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OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1979

President.....Lucille Isbell
Alternate.....Howard A. Miller
Secretary.....Shirley Herbert
Treasurer.....Jim Carroll

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dorothy R. Smith...(1981)...3-year term
George Schaeffer...(1980)...2-year term
Jim Cartwright.....(1979)...1-year term
Doug Craig.....Ex-officio

OUR LAST MEETING

Was on September 20 and the annual picnic at Stone Mountain Park. We had close to 75 or more members attending, including these out of town members: Lucile & Wally Prater from Tallahassee, Fla., Vera and Del Thorsen from Asheville, N. C., Opal & Ray McKinley, Cleveland, Tennessee, Polly Brandt, Columbia, S. C., Helen and another daughter of Kythe Sears, plus some other guests. We expected Helen W. Peyton from Huntsville, Ala. but she was not allowed to attend-doctor's orders. Sorry you couldn't be there Helen. Lucille had Jim Cartwright ask the blessing and we ate our usual good food brought by all those attending. Harry Rossoll arrived with his wife Olga and Bob Neelands and blew a blast from his horn to let us know he had arrived. Later, he saluted all who had birthdays in September and all joined in for a "Happy Birthday". You might check the birthday list for the September birthdays. "Red" Strange, the defending champion, presented the prizes to the winners.: Larry Newcomb-trophy; Ray McKinley 2nd low net score; Del Thorsen, 3rd lowest net score; Bill Fischer, 4th lowest net score; Bob Galphin, closest to pin on #4, Bill Fischer, closest to pin #16. Others who played were Doug Craig, Art Grumline, Paul Russell, Walt Meyers, Frank Pullium,

(Last Meeting-continued): Leipold, and Matt Harriger. According to the word I got - no one played good golf. We had a good crowd - it was good to see Baxter Reed and his wife; AW and Caroline Hartman; Frank & Mary Jo Mayfield; Al and Elva Friederick from Cumming; Theo & Eve; Craigs, Brandau; Whipples; Red & Kay Strange and so many others. Cecil Montgomery and her crowd of workers were given a hand for arranging the food for the crowd and it was a good picnic and enjoyed by all who attended.

BOARD MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS

We had one on August 15 at the apartment of the President, with Craig, Dorothy Smith, George Shaeffer, Cartwright, Huber, Evenson, Miller, Carroll, Ye-ed, Cecile Montgomery and, of course, the President Lucille Isbell, attending. Huber, as Chairman of the PR Committee of the Farmers' Club, indicated they were interested in recruiting members. President mentioned having heard from the Chairman Telephone Committee. It seems that members object to being called urging them to make reservations to our various functions. The reason the Telephone Committee had been put to work was that on a Thursday prior to the meeting the next week, only twelve reservations had been received. Eventually, we had fifty reservations; prepared for fifty five and finally sixty showed up for the luncheon. Carroll reported a bank account balance of \$954. I read the letter from Jim Cheek (See his letter) and the Board decided to let members of NARFE fight the battle. Our Constitution provides that any individual may write to his Congressman on any subject, provided it does not affect present employees of the Forest Service. There was a lot of discussion about retirees and our inability to get a current list from the

BOARD MEETING (Continued)

Div. of Personnel in the R. O. or from the Washington Office. Huber talked off the record about the New Chief. And the Board decided not to promote a Brass Town Bald trip this year. Doug Craig, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, indicated he would have only one candidate, plus a write in, for the offices of Secretary & Treasurer. Cecil Montgomery said she would take care of the arrangements for the picnic on 9/20 and asked for and was assured a lot of help. The Board approved the Treasurer's request and authorized him to destroy all financial records over two years old, which includes bank statements, deposit slips, bills etc. Anything of historical value will be retained. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 7 at 10 a.m.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the Christmas Meeting, on December 5, 1979, at the old reliable Petite Auberge Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center. This meeting usually has as a program the reports of the various Committees; the results of the election of officers for C.Y. 1980; a get together before the luncheon; probably a little entertainment and a good meal. Since most of our reservations come from the Atlanta area and are made by phone, no reservation blank is included herein. ALL you have to do to make a reservation is to Call Shirley Herbert at 881-4191 and arrange to pay the tab - usually \$6.00 - at the door prior to the luncheon. Our Treasurer will be there to collect the money and, in case anyone wishes to pay up their back or advance dues, he will accept such payments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1980

A ballot is included in this issue for those who wish to vote for the officers named, each of whom have agreed to serve if elected. In the past, it has been our experience that 5% of the membership elect the officers. I hope to have this newsletter out in ample time to give everyone a chance to vote and PLEASE will everyone vote so that a representative number of our members cast their vote for the candidate of their choice and each one may write in a candidate of their choice too. SO MAKE YOUR CHOICE KNOWN!

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

Our dues are still \$2.00 per year per family, although similar organizations have upped their dues to \$3 and \$4 a year. While our bank account is fairly on the healthy side - our obligations are rising and we have to pay out more and more each year on postage, printing etc. Our coop-agreement with the F. S. is still in effect, but they increased the cost per quarter from \$56 to \$65 to take care of a 11.3 cost of living increase for the employees who do the work for us. I do not know the status of any of those who might be behind in their dues for 1979 or previous years. However, if there is a red stamp "DUES NOT PAID" on the first page of this issue, you will be informed as to your status. If no red stamp appears, be assured you're up to date. Please ignore the "C", "S", "D" tabs on the face of the D-R. Postal regulations require that one of these tabs ~~xxx~~ is placed on the first copy of the bundle which I send to each city, state, zip code etc. BUT watch out for the DUES NOT PAID stamp.

MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman, C. M. "Eve" Evenson, is doing the best he can in trying to get a list of those who retire. In this issue, I have reported twenty new members, a lot of whom have responded to "Eve's" request to "join up". In his report on 12/5, it will show approximately 45 new members during 1979. A good job Eve!

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Paul & Jeannette Russell for the serious injuries to their daughter Betsy and Son-in-Law Jim Smiley during Hurricane David in the S. C. area. And for the home damage their son Dick went through in Mobile, Ala. Louise Caldwell who is hospitalized, according to Roxie Howell, in DeKalb General with a stroke.

To George & Mae Sahaeffer on the loss of brother and sister in Pennsylvania.

And to those reported in the "Obit" section of this newsletter.

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

MILDRED (Mrs. Erby E.) WAGNER: Enclosed is an obit notice on Leva Melton. Did you know her? She has not been well the past year and was in and out of the hospital several times and in a Houston hospital when she died. I, along with Hazel Fenley, R. V. and Mary Elizabeth Welch, also Hattie Wilson were at the funeral. Went to the HARFE meeting - Johnny Olson is president this year. We meet a lot of those from other Government agencies at the meetings. I recognized a lot of names in the "birthday greetings" in the last D-R, including Harry & Anita Garnsey; Hazel Olson, R. I. Lowndes and Karl Krueger. Karl was Supervisor in Lufkin for a few years soon after we moved here. It is always good to hear from you folks and I always look forward to the Dixie Ranger.

HELEN W. PEYTON: Heard through a friend in the W/O that you published an August issue of the D-R. I have not received a copy-please send one since it is the only way retirees can be kept abreast of what is happening. I hope you send Findley McNaughton a copy too, since I sent in \$\$\$ to cover his enrollment. Going to try and make the September 20 picnic. (Sorry you didnt make it Helen. About getting info from the D-R, a fellow from the Div. of I&E told me at the picnic "whenever the Dixie Ranger comes out, we have a staff meeting to find out what is going on".

RUSSELL H. EATON: Here's an obit you'll be interested in. We are both fine and hope you are too. Saw Russ Chipman today and he said Eunice was improving slowly and they are thankful. We're doing as well as can be expected for old folks. We grunt and groan but keep going and eating too much

ELIZABETH & I'ON LOWNDES: Since yesterday was halfway from and to Christmas, I send belated and advance good wishes and a check to keep the Dixie Ranger coming. We are glad to keep our names on the list, and it is good to have news of old friends. We are doing very well, considering the shape we are in, although not liking that "shape". Both of us have been in the hospital and our son took us to a visit in Tennessee. It is great just to hear from so many through the Dixie Ranger. We hope some of our old F. S. friends will come and see us.

J. K. Vessey: Our copy of the D-R arrived but Page 4 was missing. Please send it to me because I dont want to miss any of the news. Mrs. Ralph Freeman "Snick" is back ~~in~~ in Warren and I want to enroll her in the Association-here is money for it. Ralph was a staunch supporter of the Cradle of Forestry in America concept. He helped promote the idea nere while he was Supervisor of the Alleghany NF. He was a fine man. The Vessey's are pretty well along on on second 50-years of marriage. We came north this year to entertain our son and family from Missoula - Jim got back just in time to be ready for the bad fire year they expected. I continue to be a card paying a member of most of the organizatins but the going to meetings is beyond me. Please ask one of the golfers to send me the "scoop" on the next tournament for the trophy. (Ed's note: Since the above, I have heard from Jim again, sent me a check for \$5 to qualify for the 10/8 tournament - in spirit - and even called me by phone on Sunday 10/7 to make sure I received his contribution. I took it out to the golf course on Monday morning and presented his check and, as he requested, a report on that tournament will be included in this newsletter. In case anyone of our members know, Mrs. Ralph Freeman, is at 422 W. Third St., Warren, Pa 16365

MRS. EFFIE L. STONE (Wife of Frank Stone): Sorry I'm running late with my dues to D-R. This has been a very busy summer with this & that, but wont go into details - it would be a long story. Enjoy every issue of the Dixie Ranger and wish to be remembered to all my friends.

LOUIS B. ANDERSON: Could you arrange to get another copy of the August D-R? Pages 3&4 were blank-did you use disappearing ink? We keep busy on our small acreage and in our motor home, traveling around and camping about where we please. We conserve energy by shutting off everything while away. JUST MAYBE - the REDSKINS have it this year. They looked gooder than the good ATLANTA FALCONS. (Mr. Louie-please dont malign our Falcons-they should have clobbered the Redskins!).(Sorry to hear about Emory Hunnicutt and glad you visited him in the Asheville hospital.Would like to hear from his son Tom)

JIM CHEEK: It was a real pleasure to talk with you and thanks for Charlie Davenport's address. When the N. C. portion of the old Unaka Ranger District became the French Broad District at Hot Springs, N. C., Charlie and I set up the new office. He is a great guy and I had lost touch with him. On June 14 I attended the demonstration and picketing of the White House by the Federal Work Force and Retirees, protesting the treatment being given them by the present Administration Jim I can not print any more of your good letter - we, as the Dixie Ranger, are under the gun insofar as our cooperative agreement is concerned - and we need it to continue the publishing of the Dixie Ranger. Since your article enclosed was from the "Retirement Life" magazine of 8/79, there will be enough members writing in to protest, as you have done. I think the members of the NARFE and their organization does a good job in fighting for the retirees and they will make members of Congress recognize the fight in "DEFENSE OF COLA" in Congress.

MRS. GERTRUDE C. HEINEMANN: We enjoy the Dixie Ranger - it is like a real visit with all the U.S.F.S. retirees, to keep in touch where they are and what each one is doing. Was surprised to see Robert K. Dodson had retired and living here real close to us in Eustis. We knew Bob when he was located on the Ocala - in the early fifties, and we were neighbors on the Appalachee NF. His oldest girl used to run away and come over and see us - she was like a grand child to us. We are getting along in years and celebrated our 62nd year of marriage. Mr. Heinemann's health is fair, considering his age. I still garden and grow flowers for our church in Salt Springs, which is in the new acreage the F. S. recently bought. I hope the F. S. makes it one of their wilderness additions to the Lake George District, as it has hundred of acres that are really wild and wooly. Here's hoping the D-R continues for a long time.

P.F.W. PRATER: Please use enclosed check to enroll C. Huxley Coulter as a member in the Association. I think he would enjoy back issues. (Sent to him - See McArdle's letter)

HARRY ROSSOLL: Here is a new member - Mr. Al Spector. Al just recently moved to Atlanta from Washington D. C. and was formerly with the Water-Resource Section USFS. Also - here is an article in the Forest Farmers' Magazine just off the press. It is of interest to some of the members of the Retirees' Club. Enjoyed the picnic at Stone Mountain. (Note: We did too Harry - the article mentioned "OKLAHOMA BOASTS REGIONAL FOREST HERITAGE CENTER", with all of your paintings, murals and the commendations they've given you, is just too much to include in one issue of the Dixie Ranger - we just don't have the room or the facilities to reproduce it and I'm sorry. Ye-ed).

HOBERT "Hub" CHAPMAN. I guess he wants to be a new member, but all I have from him is an envelope with a note that \$2 was enclosed. I will list him and his address as a new member. (Note: I know "Hub" had an accident not too long ago and, probably, he is not able to write a letter to us - but when he gets the Dixie Ranger, perhaps he will remember a lot of friends and make an effort to get in touch with us. Ye-ed)

CARL HAMMARSTROM: Here is a new member: Everett H. Clocker - a retiree from the W/O, but he spent a lot of time down South and knows many of the fellows and the gals. I'm keeping busy with part time lecturing and teaching. I continue to edit the GEORGIA LAND SURVEYOR, since 1965, and keep active in the surveying and mapping society of Georgia and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. Regards to all.

MRS. ELIZABETH K. GLASS: Enclosed check for \$2. Regret the delay, but for the past 15 months of his life, Tom's health was such that he got behind on paper work. Tom's many friends among the retirees will know how much he enjoyed the Dixie Ranger. But - Tom died on July 23, 1979. Am enclosing a sketch of him, just in case you might use it in the Dixie Ranger. Our new address is Mrs. Thomas H. Glass, Jr., 2505 Maple Ave., Buena Vista, Va. 24416

OF SOME INTEREST

The new CHIEF OF THE FOREST SERVICE, has not paid his dues for '77-'79. Who gonna pay for the Chief? I'll take a bet that our MEMBERSHIP will pay - anyone else?
Chairman - Evenson

RISHARD E. McARDLE: "Hux" Coulter, former State Forester of Fla, visited me recently and I got out the Association's Directory to locate some addresses he wanted. He said he had heard of the Association and wanted to know if he could be a member. I was sure he was or is eligible. "Hux" worked briefly for the Forest Service at the Southern Station, and worked with me in R-6 in 1927. He decided to cast his lot with the State F. S. but has worked closely with the U.S.F.S. for many years. I hope he is eligible for membership, so I am enclosing \$2.00 for his membership plus a few bucks extra to make my own paid up for another year or so. I was interested to learn that "Hux" is still a nut on morning exercises. He said that he pushes up 51 times (why 51?) before he eats breakfast. That would kill me. I was tempted to remind him that when we worked together, he did "setting up" exercises morning and evening. Remember the time when we stayed at a logging camp on the Snoqualmie N.F. in W. Washington. This was a "car" camp, two long rows of box cars with a board walk between them. The cars had muzzle loading bunks, each bunk with a small window for ventilation. Remember this was in 1927 - not all logging camps were that primitive. I wondered how he would do his exercises, because there wasn't much space between the bunks. When the camp lights were turned off, except for the lights on the board walk, he began chinning himself in the one and only doorway facing the board walk. He always did his exercises in the "altogether" so, as this naked body swung in and out of the doorway, I looked out my little window to see if anybody could see him. I saw a dozen or so heads sticking out of the little windows. Soon there were more as the word got around. Hux would swing in and out, appear and disappear. The loggers were intrigued, to put it mildly. I counted 261 eyes peering at this unusual sight. The reason for 261 eyes instead of 262 was that this camp had a whistle punk who was blind in one eye. I'd better stop. Hux knows a few stories he could tell about me. (Dear Chief McArdle: Hux has already been enrolled as a member by Wally Prater. I've sent him back issues, a directory and a long letter. I knew him in Lake City, Fla. in 1932-33. He hasn't answered my letter either. Ye-ed).

FROM THE DIVISION OF PERSONNEL MGMT:

I will not identify the contributor, since I do not know who she is, but she writes:

"Any chance these notes might be useful for the Dixie Ranger newsletter? We can't (And I ask why not) distribute flyers about retirees, so I thought the retirees might be interested".

Esther Greene underwent surgery for a brain tumor about a month ago. The tumor was benign and she is back home recuperating. She sends her love to everyone in Fire & Lands. Her address is: 7615 Wesleyan Place, Louisville, Ky 40222.

Paul H. Russell, former Group Leader of the Silvicultural Group in RT&W, has received word about his daughter and son-in-law having been in an automobile accident on 9/4. The daughter was very seriously injured and, at this time, the prognosis is not very encouraging. Her husband is also in serious condition. (Ed's note: As of 10/15 the Russells are visiting their daughter and son in law and the prognosis is much better at this time).

CHECK YOUR RECORDS OR CHECK BOOK STUBS

Under "DUES-DUES-DUES" section in this issue, I have discussed dues at \$2.00 a year. Since then, I have a report from the Treasurer and - hear this:

126 members have not paid 1979 dues.

50 members have not paid 1978 dues.

17 members have not paid 1977 dues.

6 members have not paid 1976 dues, and these include through 1979.

In money amounts, this is equal to \$398. We have some members, who have been dropped, who never paid dues, even after some good hearted friend of theirs paid and enrolled them in the Association. BE ASSURED, HOWEVER, those who are delinquent from 1976 will be dropped, although this issue of the D-R will be sent to them and we hope they'll read and "check their record". Here is what we have to pay to get out the Dixie Ranger: (1) To the F. S. \$65 per quarter for printing, addressing etc. (2) Postage \$35+ per issue, (3) guests for programs \$10 each luncheon etc. etc. etc. (We need your dues of \$2 each year. Pay up)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to those who celebrate their birthdays in the months listed below. As you will note - these are listed several months in advance of the date of the current issue of the Dixie Ranger. This procedure was suggested by Bob Raymund in a letter to the Board of Directors. I hope all of you have received a card from Bob!

JANUARY

1 - C. Joe Galloway
2 - R. L. Pidgeon
4 - Spence Palmer
9 - Russ Vance
10 - Clem Wyers
18 - Joe McPherson
19 - Rose M. Milot
20 - H. C. Eriksson
24 - Elva Friedrich
26 - E. O. Powers
26 - Jean Seely
27 - Del W. "horsen"
16 - Bea Cagle
10 - Fanny Lane
26 - Helen Wellhoner
22 - Marie Eriksson
9 - Lib Collins
10 - Caroline R. Taylor
10 - Raymond E. Phillips
22 - H. E. "Hob" Howard
5 - Denton H. Bloomer

FEBRUARY

1 - Mrs. Roy W. Bierbaum
4 - John addington
8 - Mildred Wilkinson
11 - Viola Meltz
13 - Lola Burris
9 - Louise Scherer
14 - ~~Roxa~~ Eve Welch
14 - Dorothy M. Wyers
16 - William E. Snyder
19 - Mary C. Montgomery
19 - Mrs. Tom B. Allen
22 - Emmett C. Gibson
23 - Sam Whaley
8 - Mrs. Mary Moyle
7 - Clint Johnson
12 - Marian L. Davis
26 - Bitsy Lamb
24 - Lesene Mays
12 - Lekoy Howell
2 - Bill Nicholls
4 - Evelyn Antonie
11 - Kemmer H. Crum
8 - Robert Johns
23 - Will (Lee) Slade
14 - Lillian Kilgore

MARCH

2 - Velma Dunn
2 - Charles Shea
6 - Ivan J. Nicholas
7 - Mrs. Lester P. Schaap
7 - C. R. Moore
14 - Florence Johnson
16 - William P. Allen
18 - Carrie M. Covington
22 - Guy M. Wilkinson
30 - Ruth Boston
30 - Lucy Moore
30 - Mrs. Kathryn Rhymes
28 - Gola May Eaton
9 - Bryan W. Sipe
9 - Lena Belle Morriss
17 - Willa Carswell
9 - Saranell Wright
19 - Bruce Merrill
7 - Mary F. Merrill
24 - Jim Carroll
4 - Elizabeth H. P. Lowndes
10 - Mary W. Hutchins
27 - John A. Adams Jr.
23 - Sophia Setzer
5 - Mary Elizabeth Kinney
?? - ~~Mr~~ James N. Jefferson
22 - Lyman Gray
4 - Jane Prather
21 - Karl B. Mayer
17 - Ned Strange
10 - Marie Chandler

Since the last issue of the birthday list, we have received the dates of some "late bloomers" and I list them here, since most of them are new members who have not yet seen their name in this particular column:

May 25 - Howard Prasher; July 13 Helen W. Peyton;
July 30 - Robert "Hub" Chapman; Sept. 6 Carol Neimeyer;
Sept. 21 Henry Neimeyer; Sept. 9 E. G. Cox;
October 28 Jewell Prasher; November 1 Nell Prasher and
December 2 - Naomi P. Cox. (I might have the dates of
E. G. & Naomi Cox reversed, but that is the way I received
the information. Ye-ed. Correct me if I'm wrong).

WITH WELL OVER 400 MEMBERS, we still have a lot of room for birth dates and I will guess that less than half of our members have furnished their birthdates to be included in this list with each issue.

OBITUARIES

MRS. H. H. (Leva) MELTON, who died on 8/12 in a hospital in Houston, Texas. Leva lived in Lufkin and retired from the F. S. with 27 years service. Survivors are her husband Haden, Lufkin, son Bob, two daughters, a sister, five brothers, five grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

FRANK T. BAILEY: Died in September and his funeral was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Frank was president of the NAEE there. A native of Ekalaka, Mont; graduated from the U. of Montana; served in the Army in WWII and Korean War. Served many years in the U.S.F.S. in Montana, Idaho, Alaska and Atlanta and lived in Atlanta 1967-and retired in 1973. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elaine Cole Bailey, sons Dennis of Juneau, Alaska and Frank Bradley, Atlanta and two in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

THOMAS HARTWELL GLASS, JR. died 7/23 in Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Lexington, Va., at the age of 76, after a long and valiant bout with a heart condition. Tom had retired from the F. S. at the end of '67, after 42 years of service in the old Natural Bridge where he did road construction under H. M. Sears and O. M. Shanklin. He was project superintendent of CCC Camp Oronoco during the entire period of the camp. Worked for many years on the Pedlar Ranger District, Geo. Wash. NF. Many of his F. S. friends attended his funeral and were pall bearers. He is survived by his wife - Elizabeth Knight Glass - to whom he had been married for more than forty years; two sons; one grandson; one step daughter; three step grandsons; three sisters and one brother.

May all of the above rest in the peace that only the good Lord can give to them.

In connection with the Board of Director's authorization - will you please write and tell us to which charity organization you wish a donation to be made to your spouse's favorite charity. I hope that Mrs. Burris will also furnish this information - otherwise, we will send you a \$10 check for "Cahh".

RESULTS OF ANNUAL F. S. GOLF TOURNAMENT

- #1-Clark Sell (67) Vessey Trophy, Plaque & \$40 Gift Certificate.
- #2-Ron Strauss (70) \$40 Gift Certificate
- #3-Bill Fischer (72) \$35 Gift Certificate
- #4-Bob Galphin (73) \$30 Gift Certificate
- #5-Paul Russell (73) \$20 Gift Certificate
- #6-Don Crichlow (74) \$15 Gift Certificate
- #7-Art Grumbine (75) \$10 Gift Certificate
- #8-Ron Harper (75) Set of Wood Covers
- #9-Tom Fendley (76) Set of Iron Covers
- #10-Cal Liepold (77) Ball retriever

PRIZES FOR GUEST FLIGHT (Callaway System)

- #1-Jim Butterfuss (71) Plaque, Green & Cart Fee.
- #2-John Moser (73) Green Fee & $\frac{1}{2}$ Cart Fee.
- #3-Bill Corbin (74) Green Fee
- #4-Jim Turner (74) 6-golf balls
- #5-Amel Landsgraf (75) Cart Fee
- #6-Russ Lawler (75) 4-golf balls

NOTE: In case of ties, low handicap prevails.

THE GOLFER OF THE YEAR AWARD went to Don Crichlow with a total of 44 accumulated points. Congratulations Don!

OTHER PRIZES AND AWARDS

Low Gross Score-Jim Butterfuss (77) 12-balls.
Closest Pin #5-Bill Corbin - 12 balls.
Closest Pin #12 -Don Miller - 12 balls.
Longest Drive #15-Jack Simpson-6 balls.
High Gross - Bob McCoy - a golf book.

Following the round, all met at the Gross Lake Picnic area for refreshments and awards. Beautiful weather and a lot of fun was enjoyed by all.

This annual tournament was held 10/8 at Fieldstone CC, Conyers. 38 players showed up physically - ONE showed up in spirit, since he paid a \$5 fee and that ONE was no other than James K. Vessey-the donor of the Vessey Trophy, which is passed around each year to the winner. The members of the Forest Service Golf Association hope that one of these days, Jim Vessey might show up and participate in a tournament. With the scores shown - Jim - you'd better get in a lot of practice or compete with "Callaway". OR - you may send in five score cards from a competitive course and get a handicap!

NEW MEMBERS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED?

Mrs. Helen W. Peyton, 2917 Hillsboro Dr., SW
Huntsville, Ala. 35805.

Mrs. Bonnie M. Stewart, 3628 Ocean Shore
Blvd. Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074.

Charles C. Davenport, Box 199, Rt. #3,
Newland, N. C. 28657.

Mr. Ben Carpenter, Rt. #1, Box ???, Little
Mountain Dr., Ellenwood, Ga. 30049

Mr. Tom Sears, Rt. #4, Box 211-K,
Wenatchee, Wash. 98801

John A. Vance, 150 Black Land Ct.,
Marietta, Ga. 30062.

Edison Kilgore, Wing Route,
Rover, Arkansas 72860.

Mrs. Louise R. Welch, 2845 Orion Dr.,
Decatur, Ga. 30033.

Hobert Chapman, Rt. 2, Box 314,
Asheville, N. C. 28805.

Stanley C. Frye, 3715 Greenleaf,
Columbia, S. C. 29206.

C. Huxley Coulter, 412 Ingleside Ave.,
Tallahassee, Fla. 32308.

Phillip a. Newton, Maple St.,
Franklin, N. C. 28734.

Mr. E. L. Hurst, 907 Clyde Dr.,
Jacksonville, N. C. 28540

Naomi P. Cox, 2002 Silvastone Dr. NE.,
Atlanta, Ga. 30345.

Everett H. Clocker, 7108 Marine Dr.,
Alexandria, Va. 22307

Mrs. Ralph "Snick" Freeman, 422 W. Third
St., Warren, Pa. 16365

W. E. Hedges, 102 Beverly Rd., Overbrook
Hills, Philadelphia, Pa. 19151

NEW MEMBERS (Continued):

Mrs. Jewell B. Brasher (Mrs. Elvin T.)
218 E. Trinity Place, Apt. 1014,
Decatur, Ga. 30030.

Duane W. "Red" Myler, 4242 King James Court,
Snellville, Ga. 30278.

Albert "Al" Spector, 974 Crane Rd. NE,
Atlanta, ~~Ga.~~ Ga. Phone 231-3054.

A CORRECTION

I seem to have ruffled the feathers on the
shoulders of our President in stating, on
Page 1 of the August 1979 issue of the
Dixie Ranger: "Board of Director's Meeting
The last one was 11-29-78, none since then.
Nothing to discuss or problems to solve."
As reported in the January 1979 issue of
the Dixie Ranger, a Board Meeting was held
at the President's apartment on January
24, 1979. I HEREBY stand corrected and
apologize to our President for insinuating
her lack of interest in holding a Board
Meeting. 'Nuff said Lucille? The next
Board Meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 7, '79

A LITTLE MORE ON THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

From ye-ed: Jim Vessey wrote and asked when
the tournament would be held. At the time
he was still up in Warren, Pa. I wrote to
him and, even though I wrote in September
and sent my letter first class, he didnt
receive it until he returned to Florida on
10/4. He immediately sent me a \$5 entry
fee by registered-special delivery mail
and then called me on Sunday morning 10/7
to make sure I received it. I delivered
Jim's check on the first tee at the tourna-
ment site on 10/8 to enroll him - in spirit!
And Jim - I'll answer your letter before
too long - and you're on the mailing list
of the Forest Service Golf Association and
you will be kept informed when and where
the monthly tournaments will be held. I
hope they have your Pennsylvania and Florida
addresses. How about sending me your Pa.
one in Warren?

FOREST SERVICE WIVES' CLUB COMING EVENTS

On November 13, the annual auction will be held, in connection with that meeting. It will be held, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Peachtree World of Tennis. Harry Rossoll will be the auctioneer. Anyone having white elephants they wish to get rid of by donation; candy, cakes, plants or other items, bring them along and let Harry get rid of them for you with the proceeds going to the Wives' Club. I do not know where this place is, but the last auction was held there last year and directions are available from Wives' Club officers.

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The ~~Xmas~~ Christmas dinner-dance will be held on December 21 at the Century Center Hotel. This place is on Clairmont Road-I-85, just beyond K-Mart heading toward Buford Hwy. Cocktail hour 6:30-8:00; Dinner 8:00-9:00; Dancing 9:00 - 1:00 A.M. Music by Jimmy Stewart and his Nashville recording band. For additional information as to cost etc. contact Anne Jones 451-6816.

FROM R-9 CONTACT

A white spruce tree from the Nicolet National Forest's Laona District (Wisconsin) will serve as this year's national Christmas tree. The tree measures 66-feet high; 28 inches in diameter and is 56-years old. Doug Jacobson, forest landscape architect, discovered the tree and got the ball rolling. Finally Capitol Hill's landscape architect came to visit; measured; took pictures and announced: "this is the tree". Plans are being made for felling and transporting the tree to Washington for the Christmas lighting.

FROM THE FRIDAY NEWSLETTER - 9-14-79

McGUIRE (former Chief) RECOGNIZED. About 400 friends of John attended a reception and dinner to wish him well as he "sails off" into retirement. He plans to stay in Washington, D.C. and is the proud owner of a new sailboat. The ceremonies were M/C'd by former Assoc. Chief Rex Resler and included a "roast" by his "Court" and remarks by Dep. Sec. Jim Williams, Asst. Sec. Cutler and former Chiefs RJ McArdle, and Ed Cliff. He also received a gift of money to buy whatever he needs for his sailboat.

A LATE OBITUARY

JERRY J. WELCH: In a note from Harvey Boston, we were informed that Jerry died on October 15. In a telephone message from Jean Brands, I was informed that Jerry had been operated on for a ruptured aneurysm of the lower intestine and did not regain consciousness. He was given 6-8 pints of blood. Jerry's wife Eve requested that nothing be done in the way of sympathy cards etc. It is my understanding that his body was cremated. Eve also wrote Ruth Gray with the details-since Ruth is out of town, I am unable to get the entire details for this issue - since it is about to be put to bed and delivered to the R. O. Monday 10/22 for printing. I hope someone from Hot Springs will send me an obit on Jerry and it will be published in the next issue of the D-R. (Ed's note: Jerry was a good friend and I hope he is granted the peace that only the good Lord can grant him. May his soul rest in that peace).

CLARA FRANCIS TELLS ME:

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WHILE I wish I had more letters and items to include in this, I think with the number of pages we have, it will be a good issue to close out the year 1979. I wish, too, that we could hear from some of our old friends and have more letters to publish. Am sure, however, when some of you members get notice by the red stamp DUES NOT PAID you'll check your records; send in your dues and apologize for being a little absent-minded.

BALLOT FOR VOTING ON OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1980. JUST A FEW MINUTES STUDY OF THE CANDIDATES AND A 15¢ STAMP WILL DO THE TRICK. PLEASE VOTE AND MAKE YOUR CHOICE KNOWN

FOR AN ALTERNATE (TO REPLACE HOWARD A. MILLER, WHO AUTOMATICALLY SUCCEEDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT)

William H. "Bill" Brandau ()

Ed. W. "Rip" Williams ()

(Write In) ()

FOR TREASURER

James A. "Jim" Carroll ()

(Write In) ()

FOR SECRETARY

Shirley Herbert ()

(Write In) ()

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-3-year term (1982)

C. M. "Eve" Evenson ()

R. G. "Bob" Raymund ()

PLEASE COMPLETE and MAIL your ballot to reach the Secretary's Office, not later than December 3, 1979. Mail ballot to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association, Suite #900, 1720 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. While it was not mentioned in the January 1979 newsletter, if my memory serves me correctly, ballots were received from about 20% of our membership. There were a few came in late and were not counted, since they did not affect the voting in any way. Doug Craig was Chairman of the Nominating Committee and he is commended for the good job of selecting officers for 1980. Those who served on his Committee were: Larry Newcomb, Bill Fischer, Art Grumbine and Paul Russell. Thanks Committee for a good job!