

STUMP TALK

by Charles E. Tomlinson

As I sit at my desk watching the low, El Nino induced, moisture laden clouds scoot past my window on their way to dumping unneeded moisture on some poor fellow trying to be a logger in the winter, I decide I am ready for Spring.

But the gloomy reflections are modified by the memory of the recent open house and reception at the new Board Offices and the visits with some old friends that resulted. If we can't have spring, at least we can have meetings.

For those who remember the inspiring talk by Robert Bidinotto at the fall Alabama Forestry Association meeting, some good news. Bob has agreed to write a small book exposing the "biocentric" view of the radical environmentalists and attacking this view from a moral viewpoint. This book could be a huge cannon in our battle to save our forests from those who are attempting to gain control over them through government regulation. But Bob needs our help. Please help him by supplying actual cases of people or organizations that have been or are being directly damaged by regulations or any other actions of the environmental radicals. He needs names and phone numbers so that his book can contain "horror stories" that he has verified and investigated. Please contact me with any leads you have so that the people and the forests of the southeast can be a big part of the book. The time for rational attack instead of defensive explaining has arrived. Please contribute!

The clouds are still dark and dreary, but maybe I can find another meeting to help get me through to Spring.

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ALABAMA BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS REACHES MILESTONE



Reception at Board Offices

The Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters has reached another milestone - its fortieth birthday. By act 533, the 1957 legislature authorized the formation of the Board and on January 27, 1958, the organizational meeting of the Board took place at 711 High Street, the Headquarters of the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation at that time.



Glass, DeVall, Whiting

One of the Board members present at that time was Wilbur DeVall, who has served the Board in many and various positions since that day. In his most recent service to the Board, Wilbur has supplied the data that is the basis for this look back in time.

When the legislature authorized the Board, they gave them the authority to adopt Bylaws, Rules, and Policies and the Board got to work immediately to set up the foundations on which the Board operates today. This was no small task and early Board meetings sometimes ran for three consecutive days. One meeting was held on Saturday and Sunday, and another, in July 1958, did not adjourn until 1:45 am. Initially, the Board required applicants to take both oral and written examinations, requiring a full day to administer, and all "grandfathers" under the new law were required to meet with the Board for a personal interview. The original oral exams were affectionately named PINCHOT, BILTMORE, SCHENCK, and STAUFFER (Jake Stauffer being the State Forester and one of the original Board members). With the Board members personally giving all written and oral exams, board meetings were long and arduous, but it was not until October 1977 that a question bank



Breeman, Larson, Sasnett

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The Board in the late 1960's: Mary Autrey, Jake Stauffer, Wilber DeVall, Tom Crober, Vance Miles, Dave Hampe

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was prepared for use in the written exam, with 463 questions in 29 categories, and the decision was made to solicit an oral panel to help in giving the oral exams.

In November of 1958, the board moved, with the Division of Forestry, to the 7th floor at 64 Union Street and then, in July 1970, with the Forestry Commission to the present building at 513 Madison Avenue where it recently acquired its own suite of offices in the renovation and expansion of that building. Mary Autrey was the Forestry Division employee assigned to the board from its first meeting until July 1975, when Pam Sears became the board's Office Manager. Pam served the board but was employed by the Forestry Commission until recently. She is now the board's only employee.

The Board authorized the abbreviation RF for registered foresters in January, 1967, an



Jones, Breeman, Keller

official decal was adopted from three submissions, and the Impression Seal was authorized in July, 1969. Representatives from the Alabama Chapter (Division) of the Society of American Foresters were invited to attend the July, 1976 meeting and have been invited to attend a meeting every year since.

The Registered Forester was first issued in August, 1971 and Wilbur DeVall was the editor of this publication from its inception through the Spring issue of 1995. Another of Wilbur's lasting contributions is the policy that all motions of the Board since its inception have been numbered sequentially and are indented



DeVall

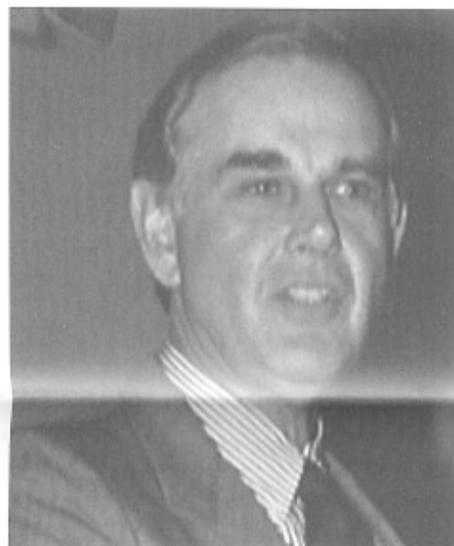


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Senator Larry Dixon

for easy reference in the minutes of each meeting.

Sunset hearings by the Alabama Legislature began in 1977 and took place in 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, with the last review in the fall of 1997. There have been a total of seven Assistant Attorneys General who have served the Board over its forty year life span. Legal actions of the Board have included revocation of license, suspension of license, fine for minor violation, rescinding reciprocity with another state, filling two consecutive vacancies due to inaction by the Governor, issuing a subpoena, and holding a hearing with attorneys and judge present.

On January 27, 1998 a open house was held at the new Board offices at the 513 Madison Building. This was followed by a get together of past board members and their wives. At the banquet, hosted by the Board Chairman Phillip Sassnet, Harry Murphy gave an overview of the 40 years of the Board's existence.

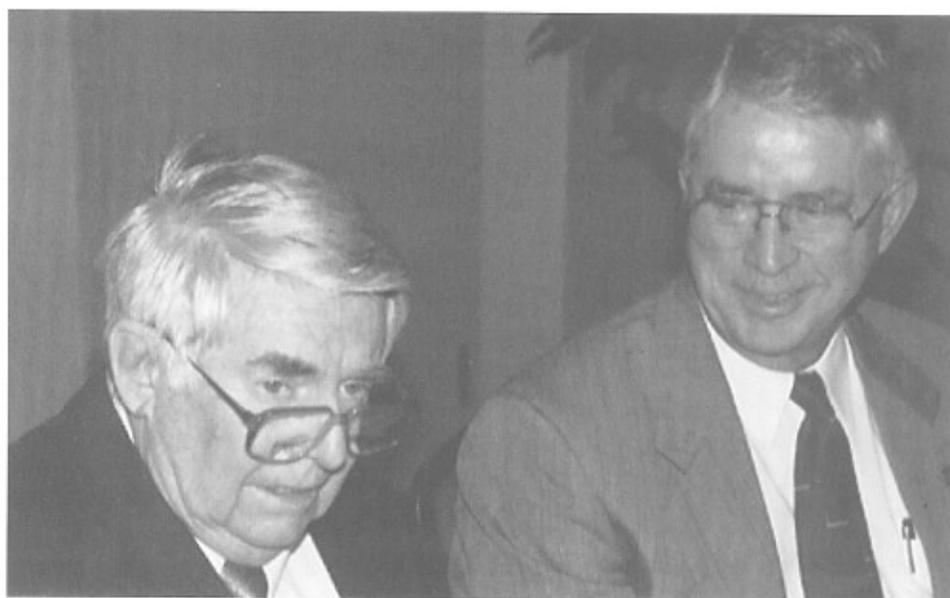
1998 SCHEDULE OF CFE PROGRAMS

Auburn University - School of Forestry Continuing Forestry Education

Course Title	Hrs.	Location	Dates
Boundary Law, Easements, Right-of Ways	12	Tuscaloosa	April 21-22
Faster Point Samples	10	Auburn	May 19-20
Global Positioning Systems & Data Recorders	10	Auburn	May 21-22
Developing Your Timber Buying Skills	12	Auburn	June 2-3
Prescribed Burning for Experienced Burners	10	Mobile	June 2-3
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 Oper	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

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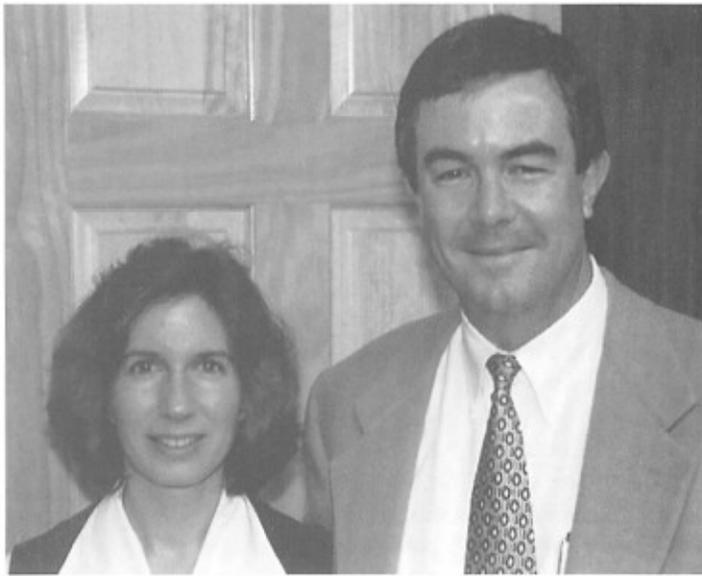


Murphy, Representative Layson

Representative Allen Layson introduced Senator Larry Dixon, who discussed the Sunset process and conduct among the various professions licensed by the State of Alabama. Wilbur DeVal then made a few well chosen remarks about his participation in the various

milestones of the Board's existence over the past forty years, twenty nine of which he served as a member of the Board.

After a delicious meal, visiting continued into the wee hours.



Rick and Kathy Jones

RICK JONES

It is hard to keep up with the Joneses when you are talking to Rick Jones. He married one, he spent much of his career working for one, and he is one.

Rick came along the same year that Rick's mother and father finished the college education of their only other child, his sister. She graduated from Auburn in 1953, the year Rick saw light. What his mother and father had to say about raising and educating another child is not recorded, but having older parents and a sister twenty one years his senior must have been a catalyst for Rick, for family seems to be a primary value in his life.

Born and raised in Andalusia, with a family that loved the forest, Rick is on record as announcing to his seventh grade teacher that he wanted to grow up to be a "Forest Ranger". The love of the outdoors that seems to be the motivating force behind many who choose the profession of forestry began early in his life and, he says, he has never regretted his choice.

Rick's youth was influenced strongly by two important and unique mentors who still have a major affect on his life. They were the two brothers of his grandmother, Charles and Solon Dixon. Rick doesn't know if his status as the last kid to arrive in his parent's generation was the motivation, but he fondly remembers trips to "grandpa's ol place" where he got to play around the pond and ride in Charles Dixon's pickup truck as they made inspection trips of the farm and forest. The "ol place" is now the Solon Dixon Center run by Auburn University. Rick worked in the mill at Dixon Plywood Co. and wood procurement while he was in school.

Rick completed his schooling in Andalusia, leaving in 1972 to continue a family tradition of attending Auburn (his father was a 1926 graduate and his sister graduated in 1953). He graduated with a degree in Forest Management in December, 1977, and began his career with TMA, a subsidiary of Tennessee River Pulp & Paper Company, working for John Cook in wood procurement.

About this time the other Joneses came into his life. There was this Jones girl who lived across the river who caught Rick's eye and there was this Frank Jones fellow who lived down the road who wanted Rick to work for him as a management forester, his real interest. Although not related to either, Rick thought their names had a good sound, so he went to work for Frank in April, 1979 and married Kathy in May of the same year.

The job was with T.R. Miller Mill Co., Inc. as area manager of about 85,000 acres in Escambia County. In April, 1989 these woodlands became part of Cedar Creek Land and Timber, Inc. Rick became Assistant General Manager, and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, working for Frank Jones until Frank's retirement in December of 1993. At this time Rick was named Vice President and General Manager, a post he held until he left the firm in 1996. Also in 1993, Rick was named Outstanding Young Forester by the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters. His interest in the financial side of forestry and in accounting for forestry ownerships has been the motor behind many of his career choices. In keeping with this interest, in his spare time (at night), Rick got his MBA from The University of West Florida in December of 1988.

In 1996, the Charles Dixon family called again to Rick, asking him to take over the general management of the family partnership which had been formed in 1995. The call of family, old friends, and Andalusia were too strong to resist and Rick regretfully left Cedar Creek in Brewton to move back home - literally. He and Kathy renovated and then moved into the house where Rick was raised. Another Jones family is being reared in the same house and in the same traditions of their ancestors.

Rick's wife, Kathy (Jones) Jones, has made a career of raising three boys, Richard, who is now 16, Patrick, now 12, and Gillis, who is 7. From talking to Rick, it seems the boys and Kathy are involved in every activity which takes place in southern Alabama and many of a wider scope. The family goes camping at every opportunity and the days and nights in the mountains of North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee are what memories are made of for Rick and Kathy.

Rick is, or has been, active in Rotary, the Boy Scouts, the Presbyterian Church, SAF, as well as the Board of Registration for Foresters. He is serving on the College Foundation Board of the Lurleen B. Wallace Jr. College, and was on the Board of Directors of the Brewton Area Chamber of Commerce. His love for hunting and fishing, fostered and encouraged by his Dad and Charles Dixon, has never left him and his love for the outdoors is obvious. When asked if he would be a forester if he could pick again, his answer was an emphatic "yes" and his reasons were interesting. He likes people, he likes forestry people, and he likes the forest. Rick says he is blessed to have been able to practice real forestry in the company of great people and a wonderful family and he looks forward to more of the same.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The Board met in regular session on January 28, 1998, Chairman Sasnett called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

In summary, the Board reviewed 6 pieces of violation correspondence and acted on 6 violation cases. The Board approved 2 applications for Intern status, both recent graduates of Auburn University. The Board approved 6 new applications for license and granted 5 requests for reciprocity. The Board granted licenses to 2 applicants who had passed the oral exam (out of seven who had taken the exam) and granted reinstatement to one applicant.

The Board welcomed Chris Isaacson, #1216, to the meeting and discussed the continuing education program. Specifically, Mr. Isaacson explained the SAF guidelines for category assignment and the CFE policies of Auburn University. Beginning in February, Auburn University will contract with Chris' new firm, PRECEDA Education and Training, Inc. for CFE courses.

Chairman Sasnett discussed the celebration of the 40 years of the Board's existence held the night before the meeting and thanked the committee that helped in the planning of the event. The event was a rousing success.

The possibility of computer examinations is still being discussed by the Board.

Continuing Education Committee Chairman Whiting reported that the 1998 audit has been

implemented. A article on this process will be published in a future newsletter.

Sasnett reported that about \$160,000 is in the Forest Stewardship Fund from the sale of Forestry car tags. He requested proposals for grants to promote forestry education in the state, the purpose of the fund.

Representative Allen Layson, # 660, reviewed with the Board the revisions of the law proposed by the Sunset Committee. Chairman Sasnett explained that the revisions were recommended by the Board in order to allow the Board to concentrate on violators who practice forestry without a license and not those simply calling themselves foresters, as long as they do not claim to be Registered Foresters.

The Board discussed lapel pins for Registered Foresters. The Office manager gave her report and the Board authorized a committee with the Office Manager to explore updating the Board's computer.

Sasnett reported that the Governor had not made his appointment filling the January 6, 1998 vacancy and asked Whiting to serve until the appointment has been made.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

(NEWS FLASH - Governor James has appointed Bill Whiting as a full term member of the Board. His term will expire on January 6, 2003. Bill had been serving the unexpired term of Bill Sahlie who was killed in an accident during his Board term)

Faces and Places

John R. Stivers #1241 was recently promoted to Fuels Management Forester in the Southern Region of the USFS. He was previously Timber Management Forester-Certified Silviculturists on the Talladega National Forest.

Charles S. Walsh #293 was presented the Southeastern Society of American Foresters' Award of Excellence for General Practice of Forestry. He recently retired from Larson & McGowin and was a member of the Board of Registration from 1987-1992

Donald R. Burdette # 1090 recently received the John M. Collier Award for Forest History Journalism for a series of articles published in *Alabama's TREASURED FORESTS* magazine.. Previously with the Forestry Commission, Don is now with the Dept. of Conservation, Div. of State Lands where he acquires and manages land for the agency.

Bill McKee #1134 recently resigned from Alabama River to accept a position with Molpus Company in Philadelphia, MS. One factor in his move was the health of his parents who live near Philadelphia.

Melisa V. (Himel) Love # 896 is the manager of a new branch office of FCI in Chattanooga TN. She will continue to manage the company's office in Opelika, Alabama.

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