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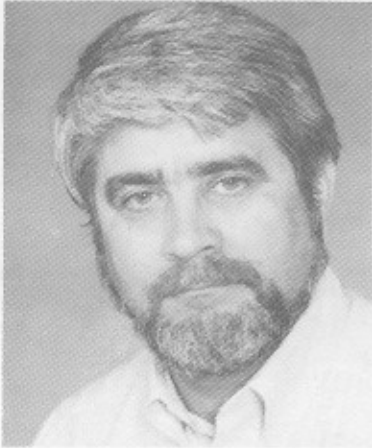
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A PRAGMATIC APPROACH! AN ANATHEMA?

Rhett Johnson, Chairman
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As the end of my term as Chairman, Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters approaches, I look back with some satisfaction at the year just past, but continue to harbor concerns about the future of our profession. Public understanding and acceptance of what we do is not good, and those who actively oppose us are well-funded, passionately committed, and abetted by a supportive public media. Our **pragmatic approach to resource management and utilization is anathema to preservationists**, including many who describe themselves as "conservationists" or "environmentalists". Even our most eloquent and ardent spokesmen make little headway toward understanding.

During a recent speaking tour in north Alabama, I met with and spoke to several civic groups; the print, radio, and television media; and a mixed group of environmentalists, foresters, and forest landowners. The experience was revealing and left me cautiously optimistic. The civic clubs, usually made up of community leaders, were very receptive to an unbiased-science and fact-based message. Even in the heated atmosphere surrounding issues like chip mills, private landowner rights, management of the Bankhead National Forest, and clearcutting on private and public lands, I found most people willing to withhold judgement until they were able to make informed decisions.

The print and radio media were generally wary of clearcutting and understandably poorly informed about silvics, silviculture, and forest economics. They were willing to listen, however, and my comments were fairly and accurately reported with little "editorializing".

The television 'talk show' did not go as well. Again, the interviewer knew little about forest and wildlife management, but prefaced our conversation by airing a terribly inaccurate and glaringly biased "investigative news report" on alleged abuses in the Bankhead National Forest. That set the tone for the ensuing interview. I'm sure I appeared defensive throughout the show.

Perhaps most revealing was my meeting with an eclectic mix of environmental activists, foresters, and forest landowners. The questions were to the point and intelligent, exposing surprising depth of knowledge about many technical subjects and startling gaps in other, sometimes basic, areas. The atmosphere was neither confrontational nor antagonistic. I made no converts among the "environmentalists", nor did I expect to. The interest the group shared was encouraging, however. I believe that the challenge before us is not to convince the relatively small percentage of the population who actively support the environmental agenda that our ideas are right. We probably never will and the resources expended in the effort would be largely wasted. Instead, the contest is for the minds of the general public, who care about natural resource issues, but don't know who or what to believe. We have a good story to tell. Forest resources are healthy nationwide and forest managers can claim a great deal of the credit for that. Continued dialogue with the "anti's" and other groups interested in natural resources has potential value, but our real hope for success lies instead in the relationship we have with the larger public.

We can help ourselves tremendously with that public by unflinchingly conducting ourselves professionally. Membership in professional societies and strict adherence to the ethical standards of our professions in all of our activities are minimal commitments to professional excellence. Accepting that continuing education can make us better at our jobs, and not just qualify us for re-licensing, is a big step in that direction. I urge you all to continue to serve the public and our forest resources professionally, to continue to improve your forestry skills, and to get involved in getting our story told accurately and fairly.



T. Waymon Paul, Chairman



REGISTERED FORESTERS - CERTIFIED APPRAISERS

The Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters continues to receive questions about the State Real Estate Appraisal Law for appraisals performed concerning federally-related transactions. This means that if you are making an appraisal of property to be used as security by a bank making a loan, the transaction is federally related. The money being loaned is secured by the federal government. The state law became effective January 14, 1992. There is a \$100,000 limit for which an appraisal is needed.

When timberland - land and timber - is being appraised, the land is usually valued separate from the timber. If land is being appraised, the appraiser must be an Alabama Certified General Real Estate Appraiser. If timber is appraised by the same Certified Appraiser, the appraiser must also be a Registered Forester. A number of people in Alabama are both Certified Appraisers and Registered Foresters.

If a Certified Appraiser is appraising timberland - land and timber - and the appraiser is not a Registered Forester, the appraiser must affiliate with a Registered Forester to appraise the timber. The Certified Appraiser can appraise the land. The Appraisal Board is not exercising any control over Registered Foresters.

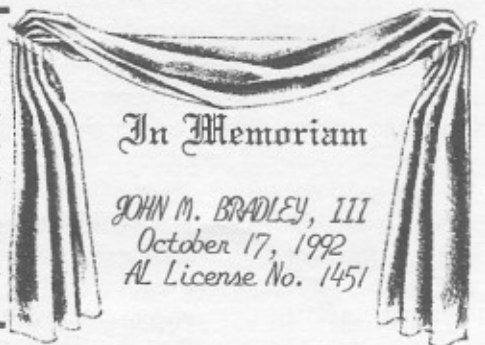
If a Registered Forester is appraising timberland - land and timber - and the forester is not a Certified Appraiser, the forester must affiliate with a Certified Appraiser to appraise the land. The Registered forester can appraise the timber. The State Board of Registration for Foresters is not exercising any control over Certified Appraisers.

There seems to be confusion in the banking profession about the appraisal law. I suggest that if a Registered Forester is questioned by a banking official about appraising timber, the forester and the banking official contact the Appraisal Board in Montgomery - Bobbie Eddins - at (205) 242-8747, and ask for a Statement of Position. Also, report the matter to the Board of Registration for Foresters.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Registered Foresters have responded in an excellent manner to the new requirement for ten (10) hours of Continuing Education in 1992. The Board appreciates this response. The number of foresters renewing their registration did drop, but the drop came primarily from retired persons, and individuals not working in the forestry profession. The active senior foresters responded without question and support continuing education.

Happiness comes upon you unawares while you are helping others. It is like perfume - you can't spray it on others without getting some on yourself. This describes one of the traits of the one we miss. He obtained happiness by not doing what he liked to do so much as liking what he had to do. He put his heart into his work and did it with joy and enthusiasm. He found happiness in his harmonious relationships with others, little things, a letter from a friend, the song of a bird, on a light in the window.



In Memoriam
JOHN M. BRADLEY, III
October 17, 1992
AL License No. 1451

VIOLATIONS HANDLED/Decisions Made by the Board

Bobby Lowe, Chairman



This is Violations Committee
Important

The number of violation complaints received by the Board has increased in recent years. With the strong emphasis on Best Management Practices (BMP's) forestry practices will come under closer scrutiny than ever before. In some cases, public attention will be drawn to forestry operations where BMP's have not been properly prescribed and implemented. These actions will bring greater public awareness of forestry and as Registered Foresters we should make every effort to assure that our vocation reflects the highest professional standards. The Alabama Code requires that a person offering his or her services to the general public in connection with the practice of forestry must be a Registered Forester. The Board urges all foresters to understand and adhere to the 1975 Code of Alabama and related documents which are printed in your Roster of Registered Foresters. Selected readings should include Sections 34-12-1 and 34-12-2, pages 284 and 285; Section 34-12-12, page 289; Administrative rule 380-X-5, page 306; and Rules of Professional Conduct, page 312. Violations of the code should be reported to the Board.

During the October 1992 meeting, the Board reviewed four (4) cases of alleged violations. A brief description of each and action taken follows.

A complaint involving a forest products firm, whereby the owner of the firm wrote an article in a logging publication implying that he provided forestry recommendations to landowners, was reviewed. The owner of the firm assured the Board, through his attorney, that it was not his practice to provide recommendations to landowners concerning forest management activities and that he dealt only in the purchase and sale of wood products. He also provided a copy of a disclaimer to be printed in the logging publication stating that his firm does not practice forestry as defined by the Code. The Board considered the issue to be satisfactorily resolved and so notified the owner of the firm and the complainant.

A case concerning an individual practicing forestry in Alabama without being licensed in Alabama (although possessing a Mississippi license), was satisfactorily resolved. He no longer practices forestry in Alabama except under the direct supervision of a forester holding an Alabama license.

Two (2) other cases remained open. One case is under investigation by the Attorney General's office and the other continues under investigation by the Board.



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NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS/Officers and Committees Announced

T. Waymon Paul presided as chairman at the October 28, 1992 meeting of the Board. Serving with him are Jim Spears, Vice Chairman, and Bobby Lowe, Secretary. Other members of the Board are Jack Fillingham in the last of his five-year term, and Bob Nonnemacher, the governor's 1992 appointment to the Board.

The qualifications of eleven applicants were reviewed and all will be given the opportunity to further qualify by examination. Four Forestry Interns were certified bringing the total number certified to 533. Two licenses were issued to former registrants under the Reinstatement Provision established by the Board. In addition, six applicants were licensed following their successfully passing oral examinations. Seven additional licenses were issued to applicants who received passing grades on the October 1992 written examination. The total number of licenses issued by the Board since 1958 is 1,505

Chairman Paul announced committee appointments as follows: STANDING COMMITTEES, Public Information, Waymon Paul (by law), and Examination, Jim Spears. The governor's appointment to fill Fillingham's vacancy will serve as chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. SPECIAL COMMITTEE appointments were assigned to Bob Nonnemacher, Continuing Education, and Bobby Lowe, Violations. The new Board member will chair the committee on Finance and Administration.

Examination Committee chairman Spears announced the examinations schedule for 1993 to include two written examinations and four oral examinations. The written will be held on April 1 and October 1. Oral examinations will be given on January 26, April 27, July 27, and October 26, 1993.

Office Manager Pamela Sears reported that while registrants have until December 31, 1992 to officially renew their licenses, 43 have already notified her that they will not renew because they are retired and not actively practicing forestry. Their names will appear in the next Roster of Registered Foresters (1994) and given "Retired/Inactive" status. An additional 22 registrants do not plan to renew because they are no longer identified with the profession. The complete status of registrants will appear in the Winter issue of The REGISTERED FORESTER which will be mailed following the January 1993 meeting of the Board. - Editor.

A REFRESHER/In South Carolina

South Carolina has had a foresters' Registration law since 1961. It now requires Continuing Education of its registrants as part of the re-validation process. Through the courtesy of an Alabama registrant, a copy of an announcement was obtained, announcing what he calls a "cram course" in South Carolina. It stated in part: "This course is a comprehensive and concise review of the quantitative aspects of forest resource management/economics and forest measurements, especially those aspects stressed on the registered forester examinations in the southern United States."

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The next quarterly meeting of the Board will mark its 35th anniversary. Organized in January 1958, it has operated under the same basic law as was passed by the 1957 legislature.

The loose-page insert in this issue looks a bit different than in the past. The Roster Update information will now appear in each issue so that it may be removed (at the perforation) and inserted in the back of the Roster. This change from the 'crack and peel' inserts provided semi-annually, has been necessary due to limited funds. It is hoped that each Registered Forester will take time to remove the list of newly licensed foresters and to place it in the Roster for future reference.

Officers for 1992-93 appear on this page and all took office October 1, 1992. Regular appointments are for a five-year period thus creating one vacancy each year on January 6th. The term of Jack Fillingham will end in January 1993 and his replacement will be the one selected by the governor from a list of three submitted by the Alabama Division, SAF.

Persons holding valid Alabama licenses as Registered Foresters are encouraged to re-read portions of the law from time to time. It is always convenient to locate since it appears in each issue of the Roster of Registered Foresters. Special attention to ARTICLE 1, Section 34-12-1 - Definitions, should answer any question about who must be licensed and what practices require a person to be licensed. This section also outlines for the Board the scope of examinations. If an applicant is to be found qualified for registration by examination, all tests should cover the subjects in which proficiency must be proven. Often overlooked are the subject areas of natural science, mathematics, economics, and principles of forestry. Likewise, the practice of forestry covers any consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, or responsible supervision of forestry activities affecting the public welfare. These are broad coverages and the Board is responsible for the administration of all provisions of the law. - Editor.



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Please remove the Roster additions below and insert in the back of the 26th Roster that was published in 1992. Crack & Peel pages have been discontinued.

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LESSONS FROM THE PAPER INDUSTRY

Ethics, the land ethic, professionalism, and all of the ramifications of each, should cause foresters to pause and reflect on what may be learned by listening to others.

Reflect on some or all of these forest management principles. Compare your thinking and/or practices with each, and finalize your thinking for the new year 1993.

1. Utilize practices which integrate production of wood with environmental benefits.
2. Practice a land ethic which integrates growing and harvesting with conservation of other resources and aesthetics.
3. Manage forests to maintain and improve their health and productivity.
4. Promote reforestation to prevent loss of forest productivity.
5. Manage forests biologically and historically to take into account their special qualities.
6. Support research and use state-of-the-art knowledge to enhance the forest resource.
7. Protect forests from damaging agents.
8. Provide a safe and healthy work environment for employees while improving the management of all operations.
9. Strengthen educational efforts to improve understanding of the wise use of forest resources and respond to public concerns.

The principles paraphrased above have been taken from a statement pledging support of members of The American Paper Institute.

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