

OKLAHOMA – FRED J FORTNEY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LeRoy Tull was President of the Oklahoma SCS/NRCS Retired Employee for 2001. He worked diligently to update the by-laws and to conduct a spring and fall meeting. The interest has been revived and the member response has been very good.

For the 2002 year David Haggard has been elected President, LeRoy Tull, Vice-President and Fred Fortney, Secretary-Treasurer. A letter to update all members and the opportunity to raise funds with a \$10 per membership fee has been tremendous. Plans are being made for another spring meeting in Oklahoma City in April.

Roland and June Willis took an Inlet Passage Cruise to Alaska in August. They were accompanied by another couple from Stillwater. Roland said they had a wonderful time. The scenery was beautiful and the food was wonderful.

Don Bartolina has been selected as Executive Director for the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts. Many may remember Don for his work as SWCS Representative for the Southwest Region and his input for the International Land, Range and Pasture Judging Contest that is held in Oklahoma City each spring. He is the first to serve as Executive Director of Okla, OACD.

Bobby Birdwell still owns land in Tennessee and periodically makes trips back to the Cookville area where he visits family, takes care of the woodland and does some hunting.

Fred and Gayle Fortney, along with another Stillwater couple, made a trip last May to St. Petersburgh, Russia, and Finland, Sweeden, Denmark and Norway. It was an interesting three weeks to see those beautiful countries and learn more about the people there. Regardless of where one goes the USA always look mighty good when you return.

Dale and Marilyn Bell have bought a cabin at Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Dale says the summers are mighty nice up there. Dale has had some surgery but is doing well.

Al and Pat Conradi made a stop in Stillwater on their last visit back to Oklahoma. They sold their home in Tennesse and travel in their travel home to various locations in the states and Mexico to help with building homes for the needy thru Habitat For Humanity.

IN MEMORIAM

Ivan Little, 83, died September 12, 2001 in Stillwater. Prior to retirement he worked as an Agronomist and Economist with a wathershed planning party. He wife, Luceil, and two daughter survives.

Darrell Hickman, 64, died November 7, 2001. Before retiring he had worked 33 years for SCS. He worked on a watershed planning staff and retired as Cartographer, preparing Soil Survey Publications of Okla. counties. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and one son.