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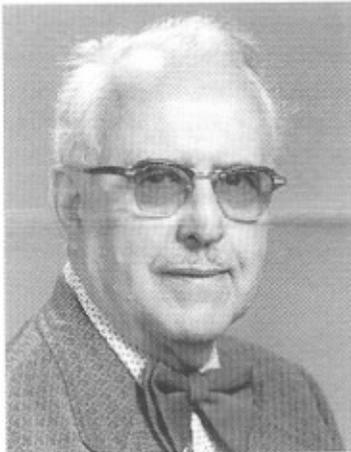
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD/Looking Back 37 Years

Wilbur B. De Vall, R.F. - Retired



Wilbur De Vall

My purpose in writing this editorial is to give credit to those who have served as Board members and to recall for the reader some of the stepping stones that have made an imprint on the public and the forestry community. Many individuals worked to get a law passed in Alabama that would provide for the registration and licensing of foresters. Others implemented the law once passed. Later, additional Registered Foresters administered the law, its amendments, rules, and policies over nearly four decades. What was done and how are the criteria used as a base for the comments that follow. Those who may seek details should refer to the 1975 Code of Alabama and its amendments through 1990 appearing in the 27th Roster of Registered Foresters.

Governor James E. Folsom signed the bill September 1957 that became Act 533 providing for the licensing of qualified foresters. His initial appointments to the Board included Jake Stauffer, State Forester, R. Vance Miles, Jr., Vice President, Gulf States Paper Corp., Wilbur De Vall, Head, Department of Forestry at A.P.I., John Mitchell, Forester, TVA, and C. T. Prout, Forester, Soil Conservation Service. These persons were eventually assigned license numbers 1-5 respectively. The first board meeting was held January 27, 1958 during which De Vall was elected Chairman, Miles, Vice Chairman, and Stauffer, Secretary. The meeting was held at the headquarters of the Forestry Division, 711 High Street. In November of the same year the Board met at 64 Union Street, and in July 1970 moved to 513 Madison Avenue. The State Forester should be credited with providing a headquarters for the Board and the Alabama Forestry Council for providing a modest grant used to print forms and licenses. Twenty-eight foresters have been appointed to the Board during the period 1958-1995. An additional 37 Registered Foresters have served as panelists when oral examinations were administered.

Board members during the organizational years were responsible for drafting and/or designing the Board's logo, by-laws, license, identification cards, application forms, rules, policies, publications, and establishing a filing system for records. The seal was authorized as a 'impression seal' in July 1969. Appropriate 'certifications' for maps and reports were also developed and appear in each issue of the Roster. Many foresters have asked about the symbolism in the seal. It is modeled after the Chinese design of perpetuity while the factory signifies industry, trees the forest resource, the stream the water resource, chemical apparatus signifies science, Aladdin's Lamp the 'Magic of Knowledge', the gearwheel, the wheel of progress, and the silhouette identifies the State of Alabama.

Mary Autrey started as Office Manager in 1958. She retired and was replaced by Pam Sears who attended her first meeting July 23, 1975 and has served without interruption to the present. Files of the Board are kept current and retired from the active file only on demise of a registrant. All official actions taken by the Board that affect a registrant are confidential and made available only to the registrant.

Legal assistance has been made available to the Board by the Attorney General. Assistant Attorneys General, numbering seven, have served the Board, rendered opinions, and presided over hearings. Legal actions taken by the Board include issuance of a subpoena (1975), revocation of a license (1984), suspension of a license (1984), rescinding of a Reciprocal Agreement with another state (1986), and authorizing criminal action (1986). The Sunset Act of 1976 has required that the Board appear before the Legislative Committee seven times. De Vall

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*James R. Lowe
Chairman*

James R. Lowe, Chairman

The State Board of Registration for Foresters has contracted with Charles Tomlinson, R.F., a former member and chairman of the Board, to review its activities and administrative procedures and to make recommendations for improvement where appropriate. Part of the review involves the study of several other state boards in Alabama as well as Forestry boards in Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Arkansas, and Maine designed to highlight the best ideas and procedures these boards have developed that might be considered by the Alabama Board. The initial planning session with Tomlinson was held on June 21, 1995 when an action plan was developed and a list of specific subject areas to be studied was prepared. Interim reports to the Board will be provided by him and the final report will be due by the end of calendar year 1995. Funding for this project has been provided by a grant from the Alabama Forestry Commission. **Bob Lowe**

BOARD HEARS PROGRESS REPORT - The first report on the study of the Board was made during the July meeting by Charles Tomlinson, R.F. (standing) in the presence of board members. Seated (L-R) are William Sahlie, Secretary, Pamela Sears, Office Manager, Chairman Robert Lowe, Robert Nonnemacher, Vice Chairman, Phillip Sasnett, chairman of the Violations committee, and Richard Jones, chairman, Rules and Regulations committee. Tomlinson is a former member of the Board and served a term as its chairman.



BOARD HANDLES CURRENT BUSINESS/Plans Ahead for the Future

The last regular meeting of the fiscal year was held July 26, 1995. It was viewed as a transitional session between the past and the future. Several functions and activities associated with the meeting are reported elsewhere in this issue.

Representatives of the Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters were invited to meet with the Board. Assistant Attorney General Geri Grant sat in on the review of violations. The Board reviewed 13 applications for registration, granted reciprocity to one, and certified 22 Forestry Interns. Three applicants were licensed. The regular election of officers was held.

SEARS COMPLETES TWENTY YEARS/Second Office Manager

Pam Sears was recognized for her twenty years service to the Board at a luncheon held in her honor in connection with the July meeting of the Board. She assumed the position as Office Manager in 1975. She was presented a gift by Chairman Bob Lowe in recognition of her important contributions to the Board's administration. Lowe expressed appreciation to Pam for the handling of her duties in a courteous and professional manner. Present at the luncheon were the five members of the Board, Wilbur De Vall, past Board member, and several of Pam's co-workers at the Alabama Forestry Commission including Richard Cumbie, Assistant State Forester, Cynthia Page, Division of Education, and Pam's secretary Alexis London. **Bob Lowe**



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MISCONCEPTIONS OF FORESTRY

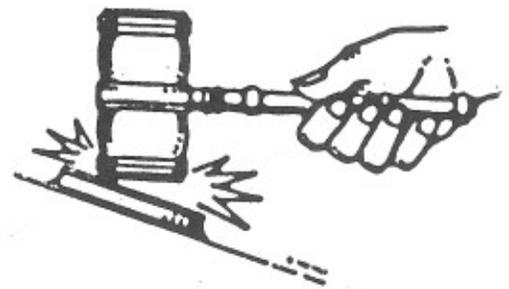
Cynthia Page, Director, Forest Education Division, Alabama Forestry Commission has announced the availability of a "Slide Presentation" for the Forestry Speakers Bureau participants. It consists of 57 slides, professionally prepared, and a script.

A set, including the narration, can be obtained from any District Office of the Commission. The presentation is intended as a bank of resource materials selected to address audiences on popular topics and concerns. The presentation can be adapted to local conditions by selecting slides from the set and adding others depicting local or other relevant events. - Editor.



OFFICE MANAGERS

Mary Autrey (L) began her service to the Board in January 1958. Pam Sears (R) replaced Mary following the latter's retirement in July 1975. Pam is currently starting her 21st year.



REMINDER

Hey Foresters, Time is getting short!

Your renewal fees and Continuing Education forms are due in the Board's office by SEPTEMBER 30, 1995. A check in the amount of \$30 must be attached to your CE Form. Any submissions after September 30th (including courses taken after this date) will have to include the additional late fee of \$30. Late renewals between October 1, 1995 and December 31, 1995 will be charged \$60. No submissions after December 31st will be processed for renewal of licenses for 1996. Any registrant who fails to renew as instructed in this paragraph will have to reapply for Registration in order to be reinstated. Reinstatement requests will be reviewed individually by the Board. Former registrants will be issued a new license number if reinstated.

Continuing education courses are becoming more readily available as Registered Foresters become more accustomed to the requirements of the Continuing Education law. If you are having problems finding courses, meetings, or other ways of meeting the C. E. requirements, you can contact the following schools for a list of courses.

Auburn University, Chris Isaacson
Phone: 334/844-1042

Mississippi State University, Tom Monaghan
Phone: 601/325-3905

University of Georgia, Richard Field
Phone: 706/542-3063

Please call Office Manager, Pam Sears (Phone: 334/240-9368) if you have any questions concerning C. E. credits.

Pam Sears, Office Manager

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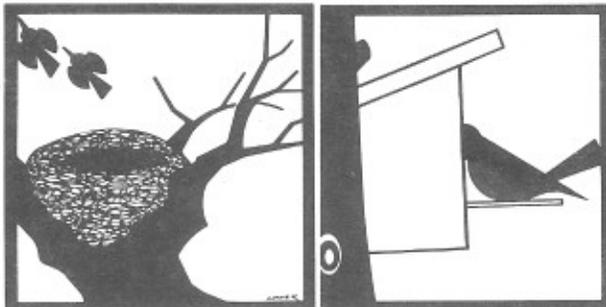
VIOLATIONS STATUS REPORT As of July 26, 1995 Phillip Sasnett, Chairman Violations Committee

Of the eight complaints pending from the April 1995 meeting of the Board, six were carried over to continue investigation; one practicing without a license was closed following certification by two retained Registered Foresters that they supervise all services considered to be the practice of Forestry provided by the subject firm, and one advertising "Forest Management Services" was closed when a retained Registered Forester certified supervision of all services considered to be the practice of Forestry provided by the subject firm with a recommendation to the firm to clarify the advertisement.

The six pending complaints include three practicing without a license, one using the title Forester without a license, and two alleged negligence and/or unethical conduct.

Three new complaints were received during the quarter. One advertising Forestry Services was closed when the party agreed to change the ad. Carried over were one using the title Forester without a license which was referred to the Attorney General's office, and one practicing without a license.

Ms. Gerri Grant, the Board's legal counsel from the Attorney General's office assisted the violations portion of the meeting with interpretation and legal advice.



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SCHOOL OF FORESTRY Continuing Education Program 1 9 9 5

- Point Sampling: A Timber Cruising Workshop (12 hrs)(Destin, FL) . Oct. 9-10
- Forest Roads (10 hrs) October 18-19
- Developing Leadership for the High Performance Organization (10 hrs) October 25-26
- Keys to Effective Negotiating (10 hrs)(Tuscaloosa, AL) November 8-9
- Forestry for Non-Forestry Professionals (10 hrs) November 21-22

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Chris V. Isaacson - (334) 844-1042

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

Wilbur De Vall was recently honored with a reception at the headquarters building, Alabama Forestry Association in recognition of his continuous service to the Board from 1958 to 1995. He served as a member of the Board for 29 years and eight more as editor of the Board's newsletter. He was presented a bent-glass award engraved with the Board seal by Board member Robert Nonnemacher. Alva Lambert, Executive Assistant to Governor Fob James, presented De Vall with a proclamation designating July 25, 1995 as WILBUR B. DE VALL DAY and citing his contributions to the Board and the profession of forestry. Frank Sego, Governmental Affairs Manager, Alabama Forestry Commission also presented De Vall with a Resolution from the Alabama House of Representatives in recognition of his period of service to forestry in Alabama beginning in 1946.



The honoree was appointed to the Board in 1958 by then Governor Jim Folsom and was elected its first chairman. He then served 13 years as chairman and four years as vice chairman. He continued as a member of the Board until 1987 and then in an advisory capacity. He was cited for his editorial contribution to The REGISTERED FORESTER over the period 1971 to the present.

De Vall was Head, Department of Forestry at Auburn for 26 years, retiring as Emeritus Professor February 1, 1978. He has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1938, was recognized as a Fellow in the SAF in 1979, and made a Golden Member of the Society upon reaching 50 years of continuous membership. He was inducted in the Alabama Foresters' Hall of Fame in 1981. He holds license No. 3. **Bob Lowe**



1995-96 OFFICERS ELECTED - Taking office October 1, 1995 will be (seated L-R) Bob Nonnemacher, Vice Chairman, Bill Sahlie, Chairman, and Phillip Sasnett, Secretary. Other board members (standing L-R) are Rick Jones and Bob Lowe retiring Chairman. Lowe will serve until January 6, 1996 when his five-year replacement should be named by Governor James.



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represented the Board at the first hearing July 27, 1977. The second appearance before the Committee was in September 1981 followed by similar sessions in October 1985, July 1989, and November 1993. All have been scheduled for Montgomery with the exception of the appearance in 1985 held at Lake Point State Park.

Amendments to the law have required changes in examination procedures. Initially, the Board members administered both oral and written examinations. The latter lasting seven hours when combined with an oral. Several versions of oral examinations have been prepared over the years and named affectionately the Schenck, Stauffer, Biltmore, and versions of these. A question bank was developed from which to draw questions for the written examinations. It covers 28 subject areas and has grown to about 700 questions. An Oral Examination panel was authorized and used for the first time in July 1978. The panel involves four persons serving two-year terms and alternates approved by the Board. Thirty-seven panelists have served in this capacity. Since April 1990, applicants have been given a choice of oral or written as mandated by the Sunset Committee.

The public has gained an appreciation of the Board's efforts through its publications. An Annual Report is required and a Roster must be printed in even-numbered years. Press releases follow each meeting. The Board's newsletter - The REGISTERED FORESTER has been published since August 1971. Editorials appeared for the first time in the summer issue 1977 and guest editorials began in the winter of 1980. Tom Kennedy, R.F. authored the first one. Since the fall of 1985, the retiring board member has authored an editorial and the Chairman, Alabama Division, Society of American Foresters is now required by the SAF Bylaws to prepare one at the end of the elective term. Several 'public-information-type' brochures have been published.

Looking back on nearly forty years of the Board's operations reveals several one-time actions or events rarely known to the public or Registered Foresters. Act 533 provided a "grand father's" clause so that old timers could become licensed. The Board chose to interview each prior to issuing licenses. The law provides for contractual services which the Board initiated in 1958 and has continued to the present. The SAF has the responsibility of recommending nominees to the Governor for the purpose of filling vacancies. Only twice in 37 years has the Board had to exercise its power to fill a vacancy. Recognizing that forestry graduates might like to identify themselves and later become registered, the Board authorized Certification of Forestry Interns upon their graduation from an accredited forestry curriculum. The present requirement of Continuing Education for license renewal came about as a mandate from the Sunset Committee and a policy was adopted in January 1991. Officers of the SAF in Alabama have been invited to meet with the Board during its July meeting beginning in 1976. John McCullough was the first chairman of the SAF to attend. In addition to administration of the Alabama Code, its amendments, polices, and rules, the Board has recorded all of its official actions in nine ring-binder Minute Books. Beginning with Motion No. 1, January 1958 the number of motions reached 1,186 as of July 26, 1995. The reader will find on the other pages of this issue of The REGISTERED FORESTER more about the current workings of the Board. May it continue into the future as a 'role model' in Foresters' Licensing for other states. - Wilbur De Vall.

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