

THE SILVER WOLF

Newsletter for CALS Faculty/Staff Retirees

Summer 2008 Edition



The **Silver Wolf** is published by the
CALS Alumni & Friends Society
Campus Box 7645, Raleigh, NC 27695
Office phone: 919-515-7222
W. Scott Troutman, Executive Director
Julia C. Brooks, Assistant Director/Editor
Website: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni>
Email: calsalum@ncsu.edu

CALS Spring Retiree Event



Saturday April 26 was a warm, sunny day perfect for a tour of the gardens at the JC Raulston Arboretum.

Over 120 attendees came to the York Auditorium to mingle with friends and colleagues. Attendees also enjoyed a CALS legislative update from Dean Johnny C. Wynne.

More photos
displayed inside!



A RETIREE STORY... By Charles M. Turner of Raleigh, NC – Retired AG Education



My parents and I went to visit in the Spring of 1932 to see if I could get some help working my way through school. I was told that all the help went to juniors and seniors, so we went back home very disappointed. About a month later I borrowed \$350 and went back to enroll as a freshman in the fall of 1933, not knowing what the tuition was. I went by the cafeteria to see if I could get a job waiting on tables. It so happened, that one of the boys was to come back as a waiter but his father died and he could not return, so I was promised his position in the Fall; serving (6) tables of football players under Hank Anderson. This was some experience. Players' appetites were tremendous. The same year I got a room with Mrs. Farrior about one half the way to the State Fair Grounds—eight or ten blocks from the College. I had no transportation and walked back and forth from Mrs. Farrior's house, to fire a furnace for my room.

Later on in the Fall, Prof. R.H. Ruffner head of the Dairy Department, found out that I was raised on a dairy farm so the next 3 yrs. was spent milking 10 to 12 cows (3 times a day) starting 4-12-8, 7 days a week, 365 days for 3 yrs at 18¢ per hour, also making 50 gallons of ice cream daily and bottling 1200 ½ pt milk to be used by the cafeteria (daily). My room changed from Mrs. Farrior's attic to the bottom floor of Polk Hall with three other boys as room mates and milking mates.

This job was quite confusing, in fact, one year I got a date with a Raleigh girl for 9 o'clock and after milking asked Professor Ruffner, if I could get a substitute milker. He said, "Turner you can break a date with a girl but you can't with a cow"; so that was the end of my social life. In the summer, when school was out, I worked on the college farm putting up silage and hay, and making ice cream to be used in the cafeteria during the regular school year.

I kept a record of my time spent during the 3 years at the dairy and on the farm, which averaged about 60 hours a week—along with my school-work. The first year was very hard with subjects I had never had before. My subjects were Botany, Zoology, College Math, and English, and Chemistry. With all the work and College Subjects I had no time for girls or social life, yet I finished with a B average, but no girl friends!

I finished school in 1937 and had a job the next day with U.S.D.A. testing milk in five counties under the direction of John Arey, and Prof R.H. Ruffner in five counties—Mecklenburg, Gastonia, Union, Iredell, Anson—I stayed with the farms at nights.

After a year of dairy testing I changed jobs to Farm Security Administration making loans to low income farmers in mountain counties of Polk, Transylvania, and Henderson refinancing and making new loans. Most of our work dealt with renewing their commitment of paying for loans made during the depression years of 1930's.

In 1941, my sister was killed in a car wreck in front of her house. Her husband, my brother in law, a civil engineer was also drafted in the Army. So with the boys' mother dead and dad in the army I gave up my job to go to my hometown of Reidsville to be Guardian of his two boys (12 and 13 yrs) and to take over my brothers farm, who was also in the Army. A "Newlywed" with a new baby, I set out in a new direction with God's help. In 1946 J.E. Foil, county agent of Rockingham County, offered me a job as Livestock Agent and I accepted. July 1, 1946, I became Livestock agent in my home county which is very rare in Extension.

This was very good for me since I bought my brother-in-law's house and moved across the road from our home farm. In Rockingham County I was responsible for all livestock production, beef, dairy, swine, sheep, and goats as well as field crops corn, small grain silage and pastures and hay crops.

I retired in 1973 after a tractor accident that almost took my life after 34 yrs of agricultural work in my home county and other Piedmont Counties.

Two wives played very important roles in my life. My wife of 59 ½ years, Catherine and I raised four children; two boys and two girls. We planned to have the four years apart so we could educate them. The older boy made such good grades in his schooling, that it did not cost us anything except food and clothing. He won scholarships through college with 3 years at Duke and one year at the University of Edinburgh.

The older girl (Mary) waited until her children were in grammar school before she planned to go to college and then asked Dad to pay the bill, which I gladly did—she is a school teacher.

Charles M. Turner story continued:

The third child was a boy (Jim) who when the time came went for wrestling. In fact the whole team were college champions their senior year. He was awarded a scholarship each year at no cost for tuition. After graduation Jim went to work at Miller Brewing Co in Eden. He went from Quality control to Production Manager at Williamsburg VA, supervising about 200 men and women. This is his present location. Jim plans to retire in a few years.

My baby girl, Rosie, is a dental assistant in Reidsville. She is a dental assistant with 2 years at UNC Chapel Hill. Rosie and Freddy Crisco have two boys-Adam and Daniel.

Adam, the older, was drafted in the Army at the completion of High School for 5 yrs during the war with Iraq, as Airplane mechanic.

Daniel, the 2nd boy for Rosie, is training to be some kind of mechanical employee when his training is completed next year.

I'm a very proud grand-father of (9) grand-children and two great grand-children. At the age of 95 and still in good health as far as I know, I will try with God's help to guide these grand-children as best I can. God has brought me through some tough times, a tractor accident with 50+ days in the hospital and other minor accidents. I know I'm here for a purpose!



Charles M. Turner pictured on the left in earlier years with a fellow extension agent.

University Dates:

**Fall 2008 Semester begins
August 20**

**NC State Homecoming
October 4**

NC State vs. Boston College

Upcoming Events – SAVE THE DATE!

- CALS TAILGATE 2008! – Saturday, September 6 in Dorton Arena, NC State Fairgrounds. Come and enjoy the fun, food, festivities, and football. Mail in your registration today! Also, if you would like to donate a tax-deductible item for the silent auction or donate your time as an event volunteer, contact the CALS Alumni office! (Your registration form is inside this newsletter!)

-Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual CALS Retiree Luncheon at the McKimmon Center on December 6, 2008.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Story excerpt from the NC State Newsroom June 2007:

NC State Mourns Loss of Former CALS Dean



Dean Colvard, former dean of North Carolina State University's School of Agriculture (now the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences) and professor of animal science, died after a lengthy illness. He was 93. Colvard served as superintendent of Mountain Research Farms of the N.C. Agricultural Research Stations from 1938 to 1946. He joined the NC State faculty in 1947. From 1948 to 1953, he served as head of the Department of Animal Industry. He then served as dean of the School of Agriculture from 1953 to 1960. After leaving NC State, Colvard served as president of Mississippi State University – where he was instrumental in integrating the university – and later as chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. “Dean Colvard was a man of extraordinary vision and leadership, and I have been proud to count him among my colleagues and friends,” said Chancellor James Oblinger. “He left a strong legacy during his time at NC State, most noticeably as dean, but also as superintendent, professor of animal science and department head – and then later in his role as a

university benefactor and friend.”

In 1998, Colvard received the 4-H Development Fund's Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Throughout his career, he made courageous and visionary decisions, and he credited 4-H for its role in helping instill in him leadership skills that would ultimately propel him to the highest levels of service in agriculture and in higher education,” Oblinger added. Colvard was named the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' first honorary alumnus in 2005. He and his wife created the Dr. Dean and Mrs. Martha Colvard 4-H Leadership Endowment in October 2005. Colvard was born in 1913 in Grassy Creek in Ashe County. He received his bachelor's degree in agriculture from Berea College, his master's degree in animal physiology from the University of Missouri, and his Ph.D. in livestock economics from Purdue University.

Memorials can be made to the following: NC 4-H Development Fund, NC State University Box 7645, Raleigh, NC 27695; Colvard Merit Scholarship Fund, Office of Development, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 28223; Berea College, CPO 2216, Berea, KY 40404 Attn: Dorothy Anglin; and Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 East Morehead St. Charlotte, NC 28204.

In Memoriam Across the State:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| ❖ Dr. Fleet D. Allen – Mooresville | Mr. Samuel J. Hodges, Jr. – Greensboro |
| ❖ Dr. Charles A. Brim – Cary | Ms. Helen L. Hoskins – Durham |
| ❖ Ms. Sarah W. Cox – Goldsboro | Mr. Billy Wilford Hull – Midland |
| ❖ Ms. Ann W. Fail – Fayetteville | Ms. Mariah McPherson – Hillsborough |
| ❖ Dr. William T. Fike – Raleigh | Dr. Nathaniel T. Powell – Amherst, VA |
| ❖ Mrs. Betty C. Harrington – Troutman | Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill – Franklin |
| ❖ Dr. William W. Hassler – Raleigh | Mr. P. Paul Thompson - Raleigh |

Faithful Companion



In 2001, NC Cooperative Extension retiree Bob Breland and his son were in a car accident. Not only did Bob lose his sight and most of his mobility, but his son as well. At the time of the accident, Bob's wife Joyce thought she would lose Bob also. But despite his many injuries and being in a coma, Bob survived and with the help of family friends has been able to do his best in a difficult situation. Now his best is even better with the help of Phoebe.

Phoebe, a golden retriever, is Bob's mobility assistant he received through the New Life Mobility Assistance Dogs program. Last year, Bob and Joyce read an announcement in a local newspaper that the group was holding an information program at a local barbeque restaurant. They attended, because they liked the restaurant and doctors had suggested a guide dog during his recovery. They liked what they heard and a few weeks later, Bob was holding a fluffy golden puppy at another New Life event. The puppy would become his new best friend, Phoebe.



(Left: Bob pictured with friends)

Once Bob decided he would like to have Phoebe by his side, the community jumped in to help the Brelands and New Life pay for Phoebe's training and care. A local elementary school raised over \$1,600 for Bob and Phoebe and this past spring Phoebe became a permanent resident at Bob and Joyce's West Jefferson home.

One of the most useful things Phoebe does is to hold doors open for Bob, something which is difficult for him to do being in a wheelchair. Because of the positive change Phoebe has made in his life, Bob and Joyce plan to continue fundraising for the care and training of New Life dogs for future recipients. It costs as much as \$10,000 to train a dog and as long as six months to a year for a dog to become fully trained. For more information on Life Mobility Assistance Dogs, visit their website www.nlmad.org or call Karen Brown at 336-838-2215.

Call for Volunteers!

As our CALS Retiree family grows, and as we expand our retiree events each year, we are looking for those individuals who would like to get involved and assist us with event preparation mailings, event registration, etc.

Other ways you can help:

-We would like to organize a special group of CALS retirees to visit other CALS retirees that are unable to participate in events due to health issues and physical immobility. It is our hope to organize a group to help identify these folks, make visitations, and help find resources for transportation for these retirees so that they can attend our great events.

-Be an advocate by offering your help with email or a phone tree coordinator when the need arises to spread news of upcoming issues on behalf of the Dean and our College.

If interested, contact Scott or Julia in the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office: 919-515-6212 or email: calsalum@ncsu.edu

A GARDEN OF FRIENDS...



More photos from the 2008 Spring Retiree Event at the JC Raulston Arboretum on April 26.



...and
colleagues



4-H Celebrates its 100th Birthday!

These are exciting days for the 4-H Youth Development Program and for your North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. North Carolina 4-H is about to celebrate its 100th birthday! Starting at Ahoskie, as corn growing clubs in 1909, 4-H has become the largest youth development program in the state, serving more than 204,000 young people age

5-19. As we expand upon the vision of 4-H pioneers like L.R. Harrill and others, we will set the stage for a second century of 4-H in North Carolina. Special celebrations will occur across the state at 4-H clubs, in every county and at the state level.

To honor those legendary individuals who have made North Carolina 4-H a great organization, a North Carolina

4-H Hall of Fame will be established during the centennial. Counties will be invited to nominate outstanding 4-H pioneers and alumni past and present to be inducted into this new Hall of Fame. North Carolina has several representatives in the National 4-H Hall of Fame: L.R. Harrill, Ralph Ketner, T. Carlton Blalock and Fred Wagoner. M. Edmund Aycock will join this prestigious group during National 4-H Week in October, 2008.

At the time of North Carolina 4-H's 75th anniversary, Dr. Jim Clark penned the definitive history of 4-H, chronicling the people and happenings from 1909 through 1984. Dr. Clark has agreed to create a revised

edition of "Clover All Over" to capture the entire first century of North Carolina 4-H. He will revise and broaden the original text based and create the centennial edition of "Clover All Over" which will become a keepsake everyone will surely cherish.

The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund continues to serve as your partner in fundraising in support of the 4-H Youth Development Program across the state. The fund currently administers more than seventy county endowment and enhancement funds supporting county 4-H programs. In addition, over forty named college scholarships provide over \$50,000 in support to 4-H'ers

pursuing their academic careers.

As we celebrate the heritage and traditions of the past 100 years, we also look forward to an exciting future as North Carolina 4-H continues to produce generations of leaders in our communities, state and nation.

For more information about the NC 4-H Development Fund contact Dr. Michael J. Martin, Executive Director, at mjmartin@ncsu.edu.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your announcements or retiree stories to the
CALs Alumni & Friends office: Campus Box 7645, Raleigh,

NC 27695 or email: calsalum@ncsu.edu

Photos will be returned if you send them by mail.

ANNOUNCING THE 2ND BIENNIAL NORTH CAROLINA GLAXOSMITHKLINE – AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AGING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Preparations for the 2nd biennial NC GlaxoSmithKline-American Foundation for Aging Research (AFAR) Symposium are in full swing and we are very excited! The symposium will take place at the Hamner Conference Center at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center in the Research Triangle Park on November 8, 2008. For information on the symposium and registration details, contact the AFAR Office at (919) 515-5679 (telephone), (919) 515-2047 (fax) or e-mail: afar_office@ncsu.edu.

Dr. Richard B. Hodes, Director of the National Institute on Aging is our keynote speaker. Dr. Hodes directs the research program of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health. A leading immunologist, Dr. Hodes was named Director of the NIA in 1993 to oversee studies of the basic, clinical, epidemiological and social aspects of aging.



Dr. Hodes is a graduate of Yale University and received his M.D., from Harvard Medical School. He completed training in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and in Oncology at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Hodes' research laboratory in the National Cancer Institute focuses on the cellular and molecular mechanisms that regulate the immune response.



Also in attendance will be Dr. William Friday of the William and Ida Friday Center for continuing Education and Dr. Jeff Williamson, Head, Section on gerontology and Geriatric Medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, as well as 30 present and former GSK fellowship awardees who will present their research.



This symposium is made possible from a generous grant from NC GSK Foundation. The grant has funded the research of 18 students since 2005 and allowed AFAR to expand its presence across the United States.

AFAR, incorporated in 1979 as a non-profit organization, is the only charity supporting education and research in aging through fellowships to graduate and undergraduate students. The Foundation was established to promote the health and welfare of the mature individual and to increase knowledge about the biological aspects of aging by encouraging and promoting scientific research and educational opportunities in the field.

Since 1979, AFAR has supported the aging research and education of hundreds of students at US institutions in BS, MS, Ph.D. and MD programs. The successes of these students are highlighted in the foundation's newsletter and its website (<http://www.ncsu.edu/project/afar/index.html>). AFAR is recognized as a tax-exempt, educational and scientific national charity, to which contributions are tax deductible. AFAR's headquarters are housed on the North Carolina State University campus, in the Department of Biochemistry.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Alumni and Friends Society
Campus Box 7645
Raleigh, NC 27695**

**Visit our website for more information:
www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni**



Summer and hot weather are here...make sure you:

- Hydrate often – drink liquids
- Wear lighter weight clothing
- Wear sun-screen and a hat if possible to shade head and face
- Heat stroke may be signaled by suddenly becoming very flushed, experiencing a weakening of the pulse and the onset, in some cases, of muscle cramps. If you experience these symptoms, call for emergency medical care.