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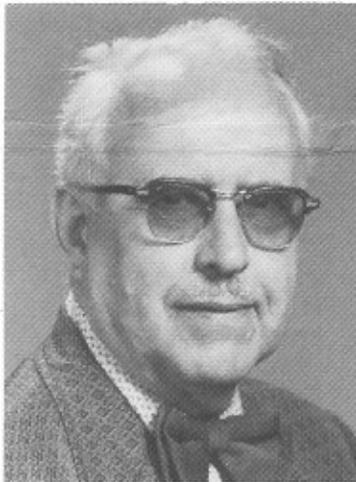
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ON ANNIVERSARIES AND LONGEVITY

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The first issue of The REGISTERED FORESTER, official newsletter of the Alabama Board of Registration for Forester, was issued in August 1971. The year 1991 marks its twentieth anniversary. The Board authorized this editorial by the present Editor because he was the first editor and the only one over the 20-year period and currently holds a contract with the Board to perform editorial services.

The newsletter was mailed with other mail outs during the formative years. Currently, it is a regular quarterly publication of the board. Issues are mailed following Board meetings in January, April, July, and October. Each issue is identified with a specific color of paper.

An editorial appeared in this space for the first time in the summer of 1977. A guest editorial was first printed in the Winter issue of 1980. Later, it was decided that each Board member should have an opportunity to write an editorial following expiration of his term. Charles Tomlinson of Cherokee, Alabama was the author of the first one in the Fall of 1985.

Board procedures and actions are reported in each issue so that the reader will be kept abreast of developments. All official actions, adopted by motion, are on record in the Minute Books. Since formation of the Board in January 1958, nine of the books have been filled. The minutes contain more than 1,000 motions. One page of each issue provides a form on which to report a change of address. Each issue now includes the name, office, and address of each member of the Board, each committee chairman, and the names of adjunct officers.

All Registered Foresters holding an Alabama license are provided with information in each issue designed to keep their copies of the Roster up to date. Twice a year The REGISTERED FORESTER contains the names of those licensed (Winter and Summer) and the other two issues (Spring and Fall) have "crack and peel" sheets enclosed which are ready to be added to blank pages inside the back cover of the Roster.

Each issue of the newsletter now carries a picture of the chairman along with a column prepared by him. His comments keep registrants updated. Interest in how the board monitors violations, prompted the appointment of a Special Violations Committee. Each issue now carries a paragraph indicating any actions taken through the last board meeting.

Appointments to the Oral Examination Panel are announced since two new members come aboard in January of each year. Changes in examination procedures are also explained so that those who supervise future registrants will be familiar with changes. Recently, the Board adopted a Continuing Education Policy mandated by the last Sunset Committee. It was mailed as an enclosure so that all would have a personal copy.

"Longevity" may be defined as of 'long life' or 'duration of life'. Both definitions seem to apply to The REGISTERED FORESTER since it has survived 20 years of publication under a series of chairman, each chairing the Public Information Committee during their tenure in office. "Anniversary" is a much more common word with personal, professional, and other associated meanings. Together, these two words ANNIVERSARY and LONGEVITY seem to be applicable to the newsletter of the Board. It has had a 'long life' by publication standards and has endured over the years as a viable communication medium in the professional field of forestry. Finally, the editor has also endured while continuing to learn "what it is all about" in the registration and licensing field, in a State looked up to for its 'ideal' registration law. Alabama can be proud that it has been a leader in the field of licensing and copied by many.

NEW ISSUES REVISITED/Further Clarification Needed



Jack Fillingham
Chairman

A Board of Registration question and answer session has been scheduled for the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters business meeting at the Orange Beach Hilton Hotel, October 21, 1991. Several members of the Board will answer questions about current licensing affairs. The Board is still working on reporting standards for Continuing Education credits and hopes to have forms drafted and in use for documenting and reporting credits at this meeting. Currently, if you have been to a Continuing Education function that does not provide a certificate from SAF or other professional organization, be sure to keep registration forms and programs in your file. Also, remember that providers, other than professional associations, educational institutions, government agencies, and forest industry, have to submit agendas to the Board for approval before the event takes place.

Paragraph 7 of the Continuing Education Policy states that the Board may relax or suspend the requirements of continuing education for retirees or health of the licensee based on the specific case. Many questions have been raised about the definition of 'retiree'. When the policy was drafted, this clause was inserted to allow those foresters who are not practicing or offering their forestry skills to the public **at all**, to continue their license number and listing in the Roster or Registered Foresters. A retired forester was considered to be one who ceased offering his services to the public. For example, a forester retiring from an industry or government job could not start a part-time forestry consulting service without continuing to meet the continuing education requirements. A forester retiring under the same condition could continue to practice forestry on his own lands or the lands of his previous employer without meeting the continuing education requirements. Legally, he could operate under these conditions without being licensed according to the 1975 Code of Alabama, Chapter 12 - Foresters.

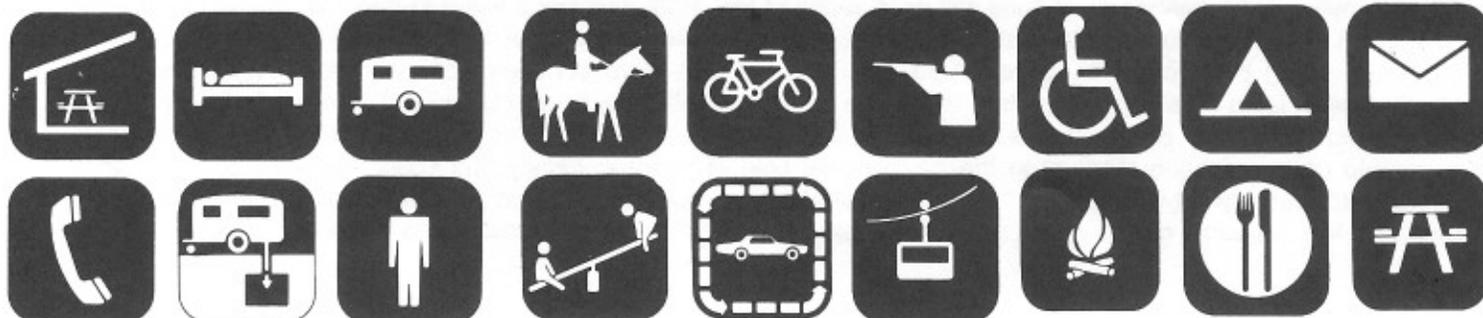
Comments were made in the winter 1991 issue of this newsletter concerning the new 'appraisal law.' We still receive questions as to the effect it has on Registered Foresters. You are required to have State appraisal certification if you appraise anything that involves **federally insured money**. Any other assignments are covered by your Forestry Registration.

With the renewal of reciprocity with Mississippi, we now have similar agreements with five (5) states. They are, in addition to Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, South Carolina, and Maryland. Applicants from any of these states must meet the same standards as are required by Alabama for a license. A 'modified reciprocity' policy (selective) is necessary in some states because the education requirements are different. We are required to charge applicants for reciprocity from these states the same amount they charge an Alabama resident who applies for reciprocity on his Alabama license. - Jack Fillingham, Chairman.

PROFESSION WELL SERVED/Board Members Should Be Remembered

Your state Board of Registration is now in its 33rd year. During this period, 25 foresters have been appointed to the Board by a series of governors beginning with James E. Folsom and through Guy Hunt. The Board members have been (alphabetically) Tom Croker, Wilbur De Vall, Jack Fillingham, Tom Glass, John Graves, Dave Hampe, Harold Hill, Frank Jones, Gene Keller, Bobby Lowe, Vance Miles, John Mitchell, Harry Murphy, Bob Nonnemacher, Waymon Paul, Charles Pigg, C. T. Prout, John Ramage, Sandy Sandretto, Doug Smith, Jim Spears, Jake Stauffer, Frank Stewart, Charles Tomlinson, and Charles Walsh. All are living except for Graves, Hampe, Miles, Prout, and Stauffer.

Board chairmen have served from one term to a maximum of thirteen. One-term chairmen have been John Mitchell, Bob Nonnemacher, Tom Glass, Dough Smith, and Harold Hill. Serving two-years have been Jake Stauffer, Tom Croker, Charles Tomlinson, Gene Keller, and now Jack Fillingham. Vance Miles and Dave Hampe both served 3 terms, although not consecutively. Wilbur De Vall, the boards first chairman, served as chairman a total of 13 years, 12 of which were consecutive.



FROM WHENCE WE CAME/On The Go Still

Your State Board of Registration first met for an organizational meeting at 711 High Street, January 25, 1958. A move to 64 Union Street was made for the November 4, 1959 meeting because the Division of Forestry relocated in space allotted to the Department of Conservation. On July 29, 1970 the Board held its first meeting at 513 Madison Avenue, again due to a relocation of the Forestry Commission.

Two Office Managers have served the Board. Mary Atry began in 1958 and served until Pam Sears replaced her and attended her first meeting July 23, 1975.

The title Forestry Intern was established by the Board when a rule was adopted during the meeting on January 28, 1971. Another significant action of the Board was the authorization of an Oral Examination panel. It was approved by the Board during its meeting July 26, 1978. The first to serve 2-year terms on the Panel were William E. Bustin, Charles Tomlinson, John H. Hinton, and John M. McCullough. Those who have followed and who have served 2-year terms as regular panelists have been, in chronological order, Edward Sosbe, William F. Sahlie, Barton Williams, Colin Bagwell, Raynold Sandretto, Michael Golden, Jerry Johnson, Phillip Sasnett, Douglas A. Smith, William Chestnutt, James Hool, Harold Hill, Tommy Patterson, Donald Harper, Robert Mitchell, Jack Fillingham, Jim Hyland, Fred Harmon, Walter Mills, Sr., John Hamner, William Padgett, Melisa Himel, D. J. Smith, David Frederick, and Steve Guy.

ROSTER UPDATE

Please cut this panel out and add it to your Roster. Crack & Peel pages will be mailed in the fall and will include these names. This is a temporary service and is provided to keep you informed of those licensed in recent months.

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(Stream)

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ALABAMA
(Silhouette)

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MONITORING VIOLATIONS/A Continuing Responsibility of the Board

James Spears, Chairman, Violation Committee

The Violations Committee reported four (4) new cases during the quarter ending July 24, 1991. During the regular quarterly meeting of the Board on this date, two (2) pending violations were reviewed along with the four (4) new reported violations. Three (3) cases were 'closed' since all requirements and stipulations imposed by the Board on the violators had been met. Three (3) cases remained pending and will again be reviewed, and new evidence considered, during the Board meeting in October. Appropriate action will be taken at that time.

FORESTRY SCHOOLS/Alabama Foresters' Hall of Fame

The Alabama Chapter (Division), Society of American Foresters, created the Alabama Foresters' Hall of Fame in 1980. During its first decade (1980-1990) 32 foresters have been enshrined in it. The first four were named posthumously. Since 1981 the number honored with this recognition have ranged from two to four per year.

The forestry schools producing those named to the Hall of Fame, based on the first forestry degree earned by each person named for this honor, have been the following.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute ---- 3	University of Michigan ----- 1
University of California ----- 1	New Hampshire ----- 1
University of Connecticut ----- 1	North Carolina State ----- 1
University of Georgia ----- 8	Pennsylvania State ----- 4
Louisiana State University ----- 6	Syracuse University (Forestry) ----- 2
University of Maine ----- 1	Yale University ----- 3

The next decade will change the numbers reported for the first decade. It seemed appropriate at this time, to record on the pages of The REGISTERED FORESTER, the above facts. This newsletter has been in existence for 20 years and the Hall of Fame for 10 years. Both this newsletter and the Hall of Fame are expected to continue and this record can be updated at the end of each decade. - The Editor.

THE NEXT 20 YEARS/Your Input Needed

This issue of the Board's newsletter has been devoted to events of the past twenty years. Some milestones of the past have been highlighted to emphasize how the Board 'has arrived' at its present status. Please send suggestions for improvement of The REGISTERED FORESTER to the editor. Does it serve your needs? If not, please tell us why and give examples.

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1991-92 BOARD OFFICERS — Following the annual election of officers of the Board, all posed for the picture to announce their respective responsibilities as of October 1, 1991. Shown (L-R) seated are T. Waymon Paul, Vice Chairman, Jack Fillingham, chairman, and James Spears Secretary. Standing are Bobby Lowe who will become chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee and Charles Walsh, Chairman, Examinations committee whose term expires January 6, 1992.

REGISTRATION MILESTONES/Alabama Board Reviews the Past

Act 533 became law in 1957 and provided for the creation of a Board to administer Registration and Licensing of foresters. It, together with several amendments, was included in the 1975 Code of Alabama as Chapter 34-12 - Foresters. Bylaws were drafted and adopted soon after Board members were appointed for staggered terms of from 1-5 years by then Governor James E. Folsom. The initial five members met January 27, 1958 for an organizational meeting and election of officers. Since this meeting, the Board has been in session 134 times. Meetings have ranged from one to three days, sometimes adjourning late at night. All regular meetings have been held in Montgomery at three locations, namely 711 High Street, 64 Union Street, and 513 Madison Avenue. Special meetings can be held outside Montgomery but not more than one meeting can be held in any one month. The Board has adopted rules and policies as a means of facilitating its operations. All of these are now codified under the 1981 Administrative Procedures Act and appear in each edition of the Roster. The Board has been reviewed by the legislative Sunset Committee as provided in the 1976 Alabama Legislative Sunset Law, Act No. 512. Reviews have been held July 27, 1977, September 16, 1981 October 29, 1985, and June 27, 1989.

The provisions under which Reciprocity can be granted have required more rules than any other issue. Agreements to recognize reciprocity have existed with the Boards in Maine, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, South Carolina and Maryland. The Board approves reciprocity Applications only after obtaining confirmation that a person in another state holds a valid license granted under terms comparable to those in Alabama. The Board has passed 136 motions to grant reciprocity and 4 to deny reciprocity for specific reasons over the 33 years since its creation.

It has ben expedient to invite members of Boards in other states to meet with the Alabama Board for the purpose of making them acquainted with procedures, actions, and problems. Attending from other states have been the chairman or a board member from the states of Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Administration of the foresters' Registration and Licensing law has required adoption of certain procedures. Included have been those to improve efficiency and reduce the time required to handle paper work or time of board members. The Board has also taken specific actions designed to comply with amendments to the law or recommendations of the Sunset Committee.

Use of an Oral Examination Panel was first authorized by the Board in July 1978. The panel, consisting of four Registered Foresters, serving two-year terms, reduces the time Board members must spend in session since only one chairs the panel when in quarterly session. The Board decided to give recognition to graduates of accredited forestry schools by creating the Forestry Intern certification. Once certified, a pocket identification card in issued. This reminds the Intern to apply for license when the minimum experience of two years has been acquired. It can also be presented to a potential employer as evidence that the Board has verified graduation.

The 1975 Code, Chapter 34-12, specifies the procedure to be followed in filling vacancies. When a vacancy is not filled by appointment of the governor, the Board must act. The Board has only been required to take this action three times; two board appointments were required in one year when the governor failed to act within the specified 90-day period. Other legal requirements imposed on the Board by the law include suspension and/or revocation of licenses, and levying fines. Only one suspension has been mandated and only license has been revoked. A fine was levied on one registrant.

The Sunset Committee has directed the Board to make changes through amendments to the 1975 Code. Included in these action have been giving applicants for registration a choice of taking either an oral or written examination. This procedure was implemented in 1990. Likewise, the Board must now require a schedule of units of Continuing Education to keep a license valid from year to year. This requirement must be met by all holding licenses who wish to renew them in 1992. Other changes have been in the form of recommendations to the Board by the Sunset Committee and most are applicable to internal administrative affairs.

SAF MEMBERS AND BOARD MEET -

Division representative expressed their interests in Board activities during the July meeting of the Board. Shown (L-R) standing are James Spears, chairman, Division committee on Registration and Licensing and a member of the Board, David Long, Division Chairman, and Bill Moody. Seated (L-R) are Board members Bobby Lowe, newest appointee, Charles Walsh, Board chairman Jack Fillingham, and T. Waymon Paul.



BOARD FUNCTIONS PROMPTLY/Business as Usual

The regular meeting of the Board each July is unique from the others. It has been a custom for several years to invite officers of the Alabama Division, SAF and members of its committee on Registration and Licensing, to appear for the purpose of answering any questions of importance to Society members. Officers for the coming fiscal year are elected and have an opportunity to get their objective and committees ready by October 1.

Society of American Forester members in Alabama and Registered Foresters have a common interest in how the new Continuing Education requirements will be administered. It was mutually agreed that Board members would constitute a panel during the business session of the Division, October 21, 1991 while in session at Orange Beach. Questions about the C. E. program will be answered and Jim Spears will present the Board's report. The Board has suggested that a form on which to report credits be included in an issue of *The REGISTERED FORESTER*.

Board business was conducted during the July 24th meeting according to the agenda set forth in the Bylaws. Eleven applications for registration were reviewed, two Forestry Interns were certified, four applicants for reciprocity were approved, and six applicants who passed their oral examination were approved for license. This brings to 1449 the number of Alabama licenses issued. The number of certified Interns has reached 505.

Board members were reminded that a vacancy would need to be filled, by appointment of the Governor, when the 5-year term of Charles Walsh expires January 6, 1992. SAF Division chairman David Long will have three names selected by the Committee on Registration and Licensing so that their names and bio-sketches can be in the governor's office about December 1, 1991.

The Board's Administrative Manual, first suggested by deceased Board member R. Vance Miles Jr., was reviewed for the Board by Wilbur De Vall, Contractor. Each member of the Board was given a numbered "draft" copy for study. The review process should be completed by October 1, after which the Manual in revised form and format can be produced. Each Registered Forester holding an Alabama license is encouraged to study the editorial on the cover of this issue of *The REGISTERED FORESTER* since it contains some of the more historical actions of the Board. Other references to its content appear in this issue. Much of this information would otherwise not be common knowledge to all registrants and perhaps not to all Board members who hold recent appointments.

The Board, by unanimous agreement, expressed appreciation to the Alabama Forestry Commission for its long history of support of the Board. Office Manager Pamela Sears was also commended for her efficient and long service in management of the Board's office.

During a review of the financial condition of the Board, it was pointed out that it is solvent and no change in fees is contemplated at this time. Registered Foresters who receive this quarterly newsletter of the Board may be interested to learn that the Board invested 74.3 cents per copy in the Spring issue. This figure places a value on the copy you received. Issues like this one, which do not include the 'crack and peel' Roster-update pages, would cost less per copy.

We remember the departed as one who took the first step in the art of friendship by being a friend. He was known to be like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. He believed in the inherent goodness of men and in their potential. He lifted up those who became his friends and set an example as an inspiration to others. He became a quick friend of those he met. He closed his eyes to the faults of others and opened them to his own.

