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REFLECTIONS and COMPARISONS

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Five years as a member of the State Board of Registration for Foresters plus two years on its Oral Examination Panel have provided me with a broad view of the profession that I have chosen. It is customary for Board members having completed their last term, to contribute an article citing their experience to The REGISTERED FORESTIER. Having left the Board over one year ago, I appreciate this opportunity to share my reflections and comparisons.

During my first year, the Board was reviewed by the Legislative Sunset Committee. It was at this hearing that the Committee mandated that the Board implement a 'continuing education' requirement which was not a complete surprise to the Board as we, as members, had already discussed the possibilities of this at a meeting with representatives of the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters. Most other professional licensing boards were already requiring continuing education as were Forester Registration boards in adjoining states. In general, most registrants accepted the requirements imposed, as many were already in compliance. The purpose of continuing education is to assure the public that license holders are updated on the constantly changing and complex issues confronting the profession. My term expired before the first license, requiring continuing education credits, was renewed. The report I received was that our ranks were reduced because of the requirement. Most of the elapsed licenses were held by retired foresters no longer feeling the need for a license.

The Appraiser Certification law came into effect during my term on the Foresters' Board. This did not directly affect the Forester Registration law, but it did affect many foresters who performed appraisals for banks regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. (FDIC). Under the appraisal law, foresters are required to be licensed appraisers if appraising timber or timberland involved in loans administered by the FDIC. I agree with this law in that foresters should be familiar with and follow appraisal guidelines when making appraisals of any kind. In turn, a non-forester who is a general appraiser, has to get the assistance of a Registered Forester when appraising timber and timberland to be in compliance with ethical rules and regulations adopted by the Appraisal Board. If you know of cases in which non-foresters are appraising timber and/or timberlands, you should report them to both the Foresters' Registration and Appraisal Certification Boards.

We had several complaints against non-foresters offering their services without benefit of a license. Most of the complainees were not familiar with the Foresters' Registration law and adjusted their businesses to be in compliance. One case in particular followed me most of my term. This involved an individual handling numerous timber sales for a variety of landowners. He was well thought of in his community and knows a lot of landowners, through his profession in vocational agriculture. We could easily prove that he was practicing forestry by the numerous timber sales. However, we could not prove that he was representing himself to a client as a Forester or even claiming any professional qualifications.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION is the PROTECTION



James R. Lowe
Chairman

James R. Lowe, Chairman

Under the Sunset Law, termination dates are established for various named State agencies. Included is the State Board of Registration for Foresters and other agencies all of which are periodically reviewed by the Alabama Sunset Committee. The Board was reviewed for the fifth time on November 15, 1993. I am pleased to announce that the Alabama legislature passed a bill providing for the continuance of the Board. As part of the hearing process, the Board was reviewed in advance by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. Included in this review was a survey of a randomly-selected number of Registered Foresters. The finding showed that the Board has operated in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The survey also indicated that, in the opinion of licensees, the Board has carried out its responsibilities in a timely and business-like manner.

The practice of forestry and professional foresters have come under intense criticism by certain 'preservationist groups' in recent years. These groups are well funded and prone to widely disseminate misleading information to the general public in support of their causes, which are to 'stop the harvesting of trees'. The Alabama Forestry Commission is developing a program to counteract this negative and erroneous information through a publicity program designed to promote the profession of forestry and its contribution to the environment and economy of the State. Pamela Sears, the Boards' Office Manager, also works within the Education Division of the Commission and is a member of a team to help inform the public about the positive impact of the practice of forestry. An article by Office Manager Sears appears in this issue of *The REGISTERED FORESTER* on page 4. I commend the efforts of the Alabama Forestry Commission in this endeavor and express a 'thank you' to Pam Sears, Cynthia Page, and Tim Boyce for their insight and commitment to serving the interests of the public. 'Bob' Lowe, Chairman

Life is but a function of the unknown. When it ends life eternal begins. Memories of friends linger, remain etched in the minds of mankind, and provide guidance for those who remain behind. While memory is short, as sometimes life is shortened, it charts the course for those who have lives to live.

In Memoriam
John R. Cook, Jr.
M. Wallace Fann
(Former Registrants)

NOTES FROM THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTEE

William F. 'Bill' Sahlie, Chairman

After I was appointed Chairman, Violation Committee, I sat down and read those portions of the 1975 Code of Alabama dealing with FORESTERS. I would encourage each person who reads this article to read these same Sections. They are, Chapter 12 - Foresters; ¶34-12-1, ¶34-12-2, ¶34-12-4, ¶34-12-9, ¶34-12-10, and ¶34-12-12.

I had been under the assumption that Chapter 12 - Foresters was drafted primarily "to protect Registered Foresters" in Alabama. I **was wrong!** ¶34-12-2 begins "In order to benefit and protect the public...". It has now become evident to me, with the help of more-experienced members of the Board and by re-reading the law, that Chapter 12 was written 'to protect the **public**', not foresters. This sheds a whole new light on my thinking.

Once again, I encourage each of you to read and re-read the Sections I cited. These can be found in the back of your current Roster beginning on page 284 of the current 26th Roster and will again appear in the back of the 27th (to be printed in 1994). It will take you about thirty (30) minutes. It will possibly change the way you look at any possible violation as it did for me.

William F. 'Bill' Sahlie, Chairman



**ROSTER UPDATE
January 26, 1994**

Please separate where perforated
and add to your 1992 Roster
These same names of registrants
will appear in your 1994 Roster

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Head, George D...... 1537
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Cedar Creek Land & Timber
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Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: 205/867-6165
Home: P. O. Box 503
Brewton, AL 36427
Phone: 205/867-9278

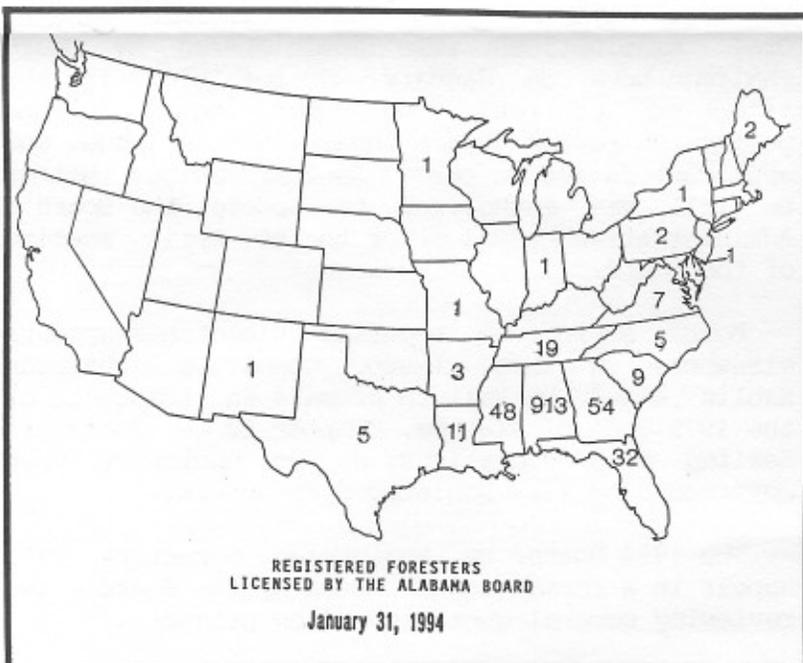
Hoyer, Eric H...... 1536
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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY
 Continuing Education Program

1994 Course Offerings

Short Course Series

(All short courses are held at the Auburn University Hotel & Conference Center unless otherwise noted)

Communication Skills (12 hrs)	February 23-24
Managing the Forest Resource: Working Through People (11 hrs)	March 9-10
Timber Income Tax (12 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	March 16-17
Forest Roads (9 hrs)	April 26-27
Environmental Law & Policy (10 hrs)	May 3-4
Applied Forest Finance (12 hrs) [Fl. Walton Beach]	June 13-14
Estate Planning for Forest Landowners (13 hrs) [Mobile]	July 18-19
Timber & Timberland Security (7 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	July 27
Law for Foresters (12 hrs)	August 2-3
Developing a Competitive Advantage (10 hrs)	August 24-25
Emerging Issues Forum (5 hrs) [Gulf Shores]	September 10
Keys to Effective Negotiating (10 hrs)	September 28-29
Forest Roads (9 hrs)	October 5-6
Thinning Methods & Operations (12 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	October 10-11
Harvesting Operations in Wetlands (12 hrs)	October 26-27
Urban Tree Selection & Management (12 hrs)	November 2-3
Managing a Longleaf Pine Ecosystem (12 hrs) [Andalusia]	November 9-10
Forestry Herbicides: Regulatory Compliance (12 hrs)	December 13-14

Workshops

Forestry Herbicides & Worker Protection Standards (5 hrs)	
Auburn	March 14
Tuscaloosa	March 15
Monroeville	March 25
Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Identification & Management (5 hrs)	
Andalusia	April 5
Tuscaloosa	April 6
Endangered Species in the Sand Hills: Identification & Management (5 hrs)	
Andalusia	May 6
Laws & Regulations Affecting Forest Management Activities (5 hrs)	
Mobile	June 21
Montgomery	June 22
Huntsville	June 23
Timber & the Federal Income Tax (7 hrs)	
Mobile	November 8
Birmingham	November 17
Huntsville	December 8

All hours listed are Category 1, Continuing Forestry Education (CFE)

BOARD ACTIONS/Much Accomplished

The governor had failed to fill the Board vacancy created when the five-year term of T. Waymon Paul ended January 6, 1994 as of the editorial deadline for this issue.

During the regular meeting of the Board, January 26, 1994, six applications for license were reviewed and six applications for Forestry Intern certification were approved. This brings the total number of Interns certified to 561. Oral examinations were administered by Board chairman Lowe on January 25 resulting in the licensing of four. The names appear in the perforated Roster Update insert in this issue. One applicant failed to pass. Ex-Board member Wilbur De Vall was authorized to update the Board's Administrative Manual prior to the April meeting of the Board.

Board action on reported violations appears elsewhere in this issue. Committee chairman Sahlie asked De Vall to prepare an 'Abstract' of the 1975 Code of Alabama, Chapter 12 - Foresters dealing with violations, as an enclosure when corresponding with Registered Foresters.

The 1994 Roster of Registered Foresters will appear in a format to be chosen by the Board after reviewing several quotations from printers.

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February 15, 1994

Dear Friends of Forestry:

We all know that the practice of forestry and the profession of forestry have come under intense criticism in the last few years. In order to counteract negative publicity, the State Board of Registration for Foresters is supporting efforts by the Alabama Forestry Commission to create positive publicity in Alabama to promote the profession of forestry and its contribution to the environment and the economy of the State.

Pam Sears, while continuing to work for the Board, has been transferred to the Education Division of the Alabama Forestry Commission. She has been specifically assigned the project of getting out to the public "positive" and "informative" facts concerning the practice of forestry and the contribution of foresters. The information would be designed to encourage the public to have a constructive and optimistic view of our profession.

Some of the ideas that have been formulated are:

- 1) Promoting the forestry profession at Career Days in Alabama schools.
- 2) Having exhibits at appropriate meetings (especially where land owners are present).
- 3) Holding forestry expos in malls at key target areas such as Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Montgomery. These expos will include exhibits by forest industry, state and federal agencies, forestry schools, forestry associations, etc.
- 4) Organizing a Speakers' Bureau. This bureau would be comprised of professionals in the field of forestry who would donate their time sharing their knowledge at local civic club meetings, forestry associations, garden clubs, schools, SAF meetings i.e. local and state Chapters and Divisions.
- 5) Educational and other informational brochures.

These projects will promote the profession as a whole and not any agency or private industry individually.

The State Board would like to contribute to the financial support of these efforts so we are asking for your assistance. Please make contributions to the Board so that we can begin developing elements toward a campaign.

Along with your contributions, we would like to have input/suggestions as to what you feel would ensure the success of this project.

Sincerely yours,

James R. Lowe
James R. Lowe, R.F.
Chairman



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We discussed raising the penalty for violations as more of a deterrent, but you still would have to prove that he was representing himself as a Forester. A short investigation revealed that finding a client of his who would say yes, 'he approached me and ADVISED me to sell my timber' would be very difficult. Speaking as a past-Board member, the Board would need a lot of participation from Registered Foresters at the local level to be successful in shutting this operation down. I have a feeling that aggressive pursuit of this case would have generated more bad publicity for the profession than good we could have gotten from it. This is a good item for all Registered Foresters to comment on in the future.

In closing, it was my feeling that only a small percentage of Registered Foresters has enough concern about their profession to get involved when they are aware of a violation. The cases reported by the public usually involve matters that need to be litigated in civil proceeding and the Board so advises. In most other cases, the public does not know there is a Foresters' Licensing law and it will be up to those registered to notify, not only the public but also the Board, when they see a violation.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve you as a member of the Board.
Jack Fillingham, R.F. (Alabama License No. 667)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Parrela B. Sears, Office Manager

Your board and the Alabama Forestry Commission are working on a new and much-needed service —A SPEAKER'S BUREAU.

The bureau would be comprised of forestry professionals who would voluntarily share their knowledge at local civic club meetings, gatherings of forestry associations, garden clubs, schools, and Society of American Foresters sessions including local Chapters and state Divisions. Other organizations would be welcome to make use of the bureau.

While each individual will be representing an employer, there will be four points covered in all presentations. Each would be treated by the speaker regardless of the topic of the presentation. The four points are:

1. The majority of forest land in Alabama is owned by individuals and families.
2. These individuals and families have rights and responsibilities when managing the forest land which is in their ownership.
3. Owners of forest land can realize economic and environmental benefits from their land while providing these same benefits to all of society.
4. Forestry is a science requiring professional and technical expertise. Being a forester requires extensive training just as would any other scientific area.

The Office Manager will formulate a workbook listing those interested in participating in the Bureau and their preferred subject areas. She will then contact local garden clubs, SAF groups, schools, and Alabama Forestry Commission education specialist within the state to inform them of the availability of this service and provide names of speakers on request.

Hey! There might even come a time when YOU need a speaker. If you find you have this need, please notify me.

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