



SCS/NRCS Retirees Newsletter

Issue 2

OKLAHOMA – FRED J FORTNEY, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The Oklahoma Retirees met September 7, 2002 in the Oklahoma State University Student Union Building in Stillwater. Newly elected officers for the coming year were:

Keith Vaughan, Stillwater, President

Tom Sebert, Oklahoma City, Vice President

Fred Fortney, Stillwater, Secretary-Treasurer

Don Jackson has retired again, this time from Bank One, Oklahoma City, where he managed their agricultural land in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Otho and Emma Lamar are still living on their ranch near Bray, Oklahoma. Their son has moved back to Duncan where he is in a law practice. Otho and Emma are frequent attendees of OSU sporting events.

Bill Petermann of Stillwater had been ill and is taking chemotherapy treatment. LaDonna has recently had surgery to replace a knee joint.

Iola Chandler is living in an assisted living facility in Wichita Falls, Texas. She now has an electric wheel chair and says it is a joy to be able to get around since she cannot walk. She has a lakeside lot in NE Oklahoma that she would like to sell. If you are interested in it please contact her at 1525 S. Highway 79, Apt. #135, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302.

Swede Martin is now living at the Resthaven Nursing Home. Judy still lives in their home and spends several hours each day with Swede. His mailing address is 1215 S. Western Rd. Stillwater, OK 74074.

Jimmie and Roberta Frie recently lost their oldest son, Carl, to cancer. He was a manager of a lumber company in Texas.

Ernest and Jean Snook are building a new home near Kimberling City, Mo. This is near Branson. They have lived in that area for several years now and several of the locals see Snook when they are there as he works as an usher to the Palace Theater.

Norman and Jane Smola made a trip to the NW and the Lake Louise, Canada area this past summer. Norman says he would recommend this to anyone wanting to see beautiful country.

Lenora Young now lives in Santa Fe, N.M. Her health is good and she participates in several local programs. She periodically takes course work which she says helps her to stay alert. Her daughter and son-in-law live there also.

The Abandoned Mined Land Program, administered by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, hires several SCS/NRCS employees to apply their program. David Haggard is the Program Engineer in the Oklahoma City office. Bob Heidlage, Claremore, serves as their Project Engineer, doing design work and supervising the inspectors. The inspector staff consists of : Chuck Nettle, Jimmy Thomas, Gene Spurlock, Bill Weaver, and Preston Green. Finis Sturgeon has been an inspector also but has recently retired.

Jennie (Gibson) Watson has moved to San Antonio, Texas after the death of her husband, Raymond. She has a daughter and family and son living in that area. She has had back surgery and has been hospitalized for several weeks. She wrote Betty Todd that after nursing care she is to move to a rehabilitation center, and is looking forward to moving back to her apartment.

IN MEMORIAM

John Teakell, 74, died May 31, 2002 at his home in Walters, Oklahoma. He was buried in the Walters cemetery. Prior to retirement he worked the Perry Field Office.

Fenton Gray, 86, of Stillwater died October 18, 2002. In his early career he worked as a Soil Scientist for SCS. He returned to school to complete his Ph.D. in soil science. He was on the faculty at OSU where he taught soil morphology and cooperated on the Oklahoma Soil Surveys until his retirement several years ago.