

T I M B E R L I N E S

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"From compromise and things half done,
Keep me from stubborn pride;
And when the time comes for me to die,
God, I pray, will let me go."

Introducing Junior:

Junior is our first born. Will he show some trepidation that he is being brought out here before you for his initial trial? Will he put his toe and heel on his face? Will he, with a show of bravado, bravely face the skeletons in our closets? or will he, with angelic expression, please the ladies and fill our hearts with pride and joy? We shall see. If you have good words to write your approval maybe we may give him another chance to shine in the future. Bring you news of your "clan". It is not our purpose to spare the rod if Junior turns out to be a brat it will be your fault for not disciplining him thoroughly and in the right places.

The President Says:

Official work has been so constant all the way to the end of the year we neglected the important duties you folks so generously bestowed upon me by electing me president. I have many plans and hopes that they will be carried out. First I wanted this bulletin out 2 months ago, but now it is three months old now.

Sincerely, however, I do want to bring into the Club as many people as possible who are eligible. We miss those frequent chats and friendly handshakes, and we don't want to do that. I realize that our contacts are limited but at that let's not forget the ties we have had and keep in touch with each other.

We want all of you to write in at any time and tell us about yourself and how you are spending your time. Some have done that and you will find their contributions most interesting reading in this bulletin. So let's keep together as well as we can.

Other regions have followed our start and now there is talk of a national organization of the 30-Year clubs. We must keep abreast of the times and hold the pace as we have set it. We can do that only with your help.

Rankings of retirees are growing each year. In your contacts with your regionals you can do much to bring them into the club where they can help each other smooth over the inevitable break in life habits.

I hope you all experience a very successful and enjoyable year and that you are making plans now to meet with the club in 1948.

The January Election:

Forty-two completed ballots were cast in the annual election of officers, resulting in the selection of the following to serve through 1947:

President - - - - -	A. J. Jaenicke
Vice President - -	Harry A. White
Secretary-Treasurer - -	Glenn Mitchell
Committeeman - - - - -	A. O. Waha
" - - - - -	Fred W. Cleator

The Annual Dinner Meeting:

The third annual dinner meeting was held in the Sky Room of the Swan Island Cafeteria, March 20, 1947.

The crowd began to gather at 5:30 p.m. Visiting over good punch provided by A. Wolfe continued until dinner was served at 6:45 p.m. Some group singing was tried by a few but the punch was too weak to generate much musical volume. The sky room is a charming place for such a meeting. It is tastefully furnished and equipped and commands a splendid view of the river.

The food was excellent, well and quickly served, all of which added to the pleasure of the evening. The accordion player evidently figured that such a group would be a mite deaf. He was finally toned down to moderately soft tones which fitted much better with the eager visitors.

After dinner the business session was started.

President Steele gave a short address of welcome, after which John Kuhns took over as toastmaster.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read but merely highlighted to the satisfaction of all present.

The Treasurer's report was read which showed a substantial balance. The 30-Year emblem project was briefly reviewed and a report of the financing made.

One hundred ten emblems have been purchased and paid for. Ninety-two presented and arrangements set up to continue the plan. It is likely that ten more members of R-6 will become eligible for emblems during 1947. Additional emblems can be purchased now in lots of ten or more, now that the mould is made, at the same price paid for the original order of 100.

The following questions were discussed but no decisions arrived at since it was considered best to submit these matters to the whole membership by ballot:

1. Should the Club include members who have retired from other regions but now reside in R-6?

Comment: The Constitution now provides that an applicant, if otherwise eligible, may be accepted if a resident of R-6 area at the time the application is made, so the above question seems disposed of by that provision.

2. Should associate membership be provided for services of less than 30 years but over 20, and should they be admitted to full membership after the expiration of thirty years from time of first employment?

Comment: This question will be submitted to the membership for decision by ballot.

Steele reviewed a civil service bill which is now before Congress. It is known as S-637 and was introduced by Senator Langer. The bill would liberalize present annuities to meet the higher cost of living and would provide for more optional privileges of retirement.

The present dope is that bill (S-637) probably will not be abandoned but there is little chance for it to pass this session of Congress. The principal stumbling block was survivorship benefits. Some of the provisions of the above bill are:

- Sec. 1. Optional retirement at 60 years after 10 years of service.
- Sec. 2. Compulsory retirement at age 70 after 10 years of service.
- Sec. 4. Annuities will be life annuities computed as follows:
 - (a) In no case may the annuity exceed 90 per cent of the employee's highest 5-year average salary.
 - (b) An employee may elect to receive a joint and survivorship annuity in lieu of a life annuity.
- Sec. 8. This section provides certain benefits for retired employees already on the annuity rolls. The annuity of each such person would be increased by 25% or \$300, whichever is less.
- Sec. 9. Permits an employee to make deposit into the retirement Fund covering periods when he was not subject to the Act.
- Sec. 10. The rate of retirement deductions is increased to 6%. Voluntary contributions can be made as heretofore.
- Sec. 11. Eliminates the tontine. This section even goes so far as to describe a widow. A widow is an individual who was married to such individual for at least five years immediately preceding his death or is the mother of a child or children by such a marriage. (I'm glad to know what a widow is. G.E.M.)

There are many other minor items changed from the present law but they are too numerous to mention here.

Douglas gave a short resume of the concerted attack on all government land administering bureaus including the Forest Service. This attack was generated by a few special groups who desire to obtain and further exploit federal natural resources. Kuhns further amplified Doug's remarks.

The meeting was then turned to the social side and Toastmaster Kuhns called on several for remarks. Gilbert Brown, Mrs. Brown, Asher Ireland, Fred Cleator, Vern Harpham, Kirk Cecil, Grover Blake, Thornton Manger, Zella Manwaren, Edna Patchin, Mel Merritt and "Wu" Waha responded.

Other out of town attendants were Malcolm Loring, Ray Bruckart, Charlie Simpson, Karl and Mrs. Janouch, and Carl and Mrs. Ewing.

The consensus of the group was that this type of meeting was preferable to the more formal plan with set speeches.

The evening ended with group singing and then adjourned sine die.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

If a member has paid dues and has not received a membership card please notify Glenn Mitchell. Glenn says that in some cases he received dues while in the field where he was unable to issue the card and he is not sure that all who paid have been issued a card.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The Secretary-Treasurer reports a total membership of about 60 and a cash balance on hand as of March 20, 1947 of \$59.45. Both the membership and the cash balance should grow during the year.

The following is a statement of collections and expenditures for the 30-year emblem:

100 buttons and 10 pins were ordered at a total cost of \$277.20

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>
July 30, Donations from the field - - - - -	\$ 184.00	
August 1, Karl J. Klein, Jeweler - - - - -		\$ 200.00
Nov. 20, Donations - - - - -	60.50	
Dec. 30, Club funds - - - - -	32.70	
" 30, Karl J. Klein, Jeweler - - - - -		77.20
Totals	\$ 277.20	\$ 277.20

The Club has pledged 50% of the annual dues to the emblem fund to guarantee emblems to everyone as they become eligible. A growing membership and the prompt payment of dues will enable the Club to meet this obligation.

THE MAIL BAG:

Letter from June H. Wertz, 2042 S.W. Madison, Portland, Oregon:

"Please accept my somewhat belated acknowledgement of your letter of August 26 forwarding me the emblem of the Thirty-Year Club and extending congratulations and good wishes from the Club. It is a very beautiful pin and I wish to thank you and the Club for sending it to me. I have been such an inactive person that I feel I am not really entitled to it. Perhaps when I lay my official duties aside I shall have more ambition in taking part in such worthy organizations as the one of which you are president."

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From Shirley Buck, 2730 McLoughlin Boulevard, Milwaukie, Oregon:

"Your letter of August 26 accompanied by Thirty-Year pin came during my absence from the state. Was home only a few days when I left again and it is only now I have got around to acknowledgement. Both the letter and pin are much appreciated. Both you and your staff are entitled to much credit in your successful efforts to keep alive esprit de corps."

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From Fred E. Ames, San Francisco, California:

"Since I shall not return in time for the Old Timer's dinner I wish you would give them all my cordial greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable evening."

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From Martin W. Prasch, Snoqualmie National Forest, Seattle, Washington:

"Thanks, Glenn, I'd like to be thar too but we are still busy getting caught up. I should have been asked ?? to send you my flies mounted in a frame which I had in entrance room but someone took 'em out of there and put 'em in a back room face down so I guess my effort to get people to use flies instead of those damn single eggs is not considered proper, or something. I fished about 25 times around Seattle last summer and caught only 12 trout. On every Lake I went to there were dozens of boats with from 3 to 4 people sitting there with feed eggs and single eggs - result - all the fingerlings destroyed and no more fish until planted again. Why can't the Forest Service prohibit single eggs during the fishing season??? At least in the Nat. Forests? Fishing for trout should be a sporting proposition and not to fill the cold storage lockers. If fishermen want food they should go salmon fishing."

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From Albert Baker, Walla Walla, Washington:

"I just received the 30-Year pin which I am very proud and glad to receive. Sorry I could not have been to the meetings that were held this fall. Maybe some day I will be able to attend. This emblem represents 30 very enjoyable years of my life.

"Again I want to thank you and all the others who made it possible for me to be able to receive the pin. With the best of seasons greetings to you and the rest of the "gang", I remain"

From R. S. Shelley, Route #2, Box 154-A, Eugene, Oregon

"Yes, I reached retirement age in 1938. I dreaded it. The next morning I went into a real estate office and kept my nose on this new grindstone for 16 months then decided to see if there was a better place than here in the whole U.S.A.--there isn't. After covering 42 states all but the dust bowl, I acquired three farms within a 5-mile radius of Eugene and really worked a bit in the Realty business. Made the two largest sales that were ever made in Eugene--not much kick to that tho. (Still keep at it when I feel like it, however.)

"Recently a good friend of mine--after two generations of effort turned over a 265 acre farm mostly in filberts and other orchard--as the start for a home for dependent children--around a \$200,000.00 value. My activities in this line (Co-chairman of the State board, specifically in charge of production on the property) gives me quite a lift at times. For example: Take the Main line out of Portland a half hour before sunset--see the sun go down from Rainier to the Three Sisters. The Columbia Gorge is but a shadow with a thread of silver. The Mt. Adams and Wind River fire, Herman Cr. and all the rest of them are green spots again, and small areas at that--then the shooting stars, the Eastern Oregon sky is full of them. You get your money's worth before you cross the State line. You think of these lines:

'Will you let me go now I have far to travel
Out beyond the swinging stars where the winds unravel
Every time I started on the moon trail, on the comet's pathway you
held me back.
Now that I am free of your body I shall go endlessly adventuring
eternal things to know.
Out from my prison bars the dark clasp of earth,
Why do they call this death instead of birth.'

Don't retire - readjust

"A granddaughter was waiting in Indiana. I sure got a kick out of spoiling her.

"Coming back with 2 feet of snow in Denver, that Rocky Mountain skyline from Pike's Peak to the Bighorn Mountains is something you can't put in words."

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From C. B. McFarland, Oakridge, Oregon:

"Had quite a wreck. Was hit clear off road. The darnest thing. Home convalescing. Doctors say will be good as new in six weeks or two months.

"Am living on farm 1 mi. N. of Oakridge. Was going good until accident Dec. 12. We had hoped to build when we moved to ranch but conditions made construction of new dwelling impracticable. We have a house 50 years old. Good fireplace, six rooms, laundry, plumbing all modern, electricity, and are promised Bonneville power by July.

"I miss the personnel very much but have enjoyed my retirement. Have been busy building chicken park, landscaping, new sidewalks, and cleaning up after tenants. Place has been rented by me since 1929."

From Rudo L. Fromme, 493 W. Monterey Ave., Pomona, California.

"SOMEBODY - I SAY - SOMEBODY" (as Senator Claghorne might start it) sent me a nifty looking little badge with a F. S. tree and "30 Yrs." engraved on it. I was highly pleased to get this, even though I sadly neglected to respond to the circular notice of last May 17. The truth is, I wasn't nearly as thrilled with the idea as in the actual receipt. Seems like the more immediate competition of the "bathing beauties" of Long Beach last spring and summer, plus my grease paint makeup activities with Community Players, colleges and high schools, wafted me a long ways from old Forest Service recollections of the Pacific Northwest.

"However, I've come back to earth enough now to want to cover my share in the cost of this "emblematic award", or whatever title this little gold badge enjoys. Your form letter of last May left this amount far too indefinite for me to fathom--or else I didn't receive all the dope.

"Once in a while, I get a little pay for my makeup services--as for instance in my late lineup of an extra curricular class of 20 co-eds at Pomona College in Claremont,--but most of the time it's just freely admitted fun.

"Please let me know the cost of the 'pin!."

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From Harry White, 1618 Riggs Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

"I must apologize for not writing to you sooner. Time goes so fast I hadn't realized it is nearly a month since you wrote me.

"I appreciate the honor of being elected V.P. of the 30-Year Club very much. Afraid I won't be much good, as it will be so late when I reach Portland and when I do; if plans materialize, I expect to be on the go much of the time. But I'll do the best I can. No suggestions for activities at this time. Away off here my mind is a blank on that.

"I'll have to take a look for my 30-Year pin. It's around somewhere, but I havn't been wearing it. Someway I never was much for wearing pins, but I value it highly. I'll make a point of showing it to Loveridge.

"I certainly would have enjoyed being at the party. Well, maybe next time. Lots of retirees around here now. Wonder if the Washington Office will organize a 30-Year Club. There would be quite a few of them--in fact a good many over 40 yrs. Do you know Pierson (forgot his initials) who retired some time ago, after more than 40 yrs.? He used to have the room I'm living in and some of the pictures on the walls are his. He called to see my host the other day and I visited with them awhile. He seems to be having a good time. Bought a new Plymouth last fall (how do they do it?) and traveled to Florida. Is now working north. Don't think I'd get much kick out of that sort of thing--alone. Think I'll go on working--in or out.

"Glad to know Eric is doing O.K. I'd heard about Bob and certainly was very sorry. I trust he is much improved by this time.

"Give my best wishes to all the gang. Wish you all could see the beauty of spring here. But it's beautiful there too.

"P.S. Saw the two Presidents today. There certainly was a jam on the streets."

From Grover C. Blake, Rt. 2, Box 425, Roseburg, Oregon:

"As for what I am doing: Well, I am milking two cows twice a day and feeding and caring for 200 chickens, and then during rest periods I am helping to build or remodel houses and other needed buildings. Then once in a while I take Vernon Harpham out in the woods and give him a few hunting lessons. Incidentally I used to brag about my marksmanship but I discovered this last year that it was all imaginary since I cannot hit the side of a big hill."

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Althea Wheeler, Cascade Locks, Oregon:

"I want to acknowledge receipt of the Thirty-Year pin and I say 'Thank you'. Seems like an elegant idea on the part of someone. Makes one feel like they still belonged somehow in the Forest Service, even though the distinction mainly is for longevity, maybe.

"I have been picking rocks out of the scanty soil on my place here most of the day. Have been very much occupied all summer trying to buy shingles, nails, boards, a refrigerator, paint (no score on any) and picking rocks. There is neither eggs nor meat in the Locks this week, but someone caught a salmon in the Lake and I hear fishing is extra. If I just had some tires, I could market in Portland, or could I?"

"Well, here is wishing you all thirty years more, that is if you want thirty years more. I didn't."

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H. G. Whitney, 744 No. 4th St., Corvallis, Oregon:

"Since retiring on June 10th, just 38 years to a day from date I entered F.S. I've been living at 744 No. 4th St., Corvallis, where we have 5 acres in garden and berries, tho the berries suffered somewhat during war years as no one had time to tend them.

"My health has improved somewhat since retiring and I spend all time I can out of doors; work only when I feel like it, and go fishing often."

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Ira A.E. Jones, 1900 Park Avenue:

"I am still at 1900 Park Avenue and enjoying myself very much. Do some hunting and fishing. Got 4-point buck, some geese and some very good steelhead fishing trips. I still work some for the Eugene Fruit Growers.

"I also take in all football games, baseball and quite a few basketball games, so you see I keep busy most of the time."

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H. E. Haefner, 4242 N. E. Failing St., Portland 13, Oregon:

"I told Foster Steele a short time ago I would send membership dues for the Thirty-Year Club, which I understood was \$1.00. The Thirty-Year Club button is very nice and if I owe more let me know."

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C. H. Thorp, 338 S. Chelan Ave., Wenatchee, Washington:

"Your letter of March 3 and the 30-Year emblem were received last week. I am glad to have the emblem, and appreciate it very much. Thanks for your good wishes, and when I am in Portland again, I will call on you and thank you personally.

"Best regards to you also. I do not believe we have met, but the Forest Service personnel as a whole is above average, I believe, and I wish you well."

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George A. Bright, Shelter Island Heights, Long Island, New York:

"Thanks for sending me the Adm. Digest of March 12. It did not reach me until today, 4 months late to a day. I would have liked to attend the Thirty-Year Club dinner on March 20th but at that time I was in the Bahamas on a visit.

"I am now at Shelter Island Heights on the east end of Long Island and expect to remain here until I return to Portland in the fall.

"Does the F. S. have a mailing list of the Adm. Digest or '6-26' or any other such manuscripts to old F.S. employees? If so, I would certainly be pleased to receive them.

"I was glad to receive the 'Thirty-Year' button which you sent me. Thank you again."

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C. M. Adams, 3119 Montrose Ave., La Crescenta, California:

"Yesterday I received your notice of the 30-Year Club meeting set for March 20. I'm sorry that I did not get it in time to at least acknowledge it before that date. I also received 2 other letters yesterday from Olympia that were written March 13. Where my mail has been I don't know. Of course I would not have been able to attend the Thirty-Year Club, but I would have sent you my regrets had I received the notice in time. The March 20 meeting is the first I have missed and I hope to be with you next year, but as I am sort of a roaming gypsy now, it is hard to tell where I will be by the time our next meeting is scheduled.

"We have been having lots of fun just roamin' around and there is very little of Southern California we haven't seen. We are leaving here the 9th of this month for Olympia, but will stop at Sacramento, Eugene and Portland, so will not get home until the latter part of April. We hate to give up our apartment as we may not have such good luck next year if we come back, but we want to go back and find out whether we like it better there than here so we don't know just what the final outcome will be. So we will be seeing you in Portland soon as we are going to visit with the Ericson's before we go on home. Please extend our good wishes to all, and with best wishes to you and yours, I remain..."

REGION ONE'S THIRTY-YEAR CLUB:

Secretary-Treasurer Mitchell has received copy of a bulletin published by R-1 Thirty-Year Club. It consists of a memorandum from the President of the Club to all members; a list of members still in the Service numbering twenty-four, and a collection of interesting letters from retired members totaling forty-six.

The Club is considering the adoption of a Thirty-Year emblem similar to the one we have in R-6. They are planning a Club picnic for early July. The R-1 Information Digest is sent regularly to all retired members.

Officers of the Club are:

President - - - - - Frank J. Cool
Vice President- - - - - Hartley A. Calkins
Secretary-Treasurer - - - - - Marie C. Wertz
Committeeman- - - - - John W. Lowell
" - - - - - Clyde S. Webb

The R-1 Club is off to a good start. We extend our congratulations and good wishes.

Those who will complete thirty years of service in 1947:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assign.</u>	<u>30 Yrs. Completed</u>	
Boeck, Ivy I.	R.O.	Sept. 1947	All F. S. employment
Flach, Victor	R.O.	Dec. "	" " " " except 3 mos. military
Flynn, T. P.	R.O.	Nov. "	" " " " " time in " service
Griffith, Geo.	R.O.	Oct. "	" " " employment
Mitchell, J. R.	Chelan	Dec. "	" " " employment
Prasch, M.	Snoqualmie	Oct. "	Not all F. S. employment
Richards, H. R.	Mt. Hood	Aug. "	All F. S. employment
Walters, Stan	Mt. Hood	March "	" " " employment

To these folks the Club extends greetings and felicitations together with a cordial invitation to become members of this Club.