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"Call him not old whose visionary brain
Holds o'er the past its undivided reign,
For him in vain the envious seasons roll
Who bears eternal summer in his soul."

Unknown.

Junior's Progress:

Your appreciation, kindness, tolerance, and endurance are beginning to pay dividends - Junior is growing up. He has not yet reached the age of growing out so the only direction in which he can grow is up. Your continued interest and support will do much to bring him to maturity and cause him to become an acceptable and regular visitor to your home. Your suggestions and advice on his "fetchin'" up will be gratefully received by the editor.

YE JOLLY OLD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:

FOREST SERVICE THIRTY-YEAR CLUB

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 22, 1949

The fifth annual meeting of the Forest Service Thirty-Year Club was held at Ireland's restaurant at Lloyds, 718 NE 12th Street, Portland, Oregon at 5 p.m., April 22, 1949. Forty-eight members and guests were in attendance. Dinner was served at 6 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer, Glenn E. Mitchell arranged for the dinner in complete detail but could not attend because of a conflicting field trip which kept him out of town at that time. Foster Steele acted as secretary pro tem and president K. P. Cecil served in the capacity of chairman. Zella Manwaren and Emma Morton served as registrars, supplied identification cards to all present, accepted dues, and prepared membership cards for new members. Thornton Munger with Alex and Mrs. Jaenicke served in the reception line and made every one welcome. Albert Wiesendanger relieved Foster Steele at the punch bowl and his usual magic touch improved the strength of the drink and increased the tempo of conversation. Albert also lead the group in singing, "Hail, Hail The Gang's All Here" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" with Mrs. Harold Smith at the piano. The singing was loud and good.

President elect John Kuhns was absent on an official trip to Washington, D. C.; Vice President elect K. Wolfe was unable to attend because of illness in his family, secretary-treasurer elect Glenn Mitchell was absent as above stated. Executive

committeeman elect Gilbert Brown was travelling out of the state and so the only elected officer for 1949 who could be present was executive committeeman Fred Brundage. Fred was duly notified of his election.

The meeting was informal with no set program. President Cecil read a statement prepared by president elect Kuhns in which he greeted the membership and proposed a five point program for the ensuing year. Three candidates were eligible for the 30-year emblem; Sanford W. Floe of the Olympic forest, Leo Isaac of the Experiment Station, and Harvey A. Welty of the Siuslaw forest. Harvey Welty was the only one present to receive the emblem and it was presented to him in an impressive manner by Jim Frankland acting for Regional Forester Andrews.

At the invitation of chairman Cecil every one present introduced themselves and made short interesting talks reminiscent of early days in the Forest Service. Scott Leavitt expressed a desire to become a member of the club but doubted if he could qualify from standpoint of service. The secretary pro tem then read Article III of the constitution as amended by the last annual election and which provides membership for those in Mr. Leavitt's status. Scott was then duly inducted into the club and given his membership card.

Alex Jaenicke read the names of departed members; Jack Horton, George Griffith, and Asher Ireland who passed to their final rest since the last meeting and at the invitation of chairman Cecil all stood in a moment of silent tribute to these absent fellow workers.

The secretary pro tem read secretary-treasurer Mitchell's financial report which showed the financial status of the club to be as follows:

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Balance on hand</u>
Balance brought forward from 1947 receipts - - - - -	\$ 95.84		
1948-49 dues to date- - - - -	37.10		
1948 dinner expenses- - - - -		\$12.60	
Postmaster for envelopes- - - - and postage		13.05	
Jeweler for 30-Year Emblems - -		50.40	
Flowers for funeral departed member		5.00	
TOTALS	<u>\$132.94</u>	<u>\$81.05</u>	<u>\$51.89</u>

Out of state guests included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, retired from the Madison Laboratories.

The secretary's report also showed that a total of 112 30-year emblems have been awarded to date in Region 6.

Ireland's at Lloyds proved to be a suitable place for the annual meeting of the club. Ample room for pre-dinner visiting and the serving of punch, separate from the dining room, was provided. The dining room was attractive and the acoustics good. Much good visiting and renewal of acquaintances was accomplished.

The question, Should there be another issue of the club's publication "TIMBER LINES," put by the secretary pro tem received an affirmative vote and another number was promised.

Copies of the Chief's annual report together with mimeographed copies of circular dated March 28, signed by Regional Forester Andrews and Director Hall of the Experiment Station together with copies of the January issue of the "FOREST SERVICE ALUMNUS" was distributed to retirees and any others present who wished them.

Chairman Cecil announced the results of the last annual election which was as follows:

President - - - - - John Kuhns

Vice President- - - - - K. Wolfe

Secretary-Treasurer - - - Glenn E. Mitchell

Executive Committeeman- - Fred Brundage
Gilbert Brown

Proposed amendment to Article III of the
constitution. - - - - - Carried

Upon motion by Gertrude Conroy the outgoing officers were given a hearty round of applause for the fine work they have done during their term in office.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Foster Steele,
Secretary Pro Tem

In attendance at 30-Year Club meeting, April 22, 1949

- Emma Morton
- Gertrude Conroy
- Zella Manwaren
- Emma Johnson
- Herman M. Johnson
- W. F. Staley
- Harvey Welty
- Albert Wiesendanger
- Cleo V. Wiesendanger
- Elmer R. Johnson
- Geo. W. Root
- G. C. Blake
- Thornton T. Munger
- Olga E. Frankland

- James Frankland
- J. Raphael
- Fea L. P. Steele
- Foster Steele
- K. P. Cecil
- Edith Y. Kuhns
- F. H. Brundage
- Fred E. Ames
- Mary C. Brundage
- Shirley Buck
- Elizabeth S. Buck
- Ella D. Smith
- Harold E. Smith
- M. L. Merritt

- Isabell Merritt
- Elizabeth O. Jones
- Ira E. Jones
- A. T. Moses
- Emma Moses
- Mont V. Livingston
- Ruby F. Ewing
- Carl Ewing
- R. U. Cambers
- Ellen Lee
- Elsie Leavitt
- Scott Leavitt
- Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Jaenicke
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. C. Wilson

New Members Who Jined Up At The Meeting:

George Root
Scott Leavitt

Harvey Welty
Harold E. Smith

John Raphael

All but Welty retired from other regions.

QUITTING OR GOING AHEAD: (From the "New Age". Contributed by Albert Wiesendanger)

"How shall a man who has reached sixty or beyond spend the remaining years of his life? At that age, a man has accumulated experience which is of great value, and to retire him to complete inactivity is not only to blight his health and happiness, but to deprive society of skills and services which are sorely needed by the public. There is, of course, a wide diversity of opinion among people who have reached the age of retirement as to what they want to do and how they want to spend the years that remain to them until the Great Architect has summoned them for other work.

For one thing, mere physical age is not an accurate index of one's condition. Some persons are old at forty, while others are young at seventy or eighty. In fact, the writer was privileged to know one distinguished man who at ninety was younger in spirit and in his attitudes toward a rapidly changing world than many a man of fifty. He had never allowed himself to repose on the comfortable couch of yesterday, but was living in today and planning hopefully and enthusiastically about leaving this world a better place than he had found it. Like Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The Wonderful One Hoss Shay"...it ran a hundred years to a day, such men are akin to that poem's famous chaise which "breaks down, but doesn't wear out."

Age is, after all, a relative affair. In his teens youth looks upon thirty-five as old. The man of thirty-five regard fifty as old. The man of fifty has doubts about the man of sixty, though he is certain that the man of sixty-five is superannuated and should be chloroformed, as the famous Sir William Osler of Johns-Hopkins Medical School facetiously put it in a statement some fifty years ago--True it is that the physical machine slows up with advancing years, but the mind remains clear and knows how to use the experionces of the years to cope with the difficulties of life--There are myriad tastes and ambitions guiding the choice of men and women as to how they wish to spend their declining years. Physicians are quoted as saying that it is not good for one's health to change suddenly from a life of great activity to one of comparative idleness, unless it is a brief vacation to secure a much needed rest.

Some persons are improvident and will always remain so. Others are over-cautious and lose many opportunities for increasing their wealth; still others lose their all by being too ready to plunge into new and untried business ventures. Some get what are known in sporting circles as the "Breaks of the game," while others, equally deserving, do not, and the difference is sometimes the difference between success and failure, or exceptional money returns as against mediocre money returns. There is a dual relationship about retirement: one is that the person who plans to retire must have something on which to retire; also, if he would be happy, he must have something worth while to which to retire."

WHO GETS THE R-6 THIRTY YEAR SERVICE EMBLEM:

To clarify the question of who is entitled to the R-6 Thirty-Year Service Emblem the following letter written to a new member of the Thirty-Year Club who retired from another region is quoted:

"I am informed that when you joined the Thirty-Year Club recently you were promised a Region 6 thirty-year pin.

Unfortunately, there has been some confusion even among our own members of the relation between the 30-year pin and the Thirty-Year Club. The difference is this:

The Thirty-Year Club sponsored the original idea of a 30-year pin. Funds were collected from the entire personnel of Region 6 to buy the original 100 buttons. Since then the club has purchased the additional pins as needed.

The pins are strictly an R-6 token for thirty years' service and are presented by the Forest Service and not the club. Hence, unless a club member has had thirty years of service, including military, and completed the thirty years in Region 6 they are not entitled to a pin."

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS MEMBERSHIP:

On January 20 of this year, Ass't Regional Forester Standing sent the following letter to the Society of American Foresters:

"Today a retired member of the Forest Service came to the office and informed me he is seriously considering resigning from the Society. He said he is very reluctant to do this as he has been a member for 36 years, but he feels he can no longer afford the annual dues of \$15.00.

I told him it is my understanding retired foresters can retain their membership without payment of annual dues, but that a fee of \$4.00 or \$5.00 would probably be required if he desires to receive the Journal. He said he is not aware of this arrangement and asked me to confirm it. It will be appreciated if you will give me full details regarding the arrangements for continuing membership in the Society of men who have retired from the Forest Service, or from other organizations, too, for that matter.

I will be glad to call this to the attention of our own retirees and to have it publicized by the Forest Service Thirty-Year Club which is largely made up of retired foresters. I will also be glad to bring the matter up in one of the meetings of the Columbia River section if you wish, but you may want to write the sections direct about this policy. I feel sure most of the members of the Society are not familiar with these special arrangements, if they are still in force."

By letter dated January 28 he received the following reply:

"In response to your inquiry of January 20, I am glad to tell you that definite provision exists for maintaining retired members in full membership. The Constitutional provision is as follows:

'Members and Fellows who retire from active forestry practice, after having been members of the Society for 20 years or more, may upon application to the Council have their dues remitted except for an annual charge of \$5 should they desire to receive the Journal of Forestry.'

The word "Members" at the beginning of the quotation refers to the grade formerly known as "Senior Members".

PICNIC AT THE MUNGER FARM:

As announced in the News Digest and by memorandum to club members by President Kuhns, 27 club members and friends drove out to the Munger farm west of Portland on June 25, and enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Mary and Thornton Munger. This fine old farm house surrounded by spacious lawns and spreading trees afforded an ideal setting for a Club picnic. The farm consists of about 50 acres of farm and wood land. The farmland lies on both slopes of a wooded ridge stocked with fir and oak which is used for pasture. Most of the cultivated land is planted to grain and the crop looked fine. That part of the place fronting on the highway is used for residence, orchard, berries and garden. Thornton rents the grain and pasture land to a neighbor but retains the orchard and garden tracts for his own farming effort. Many happy hours are spent there by the Mungers in the healthful labors of tilling the soil.

Guests brought sandwiches, cakes, etc., and the hosts supplied coffee, cream, strawberries, relishes, a bit "Thornton Special" potato salad, concocted by Thornton himself (Aided and abetted by Mary), and ice cream. An interesting "show me" trip was conducted over the farm under the able guidance of Duncan Munger. Much good visiting was had and many expressions of approval of this type of Club get-togethers was heard. Mary and Thornton are ideal hosts and the grateful thanks of those who were fortunate enough to be there goes to them for their fine hospitality. A nose count showed the following to be present:

A. O. Waha	Mary E. Munger	Elein P. Kuhns
~Fred Brundage	Elsa Grelle	H. R. Richards
~Mary C. Brundage	Kirk Cecil	Maryada Richards
Albert Wiesendanger	Mrs. Kummel	Elizabeth S. Buck
Cleo Wiesendanger	Foster Steele	Shirley Buck
Esther C. Osborne	Fea P. Steele	Isabell Merritt
Geneveive Hodgson	Thornton T. Munger	E. D. Kuhns
M. L. Merritt	John Kuhns	Edith Y. Kuhns
Clyde Bloom	Hortense Bloom	Duncan Munger

THAT FIVE-POINT PROGRAM:

In response to President Kuhns for comments on his proposed five-point program, many replies are being received and many good suggestions are made. In case you have forgotten, or did not receive the president's memorandum, the following are the five points upon which he invited comments. The comments have been analyzed and summarized for each item:

1. The number of meetings each year. Is one annual dinner meeting adequate or should we have some informal gatherings interspersed throughout the year?

One annual dinner meeting only - 9
One annual dinner meeting and one or more informal gatherings - 10

2. The kind of programs desired. Should our objective be to renew old acquaintances and have a good time socially, or should we have one or more speakers to discuss subjects of interest to retirees and to those still on the job? Should we have a combination of both?

Social only - 8

Combination - 11

3. Keeping track of our members and those eligible for membership.

Should a "membership" committee be appointed whose duty it would be to maintain a current list of names and addresses of present and prospective members?

For a membership committee - 16

Against a membership committee - 3

4. Keeping members posted. Should an "information" committee be appointed whose duty it would be to prepare news letters (annually or semi-annually) and to arrange for mailing to retirees material such as the R-6 Digest, the Forest Service Alumnus and the Annual Report of the Chief. (Some copies of the latter two will be available to retirees at this meeting.)

For an information committee - 14

Against an information committee - 5

5. Should the 30-Year Club have an "Action" program? If so, what type of action should we undertake?

For an action program - 6

Against an action program - 9

Undecided - 4

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON THE FIVE-POINT PROGRAM:

The votes tallied above do not present a complete summary of the comments because supplementary statements and suggestions had to be classified as "yes" or "no" votes on the points involved. The consensus of those who returned questionnaires is that the following program should be adopted, so, this will be the program for this year:

1. There will be only one regular dinner meeting each year. At least one informal gathering of the clan in or near Portland will be arranged each year at times and places which will be determined by the executive committee in cooperation with any group or individual member who will sponsor the meeting, or volunteer to be host, as Mr. and Mrs. Munger did on the occasion of our June picnic.

2. The annual dinner will be primarily a social affair for the purpose of renewing acquaintanceships. If, in the judgment of the executive committee talks on subjects of interest to retirees in particular are warranted, one or two

speakers, but not to exceed two, may be called upon for not to exceed 15 minutes each. We don't want to eliminate opportunities to hear from distinguished guests or those who may have an important message but in the main we want to have each member tell in two or three minutes what he is doing and, in the case of retirees, where he is living.

3. Contrary to general belief, the Division of Personnel Management does not have an accurate and complete list of addresses of retirees.

I am appointing the following membership committee whose duty it will be to maintain a current list of names and addresses of R-6 retirees and of employees eligible for membership in the 30-Year Club:

Luella M. Thompson, Chairman
Alex J. Jaenicke
Melville L. Merritt

4. Most of the replies indicated that an information committee was desired, but there was wide variation in the type of information wanted. Practically every retiree asked that the R-6 Digest be sent to retirees and most members favored "Timberlines" as the type of news letter to be issued. A few, less than a majority, asked for semiannual issues of "Timberlines". There was no pronounced interest in the "Forest Service Alumnus" or The Annual Report of the Chief so these will be sent only to those who specifically request copies. In this connection, the 30-Year Club bears the cost of mailing the R-6 Digest and the Forest Service Alumnus as well as Timberlines.

The following Information Committee is appointed:

Foster Steele, Chairman
Glenn Mitchell
Thornton T. Munger

The duties of this committee will be to produce one issue of "Timberlines" each year; to mail the R-6 Digest to 30-Year Club retirees once a month and to handle requests from retirees for the Forest Service Alumnus and the Chief's report. If, in the judgment of the Information Committee two issues of "Timberlines" is justified, the committee may make it a semiannual publication. Actually, Timberlines will be what the 30-year Club members make it. If you want lots of news, send some in.

5. Most comments on the "Action" program indicated that after 30 or more years of planning for one type of action (or work) or another, the members were not seeking any more action. Some members indicated a desire to be kept posted relative to legislation affecting retirement. This seems to be a job for the Information Committee rather than an action committee. So, aside from sponsoring and financing the 30-Year Club emblem which already is an established project of this club, no steps will be taken this year to initiate or set up an action program, unless the majority of the members specifically request that the club undertake some project.

I hope that the above will be satisfactory to 30-Year Club members. It conforms to the expressed wishes of a majority of those who replied to the questionnaire. I appreciate the interest shown by the latter. Their comments and suggestions were constructive and helpful. John C. Kuhns, President - 30-Year Club.

TIMBER MANAGEMENT NEWS:

Since the last issue of Timber Lines, there have been a number of personnel changes in this Division of the Regional Office.

Ericson retired effective January 1 and Walt Lund took his place. Huck Hiatt replaced Walt as assistant in charge of timber sales. In December, 1948, Everett Huff died. He was in charge of scaling. This work was turned over to Homer Hixon who also handles timber surveys.

With the slump in the lumber market, there has been a reduction of new sales. Reapraisals are resulting in lower stumpage prices. Planting and pruning are being done on a large scale, primarily with money from timber sale deposits. Management plans are being prepared on a streamlined and workable basis. Airplane spraying of almost 300,000 acres of timber with D.D.T. occurred in June on private, O and C and Mt. Hood and Willamette timber in May and June for protection against the spruce budworm at a cost of \$1.00 or so per acre. Selective cutting in ponderosa pine leaves more reserve timber as the emphasis is on lighter sanitation-salvage cuts. Staggered settings, not more than 40 to 60 acres, are favored in old growth Douglas fir stands rather than the partial cutting of ten years ago. Cruising is on a circular plot basis and the old strip system is out.

Fred Ames comes around the office occasionally and looks fine. Fred Matz still cruises timber for a cruising firm and has lost none of his pep and hiking ability. George Stevenson's hobby is to buy a home and sell at a profit as soon as his wife gets used to her home. Ericson has been in California for six months but is now headed for Oregon and Washington with his wife. Eric was a hard worker, but to the surprise of all of us, he likes to take it easy. Kummel hasn't been well enough lately to be talked into helping Hunger on the farm.

Everett Huff and Newt Wright, our senior logging engineer, received an award of \$58 from the Department of Agriculture for securing the adoption of Bureau scaling on some west side Forest Service sales. This method resulted in a saving to the Government of \$70,000 the first year of its use.

The writer was sent to Utah, Wyoming and South Dakota on insect control jobs last summer and found again that Forest Service folks are the same enthusiastic and friendly folks no matter where you find them. The thirty-year pin attracted favorable comments of R-1, R-2, R-4 and Washington personnel. Interest in making the emblem accepted Service-wide is growing. A. J. Jaenicke

AND NOW THE MAIL BAG:

The following letters have been received up to the time of our going to press. Letters received too late for this issue will be filed for future issues of Timber Lines: Ed.

DAVE NOREN SEZ:

The following excerpts are from a personal letter received from Dave Noren, 147 - 6th Ave., Seaside, Oregon. Some of Dave's letter was purely personal and not for

publication, but his many friends will be glad to read the following:

" - - our recreation consists largely in reading and walking on the beach together. We have done a little clamming and fishing but not enough to mention out loud."

" - - Glad to learn that you had such a fine picnic recently, (Refers to the Munger picnic. Ed) and know it must have been a joyous occasion to renew friendships with the "old gang". Some day perhaps Mrs. Noren and I can join with the group in their "get-together" - - ."

" - - Please remember me most kindly to all of our mutual friends and members of the Club."

LIFE WITH SHELLEY'S:

There was no name signed to this penciled note but it is charged to Ralph Shelley, 1025 Norckenzie Road, Eugene, Oregon.

"You could be right so here's my last dollar. Just collected it, pasture for neighbor's cow. I have a Durham cow raising a white face calf, a Guernsey and a Jersey. In other words three calves and one cow, (Mebbe they're mavericks. Ed.) and a horse which herds the sheep without help. (Neigh, Neigh! Ralph. Ed.) Have just returned from a trip through half-dozen National Forests and the State of California. Followed coastline and mountains to keep cool."

ABOUT HARV AND MRS. WELTY:

"A farewell picnic party honoring Harve and Mrs. Welty on the occasion of their retirement from the Forest Service was held by the people of the Siuslaw at the Siltcoos camp ground on May 21. About 120 Siuslaw personnel and their guests were present. Boyd Rasmussen, Assistant Supervisor, acted as master of ceremonies. In addition to liberal amounts of excellent food, an outstanding feature of the party was the presentation to Harve of a fine set of carpenter tools. Dahl Kirkpatrick, representing the Regional Forester, gave Ranger Welty his 30-Year service certificate and U.S.D.A. 30-year pin.

"The Weltys' plans for the future are indefinite as yet. They intend to travel about the country during the current spring and early summer and to renew acquaintances with old friends and places. Following that they will probably settle down temporarily at least at Foster, Oregon, where Mrs. Welty's parents reside."

WOO WAHA NEEDS A SIDE CAMP:

"This is the time of year when I would welcome something similar to a CCC side camp. While I am still able to accomplish the main chores unassisted, some extra help could surely be used from time to time, to handle such nasty work as eliminating wild blackberries.

"My principal work just now is looking after a rather large garden, but along with this is the cultivation and picking of our various berry crops, keeping the grass cut in the orchard, painting and various maintenance jobs.

"Am not anticipating any trips this summer since we know we can be more contented and comfortable at home.

"Have made the suggestion that the Club should have a picnic at our place this summer--we have the facilities for a good relaxing time and needless to say, we would enjoy having you."

"A. O. Waha
5504 SE Lake Road
Milwaukie, Oregon"

GRANDPAPPY GROVER ENJOYS LIFE:

"I enjoyed the last meeting of the Thirty-Year Club much more than previous meetings. I enjoy most the fellowship with old time friends whom we would seldom meet otherwise, if at all. It is a great joy to meet up with these old-time fellow workers and friends, and to re-live old time experiences. The work of the men who served under Pinchot and Graves will be unfamiliar to the Forester of tomorrow, and will be of little concern to him. But to the old timer, those are the days he likes to talk about and to think about. In our last meeting, there was not a dull moment that I can recall. If we were to devote much time at these meetings to current Forest Service affairs, I believe it would tend to discourage attendance, although we do, through other channels, wish to keep in touch with them.

"At home I am all tied down to the job of caring for one cow, two calves, 180 old hens (the feathered variety), and one cat. My wife looks after the gold fish.

"Last fall I made a trip to eastern Oregon and visited the old stamping ground including Beaver Ranger Station which I developed and improved and which served as our home for some 13 or 14 years. It has been just a quarter of a century since we left Beaver R. S. and moved to Burns. There were many familiar scenes round about and many changes were noted. I marvelled at the size of the poplar trees I set out along either side of the highway through the Station some 30 years ago. Those little switches are now 50 to 60 feet in height and up to two feet in diameter. I also pickes appled from the orchard I planted on my homestead some 35 or 40 years ago.

"Just recently I returned from a vacation trip to Everett, Washington, where I visited one of my daughters, a son-in-law and a grandson. They took me on a trip to Canada where I found myself, for the first time, outside my native land. I learned that Canadians walk on their hind legs just like people.

"You should know our grandson. He is 3 months old and the most wonderful young man who ever lived, bar none. If you don't believe it just ask either of his grandmothers.

"If I don't forget it I am going to enclose \$1.00 to pay up my dues."

(G. C. Blake
Roseburg, Oregon)

LET'S ALL GO SEE THE IRA JONES:

"News about the Joneses. We are now living just out of Sumner, Washington on the Orting Highway. We have about 1/2 acre of ground which gives us a place for a garden and a family orchard of about 18 fruit and nut trees. We have a few chickens and rabbits for our own use, so we are planning on having plenty to eat. I also catch some fish. We made a trip to Canada about 2 weeks ago. Went to Victoria, then motored around the Island quite a bit then to Vancouver, B.C. Had a very enjoyable trip. If any of my old acquaintances ever come through the Puyallup Valley and don't call on the Jones, they had better not tell me about it later. We always have a spare bed and I can still make good gravey."-- Ira Jones

"WHIT." RELIEVES THE HOUSING SHORTAGE:

"First, here's my dues for 1949. Sorry, I forgot. Here's a little run-down on what I've been doing for the past year:

"About a year ago my son-in-law and I went into partnership to build a few houses to help out housing shortage and believe it or not, we're still solvent. We are known as The Fred W. Carter Co.

"Last spring the wife and I spent six weeks in Southern California; at Cathedral City, a suburb of Palm Springs. We lived just two blocks from the desert, which at that time of the year was a beautiful sight with Desert Primrose and Verbena in full bloom. We'd been there two weeks and hadn't seen a soul we knew and one day on the way to the postoffice I bumped into two old mutual friends: Oliver Ericson and Clarence Adams! They'd been living about a block away on the same street. Both looked good and were enjoying themselves.

"We've been back home now about three weeks, feeling fine. Our tan is fading, but we do have some wonderful pictures taken on the trip."

Sincerely, "Whit"

H. G. Whitney, 4348 N. E. 33rd Avenue, Portland 11, Oregon.

"ROLL." GETS HOMESICK:

"See in R-6 Administrative Digest that all you old-timers are putting out another issue of your "Timberlines." Well, here I am over here in Missoula, Montana, and the one issue we get of the R-6 Digest is quite dogeared by the time it gets around.

"When by force of circumstances I was assigned to R-1 after the Guayle job folded, I was like a lost sheep in a foreign fold. In fact, for all I knew, I might be a black one. Then, glory be, one day I met Don Matthews and Paul Kemp. Don was working for Axel Lindh, a good old Region Sixer. By a stroke of good luck, I was assigned to his flock and felt more at home. Then, glory be, here showed up Paul Logan as logging engineer, followed closely by Jim Iler as Chief of Operation.

"While we have not yet quite dared to form an R-6 Club, we do occasionally bolster our morale with a little street corner chat on how we used to do it.

"Now if some more of you old-timers will just hit the trail, you will receive a warm welcome. They say Missoula is a favorite spot for retirement--at least a lot of super-annuated employees are hereabouts."

Very sincerely yours, (Rolland Huff)

IN MEMORY OF ASHER IRELAND:

"To Asher's friends of the Thirty Year Club: Please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for your tribute to him in the beautiful floral offering of the spray of red roses.

The flowers went with him and were placed on his grave in the country cemetery near the home where he was raised and where other members of his family are at rest. The flowers remained fresh and beautiful for that service.

With deep gratitude to you all." Most sincerely, (Adelaide King Ireland)
2720 S. W. English Court.

HOW STANLEY WALTERS SPENDS HIS TIME:

"Inclosed find \$1.00 for dues. I presume that is the amount, if not please let me know.

Mrs. Walters and I are both well and busy. There are many friends here from the North and we now know many locals.

Have 1 day for golf, 2 days for fishing in the ocean, (supply of fish plentiful) and 4 days of work. Hope to cut the work part down but there is too much work to do.

Thank you for the Digest, it is very welcome. We hope all of you have a good year.
Sincerely, (S. W. Walters)
523 Ben Air Way, La Jolla, California

A WORD FROM GEORGE BRIGHT:

"Enclosed is my check for dues, I certainly enjoyed reading the News in the June issue of "Timberlines" and I am hoping there will be another issue before long."

Sincerely,
(George A. Bright)
Shelton Island Heights
Long Island, N. Y.

ELMER JOHNSON KEEPS IN TOUCH:

"Received the "Timber Lines" today and while I am in the notion am sending my check for \$1.00 for dues. Have intended to join for some time but just didn't. If the amount is not right let me know.

Would also appreciate being on the mailing list for the News Digest. Didn't realize how soon one got out of touch with the old bunch."

Cordially,
(Elmer Johnson)
214 W. 38th Street
Vancouver, Washington

LOST HIS PIN:

"Thanks for the new pin to replace the one I lost. Find my check for \$2.55 enclosed in payment.

"Thanks for the invitation to contribute to the "Timber Lines". In my case that means just what I am doing, rather than what meaning you have given it. For I have did Timber Survey work for various timber owners since my retirement. Have several weeks work ahead of me right now. When time will permit I will try and send in a contribution for "Timber Lines."

A. R. Wilcox
1248 Oak St.
Eugene, Oregon

IRA MISSED THE NEWS:

"I haven't received any News Letter or any word from Portland since last fall. I wonder why. I am sure I sent you my new address last summer. I was through Portland last month but didn't have time to stop. Mrs. Jones and I are in the best of health and enjoying life.

"I live about 1 mile out of Summer, on Orting Road."

Ira Jones
Route 1, Box 12
Summer, Washington

FRED WEHMEYER GOT FROSTED:

"Can't remember of paying my annual dues to the 30-yr Club, which means I undoubtedly have not. Enclosing \$1.00 herewith.

"Have seen a number of winters in Oregon equally mild with the one we had in San Diego county, 48 and 49. It happened thru one of those pranks, Jack Frost is fond of playing, tho I had less damage than the year before. Lost a few shrubs and a few trees set back.

"Appreciate the monthly news sent out. Only connection I have any more with the U.S.F.S., for which I inspect. I still have a tender spot in my heart. At least the bulletins mark a bright day in the month with their arrival.

Kindest regards to you and your family, I remain "

Very sincerely yours

Vista, California

-Fred-

NOW YA GOTTA PAY TO CAMP:

"Doubtless you have all heard that the Forest Service is departing from its long established custom of making the national forests available for camping and picnicking without charge. For several years past, Congressional appropriations committees have raised the question of why the Forest Service doesn't get some revenue from its forest camps. It has been a matter of all out and nothing in, and Congress, at least some parts of Congress, don't seem to like this.

"So, for this season, throughout the entire country there will be forest overnight camps and picnic grounds here and there where you will have to pay for the privilege of stopping. The charge for parties of six adults or less will be only 50¢ a night for camping and 25¢ a day for picnicking. The scheme is purely experimental and is being tried out on only a very limited basis. In this Region charges will be made at the following camps:-

Camp Creek and Tollgate - Mt. Hood

Dead Indian Soda Springs - Rogue River

Eel Creek and Siltcoos - Siuslaw

Wolf Creek - Umpqua

Clear Lake and Paradise - Willamette

Government Mineral Springs - Gifford Pinchot

American River and Naches - Snoqualmie"

(K. Wolfe)

LIFE AMONGST THE CACTUS:

"Many chapters have been added to the volumes of our lives since we last gave a report of ourselves to our Secretary and Publisher.

"We arrived back in Portland just a day too late to attend the last 30-Yr. Club dinner last spring. Therefore we are behind on all the latest Club developments.

"After feeling able to work last September I went back to the Mt. Hood with the expectation of continuing in the old job there. However after a few weeks could feel the old trouble being aggravated and decided it was not worth the chance of another severe attack so made claim for retirement and did retire on December 31, 1948. Let me tell all of you who are going to retire that it is one of the most pleasant steps in one's life after "hitting the ball" so many years. Personally it was the first time in my life that there was no schedule to meet. That is; having to be some where to do something at a certain time. Have no fears of not having plenty to do. The difficulty of it is that one is liable to build up more responsibility than one should.

"Mary Ada and I are having the time of our young lives. Just 7 days after retirement we were on our way to the Sunny south and we do mean sunny. We were just ahead of the worst storms all the way to Phoenix. After we arrived there it was like being in another world. Only by the experience of living a winter in a climate such as that do you realize how terrible some other winter climates are.

"In order to still be as useful as possible to myself and others I enrolled in a leather craft class and proceeded to carve steer and cow hides, and tool calf skin. After a few months can make such items as bolts, billfolds, coin purses and ladies purses and hand bags. So you see it doesn't take long to get into a state of productiveness. A hobby such as this soon turns into a business if one is not careful to guard against pressure of production. It is a great satisfaction to make useful things.

"For the summer we are back in the good green land of Oregon. We are specifically located near the falls on Eagle Creek about 4 miles from the town of Eagle Creek, and 8 miles from Estacada. It is ideal for the summer but its the south land for us when winter comes.

"We will be glad to see any of you out our way. If you make inquiry at the Eagle Creek Postoffice believe they can direct you. Our cabin is right at the Falls on Eagle Creek. Maybe we can get together and compare notes. We are finding it a mighty pleasant world to live in after all."

(H. R. R.) Richards

ALBERT KEEPS OREGON GREEN:

"To-day I received my copy of the "Timber Lines", which had been mailed to the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station on the Mt. Hood National Forest, which I retired from on July 1 to become Executive Secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association with headquarters at Salem. My new address is P.O. Box 471, Salem, Oregon

"Both Mrs. Wiesendanger and I are enjoying our new home in Salem at the Ambassador Apartments which is on Summer Street just three blocks north of the Capitol.

"My new work is really not altogether a new job as for more than thirty years I have been doing about the same forest fire prevention work for the forest service.

"Keeping Oregon Green" therefore, is a job I like very much and the many fine contacts one makes while visiting the various County Chairmen located in every Oregon County, helps not only the Keep Oregon Green Association, but all of our various forest fire prevention organizations.

"Of course I never pass up a forest guard, ranger station, or supervisor's office and enjoying re-newing acquaintances."

Albert Wiesendanger

ARNIE DON'T LIKE THE WEATHER:

"Sorry Glenn I slipped up on the dues. Will try to be more prompt in the future as I don't want to get behind in the 30 Year Club.

"Have had quite a change in weather. Last winter we broke the record with the longest, coldest, and most snow on record. Now we are breaking another record with the longest, driest and hottest spring on record. Can you beat it?"

(Arnison)

MEL. MERRITT KEEPS 'EM IN LINE:

"For the past five years I have been Field Representative, in the State of Washington, for the Logging Underwriting and Inspection Association. This is a Pool of Insurance Companies that issues Fire insurance on felled and bucked timber and woods logging equipment. I inspect all insured operations for the Pool, check the fire hazard, their fire equipment, rate them as to relative fire danger for the Washington Rating Bureau, and do what I can, (usually not much) to get them to strengthen their protective organization. This has been most interesting. Gets me into the woods, and into contact with many people, -- including several retirees.

"Among retirees seen were:-- Ralph Hilligoss, Forest Fire Protection man for the Washington Veneer logging operation near Hoodsport. Looks well and is active. Last year Jim Anderson was cruising near Ozette Lake--pretty strenuous. He lives at Forks, Washington. I hear he had eye trouble again. Best wishes to him.

Bert Saterbo was busy cruising and timber experting in Northern Washington--I think it was for Pope & Talbot. Is this right, Bert? Saw Grover Burch one day at his home near Bothel, Wn. His wife made fine pies. Also see Ira Jones at Sumner, Wn. He is busy berry farming and still likes to fish."

(M. L. Merritt)

THE GILBERT BROWNS ARE HOME AGAIN:

"Your circular letter of May 23 at hand.

"While I have no objection to the policies of the 30-Year Club in the past, there are some things I think might be for the betterment of future meetings.

Your questions in order:

1. It seems to me that one annual dinner meeting is adequate for the rank and file of the Club membership. Perhaps some special gatherings for the officers and local members might be of benefit, although most out-of-town members would hardly be able to attend.

2. It appears to me that the general objective of the meetings should be to renew old acquaintances and have a good time socially. One or more short talks on subjects of interest might be a part of the social gatherings.

"In this respect there is one criticism I would make of one meeting I attended, and that was the lack of any opportunity to visit. The cocktail room was hardly the place for social visits between both the men and ladies who desired to talk without participating too freely in the drinking. I have reference to our meeting place in the basement of the hotel at the 1948 get-together.

3. I believe that it would be advantageous to the Club if we had a membership committee able to maintain a current list of names and addresses of present and prospective members. I assume this information could be secured from the Regional Office records without too much difficulty, and kept up to date.

4. I believe the idea of an "Information Committee" is excellent. Those of us who live at a distance from the Regional Office very much appreciate receiving current material, such as our R-6 Digest, etc.

5. I am not overly enthusiastic about an "Action Program". It seems to me that after thirty years with the Forest Service we would hardly care, as a Club, to indulge in any action program. As it is we find more opportunity for action on the outside than we are able to properly handle. I believe this Club should be more for the purposes as indicated under #2, than for indulging in special projects.

"I was very much interested in the edition of TIMBERLINES and had hoped that it might be a regular publication for the Club.

"Since our attendance at the '48 meeting Helen and I have spent a considerable time traveling. During the Summer of 1948 we took a trip in the car to the East Coast, covering approximately 10,000 miles and visiting many interesting and historical places, including Washington, D. C., New York City and all of the New England States. Also journeyed to Montreal and Ottawa, Canada. On our way East we visited Yellowstone Park and Mt. Rushmore, spending the 4th of July at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In Washington we had the pleasure of meeting old Forest Service friends, including Lyle Watts and Chris Granger, and former employees, Albert Cousins (and Mrs. Cousins) and Ed Kavanagh (and Mrs. K.)

"Throughout the trip we were working on our hobby, the genealogy of our families, and spent some time in the Library of Congress at Washington, and other famous Libraries, including those at Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts, and Portland and Augusta, Maine.

"We were gone two and a half months and returned home in time for deer and elk hunting -- and there is still meat in the locker, so any of you old-timers who happen this way are invited to stop and participate.

"During the past Spring we broke in a new Ford by driving it to Southern California on a 4,000 mile trip. At Santa Barbara we visited with Billy Brown and Bob Hill and families. As most of you know, Billy and Bob are retired F. S. personnel, and each have beautiful homes in that town.

"At the Mission Inn, Riverside, Helen presided as President at the Convention of the American Bell Association, an organization of more than 300 members interested in collecting bells of all kinds with their histories. She was elected to this office at Chautauqua, New York in July of last year.

"We got back from this trip in time to do some gardening that we may have some onions and carrots to go with the venison we expect to kill this Fall.

"In fact we keep very busy "with so little to do and so little time to do it in".

"We regret that we were unable to attend the 1949 meeting, which occurred during our sojourn in California.

"Please let me know when dues are due."

Very sincerely yours,
(Gilbert D. Brown)
608 Hawthorne Street
Wenatchee, Washington

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

The past year has shown a small increase in memberships and a much better record of paid up members. During the period between meetings eight employees became of age (30 years) and four more will graduate before the end of 1949.

Not all of these people join the Club but many consider they are members when they get the 30-Year Emblem. It has been difficult for many to remember that the 30-Year Emblem is a token of appreciation given by the F. S. of Region Six but is sponsored and furnished by the 30-Year Club. There is no connection between receiving a 30-Year Emblem and 30-Year Club membership.

There was an excellent response to President Kuhns request for policy advice, and it is interesting to see how closely the members think along these lines. The action program seems to be out the window. One member expressed it this way. "After 30 years of an action program I am willing to leave that item out of all Club activities."

The activities of the Club could be greatly increased if it were not so much effort and cost for us all to get together. One annual meeting appears to be about all the members can afford, but all are agreed it is fun to get together and talk over old times.

The party given at the Munger Ranch was the type of gatherings we all enjoy. No formality, no expensive dinners, but a world of good food and sociability. We should have them oftener but again it is difficult for those who live over 50 miles from Portland to attend.

Our ranks have been depleted somewhat by the Grim Reaper. The end of the trail was reached by Ed Kirby of Oakridge, Oregon, and Asher Ireland, Portland, Oregon. Also Hugh Rankin. Few of the late members knew Hugh but he was one of the "Wheal Horses" of the service in its formative period. Hugh retired in the early thirties as Supervisor of the Rogue River Forest.

"That suggests to me the changes that are taking place in the Forest Service. Having worked in the organization almost 39 years I can see a great difference in the attitude of the employees. Some of you know of course that when the New Deal struck with its expansion of Civil Service, labor restrictions and many other changes, the Forest Service seemed to change from a group of loyal workers who would enjoy 24-hour shifts if necessary, to a machine like organization that laid down the tools at 5 p.m. even though one hour more would finish the job. The thoughts uppermost in the mind was overtime pay, instead of a good job done.

"That attitude goes even farther. Now a rest period twice a day is necessary; longer annual leave and sick leave privileges are suggested, even though we only work eleven months for twelve months pay. There is also that attitude--why do it today when tomorrow will do as well--a complete reversal of the old maxim. There are still many loyal employees who do not approve of the growing attitude but they are getting less each year. In other words, the old esprit de corps is being worn down to a thin fabric. How long it will last is problematical.

"The brighter side of the picture is the large number who have contributed to this issue and who still have an interest in life. We should all have the viewpoint of the Irishman who said "I have lived so long now I won't care if I don't die."

"In spite of all the above gloom many things are getting better. People in general are more conservation-minded and informed on public activities along that line. Land owners are more conscious of their responsibility to the country. Sportsmen are more aware of their responsibility to the land owner and the need for better game management.

"Now and then a flare-up comes like the Livestock Assn. land grab deal but by and large the public recognizes the need for the old line bureaus that are trying to conserve the nation's resources and the Forest Service is faring pretty well."G.E.M

TOO TIRED TO WRITE - MUCH:

This business of editing "TIMBER LINES" wears me down to the point where I scarcely have strength to write a letter from me to you. The 1949 job is about done now and with what remaining pep I have I shall attempt to tell you something about what goes on with us. Inflation and his twin brother HCL interferes a great deal with our plans made long before retirement - namely to travel and see more of the world. About all the travelling I can afford now is an occasional trip to the grocery store to buy beans. We do, however, have a pretty good grub line established extending down into California and over into the Rockies--but it takes gas, oil and tires to get there and sooner or later one has to pay for the things he

gets on a credit card. We have not fared too badly, however. Mrs. Steele and I spent about six weeks in California after it warmed up enough there to call it spring. We went as far south as La Jolla, where we called on Stanley and Mrs. Walters. Found them well and happy in their new home there. We plan to do a lot of camping this summer. It is cheaper living that way if the fish bite well. Always happy to see our old friends of the Service and to participate in the activities of the 30-Year Club. While in the San Francisco area we spent some very pleasant days with Chet and Millie Morse - retired Forest Service folks in R-5. Many of you will remember Chet as ARF in charge of Lands in R-5 before his retirement.

"Whenever any of you come this way we should be happy to have you call and partake of whatever we can scrape up."

(Foster Steele)
3815 N.E. 34th Avenue
Portland 13, Oregon

FINALE:

And that, dear friends, winds up this issue of Timber Lines. We hope you find something in it of interest to you and we hope that you will be stimulated to send in some notes about yourselves for our next issue. If someone will kindly use the big hook to pull Junior off the stage we will ring down the curtain on his third act.

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