

STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

As I drive around the southeast, things really look different from the way they looked forty or fifty years ago.

I guess that it is the interstate highway system that accounts for much of the change in the way things look from a car window. The traffic flow is huge and the interchanges with their cornucopia of products for the traveler are major changes from the middle of the century.

As one approaches the cities, the biggest differences seem to involve the heights of buildings and the huge areas devoted to parking for automobiles.

The coastal areas are stacked with high rise buildings to accommodate our mobile population who want the sun, sand, and sea for recreation or retirement.

All of this change has one distinguishing characteristic: It all represents a higher level of the use of our resources than in the past.

This higher level of use is also apparent in the unoccupied lands which are our farms and forests. Intensive row crop farming with weed-free fields, lush pastures with higher animal populations, and more intensively managed forests are there for all to see.

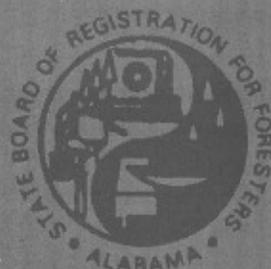
It is ironic that of all of the manifestations of the higher level of use of our resources that are apparent, only the more intensively managed forests are subject to criticism by the general public. The roads, the traffic, the buildings, the parking lots, the farms and the pastures are all recognized as part of the tremendous improvement that has taken place in our world; the forest, however, is a source for concern.

We know full well that there is no rational justification for this view and that our more intensively managed forests are as much a part of the success of our time as any other factor, but this message does not get through.

Perhaps we view our forests with the same eye as our distant ancestors who found it a place with much to fear as well as the home of some food. It does seem that the forest is considered by many as a mystical place, a dark wood not to be tampered with, less the demons that live there do us mischief. Perhaps the way to celebrate our higher level of use of our forests is to address the demons and exorcise the evil spirits that live in the forest of the minds of our detractors.

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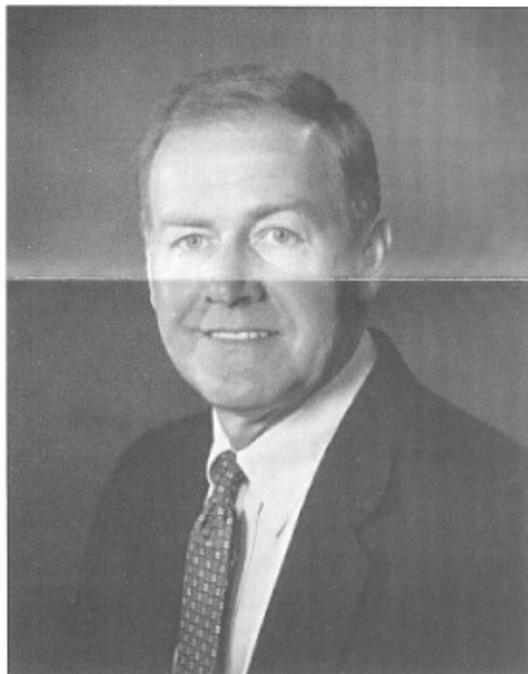
BRINKER NEW DEAN AT AUBURN

Dick Brinker saw the first light of day in Iowa in the year 1948. His family soon moved to Algiers, Louisiana, which is not on my map but Dick says it is just across the river from New Orleans. It was here that Dick spent his growing up years, but before he could graduate High School and become a diploma'd southerner, his Dad moved to Fullerton, California, just across a hill from Los Angeles. After graduation, having seen across the hill, Dick wisely came back to LSU for his forestry degree in 1970 and has managed to be southern ever since.

After graduation, Dick went on active duty in the Army Reserve for a short stay and then worked in Baton Rouge for an air and water pollution consultant while waiting for the job market to open up in forestry. His search was rewarded with a job with Masonite Corporation in Laurel, Mississippi where he started as a technical forester, moved through procurement positions and land management positions for six years until he was transferred to sawmill

management. He operated a small Masonite sawmill in Choctaw County, Alabama for two years, managed the Quitman, Mississippi mill for two years and then moved to Thibodaux, Louisiana where he built and managed a cypress sawmill for two years. About this time Masonite decided to get out of the sawmill business and Dick decided to go back to school to fulfill his lifetime goal of teaching based on his practical experience. Since he had picked up an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi in his spare time, he moved back to Baton Rouge to begin his PHD studies in Forestry at LSU. Dick graduated in 1988 after his dissertation on using a GIS system to model supply and demand for wood in order to coordinate wood using facilities with wood supply in a given area.

In February of 1988, Dr. Brinker began his career at Auburn as timber harvesting specialist with 75% of his time in extension and 25% in teaching. He has taught a timber harvesting course and team taught Surveying and Geographical Information Systems. As every forester in Alabama must know by now, he is the newly appointed Dean of the School of Forestry at Auburn University. *Continued*



When Dean Brinker talks about his plans for the future of the Auburn Forestry program, he enthusiastically discusses the progress of the past fifty years and his hopes for the continuation and broadening of the programs started by Dean DeVall and Dean Thompson. The emphasis on research started by Dean Thompson is considered by Dean Brinker to be crucial to the growth, viability, and pertinence of the program at Auburn. By attracting faculty with interests in research and extension as well as teaching, he hopes to continue the recent tradition of providing students with faculty involved in "real world" projects of value and pertinence to their careers as foresters.

Dean Brinker wants to see Auburn as the premier forestry school of the South and he thinks it is an achievable goal. The first hurdle to clear on this path is to convince state government that the School of Forestry supports the number one industry in the state with research and the education of those who will be responsible for this industry in the future and, to support this crucial and increasingly important segment of our economy, the School needs and deserves increased support from state government.

The second hurdle to becoming the premier forestry school of the South is to improve the condition of the present physical facilities. The oldest of these is fifty years old and the newest are thirty years old. Laboratories are outdated and classrooms are not large enough even to hold all of the students in the department.

Obviously, the common thread tying these two problem areas is money, or the lack of it.

The Alabama legislature passed an agricultural bond issue which contains seven million dollars to be used for new facilities at the forestry school. This must pass in the general election in November, but it represents about one third of the funds needed to construct the state-of-the-art facilities needed. Dean Brinker seems optimistic that, using these funds as the foundation, it will be possible to raise the remaining money and he positively glows when he talks about the physical plant that

this money can buy. The new buildings will provide about twice the square footage of the present quarters and, in order to reduce costs, would be built in three modules. The research module would be the most expensive due to the requirements for building laboratories, the second module would contain administrative offices, and the third module would be the teaching module with small and large classrooms and an auditorium large enough to seat all of the students. The proposed location for the new buildings is a twelve acre wooded lot on the corner of Sanford and Donahue where trees would be left to create a shady, wooded, quiet center for the best school of forestry in the nation.

Dean Brinker does not foresee major changes in the focus of the school over the near future, except for the change from a quarter system to a semester system which will occur in the year 2000. He is enthusiastic about the present faculty and the research driven program that is now in place. He is a strong supporter of the Dixon Forest experience for students entering the professional program and plans to continue to teach in this summer program. The problem of low enrollment in the Forest Engineering Degree program has been solved by combining Ag and Forest Engineering into one department called Biological System Engineering.

Dean Brinker hopes to forge stronger ties with the forest industry of the state by setting up opportunities for dialogue between faculty and industry, and he is firmly convinced that Auburn has a major part to play in the continued success of the number one industry in Alabama.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The SAF/SBRF Connection

During my tenure on our Board, I have become infinitely more familiar with our registration law. This experience was intensified by my assignment to the Law Study Committee, which is referred to in an accompanying article on the recent changes in our law. In reviewing the origin of this legislation which has served



the citizens of Alabama and its professional foresters for over forty years, I am in awe of the wisdom and persistence of its authors. Professionals like Jake Stauffer (State Forester), Wilbur Devall (Chairman of the Auburn Forestry Dept.), Vance Miles (Woodlands VP, Gulf States Paper), John Mitchell and Ken Segworth (T.V.A.), C.T. Prout (SCS), Bill Sizemore, E.E. Hale and Hilton Watson (AFA), John Bradley, John Corbin, Earl Porter, Nick Stallworth, and Jim Owens, Jim Haynes, John Kirkpatrick and Bill Black (Gulf States). These were all members of the Alabama Division of SAF which started the effort in 1950, culminating with the law being signed by Governor Jim Folsom in 1957.

These professionals created a concept and process that has stood the test of time with minor improvements. Alabama's registration law is one of the first sought by professional foresters in other states trying to adopt or improve their law.

In their wisdom, they included in the qualifications of Board Members that they be:

- * a resident of the State of Alabama
- * a registered forester
- * a member or fellow of the Society of American Foresters (SAF)
- * engaged in the practice of forestry for ten years.

All nominations for the Board are submitted by the Alabama Division SAF to the governor for appointment.

Annually, in July, your Board invites the

Alabama Division officers and committee chairpersons to attend its regular quarterly meeting to review the Board's operations and discuss any issues of mutual interest. Dr. Richard (Dick) Brinker is the current Alabama Division chairman, as well as the new Dean of the Forestry School at Auburn. Your Board encourages you to support Dean Brinker in both of these new challenges, and looks forward to working with him and the Auburn faculty in advancing the profession.

You and I chose this profession for a variety of reasons. According to my dictionary a "profession" is an "occupation or vocation requiring training in the liberal arts or the sciences and advanced study in a specialized field." One of my mentors condenses this to a "learned vocation".

As members of any profession it is incumbent upon each professional for his or her benefit, as well as the benefit of the profession, to continue to renew oneself through continued education and new experiences. An obvious avenue is to participate in the professional organization. In these times of rapidly evolving technology, and environmental sensitivity, your professional organization (SAF) needs you and you need SAF. There is a lot of discussion within the Society about issues which will affect our profession. SAF has added a new (almost monthly) publication "The Forestry Source", which is an excellent communications tool for current events regarding the profession. To remain knowledgeable about these changes and more importantly to participate in the process I would encourage those who are not active to join and be heard. Remember, "the world is run by those who show up". Our profession will profit from your participation and you certainly will.

Our New Law

Early in 1996, your Board began a review of its authorizing law, Chapter 12 of the 1975 Code of Alabama. Charles Walsh, Tom Glass, and Phillip Sasnett were appointed by then Chairman Bill Sahlie to conduct a comprehensive review. This committee used the invaluable knowledge and experience of Wilbur Devall, Gerri Grant (Board's attorney), and Pamela Sears, and invited input from former and current Board members. Based on the Law Study Committee's report, in July, 1997, your Board approved proposed changes in the law. These were submitted to the Legislature through the Sunset Committee last November during the Board's Sunset hearing. The 1998 Legislature passed the changes as proposed and the Governor signed them into law this March.

Following is a brief summary of the changes:

A. The term "forester" is no longer covered by the law. Note: The effect of this is that those persons licensed by this Board are the only persons, except as exempted in the law, authorized to "practice forestry" in Alabama, and to use the title "Registered Forester". Chapter 12, S34-12-2 now states: "It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or offer to practice in this State forestry, as defined by this chapter, or to use in connection with his or her name or otherwise assume, use, advertise any title or description tending to convey the

1998 Schedule of Programs			
Auburn University - School of Forestry Continuing Forestry Education			
Course Title	Hrs	Location	Dates
Corporate Finance for Foresters	12	Auburn	June 23-24
Selling Your Proposal Inside the Organization	7	Auburn	June 25
Managing the Visual Impacts of Forestry Operation	12	Auburn	July 8-9
Advanced Negotiating Skills	12	Ft. Walton	July 21-22
Estate Planning for Forest Landowners	12	Tuscaloosa	July 22-23
Timber Tax for Tax Professionals	7	Birmingham	July 27
Prescribed Burning in Young Stands	10	Auburn	August 11-12
Timberland Appraisal Basics	12	Auburn	August 26-27
Statistics for Forest Inventory	10	Tuscaloosa	September 14-15
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders	10	Tuscaloosa	September 16-17
Estate Planning for Forest Land	12	Nashville	September 17-18
Timberland as an Investment	7	Birmingham	September 17
Forestry for Non-forestry Professionals	*	Auburn	October 6-7
Forestry Herbicides	10	Auburn	November 10-11
For More Information: Kathryn Besong or Chris Isaacson PRECEDA Education & Training P. O. Box 410 Auburn, AL 36831-0410 (334) 821-9222 e-mail besong@preceda.com			

impression that he or she is a registered forester, unless duly registered or exempt from registration under this chapter".

B. Fee limits have been increased to reflect increased operating expenses. Note: This

raised the fee limits in the law. Your Board only charges fees sufficient to cover annual operating expenses. Recent increases in operating expenses had raised actual fees close to the limits set in the law. In order to meet potential future obligations there was

a need for this increase. Your Board does not anticipate any significant fee increases above those currently in effect in the next couple of years.

C. Fines for violations have been increased to a minimum of \$500 per offense and a maximum of \$2000 per offense. Note: The

Board felt the minimum \$100 to maximum \$500 per offense fine structure for violations was in need of updating to provide a penalty commensurate with a violation of this law.

D. The law was changed to become gender neutral. He was changed to "he or she".

As you are licensed under this law to practice forestry in Alabama, it is important that you understand your privileges and responsibilities. The revised law is printed in your new roster. If you have questions please contact any Board Member or Pam Sears.

NEW Registered Foresters

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|---|--|--|---|
| Murphy, Charles Eugene #1698
<i>President and Owner</i>
Tombigbee Forestry Service, Inc.
Business:
Butler, AL 36904
Phone: 205/459-2072
Home: 307 Ridewood Drive
Butler, AL 36904
Phone: 205/459-2072 | Heindi, Brenda Armistead #1703
<i>Territory Manager</i>
International Paper Company
Business; P.O. Box 37
Wiggins, MS 39577
Phone: 601/928-7282
Home: 201 Blue Gamble Road #106
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Phone: 601/264-7236 | Reichert, Jack E. #1708
<i>Retired</i>
Home: 549 Lurene Circle
Montgomery, AL 36109
Phone: 334/271-1291 | Harris, Trent Madison #1713
<i>Forester</i>
Shoals Timber Company
Business: 510 th Street W
Jasper, AL 35501
Phone: 205/302-0453
Home: 510 8th Street W
Jasper, AL 35501
Phone: 205/302-0453 |
| Prouty, Leslie E. III #1699
<i>Vice President</i>
Prouty Forestry Services, Inc.
Business: 530 Abare Road
Forsyth, GA 31029
Phone: 912/994-0562
Home: 39 Cabaniss Avenue
Forsyth, GA 31029
Phone: 912/994-9926 | Broyles, Gregroy Larn #1704
<i>Project Engineer, Land Management</i>
Tennessee Valley Authority
Business: P.O. Box 4
Norris, TN 37828
Phone: 423/632-1746
Home: 17 Ridgeway Road
Norris, TN 37828
Phone: 423/494-0137 | Adams, Bart Harrison #1709
<i>Procurement Forester</i>
Nuss Timber Company
Business: P.O. Box 427
Pine Hill, AL 36769
Phone: 205/963-4556
Home: 94 Kimbrough Street
Pine Hill, AL 36769
Phone: 205/636-5801 | Stanovich, Pete Emanuel #1714
<i>Land Management Forester</i>
Alabama River Woodlands
Business: P.O. Box 99
Perdue Hill, AL 36470
Phone: 334/275-4101
Home: P.O. Box 442
Jackson, AL 36545
Phone: 334/246-7413 |
| Griffies, James E., Jr. #1700
<i>IPM Technician</i>
Barlett Tree Experts
Business: P.O. Box 13044
Tallahassee, FL 32317-3044
Phone: 850/575-1777
Home: P.O. Box 13044
Tallahassee, FL 32317-3044
Phone: 850/523-0179 | Derrington, John Clifton, Jr. #1705
<i>Forester</i>
Self Employed
Business: 2109 Epworth Drive NE Apt. C
Huntsville, AL 35811-2145
Home: 2109 Epworth Drive, NE Apt. C
Huntsville, AL 35811-2145 | Reaves, Steven W. #1710
<i>Hardwood Log Buyer</i>
Business: P.O. Box 308
Thomasville, AL 36784
Phone: 334/636-4356
Home: Route 3, Box 244
Grove Hill, AL 36451
Phone: 334/275-4242 | |
| Hall, Richard Warren #1701
<i>Assistant Manager</i>
G.C. Mann Timber Operations
Business: 608 C 12th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205/752-4906
Home: 608C 12th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
Phone: 205/752-4906 | Andreu, Michael Gardner #1706
<i>Forest Ecologist</i>
Larson & McGowin
P.O. Box 482
Jackson, AL 36545
Phone: 334/246-4798
Home: 1508 Walker Springs Road
Jackson, AL 36545
Phone: 334/246-0010 | Dunwell, Daniel T. #1711
<i>Timber Buyer</i>
James E. Davis Forest Resources, Inc.
Business: P.O. Box 180514
Mobile, AL 36616
Home: 1923 Old Government Street
Mobile, AL 36606 | |
| Hill, William Russell Rand #1702
<i>Consulting Forester/Owner</i>
Timberland Forestry Services
Business: P.O. Box 667
Crestview, FL 32536
Phone: 850/682-9686
Home: P.O. Box 667
Crestview, FL 32536
Phone: 850/682-9686 | Earnest, Allan Cameron #1707
<i>Manager</i>
Bayou Wood LLC
Business: 4500 Mobile Highway
Montgomery, AL 36108
Phone: 334/284-2988
Home: 655 Hubbard Street
Montgomery AL 36106
Phone: 334/264-7773 | Simpson, William Gregory #1712
<i>Timber Buyer</i>
Southeastern Forest Products
Business: P.O. Box 728
Ashville, AL 35953
Phone 205/594-5392
Home: P.O. Box 582
Ashville, AL 35953
Phone: 205/594-5235 | |

CONGRATULATIONS!

APRIL BOARD MEETING

The Board met in regular session on April 29, 1998. Chairman Sasnett called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m..

In summary, the Board reviewed 4 pieces of violation correspondence and acted on 3 violation cases. The Board approved 1 application for Intern status, a recent graduate of Auburn University. The Board approved 9 new applications for license and granted 2 requests for reciprocity. The Board granted licenses to 11 applicants who had passed the oral and written exams (out of thirteen who had taken the exams) and granted reinstatement to six applicants.

The Board welcomed Bill Whiting to a new full term on the Board. Bill's new term will run until January, 2003.

Chairman Sasnett delivered lapel pins of the Board Seal to all Board members. The pins are a gift from Wilbur DeVall. The pins will be sent to all past Board members and given to each new member as he or she is appointed to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS MEMBERS:

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RICHARD H. "RICK" JONES (00) VICE CHAIRMAN
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Faces and Places

The Longleaf Alliance will be holding its second regional meeting in Charleston, South Carolina at the Sheraton Charleston this November 17-19, 1998. The conference theme will be Longleaf Pine: A Forward Look. During the general sessions speakers will give presentations on: Longleaf Genetics, Pine Straw, Vegetation Management, Longleaf and Wildlife Management, Conservation Easements, Heritage Programs, and the Safe Harbor Program. For more information call the Longleaf Alliance at 334-222-7779, or write them at: Longleaf Alliance, RR7 Box 131, Andalusia, AL 3642

Frank Walburn (#1057) was recently honored by Judson A. Smith by the establishment of an endowment in his children's names for scholarships in forestry at Auburn University.

Paul A. Lambert, Jr (#1450) has recently returned to the Andalusia Regional Office of Resource Management Service, Inc. after several years of service in the Kentucky office.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!

RENEWAL SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Pam will send notices July, 1, 1998 to all those licensed by the Alabama Board. **1999 renewal and CFE credits are due in the Board's office by September 30, 1998.** Please send your renewal as soon as you receive the notice to reduce the costs of sending second notices and to save you a bundle in late fees. Renewal is \$75 with a late fee of \$50 after September 30 but before December 31st. If you haven't renewed by January 1, 1999 you have to start over again to become registered. The Board has decided that there will be no increase in fees for the next fiscal year. Therefore the 1999 fees are:

Application	\$50.00
Renewal	\$75.00
Inactive Renewal	\$30.00
Late Renewal	\$50.00
Re-Exam Fee	\$50.00
Lost Certificate	\$10.00

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