

STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

I am tired of explaining to people the reasons that clear cuts are a good thing. The reasons for the necessity of this type of harvest to regenerate pines; the fact that an old growth stand is much less biologically diverse than any clearcut; and that we couldn't produce a biological desert in our area if we wanted to, short of nuclear devastation; the reasons why clear cuts are as necessary in the growing of intolerant species as is plowing a field to plant crops for food; all of these explanations, and more, are dismissed with an assertion that clear cuts are ugly, as if ugly trumped reason any time.

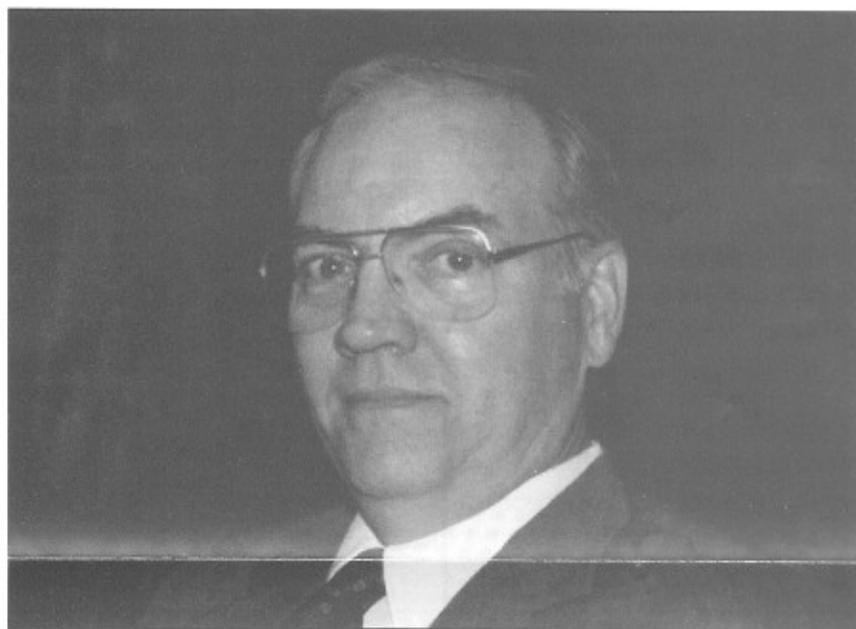
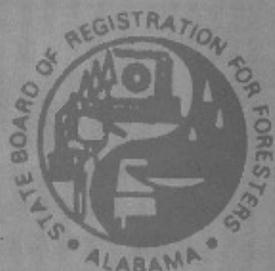
We are in a war, and we are losing. The enemy is the environmental movement and by capturing one of our words they have managed to put us on the defensive. We were environmentalists back when there were no others. We produced the most spectacular turnaround in the management of our environment in the history of mankind. We are shocked that nobody seems to care, that perfectly rational management techniques are used to cast us as the enemy of all living things.

We sputter and try to explain, moving from one defensive posture to another as our domain is slashed, our techniques lied about, and our

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LEONARD BREEMAN

The son of an engineer connected with the mining business, Leonard was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and moved about a bit growing up, but he always lived in the country. Here his love for the forest and his desire to be a forester were born and nourished.

Leonard began his professional studies at N.C. State University where he received a Bachelors Degree in Forest Management in 1960. Unfortunately, this coincided with a period in our nation's history when young men were required for waging war and Leonard had to put his forestry career on hold while he fulfilled an Air Force ROTC obligation. But, while waiting for assignment to flight school, he snuck in a period of employment with the State of Virginia in the Insect and Disease division.

He started his military career in 1961 by attending pilot flight school in Arizona at Williams Air Force Base. It turned out that, in addition to the climate, Arizona had another, more compelling, attraction - a school teacher named Carolyn Cleveland. In 1962, Carolyn and Leonard were married and began their lifetime together by moving to Sewart Air Force Base in Nashville, Tennessee where Leonard was assigned to the Tactical Air Command flying the C-130 transport. In what must have been a challenging start to a marriage, Leonard was on temporary duty so much that he only spent two 7 day periods at home during a three year period of his tour at Sewart. The up side of this type of duty was that Leonard got to see the world. He flew troops and material throughout the world and spent three short tours of duty in Viet Nam, which he refers to as a rest from the frantic pace of his usual flying duties.

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actions continuously restricted by regulation and threats from those who ought to be our strongest supporters, the environmentalists.

The essential difference between the environmental movement and those of us who are foresters is that we are concerned about homo sapiens and they are not. They consider the life of a salamander as equal to the life of man. We practice our profession for the benefit of mankind, not for the salvation of any life form that can be dragged up to impede the cutting of trees.

It is impossible to win a war without attacking the enemy. It is time to put down the shield and pick up the sword. If the environmentalist think that biocentrism is a good thing, let them explain why the life of newts should take precedence over the life of man. Let these people explain how our species is going to survive at the bottom of their value structure. Let us begin to call a spade a spade. Those who seek power over others are despots and should be labeled as such. And those who preach that humans are of equal value with all other life forms and should be treated that way should be known as the hypocritical human haters they are and demanded to justify such a bizarre approach to life.

When people snicker at the proposals that come from these people and laugh at their schemes, we will have won the war, but not until then.

Our offensive must begin now.

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After serving four and a half years Leonard decided it was time to be a forester again, left the Air Force and went to work for Chesapeake Corporation in West Point, Virginia. He started with Chesapeake in their technical department working with seed orchards, the nursery, fertilization, and hardwood development programs. Since his Air Force career had made him used to flying off in several directions, he started going to school at night and received a MBA from the College of William and Mary. He then was made assistant to the Vice President of Woodlands at Chesapeake and stayed in Virginia until 1969.

Leonard made his move to Alabama in 1969 when he moved to Selma to work for Hammermill Paper Co. in their technical department. He did his nursery, seed orchard, and development thing with the addition of aerial photography duties and began his climb up the corporate ladder. By the time Hammermill was sold to International Paper Co., Leonard was the Manager of Alabama Woodland Operations for Hammermill with the responsibility for their woodland base, and wood supply for two sawmills and one paper mill. Not desiring to move to Maine after the merger, Leonard began a career as a Consultant in Selma where he remained until he was called by his old boss, Billy Bond, to join him at Alabama River Woodlands as the Manager of Forest Operations. Since Alabama River Woodlands has no land base, this is equivalent to being the manager of thousands of small independent tracts upon which the firm relies for its raw material. Sort of a kinky woodland manager job but a challenge that Leonard wholeheartedly accepts and enjoys. One of the fringe benefits of the job has been an opportunity to travel for the company, primarily to Central and South America, another challenge that Leonard seems to relish.

Leonard and Carolyn have one daughter, Amy, who was recently married and who lives in Mobile where she is the traffic manager for a small export company. She is fluent in Spanish, with a degree in that language and Political Science and is finishing up her MBA.

One gets the impression that Leonard is too busy to have hobbies, but will devote himself to those with the same dedication and zeal that he now has for his profession, when the time comes.

A PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY?

As the value of land and timber has increased here in Alabama, the number of complaints received by the Board has increased. Until midyear 1996 the Board took oral complaints, tried to investigate, and then develop a Board position on data collected. This process was difficult and very time consuming.

Working with Assistant Attorney General Gerri Grant in 1996 a simple form was developed to collect critical data; i.e. dates, names, phone numbers, locations, etc. The Board made the decision that no investigative action would be taken until this form was completed by the party filing the complaint. When this form has been used our process for investigation has been much more efficient and effective.

We must depend on you, the R.F.s in Alabama to make this system work. Please step up to the plate and complete the form when you are aware of a violation. If we are going to have the reputation of being honorable and professional, then we all must be willing to stand up and be counted when necessary.

Complaint forms are available from any Board member or Pam Sears. If you see or hear of someone violating the laws governing us it is your responsibility to call and obtain the complaint form, fill it out, and return it. Your Board will take it from there and keep you informed. Thanks.

Violation Chairman, Mike Beach

1997 SCHEDULE OF CFE PROGRAMS

Auburn University School of Forestry

Continuing Forestry Education Programs

Alabama Region

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

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.

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

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:

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RENEWALS

Soon Pam will be sending out notices for the renewal of licenses. Please respond immediately in order to make her job easier, save yourself big bucks, and be through with the question "Did I remember to renew?".

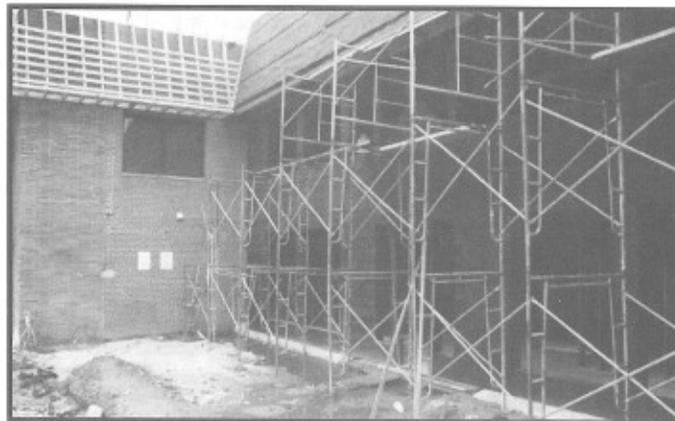
The Board has set the new license fees as follows:

For a new application	\$50.00
For reinstatement	\$150.00 (2X renewal)
For reciprocity — same as their state charges our folks	
For regular renewal	\$75.00
For renewal as inactive	\$30.00
For late renewal	\$50.00
For reexamination — same as application	
For lost license	\$10.00

This year the Board will pick the licensees for audit of continuing education credits before renewal time so that they may provide all of the necessary information at the same time that they are dealing with CFE credits for the renewal process.

Remember, licenses not renewed by the 30th of September but renewed before the 31st of December get a late renewal fee. After the 31st of December, licenses are trashed. Reinstatement is expensive and there is the possibility that you will have to take the exam again and/or catch up on your CFE credits, which can also be expensive. So, when you get the form, just drop everything and **do it now!**

NEW QUARTERS TAKE SHAPE



The Board takes delight in the activity taking place on the first floor of the Alabama Forestry Commission building. The Board will soon occupy three rooms, directly accessible from the entrance to the building with the Board name prominently displayed. The stud walls are in place, the paneling is here, and the Board hopes to occupy the building by fall.

This move to our own quarters has made clear several areas of furniture deficits. The Board would gratefully entertain suggestions and offers for such things as a conference table, conference chairs, and other furnishings. Please, no yard sale stuff, but if you have ideas for furnishing these offices in a manner befitting professional foresters, please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

NEW Registered Foresters

Dean, Olin Johnson Jr. 1660
Forester

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Business: 405 20th Avenue, SW
Lanett, AL 36863
Phone: 334/644-5871
Home: 405 20th Avenue, SW
Lanett, AL 36863
Phone: 334/644-5871

Ayres, III, John James 1661
Procurement Forester

Champion International Corp.
Business: 1305A S. Brundidge St.
#108
Troy, AL 36081
Phone: 334/807-0236
Home: 210 Woodland Circle
Troy, AL 36081
Phone: 334/566-4159

Hall, Jamie Shane 1662
Graduate Forester

Larson & McGowin, Inc.
Business: P.O. Box 2143
Mobile, AL 36652
Phone: 334/438-4581
Home: P.O. Box 259
Atmore, AL 36504
Phone: 334/666-6270

Albritton, Timothy P. 1663
Forester

Alabama Forestry Commission
Business: P.O. Box 799
Wetumpka, AL 36092
Phone: 334/567-5486
Home: 715 Albritton Lane
Wetumpka, AL 36092
Phone: 334/567-0064

Kelley, Kevin Ray 1664
Brewton Area Manager

Jefferson Smurfit Corporation
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Brewton, AL 36426
Phone: 334/248-2245
Home: 118 Woodmont Drive
Brewton, AL 36426
Phone: 334/578-2000

Hall, Richard Warren 1665
Student/Forest Technician

Business: Box 878076
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-8076
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Home: 1004 Gardens Place
Hoover, AL 35216
Phone: 205/733-1576

Brady, Jennifer Anne 1666
Forester

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Business: P.O. Box 1788
Mobile, AL 36633
Phone: 334/470-3141
Home: 1415 Wedgewood Drive
Daphne, AL 36526
Phone: 334/621-1961

Owens, James Everett 1667
Forester

Natural Resource Consulting
Business: P.O. Box 11371
Montgomery, AL 36111
Phone: 334/260-0644
Home: 1415 Wedgewood Drive
Montgomery, AL 36111
Phone: 334/260-0644

Payne, James H. 1668
SPB Forester

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Selma, AL 36071
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Home: Route 1, Box 226
Skipperville, AL 36374
Phone: 334/774-0020

CONGRATULATIONS!



APRIL BOARD MEETING

The Board met in regular session on April 23, 1997. Chairman Sasnett called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.

In summary, the Board reviewed 11 pieces of violation correspondence and acted on 4 violation cases. The Board approved 6 applications for Intern status, all recent graduates of Auburn University. The Board approved 4 new applications for license, granted 3 requests for reciprocity, and acted on two requests for reinstatement. The Board granted licenses to 6 applicants who had passed the oral exam. The written examination was given on April 2 and licenses were granted to two successful applicants. Twenty five percent of those taking the written examination passed.

The Board discussed the desirability of requiring all registered foresters to complete a course in Ethics as a requisite for renewal of their licenses. Board member Whiting presented a synopsis of an Ethics course designed by Cris Issaacson to the Board for their comments. Much discussion followed and the proposal was tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

The Board visited the construction site of the new offices for the Board and met with Assistant State Forester Richard Cumbie to discuss the transition of

the Office Manager to the payroll of the Board. The phone system for the Board office was also discussed.

The Board thanked Breeman for his efforts in acquiring the wood paneling for the new Board office and authorized letters of appreciation to those who had donated money toward this project..

After much discussion, the Board set the fees for RENEWAL FEES

ACTIVE	\$75.00
INACTIVE	\$30.00
LATE FEE	\$50.00
REINSTATEMENT FEE	\$150.00
REEXAMINATION FEE	\$50.00
LOST CERTIFICATE	\$10.00

Sasnett reminded the Board that the Alabama Board will host the ASBORF meeting in Birmingham on April 29-30. Resource Management Service, Inc. has graciously agreed to provide the facilities for this meeting. 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. Sasnett again reminded the Board of the approaching 40th anniversary and call for suggestions on how to recognize this event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M..

Faces and Places

Charles Walsh (#293) retired from Larson & McGowin on April 11th after twenty years of service. He had served as Executive Vice President of the firm since 1987. Charles is a past member of the Board of Registration for Foresters.

Promotions recently announced by Larson & McGowin include **Tobey Wright (#1309)** promoted to Executive Vice President; **Barrett McCall (#1539)** appointed Vice President and General Manager; and **Chris Lawrence (#868)** promoted to Forest Management Director.

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SESAF TELLS FORESTERS— GET INVOLVED

The Southeastern Society of American Foresters issues a challenge to foresters and associated professionals to "become involved from the inside!" says chair Mark Elliott of Regions Bank Trust Department in Mobile. "We hear the same statements year after year from our peers in forestry about how the public is misinformed, uninformed, or totally irrational about forest management. Everyone knows that there is a problem, but we have to collectively bring about changes in how forestry is perceived. That's why we're issuing this challenge — we want to make a difference and ensure that forestry professionals are heard not only in the Southeast, but all across this nation!"

The SESAF has approximately 1800 members in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Nationally, there are 18,000. The organization promotes the science and practice of forestry internally and to the general public. "We feel that the networking opportunities, continuing education, legislative activity, and a voice against inaccurate information is well worth \$10 a month!" says Elliott. "Local chapters are actively seeking new members and scheduling events for the coming year. Plans are also underway for the annual meeting to be held at Eufaula State Park". (November 2-4)

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