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At a time when foresters and economic gains from the forest seem to be held in low esteem by the public in general, I believe it is appropriate to address this issue.

I begin by stating that I was born in 1926 on a 60-acre, red-dirt farm in Chambers County, Alabama, which had been in our family for five generations. At this time the farm provided subsistence for my grandfather, his family, my mother and father, our family, and two tenant families. It was at that time a row-crop farm tilled with mules and plows. The whole county was similarly farmed and the timber had been cut. There was no conservation envisioned or practiced.

Then came Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal with conservation practices for farmers. The first trees I ever saw planted were on our farm using a "scooter", straightened, and attached to a pipe handle as a dibble. After this, and during the 1930's and early 1940's, people left the farm and trees took the place of cotton, corn, mules, and plows.

My point in the preceding exercise is to show a situation where change was brought on by economics with little governmental interference and the change was beneficial, both to the economy and the environment. I never saw a deer in the wild until I got out of the Navy in 1946. The idea of seeing a turkey in the wild was not then considered a possibility. I first saw one in the woods in Santa Rosa County, Florida in 1953.

All of our game has increased, I think, in direct proportion to our practice of intensive forestry. There have been environmental abuses by foresters, but the benefits created by our practices far outweigh the detrimental effects.

The landowners of the south, with the help of industry and foresters, have done the job of recreating southern forests. This has been a joint effort brought on principally because of economic conditions such as, 1) the change in farming practices, 2) use of southern pine for pulp, 3) a growing population and expanded markets, 4) improved harvesting techniques, and 5) improved forestry practices.

My message is that foresters and private landowners operating for their own benefit have served our country well. The present tendency to restrain the right of these owners and their foresters, to manage these lands for the owner's benefit, by loading them down with regulations, is not only detrimental to them, but to our country.

We as foresters should be proud of what our profession has accomplished in combination with private landowners over the last 50 years and not be apologetic for what we have done. Our forests are in better condition now than they have been in the last 70 years. Let us be sales people for what has been accomplished and advocates of private property rights while conducting ourselves as true professionals.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER/Report C.E. Credits for 1993



Jack Fillingham, Chairman

License renewal announcements for 1993 will be mailed in early July 1992. This will be the **first** time that Continuing Education credits must be listed with the application for renewal. The new invoice for license renewal will include a section in which to report credits earned since October 1, 1990. Remember! Do not send documentation of credits earned to the Board with the renewal. Your documentation should be kept in your file and mailed only if requested. The license renewal fee for 1993 has been set at \$25. Reciprocity renewals will be billed at the rate charged to Alabama foresters practicing under reciprocity in the other states but not less than a minimum of \$25.

You should have your copy of "State of Alabama, Twenty-sixth Roster of Registered Foresters." The Continuing Education requirement, added to the law in 1990, may be found on page 307. You should contact the Board's Office Manager if you were missed in the Roster mailing process.

We have been asked to identify upcoming courses available for Continuing Education credit. The list would be too long to publish in the pages of this newsletter. However, listed below are several sources of Continuing Education credit which have been approved as "Providers". Each should be contacted for announcements of upcoming courses. Should a "Provider" wish to have future courses listed in The REGISTERED FORESTER, offerings should be submitted by 1) title of course, 2) date to be held, and 3) name of person to be contacted. Inquiries may be directed to the following for further information:

AUBURN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF FORESTRY and ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE - Ken McNabb (205) 844-1044 or Chris Isaacson (205) 844-1012, 103 M. White Smith Hall, Auburn University, Alabama 36849-5418.

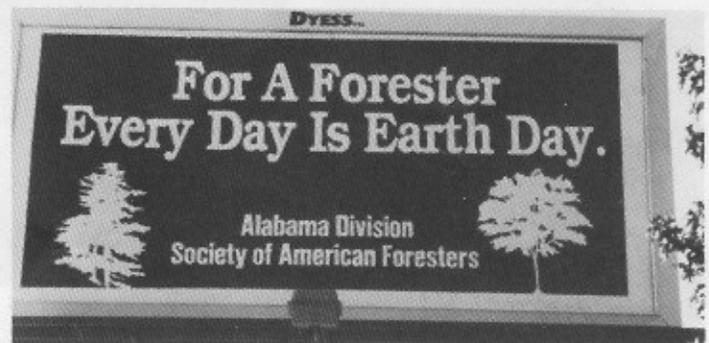
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA - GEORGIA CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION - Richard E. Field (404) 542-3063, Georgia Center for Continuing Education, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602-3603.

FORCE PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - Ms. Vicky Freeman (803) 656-2478, Extension Forest Resources, Clemson University, 272 Lehotsky Hall, Clemson, South Carolina 29434-1003.

MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE - MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY - Dr. Tom Monaghan or Dr. Andy Ezzell (601) 325-3150, Extension Forestry Department, P. O. Box 5446, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762.



PUBLIC'S ATTENTION DIRECTED BY SAF - Large sign boards along Alabama highways advertise the role of foresters in maintaining the earth's environment. Sponsored by the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters, this one caught the eye of your editor within the city limits of Opelika, Lee County. - Photo by De Vall.

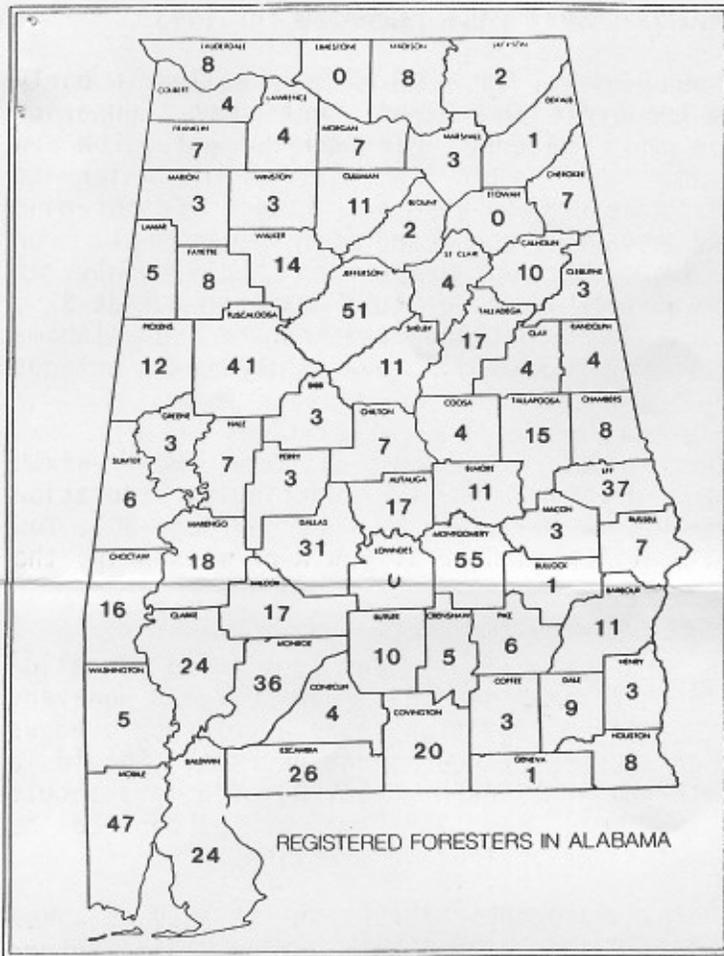


VIOLATIONS/Attorney General Assists

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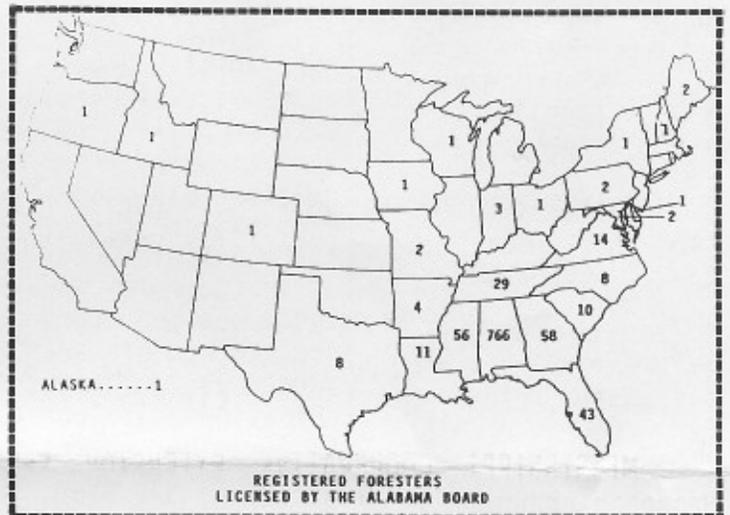
Section 34-12-9, Article 1, 1975 Code of Alabama, grants power to the Board to revoke the license of any registrant who is found guilty by the Board of gross negligence, incompetence, or misconduct in the practice of forestry. The Code appears in the Roster of Registered Foresters, 1992-93, with the section on Violations and penalties on page 289. The board reviews any and all violations quarterly and acts on each promptly. The minutes of the April 29, 1992 reflect the following actions.

Three (3) pending cases were closed after it was determined that all stipulations imposed by the Board on each violator had been met. One (1) case was referred to the Attorney General's office for legal assistance after it had been ascertained that the violator had not responded satisfactorily to the Board's stipulations. No new cases were received during the three months preceding the meeting.



STUDY COURSE/Preparation for Exams

Of interest to those who may apply for registration, is an announcement by Clemson University. The announcement titled "Review of Quantitative Aspects in Forest Resource Management" contains this phrase. "This course is a comprehensive and concise review...of those aspects stressed on the registered forester examinations in the southern United States."



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RECIPROCITY/Still Most Important

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Seven applicants for reciprocity with Alabama were approved during the April 1992 meeting of the Board. Four were approved, based on holding a valid license in Georgia, and three in Mississippi.

The 26th Roster of Registered Foresters lists 45 foresters practicing in Alabama on a license issued in their respective states of residence. Most are Georgia residents (27). Reciprocity privileges are also in effect with 10 Registered Foresters in Mississippi, 5 in Arkansas, and 3 in South Carolina.

Each application for reciprocity is thoroughly checked by the Board as to 'how the applicant qualified for license in his state of residence' and 'whether or not he holds a valid license in his home state'. The latter information is solicited from the licensing state.

Provisions in the Alabama law are set forth in the current issue of the Roster beginning on page 288.



BOARD FOLLOWS AGENDA/Full Work Day Assured

The agenda followed by the Board during each regular meeting is set forth in the Bylaws, Article III, Section 1. Titled "Procedure", the 'Order of Business' appears in the current Roster on page 296.

On April 29th seven Forestry Interns were certified bringing the total number to 521. Seven applications for Reciprocity were approved as reported elsewhere in this issue, four reinstatements were approved with new license numbers issued, and ten applications for license were approved; three by oral examination and seven by written examination. One failure was reported on the written examination given April 1, 1992. The number of licenses issued by the Board since its formation in 1958 is 1483.

The Board's Annual Report for fiscal year ending September 30, 1991 was reviewed. Copies were sent to Governor Guy Hunt and the Department of Archives and History. Each year the report addresses such activities of the Board as legislation, membership, operations, officers, meetings, committee assignments, interstate cooperation, and liaison with the Society of American Foresters.

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