

STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

I will make my remarks brief for this issue since the newsletter is already pretty full, other things seem to be pulling me, and I can't think of anything I want to say.

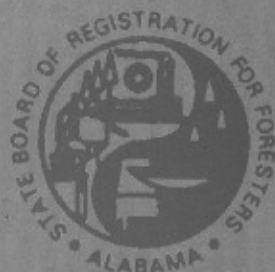
You will notice lots of things going on with this issue. Our Chairman calls for our help, the President of the SAF issues a call to action, and our retiring member says goodbye. The new member of the Board, Leonard Breeman, is welcomed but otherwise ignored since I was in Belize during the last Board meeting and have not had a chance to talk to him. This will be rectified in the next issue.

As you will notice in the minutes, plans for making the Board more autonomous are proceeding at a rapid pace and the new Board offices should be completed in the near future.

Please let me hear from you if you have suggestions for future issues of the Registered Forester. I am now e-mailable at cet@tbesboals.com. This, I understand, also makes me wired, with it, and connected - attributes I never even knew about until recently and which I view with some cynical reservations.

The Registered FORESTER

Volume 27, #1 Winter, 1996



MEET THE NEW BOARD



Pictured left to right: Richard Jones, Leonard Breeman, Phillip Sasnett, Mike Beach and William Whiting

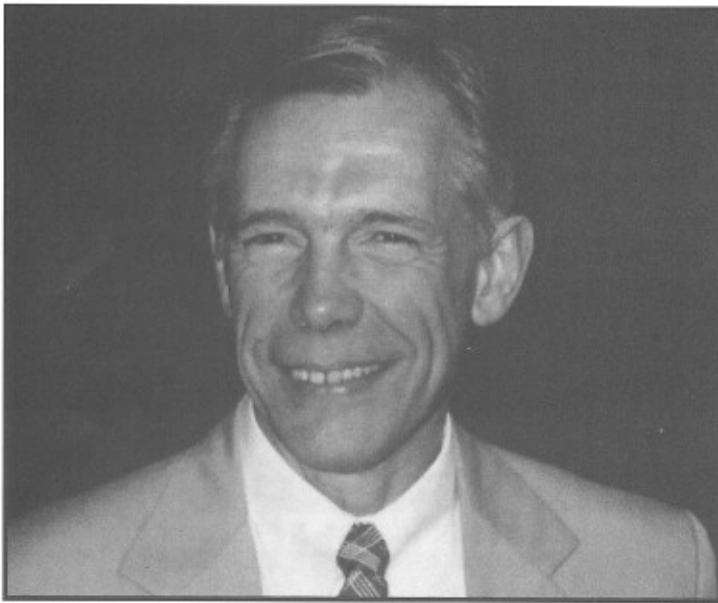
Comments from the Chairman:

As your new officers and committee chairmen transition into their new responsibilities, I find myself reflecting on the progress of the past couple of years and the challenges for the future. One thought I would like to convey to each Registered Forester (R.F.) is the responsibility each of us has to actively pursue the letter and spirit of Chapter 12 of the Code of Alabama.

In 1958, a few visionaries in our profession enacted a licensing law which has served the citizens of this State and its foresters well for many years. It is a law that has become the standard which other states seek to attain. While the State of Alabama has conveyed upon you the title of "Registered Forester" it has also conveyed to you the obligation to uphold the spirit of that law. More than understanding and complying with the law, each of us are the messengers who are in a position all across Alabama to assure our citizens are competently advised in the "practice of forestry".

As I bequeath the Violations Committee Chairmanship of two years to Mike Beach, I feel some sense of accomplishment, but the realization that much more needs to be done. The revised violation complaint procedure requires effort and as much evidence as can reasonably be obtained. This is necessary for enforcement and enforcement is necessary to continue to protect the citizens of Alabama. When you experience a possible violation, don't hesitate to communicate with the Board. By not reporting incidents of possible violation, we are in effect condoning the behavior.

In summary, your Board needs increased dialog with R.F.'s for all of us to improve our understanding of the intent of the law. There are five Board Members, a number of former Board Members, and our Office Manager to assist you. Don't hesitate to contact one of us and share your concerns and questions.



PHILLIP SASNETT

Phillip was born in Jacksonville, Florida to educator parents who had made Florida their home. He went to school in Jacksonville and, after graduating from high school there, was accepted and decided to go to the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. Phillip had been the manager of his high school football team and became a manager of the Sewanee football team as a freshman. After a couple of years, he discovered that a forestry education at Sewanee, coupled with waiting tables in the dining hall, did not leave much time for anything else and he had to give up this avocation. Phillip graduated from Sewanee in 1963 with a degree in forestry, one of a class of three.

After graduating from Sewanee, he applied for, and was accepted at Yale to study for a Masters degree, which he received in June of 1964.

He was offered a job by Gulf States Paper Corporation as a staff forester and began his career remeasuring continuous forest inventory plots. About this time Viet Nam was going full strength and Phillip got his call from his draft board. To avoid serving as a foot soldier, he applied for and was accepted in Officer's Training for the Navy. In May of 1966 Phillip began OCS in Newport, Virginia, and was later transferred to Athens, Georgia. In May of 1967 Phillip was assigned to a destroyer in Norfolk, Virginia as the Supply Officer. He served on this ship in the Mediterranean Sea, and on

the waters off Veit Nam until August of 1969. When his service was up, they decommissioned this ship and released Phillip. It is not known if the two facts are inter-related. He continued in the Naval Reserve for another 22 years until his retirement.

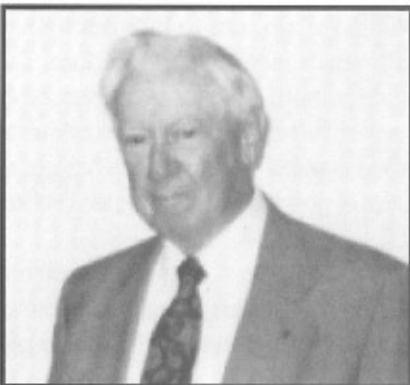
When he returned to Gulf States after his three year stint in the Navy, he resumed the same job that he had left when he was called up, and began to re-inventory the same CFI plots that he had done before being called up. In an attempt to avoid having to inventory those CFI plots for a third time, Phillip got busy and soon was promoted to a different neck of the woods as a Planner. In 1976, Phillip got into operations with a job as Timber Management Director for Gulf States, a job he held for 18 years while the company changed his responsibilities but left his title alone. In 1994, he was named Woodlands Manager, a broadening of his previous position, where he serves today.

Louisa, Phillip's wife, came into his life in high school through a church organization. They courted long distance all through their college years (she was studying education at Stetson University in Florida) and were married after Phillip graduated from Sewanee in 1963. They moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where she found a job teaching while Phillip was getting his Master's degree. Louisa was able to teach at almost every step along the way, through Phillip's stint in the Navy and many years after, in Tuscaloosa. Louisa is now retired from teaching and has become a full time volunteer in the Tuscaloosa area.

When Phillip talks about the fun things in his life, he usually ends up talking about his work, but he has found time for service in the Kiwanis Club, on the Board of Directors of the Tuscaloosa Symphony, and various church related activities. He and Louisa are beginning to travel, often with the Alabama Boy Choir when they are invited to sing throughout the world. One of the trips being considered for the future is a visit to China with long-time friends who have emigrated to the U.S..

Phillip is active in the SAF on the local level and has participated in various activities of the SESAF. His quiet competence has served the Board well since his appointment, and his Chairmanship should give additional stability and leadership during this transition period to a self supporting organization.

Bob says Goodbye



It has become tradition for the retiring member of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Foresters to write some words of wisdom as he departs. My heartfelt thanks to my peers for allowing me to serve the citizens of Alabama, trying to assure them of professional competence when they need forestry advice.

A few foresters may look upon registration and licensing as an enhancement of their professional life. The true intent of the law is to protect the public from unqualified persons who attempt to offer the practice of forestry to an unsuspecting citizenry.

The real mission of the Board must be to thoroughly examine the professional competency of foresters who appear before them so that the public can hire a licensed, Registered Forester with the sure knowledge that they are dealing with a qualified person.

I believe the quality of the Board will achieve the mission and I leave it in their competent, dedicated hands. May God bless your efforts.

Bob Nonnemacher, RF 642

1997 SCHEDULE OF CFE PROGRAMS

Auburn University School of Forestry Continuing Forestry Education Programs

Alabama Region

Community Relations (12 hrs) [Auburn]	March 4-5
Boundary Law, Easements, & Right-of-Ways (12 hrs) [Auburn]	March 25-26
Developing a Competitive Advantage (12 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	April 1-2
Forest Management for Wildlife (12 hrs) [Auburn]	April 22-23
Getting More from Your Timber Cruises (12 hrs) [Auburn]	May 20-21
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders (10 hrs) [Auburn]	May 22-23
Developing Leadership for a High Performance Organization (12hrs) [Auburn]	June 10-11
Liability Concerns for the Forestry Professional (10 hrs) [Auburn]	June 17-18
Timber Tax (12 hrs) [Auburn]	July 8-9
Faster Point Samples (10 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	July 28-29
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders (10 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	July 30-31
Thinning Methods & Operations (10 hrs) [Auburn]	August 5-6
The Forester in Court (12 hrs) [Auburn]	August 6-7
Strategic Presentations (12 hrs) [Auburn]	August 13-14
Forest Finance (12 hrs) [Auburn]	September 9-10
Logging Cost Analysis (12 hrs) [Auburn]	September 10-11
Purchasing Timberland as an Investment (7 hrs) [Birmingham] ...	September 16
Harvesting Operations in Wetlands (10 hrs)[Auburn]	September 17-18
Timberland Appraisal Basics (12 hrs) [Tuscaloosa]	September 23-24
Forest Roads (10 hrs) [Auburn]	October 21-22
Shaping Perceptions: A Guide to Effective Communication (12 hrs) [Auburn]	November 11-12
Forestry for Non-forestry Professionals [Auburn]	December 2-3

Louisiana Region

Getting More from Your Timber Cruises (12 hrs) [Shreveport]	February 25-26
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders (10 hrs) [Shreveport]	February 27-28
Forest Roads (10 hrs) [Monroe]	March 25-26
Community Relations for Field Foresters (12 hrs) [Monroe]	March 26-27
Developing Leadership for the High Performance Organization (12 hrs) [Shreveport]	May 21-22
Keys to Effective Negotiating (12 hrs) [Shreveport]	June 2-3
Shaping Perceptions: A Guide to Effective Communications (12 hrs) [Shreveport]	June 4-5
Forest Management for Wildlife (12 hrs) [Monroe]	July 15-16
Thinning Methods & Operations (10 hrs) [Monroe]	July 16-17
Boundary Law, Easements, & Right-of-Ways (12 hrs) [Monroe]	August 26-27
Developing a Competitive Advantage (12 hrs) [Monroe]	August 27-28
Faster Point Samples (10 hrs) [Monroe]	October 6-7
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders (10 hrs) [Monroe]	October 8-9

For more information on each course please contact Lisa Bess at (334) 844-1042.

Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources Continuing Forestry Education Program

Advanced Negotiating Skills for Foresters and Other Professionals	March 4-5
Chip Production for Foresters	April 8-9
Prescribed Burning: Preparing for the Mississippi Certification Exam	April 21-24
Forestry Practices and Principles	April 16-17
Presentation Skills for Foresters	Spring (to be announced)
Management of Existing Hardwood Stands	(to be announced)

For program information or to be put on the mailing list for courses contact:

Alan Brown
Coordinator of Continuing Education
College of Forest Resources
Mississippi State University
(601) 325-0100

University of Georgia School of Forest Resources Georgia Center for Continuing Education Upcoming Courses

Logging Cost Analysis	March 5-6
Forest Road construction	March 18-19
Urban/Rural Forest Interface Institute	April 7-9
Jurisdictional Delineation of coastal Plain Wetlands	(Savannah) April 8-11
Forestry for Non-forestry Professionals	April 21-23
Forest Production - Silvicultural Relationships	April 29-May 2
Natural Resource Policy, Values and Economics	May 4-16
Introduction to Image Processing and GIS	May 6-8
Forest Finance: Basic Applications	June 2-3
GPS and Data Recorders	July 21-22
Negotiating Skills for Foresters	July 31-August 1
Woodland Security (several locations)	August 14
Integration of GPS, Image Processing and GIS for Natural Resource Management	August 26-28
Jurisdictional Delineation of Piedmont Wetlands	September 9-12
Timber cruising Basics	October 13
Timber cruising You can count On	October 14-15
Herbicides in Forestry	November 4-5
Timber Income Tax	December 2-3
Georgia Forestry Symposium	December 8-9

For Program Information Contact:
Susan A. King
Continuing Forest Resource Education Office
Georgia Center for Continuing Education
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia 30602-3603
Phone: (706) 542-3063
Email: kings@gactr.uga.edu

NEW Registered Foresters

Luvall, Jeffrey C.*Research Scientist*

NASA's Global Hy & Center
Business: 106 Finch Court SW
Huntsville, AL 35824
Phone: 205/461-7490
Home: 106 Finch Court SW
Huntsville, AL 35824
Phone: 205/461-7490

1655

Gibson, Larry H. Jr.*Owner*

Gibson Forest Management
Business: 515 South Jefferson
Macon, MS 39341
Phone: 601/726-2815
Home: 1004 Stirling Circle
Aliceville, AL 35442
Phone: 205/373-3022

1656

Smith, Robert R.*Forestry Consultant Assistant*

Business: 110 Sylvania Street
Brewton, AL 36426
Phone: 334/454-9507
Home: 110 Sylvania Street
Brewton, AL 36426
Phone: 334/476-8533

1657

Bach, Rodericks, Jr.*Forester*

Home: 1836 Shadow Lane
Montgomery, AL 36106
Phone: 334/265-0736

1658

Bryant, William D.

1659

Plant Protection & Quarantine Officer

USDA

Business: 4121 Carmichael Road
Montgomery, AL 36106
Phone: 334/270-0482
Home: P. O. Box 230553
Montgomery, AL 36123
Phone: 334/270-0482

CONGRATULATIONS!

OFF-RAMP ON THE ROAD TO RUIN

It would be difficult to prove that anti-management organizations have a strategic plan to drive the timber industry completely off our shores, but there is ample evidence that their efforts follow a definite pattern. Federal lands were the easy target, and they have pretty well locked up our national forestlands and damaged organizations that were once prime examples of "government that worked." State lands were next on their list, and I would guess they are halfway toward that goal. Private lands pose a more difficult problem, as private property rights—the foundation of our world-envied economic system, are still valued by society.

My state of West Virginia serves as a microcosm of that nationwide effort. Readers know that the clearcutting controversy started on the Monongahela National Forest. A silvicultural system that is one of the very best regeneration methods for many of our most important species has been demonized in the eyes of the public, and when we lost that battle, we began the Bataan Death March of forestry in the US. That national forest, like most others in our country, is contributing very little to the economy and is a testimony to the power of pseudoscience over science. I am convinced that to bring our national forests back to their potential, Congress must mandate that up to 1 percent of the commercial forestland on any national forest (areawide or volume-wise) can be harvested in any given year without legal impediments. It will quickly be argued that national forests belong to the public, so the public should control their management. Interstate bridges belong to the public, too, but engineers, not the public, should design them. Likewise, foresters, working with other professionals, should manage our national forests.

State forests in West Virginia have suffered from the same incessant attacks. Any harvest is presented in the press as threatening to some fragile ecosystem, to some "rare" organism, to streams, to anything that the public might swallow (no pun intended). Our all-too-scarce tax money goes into these legal battles. Whoever wins, the consumers lose.

One of the state's newspapers has been running a series on the timber industry, and a recent installment complained, "Loggers don't have to advertise the start of a timber job publicly. There is no avenue for the public to be involved." Obviously, the same tactic that has shut down our public forests is planned for our private ones.

Though it may not speak well for society, TV is our most effective medium. I propose that the Society of American Foresters take an off-ramp on the road to ruin and help develop an independent forestry media center. Imagine an ad showing all the products that come from trees— paper towels, paper cups, toilet paper, newspapers, books, homes, images as fast as the mind can comprehend—followed by the message, "All these come from trees. For more information, call 1-800-FORESTS." Books, scientific publications, and other material would be available to callers. This would require a tremendous investment by industry, private individuals, and foundations, perhaps \$20 million per year, but can we afford not to do it? It may be the greatest challenge we have faced, and I would welcome your support and suggestions.

Commentary by Harry V. Wiant, Jr.
President, Society of American Foresters
Published in the Journal of Forestry

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

The Board met in regular session on January 29, 1997. Chairman Sasnett called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Chairman Sasnett welcomed new Board member Leonard Breeman to the meeting. Breeman was appointed by Governor Fob James to fill the vacancy on the Board left by Bob Nonnemacher and will serve through January 2002.

In summary, the Board reviewed 11 pieces of violation correspondence and acted on 7 violation cases. The Board approved 9 new applications for license, granted 1 request for reciprocity, and acted on one request for reinstatement. The Board granted licenses to 5 applicants who had passed the oral exam over the two days they were offered. Fifty five percent of those taking the oral examination passed. Beach will poll the Examination Panel concerning the problems with two day exams.

The Chairman appointed new Board member Breeman as chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. The Chairman reported on the Public Information Committee and announced the following Oral Examination Panel to serve throughout 1997:

Members:	Alternates:
Kenneth J. Muehlenfeld	Tyrus R. Sockwell, Jr.
Charles Raper	Henry S. Long, Jr.
Phearthur Moore	Richard Brinker
Ralph Bower	Sam Hopkins

Examination Committee Chairman Jones will address the problem of consecutive day oral examination sessions and make recommendations to the Board.

The Office Manager reported that she had sent

requests to randomly selected Alabama RFs for documentation of those credits listed on their 1997 continuing education forms. Documentation will be reviewed and sent to Chairman Whiting and member Jones of the Continuing Education committee. The Board discussed the possibility of incorporating an ethics requirement into its CE Policy.

Chairman Sasnett reported on a three hour meeting held with State Forester Boyce, Assistant State Forester Cumbie and Board Vice Chairman Jones. The result of this meeting was a recommendation that the Board assume the Office Manager's position and other expenses of operation beginning April 1, 1997.

The Board passed a motion to assume the Office Manager's position effective April 1, 1997 and to finalize a contract with the Alabama Forestry Commission for office space in their newly renovated building.

Sasnett reminded the Board that the Alabama Board will host the ASBORF meeting in Birmingham on April 29-30. The new Forestry tag was discussed and it was noted that the Chairman of the Alabama Board of Registered Foresters is a member of the panel that approves the spending of the money received from the sales of this tag. Material for the paneling of the new Board office was discussed. Sasnett reminded the Board that the 40th anniversary of the Board's existence will be in 1998 and requested suggestions for an appropriate commemoration.

The Office Manager presented her report and financial statement.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Faces and Places

John G. Guthrie, Jr (#115) and **William F. Milliken** (Reciprocity License) were each presented the Distinguished Foresters Award by the Association of Consulting Foresters at its recent annual meeting.

The Southeast Society of American Foresters recently elected new officers. **Jim Doescher (#835)** is the new Chair-elect, **Gary Brocious (#1330)** is the new Secretary, and **Kent Hanby (#605)** is the 1997 Treasurer.

Gary Brocious (#1330) has also been selected by the American Pulpwood Association's Southcentral Technical Division for its 1996 Forestry Activist Award. The award will be presented at the Division's spring meeting.

Frank Walburn (#1057) has been elected President of the Alabama Forestry Association for the 1996-97 term.

Harry Brislin Jr. (#89) recently died. He was Chief Forester for Gulf Lumber Company of Mobile, Alabama.

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
FORESTERS MEMBERS:**

H. PHILLIP SASNETT (99) CHAIRMAN
Public Information Committee

RICHARD H. "RICK" JONES (00) VICE CHAIRMAN
Examination Committee

O.M. "MIKE" BEACH (01) SECRETARY
Violation Committee

WILLIAM ALAN "BILL" WHITING (98)
Continuing Education Committee

LEONARD G. BREEMAN (02)
Rules & Regulations Committee

STAFF:

PAMELA B. SEARS
Office Manager

CHARLES E. TOMLINSON
Editor

GERRILYN V. "GERRI" GRANT
Asst. Attorney General



**ALABAMA FOREST
LICENSE PLATE IS HERE!**

Replace your old tag with this colorful plate when it's time to renew and you will not only sport the best looking tag around, but the \$50 fee will go to the Forest Stewardship Education Fund earmarked to promote the wise management of our forests. The Chairman of your Board is a member of the committee which decides how to spend the money, so rest assured that your "personalized" tag will not only provide you with a tax deductible mobile platform to declare your allegiance to our forests, but will also help support and promote your profession and your future in it.

Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters
513 Madison Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 069
FLORENCE, AL