribute this to all members deserves some comment and commendation. To those who did this job - congratulations for a job well done.

NOTES FROM LETTERS RECEIVED

From Wally Everton: Enjoyed the August edition of the Dixie Ranger. It is interesting and informative. Sold my home last fall and bought a mobile home which I am really enjoying. Have a garden but not 1/3 as large as the one in my home. Gardening here goes on every month of the year.

From Stan Johnson: Enclosed is my ballot. Really sorry to learn about Elaine Eriksson. Here are our birthdates. Enjoy getting the

news sheet. Things are great up here and probably will be for the winter, but one never knows when we will take off for somewhere else. Our best to our ex and present R-8 friends.

From Glenn Thompson: The November issue of Retirees' Association and Dixie Ranger were good to get. Appropriate and well done. Enclosed is our ballot and our birth dates. We are still exploring the realm of things for retirees. Finished our turn as Chairman and Secretary of the Idaho Section of the R-4 "Old Timers Club" and attended the annual meeting of same in Ogden. We had to raise the dues from \$1 to \$2 this year. Besides some additions to house and grounds, raising an excellent garden (without use of commercial fertilizers). We used the camper for guest trips into nearby mountains for picture taking, rock hounding, fishing and berry picking. Checked local history items too. Our highlight trip was a 10-day tour of the Hawaiian Islands with a Shrine group in September. Found people in State Forester's Offices who remembered Floyd Cossitt with warm gratitude. Can't keep out of the many environmental issues in these parts. Some satisfaction in meeting the irony of those we tried 20+ years ago to inform, who now have just discovered what it is all about without recognizing the Forest Service as a creditable agency with the capability to meet and solve the problems. No limit to involvement. Our sympathy to President Rik. 'Tis good to be a member. Best wishes.

From H. Minor Huckaby: Would like to attend the meeting in Atlanta on December 1. Can't make it this time, however. My last visit was in the Spring of 1965. Guess we should plan on another soon, perhaps in 1972. So sorry to hear about Mrs. Eriksson's death - our sympathy

to him. Enjoyed the newsletter - keep it coming. Was surprised at the number of charter members that can call friends and acquaintances. Enclosed my marked ballot for new officers. Congrats to Rik for getting the organization off to a good start. Briefly about ourselves - since retirement in 1964 have been in all fifty states, all the Provinces of Canada except Newfoundland, two trips to Mexico totaling three months, all amounting to 3-years of travel out of the 7-years since retirement. Still have Europe to go - now planned for 1972. Best regards to all and best of luck for the Association.

before too much time passes. If any of you stray from orbit out this way - we sure hope our paths cross. Thanks again.

From George S. James: I want to congratulate you and all the others concerned with putting together a Retiree's Association, and for the excellent reporting job being done. No other Region has anything which approaches your setup. We are proud to be included among your Charter Members. When it became known that we were retiring last year, the people in San Francisco asked us to consider working for them and the Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts for a few years. These three Agencies built a 2-million acre foot reservoir in the Sierra Nevada foothills and are investing nearly nine million in public recreation facilities, and fisheries enhancement. They wanted an organization put together along with all of the associated objectives, policies and procedures to run the show. So, our job has been to start from scratch and now we are open for business. When everything is rolling smoothly, we'll pull the pin again. In the meantime, we've been quite busy. Tell Bill Fischer, too busy to play golf - which is not what we counted on. We are making Sonora our home, building a house and generally getting acquainted with what makes the world tick around this part of California. Our two children and their families live in Santa Cruz, which is only 4-hours away, much, much closer than Milwaukee. We sure hope we can come through Atlanta one of these years