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SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1978

President.....Doug Craig
Alternate.....Lucille Isbell
Secretary.....Shirley Herbert
Treasurer.....Jim Carroll

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

George Schaeffer..(1980)....3-year term
Jim Cartwright....(1979)....2-year term
Dorothy R. Smith..(1978)....1-year term
W. W. Huber.....Ex-Officio

OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be the last meeting of the year and it will be at the old standby - Petite Auberge "restaurant Francais-Toco Hills Shopping Center. The meeting date is December 6 - all arrangements have been made - we will have a regular Christmas dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings and the cost will remain at the \$6 level, which includes tax and tip. Plan to get there anytime from 11:30 for the usual social hour and talk-fest-with old and new friends. There will be a program of some kind. Announcement of the new officers for 1979 and reports by Committee Chairmen. Am sure there will be door prizes and, probably, some awards will be made. Since only -- from past experience - reservations are made on the reservation slip usually included herein - are 5% - am dispensing with the reservation notice and ask that you call in your reservation to our Secretary - Shirley Herbert - at 881-4191. In case out of towners want to call in - call 1 - 404 - ~~at~~ 881-4191 or mail a post card to the address shown above. PLEASE ~~to~~ arrange to pay cash at the door to Jim Carroll and, if you pay by check make it payable to Southern F. S. Retiree Association.

OUR LAST MEETING

Was the annual picnic held at Stone Mt. Park. Approximately 75 members and guests were there and they enjoyed a lot of conversation, visiting and good food. Out of town visitors were Opal & Mac McKinley; from Cleveland, Tenn., Vera and Del Thoresen from Asheville, N. C., Lucille & Wally Prater from Tallahassee; Edna and Ed Littlehales from Venice, Fla., Lou and Bob Lee from Alexandria, La.,; Mary & George Hoffman from Gainesville, Ga., Leona Stone Burner, guest of Lucille Isbell and Mrs. Loulouise Watts and her father Carl W. Strauss. Our President presented the golf trophy for viewing and turned the program over to Paul "ussell for a report on the tournament:

- 1 - Low Net -trophy winner - "Sand Bagger" "Red" Strange".
- 2 - 2nd low & least putts- Jim Armfield
- 3 - 3rd low net - Matt-Slammer-Harriger
- 4 - 4th low-closest to pin #2-Grumbine
- 5 - 5th low-closest to pin #16-"Wrong Way Fischer". Grumbine was referred to "Sharpshooter" in the nickname or quoted category. No mention of a name for Armfield.

Harry Rossoll asked that Carl Strauss be recognized and referred to him as a walking encyclopedia on forestry-and a "great guy". Incidentally Carl joined up as a new member. He lives with his daughter Louise in "ecatur. (See "new member2 section for address. Lucille Isbell, her guest Leona Stone Burner and Cecil Montgomery did a great job in arranging the food and making everyone happy in eating, visiting etc. Thanks to you gals!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR C. Y. 1979

The following members have agreed to run and to serve if elected: Here's the slate:

President Elect.....Howard A. "Ham" Mills;
E. B. "Rip" Williams

Secretary.....Shirley Herbert

(Write In)

TREASURER.....Jim Carroll

(Write In)

Board of Directors
3-year term (1981)

Dorothy R. Smith
Sam Johnson

As you know, the present Alternate - Lucille Isbell, will become President for 1979.

A ballot is included in this issue. You are asked to fill it in and mail to the Association at the address shown on the first page of this newsletter. This newsletter might be a little late in reaching you, so act immediately in order to get it in by the deadline date of December 4, 1978, since the ballots will have to be counted and a report made at the December 6, 1978 meeting.

OBITUARIES

VEDENE H. SMITH, died about September 1, after spending a month or so in the hospital. He is survived by a son V. H. Smith, Jr., 122 West Moreland Ave., Kingston, Ontario (Canada, K7M-1J7. Vedene's wife had preceded him in death about a week-10 days. Vedene was buried in his native New York state. No obit notice was in the paper because of the possibility of vandalism to his home here, which was unoccupied at the time of his death. A donation has been made to a scholarship fund at Syracuse University, as requested by his son.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

ROLLIE F. BAILEY, 2839 Country Squire
Lane, Decatur, Ga. 30033

CARL W. STRAUSS, c/o Mrs. Louise S. Watts,
2824 Monticello Pl., Decatur, Ga. 30030.

Russell G. Byers, 107 W. 14th St., Russellville, Ark. 72801.

Ed E. Repper, 5122 N. 26th St., Arlington,
Va. 22207.

I heard a rumor that Joe Couch had joined our Association. Joe has not retired, but is eligible to join. Just a rumor so far!

OTHER ITEMS ABOUT MEMBERS

From the Regional Office, I have word they dropped C.E.Anderson (Little Andy) Rt. 1, Box 230A, Oklawaha, Fla. 32679 from our list. Also:Johnsey King, Ashe Nursery, Brooklyn, Miss. 39425/ Perry C. Davis, Potts Camp, Miss 38659 and George Brown, Box 161, Pisgah Forest, NC. 28763. Do ANY OF YOU know the whereabouts of these folks? Since our bulk mail permit prevents our D-R being returned, we have no way of knowing whether the D-R is delivered or what has happened to those to whom it is sent. P L E A S E H E L P if you know anything about the above.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Lewis H. Mielke, 34 Fox Chase Rd. RDE
Asheville, N. C. 28804.

Am sure there are a lot of other changes in address but -in line with the note above - we have no way of knowing UNLESS someone tells us what has happened to them or to their friends who should know. Again-PLEASE HELP US OUT to get the D-R to everyone!

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Walt Hopkins, 2220 N. W. Robin Hood Dr.,
Corvallis, Oregon 97330. (See George M.
Jemison's letter for a little more info.)

FOREST SERVICE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Since I reported on the Retiree's Golf Tournament, here is some information on the annual golf tournament, the winner of which is awarded the cup donated by Jim Vessey - and it is some trophy. And guess who won-keep looking:

GUEST FLIGHT -CALLOWAY

- 1 - Doug Gray (Chattahoochee) Plaque + Green fee and Cart Fee.
- 2 - Bill Martin (Cherokee) Green & $\frac{1}{2}$ Cart Fee
- 3 - Henry Swindell (Macon) Cart Fee
- 4th - Don Miller (Cherokee) Green Fee

MEMBER FLIGHT

- 1 - Doug Craig - Vessey Trophy, Plaque, \$25.00 gift certificate.
- 2 - Frank Pullium - 20.00 Gift Certificate
- 3 - Paul Stutes - \$15 gift certificate
- 4 - Jim Armfield \$12.00 gift certificate
- 5 - Ron Strauss - \$10 gift certificate
- 6 - Jim Carroll - Head covers
- 7 - Bill Fischer - Golf ball imprinter
- 8 - Les Scherer - Weighted Head cover
- 9 - John Spring - a cooler
- 10- Gene Jackson - Golf Towel
- 11- Clark Sell - 3 golf balls

OTHER PRIZES

Closest to pin #5 - M. Harriger-8 balls
Closest to pine #12 - Billy Stalcup-6-balls
Longest Putt #13-H. Carmichael-6-balls
Longest Drive #9 - G. Jackson - 6 balls
Low Gross - Frank Pullium) 6 balls each.
High Gene Jackson)
Gross - Dave Franklin - 3 balls.

REPORT: The annual tournament of the Atlanta F.S. golf Association was held 10/9 at Field Stone Club in Conyers. Forty two members and guests participated in what turned out to be a very enjoyable get-together as usual. Represented this years event were from the Chattahoochee, Oconee, Florida, Cherokee, Macon Fire Lab, W. O., and, of course, the Atlanta group and guests. An award picnic was held following the tournament and President Clark Sell presented the prizes as shown above. (Ed's note: I know this report will be of interest to Jim Vessey who - a long time ago - demanded and commanded ye-ed to get a Golf Association started in the F. S. of R-8. I think Jim and I did a good job and, according to the prizes distributed - the Association is in good hands and prospering-keep it going!)

ATTENTION FOREST SERVICE WIVES

The Foresters' Wives Club of Washington, D. C. invite you to participate in an exciting project to document experiences and history of wives of employees of the early years of the U. S. Forest Service. The Forest History Society is soliciting reminiscences throughout the nation and they hope to reach as many wives as possible through Wives' Clubs, through the Office of I&E in the various regions and through other means. They are interested primarily in stories from the earliest decades of the service, prior to World War II. Items they are interested in are: Stories and pictures telling the role of the Forest Service wife; the ways in which she has helped her husband; living conditions as remembered and any anecdotes relating humorous and extraordinary things which have occurred; stories such as one tells to describe one's life to people not of the Forest Service. If any of you wives have a story, pictures or an anecdote to contribute, please do so and mail it to Mrs. Edward B. Williams, 98 Maddox Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30309

ATTENTION ALL RETIREES AND THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DANCING AND DINING OUT

The Forest Service Wives' Club have planned their annual Christmas Party and invite all to come and enjoy themselves. Here are a few of the details:

Date:.....December 9, 1978
Place:.....N. Lake Hilton
Cost:.....Approximately \$22.00 per couple

Cocktail Hour	6:30-7:30 P.M.
Buffet Dinner	7:30-9:00 P.M.
Dancing	9:00-1:00 A.M.

If more information is needed, you may get in touch with Mrs. Betty Williams, 98 Maddox Dr., Atlanta 30309 - Phone #873-1756.

ANOTHER OBITUARY

Sid Weitzman, former Area Director, SEArea, S&PF, died Monday 10/23 of a heart attack in St. Paul, Minn. Private services will be held there on October 27. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Merriam Heart Day Activity Center, 2000 St. Anthony, St. Paul, or they may be sent to or in care of Stewart Weitzman, 4458 Ardens View Ct. Ct. Arden Hills, Minn. 55113 .

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

GEORGE M. TANNEHILL: I thought maybe I had better send you a little money before I got a hot letter from you. This has been a rough year. My wife has been sick and is still not doing too well. I hope all my friends are doing all right. Fishing has been bad-no one catching any-guess we have had too much dry weather. Squirrel season opened and no one is having any luck. The way they are cutting the timber, I dont think there will be too much for the squirrels to eat. The big companies are clear cutting and the government is too and I dont like the way they are doing it and I think I will tell them so, because they are just out after the money. The F. S. has sure changed. I think I will join the Sierra Club and give them hell. I havent been in the office in Alexandria in two years and I hardly see any of them unless they want something. Havent even seen old Bob Lee and dont know what he is doing. You keep asking for birthdays and mine is January 31-you should know, because you're 10-years older than I. And I would be a lot younger if you hadnt given me so much hell when you inspected my office. You were a pretty good boy. Here's a clipping from our paper - didnt know Clyne Woody was a weather man! The article George sent in was titled "NATURE'S SIGNS POINT TOWARD ANOTHER ROUGH WINTER" and quotes: "In suches, Ga. retired forestry agent Clyne Woody uses other indicators to arrive at the conclusion for the area around his Chattahoochee National Forest home: "The older people say every time there's a heavy fog on Cedar Mountain in August, there's going to be a big snow" He also said: I dont pay much attention to that, but I do pay attention to squirrels, cows and other animals and they say it'll be a bad winter. The squirrels are out feeding heavy soaking up the sun and getting in their grub before it gets too cold. The animals are good weather prophets-they dont let you down". (Ed's Note: George said "dont print this". However, when I get a letter from George, it is printable in any language.)

DOROTHY ALBERT: Here's check for dues. Enjoy the D-R and pass it on to the Smiths in Lake City. See that my check gets to the right person. I'm fine but all alone now-remember me to your wife and friends and hope to see all of you in the near future.(NOTE: Dorothy is the widow of Frank Albert and lives at 1016 Timber Lane, Jacksonville, Fla.)

LYMAN E. GRAY: (Retired radio tech. on Fla. N. F.) Thanks again for a fine job on the Dixie Ranger. Attended the annual Tech. Seminar in Orlando. Many new faces and some old ones missing-visited several retirees in area. We enjoyed serving as volunteer campground hosts on the Mt. Rogers NRA in SW Va. the last two summers. Surprised that more retirees do not avail themselves of this opportunity. In July we visited Kentucky, Tenn., Ark., and La. area-saw Al Knupps and Alvis Owen in Ark. Plan a trip to British Vancouver next year to visit a grand-daughter. Will camp in as many national forest campgrounds as possible along the way.

WILLIAM J. WELSH: It is hard to believe that McArdle is "100". last time I saw him, he didnt look a day over 80. He is a pretty good magician and showed me a trick with a piece of string and promised to explain it, but never did. When I disappeared a live cigarette butt at my retirement party in '53, he knew just how I did it. I am returning the picture of my family-even though you cant reproduce it-I want you to have it to show to some of the "young" retirees. Am not writing this big script so you can read it - I am writing because I have been declared "legally blind". That is not guide dog blind or cup and pencils blind, it just means that I cant read readin' or writin' as the cowboy said. Dont grieve for me - I see almost everything worth looking at. The Bureau of the Blind is a great outfit-they sent me a record player and they send me TALKING BOOKS and magazines which I order from a catalog and I just sit in an easy chair and someone reads to me on records. Best regards to you and all the members.(W.J. NOTE THE "S" IN WELSH-and quit fussing at me-hear?)

KITTY CONWAY: Enjoy each and every issue of the Dixie Ranger-keep them coming. Here's my dues and birthdate. (Note: KITTY YOU'RE NOT "THAT" OLD ARE YOU?)

PAULINE ROTH: Here is a check -dont know if I'm ahead of behind. Enjoy D-R-keep it coming-please.

LEW MIELKE: Just received last issue of D-R, since I didn't receive the previous copy, I thought I might be in arrears, altho I didn't see a red stamp-here's check for \$6, \$2 of which is for George Morgan's dues, whose address is 60 Hanover St., Asheville, NC 28806. George doesn't get around very well but still alert and witty as ever. Altho saddened by the news of Al Shadduck's death, it is good to have and hear of so many old timers active and enjoying retirement. We're all grateful for the D-R and the job of keeping it going and keeping us all up to date. Here's change of address: Lewis H. Mielke, 34 Fox Chase Rd. RDE, Asheville, NC 28804

DON MORRIS: Here's check I forgot to put in the note I sent yesterday-I plead insanity! (Note: \$10 check recd, \$2 of which for Ed E. Repper, ~~5122~~ 5122 N. 26th St. Arlington, Va. 22207) Also: Enclosed is a little on my account. Please skim a couple off the top to enroll Ed Ripper-birthday 10/4 (you'll get Doris' birthday from them. Ed was in R-8 for 9 years-Wildlife Asst. in Fla and N. C. We spent a few days in June with Ruth & Louie Anderson at their beautiful home on a bluff overlooking the Rappahannock River. They had Flonnie & Paul Swarthout and Dottie & Walker Newman down for a cook-out. All looked great! Dub Nicholls many R-8 friends will be saddened to know that he died of cardiac arrest on June 12. He had heart surgery several months previously and, apparently, was recovering normally. His widow, Iris, and eldest son Douglas, continue to live at the home address 5890 Clear Creek Dr., Denver, Colo. 80212. Also: Ed Foss didn't quite finish his Columbian fish river story. To my question of "when did you last get a bite", one fellow replied: "well I heard of one old man who got one last Tuesday". (Note: When Ed Foss tells a story and Don has to finish - it is all a mystery and doesn't make much sense-will one of you guys please tell the story from start to finish and make some sense out of it-please?)

JUST NOTES TO FILL IN

Since Bill Irby is a neighbor of the above Don Morris, thought I might mention receiving a letter from one of Bill & Don's friends - one Larry Olpin who has nothing but good things to say about Bill Irby. I think I might have said something in a letter to Larry which he took the wrong way. Bill - let us hear from you.

GEORGE M. JEMISON: Thanks very much for the notice of my new membership in the Assoc. and for the copies of the Dixie Ranger and membership list! I had a good time checking on the whereabouts of many old friends. And thanks to Dick McArdle for paying my dues. Enclosed is \$2 for another prospective member-try Walt Hopkins, 2220 N.W. Robin Hood Dr., Corvallis, Oregon 97330. He put in many years in the South-his last hitch at Marianna, Fla. For the record, my birthday is 7/11 my wife Bea's 12/30. I was headquartered in Asheville, N. C. '37-'50. We might have met but I don't recall the tower incident at New Bern you mentioned. I was never a ranger in N. C. My thing was fire danger research and later timber management research, but I did get around New Bern quite often. I congratulate you on the job you are doing on the Dixie Ranger. I belong to the 30-year club in Portland and these retiree organizations are great. Just a brief personal note: After I retired from the F.S. in '69 I signed on part time at Oregon State University-for 6-years. Since then, I've been engaged in a few forest history projects, travel and fishing. We have year-round steelhead and salmon fishing nearby! Last night my buddy and I, for example, hooked seven and put two summer steelhead in the bank-9&12#. WOW! Regards. To all my old and new friends. Sincerely.

WALLY & LUCILLE PRATER: Here is the address you requested. Sending you the whole page of the magazine (Florida Sheiffs' Youth Fund, Inc.) and thought it would interest you. Sure was grand to see you and all the others at the picnic. It's a little far to go for the luncheons, but we sure would like to make some of them. We tried to call Clint & Clara Herrick-no answer-tell them we called. When you come down this way, be sure to stop and stay with us. Just let us know when-we'd love to have you and any of our friends who might visit this area.

HARVEY BOSTON: Here's \$2. Please enroll Russell G. Byers, 107 W. 14th St., Russellville, Ark. 72801 as a new member-and send him all the back issues. (Harvey: the cost of mailing back issues is more than the !!! &&%\$## dues you sent in-BUT I've mailed the back issues to Russ for you -even if I don't collect the postage from Jim Carroll?)

SAM K. GREENWOOD: Received your letter asking about Wayne Higdon's church affiliation or his favorite charity. First, I called his sister Mrs. Irene Slagle who thought it would be nice to make the donation to the Macon County Public Library in Franklin, but she suggested you contact Wayne's daughter Waynette Higdon whose address is in Decatur. Second, thanks for the invitation to the picnic and to stay with you, but we are going to Pennsylvania to see our daughter and her two children in September. Will write more later-am busy as a cat on a tin roof. Nancy sends her love to all.

PEGGY (Mrs. Glynn) MARKHAM: Got the D-R today and your note. Thanks a lot. Yes, I want to keep it coming and enclose check for dues for '79. I know I'm not behind, but my records are with my niece in Decatur. Will let you hear from me again soon. Hope you can read this, as I am very nervous and lonely. Please send the \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of my loved one Glynn.

HARVEY BOSTON: Your estimate of the arrival of the D-R was mighty close. Actually it is about the only F. S. news that we see and with so many familiar names. By the way, does Nettie Jones, Lorene Campbell, Jim Hays or Carlton Roberts receive the D-R? (Note: Only Nettie Jones is a current member) As you know, I have always had a lot of respect for Bill Paddock but hear of him only through you. Give him my best wishes. Have spent most of my time out doors this summer doing something, but nothing that takes any brains and I'm not paying me anything and I cant fire me for not meeting deadlines. I helped a friend repair a lawn mower and he mowed my grass to try it out. The same thing happened to another mower of his girl friend and he had the know-how and I had the tools and a few things like washers, nuts, bolts etc. Am not bothered by pine needles since I only have one pine tree in the yard. Have worked and worn T-shirts all summer, inherited from my in-law grand son-some have messages which mean nothing-dont go anywhere so it makes no difference. Inflation is getting a big chunk of what used to be a dollar and medical expenses even more than other items and, at the age factor in our lives, this is the type of inflation where it is felt. We are thankful, however, to be healthy.

HARVEY BOSTON (Continued) I remember the conservative Forest Service. Our office had one clock-I wound it every week. Electric typewriters were unheard of and, if a Ranger had a typewriter, it was an Underwood Manual. Do you remember the old hassel of Ranger Clerks? They talked about that for years -tried it during CCC days and the Rangers didnt know what to do with them. The Rangers worked themselves to death trying to make out enough rough drafts to keep the clerks busy. It was a complete failure and was discontinued. However, one Ranger got "hot" at me when I told him a clerk wasnt just a typist and if they were employed they were supposed to help the Ranger to save time for himself....and if he didnt have brains enough to use those who did have brains, he wasnt doing his job. I guess the Ranger got the message, since he and I became good friends and he later preached the virtue -if you can call it that - to other Rangers at meetings and gave me credit for "lighting the lamp" for him. (Note: Harvey asked me not to publish the above for fear it sounded like he was blowing his own horn. Everyone I know, who knew Harvey, blows his horn and I mean Harvey's) Little change in my activities-still driving the '63 Tempest and it still has my Stone Mountain and 6-Flag sticker. Stay out doors from breakfast to supper, except for coffee breaks and lunch. You can never tell from one day to the next whether anything has been done outside. I have always considered you as a good friend and know you've kept your teeth in good shape by chewing me out and hope we never get into a cussing match because I dont like to go up against a Red Head and an Irishman-you and my wife. Have been married to her for 50-years . Many other people have been good to and for me and I dont think I'm mad at anyone.

THIS IS THE ASHAMED SECTION:

I think we've hit a new low in letters to be published. The above contains fourteen letters and I've used, at least, five personal letters to me to make up the 14. While I dont expect everyone to write each week - I do expect to have enough letters to make the Dixie Ranger interesting. I am sure I'll have many more to report in the next one - when some of you are notified of being delinquent in paying YOUR dues.

SPEAKING OF DUES

They're still \$2.00 a year per family. The payment of dues is our only source of income and our Board of Directors, in approving our budget, does not squander the money coming in. DO YOUR REALIZE - on the basis of the report I have from the Treasurer which is current: (1) 136 members have not paid their dues for 1978 (2) 43 have not paid for 1977 (3) 23 have not paid for 1976 and (4) 12 have not paid from 1975-1978, most of whom have been dropped from membership. The red stamp "DUES NOT PAID" will be prominent on the current issue of the Dixie Ranger and, in looking at the names of some of those who are delinquent - may I ask - "what are you doing with your retirement annuity and -please-isnt the Dixie Ranger worth \$2 of it????????????????? COME ON FELLOWS - pay your dues to what - from everything we hear - is the best damned newsletter that anyone of you receive. Of course, we get a lot of donations in the form of \$10 - \$5 - and other amounts, but these are credited to future years. Would it interest any of you to know that Julius Saxon is paid up through 1985; Herb Stone through 1989; Mrs. Ralph Shull through 1982; Mrs. Sam Whaley through 1980 and - how come - a former Ranger-retired - is delinquent from 1975? HOW ABOUT ALL YOU GUYS AND GALS - when you see the red stamp on the current issue of the Dixie Ranger - getting your trusty pen and check book out and getting up to date with your dues? IF YOU DONT DO SO - AND THE DIXIE RANGER STOPS BEING DELIVERED TO YOUR MAIL BOX - YOU'LL KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP. I do not like to bring the subject of financing up but - I doubt if any of you will object to my telling you of the situation which exists in the way of payment of dues. I hope to have a better report in the near future - let's keep our Treasurer busy posting the \$2 from all of you to your account - hear?

Since I am on the mailing list of quite a few other organizations, such as ours, I notice the dues have gone up to \$3 and more, while we remain at \$2 a year per family. If we were sure that all of our members were getting the Dixie Ranger and knew they were delinquent, we could do something about it. I just hate to publish names of those who are behind in their dues but, our policy is: if they dont pay, we drop them from membership. I wonder if any of our retirees are in such shape, financially, they cannot afford the \$2 fee? I know if I let certain people know about those we're fixin to drop - they'd pay their dues and be glad to do so.

OUR TRAVELING MEMBERS

THIS I KNOW: The Evensons spent seven weeks in Europe during the summer. The Sam Johnsons spent some time there too. The Whipples are over there as of 10/23/78 and I have it from the horses' mouth that the Erikssons traveled 6000 miles during this summer and there is no telling how much travel all of the rest of you folks have done, without reporting to me in writing, so I could report. As for ye-ed - we did NOT go to Wisconsin this year but we're going for my 55th high school class reunion in 1979.

OUR SICK FRIENDS

While a lot of you are sick, none of you will give me a report. THIS I KNOW: Sam Greenwood was here all of last week-from 10/22-for tests at Emory Hospital. I visited him on Saturday--for a very special reason - and Yvonne and I visited him on Sunday prior to going to church at 11:30 a.m. A whole lot of you, friends of sam and Nancy, will be glad to know they're the same Sam & Nancy Greenwood.

TO CONTINUE WITH OUR TRAVELERS

While I thought it was going to happen, I didnt know for sure until Bill Huber told me that on Monday, October 23, CM & Theo Evenson left for Wisconsin. I wish they had asked Yvonne to go with them for the 10-day stay they plan to have up there in that beautiful country, with Indian Summer and, according to the TV weather report, some snow. Since I was tied up with this D-R newsletter, I couldnt make the trip, but I know that Yvonne would have enjoyed it.

The Bill Hubers mentioned going somewhere and I think it is to Michigan and I know they will be hard pressed to get back here in time for the December 6 meeting.

The Paul H. Russells are leaving 10/26 for the South Carolina coast area to visit with their daughter Betsy and Jim Smiley and a couple of grand-kids.

Mary W. Hutchins from Houston, Texas, was in town for several days recently. She visited us , while on the way to a dinner engagement at the Bill Brandau home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To all of you who celebrate birthdays during the months of October, November & December. I hope you had or will have a happy birthday and many more of them. Considering the number of members we have versus the number of birthdates listed, we are still pretty short of birthdates and wish that more of you would send them in for the record.

OCTOBER

4 - Frances Powers
 6 - Jeannette P. Russell
 6 - Ola B. Hooper
 6 - Elizabeth Van Alstein
 2 - Chole Todd
 13 - Emily T. Elliott
 13 - Mrs. John K. Cross
 14 - Opal McKinley
 21 - E. M. (Red) Harkins
 21 - Lucille Scott
 23 - Elizabeth Glass
 30 - Quentus A. Kyle
 30 - Eula Addington
 30 - Ola Moore (Mrs. C.R.)
 15 - Ruby B. Cole
 16 - Hank H. Scherer
 19 - Osie Leinart
 4 - Hazel Reed
 Betty Hanlon
 17 - Jack Fortin
 14 - Jim McBride
 13 - John Butler
 12 - Fesol (Mrs. Grzdy) Burnett
 31 - Nina Woody
 22 - Chris Thompson
 25 - Merna Clarke
 8 - Genever Pintado
 23 - Harry Garnsey
 19 - Anita Garnsey
 24 - Myrtle Connaughton
 13 - Marian Hine
 21 - Dot Hughes
 4 - Ed E. Repper

NOVEMBER

1 - Ruth H. Weaver
 2 - Harold J. Lentzenich
 7 - George W. Cabannis
 8 - Wesley Brewer
 17 - Ralph H. Posey
 12 - Evelyn Newcomb
 15 - Stanley R. Dunn
 22 - Dorothy R. Smith
 26 - Stanley Johnson
 28 - Clinton S. Herrick
 28 - Eugene C. Reichard
 29 - Nyra Renshaw
 30 - Annie C. Snyder
 14 - Paul Thomas
 16 - Myrtle Thomas
 14 - Dan Todd
 5 - Karl G. Krueger
 12 - Gladys L. Jones
 2 - Edna Howard
 28 - Lee Thomas
 17 - Frank E. Fulmer
 24 - Jim Cartwright
 9 - Laverne McBride
 26 - Paul Partee
 19 - Lucy Childrey
 10 - George James
 19 - Larry Mayd
 11 - Maree Swofford
 25 - Honey Nicholls
 14 - Ruth Swayne
 7 - Orville Haynes
 28 - Helen James
 30 - Alice Reinsmith
 25 - Dorothy Spillsbury
 13 - Nettie Alter
 28 - Bob Raymond
 2 - Effie Stone

DECEMBER

2 - Marion W. Ruffin
 3 - Nellie B. Jones
 3 - Walter J. Gray
 4 - Hazel Olson
 5 - William Irby
 6 - Bertha Conarro
 12 - Fran Christensen
 13 - Mrs. Al Shaddock
 15 - Lucille Isbell
 17 - Edna Payne
 22 - C. M. Evenson
 22 - Howard A. Miller
 24 - Harvey Boston
 18 - Irma Miller
 28 - Pauling Yelverton
 28 - Sadie Allen
 21 - Alberta Stone
 6 - Don Pommerening
 15 - Flonnie Swarthout
 23 - Carriell Glendenning
 16 - R. I. Lowndes
 22 - Doug Craig
 9 - Frank Pullium
 25 - Wanda Johns
 30 - Bea Jemison

TO FILL IN SOME MORE

Just before I was buttoning this newsletter up - I had a call from the President and here is his message: TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE RETIREE ASSOCIATION: - please come to the December 6, 1978 luncheon at the Petite Auberge Restaurant and join me in singing my "swan song" as President of this great Association. Let us all welcome in the new officers for 1979 and enjoy a good Christmas party and extend greetings; join hands and wish each other the joys and happiness of a New Year for 1979 and all the years which we have to enjoy.

BALLOT FOR VOTING ON OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST SERVICE
RETIREE ASSOCIATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1979. JUST A FEW
MINUTES STUDY OF CANDIDATES AND A 15¢ STAMP WILL DO THE TRICK.

FOR AN ALTERNATE (TO REPLACE LUCILLE
ISBELL, WHO AUTOMATICALLY SUCCEEDS
TO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

Howard A. "Ham" Miller ()

E. B. "Rip" Williams ()

(Write In) ()

TREASURER

Jim Carroll ()

(Write In) ()

SECRETARY

Shirley Herbert ()

(Write In) ()

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 3-year term(1981)

Dorothy R. Smith ()

Sam L. Johnson ()

P L E A S E C O M P L E T E and M A I L your ballot to reach the Secretary's Office,
not later than December 4, 1978. Mail ballot to Southern Forest Service Retiree
Association, Suite 900, 1720 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30309. In case you read
the #1 Newsletter of 1978, you will remember that 17% of our members elected the officers
for 1978. While they elected good officers, it would seem that more interest should be
shown as to who "runs the show". Please-everyone of you - vote and send in your ballot.
(Ed's note: I hope the PO Department gets it to you in time to do so-if not - am sorry!)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT To celebrate their
50th Wedding Anniversary, Howard A. "Ham"
& Irma Miller, will hold an open house
from 3-6 p.m. Saturday 12/30/78. All
friends are welcome. No gifts or presents
of any kind - just come and celebrate
with us at 511 Sybil Lane, SE, Marietta,
Georgia. Phone #973-9142