

Stump Talk

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It is with some feeling of trepidation that I begin editing this newsletter. The reasons are many and include the fact that I have never edited a publication before, that I am trying on the big shoes of Wilbur DeVall, and that I do not know how to spell.

I ask for your indulgence from the beginning and promise to try to make this publication interesting, the topics of some relevance, and to use my spell checker and the services of anyone I can grab to produce a newsletter that you will enjoy reading.

*One of the new features we will be including is a column called **Faces & Places** that will try to give news of changes in the lives of our Registrants. This column will need input from you in a big way. I am in the northwest corner of the State, in the woods, and am truly "out of the loop". I am old, have trouble with my own name, and can't remember even a third of the people I know. So please send me info about job changes, awards, promotions, anything everyone who has lost touch with you wants to know--quick!*

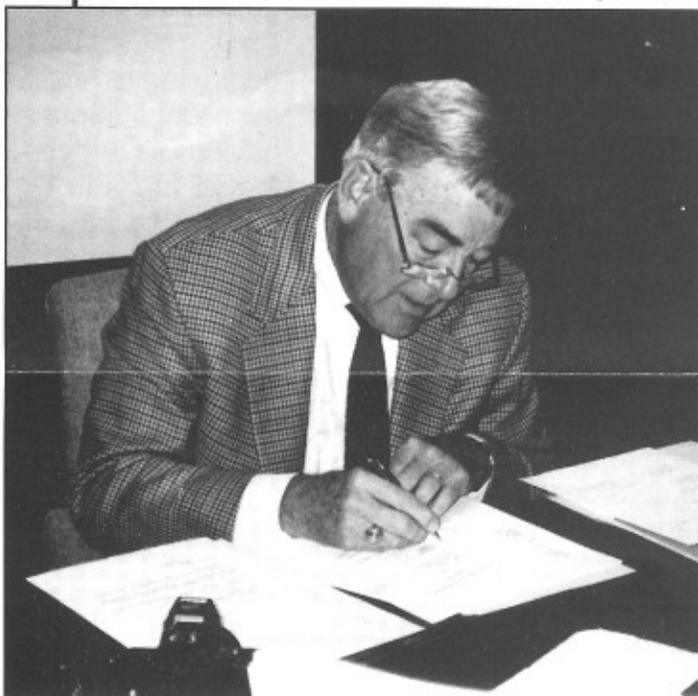
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BILL SAHLIE IS NEW CHAIRMAN

Bill Sahlie is a big man whose slim frame hints of his high school basketball career. In speech and in action he is slow and deliberate as if every word or gesture really counted. The



result is impressive, and one approaches Bill expecting this gray haired giant to be a font of wisdom. One is seldom disappointed.

Bill was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1933 and lived his early years in Orlando and Jacksonville. His father was a manufacturer's representative for General Motors Chevrolet Division

when there were three dealers in north Florida, so Bill went to school in Florida while his father rectified this deplorable situation. This explains why Bill graduated from the University of Florida, considered by some Auburn graduates to be his major character flaw.

When Bill began his career, he set as his goal a job paying at least \$300 per month. When the highest offer he received was for \$180 per month, he seriously considered continuing his schooling. Just in time, he heard of a job with St. Regis, cruising the Alger Sullivan lands in south Alabama. He applied, was accepted, and began his career as a forester for \$300 per month. Overwhelmed by

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the high pay, he continued with St. Regis for five and a half years, first as a timber cruiser for acquisitions, then as a CFI inventory cruiser, then as a land manager of a working circle and finally as a procurement forester for St. Regis in the Montgomery area.

Having discovered that procurement was the most fun he had had in his career, he left St. Regis to go into business with a wood dealer in Georgia. In 1963 one of St. Regis' dealers died suddenly and the company asked Bill if he would like to be a dealer for them in Wetumpka. Thus was born Bama Wood, Inc., Bill's first corporate child. Bill set two goals for Bama Wood. First, to structure the company so that it would live past the career or life of its founder and second, to make it one of the largest dealerships in Alabama. Quickly Bill expanded to a second yard in Chilton County and shortly thereafter Union Bag (now Union Camp) approached him to be a supplier of wood to their new facility in Prattville. Bama Wood became dealer #001 for Union Camp, a number that they still retain. Shortly thereafter, Bill and a partner formed Southern Trucking, Inc. in 1966 to fulfill a contract for hauling wood from a outlying yard to the Union Camp mill.

It is apparent when talking to Bill that he takes great pride in his career as a dealer and in the fact that Bama Wood began shipping 250 cords per week and at its peak was shipping over 200,000 cords per year and that Southern Trucking grew from 3 tractors and 9 trailers to 24 tractors and 75 trailers during this period.

In 1990, Bill received his "wake up call". His wife, Shirley, whom he had married in 1957 contracted a rare infection of her brain. After a period of touch-and-go she finally began to improve and Bill, who had noticed a decrease in his desire to put in the time and effort required to run large organizations, decided that he wanted to slow down a little and spend more time with his family.

In short order Bill sold his ownership of Bama Wood back to the company and, with his partner, liquidated and dissolved Southern Trucking. Shirley, their daughters Ginger (Virginia-1959), Beth (Elizabeth-1960), and Anne(1969) and their son Clark(1965) were overjoyed for a while.

Of course about this time Clark came home one weekend and announced that he thought it might be nice to work with his father and Bill's son-in-law John Virden (Ginger's husband) suggested the same thing. Shirley was beginning to have misgivings about having Bill underfoot all the time. Bill, whose schedule only included his term on the city council of Wetumpka, an interest in Saco Wood, Inc. and various church activities, was getting a bit bored.



Bill and Shirley in New Zealand

Alan P. Bruce (1343) has recently been promoted to Operations Manager Alabama

William F. (Bill) Sahlie (78) was honored for excellence in the general pra

David P. Holley (334) was awarded the Chairman's Award by the Southea

Charles H. Fitzgerald (1249) was honored by placement in the Georgia F

Gordon White (673) was also honored by being placed in the Alabama Fc

Mark P. Elliott (1005) was named Alabama Outstanding Young Forester o

Dr. William R. (Bill) Sizemore (8) and **Steven G. (Steve) Burak** (1014) r

So, with Clark and John, Bill started another business called Mid-South Wood Inc., originally conceived as a procurement organization for a chip mill owned by Korean interests. After the Koreans defaulted on their contract, Mid-South continued shipping to other users and now has barge yards in Tennessee and near Mobile and a rail yard in Mississippi. Of interest is the fact that the rail yard is shipping gum and poplar logs to the west coast to provide core stock for plywood mills that have lost their supply from west coast lands due to environmental and governmental restrictions.



Presently acting as mayor of Wetumpka, a member of the city council, active in church and other civic affairs, and with plenty of business activities in his "retired" mode, Bill assumes the chairmanship of the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters at a crucial time in its existence. When you ask him his ideas on the future of the Board, he is quick to point out the need for the Board to become independent. Because of funding cuts to the Alabama Forestry Commission, the commission is going to be forced to reduce their subsidy to the Board. Bill points out that by contracting to provide the Board with personnel, office space,

and supplies at much below their cost, the Commission has kindly been supporting the Board since its inception. It is now time, he says, for the Board to become self supporting. Bill is also a strong supporter of registration for foresters and would like to see the rolls of the licensed expanded to include more of the foresters living and working in Alabama.

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or southern timberlands and wood procurement for James River's operations based in Pennington,

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cently taught their appraisal course to a group of foresters in New Zealand.

October Board Meeting

The Board met in regular session on October 25, 1995. Chairman Sahlie called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. and the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m. after a heavy schedule.

In summary, the Board reviewed 28 pieces of violation correspondence and acted on 10 violation cases. The Board approved 12 new applications for license, considered 3 requests for reciprocity, and reviewed the applications for 7 Forestry Interns. The Board granted licenses to reinstate 3 Foresters who had lapsed licenses but had met the requirements for reinstatement, granted licenses to 10 applicants who had successfully taken the oral exam and granted licenses to 9 applicants who had passed the written exam. The pass rate for all examinations reviewed was 68%.

A report was given by Nonemacher on the meeting with the professors at Auburn University to get help in "re-vamping" the question bank for written examinations and the Board greatly appreciates the help given by the faculty in making the question bank more current.

The Board expressed appreciation to Mark Elliott and Kent Hanby for their work on the oral exam panel and asked alternates Charlie Raper and Leonard Breeman to serve 2 year terms as the next members. Phearthur Moore will stay on as an alternate and Ty Sockwell, Sam Hopkins and Huey Long will be asked to also serve as alternates. Mark Thomas and Steve Nix remain on the panel until January 6, 1997.

The examination schedule for 1996 is January 23, April 23, July 23, and October 22 for oral exams and April 2 and October 2 for written exams.

AUBURN ANNOUNCES '96 CE COURSES

(All courses will be held at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center unless otherwise noted.)

Getting More from Your Timber Cruises (12hrs)[Tuscaloosa, AL]	January 17-18
Developing a Competitive Advantage (12 hrs)	February 5-6
Timber & Timberland Security (7 hrs) [Tuscaloosa, AL]	February 13
Harvest Planning & Layout (10 hrs)	February 26-27
Keys to Effective Negotiation (12 hrs)	March 5-6
Global Positioning Systems (7 hrs)	March 20
Forest Roads (10 hrs)	March 25-26
Community Relations for Field Foresters (12 hrs)[Shreveport, LA]	March 26-27
Creating a High Performance Team (12 hrs)	April 17-18
Endangered Species Ident. & Management (10 hrs) [Andalusia, AL]	April 23-24
Sharpening Your People Skills (12 hrs)	May 7-8
Forest Management for Wildlife (12 hrs)[Tuscaloosa, AL]	May 14-15
Shaping Perceptions: A Guide to Effective Communication(12 hrs)[Destin FL]	June 3-4
Managing for Competitive Advantage (10 hrs)[Destin, FL]	June 17-18
Applied Forest Finance (12 hrs)[Monroe, LA]	June 25-6
Global Positioning Systems (7 hrs)[Monroe, LA]	June 27
Keys to Effective Negotiating (10 hrs)[Nashville, TN]	July 8-9
Liability, Property Rights, & Environmental Regs. (10 hrs)[Tuscaloosa, AL]	July 17, 18
Developing a Competitive Advantage (10 hrs)[Shreveport, LA]	July 30-31
Timber & Timberland Security (7 hrs)[Shreveport, LA]	August 1
Wetlands Management Series (10 hrs)	August 7-8
Thinning Methods & Operations (11 hrs)[Monroe, LA]	August 27-28
Strategic Presentation Skills (10 hrs)	September 11-12
Urban Forest Management Series (10 hrs)	September 17, 18
Developing Leadership for the High Performance Org. (10 hrs) [Destin, FL]	October 7-8
Forest Roads (10 hrs)	October 15-16
Faster Point Samples: An Advanced Timber Cruising Workshop (10 hrs)	October 22-23
Forestry for the Non-Forestry Professional (10 hrs)[Shreveport, LA]	November 5-6
Forestry Herbicides (10 hrs)	November 14-15

Hours listed represent Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credit in Category 1

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