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SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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OUR LAST MEETING

Was on March 15, 1977, at Petite Auberge with approximately sixty five members, guests and friends. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1309 plus interest. Ellie Adams and Lucy Justus, a reporter for the Atlanta Constitution, were guests. Jim Carroll was called on and presented ye-ed with a \$50 savings bond. Doug Craig presented an award in the form of a plaque to the outgoing President, P.H. Russell. Eriksson talked about donations and made a motion, which was approved, to donate \$500 to the Society of American Foresters in memory of the deceased members of our Association. While there was much discussion about this donation, it was finally decided in the Board of Director's meeting following. Grumbine suggested we "spruce up" the Dixie Ranger, comparable to the R-8 newsletter, by having it printed, sent 1st class mail and make it the finest publication within the service. Stan Adams presented the program; gave a history of the film he was showing and it was "THE SOUTH'S AMAZING FORESTS". It was a good film and worth seeing, since each retiree would be able to see a familiar spot somewhere within the film.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Was held following the above meeting. All board members present, plus a few others. The motion to contribute \$500 as mentioned a

above was discussed and the Board decided to stick within the budgeted amount and contribute \$300 to the Society of American Foresters' memorial fund.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be on June 15, 1977, at Petite Auberge our old standby, since they have plenty of parking space; it is centrally located and they serve good meals. Happy hour will be from 11:30-12:30 and meal will be served at 12:30. Cost will be \$6.00 and, while the menu is not fixed as of now, it will be good and everyone will enjoy it as they have in the past. Information as to how to make reservations will be included in a reservation form in this issue. No other activity is planned for June, but our Arrangement Committee Chairman, PHRussell, says he might work out a bus trip to the N. C. or Georgia mountains to look at the color scheme somewhere in those beautiful mountains. If it is in North Carolina, we just might get a chance to visit with Sam Greenwood, Norman Hawley, Wayne Higdon or some other of our friends and members. Mark your calendar for this next meeting!!

JUST A REMINDER

We are still accepting dues for 1977 and prior years, involving those of you are not up to date. Dues remain at \$2.00 per year per family and are due as of January 1 each year. Make checks payable to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association and mail them to the address shown on the top of this sheet. Our printing and mailing cost continues to go up and it is only through payment of dues that we can continue to operate.

NEWS FLASH

Larry Withfield, the new Regional Forester, will attend and will speak at the June 15 luncheon. PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND and make your reservation by deadline date.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To all those who celebrate birthdays during the months of April-June, 1977. May you all have - or had - a happy birthday, and may you all have many more of them. To all who want "greetings" and have not been recorded herein - all you have to do is send in your birth date and it will be recorded and you'll be remembered!

APRIL

2 - Clodene O. Whaley
 3 - Allan M. Friedrich
 4 - Paul H. Russell
 6 - Martha Lambert
 8 - Lorene Kauffman
 9 - Mussette Adams Smith
 16 - Virginia Shea
 18 - Roy W. Bierbaum
 21 - Louise Caldwell
 22 - Allen J. Logan
 23 - Elizabeth Mason
 25 - Ruth B. Gray
 26 - Ruth Anderson
 30 - Clyne Woody
 16 - Mrs. Carl G. Krueger
 30 - Millie Renshaw
 9 - Harry Wright
 30 - Evelyn D. Carroll
 30 - Tom Swofford
 Lucile Prater
 P. F. W. Prater
 1 - Frances J. C. Van Wagner
 12 - Carl Benson
 1 - Simeon A. Pintado
 11 - Peggy Hawley

MAY

2 - Mildred Harkins
 4 - Eunice M. Chipman
 6 - Russell L. Chipman
 8 - Glenn Thompson
 9 - Yvonne L. Hunt
 10 - Arthur B. Collins, Jr.
 17 - John Kauffman
 24 - Lois Galloway
 12 - Sylvia Bryan
 31 - Claudia (Crickette) Logan
 Roy B. Rayworth
 17 - Ruby Cheek
 27 - Jack Wellhoner
 25 - Frances Dennis
 23 - Johnnie Davis
 18 - Elsie Hicks
 29 - Audrey Pommerening
 4 - F. Grady Burnett
 8 - Rosella Wolf
 5 - Milt Bryan
 29 - Alrick Antonie

MAY (Continued)

14 - Glenn O. Antonie
 17 - Russ Rea
 3 - W. I. Stevens
 14 - Mrs. F. S. Browder
 10 - Ruby Hice

JUNE

1 - J. N. Van Alstein
 7 - Robert U. Cobb
 10 - Jenny Irby
 10 - Mrs. Henry Sipe
 13 - Harry R. Tomlinson
 21 - Dorothy Joseph
 21 - Louis B. Anderson
 21 - Mary D. Black
 20 - John T. King
 22 - Harriet Huckleby
 22 - Edna Palmer
 22 - Mrs. Charley M. Arnold
 23 - Grace Mills
 25 - Arthur G. Steedly
 26 - Blanche Paddock
 28 - Alva B. Williams
 30 - Mrs. Marion W. Ruffin
 28 - Helen Mielke
 20 - Hazel Leinart
 Pete Hanlon
 29 - Russ Eaton
 14 - Marian Fortin
 25 - Lou Lee
 18 - Jack Hicks
 5 - Evelyn Partee
 7 - Irene Reese
 20 - Johnnie Smith
 8 - Rosemary James
 7 - Pauline Roth
 23 - Eugene R. Coleman
 9 - Agnes Lee
 13 - Allen P. Swayne
 4 - Arch Nichols
 22 - Angie Mule
 7 - Catherine Phillips
 18 - Helen Poward
 27 - Bill Hice
 14 - Alex Setser

Plus the following in March, whose birthdates we've just received:

MARCH

27 - John A. Adams, Jr.
 23 - Sophia Setser
 5 - Mary Eliz. Kinney
 22 - "Mr. Jeff" Jefferson
 22 - Lyman Gray

TO FILL IN

From the R-8 Newsletter:

I see where my good friends (1) Ruthie C. Polk (2) L. C. Nix (3) Mary Frances Pullium and Walter Fox, all received Quality Step Increase Awards. Congratulations-friends!

From the same publication, I see where James E. Bylsma, N.F. Alabama and John H. Courtenay, Supervisor, NF-Texas, received cash awards. I wonder what a "cash" award is worth at this time? (How about telling us John!).

TO THE FRIENDS OF:

ELIZABETH MASON, who wants you to know that she is going into Doctor's Memorial Hospital, 20 Linden Ave., Atlanta, Ga., 30308, on May 31, 1977, for hip surgery. Expects to be there until about the end of June. Please let Elizabeth hear from you.

Bob Johns: Understand he is in the hospital with a heart attack. I have nothing in writing about this situation involving Bob - but it is pretty well confirmed. I am not even sure what hospital he is in. Address in directory.

AND WE GET LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

WILLIAM E. SNYDER (By Ann C. Snyder): The receipt of the Dixie Ranger was a reminder that I had not sent in my '77 dues. No special news from "Big Orange Country" as I have been rather inactive since November '75 and under the doctor's care during that period of time. This not to say I am an invalid or a bed patient, for I am able most of the time to attend civic meetings, social functions, church, family gatherings etc. I miss not being able to travel more than anything, but manage to keep busy with my hobbies, such as reading, work, visiting friends etc. It was great to read the many letters in the last issue of the D-R. Many of the letters were from those I knew and worked with. You are doing a fine job.

WILLIAM C. HARRELL: Please credit \$2 to my dues account - more to follow. Malfunction of the mental facility caused the delay in sending dues earlier.

LARRY NEWCOMB: Enclosed is check for \$4. Please add the name of Bert Spillsbury (Greensboro, Ga.) to retiree list with the extra \$2 and send him copy of Dixie Ranger. (Larry: I sent him a batch of Dixie Rangers and a directory. Asked him to write to us - no word from him so far.)

ARTHUR G. STEEDLEY: A few days ago, I barged in on a large group of young foresters discussing their hobbies. One remarked "Art, what is your hobby?" What do you do for recreation? My reply came spontaneous "cruising timber". So it must be true for I'm still telling others "the going was rough today, but there are better tracts ahead". Along with producing gum for over 40 years, I'm still at it. Expecting \$100 per barrel in '77. Have a young "buck" who would be just as happy should the price be at an all time low of \$3.00 per barrel in '36. (Art: Our Secretary says you forgot to send the check for the dues????????).

T. W. GREEN: Tom - here it is. Dont dunn me for dues again. Tell Budget Officer Carroll to set me up for 4-pay periods out of that hefty balance he's nursing. (T. W.: After reading the rest of this you'll wonder "where the "green" has gone".)

B.W.CHUMNEY: Please add Luther B. Colbaugh, Rt. 1, Greeneville, Tenn 37743 to your list and renew subscription of James L. Tarlton, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37692. (All "Chum" ever does is send in money-how about Mountain?)

MRS. JOSEPH E. MCPHERSON: Enjoyed the Dixie Ranger and have a suggestion: Mu Phi Epsilon-the music honorary to which I belong, has the answer to your scholarship ideas. Dont give them up. When I was at U. of Washington ~~my~~ I was MQE Treasurer. They started with the money they made on concerts; put it in a special fund and never touched anything but the interest. We sold candy etc. \$5 was a lot of money- every penny - I had to count them - went in scholarship fund. You should start with \$10 - \$100 or \$1000 whatever you have and let it start to draw interest. Dont ever touch principal-then encourage those who wish to leave some money in wills for the fund. (Those without children-very good). How the University is quite a place and Mu Phi Scholarships are much larger (we used to have \$15 a year). Students were glad of honor and glad to get it back in '31. Make your start-no matter how small and watch it grow and add to it every year. It gives you something fine to work for as well as for someone else. Please dont feel you have to publish this-just an idea since you have \$300 to spend.

"NICK" KMECZA: Here are dues for '77. Please correct my address to Rt. 2, Squirrell Hill Dr., Box 124, Weaverville, NC. 28287. Am sorry to miss the March meeting as we will be in Florida for two weeks or more. Marge and I are in good health and we keep busy with a garden and travel in our van-camper. We enjoy the Dixie Ranger, especially reading about former associates and old friends.

M. C. HOWARD: Enclosed are my \$2 dues. Keep up the interesting news letter. (Milf also sent me another copy of "Family Resource Planning-sometime when I have space I'll use it) (Ed's note: I wonder if "Milf" ever remembers that I was at Lake City when he was Ranger on the Ocala in 1932-how about it Milf?) (I also wonder if Milf has ever gotten in touch with EWHadley-who lives in Lake City?)

MUSETTE (ADAMS) SMITH: I would like to join the Association and enclose my dues for '77. I retired in 1969 after 36½ years service-all in Florida. (Miss Susie - I remember you from Lake City-look at the letter above. I think he was on the Ocala when you came to work in Lake City).

AL SHADDUCK: Here are '77 dues. I have very little news as we do very little these days due to Cherrie's health. Went to New Orleans to the annual meeting and enjoyed meeting many old friends again. Will try to make the fall picnic, if possible. Sincerely.

GRACE (Mrs. H. O.) MILLIS: As you know, H.O. passed away 1/31/77. Physically he had a miserable '76. Then, after a heart attack Christmas night, he was in intensive care at the hospital with pneumonia, heart relapses and other complications until his death. Son Richard was here two weeks and daughter Marilyn from Tulsa a week before his death. May I please take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of his F. S. friends for their thoughtful memorial contributions, letters, which I hope to acknowledge eventually. I plan to move to an apartment in Tulsa sometime this summer. Both H.O. and I have thoroughly enjoyed the D-R over the years and I thank you. Enclosing check for \$2 and look forward to continue hearing about F.S. friends. Roy Rayworth has been in the hospital this week with painful shingles; Dot Joseph leaves for a trip to New Orleans and the Spence Palmers are either doing church work or are on a trip. I don't think anyone from here has reported the death of Kitty Wofford Conway's husband, Claude on 7/26/77. Ed Harkins called Richard here in January, so I know he and Mildred are still active. I greatly appreciated a thoughtful call from Russ Chipman recently. (Ed's note: In a later letter, Mrs. Mills advised she was moving out of the state and requested cancellation of her membership. In case anyone knows her address in Tulsa, Okla., or that of her daughter-please pass it on and we will continue to send the Dixie Ranger).

JOHN E. HAMER: Greetings old boy! The last D-R I received was #2, 1976. When I saw Jerry Welch last month he said he had one just awhile ago. Could I get one? Enclosed dues for 1977. Have a good year. Jerry looked good and Eve is busier with projects than a cat on a tin roof. (Note: I've brought John up to date with back issues of D-R.) And I hope he got them--why is it that no one gripes except when they don't get a D-R. No one ever writes when they get back issues!

WILLIAM V. "Little Mac" McCONNELL: The Dixie Ranger is a nostalgia trip unequalled. So good to hear what many old friends are doing--and your personal observations give it a feeling of "family", which I guess the F. S. really is. Here are dues through '77 and worth every penny of it. FOR THE RECORD here's what I'm up to: Expect to wind up my education in June with an MS in sociology. This follows an MS in Urban & Regional Planning, plus a year with the Fla. Div. of State Planning. After that, who knows - maybe teaching Forestry with the emphasis on some of the things that do not get emphasized in school, such as people--where they fit into resource management, socio-cultural impacts of land use, decision making and other similar good things that are a lot more fun to work with than appraising timber or working up next years budget. Regards.

MARY P. JOYNER: (Apparently a personal letter to Shirley McNelly) So sorry to see in the paper the announcement of your brother's death--my sympathy is with you and I know he had been sick a long time, but always a shock to lose one. Pass on this \$2 for my dues. We have had a real cold winter with snow. I couldn't get my car off the hill for two weeks. Say "hello" to Jimmie Miller for me--there are not many I know anymore. Come over sometime when you are in Turnersville--would love to see you. Best wishes. (Thanks Shirley for this).

NORBERT W. POCH: (A new member--his first letter--and imagine--he makes the Dixie Ranger??): His letter is personal and he knows a lot of folks in the F.S. R-8 and friends of mine. He has joined up and send me \$2--let's accept him. Thanks for the directory--found a lot of good friends in Florida from it--including Bill Irby, Quentin Boerner; Jim Vessey and others. Welcome aboard Norb--will try and work on Pat Higgonbatham to join up too.

LYMAN GRAY: Just returned from 3000 mile trip and visited with a lot of friends in Lufkin, Texas, Alexandria, La. & Gainesville, Ga. Took about a month from 3/13-4/17. Have volunteered to work as a recreation man on the Mt. Rogers Rec. area at Marion, Va. in July-Aug. Our trip was made in an antique Dodge townwagon-'63 model--pulling a 28-foot Skamper travel trailer. Keep up the good work on the Dixie Ranger

DOLORES SHULL: Encl. my check for dues. I know I'm away past due. How time passes us by. Hope this brings me up to date. (Mrs. Shull--your \$10 more than brings you up to date).

ALEX SETSER: (I'M going to have to "Reader" Digest your letter to some extent). It was a real joy to receive my copy of the 2/77 issue of the newsletter. I was saddened to learn of the death of some of my early fellow workers and friends, such as Jim Brooks, John Cooper, HOMills and Herb Rice. My sympathies are extended. The Association made a wise decision not make contributions to the Cradle or Blanchard Springs. It would be better to set up a special fund to be used when necessary to help some retiree or some active employee who experiences a health problem or a natural disaster or accident. This is a personal thing and am sure it would be acceptable by everyone. Glad to hear about RMorgan's progress. My wife and I spent 5-weeks in Fla. in Jan-Feb and it was good to see Don-LenaBelle - the hospitality was outstanding. Also enjoyed the "short" visit with Bill Irby. On 1/1/77 I started my second retirement - am now selling real estate - if any one of the members want to buy property in North Carolina, I have property to buy and sell or trade. (Alex - like the fellow who told the tailor "Sam you made the pants too long - your letter was "too long" to include all of it. Try again - hear"?)

W. F. "BILL" HICE: You sure have some good recruiters scattered around. Our friend Esta Childers has finally shamed me into seeking membership. She gave me a stack of old issues of the Dixie Ranger and is kindly sending current issues to me. In view of the fact I hope to join your ranks before too long, I might as well become a dues paying member now, so am enclosing a check in the amount of \$4 to cover '77-78. I found the newsletter very informative. I caught up with what was happening to many old friends I had lost track of. You are doing a good job and keep it up. Birthdays are as follows: (I have them).

HARRY ROSSOLL: I sent President Carter a photo taken of him and me when he was Governor of Georgia in 1972. I presented an original Smokey Bear drawing to Amy and the Governor at that time. He was nice enough to autograph the pictures for me. They - The White House - even paid the postage. How about that. Best ever!

CARRIE (KAYE) COVINGTON: Please change my name in the Directory to Carrie (Kaye) Covington instead of Clarence. (Miss Carrie! You must be reading the wrong directory - your name is shown as "Carrie Covington).

PAT HIGGINBOTHAM: Here's the name and address of a fellow from R-9 who knew some folks in R-8 and would be interested in the Retiree Association. I haven't seen your smiling face around for some time - where have you been? Stop by on your next visit. (The name pat sent in was Norbert W. Poch, retired from Fiscal Management Group in Milwaukee. I have written him and sent back issues of D-R and directory. He has since joined up.)

GEORGE M. TANNEHILL: Was glad to hear from you. We are doing pretty well here. I hardly ever see any of the F. S. people any more and haven't been to the Supervisor's office in two years - guess they're getting along all right. If you haven't received the Congressional Record and Fed. Register, let me know - it is in the mill. Sorry to hear about Jim Brooks and Ernie DeSilvia - they were both good men. Haven't gotten the Briday Letter yet - guess they don't know I'm still living, since I haven't given them any trouble lately. Give the Evensons my regards and tell them they can come back to Louisiana anytime. Tell Joe Galloway hello and tell him also they are still surveying those lots on Saline Lake that he ran out years ago. Let me hear from you - you are doing fine!

BOB LEE: Here is check for '77 dues. We've moved, so change mailing address from 2905 to 2810 Gary St. Also request this change for R-8 news sheet and other mail sent to retired employees. (Bob - we're not in this kind of business service - you'd better write R-8 news and let them know you moved) Sorry to hear about death of Jim Brooks, John Cooper and Ernie DeSilvia. Saw Jim at Stone Mt. picnic in September and he looked good and healthy at that time. We enjoy reading the Dixie Ranger.

J. A. ABERCROMBIE: Hope you're all fine. I am doing as well as I can expect after all the things that have happened to me. I had a letter from W. R. "Bill" Ginn and he sent me a clipping covering the death of C. T. McCurdy, who was the radio man in Texas at time of retirement. Talked to Charlie Hunnicutt recently and he gave me news of his brother Emory who had an operation, also that J. Wayne Higdon was still having a little trouble but recuperating from his operation. Looking forward to next issue of the Dixie Ranger.

MARY ELIZABETH KINNEY: Since Burt doesn't see fit to get me a typewriter ribbon, I'm resorting to this longhand deal. The *** !!! and ??? are so much more effective on a typewriter to convey my mutual affection for you. Thanks again for the Dixie Rangers and directory. I didn't realize what I was missing and they sure keep us informed about people we know. Please send some Dixie Rangers to A. R. Kinney, c/o Sandy Kinney, 34 Oakwood Dr., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. Here's my check for membership.

SAM JOHNSON: February issue of Dixie Ranger delivered 3/8/77. Sorry that I must miss the March luncheon. Here are a few Atlanta Classic order forms for you to pass out to the golfers. Still haven't taken time to make a golf-cart tour of our golf course. Hope to before retirement. The manager wants me to stay on, but have decided to retire soon. Come see us neighbor!

JOHN & LUCILLE ADAMS: We enjoy the Dixie Ranger. We will be going back to Kentucky in our camper in May for the Derby and also to attend our son John's Master Degree ceremony. Notice in Newsletter #1-Feb. '77 that my birthdate was omitted. (John: this is the first time you ever made your birthdate known to us -how about your wife's?)

DOROTHY McMURTRIE: I think I owe \$4 so here it is. I just love getting news of all my F. S. friends and I appreciate the job you're doing on the Dixie Ranger. It is quite an experience living in Panama City and glad we're settled here and feel young enough to enjoy the small town atmosphere. We've come thru a tornado and a hurricane in the 2-1/2 years and feel fit to weather any other weather this locale brings forth. The rapid shift of temperature precipitated by changing winds is a constant source of wonder to us. Living on St. Andrews Bay, we feel the full effect of the weather pattern and have learned to ride along with it. The Bay is just as beautiful as travel folders say it is and the sands on P.C. beach just as white as advertised. The sunsets-hardly mentioned at all in brochures, are just beautiful. If this sounds like a promotion ticket for P. C. it is not meant to be-but we love it and look forward to next D-R.

HARRY W. GARNSEY: Enclosed \$6-sorry to be late and no excuse, except I hate to write letters. But Oh how I enjoyed your newsletter #1 for '77-believe it or not, I knew personally the writers of at least 34 of those last letters. The D-R is a great clearing house for news of all old friends and fellow workers. Was sorry to hear of illnesses of R. Morgan, Roy Rayworth, Del Thorsen and others. I've been having "ticker" trouble-was in the hospital a week recently to try out and determine the proper dosage of a new medicine to try to regulate my heart beat-anything in lieu of an operation. Everything seems to be working ok now. My doctor is letting me continue my part time job with Sherwin-Williams Co. Have been with them for nine years since retiring-working 2-3 days a week and earning Social Security benefits. Our daughter, Patricia has presented us with two grandsons since her marriage. Anita keeps busy with chairmanship of a Senior Citizens club of over 60-members. We've made one overseas trip since retirement-f days each in Copenhagen, Denmark, Munich, Germany and Vienna, Austria in '75. Hope to go west for two weeks in May. Best regards to all members.

JOHN HERBERT STONE: Herewith check for some dues. Had open heart surgery in Dec. Am getting along very well. Back to all activities except jogging and logging-another six months maybe those. Regards to everyone.(Ed's note: John, according to the record you are paid up to 1989. Our Treasurer says:"please don't send any more money-he's running out of space to record your payments".)

JAMES N. "MR. JEFF" JEFFERSON: After being retired as Forest Engineer of the Ga. Wash. N. F. October 1969, with 35-years service, I learned of your Assoc. Find \$14 check encl. Lillian (DOB August) and I (DOB March) still live on our lot near Harrisonburg. The yard and house keeps us both busy-the grass and weeds and leaves my biggest load. I go to the G. W. office, but there has been so many changes in personnel that I only know a few. My health is good except for arthritis in my hands and left knee. Welcome aboard Mr. Jeff.

NORMAN R. HAWLEY: Sorry to louse up paying up. Here is my \$2. Will do better next time. (Birthdays noted).

JOHN A. SANDOR: Here's \$5 for dues. Our family has readjusted to Alaska and are pleased to be back in R-10. Plan to be in Atlanta early April and expect to be in contact with some of my old friends. Sincerest regards.

FROM A GUY WHO SIGNED IT PAUL: Hi John:
Appreciate the newsletter of the Retiree
Assoc. After I read it, I wondered who was
working. However, after talking to you, I
realized we dont need foresters, engineers,
wildlife etc. men any more - just computers-
all being done by make marks on the machine.
What happened to the art of forestry etc.?
Oh well, just an ole geezer, behind times-
yet I wonder. It was great to see you. Here's
a couple of bucks for a membership-right?
(Ed's note: If anyone is able to identify
"Paul" would appreciate it, although am sure
his check will do so, except I didnt see it.)

MRS. GRACE MILLS: Since I am moving May 18 to
Tulsa to live near my daughter, please change
my address to 2218 E. 59th St., Apt. 2802,
Tulsa, Okla. 74105. I would hate to miss a
single issue of the Dixie Ranger, for you do a
supberb job of keeping us retirees "in touch".

Al McClure, Director, SAF: (To Huber) What a
touching and practical gesture to the memory
of your Southern Forest Service Retiree Assoc.
colleagues. \$300 is quite a substantial sum
of money and I assure you it will be used
carefully and effectively in preparing imag-
inative programs to better inform the public
about the work of professional foresters.
Many, many thanks. The names of eleven mem-
bers of the SFSRA who died last year have
been inscribed in the Foresters' Fund Memor-
ial Book. (Ed's note: With the \$300 contribut-
ion, Huber sent in the names of: Harwell
Adams, DEBradfield; JFBrooks; PHBryan; Wm.
D. Buchanan; JWCoper; FMCossitt; ERDeSilvia;
HOMills; Art Schilling and PRWilson-our
members who died in 1976).

ITEMS TO WONDER ABOUT

In connection with delivery at the destination
of the Dixie Ranger, we have checked with
the PODepartment and here are the results:
(1) the Dixie Ranger is delivered in the
homes with an Atlanta address within 2-3
days from the time they're deposited in the
Decatur Postoffice (2) in the homes with a
Decatur address approximately the same time
(3) to the Stone Mountain area 5-10 days
after deposited in the PO (4) in the other
states, as long as 15-20 days after deposited
in the postoffice here. As an example, Sylvia
Bryan never gets her D-R direct, but has to
request a special mailing, while Welch-Wilkin-
son, Boston and others in Hot Springs have
no problem. I think bulk-mailing is up to
the whim of the people who deliver it?????

MORE ON THIS SUBJECT

While we cannot demand too much of the PO
Dept., since our mail permit is "bulk mail"
delivery, if you folks in California, Wiscon-
sin, Minnesota, N. C., S. C., Florida and
other points, outside of Georgia, would let
me know when you get the Dixie Ranger, I
would be able to figure out something and
check with local postmasters about it. OR -
all YOU have to do is check with your own
mailman and inquire his particular policy in
distributing "bulk mail" items. As a volun-
teer organization, we are not in the business
of making inquiries, causing changes in
address or "taking on the PODepartment" -
locally, you have more power than we do.
In mailing the Dixie Ranger, we try and get
it in the mail in time for you to respond
to making reservations, voting, etc. but if
things go bad on your end-we have no control
of the situation. Please try and help out-
in case you have a gripe about mail service!

AS A SPACE FILLER

When the February '77 newsletter was mailed
out, approximately 355 were mailed out to
members, plus a supply to each Region; each
division of the Regional Office; each Nation-
al Forest and Experiment Station and to the
Washington Office. As of now, we have
approximately 365 members. Would you be-
lieve it - we have only 361 birth dates re-
corded? We should have approximately 700.
Please dont be ashamed of sending in your
date of birth - we're not concerned how
old you are - that is your business - BUT
wouldnt you like to see your name in print
as of your birthday and - perhaps - an old
friend might see it and send you a card. I
know, from personal experience, that some
of my friends, noting my birth date, have
sent me cards on my birthday and I've tried
to thank them by recording their birth dates,
in the hope that some of their friends might
send them one. To those, to whom I havent
sent a card in response to the one you sent
me, please accept my apology - read the Dixie
Ranger instead - that's my birthday greeting
to each of you.

From R-8-SE Area newsletter where Dr. LeRoy
Jones is back in SE Area-S&PF. Where John
Beal, Forester, Ouachita has retired. And
from Friday Newsletter Dave Scott, Rec. Staff
Asst, promoted to Asst. Director, Rec. WO.

NEW MEMBERS

Norbert W. Poch, 114 E. Cypress Ave.,
Nowey In the Hills, Fla. 32737.

Mary Elizabeth Kinney, 406 Homestead Rd.,
Rex, Ga. 30273.

Musette Adams Smith, (Mrs. A.L. Smith)
502 Gunter St., Tallahassee, Fla. 32303

Luther B. Colbaugh, Rt. #1,
Greeneville, Tenn. 37743

James N. "Mr. Jeff" Jefferson, RFD 6, Box
130, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.

Welcome aboard all you new members. I have
a personal letter from Poch above and am
going to write him. I know Mary Elizabeth
and Musette Adams, also Luke Colbaugh and
I've heard-as everyone has-of "Mr. Jeff.

Carroll J. Niemeyer, 20 Sussex Road,
Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002.

RETIREMENTS

Carroll J. Niemeyer as of December 31, 1976
Shirley McNelly, as of December 31, 1976.

Bob Dodson as of the above date

Gerald Scott as of the above date

Jame Prather as of March 31, 1977.

OBITUARIES

C. T. McCURDY: Died around March 10, 1977.
Mac, as everyone knew him, was a telephone and
radio man in the Region and on the Texas NF
at the time of his retirement. He is survived
by his wife Fannie, Lufkin, Texas, a daughter
a son and a sister, four grandchildren and
two great grandchildren. (Ed's note: I knew
C. T. "Mac" McCurdy in Texas back in the CCC
days and all of his friends will say "he was
a good man".)

RICKY ANTONIE: Died about April 10. He was
the son of "Rick" and Evelyn Antonio. In a
"thank you" note from his parents, they say
"Friends like you help to relieve the ache
in our hearts and makes life's burdens
easier to bear. Thank you all for your
thoughtfulness. Sincerely. Rick-Evelyn.

OTHER RETIREES

Here are the names of some of the folks
who have retired recently. While none of
them are members of the Association, they
are listed, since some of our members
might be acquainted with them and will be
interested in knowing of their retirement:

B. S. Malone - Oconee N. F.

Ernie Fenger - Southern Station

Bill Campbell - Roanoke

Hilda Lobit - Southern Station

Mary A. "Libby" Bialas - Southern Station

AN INTERESTING ITEM

In the November 27, 1976 issue of the Atlanta
Constitution, there was a picture and an
article concerning Harry Rossoll. The head-
line of the article read "ARTIST'S BEST
WORK STOLEN". It seems that on returning
to his Executive Park studio on Friday,
following Thanksgiving, Harry discovered bare
walls where four of his prized paintings

had hung, prior to them having been stolen
over the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Harry
was particularly hurt by the loss of a 1939
painting of the crossroads at Wesley Chapel
Road & Flat Shoals Road-a part of the metro-
politan area which is now interstate high-
way, apartments and other developments. Harry
says: "Once you do a painting, you just cant
duplicate it - it just doesnt work that way".

Some of Harry's friends were kidding him
and said "Some people will do anything to
get their picture in the paper". Personally,
I think Harry would rather have his pictures
back intact.

FROM OTHER MEDIA

R-9 CONTACT: Robert A. Entzminger has taken
on the job of Director of Information in R-9.
Entzminger was, at one time, Supervisor
Florida N. F.

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER: John Drake, Deputy Forest
Supervisor, Mississippi N. F. promoted to
Staff Assistant, Legislative Affairs, WO.

OLD TIMERS NEWS-R-4: A lot of former R-8
employees and members of our Association, are
members of R-4 F.S. Old Timers' Club. These
include: John A. Adams; Wally Everton; Russ
Vance; Glenn Thompson, Joel Frykman and the
late Ernie DeSilvia - and probably others.

RESERVATION APPLICATION FOR LUNCHEON AT PETITE AUBERGE
RESTAURANT FRANCAIS, for WEDNESDAY JUNE 15, 1977

Mrs. Shirley Herbert,
U. S. Forest Service,
1720 Peachtree Rd. NW.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
Phone #881-4191

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS NOT LATER THAN
MONDAY - June 13, 1977. YOU MAY MAIL
THIS OR CALL BY PHONE #8 8 1 - 4 1 9 1

I will attend the June 15, 1977 luncheon at Petite Auberge Restaurant Francais,
Tocco Hills Shopping Center, sponsored by the Southern Forest Service Retiree
Association.

Please reserve _____ places for my party (Indicate the number in your party). A
negative response is not necessary. Cost of the luncheon is approximately \$6.00
per person, including tax and tip. It is REQUESTED that no payment be included
with your reservation request. Arrange to make payment at the door. In making
payment by check, make it payable to Southern Forest Service Retiree Association.
As indicated above, you may call your reservation in by phone at the number shown.

HAPPY HOUR 11:30 - 12:30.
Luncheon will begin at 12:30 P.M.

(Please sign)